



PROGRAM

Friday 23 June - Monday 25 June 2023

Araluen Arts Centre

www.beaniefest.org

Alice Springs Beanie Festival

A welcome message from Minister for Major Events Paul Kirby.

Beanies serve the practical purpose of keeping us warm and toasty when it's a little chilly. They can also be pretty stylish or unique, and this festival showcases some of the best designs going around.

But this event, which began in 1997, has grown and developed into much more than a beanie show. It's become a fun, colourful way for people of different backgrounds to connect and share culture and skills.

This works in many ways, with Territorians from remote Aboriginal communities travelling to Alice Springs to take part, and visitors from all over the country heading to the Red Centre to be part of this close-knit community.

A dedicated and passionate community has grown up around the Alice Springs Beanie Festival, a community that promotes such a sense of inclusivity and joy it has become a must-attend event on the Alice Springs calendar.

With thousands of beanies for sale and on display, there are plenty of weird, wonderful and downright incredible works of art on display that are sure to draw a keen crowd.

Northern Territory Government is proud to support this event, through Northern Territory Major Events Company, and I welcome you all to the festival. If you're a visitor to the Red Centre, make sure you take the time, with your beanie in tow if it's a little nippy, to experience a little more of this stunning region.

Wetse. The Alice Springs Beanie Festival pays its respects to the Arrernte people on whose land we come to celebrate the beanie (Muna/Mukati/Mukata). We acknowledge elders past present and emerging. We also acknowledge the Indigenous peoples from around Australia who have attended the Festival and bring with them their culture to share.

Free bus service to and from the Beanie Festival

Need a lift to the festival?

Call Kristian on **0410 806 825**

We can come and collect you then drop you home.

Thanks to the loan of their bus.

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And from our Chairperson, Libby Prell...

Welcome Beanie Lovers to the Alice Springs Beanie Festival 2023! We invite you to come along and be a part of our 27th Anniversary celebrations. WOW! 27 years of beanies! How to imagine in 1997 100 beanies and a band of friends grew to 6800 beanies and thousands of beanie lovers form around the world! Enjoy the warmth, colour and joy that everyone brings to our unique Central Australian event. We have a bumper crop of beanies (over 6800) from all over the world and they are looking for heads to keep warm. So splash out and get yourself, and your friends, some of the world's most creative head gear.

Alongside the beanies, there is plenty to keep you entertained. Sit down, have a read of this program and make sure you get involved. We will be holding a "Disability Hour" on Saturday 24 June from 9-10am – for anyone with a disability – wheelchairs, gofers, walking frames, Mantal Health, Intellectual Disability – to come along and enjoy the Festival while it is quiet. Also we will be having extra Security Staff on the Friday night opening monitoring the carparks. Don't forget, on Monday we have the Big Beanie Sale with 10% off all stock, including beanies.

Our main aim is to provide opportunities for the Indigenous women of remote Central Australia to get involved. This year, we have run workshops in

Titjikala, Canteen Creek, Ampilatwatja,, Ali Curung and Tennant Creek. The ladies of Ernabella have also been busy making mukata (beanies) too. These artists have produced some beautiful, inspiring beanies. Some of these women will be attending the festival, so take some time to join their workshops and hear some of their stories.

Many thanks go to the many volunteers who have put this festival together: they are our backbone. Also, a big thank you to our sponsors. May you all walk proud with warm, creative heads and hearts.

Gala Opening Night – Free Event

Sponsored by the Alice Springs Town Council

Everyone is invited to the Gala Opening and of the 27th Alice Springs Beanie Festival.

This year's theme is A Traveller's Tale

6.00 pm

Opening address from, His Worship, Mayor Matt Paterson, Welcome to Country from Senior Arrernte Woman Kumalie Riley.

Your MC will be Deb White.

The Alice Springs Beanie Festival opens, with the announcement of competition winners.

Beanies will be on sale and there will be lots of entertainment including Charlie Lange, The Shavings, The Splinters and Ruby Farthing. And of course, you can pick up many delicious treats from the community food stalls or a drink from the Araluen bar!

******Please note there will be extra security manning the carpark tonite, thanks to Outback Security******

7.00pm

The doors open to exhibition A Traveller's Tale in the Araluen Galleries

Date: Friday 23 June, 6 – 8.30pm

Venue: Araluen Arts Centre, Larapinta Drive Cost: Free!

Beanie Central

Beanie Central is the centrepiece of the festival long weekend.

This is where the thrill and mayhem of chasing the perfect beanie takes place, with thousands of beanies on display and for sale. There will be plenty of beanies, Indigenous beanie making, textile workshops and free crochet workshops. And don't forget our fabulous teashop or even something from the BBQ to keep your bellies warm.

Disability access - On Saturday June 24 from 9am-10am we will open to allow those with a disability to access beanie central - wheelchairs, gofers, walkers, Autism, ADHD, mental illness – anyone who requires space and quiet times.

Make sure you head back on Monday: we take 10% off all the beanies and merchandise!

Beanie Central Dates:

Opens Friday 23 June 2023, 10am – 5pm

Saturday 24 June 2023, (9am-10amDisability access hour) 10am – 5pm

Sunday 25 June 2023, 10am – 5pm

Monday 26 June 2023, 10am – 5pm

Venue: Witchetty's, Araluen Arts Centre, Larapinta Drive Cost: Gold Coin Donation

Alice Springs Beanie Festival

Special Events in the Araluen Foyer and Verandah

Free Workshops: Learn to crochet your own beanie (wool and hooks on sale)

Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 June, 2pm.

Needle Felt a Beanie with the Indigenous Women of Central Australia Sit with the women as they show you how to needle felt a beautiful beanie: drop in anytime and get started. Share a story and meditate the day away in the winter sun.

Saturday 24, Sunday 25, Monday 26 June, 10am – 5pm Cost: \$40

Purple House

A special treat! Try some real bush medicines made by local Indigenous women using traditional methods and even purchase some to take home to use for your ailments.

Children's Activities

Free activities for children of all ages to learn to explore yarns through traditional techniques, including weaving and a giant French knitting circle.

The Alice Springs Beanie Festival Exhibition and National Beanie Competition

A wild array of fantastic textiles by makers from across Australia and the world. The exhibition highlights works from Indigenous workshops held annually in communities across Central Australia. See the winners of the National Beanie Competition and cast your vote for the Bendigo Bank's People's Choice Award.

Special thanks to our judges: Brian Tucker, Gay Epstein and Sarah Brown.

Opening Friday 23 June, from 7.00pm

Venue: Araluen Arts Centre Galleries. Open daily from 10am – 4pm (or until 5pm on the Festival weekend)

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Central Craft Workshops

An amazing and inspiring array of fabulous textile workshops will be held at the ***Central Craft***, found on the grounds of the Araluen Cultural Precinct. Treat yourself to some me time, learn a new skill or make new friends. So much to choose from. Check out the program calendar for details and then head online to book. See our calendar of events for more details.

Venue: ***Central Craft***, Araluen Cultural Precinct, Larapinta Drive

Booking and workshop programs <http://www.centralcraft.org.au>

Desert basket weaving with Tamara and Louise \$60
phone 0408 436 928 to book. (Sat and Sun 10am-1pm)

Sustainable Couture 2023 Collection

Give a Frock Parade. CANCELLED!!!

8CCC Community Radio will be playing tunes for you all day Saturday, along with crafty interviews and creative content. *Live broadcast from the Araluen Arts Centre Saturday 24 June 10am – 2pm*

Calendar

Wednesday 21st June

10 am – 5 pm *Witchetty's*

Volunteer Registration: sign on as volunteer and help us set up the Festival.

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Thursday 22nd June

9.00am-12.00pm *Central Craft* book online www.centralcraft.org.au

Weave a Beanie with Anne Stewart \$110

9:00 am - 4:00 pm *Central Craft* book online www.centralcraft.org.au

Random Weaving a Bird from Flax with Jodie Goldring \$140

Felted Festival Beanie with Margy Alexander \$140

‘Fit’ Knits Masterclass with Pru Raymond \$140

Indigo and Natural Dying Techniques with Julie Millerick and Kay Smith \$140

1.00 pm - 4:00 pm *Central Craft* book online www.centralcraft.org.au

Boro with Anne Stewart \$110

10am – 4.30pm *Witchetty’s*

Volunteer Registration: sign on as volunteer and help us set up the Festival.

4.30pm *Witchetty’s*

Volunteers meeting and welcome drinks.

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Friday 23th June

9:00 am - 12:00 pm *Central Craft* book online www.centralcraft.org.au

Easy Peasy Colours of The Outback Beanie. Quick Knit Chunky Beanie with Patricia Robshaw \$80

Fine Merino Felted Cowl with Pam Mills \$100

Comfy Tote Bag with Fancy Pocket with Jan Black \$80

Indigo Splash with Margie Alexander \$90

Weave a Beanie with Anne Stewart \$110

10.30am-1.30pm On site at Tangentyere Artists 16 Fogarty St

Bookings www.centralcraft.org.au

Decorative gum nuts for jewellery with the Williams Family \$120.00

Tangentyere Artsists presents decorating gum nuts for jewellery (or sew on beanie decoration) with Tamika, Kunmanara, Ingrid and Marjorie Williams.

Provided - gum nuts, quondong and initi seeds, home made damper and bush tea. Free bus transfer from Araluen call Kris 0410 806 825

1pm-4pm *Central Craft* book online www.centralcraft.org.au

Paper Blooms - Flower Embellishments with Caroline Searle \$70

Cobbling Birds with Jodie Goldring \$80

Hand stitching/dare to repair with Margy Alexander \$70

Mosaic Wash Clothes – Pru Raymond \$80

Travel Blanket with Anne Stewart \$140

10am *Araluen Arts Centre Galleries*

Thank you morning tea and preview of the exhibition for all our fabulous sponsors. Invitation only.

10am – 5pm *Witchetty's*

Beanie Central opens. More than 6000 beanies for sale, as well as our tea shop, fresh cakes, BBQ and textile demonstrations.

6pm – 8.30pm *Araluen Arts Centre*

Gala Opening Night (Sponsored by the Alice Springs Town Council)

Opening of **A Traveller's Tale Exhibition** Announcement of the Competition winners, live entertainment, food, dancing and fun!

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Saturday 24th June

9am-10am Beanie Central

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9am -12pm *Central Craft* book online www.centralcraft.org.au

Rag Rug with Anne Stewart \$80

Felted Pod with Pam Mills \$100

Open Hearted Mitts with Pru Raymond \$100

Wrap of Many Tales with Caroline Searle \$70

Weave a Rag Rug with Anne Stewart \$130

10am – 5pm *Witchetty's*

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10am – 5pm *Araluen Arts Centre Galleries*

A Traveller's Tale Exhibition and National Beanie Competition

10am-1pm *Araluen Arts Centre Verandah*

Desert basket weaving with Tamara and Louise \$60 phone 0408 436 928 to book.

10am – 5pm *Araluen Arts Centre Verandah*

Needle felt a beanie with Indigenous Women of Central Australia Drop-in anytime \$40

10am – 5pm *Araluen Arts Centre Verandah*

Free drop in children's workshops

10am-2pm *Araluen Arts Centre Verandah*

Live radio broadcast by 8CCC Community Radio

1pm-4pm *Central Craft* book online www.centralcraft.org.au

Sandwich Press Jewellery with Maggie Pereyra \$70

Aussie Dreams Beanie with Patricia Robshaw \$90

1pm-5pm *Central Craft* book online www.centralcraft.org.au

Two Strand Basket Weaving with Natural Fibres with Kirilly Jordan \$150

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2pm *Araluen Arts Centre Verandah*

Free Beanie Making Crochet workshops

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Sunday 25th June

9am-12pm *Central Craft* book online www.centralcraft.org.au

Story Boxes with Caroline Searle \$70

10am – 5pm *Witchetty's*

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10am – 5pm *Araluen Arts Centre Galleries*

A Traveller's Tale Exhibition and National Beanie Competition

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10am – 5pm *Araluen Arts Centre Verandah*

Free drop in children's workshops

1.00 pm - 4:00 pm *Central Craft* book online www.centralcraft.org.au

Woven Raffia Jewellery and String with Clair

Freer \$80

2pm *Araluen Arts Centre Verandah*

Free Beanie Making Crochet workshops

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Monday 26th June

9am – 4pm *Central Craft* book online www.centralcraft.org.au

Make your mark with Ecco dying - Intermediate- fundamentals with Margy Alexander
\$140

9:00 am - 12:00 pm *Central Craft* book online www.centralcraft.org.au

Make a Raffia Hat with Helen Kaminiski \$80.00

10am – 5pm *Witchetty's*

10% off all Beanies – TODAY ONLY!

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10am – 5pm *Beanie Central*

Needle felt a beanie with Indigenous Women of Central Australia Drop-in anytime \$40

10am – 5pm *Araluen Arts Centre Galleries*

A Traveller's Tale Exhibition and National Beanie Competition

10am – 5pm *Araluen Arts Centre Verandah*

Free drop in children's workshops

10am – 12pm *Witchetty's*

Sharing circles: Sit with some of our beanie makers and share in their craft and stories

1pm *Araluen Arts Centre Galleries*

Announcement of the Bendigo Bank Peoples' Choice Award. Come along to find out who the people voted as their favourite beanie for 2023.

Tuesday 27th June

Beanie Central is now closed and with it, the main festival arena. Come and help us pack up and bump out!

10am – 4pm *Araluen Arts Centre Galleries*

A Traveller's Tale Exhibition and National Beanie Competition

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Calling All Volunteers: The Beanie Festival needs you!

The Alice Springs Beanie Festival is a community event and runs on the support of volunteers. We love anyone who can come along and give a helping hand – it's a lot of fun! There are plenty of jobs and times available.

Put your name on the roster at the Volunteer Station in Witchetty's at the Araluen Arts Centre, anytime from Wednesday 21 June, 11am.

Any inquiries? Call Jo on 0408 436 926 or Deb on 0455 551 383

A Traveller's Tale Exhibition and National Beanie Competition

10am – 4pm *Araluen Arts Centre Galleries*

Open everyday til July 15

The Beanie Festival would not could not happen without support from many.

Poster and T-Shirt Design: Kristian Malinski

Prizes: Designed and crafted by artists from Tapatjatjaka Artists, Titjikala

Volunteer coordinators: Deb White and Alma Straw

Exhibition Curator: Allison Hittman

Witchetty's Design: Adi Dunlop, Mez Hughes, Jo Nixon

Cataloguers: Kristian Malinski and Jo Nixon

Judges: Brian Tucker, Gay Epstein and Sarah Brown.

Remote Beanie Workshop Teachers: Tanya Hattingh, Deb White, Julie Kitson and Siri Omberg

Scholarship winner: Kaitlyn Peters

Scholarship sponsors – Deb Taylor-Tompson and Ruth Spence

And the Beanie Festival Committee:

Chair: Libby Prell

Vice Chair: Deb White

Treasurer: Anita Suich

Secretary: Jess O'Brien

Members: Kris Malenski, Deb Taylor Tompson, Tanya Hattingh, Pip Sarah, Julie Kitson, Brigita Bezjak, Doug Brown.

Chief Beaniologist/Executive Officer: Jo Nixon

Special thanks to the staff of the Araluen Arts Centre for their generosity, assistance and being home to our wonderful festival.

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