



## Report –June & July 2020 Rounds

Murray Arts, in partnership with the Cultural Round Table of the Border North East, looked at many different funding models when designing our micro funding round, in response to COVID-19 and also conducted a local independent artist survey to find out what it was that our local creative sector really needed. We decided to go with an artist fee per day model, inspired by the Browns Mart Theatre in Darwin, offered initially for the month of June & July 2020 and with an aim to continue to be able to offer the micro funding round in August & September 2020 also. Murray Arts solely funded the June round with a \$10,000 contribution and received funds from The Flying Fruit Fly Circus, HotHouse Theatre, Towong Shire Council, Galah Bar On Air and a private donor to ensure that the July round went ahead. Moving forward we are seeking further donations to ensure the sought-after micro grant program can continue and also evolve to meet our creative community's needs.

The basis of UNLOCKED is that for the month of June & July 2020, we pay one artist per day, a fee of \$333, which is for them to do with what they wish, concluding in 60+ artists from various artforms across our footprint benefiting. Why \$333, well if you divide \$10,000 by the 30 days of June you get \$333. Our aim was to be able to convey to our independent artists we see you, we value you and we can't reimburse you for the funds you have lost or will continue to lose but what we can do is say here is \$333 please spend the money buying something you need, paying a bill, taking time out to think and or a day of creative development. We ensured the application process was very simple, inclusive and that reporting consists only of flicking us an image or short 10-30 second video/audio of what you did with your day of funded creativity.

In short:

- \$10,000 was allocated to the month of June 2020 with 30 funded creatives
- \$10,989 was allocated to the month of July 2020 with 33 funded creatives
- The combined total of applications received for the June & July rounds was 68
- Were able to fund 63 applicants
- Of the 5 who applications who were not funded 2 withdrew their applications and 3 were deemed ineligible
- Applicants applied using an online form created using Wufoo
- Applicants were assessed on eligibility of, are they local and are they an independent professional creative
- If applicants met the eligibility, they were funded on a first in, first served basis
- Both the June & July rounds were only open for a limited amount of days before the allocation was exhausted
- We continue to receive inquiries from creatives asking when the next round will open

## Applications Funded, in the Inaugural round June 2020

- 1 Ashlee Laing - Visual Arts - Tallangatta, Towong Shire
- 2 Alyson Evans - Theatre Maker- Albury, AlburyCity
- 3 Joshua Collings - Photography / Musician / Film Maker - Cudgewa, Towong Shire
- 4 Marley Dawson - Visual Arts - Bethanga, Towong
- 5 Abi Thompson - Painting/ printmaking/ textiles Wodonga - City of Wodonga
- 6 Kofi Isaacs- Circus- Albury, AlburyCity
- 7 Rachel McNamara – Theatre- Albury, AlburyCity
- 8 Susie Losch - Visual Arts- Upper Gundowring, Alpine Shire Kiewa Valley (*deemed eligible*)
- 9 Kirrily Anderson - Visual Arts & public art - Chiltern, Indigo Shire
- 10 Beth Peters - Visual Arts - Chiltern, Indigo Shire
- 11 Lisa Bishop - visual arts ,mainly acrylic and inks - Chiltern, Indigo Shire
- 12 Eva McEntee - Actor/Playwright - Albury, AlburyCity
- 13 Ian Trevaskis – Writer - Tallangatta, Towong Shire
- 14 Kelsey Shepherd - Circus/Acrobat - Wodonga, City of Wodonga
- 15 Marcela Scheuner - Circus Performer - Henty, Greater Hume
- 16 Brendan Hogan – Writer - Yackandandah, Indigo Shire
- 17 Leanne Murphy - Community Music Workshops - Beechworth, Indigo Shire
- 18 Kate Bland - Painting/drawing - Albury, AlburyCity
- 19 Hannigan Heycox - Creative Artist, painter - Corryong, Towong Shire
- 20 Rhiannon Ersser - Circus Performer - Albury, AlburyCity
- 21 Treahna Hamm (Yorta Yorta / Wiradjuri) Visual Arts - Mulwala, Federation
- 22 Catherine French - Producer /Arts Marketing - Albury, AlburyCity
- 23 Leisha Jungalwalla – Musician - Yackandandah, Indigo Shire
- 24 Michelle Fracaro - Enabler + arts professional + arts educator - Albury, AlburyCity
- 25 Jason Roche - Stand Up Comedy - Wodonga, City of Wodonga
- 26 Kate Crowley – Music - Corryong, Towong Shire
- 27 Olivier Nzovu – Film - Wodonga, City of Wodonga
- 28 Cat Leahy – Music - Yackandandah, Indigo Shire
- 29 Dirk Wallace – Photography - Albury, AlburyCity
- 30 Melanie Regli – Jewellery - Chiltern, Indigo Shire

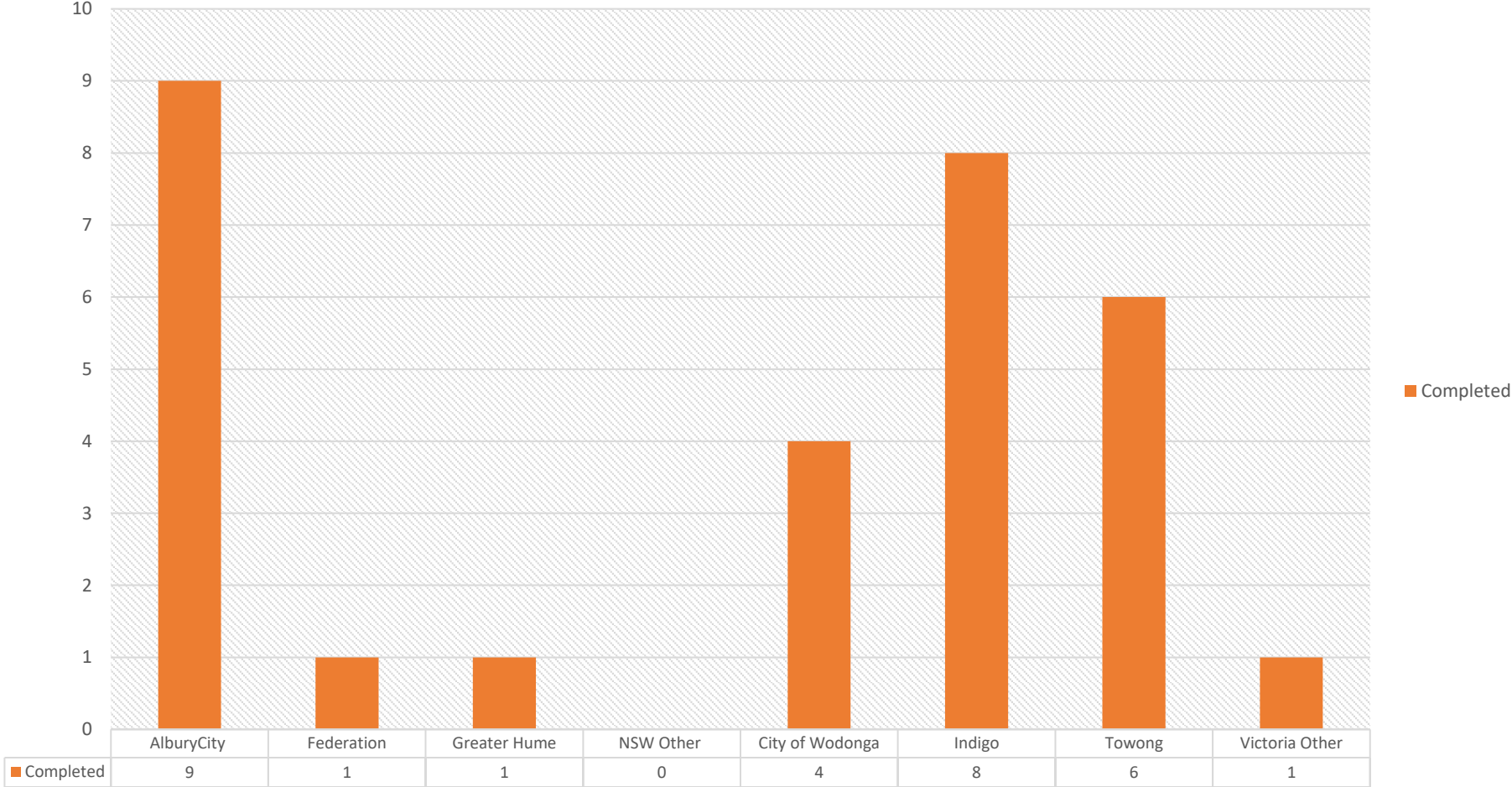
## Applications Funded, in the July 2020 round

1. Pete Arkins – Visual - Bethanga, Towong
2. Micaela Schmidt - Performer Theatre - Wodonga, City of Wodonga
3. Alison Plasto - Screen - Albury, AlburyCity
4. Kellie Wolfson – Photography – Cudgewa, Towong
5. Aimee Chan – Writer – Albury, AlburyCity
6. Hollie Kelley – Illustration – Yackandah, Indigo
7. Helen Hay – Sculpture – Chiltern, Indigo
8. Tyler Grace – Photography – Lavington, AlburyCity
9. Chris Pidd – Theatre – Thurgoona, AlburyCity
10. Joanne Diver – Ceramics – Albury, AlburyCity
11. Tamara Murray – (Yorta Yorta / Barkindji) Visual – Glenroy, AlburyCity
12. Leanne O’Toole – Textiles – Wodonga, City of Wodonga
13. Vivien Naimo – Textiles – Albury, AlburyCity
14. Vanessa Keenan – Curator – Tumbarumba, Snowy Valleys (*deemed eligible*)
15. Helen Carter – Jewellery – Wodonga, City of Wodonga
16. Susie Scott – Visual – Daysdale, Federation
17. Rebecca Kos – Visual – Corowa, Federation
18. Carm Hogan – Performance – Corowa, Federation
19. Belinda Fraser – Textiles – Tallangatta Valley, Towong
20. Peter Rowe – (Lia Pootah) Photography – Beechworth, Indigo
21. Harry McKoy – Acrobat – Wodonga, City of Wodonga
22. Brianna Slattery – Music – Wangaratta, City of Wangaratta (*deemed eligible*)
23. Allyssa Constable – Screen Writer – Wodonga, City of Wodonga
24. Susan Ried – Costume Design – Beechworth, Indigo
25. Helen Newman – Film – Albury, Albury City
26. Julia Simpson – Silversmith – Mullengandra, Greater Hume
27. Felicia Lannan – Circus – Wodonga, City of Wodonga
28. Amanda Bahr – Floral Design – Henty, Greater Hume
29. Ben Simpson – Photography – Mullengandra, Greater Hume
30. Rebecca Randall – Film – Baranduda, Wodonga
31. Ben Tari – Writer – Albury, AlburyCity
32. Paul Roadley – Photography – Mitta Mitta, Towong
33. Bobby Whybrow – (Wiradjuri) Drag – Wodonga, City of Wodonga

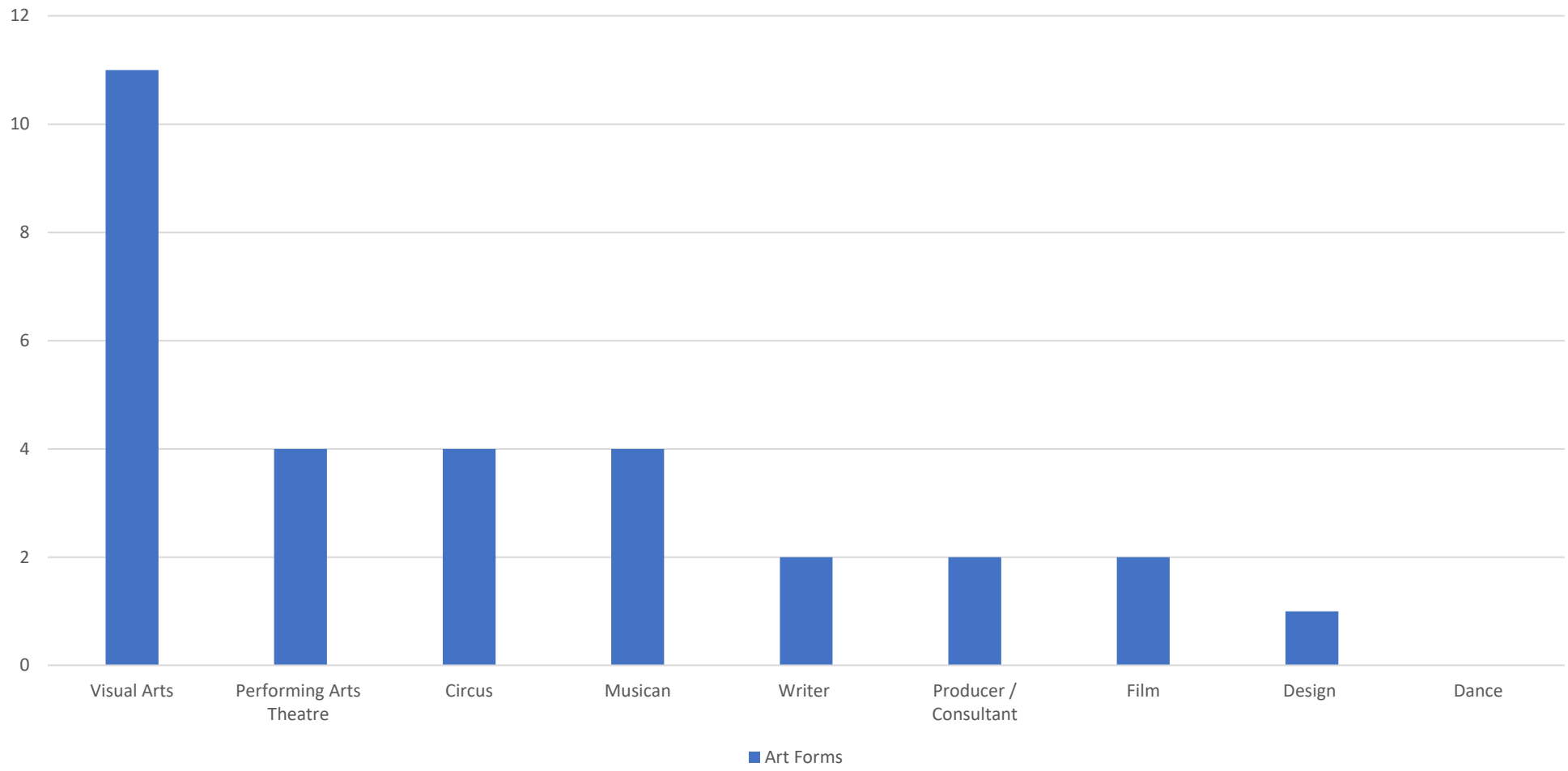
## **UNLOCKED – What is next?**

- Continue to find ways to raise funds for future rounds of UNLOCKED
- Refine guidelines, application process and evolve funds to meet the needs of the local creative community
- Refine assessment process for future months
- Each month conduct a, non-compulsory, ZOOM networking meeting with successful applicants
- Each month ask for one to two images and or 10-30seconds of video or audio and cut into promotional clip for each round
- Encourage an UNLOCKED Alumni network, who meets via ZOOM, regularly and promotes collaboration
- For us it was important to acknowledge that the consequences of the COVID-19 restrictions will be felt for many more months and years to come, the aid from the Federal & State governments will cease and we need to ensure our creative community is strong enough to get through.

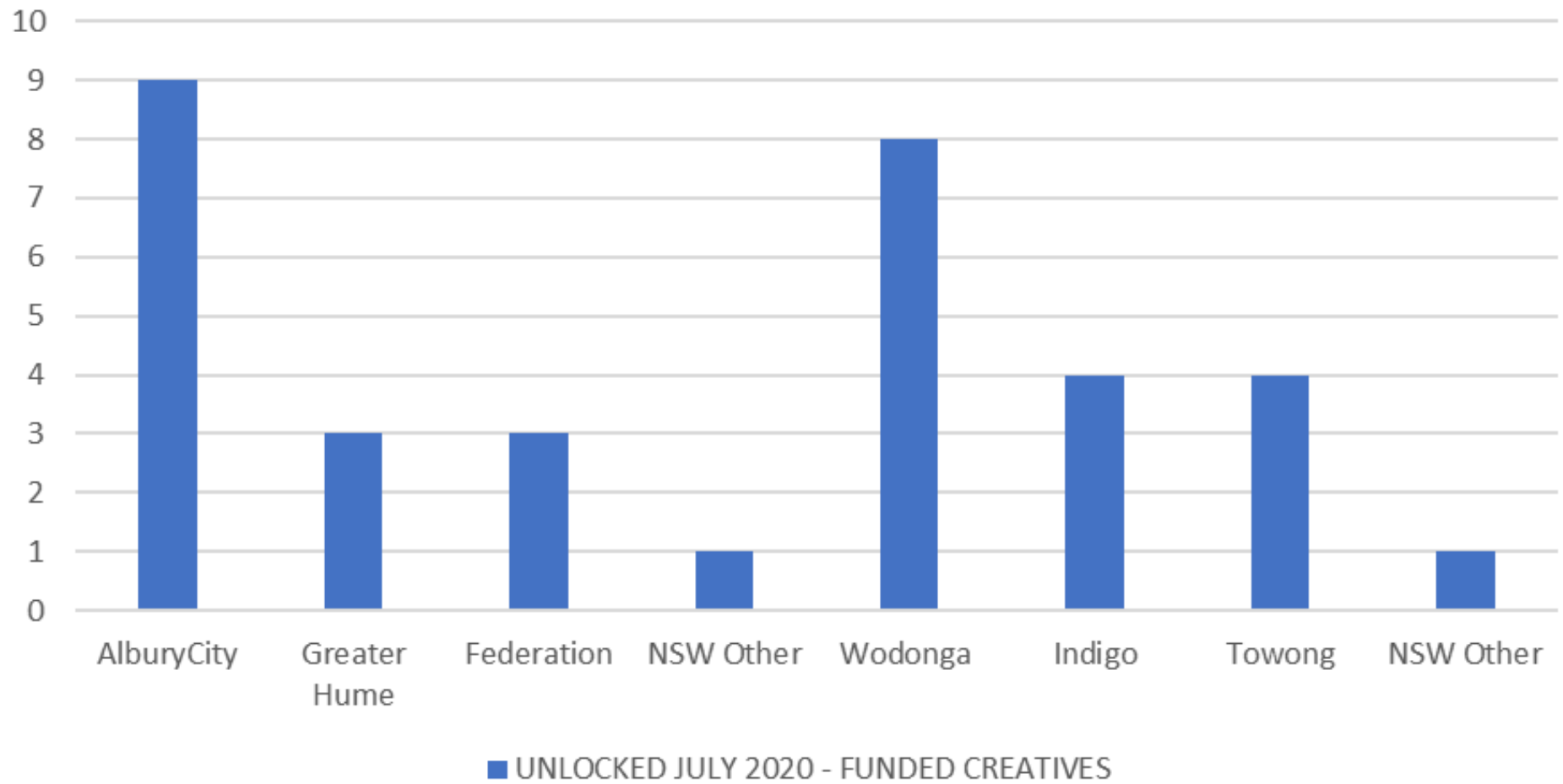
# UNLOCKED June 2020 Funded LGA Breakdown



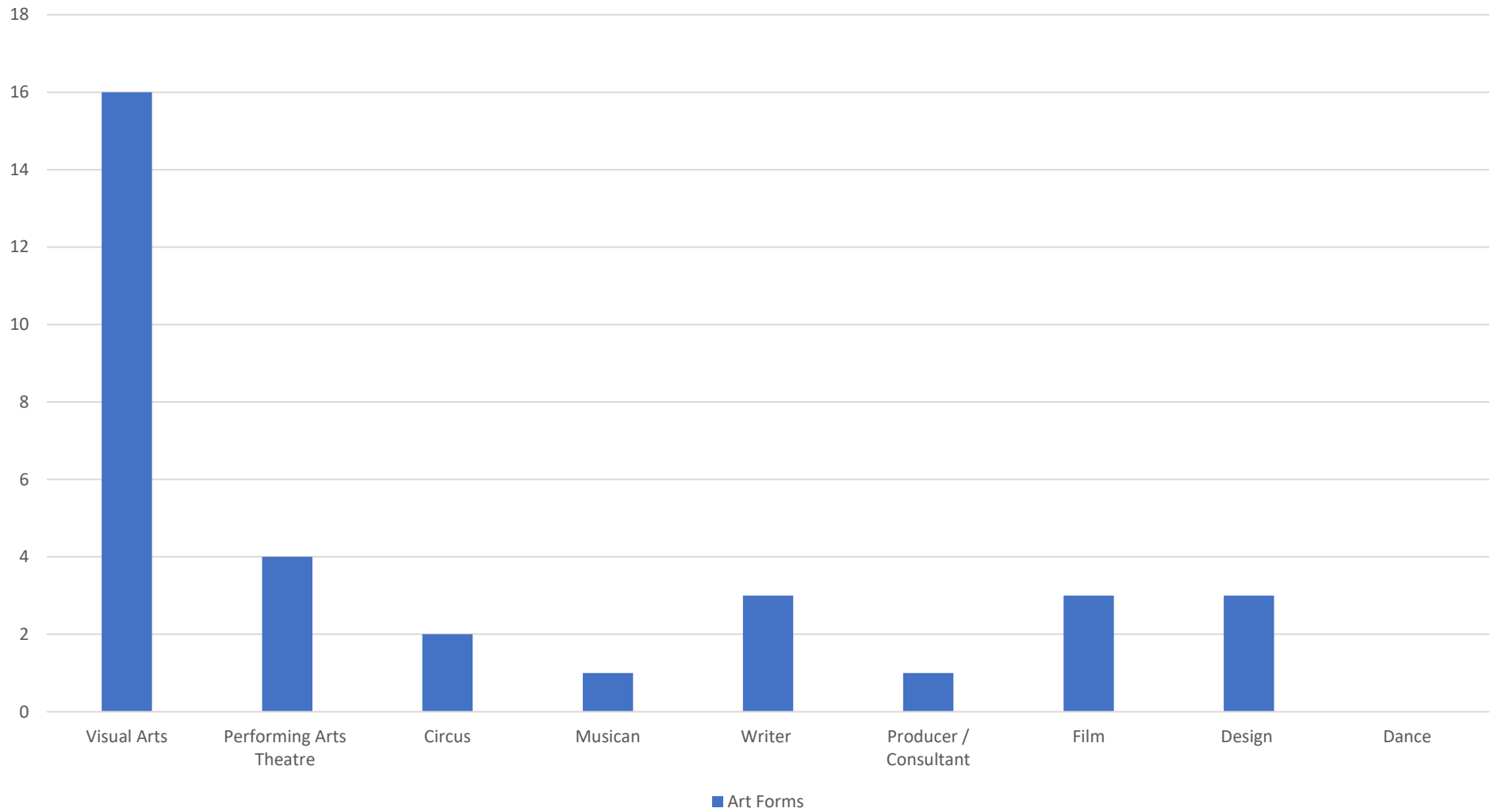
UNLOCKED June 2020  
FUNDED Break-Down Art Forms



## UNLOCKED JULY 2020 - FUNDED CREATIVES



UNLOCKED July 2020  
Funded Break-Down By Art Forms







**Feedback from recipients of  
UNLOCKED June & July 2020**

**Kelsey Shepherd – Circus/Acrobat - Wodonga**

Thank you so much!!!!

Can't wait to show you what we get up to.

**Rachel McNamara – Theatre/Actor/Educator – Albury**

Yahoo!

**Kirrily Anderson – Visual & Public Art – Indigo**

Awesome! Thank you so much, I really needed some good news :)

**Marley Dawson – Visual Arts – Towong**

Thanks! Whoop whoop.

**Leanne Murphy – Community Music Workshops – Indigo**

Thanks so much Alyce, how exciting!

**Kofi Issacs – Circus – Albury**

Thank you for getting back to me about my UNLOCKED application so quickly.

**Abi Thompson – Painting/Printmaking/Textiles – Wodonga**

That's great, thank you.

**Leisha Jungalwalla – Musician – Indigo**

That's great news! Thank you so much for supporting me in this funding! It's much appreciated!  
Looking forward to having my day of creativity!

**Ashlee LIANG - Visual Arts – Towong**

Deeply grateful for this and indeed happy to be part of networking gathering.

**Lisa Bishop – Visual Arts – Indigo**

Thank you so much for this lovely grant. I'm excited to see what everyone gets up to .

**Beth Peter's – Visual Arts – Indigo**

This is fantastic news! Made my day, will be wonderful to commit to a funded self directed mini project. Thanks again for the opportunity.

**Treahna Hamm (Yorta Yorta / Wiradjuri) – Visual Arts – Federation**

Wow, that was quick!

**Cat Leahy – Music – Indigo**

You made my day and I hope you feel a little like Oprah! Thanks again, was a real boost to the creative spirit to receive this grant.

**Eva McEntee – Actor & Playwright – Albury**

Just a writing to thank you for your offer! Looking forward to working together.

**Dirk Wallace – Photography – Albury**

That is wonderful news, thank you, this initiative is very much appreciated by the arts community, I am sure! No doubt I will enjoy my day at the school, thank you.

**Brendan Hogan – Writer – Indigo**

This is awesome. I am very grateful. Again I really appreciate the support Murray Arts is providing pre, during, and post COVID.

**Kate Crowley – Music – Towong**

Thank you!

**Ian Trevaskis – Writer – Towong**

Congratulations on a great initiative to support local creatives!

The micro-grant came at an opportune time as it motivated me to set up a couple of meetings - with Vivienne McWaters and Graeme McIntosh - both very knowledgeable about Chinese at Beechworth during the gold rush. My WIP, 'Heartless' is set in Beechworth in 1857 and features a strong Chinese element. Big kudos to Murray Arts for this initiative.

**Catherine French – Producer/Arts Marketing – Albury**

Thank you for the support. It means the world.

**Joshua Levi Collings – Photography/Musician/Film Maker – Towong**

I'm unlocked for June, and to be honest, it's a bloody relief. I've never tried for an art grant as such. I've always funded my own way, but receiving the news was like I'm actually getting paid daily like a normal person for a whole day!!! Let's see what I can create in this time without the normal financial pressure of life... If not for only one day. I'm thinking a new film clip, but one I choose to do, or head into nature for a bunch photographic exploration, or some sound art, maybe ill even write a song. What I like most about Unlocked is its open-ended approach, Its trust in creators and artists. Most of the time you have to give your end goal and then put your creative energy towards that goal. It's just a day, but one that will be full of creativity.

**Susie Losch – Visual Artist – Alpine**

Thank you for the opportunity to apply for the micro grant. And Thank you for granting it. It is such a relief to have a grant that doesn't involve mandatory meetings & reporting.

**Felt Up by Vivien Naimo – Textiles - AlburyCity**

Thank you for the opportunity to apply and receive Unlocked July 2020.

**Julia Simpson – Silversmith Jewellery - Greater Hume**

Thanks Alyce - you're a peach ;)

Thank you so much! Really looking forward to it! Alyce thanks for putting us both onto this. It's like being given permission to do a part of what we are .... and not from the business perspective. xo

**Bobby Whybrow – Drag - Wodonga**

Oh wow! Thanks so much, that's amazing!

**Marcela Scheuner**

HUGE!! shout out and thankyou to #murrayarts for their UNLOCKED micro grant. 🙌 its a beautiful thing to see the Arts helping out the Arts , even when they are in the same uncertain boat as the rest of us.

With the support of Murray Arts , Kelsey Shepherd and I spent the day together creating, training and exploring new ideas ! #BossSquad

Until next time Friends, Stay safe, stay motivated, stay connected, keep creating !

Our Art matters. ❤️🙌 "Earth without 'art' is just eh"

Just wanted to say thank you for Murray Arts Support. Myself and Kelsey trained all day creating a new act and new skills which we are super happy about! Cheers, Marcela

**Aimee Chan – Writer - AlburyCity**

Well this is a lovely surprise! I presumed I had missed out so this is very warming. Thank you as always for your support. The money from UNLOCKED went towards donating books and links to a video story time reading for aged care facilities. The UNLOCKED money deliberately targeted facilities in the Murray Arts region. They were sent to: Baranduda, West Albury, Glenroy, Corowa, Henty, Jindera, Beechworth, Corryong & Rutherglen.

**Tyler Grace – Photographer - AlburyCity**

Oh my gosh, thank you so much! This will really help me out! I'll be sure to send you a photo and video once I get the photos printed and framed, which I plan on using the funds to help with the cost of!

**Helen Newman – Film - AlburyCity**

Oh my god. It's hard to explain how this feels really Alyce. I'd not expected to feel so emotional about it but seems I do (my eyes leaked a little). Even though I've not been exactly twiddling my thumbs the loss of creative projects has taken its toll and today I had yet another conversation confirming a future project I was super excited about was not going ahead. Every little encouragement (specially when it means backing my emerging creative practise with projections) is a boost that goes way beyond the money attached to it. Thank you so, so much!

**Amanda Bahr – Floral Design - Greater Hume**

Thankyou.

**Vanessa Keenan – Curator - Snowy Valleys**

Fantastic – thanks!

**Chris Pidd – Performer - AlburyCity**

Many thanks Alyce. This is such a great initiative and I look forward to spending the day on MASH!

**Alison Plasto – Film - AlburyCity**

Thanks very much Alyce to you and the Murray Arts team. This is really welcome news and a much needed boost!

**Brianna Slattery – Musician - Wangaratta**

Big gratitude to Murray Arts for providing me with a day of "UNLOCKED" funding to support my work as a creative practitioner during this challenging time. 🙏 I'm excited to share how I end up utilising this funding to keep the Groove action alive... Stay tuned! ✨👫✨

**Paul Roadley – Photography - Towong**

Very many thanks for accepting us for the UNLOCKED July 2020 grant. We look forward to working with you!

**Leanne O'Toole – Textiles - Wodonga**

Thank you to Murray Arts for my selection and providing this grant.

**Ben Tari – Writer - AlburyCity**

Thank you so much! This'll kick me back into gear!

**Harry McKoy – Acrobat - Wodonga**

That's great, thank you so much this is so amazing.

**Joanne Diver – Ceramics - Albury**

That is so exciting! Thank you!

**Helen Carter – Jewellery – Wodonga**

Thank you so much for the unlocked grant it is greatly appreciated and I will send you a short clip of the new rolling mill soon, I look forward to joining the next zoom meeting

**Pete Arkins – Visual - Towong**

Greatly appreciated.

**Allyssa Constable – Screen Writer - Wodonga**

Thank you so much for this. Thank you very much for selecting me as an UNLOCKED JULY 2020 grant recipient. I'm extremely grateful given the challenging times we are faced with.

**Belinda Fraser – Textiles - Towong**

That's great news thank you, I will get to work on my project.

**Felicia Lannan – Circus - Wodonga**

I'm so glad to have received this funding and so excited to tell my graphic designer!

**Other feedback regarding the UNLOCKED 2020 micro grant program**

**Racheal Oak Butler – Writer – Wodonga**

I didn't apply due to knowing there would be many applications from many people who were in much more need than I. I did however smile and be very thankful at what you guys were doing. Hats off to all involved. We really do need more 'grants' like this as it frees up the artist to do the art instead of meeting requirements. Truly great job all of you.