

Kathy Burns

Kathy Burns is Artistic Director, Barkly Regional Arts (BRA). Living and working in the Northern Territory for the past five years with Barkly Regional Arts, Kathy has created innovative, exciting and engaging arts programs for remote Barkly communities. Since 2011 Kathy has been working in very remote Indigenous communities implementing arts programs ranging from music, film, visual arts, dance and theatre for all ages. As the Artistic Director, Kathy creates all program projects across the multi-arts organisation, ensuring quality engagement and innovative opportunities for the community and service organisations to be involved.



Credible projects include: creation of 'Media Mob' youth media project, 'Lady Beats' female music project, 'Pinarra Aku' children's language radio show, 'Digital Mapping' disability mapping website and the implementation of live webcasting in Tennant Creek and very remote Barkly communities. Kathy is also the Festival Manager of the Desert Harmony Festival (since 2012) that engages all Barkly communities and gives people from all over the world access to its cultural arts festival via the web.

Project collaboration highlights: Oz Opera Orchestra and the Winanjjikari Music Centre for Oz Opera's Don Giovanni, National Rural Health Alliance for ExStream heart (virtual tour of BRA), ABC Heywire Video Postcards, Griffith University and the Winanjjikari Music Centre cultural music exchange program, Mungkarta Community Living Culture documentary and NDIS ceramics project.

Previous roles include: Management of private acting college; The Actors Workshop (2005-09), Principal CLIVE Host Presenting course for professional actors, models and sporting personalities (2009-2011), Tutor Australian Theatre for Young People (2009-2011).