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FIRST RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED UNDER CARCLEW'S EXPANDED GRANTS PROGRAM, BACKING SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S NEXT GENERATION OF CREATIVES

The first recipients of Carclew's expanded Grants Program have been announced, with nine individual artists and six youth arts organisations receiving funding to bring ambitious new creative projects to life across South Australia.

Made possible through the South Australian Government's *A Place to Create* cultural policy, the expanded grants program represents a \$400,000 investment over two years in South Australia's young creatives and youth arts sector, with additional funding rounds still to come.

The successful recipients represent a diverse cross-section of the state's creative sector, spanning music, theatre, film, visual arts and multidisciplinary practice, demonstrating the breadth of artistic practice and emerging talent across metropolitan and regional South Australia.

Carclew Acting Chief Executive, Robyn Jones, said the announcement marks an important milestone, turning investment into real opportunities for young creatives and the organisations that support them.

"We're delighted to see this investment begin to flow directly to artists and organisations with ambitious ideas for young people. For many emerging artists and youth arts organisations, timely investment can be the difference between an idea and a realised project. These grants will help bring new work to life while building stronger creative pathways for young people across South Australia."

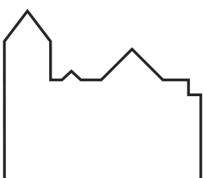
South Australian Deputy Premier and Minister for Arts, the Hon. Kyam Maher MLC said the first recipients demonstrate the impact of the South Australian Government's investment in the next generation of creatives through A Place to Create.

"It's exciting to see these talented artists and organisations bringing new creative projects to life, supported through Carclew's expanded Grants Program."

"By investing in young people at the early stages of their creative careers, we're helping build a stronger, more vibrant arts sector for South Australia, while creating opportunities for the next generation of creative talent to thrive."

One of the most significant enhancements to the expanded Grants Program is the biggest boost to organisational funding in Carclew's history. Youth arts organisations can now access grants of up to \$20,000 across two annual funding rounds, providing greater certainty to plan ambitious projects and support more young people.

Among this year's successful recipients is **Alix Kuijpers**, who is developing a new contemporary dance work exploring collective relationships to love, rage and fantasy. The grant will support their transition from emerging artist to established choreographer.



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"Carclew has been a huge part of shaping my identity as an artist over the years and this support now allows me to step into the next chapter of my career. This support means I can take the first steps in creating my first large scale ensemble dance theatre work, whilst also providing me with the tools to connect with artists I revere as I further my choreographic identity into career artistry."

Wara Yindi Support Services is also among the successful recipients. Through the project, the organisation will establish an **Aboriginal Youth Creative Reference Group** in Whyalla to guide arts projects, cultural storytelling and community-led creative development. **Jacinta Dempsey-Taylor, Director of Wara Yindi Support Services**, said the funding would help strengthen community connection through creativity.

"Receiving this Carclew grant is an incredible opportunity to strengthen community connection through creativity, culture and inclusion. It will enable us to deliver meaningful artistic experiences that celebrate Aboriginal culture while creating safe, welcoming spaces where young people, families and community members can connect, learn and thrive together."

Since launching the expanded grants program earlier this year, Carclew has received strong interest from artists and organisations across South Australia, highlighting both the depth of creative talent across the state and the demand for accessible investment in emerging creative practice. The funded projects will be delivered over the coming year.

Today's announcement marks just the first chapter of Carclew's expanded Grants Program. Applications for Carclew Fellowships will open later this year, creating further opportunities for artists to develop their practice and progress their careers.

Quick Response Grants also remain open, providing agile funding throughout the year with a strong focus on supporting regional and underrepresented young creatives as opportunities arise.

More information and a full list of successful recipients is available at <https://carclew.com.au/funding-awards/>

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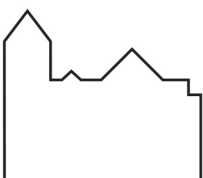
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