

REQUEST FOR FUNDING – THE STARS DESCEND
PROJECT

Funding Support request letter for the Stars Descend

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Dear Cameron and Shire Councilors

Seeking support for The Stars Descend

This is a joint letter from Annette Carmichael Projects, Friends of the Porongurup and broader community to seek additional financial and in-kind support to carry-out a successful local “The Stars Descend” performance to be on par in quality with the other towns in this project.

The Stars Descend, by Annette Carmichael Projects, is a vast trail of dance performances about climate action and hope. It will be presented in 5 spectacular outdoor settings to celebrate the rich biodiversity and ongoing restoration of a 1000km wildlife pathway, supported by the environmental program called Gondwana Link (a corridor of natural habitat that stretches from Margaret River through to Kalgoorlie). The performance unfolds over five regional locations, 17 March – 1 April in 2023 and will be promoted through a campaign in partnership with Australia’s South West and Australia’s Golden Outback. Additionally we have engaged publicist, Tracy Routledge to generate a number of national stories about the project.

The project is inspired and informed by consultation with First Nations Elders, scientists and ecological groups. It is co-created by some of Western Australia’s most impactful artists, together with local community. Led by award winning creative producer Annette Carmichael, in partnership with ecological organisation Gondwana Link and a host of regional arts organisations, First Nations Elders, environmental and community groups.

In Porongurup, Chapter 3, the project employs a team of artists and a local producer to engage local community members in workshops and contemporary dance learning, through a new artistic process called Distributed 15. Which is a new multi-artform process that explores ways of distributing knowledge, action and shared responsibility for people and the natural world.

Annette Carmichael Projects (ACP) is an arts company that specialises in the creation of contemporary performance made with community members and professional artists. Based in Denmark (Kwoorabup) ACP engages regional artists and arts workers to deliver projects that unite people to improve community wellbeing and bring about social change.

We recently started the local community engagement for this event with a series of meetings and taster workshops and a week of intensive rehearsals. Porongurup came out in force for the project! The smallest town in The Stars Descend, brought the biggest numbers including 28 participants, ranging from 27 to 73 years of age with varied abilities/aliments and experience.



We'd like to acknowledge and thank the Shire for promoting this event but as you know it takes a lot to make an event of this scale a success and we invite the Shire to provide additional support to these community members and make the final performance at Twin Creeks Conservation Reserve the best event possible.

Schedule snapshot:

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| 31 st Aug & 1 st Sept 2022 | Community Taster Workshops |
| 3 rd Oct to 7 th Oct 2022 | Community Intensive Workshops #1 |
| 24 th to 29 th Jan 2023 | Community Intensive Workshops #2 |
| 15 th to 18 th March 2023 | Ongoing rehearsals #1 |
| 21 st to 23 rd March 2023 | Site rehearsals |
| Friday, 24 March 2023 | Porongurup Performance - Chapter 3 |

Location: Twin Creeks Conservation Reserve, Knights Road, Porongurup

This project aligns with the following shire priorities

(Imaging Plantagenet Strategic Plan 2022-2033)

- Support for community groups, volunteers and clubs -**High**
- Conservation and environmental management including biodiversity, climate change, weed control, water conservation. Conservation and environmental management- **High**
- Delivery and support for events, arts and cultural activities. Festivals, events, art and cultural activities- Medium
- Economic and tourism development. Tourism attractions and marketing- Medium
- Consultation, engagement and communication- How the community is informed about what's happening in the local area, Medium
- Heritage and conservation of history. How local history and heritage is preserved and promoted- Medium
- Development of education, training and services locally. Access to education, training and personal development opportunities -Low



Project Budget

| Distributed 15 | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------|-----|--------|-------|--|------|------------------|------|---|
| Porongurup | All amounts exclude GST | | | | | | | | |
| | Rate | Qty | Total | | | FRRR | Existing/In kind | SOP | other |
| Salaries, fees - artists, creatives, production & technical | | | | | | | | | |
| Collaborating Choreographer Sonya Stephen | 50 | 155 | 7,750 | | | 3875 | | | 3875 |
| Sound Designer - Andy O'Neil | 50 | 136 | 6,800 | | | 3400 | | | 3400 |
| First Nation Consultancy | 350 | 4 | | 1,400 | | 700 | | | 700 |
| Welcome to Country/ Smoking Ceremony | 1000 | 1 | 1000 | 0 | | | | | 1000 |
| Stage Manager | 2000 | 1.5 | 3,000 | 0 | | | | | 3,000 |
| Loadings Workers Comp & Superannuation 15% | 0.12 | 0 | | 3,276 | | 873 | 1,530 | | 873 |
| 1 local producer - Sayah | | | 12,750 | | | | | | 12,750 |
| | | | | | | | | | Regional Arts Fund |
| Direct program costs -materials, venue hire, equip hire | | | | | | | | | |
| Workshop Venue hire | 10 | 19 | | 190 | | | 190 | | Porongurup Community Association |
| Promotion | | | | 4000 | | | 1500 | 500 | 2000 |
| | | | | | | | | | through partners networks |
| Filming of performance | | | | 6000 | | | | | 6000 |
| | | | | | | | | | Minderoo |
| Materials, props, costumes, misc | | | | 2000 | | | | | 2,000 |
| | | | | | | | | | Minderoo |
| Catering - meetings & celebrations | | | | 500 | | | | | 500 |
| | | | | | | | | | Minderoo |
| Front of house set up (portaloos, marquees, lighting tower, parking, seats) | | | 2,000 | 0 | | | 1320 | 680 | Porongurup Community association, FoPR, SoP |
| Bus hire | | | 2600 | 0 | | | | 2600 | |
| Back of house set up (dressing room, trestle hire, waste management) | | | 1,000 | 0 | | | 968 | 32 | Porongurup Community Association, |
| | | | | | | | | | Friends of the Porongurup Range |
| Site preparation costs | | | 1,000 | 0 | | | 1,000 | | |
| Event application fee | | | 140 | | | | | 140 | |
| Catering for celebration | | | 1,500 | | | | | | 1500 |
| Security | | | 1,000 | 0 | | | 1,000 | | Friends of the Porongurup Range |
| Fire management | | | 750 | | | | 750 | | Porongurup brigade |
| First Aid / Risk management | | | 750 | 200 | | | 750 | 200 | Mount |



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| | | | | | | | | | Barker St John |
| Sound equipment + operator | | | 5,000 | 0 | | | 1390 | 3610 | |
| Generator hire + dsitribution Board | | | 1,000 | 0 | | | | 1,000 | Minderoo |
| Local Producer phone and office subsidy | | | | 575 | | 575 | | | Oyster Harbour Catchment Group |
| Auspice | | | | 500 | 500 | | | | |
| Travel costs artistic team | | | | 5540 | | | | 5540 | DLGSC |
| Artistic team food | 70 | 17 | | 1,190 | | 1,190 | | | Porongurup Shop Inn and tearooms |
| Accom Choreographer | 45 | 23 | | 1,035 | | 1,035 | | | Porongurup Shop Inn and tearooms |
| Accom Sound Designer | 45 | 17 | | 765 | | 765 | | | Porongurup Shop Inn and tearooms |
| Accom Annette - Intensive & Show | 130 | 7 | | 910 | | 910 | | | Porongurup Shop Inn and tearooms |
| Accom tech/stage manager | 45 | 1 | | 45 | | 45 | | | Porongurup Shop Inn and tearooms |
| Accom 2x professional dancers | 45 | 2 | | 90 | | 90 | | | Porongurup Shop Inn and tearooms |
| Volunteer assistance on night (8 x \$40 per hour) | | | | 1280 | | 1280 | | | Community |
| Community performers (workshop/rehearsals/performance x \$40/hr) | | | | 65,520 | | 65,520 | | | Community |
| Community performers fee | 57 | 26 | | 1,482 | | 1,482 | | | Community |
| Contingency | | | | 2,000 | | | | 2,000 | |
| Totals | | | 51,522 | 95,016 | 0 | 9,348 | 81,900 | 5,342 | 49,948 |
| Grand Total | | | | 146,538 | | | | 146,538 | |

In summary of this massive \$146, 000 dollar project that will benefit the community and reputation of the area, aligning with many values of the Plantagenet Strategic plan we are requesting \$5,342 from the Shire. Including the financial assistance of \$2600 for bus hire, \$1390 sound equipment hire and \$680 for front of house set up and the in-kind assistance of a tip pass, event fee and promotion.



Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Annette Carmichael".

Director Annette Carmichael
Annette Carmichael Projects
Date: 3/11/2022

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sayah Drummond".

Sayah Drummond
Friends of the Porongurup Range
Date: 7/11/2022