



# Alice Springs Beanie Festival

Friday 24 June - Monday 27 June 2011  
Araluen Cultural Precinct,  
Larapinta Dr, Alice Springs.

# Alice Springs Beanie Festival 2011

In our Element: Earth, Wind, Fire, Water

*Dear Beanie Lovers,*

*Welcome to the Alice Springs Beanie Festival 2011.*

*We invite you all to come along and be a part of this year's festival. Enjoy the warmth, colour and joy that everyone brings to our unique Central Australian event.*

*We have a bumper crop of beanies arrived from all over the world to take part in the festivities and they are all looking for heads to keep warm so lash 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 as outlined in this program, have a read and get involved. As a special treat we will be open until 7.30pm on Saturday night for some late night shopping. On Monday we will have the big beanie sale with 10% off all stock including the beanies.*

*The main aim of the festival is to provide opportunities for the Indigenous women of remote Central Australia to get involved. This year we have run workshops in Papunya, Titjikala, Docker River and Mutitjulu. The artists have produced some beautiful, inspiring beanies.*

*These women will be attending the festival, so take some time to join their workshops and get to know some of their stories.*

*Many thanks go to our volunteers who have put this festival together, they are our backbone. Also to our sponsors as listed in the program.*

*May you all walk proud with heads full of love.*

*Jo Nixon*

*Executive Officer*

## Free Bus Service

Need a lift to the festival? Call 0407 494 632  
We can collect you and drop you home.  
*Thanks to the Gillen Club for the loan of the bus.*



*You are cordially invited to the*  
**Big Beanie Party**  
**The Gala Opening of the 2011 National  
Beanie Festival Competition and Exhibition**

*In our Element: Earth, Wind, Fire, Water  
the Festival begins with a night of great joy and fun*

*Presented with Lincraft and Panda Yarns*

**6-9pm Friday 24 June**

*Gather to celebrate and see the Winning Beanies announced and  
paraded. Feast your eyes on the sumptuous textiles!*

*There will be food, drinks and beanies for sale.*

*Great entertainment including Rusty and The Infidels, The  
Splinter Sisters, The Not Real Cowboys and the Super Raelene  
Brothers.*

**7pm Friday 24 June**

*The doors open to In Our Element, Earth, Wind, Fire, Water,  
the 2011 exhibition. Join the collectors for a viewing frenzy.*

*Highlighting works from Indigenous workshops.*

*Date: Friday 24 June, 6pm to 9pm*

*Venue: The Araluen Galleries Foyer and outside courtyard,  
Larapinta Drive, Alice Springs, NT, Australia.*

*Cost: Free on opening night.*

*\$15 for a 4 day pass from Araluen Box Office. Go as often as you like!*

*Entry is free for Alice Springs locals.*

*Dates : Opening Friday 24 June 2011, 7pm*

*Saturday 25 June- July 18, 2011*

*Mondays to Fridays 10am - 4pm*

*Saturdays to Sundays: 11am - 4pm*

*10am- 5pm on festival weekend only*

## Beanie Central

Beanie Central is the centrepiece of the festival long weekend.

This is where the mayhem and the thrill of the beanie chase takes place with thousands of beanies on display and for sale.

Beanies, baskets, indigenous spinning, free crochet workshops.

Don't miss a cake opportunity at the fabulous tea shop or something from the BBQ.

We will be open until 7.30pm on Saturday night for some late night beanie buying and all day Monday we will take 10% off all the beanies and merchandise so get yourself back for that one last beanie buy up!

**Friday 24 June** 12 Midday- 5pm

**Saturday 25 June** 10am-7.30pm **Late Night Shopping!**

**Sunday 26 June** 10am-5pm

**Monday 27 June** 10am-5pm **Bargain Day 10% off all stock!**

Venue: Witchetty's at the Araluen Galleries

Entry: Gold Coin Donation

## Special Events in the Festival Arena

### Free Workshops

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

Saturday 25 June & Sunday 26 June 2011, 2pm.

Out the front of the Araluen Galleries.

### Demonstrations

Enjoy free demonstrations of traditional Anangu spinning and other Aboriginal textiles. Araluen Foyer and outside.

### Purple House

A special treat enjoy tasting some kangaroo tail and bush damper cooked on the open fire by the Anangu ladies, and try some real bush medicine.

### Bush Medicines *Akeyulerre*

Traditional Medicines made by local Arrernte elder women using traditional methods. Sit with local Arrernte women and learn how to make these traditional medicines or purchase some to take home and use for your ailments.

### Beanie Olympics

See the textile experts vie for the title of 'Fastest Beanie

Maker in the Universe' If you wish to practice up all competitors will be using a size 9 hook and Cleckheaton Gusto yarn.

3.30pm, Sunday 26 June. Beanie Central

**Drop-in Workshops** Join in and learn a new technique.  
Needle felting, wet felting, crochet, knitting, weaving.  
Cost \$10-\$15 with materials

Workshops run Saturday, Sunday, Monday 10am-5pm. Araluen Foyer

### **Children's Activities**

Free activities for children of all ages to learn to explore yarns through traditional techniques, out back of Beanie Central.

### **Basket weaving with the Tjanpi Indigenous Women**

Learn to weave a basket with the Indigenous Tjanpi Basket Weavers.  
Saturday and Sunday 10am-1pm \$45 Bookings: 8958 2377

## **Central Craft: Workshops**

An amazing and inspiring array of fabulous textile workshops. Treat yourself and learn a new skill. Wet felting, needle felting, knitting, crochet, beading, dying, weaving, print making and wearable art. See our calendar of events for more details.

Venue: Central Craft Studio, Araluen Precinct. Bookings 8952 4417

Workshops: Friday 24 June- Monday 27 June

## **Central Craft:Sustainable Couture**

Sustainable Couturiers are back with their recycling magic!

Opening 6pm Thursday 23 June with 'Couture in Motion' Until 10 July

Venue: June Marriott Gallery, Central Craft, Araluen Precinct

Central Craft enquiries Tel: 8952 4417

Email: [info@centralcraft.org.au](mailto:info@centralcraft.org.au) Web: [www.centralcraft.org.au](http://www.centralcraft.org.au)

## **Siri's Studio**

7:30am Monday 27 June

Enjoy fruit juice fresh from the trees of the studio garden.

3 Mueller St Old East Side

Jewellery by Mavis Wari & Siri Omberg, Aboriginal Art & Craft

Enquiries: Siri 8952 8325 or 0429 658 041

## **Cat's Meow Cabaret Presents**

Artesia, The Guard of Life Fundraiser

Totem Theatre, 23, 24, 25 June

Cabaret: Doors open at 7pm for an 8pm start

Tix:\$35

Cocktail lounge with bands and dj's

10pm till late

After-show only entry: \$10

(24 and 25 June only)

Bookings email:[catsmeowcabaret@gmail.com](mailto:catsmeowcabaret@gmail.com)

Tel: 0404 532 575

# Yarrenyty Arltere Artists

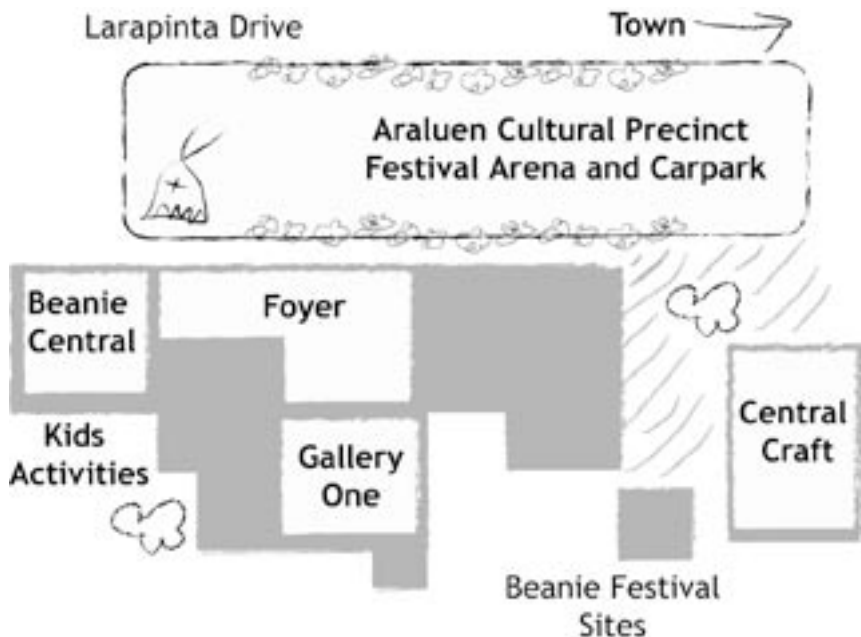
This Western Arrernte Arts Enterprise is based at the Larapinta Valley Town Camp in Alice Springs. Initially established as a training program to help people rebuild lives, it now operates as a small but dynamic arts enterprise. Producing beautiful soft sculptures and etchings, the Larapinta Town Camp invite you to two important events:

Friday 17 June 6pm Yarrenyty Arltere opens “Faces of Larapinta” Exhibiting a collection of soft sculpture dolls and prints that speak of the healing nature of this art enterprise.

Where: Araluen Arts Centre

Wednesday 22 June 4pm- 7.30pm Yarrenyty Arltere Open Night unique evening of art, films and food. Celebrating a community that is working towards a better future. Soft sculptures, prints, naturally dyed silk scarves and hand printed cards for sale, films made by the town camp residents and a BBQ, kangaroo tails and damper for sale. Please come and support this important event at Larapinta Town Camp.

Where: Yarrenyty Arltere Learning Centre  
Larapinta Valley Town Camp Blain St



## Calendar

### Wednesday 22 June

10am -5pm

#### **Volunteer Registration**

Come to Witchettys and sign on as volunteer. We need you!

4pm- 7.30pm

#### **Yarrenyty Arltene Open Night**

Soft sculptures and artwork  
Larapinta Valley Town Camp  
Blain St.

### Thursday 23 June

10am -4.30pm

#### **Volunteer Registration**

Come to Witchettys, sign on as volunteer, help set up the Festival  
4.30pm **Volunteers' Welcome**

Drinks at Witchettys

#### **Sustainable Couture**

The Sustainable Couturiers are back with their recycling magic 'Couture in Motion'

6pm Opening Night

June Marriott Gallery, Central Craft.

#### **Cat's Meow Cabaret Presents Artesia The Guard of Life Fundraiser**

8pm Totem Theatre,  
Anzac Oval Reserve, \$35

For info: Tammy 0404 532 575



## Friday 24 June - Daylight

#### **In our Element, Earth, Wind, Fire, Water**

10.30am Invitation only.  
Sponsors morning tea and sneak preview of Exhibition beanies!  
Gallery One, Araluen Galleries

#### **Beanie Central**

10.30am Invitation only. Winners of early buying comp at Beanie Central

12noon - 5pm Doors open!!!

More than 5000 beanies to dazzle and delight.

#### **Central Craft Workshops**

Bookings Essential 08-8952 4417

1pm-3pm Resist Dyeing  
- Philomena Hali

Knitting Cables without Cable Needles - Barb McIlvain

Freeform Crochet - an introduction  
- Margaret Perkins

Make a Felted Nest  
- Regina Yurkonis

Create your own piece of Wearable Art: a Nuno Felted Silk Scarf - Margie Goodluck

3.30pm- 5.30pm

The Hoarder's Tea Cosy  
- Jude Mapleson

Freeform Knitting - an introduction  
- Margaret Perkins

Printmaking with Ezy Carve printing blocks - Margie Goodluck

Buttons and Badges - Jenny Nelson

## Friday 24 June -Moonlight

### Big Beanie Party

Alice Springs Beanie Festival  
Opening Celebrations!  
6pm-9pm Live entertainment,  
food, dancing, fun including  
Rusty and the Infidels, The  
Splinter Sisters, The Not Real  
Cowboys and the Super Raelene  
Brothers

Free Araluen Carpark

7pm 'In our Element:  
Earth, Wind, Fire, Water'  
Festival Exhibition, Gallery One,  
Araluen Galleries.

### Cat's Meow Cabaret Presents 'Artesia' The Guard of Life Fundraiser

8pm Totem Theatre,  
Anzac Oval Reserve, \$35  
10pm cocktail lounge with bands  
and dj's till late

After-show only entry: \$10  
For more info and bookings:  
catsmeowcabaret@gmail.com  
Or call Tammy 0404 532 575



## Saturday 25 June - Daylight

### Beanie Central

10am- 7.30pm  
Beanies, tea shop, textile  
demonstrations.

### The Araluen Foyer

Children's activities and  
Indigenous art stalls, traditional  
bushtucker and bush medicine  
stalls

### Tjanpi Desert Weavers Workshop

10am-12noon

Weave a basket with the  
Indigenous women of Central  
Australia Bookings ph 89582377

### Drop-in Textile Workshops

10am-5pm Araluen Foyer  
2pm Free Beanie Making Crochet  
workshops, front of Araluen

In our Element,  
Earth, Wind, Fire, Water  
10-5 Competition Exhibition open  
Gallery One, the Araluen Galleries.

### Central Craft Workshops

Bookings Essential 08-89524417

### 9.30am-11.30am

Resist Dyeing - Philomena Hali  
Needle Felt a Yuletide Ornament  
- Mez Hughes

Weave a Beanie Fest Bag  
- Gay Epstein

Painting Wool - Barb McIlvain

Freeform Knitting - an  
introduction - Margaret Perkins

Beaded Beanie Buddies  
- Caroline Searle

**Central Craft Workshops**  
Bookings Essential 08-8952 4417  
**12.30pm - 2.30pm**

Basic Felting - Philomena Hali  
Fabulous Fabric Rose

- Christine Thompson

Painting Wool - Barb McIlvain  
Lumps, Bumps, Bobbles and  
Beads - creating texture with  
crochet

- Margaret Perkins

Beaded Jewellery - Paula Moggs

Printmaking with Ezy Carve

Printing Blocks

- Margie Goodluck

**3.00pm - 5.00pm**

Make Reusable Party Hats

- Mez Hughes

Make a Felted Nest

- Regina Yurkonis

Beaded Jewellery - Paula Moggs

Create your own piece of

Wearable Art: a Wet Felted

Flower Embellishment

- Margie Goodluck

Make and decorate a bag using  
transfer/disperse dyes

- Sarah Hill

## **Saturday 25 June**

### **- Moonlight**

**Beanie Central**

Late night shopping!

Join the hunt through the fuzzy,  
furry, felty offerings of 2011

Open until 7.30

**Cat's Meow Cabaret Presents**  
**'Artesia' The Guard of Life**  
**Funraiser**

8pm **Totem Theatre**

Anzac Oval Reserve, \$35

10pm Cocktail Lounge outdoors  
with bands and dj's till late, \$10

For info: Tammy 0404 532 575

## **Sunday 26 June**

### **- Daylight**

**Beanie Central**

10am- 5pm

Beanies, tea shop, textile  
demonstrations.

Beanie Olympics

3.30pm Who is Fastest Beanie

Maker in the World? Decided here!

**The Araluen Foyer**

Children's activities and

Indigenous art stalls, traditional  
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10am-12noon

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Australia Bookings ph 8958 2377

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10am-1pm Araluen foyer

1.30pm-4.30pm Araluen Foyer

2pm Free Beanie Making Crochet  
workshops, Front of Araluen

**In our Element,  
Earth, Wind, Fire, Water**  
10-5pm Competition Exhibition  
Come and vote for your favourite  
beanies in the People's Prize.  
Gallery One, the Araluen  
Galleries.

**Central Craft Workshops**  
Bookings Essential 08-8952 4417

9.30-11am

Basic Felting - Philomena Hali

Fabulous Fabric Rose

- Christine Thompson

Weave a Beanie Fest Bag

- Gay Epstein

Knitting Cables without Cable

Needles - Barb McIlvain

Hyperbolic Crochet Flower

- Margaret Perkins

Printmaking with Ezy Carve  
printing blocks

- Margie Goodluck

12.30pm- 2.30pm

Resist Dyeing - Philomena Hali

Knit Entrelac - Barb McIlvain

Beaded Jewellery - Paula Moggs

Beading: French Flower Technique

- Caroline Searle

Buttons and Badges

- Jenny Nelson

3pm-5pm

Needle Felt a Journal Cover

- Mez Hughes

Lumps, Bumps, Bobbles and Beads

- creating texture with crochet

- Margaret Perkins

Beaded Jewellery - Paula Moggs

Beaded Beanie Buddies

- Caroline Searle

Create your own piece of  
Wearable Art: a Wet Felted Flower  
Embellishment

- Margie Goodluck

Make and decorate a bag using  
transfer/disperse dyes - Sarah Hill

## **Sunday 26 June**

### **-Moonlight**

5.30pm Volunteer Dinner

Thankyou to all our volunteers

Prizes for fantastic volunteer  
efforts.

Gillen Club, Milner Rd

Tel:08- 8952 3749

## **Monday 27 June**

### **-Daylight**

**Siri's Studio**

7: 30am Monday 27 June

Enjoy fruit juice fresh from the  
trees of the studio gardens.

Jewellery by Mavis Wari & Siri

Omberg, Aboriginal Art & Craft

3 Mueller St Old East Side

Siri: 8952 8325 or 0429 658 041

**Beanie Central**

10am- 5pm

**SALE! SALE! SALE!**

10% of ALL STOCK in Beanie

Central including the beanies!

Beanies, tea shop, textile

demonstrations.

10am-12noon

**Sharing Circles**

Sit with many of our beanie

makers and share their craft and  
stories.

**In our Element,  
Earth, Wind, Fire, Water**  
Competition Exhibition open at  
the Araluen Galleries.

1.00pm Announcement of the  
Centralian Advocate People's  
Choice Award

Come along to Gallery One to find  
out who the people voted for as  
the 2011 favourite

The exhibition is open daily until  
18 July in the Araluen Gallery

### **Central Craft Workshops**

Bookings Essential 08-8952 4417  
10.00am- 12.00

Sustainable Couture

- Philomena Hali

Needle Felt a Journal Cover

- Merran Hughes

Knit Entrelac - Barb McIlvain

Hyperbolic Crochet Flower

- Margaret Perkins

Create your own piece of  
Wearable Art: a Nuno Felted Silk  
Scarf - Margie Goodluck

## **The Afterward: Tuesday 28 June -Daylight**

Beanie Central is now closed  
and with it, the main festival  
arena. But catch our associated  
exhibitions:

**In our Element,**

**Earth, Wind, Fire, Water**

Competition Exhibition open at  
the Araluen Galleries until July 18

**Couture in Motion**

June Marriott Gallery, Central  
Craft, until 10 July

Central Craft Tel: 8952 4417

11am Volunteers' Debrief with Gay  
Venue: Witchettys.

### **Volunteers Needed!**

Lend a hand packing up Beanie  
Central. It's fun and a great place  
to beanie debrief. Please show  
your face!



### **Calling Volunteers**

The Beanie Festival needs assistance!

The festival is a community event and needs volunteers. Come along  
and get involved. It's a lot of fun.

To register:

Add your name to the roster at the Volunteer Station, Witchettys  
(where Beanie Central is held) Araluen,

Open from 11am Wednesday June 21st, plenty of jobs and times to  
choose from.

Enquiries: Jo Nixon 08- 8952 2615/ 0408 436 928

# Colours of the Country II

Presented by the  
Alice Springs Beanie Festival and  
ArtBACK Touring NT.  
One hundred of the world's best  
beanies, as collected by the Alice  
Springs Beanie Festival. On tour now!

Grafton Regional Gallery  
May 25 - July 3 2011  
Warwick Art Gallery  
July 16 - Sept 3 2011  
Blackdown Gallery, Blackwater QLD  
Sept 23 - Nov 6 2011  
Maitland Regional Art Gallery  
Dec 9 2011 - 12 Jan 2012  
Cobb and Co Toowoomba QLD  
Feb 3 - March 24 2012  
Manning Regional Art Gallery Taree  
April 19 - June 3 2012  
Bathurst Regional Art Gallery  
June 22 - August 5 2012  
Ipswich Art Gallery  
August 24 - Oct 7 2012  
Logan Art Gallery  
Nov 19 2011 - Jan 9 2013  
Cowra Regional Art Gallery  
June 8 - July 21 2013

## Thankyou Every One

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

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