



Country Arts SA
Artist In Residence Program

Grindell's Hut

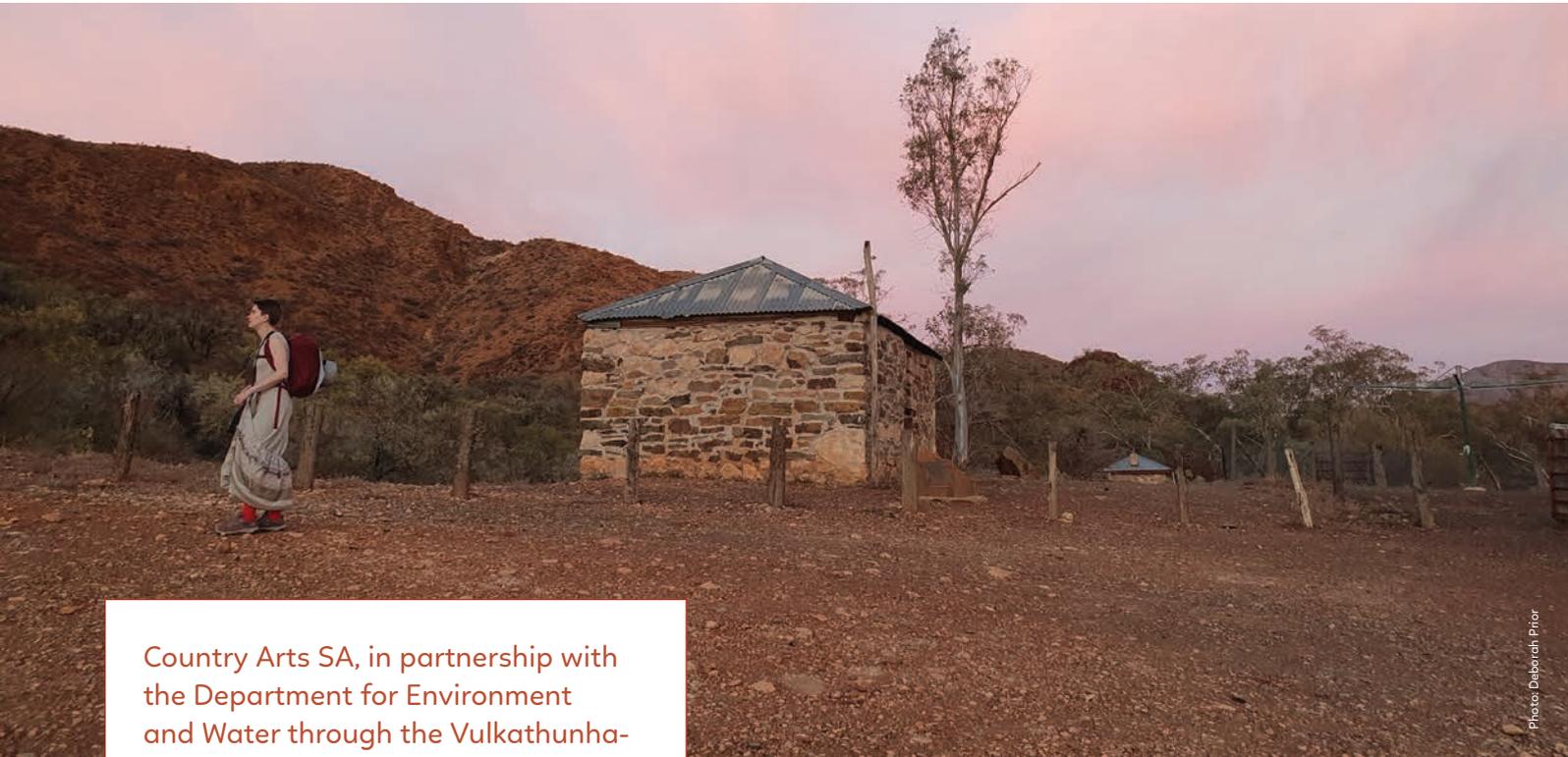


Photo: Deborah Prior

Country Arts SA, in partnership with the Department for Environment and Water through the Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park Co-Management Board, is inviting artists from all disciplines to apply for a three-week residency at Grindell's Hut.

The sponsors and stakeholders acknowledge and respect the traditional custodians – the Adnyamathanha people – whose ancestral lands Grindell's Hut is located upon.

RESIDENCY DATES 9 -30 October 2022

WHERE

Grindell's Hut,
Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park

APPLICATIONS CLOSE

5pm, Friday 24 June 2022

SUBMISSIONS

Apply online at countryarts.org.au

BACKGROUND

The Grindell's Hut Artist Residency program was established more than 15 years ago by the then Regional Development Board located in Port Augusta.

The vision for Grindell's Hut was to provide an environment of extraordinary natural beauty with historic significance for artists to pursue their practice while immersed in a remote, outback environment.



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LOCATION

Grindell's Hut is located in the heart of the Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park on a hillside with spectacular views over the valleys and foothills of the Illinawortina Pound and the Blue Range.

The McLachlan Pastoral Company built the hut in the 1950's as a Boundary Rider's Hut and Outstation for the Balcanoona Pastoral Lease. The original hut built in the late 1800s by Grindell still stands just behind the newer hut.

THE VULKATHUNHA-GAMMON RANGES

The Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges, reputable for its mountains, native flora and fauna, and Aboriginal and colonial heritage, is situated at the Northern end of the Flinders Ranges. The Park protects significant Aboriginal and European heritage sites.

The first area of the Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park was proclaimed in 1970, covering an initial 15,550 hectares. Following the purchase of the Balcanoona Pastoral Station Lease, the 82,000 hectare property was added to the park in 1982. The park now covers 128,228 hectares of land.

The traditional owners of the Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park are the Adnyamathanha people who continue to have strong ties with their country, ancestors, law and culture. Traditional owners co-manage the Park with the South Australian Government through the Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park Co-Management Board.

The Adnyamathanha name Vulkathunha was officially assigned to the Park in May 2003 and the word literally means 'old lady' and reflects a significant Adnyamathanha story connected with this country. The more recent history of Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges has included mining, smelting and pastoralism.

Illinawortina Pound, adjacent to Grindell's Hut, is in the Vulkathunha-Gammon Range and can be accessed via Copley (6km north of Leigh Creek). It is approximately 365 kilometres North of Port Augusta with the last 100km on unsealed roads with many rough creek crossings (4WD vehicle required).

HOW TO GET THERE

A 4WD vehicle is required as the Hut is in a remote location and roads may be closed or have restricted access.

The hut is located on Wortupa Loop Road, 26 km from the Park Headquarters at Balcanoona. The access road is not recommended for 2WD vehicles due to rocky sections, steep slopes and creek crossings. From Balcanoona, follow the Arkaroola Road for approximately 10km. Turn left at the sign posted intersection and follow the road through to Grindell's Hut.

Please note: Roads may be closed or have restricted access. For latest updates contact Transport SA 1300 361 033.

ELIGIBILITY

- All Australian permanent residents over the age of 18 are eligible to apply
- Residents of regional South Australia are encouraged to apply
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists are strongly encouraged to apply

RESIDENCY DURATION

The residency runs for 3 weeks from October 9 - 30, 2022.

ARTIST SELECTION

The successful artist will be selected by an assessment panel.

PROJECT COORDINATION

Country Arts SA will be responsible for the coordination of the project and liaising between the artists and the surrounding Nepabunna and Iga Warta communities.

The Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park Ranger has a strong knowledge of the region and will work closely with Country Arts SA staff to support the residency and liaise with the artist while they are in residence.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND FINAL REPORT

The artist will be expected to develop a proposal of how they intend to engage with local Aboriginal community members through the delivery of an arts workshop to support skills development in the Nepabunna community, as part of the residency. Nepabunna is 95 kms from Grindell's Hut.

The artist is also asked to consider the donation of an artwork from their residency to the Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park Co-Management Board.

RELATIONSHIP WITH LOCAL COMMUNITY

Artists will have the opportunity to meet with local Aboriginal community members and will be supported to ensure correct protocols are respected and followed and the Aboriginal community feels welcome and able to engage with the project.

Artists are reminded they are staying in a National Park and National Park Regulations apply:

- Leave your pets at home
- Take your rubbish with you and be proactive in recycling
- Observe fire restrictions, usually November 1 – April 30 (check the CFS Hotline on 1300 362 361)
- Camp only in designated areas
- Respect geological, cultural and heritage sites
- Be respectful of Aboriginal culture
- Keep our wildlife wild – do not feed or disturb animals or remove native plants
- Keep to defined vehicle tracks and walking trails
- Be considerate of other park users
- Leave behind a low impact, eco-friendly footprint on the surrounding environment
- Keep the premises and grounds in a safe, clean and tidy condition
- You must have a reliable 4WD vehicle, suitable clothing and be responsible at all times, especially when it comes to your safety

PAYMENT

The successful artist will be paid \$3000 (excluding GST), to be paid in three stages:

- \$1500 at the commencement of the residency
- \$1000 half way through
- \$500 upon receipt of their final report

Please note, collaborative teams of artists may apply but the total artist fee for the group is \$4000 (excluding GST).

If you would like to apply as a team you must speak with Country Arts SA's Cultural Programming Manager about your project prior to applying.

EXPENSES

Paid by Country Arts SA

- Accommodation in Port Augusta en route to Grindell's Hut
- Costs associated with studio
- \$500 will be allocated to workshop materials

Paid by artist

- Own materials
- Public liability insurance

TRAVEL AND ACCOMODATION

- A travel budget of \$500 will be paid to the artist
- Country Arts SA will provide a living away from home allowance to the artist of \$350 per week (up to \$1050 in total) for the period of the residency
- The artist is responsible for transport to and from Grindell's Hut. A 4WD vehicle is required and access to Grindell's Hut is via Balcanoona. Further details will be provided to the successful applicant
- Country Arts SA will provide two nights' accommodation in the Port Augusta region for the successful applicant – one night on the way to Grindell's Hut, and one night on the return trip from Grindell's Hut



GROUP APPLICATIONS

This residency program is intended for one artist. Applicants wanting to jointly apply with another artist or as part of a group are eligible to do so but should note that the living and accommodation allowance will not be increased.

ADDITIONAL GUESTS AT GRINDELL'S HUT

Members of the artist's family or friends are encouraged to stay during this period to help break the isolation.

There is a maximum of eight people allowed. You will need to advise Country Arts SA and Parks Management of any additional guests that will be accompanying you before the residency commences.

BOND & RENTAL FEES

A bond of \$400 is withheld by Country Arts SA for the duration of the residency. The artist is responsible for repair costs where damage has been incurred during the residency period.

General maintenance repairs are the responsibility of Parks Management. The final payment of \$400 shall be paid upon satisfactory inspection of the Hut following the artist residency.

Rental fees are waived for the period the artist is in residence, which is supported by the Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park Co-Management Board.

GRINDELL'S HUT FEATURES AND AMENITIES

- Bedroom one – sleeps two (one queen bed)
- Bedroom two – sleeps 4 (two sets of bunks)
- Artist's studio and sleep out area (one set of bunks)
- Bathroom – toilet, vanity basin and combined bath and shower
- Laundry – includes two large sinks with rainwater tap (please conserve rainwater)
- Storeroom – with space for the storage of food and other items and has stocks of cleaning equipment
- Lounge – with sofa, armchairs and large coffee table
- Kitchen – equipped with gas fridge, gas stove/oven, sink and all crockery and cutlery
- Dining table with seating for eight people
- Gas BBQ and wood BBQ
- Outdoor seating
- Firewood is provided in the wood shed at the rear of the unit
- First aid kit (supplied by Country Arts SA)
- A veranda runs along the front and western side of the Hut providing a perfect vantage point to view the changing colours and the play of light across the Gammon Ranges.

UTILITIES

- **Water**
Most of the water taps carry bore water, however rainwater tanks supply water to the Laundry for drinking water.
- **Septic tank**
Other than toilet paper, items such as sanitary products, nappies and non-biodegradable products are not to be flushed down the toilet or sinks as the sewerage system uses a septic tank.
- **Electricity**
Please note there is no direct electricity.

The refrigerator, stove and hot water at Grindell's Hut is run on bottled gas supplied by the Board, while electric lighting is run off solar-charged battery panels (12 volts). There are no power points, as the batteries do not carry sufficient power to run additional appliances. Instructions for the lighting of the fridge and hot water are provided on the site.



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COMMUNICATIONS

A satellite phone will be provided by Country Arts SA for the duration of your visit.

THE ARTIST IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING:

- Food and consumables including toilet paper, sunscreen, torches, batteries, insect repellent etc
- Linens, blankets, pillows, towels, tea towels etc
- Replacing any used items initially provided

CLIMATE

Weather conditions range from very hot in the summer, to very cold and frosty during the winter months. Rainfall can be unpredictable; however the region experiences more rain during the summer when thunderstorms come rolling over the Ranges creating a magnificent sound and light show with heavy downpours resulting in flash flooding. In October you can expect the best possible weather averaging between 20 – 30 degrees.

ALL ENQUIRIES

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