

FREE Workshops for Christmas in Cooroy

We have several workshops available this year which have been funded by Festivals Australia and the Regional Arts Development Fund but **we need your help as we need people to participate!**

If you are thinking of having a float or walking group in this year's Christmas in Cooroy parade these will not only help you design your entry but also provide you with some materials to do it!

Both of these projects will be a lot of fun, make Christmas in Cooroy even better than normal and give you skills for future years and other projects of a similar nature! And it is all for free!

Please get involved to make these projects a success – whether you are an individual, a group or a business you can be involved! Feel free to pass this on to anyone you think may be interested and **please let me know if you are interested!**

We have two projects:

Project 1 - Puppet People

We need to **build four large puppets that will be operated/worn by people and incorporated into the Bendigo Bank Street Parade.** We need at least seven more people for this program. The program will involve:

Workshop / Activity	Details	Date
Bernie Ehmer (renowned puppeteer) in Brisbane – we provide transport	Bernie will explain the different types of puppets and techniques and materials to build them	22 October
Developing your puppet concept with Tamara Kirby (local community artist)	Develop what your puppet will look like, how to make it, what you'll need, etc	29 October
Build your puppet	Either by yourself or with a group, we'll help with materials etc	October / November
Performance Workshop with local street performers, Luc & Nikki Gheyson	The person or people who are operating your puppet to learn and practice working your puppet and interacting with the crowd etc	Late November
Christmas in Cooroy Street Parade	Perform in the street parade	3 December

This project is thanks to Festivals Australia funding.

Project 2 – Float Workshops

We need to create **five reusable parade floats that will be used in the Bendigo Bank Street Parade and then reused to decorate town for the month of December**. For example, these may be made to go on the back of a trailer, on a ute or even on a golf buggy or quad bike. It will help your float be a masterpiece!

Workshop / Activity	Details	Date
Two day masterclass with Tamara Kirby (local community artist)	Learn about parade floats, base structures, materials, equipment, construction methods and incorporating people into your floats	15 & 16 October
Workshops to build your float (either individually or with your group or organisation)	Tamara will visit your float making location and assist the building process. We will help you source some materials but you may need to provide / source some yourself also	Through to end of November
Christmas in Cooroy Street Parade	Participate in the street parade	3 December

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