

BACH REPORT TO 2024-2025 BPA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2024-2025 Financial Year BACH Snapshot:

- \$27 860 was invested by BACH into cultural activities which included the costs of Shire small business support services and products needed to produce such a large and diverse program that catered for pre-school children through to the most senior of Shire senior citizens;
- 74 professional performance and community engagement events and a two-day Wedding Expo that promoted 15 Shire product and service providers were delivered,
- 12 professional music and theatre performances, 44 weekly community choir sessions and 12 monthly FreeFlow Conscious Dance sessions for women made up the professional and community engagement strands,
- \$15 110 was paid to artists for professional performances;
- \$10 470 was paid to local service providers including the Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup for Hall hire, Preston Press, Greenbushes CRC, Bunbury Print, independent contractors providing administration and technical support services, event photography, catering and printing.
- \$8 690 was raised from Humanitix ticket sales;
- \$19 595 was raised from grants from the Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup; the Balingup Progress Association, Talison Lithium and Regional Arts WA; and
- \$411 was contributed to the Balingup Progress Association(BPA) for public liability and other insurances.
- Balance 30/09/2025 Bendigo Bank Donnybrook WA \$17 228. Grand Piano asset \$15 000.

Highlights

- **First full 12 month annual program** launched with 83 community members present;
- **First major professional theatre production Theatre 180 The Lighthouse Girl Saga** staged in partnership with the Shire;
- **First collaborations with the Blackwood River Arts Trail (BRAT) and Southern Forest Arts** that saw the official launch held in the Balingup Town Hall;
- **First BRAT-Balingup film festival** in collaboration with BRAT;
- **First professional dance and choreographic session** Floeur Adler provided a ballet workshop that attracted participants from across the South West;
- **First collaboration on Children's Theatre** with Sandy Mitchell's acclaimed Balingup production of Mary and Frankenstein and which was re-presented as part of the 2025 Telling Tales Children's Festival;
- **First major national award winning production for children** *Whalebone* (Jens Altheimer) sponsored by Talison-Lithium Greenbushes and brought to Balingup from Melbourne and staged free-of-charge for all primary students from Balingup, Kirup and Greenbushes and home-schooled children in the Balingup PS catchment area)
- **First in a new BACH music program Morning Melodies** held bi-monthly for older and all people who want to enjoy a professional music performance but who do not want to travel at night;
- **First Stand Up Comedy Performance** by award-winning comedian Emma Krause;
- **First Collaboration the Shine Project young singer songwriters** Quindalup Sound Waves Studio;

- **First commercial wedding** featuring Noongar and Jewish cultural dimensions delivered by BACH in-house stylists and technical team Sandy, Sean, Madeleine Mitchell and Matt Andrews;
- **First Wedding Expo** featuring Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup local suppliers in collaboration with Jalbrook Estate, Balingup and the Balingup and Districts Tourism Association (BADTA);
- **First major Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) grant application** which received a score of **Unfunded Excellence**, meaning the fund ran out of money to fund this application but was ranked as highly worthy of funding;
- **First successful grant application with Regional Arts WA** for the BACH Next Gen Winter School for Singer Songwriters; and
- **First free community BACH pre-ball dance lessons** conducted by Zeanna Bond.

All of these firsts were offered on top of the comprehensive existing professional performance and community engagement programs and continuing support for Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup local business! A cause for Celebration. A major grant application to the then Department of Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) lodged in January 2025 was assessed as being of 'Unfunded Excellence' in that it would have received funding there were sufficient funds. A second grant application of \$5 000 to Regional Arts WA for the Next Gen Young Singer-Songwriter program was successful.

I am very grateful for the sense of community that is unique in many ways to Balingup and to our guiding principles of **Creativity, Community and Growth**. These principles reflect BACH's commitment to bring extraordinary events and on-going, all-year-round community engagement programs to the Shire, enriching the lives of residents and visitors as well as enhancing community wellbeing and social cohesion.

I am particularly grateful to the Mitchell Family, Sandy, Sean and Madeleine with their incredible artistic talents and their generosity and giving to Balingup. I am also very grateful for the tireless support provided by Jodie Hornum and Gary Hodge on every aspect of administration, governance, data and information management, website maintenance and online bookings management. A big thank you to you all.

Chrissy Maddison Chair and Artistic Director

October 2025



Short Description of BACH

The Balingup Arts and Cultural Hub (BACH) is an inclusive, community-driven and managed set of arts and cultural spaces located in the historic Balingup Town Hall that provide year-round professional performance and community engagement programs as well as an entrepreneurial receptions business strand.

- **BACH is a case study of an arts and cultural industry-led revival of an underutilised regional WA community asset** that has brought measurable social, economic and health and wellbeing benefits to all age-groups in the community and wider region.
- **BACH leverages off the talents and expertise of its local and Western Australian artists** and its built and unique environmental assets to bring high-quality professional performances across multiple arts disciplines as well provide community engagement programs and practical support for local small business and service suppliers.
- **BACH was formally constituted as a subcommittee of the Balingup Progress Association (BPA)** in March 2022 and commenced full operations in August 2022.

Membership

Chrissy Maddison Chair and Artistic Director

Rochelle Cole Secretary

Gary Hodge Treasurer

Chelsea Marie Beggs Events Support

Iain Massey Financial and Budgeting Advice

Sandy Mitchell Design and Technical Support

Sean Mitchell Design and Technical Support

Planned Activities for AON Insurance

Balingup Arts and Culture Hub June 2025-July 2026 Annual Program

Being Not-For-Profit all funds reinvested in community programs

Date	Professional Performance or Community Engagement	Total Costs	Income	Comments
1 July 2025 - 31 July 2025	Cacophony CommUnity Choir	Account ed for 1 June 2025	n/a	
1 July 2025- 31 July 2025	Free Flow Conscious Dance for Women	Account ed for 1 June 2025		
12 July 2025 -13 July 2025	Telling Tales	Account ed for 1 June 2025		Separate Committee
1-3 October 2025	BACH Winter School for Young Composers		5 000	Rescheduled from July 2025. Three day intensive program for young singer songwriters 60 km radius Balingup 13-18 year olds.
19 July 2025	Libby Hammer and Ali Bodycoat Johua Haines Cabaret			
1 August 2025-31 August 2025	Cacophony CommUnity Choir			
1 August 2025-31 August 2025	Free Flow Conscious Dance for Women			
8 August 2025	Morning Melodies			
28 August 2025	Sounds of Youth Monthly Follow Up			
1 Sept 2025 -30 Sept 2025	Cacophony CommUnity Choir			Chrissy in UK 4 weeks Rochelle Cole to be approached
1 Sept 2025 -30 Sept 2025	Free Flow Conscious Dance for Women			Suspended for one month

6 September 2025	Ingrid Riollet Solo Classical Guitar Concert			
7 September 2025	Ingrid Riollet South West Master Class Classical Guitar			
25 September 2025	Sounds of Youth Monthly Follow Up			
1 Oct 2025 - 31 Oct 2025	Cacophony CommUnity Choir			
1 Oct 2025 - 31 Oct 2025	Free Flow Conscious Dance for Women			
10 Oct 2025	Morning Melodies			
11 Oct 2025	Orenda Trio			Tune Piano September 2025
16 Oct 2025	The Big HOO HAA			Stand Up Comedy
30 Oct 2025	Sounds of Youth Monthly Follow Up			
1 Nov 2025 - 30 Nov 2025	Cacophony CommUnity Choir			
Date	Professional Performance or Community Engagement	Artist Fees/Co st	Income Ticket	Comments
1 Nov 2025 - 30 Nov 2025	Free Flow Conscious Dance for Women			
1 November 2025	Australian Baroque at Jalbrook to coincide with Spring Country Garden Festival			Vivaldi Workshop 2.00pm-3.00pm in Town Hall 2.00-2.30pm Bus audience from Town Hall to Jalbrook Concert 3.00pm-4.00pm 4.30pm-5.30pm High Afternoon Tea with Australian (catered) Fleur Alder arrangements to be finalised
15 November 2025	Tess Merlot Cabaret			
29 November 2025	Beth Chia Art Project			
30 November 2025	Sounds of Youth Monthly Follow Up			

1 Dec 2025 - 31 Dec 2025	Cacophony CommUnity Choir			
1 Dec 2025 - 31 Dec 2025	Free Flow Conscious Dance for Women			
6 December 2025	Summa Musica Christmas Concert			
12 December 2025	Morning Melodies			
13 December 2025	Sounds of Youth Public Performance			
1 Feb 2026 - 28 Feb 2026	Cacophony CommUnity Choir			
1 Feb 2026 - 28 Feb 2026	Free Flow Conscious Dance for Women			
13 February 2026	Morning Melodies			
1 Mar 2026 – 31 Mar 2026	Cacophony CommUnity Choir			Every Monday
1 Mar 2026 – 31 Mar 2026	Free Flow Conscious Dance for Women			
1 April 2026 – 30 April 2026	Cacophony CommUnity Choir			
1 April 2026 - 30 April 2026	Free Flow Conscious Dance for Women			
10 April 2026	Morning Melodies			
13 - 17 April 2026 Engagemen t Week; 18 - 23 May 2026 Performanc e Week; and 21 & 22 May 2026 shows	She is Strong Aerials & Photography Dawn Pacoe Performance and residency Natural Wings & Rachel Collier photography Community Engagement and Performance			

1 May 2026 – 31 May 2026	Cacophony CommUnity Choir			
1 May 2026 – 31 May 2026	Free Flow Conscious Dance for Women			
Date	Professional Performance or Community Engagement	Artist Fees/Co st	Income Ticket	Comments
1 June 2026 - 30 June 2026	Cacophony CommUnity Choir			
1 June 2026 - 30 June 2026	Free Flow Conscious Dance for Women			