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## **Public Art Workshops for Territory Artists**

Public art workshops aimed at artists and professionals interested in the public art field kick off in Alice Springs this Wednesday, 12 November, with subsequent workshops planned for this Friday, 14 November in Darwin and next Monday, 17 November in Katherine.

Director of Heritage and The Arts, Michael Wells said the workshops, an initiative of Arts NT, are in collaboration with local councils and arts organisations and will feature public artist Pip McManus, the 2007 Declan Apuatimi/J Bird Public Art Fellowship recipient.

“Artist Pip McManus has public art works throughout Alice Springs and Darwin and has studied public art at RMIT in Melbourne, so to have her on hand offering practical advice on public art projects will be invaluable,” Mr Wells said.

“The Darwin and Katherine workshops will also feature Indigenous artist Vicky Couzens, a well-known public art artist from Victoria who will share her experiences of art making in the public realm.”

Details of the workshops are below:

### **9am-3pm Wednesday, 12 November, Alice Springs Town Council**

Arts NT and the Alice Springs Town Council in association with RedHot Arts present a public art workshop featuring presentations by Pip McManus, Jenny Kerr from Artsouce, WA, Malcom McGregor, public artist and coordinator from WA, Lucy Kenneth, Director RedHot Arts and Elaine Peckham, local custodian and member of the ASTC Public Art Advisory Committee.

### **10am-3pm Friday, 14 November, Darwin City Council**

Arts NT in partnership with the Darwin City Council present a public art workshop featuring presentations by Pip McManus, Vicki Couzens and Alex Ben Mayor, Darwin artist and a key creator from the Well Theatre group of producers, Victoria.

### **1-5pm Monday, 17 November, Katherine Town Council**

Arts NT in partnership with Katherine Regional Arts present a workshop for artists and other professionals interested in the field of public art featuring presentations by Pip McManus, Vicki Couzens and Darwin based Techy Masero, a public artist originally from Chile who will highlight her experiences collaborating with Indigenous artists.

For more information or to register go to [www.arts.nt.gov.au](http://www.arts.nt.gov.au)

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