

**IT'S LIVE!**  
*in Queensland*



**WOW**  
**Women of the World**  
**13 – 14 May 2022**  
**Cairns**

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Welcome to WOW Cairns to be held  
13 – 14 of May 2022 on the traditional  
lands of the Gimuy and Yirrganydji  
peoples at Bulmba-ja Arts Centre.

This Festival has been planned  
and programmed in partnership  
with the women of Cairns.



Presented by

**OFONEMIND**

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by arrangement with  
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## Acknowledgement

WOW Australia acknowledges  
Aboriginal and Torres Strait  
Islander peoples as the  
sovereign First Nations of the  
Australian continent and its  
adjacent islands, especially  
all those traditional owners of  
the lands on which our events  
will be taking place in 2022. In  
welcoming women and girls  
from First Nations across the  
region, WOW Australia 2022 will  
extend understanding of the  
unique place and contributions  
of First Nation women and  
girls to contemporary life, and  
create a celebration which  
honours differences and builds  
connections through shared  
experiences.



# WELCOME



Welcome to WOW Australia 2022.

The Queensland Government is delighted to  
support this important program of events  
celebrating the achievements of women and  
girls and promoting a world in which gender  
equality is the norm.

WOW is a catalyst for change. It identifies  
the barriers which women face today, and  
it facilitates a positive way forward.

Over the past few years, we have seen  
advancements in gender equality, and more  
women and girls are participating in greater  
opportunities across Queensland.

This aligns with the actions the Queensland  
Government is proud to have supported  
through its *Queensland Women's Strategy*.

We are creating more pathways for women's  
education and employment, delivering  
health and wellbeing services, supporting  
more women into leadership roles, and  
making crucial reforms to address the  
safety of women and children.  
We know there is still work to do.

We are proud of, and committed to,  
the momentum for change across  
Queensland. That is why we support  
the great work of WOW.

Together, we are shaping the world  
today for a brighter tomorrow for  
women and girls.

**ANNASTACIA PALASZCZUK MP**  
**PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND**  
**MINISTER FOR THE OLYMPICS**

**SHANNON FENTIMAN MP**  
**ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND**  
**MINISTER FOR JUSTICE,**  
**MINISTER FOR WOMEN AND**  
**MINISTER FOR THE PREVENTION**  
**OF DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE**



# WOW AT A GLANCE



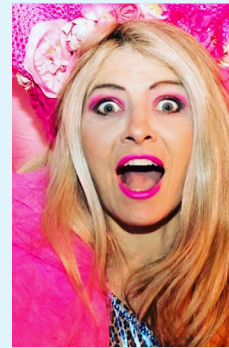
## Panels and Conversations

At the heart of WOW are the conversations we need to have, led by people who have created change in their lives and in their communities, exploring many of the issues of importance to women and girls today in Cairns and Far North Queensland.

## WOW Bites sessions

WOW Bites are short talks, readings and soapbox moments on a wide range of subjects designed to inspire, engage and introduce new ideas from local women and festival guests.

WOW Bites have been made possible through support from **QSuper**.



## Workshops

WOW looks after your mind body and soul! If you want more action, learn new skills or just relax and be pampered join in one of our many workshop sessions which will cover topics such as **The Uluru Statement from the Heart**, how to be a good bystander, dance, or learn to podcast!



## WOW Speedmentoring

A WOW favourite — an opportunity to share your challenges, exchange ideas and stories and potentially identify a new mentor. In Cairns WOW Speed Mentoring will take place on Saturday as the final session as an opportunity for all Festival goers to connect with each other and WOW speakers after the days conversation and before the final performance.



## Bec Mac @ WOW

Dynamic broadcast producer and presenter **Bec Mac** will join the Festival throughout the weekend with a camera and microphone curating a series of interviews with speakers and performers capturing their thoughts on all the WOW happenings, topics and ideas taking you to the heart of the action as it unfolds. To catch interviews follow on WOW Australia socials or head to [www.facebook.com/becmactv](http://www.facebook.com/becmactv) or Instagram @becmactv

## Ticketed Performances

There are two performances in Cairns which you can include in your Festival Pass or purchase separately. On Friday night we will celebrate the best of Cairns dance and music with the Opening Night Concert and on Saturday night **Jenny Wynter's Funny Mummies Cabaret**. Looking to escape responsibility for a couple of hours? Come join "a giggle of Mums!"

## Marketplace and Healing Space

At WOW we look after mind body and soul and also provide opportunities to shop! A unique feature of WOW Cairns will be artisans and service organisations as well as a range of healing practices to explore.

## Exhibitions

In partnership with **NorthSite**, **Paperbark Arts** and **Indij Design** we are delighted to present two exhibitions for this Festival, a celebration of women painters from across North Queensland **WOW Cairns Women's Show** and **Gathering**, a collaborative work which Festival attendees will have the opportunity to contribute to.

# TROPICAL FOOD SAFARI

We're going on a tropical food safari! We are delighted to partner with **Cairns Business Women's Club** to showcase emerging innovators in the Cairns community. Food and beverage are an incredibly important part of any community's business eco system and this tour will visit the great local businesses that are emerging and established around Cairns providing a great opportunity for women coming to Cairns for WOW to find out more about the food culture of the Tropical North. Each venue will have a delicious selection of food and beverages available and destinations will include amongst others an inner city restaurant, a "secret" venue, a distillery with tastings. The safari will conclude in Cairns city with a farmer's market of local produce and beverages.

The tour will finish back in Cairns at Wharf 1 where **Joanne Freeman** — British Consul General for Queensland and the Northern Territory will host a reception for participants on the benefits to Cairns business of the UK Free Trade Agreement.





# MARKETPLACE AND HEALING SPACE

**Saturday 14 May**

An integral part of any WOW, the marketplace will feature artists, businesses, and women's organisations from Cairns and Far North Queensland as well as information booths from our partners. Open to all to attend you will be able to purchase from a diverse range of products and at lunchtime enjoy an array of cultural performances showcasing the amazing talent and diversity of the Cairns region. The WOW Healing Space draws on traditions, healing and ceremony practised by women across cultures and centuries providing the opportunity to ask questions and get some care and attention. You can experience a range of workshops and demonstrations from First Nations practitioners, including locals **Ceed Healing** and **Ngamumu** and joining them from Groote Eylandt (NT), the wonderful women from **Bush Medijina**. In programmed sessions, weave your own children's toys, learn about the traditional uses of native plants or book in for a small group session exploring First Nation ways of quietening the mind.



## EXHIBITIONS

### Gathering

**6 May to 18 June 2022**

**Long Gallery, NorthSite at Bulmba-ja**

**Elverina Johnson** of **Paperbark Arts** and **Francoise Lane** of **Indij Design** began the making of 'Gathering' on Gungganji Country. The sculpture is inspired by the waterways that weave through Country nurturing and sustaining life. The women identified this theme as one that many could personally relate and respond to. Working together, they fashioned mudi (lawyer cane) as a frame to hold the more delicate paper bark art. The final sculptural piece will be the outcome of a community collaboration and 'work in progress' workshopped in two sessions.



Elverina Johnson

### WOW Cairns Women's Show

**9 May to 25 June 2022**

**Foyer Wall, NorthSite at Bulmba-ja**

A celebration of women painters from across Far North Queensland curated especially for WOW by NorthSite featuring Janet Koongoteema, Jean Walmbeng, Julie Poulsen, Margaret Upton, Maharlina Gorospe-Lockie, Hannah Murray, Anne Nunn, Betty Sykes, Lenore Howard, Agnes Wotton, Claudine Marzik, Netta Loogatha, Nickeema Williams, Kim Marsden, Bernice Burke, Hannah Parker, Philomena Yeatman, Paula Savage, Laurel McKenzie, Fiona Elisala-Mosby, Matilda Aidan, India Collins, Tia Adoberg, Matilda Nona, Caroline Mudge, Tamika Grant-Iramu, DOULA, Margaret Mara, Rhonda Woola, Melissa Waters, Delissa Walker, Mersene Loban and more!

Top  
Left: Photographer Elverina Johnson, image courtesy of Paperbark Arts  
Right: Jean Walmbeng, *Jean's Mother's Country (Series 6/7)*, 2019, acrylic on canvas, 54 x 52 cm

# OPENING NIGHT CONCERT

**Friday 13 May 7pm**

**Theatre — Bulmba-Ja**

The opening concert will feature an awe-inspiring line up of performances including the serenading sounds of the **Marliya Choir** from **Spinifex Gum** performing songs from their new album, the captivating, unique choreography and spiritual movements of **Miriki Performing Arts**, a beautiful and enriching musical collaboration curated by accomplished singer, songwriter and rapper **Naomi Wenitong** with local young women, followed by **Poly Sisters of AustraNesia** curated by AustraNesia visionary, **Rubina Kimiia**, a 5 piece local soulful and harmonic Polynesian powerhouse with soulful original songs, harmonies, grooves, stories, and spirit to leave you inspired.

With support of QPAC's Clancestry: A celebration of Country.



# THE FUNNY MUMMIES CABARET SPECTACULAR

**Saturday 14 May 7pm**

**Theatre — Bulmba-Ja**

Following their outstanding success at WOW Longreach internationally award-winning comedian **Jenny Wynter** and her **Funny Mummies** join forces for this joyous cabaret variety show where everybody's just happy to be out of the house! Come chuckle yourself silly with this hilarious and unique blend of musical comedy, spontaneity, joyful silliness and song, all performed by hilarious women who all happen to have birthed loin-fruit.





# WOW CAIRNS FESTIVAL PROGRAM

# SATURDAY MORNING 14 MAY

8.30am	9.00am	9.30am	10.00am	10.30am	11.00am	11.30am	12.00pm	12.30pm	1.00pm
<b>THEATRE</b>	 Shannon Fentiman   June Oscar	9.30am <b>Welcome and Opening Address</b>  Join Queensland's Attorney-General, Minister for Justice. Minister for Women and Minister for the prevention of Domestic and Family Violence <b>Shannon Fentiman</b> and other distinguished guests for a welcome and opening address for the Festival.	10.00 – 11.30am <b>When the 'icebergs are melting'</b>  As a species, we tend to resist change. We like to minimise risk, focus on our present systems, protect ourselves from uncertainty and maintain familiar power structures and coalitions. But when our 'iceberg is melting' and change is unavoidable, we need a certain kind of leadership — leadership that can help us put aside old ideas and work together for our common good. Our speakers explore the challenges as women leading for change — what it takes, their vision for the future, the barriers they've encountered, and the losses and gains along the way. Including Minister <b>Shannon Fentiman</b> , Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner <b>June Oscar</b> AO, First Nations leader <b>Henrietta Marrie AM</b> , Cairns City Council CEO <b>Mica Martin</b> and British Consul General for Queensland and the Northern Territory <b>Joanne Freeman</b> as they explore the challenges of women leading for change.		 Henrietta Marrie AM   Joanne Freeman	11.30am – 12.30pm <b>Better by Design</b>  'Design' 'innovation' 'inventiveness' — what do we mean — buzz words at a time when there is a growing realisation we need to create new economic solutions and accelerate our thinking on solving the 'wicked' problems in the world today! So is it lagging technical inventiveness that is letting us down — or are our problems elsewhere, perhaps, in our social and political structures, our economic theories, or maybe how we deal with one another? Join the women in Cairns thinking 'outside the box' at how we 'design' better communities and a better world for ourselves and the next generation including 2020 National Planner of the Year <b>Nikki Huddy</b> , Executive Director of Centacare FNQ <b>Anita Veivers</b> , artist and designer <b>Francoise Lane</b> and Executive Leadership General Manager, Cape Operations <b>Audrey Deemal</b> together with Head of Partnerships for Cape York Institute <b>Kerie Hull</b> in a conversation facilitated by CEO of Community Services Industry Alliance <b>Belinda Drew</b> .	12.45 – 1.00pm <b>The Stories we Tell</b>  In recognition of the decision by the Queensland Government to open a film studio in Cairns, we are partnering with Screen Queensland to bring you a conversation with two of the Far North's best story tellers — Film Director <b>Shontell Ketchell</b> and award winning musician <b>Naomi Wenitong</b> in conversation with Screen Queensland CEO <b>Kylie Munnich</b> and including a short screening of the documentary <i>Naytive</i> .   Naomi Wenitong  Shontell Ketchell		
	<b>STUDIO B</b>			10.00 – 11.00am <b>WOW Bites</b>  Hosted by creative entrepreneur <b>Bec Mac</b> hear inspirational stories on a wide range of subjects designed to inspire, engage and introduce new ideas. Including <b>Tina O'Hagan</b> on starting over with a blank canvas, the <b>Puuya Foundation</b> on community led empowerment, <b>Carla Gorton</b> on Women of Steel, <b>Lia Pa'apa'a</b> on supporting mamas during the first 1000 days of motherhood and <b>Thelma Schwartz</b> on having the courage to choose the road less travelled.		 Belinda Drew	11.30am – 12.30pm <b>The Uluru Statement from the Heart</b>  Join <b>Deadly Inspiring Youth Doing Good</b> and experience their Uluru Statement from the Heart advocacy training designed to support all Australians to walk together with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples for a better future.  	 Kylie Munnich	
<b>STUDIO C</b>	8.30 – 9.30am <b>Awaken Your Inner Power</b>  Join <b>Kylie</b> from <b>Wild Heart Yoga Tribe</b> as she guides you on a journey of embodiment through breathwork, yoga and chanting reconnecting you back to yourself and your inner power.	10.00 – 11.30am <b>Get HEaRd Podcast Workshop</b> <b>Radio 4EB</b> will teach you how to develop your story idea, hone your interview techniques and create your own podcast in targeted 'masterclass' at the event. A small team from Radio 4EB will be in attendance with their <b>Outside Broadcast Van</b> and participants will have the additional opportunity to interview speakers and performers and broadcast live on digital radio.			11.30am – 12.45pm <b>Your Finances — Make a Difference at any Age</b> Join the team from <b>QSuper</b> to point you in direction of managing your money towards financial independence, understanding how much you really need to save for your retirement; what to do when things don't go to plan (separation; loss of partner; loss of job) and in partnership with <b>DV Connect</b> understanding financial abuse, the danger signs and resources to help.  Throughout the day <b>QSuper</b> representatives will also be available for one on one sessions — open to all not just <b>QSuper</b> account holders!				
<b>MARKET PLACE/ HEALING SPACE</b>	9.00am – 4.00pm <b>Healing Space</b>  Throughout the day participate in information sessions and traditional healing demonstrations.		 Kerie Hull	 Nikki Huddy	 Audrey Deemal	12.30 – 1.30pm <b>Lunchtime Concert</b>  Join us in the marketplace at lunchtime and experience the diversity of Cairns with a colourful display of dance and music.			



# WOW CAIRNS FESTIVAL PROGRAM

# SATURDAY AFTERNOON 14 MAY

	1.00pm	1.30pm	2.00pm	2.30pm	3.00pm	3.30pm	4.00pm	4.30pm	5.00pm	
<b>THEATRE</b>	 <p>Lisa Siganto</p>  <p>Anita Veivers</p>	<p><b>1.30 – 2.30pm</b> <b>Wiyi Yani U Thangani (Women's Voices)</b></p> <p>Wiyi Yani U Thangani (Women's Voices) is a multiyear systemic change project led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner <b>June Oscar</b> AO. The project is now in its third stage, preparing for the first ever First Nations women and girls national leadership Summit to be held in 2023. This interactive workshop will provide an overview of the Wiyi Yani U Thangani project, and will invite participants to explore what needs to occur to turn findings and actions into practice to drive change and achieve First Nations gender justice in Australia.</p>	 <p>Jodie Duignan-George</p>  <p>Julie-Ann Lambourne</p>	<p><b>3.00 – 4.30pm</b> <b>Owning your Future</b></p> <p>What does economic security for women in Cairns and Far North Queensland really look like? Beyond fixing the gender pay gap, ensuring affordable child care, and creating safe workplaces, there are many other issues that need to be considered: building financial literacy and security for all, providing access to education, valuing and investing in the work that women do and the businesses they create, and building an economy that is sustainable and suitable to place and people and so the list goes on. Come and hear from those making this change including Secretary of the Queensland Nurses and Midwives Union and Australian Retirement Trust Board Director <b>Beth Mohle</b>, CQUniversity Associate Vice-President for Cairns and Far North Queensland <b>Jodie Duignan-George</b>, Managing Director of Natural Evolution Foods, <b>Krista Watkins</b>, Senior Consultant at Tagai Management Consultants <b>Julie-Ann Lambourne</b> and Founder of Global Forwarding Ltd <b>Enrica Centorame</b> in a conversation facilitated by Femeconomy co-founder <b>Alanna Bastin-Byrne</b>.</p>						
<b>STUDIO B</b>			<p><b>1.30 – 2.30pm</b> <b>WOW Bites</b></p> <p>Hosted by creative entrepreneur <b>Bec Mac</b> hear inspirational stories on a wide range of subjects designed to inspire, engage and introduce new ideas. Including <b>Lisa Siganto</b> on how we need to fund innovation and the experience of creating an ImpaQt Qld Fund, <b>Anita Veivers</b> and <b>Emma Townsend</b> on Shopping for confidence — savvy solutions, <b>Kim Darby</b> on the pursuit of purpose and <b>Stephanie Paul</b> on the making of Spinifex Gum and <b>Jenny Wynter</b> on humour in the dark!</p>		<p><b>3.00 – 4.15pm</b> <b>The Bystander Role in addressing coercive control</b></p> <p>Join the MATE team from Griffith University, <b>Shaan Ross-Smith</b> and <b>Anoushka Dowling</b> to empower bystanders with practical information, tools and resources and be someone who does something, when you see hear or sense if coercive control may be happening to someone you know.</p>				<p><b>4.30 – 5.30pm</b> <b>WOW Speedmentoring</b></p> <p>Finish the day with a WOW favourite — an opportunity for you to talk to other festival goers about the experience of the weekend, share your challenges, exchange ideas and stories and potentially identify a new mentor, before the final event of the Festival <b>Funny Mummies Cabaret Spectacular!</b></p>	
<b>STUDIO C</b>		<p><b>1.30 – 2.45pm</b> <b>Monetise Your Passion</b></p> <p>Turn your ideas into business with a workshop from Femeconomy's <b>Alanna Bastin-Byrne</b> together with Cairns business leader <b>Petina Tieman</b>. Learn about the fundamental business basics, relevant grants and support available for your business.</p>		<p><b>3.00 – 4.00pm</b> <b>Dance workshop with Miriki Performing Arts</b></p> <p><b>Miriki</b> invites you into their world with a one hour cultural and contemporary dance workshop that will get you connected and moving with grounding and purpose. <b>Miriki's</b> classes are highly interactive and always a welcoming space with good energy and laughter.</p>	 <p>Anoushka Dowling &amp; Shaan Ross-Smith</p>					
<b>STUDIO A</b>	<p><b>1.00 – 3.00pm</b> <b>Gathering Workshop</b></p> <p>Join <b>Francoise Lane</b> of Indij Design for a workshop to build upon the Mudi (lawyer cane) sculpture combining paperbark and ochres sourced from Gungganji Country and displayed on the long wall for the Bulmba-ja Gallery.</p>	 <p>Francoise Lane</p>		 <p>Alanna Bastin-Byrne</p>						
<b>MARKET PLACE/ HEALING SPACE</b>		<p><b>9.00am – 4.00pm</b> <b>Healing Space</b></p> <p>Throughout the day participate in information sessions and traditional healing demonstrations.</p>				 <p>Petina Tieman</p>	<p><b>THE FUNNY MUMMIES CABARET SPECTACULAR</b></p> <p><b>Saturday 14 May 7pm</b> <b>Theatre — Bulmba-Ja</b></p> <p>Join internationally award-winning comedian <b>Jenny Wynter</b> and her <b>Funny Mummies</b> for this joyous cabaret variety show!</p>			



# TICKET INFO

## Venue

Bulmba-ja Arts Centre  
96 Abbott Street  
Cairns City QLD 4870

### WOW Festival Pass

Friday 13 &  
Saturday 14 May

Full weekend including Friday night opening concert, all day Saturday and Saturday night performance of Funny Mummies Cabaret from Jenny Wynter  
**\$50**

### WOW Saturday Pass

Saturday 14 May

All conversations and workshops and Saturday night performance of Funny Mummies Cabaret from Jenny Wynter  
**\$40**

### Friday evening only

WOW Cairns opening concert with the Marliya Choir from Spinifex Gum, Miriki Performing Arts, Naomi Wenitong and Poly Sisters of AustraNesia  
**\$15**

### Saturday evening only

Funny Mummies Cabaret Spectacular from Jenny Wynter  
**\$15**

### Tropical Food Safari

Bookings through [www.cbwc.org.au](http://www.cbwc.org.au) from April — discounts for a WOW Festival Pass and the tour for those doing both!

**Book now** [wowaustralia.com.au/wow-cairns-2022](http://wowaustralia.com.au/wow-cairns-2022)

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