

A close-up photograph of a person's legs splashing in water. The water is splashing upwards and outwards, creating a large, dynamic splash. The person's legs are visible from the knees down, and their feet are submerged in the water. The background is a blurred green, suggesting an outdoor setting.

Celebrate the rains

*Lift your spirits; living the long dry ...
with the Tipping Point project*

Ideas to inspire hope
in a drying climate,
based on concepts from
our Margaret River and
Balingup residencies

Community
engagement
strategy

How do we engage your community?



with connection and enchantment



*With positive, active, feel-good activities
& thought-provoking gatherings . . .*

- attend a workshop to listen, view and explore responses to *Memory of Rain*
- share your evolving ideas and understandings in exhibition, performance or discussions
- create an arbor, mandala or sculpture of collected native or recycled materials
- plantings with kids & families, workmates for river-creek-foreshore-wetland regeneration or community gardens

Memory of Rain

a story of hope in a drying climate

A lyrical, evocative, visual poem-song by Margot Edwards and Sandy McKendrick with a collective of storytellers, poets, song-women and dancers across the south west of WA
(20 minute length)

*From deep below
Old Water, Ancient Water, Holy Water
Rumbles and hums inside her timeless vessel
and sings to the Child,
Waiting to be remembered*



Photo by Sandy McKendrick

Adult workshops

listening and story sharing circles, writing, script-reading




Adult workshops and performance

- dance, movement, improvisation, singing



Adult workshops and exhibition land art, sculpture, photography, puppetry, mask, shadows





*With big, fun, feel-good community celebration
for outdoors or indoors
watch or participate, supported by a network of local and residency artists*

- make a big family community picnic, parade or party together
- create a bush mask and dress-ups as your favourite bird or animal
- paint and create hybrid native creatures (and make your own)
- connect skaters & bike-riders with parents with prams & strollers, local dancers, musicians & circus kids, choirs, comedians & solo singers
 - create a rain dance together and call in the clouds
- invite Wounded Wild puppet to share her living water ceremony (or make your own)

For your COMMUNITY FESTIVAL, EVENT, SHOWCASE OR PICNIC

Friends, kids, clubs, schools, performers, families, playmates and workmates, farmers, gardeners and landcare groups.

Bring in the Tipping Point artists to evolve ideas . . .

- to lift climate anxiety . . .

- to reignite a sense of wonder . . .

our pride in our community,

our unique connection and resilience;

our joy in coming together to celebrate and mingle.

no pollution, no waste

reduce-reuse-repurpose-recycle-replant



Wounded Wild puppet created in collaboration with residency artist Sandy McKendrick, inspired by local adults and kids for Margaret River's Celebration of the Rain, May 31, 2025.

Kids!

Can you imagine a hybrid creature that combines a bird, an animal and/or a plant?

Create a creature from paint blot designs

School's project – 170 kids paintings inspired our puppeteers to design the Wounded Wild puppet

Margaret River Primary
Margaret River High
Thomas More Catholic School
Margaret River Montessori School



Kids' Carnival exhibition

FOR KIDS: Your hybrid 'paint blob' creature can have qualities of two or more native animals, plants or birds, or one quality of each!

It can resemble any parts of our native species, that is changed or really affected by the long dry ...

Like the Wounded Wild in the story, *Memory of Rain*, your wild creature can bounce back to life with the rain!!

psst! HYBRID means a plant or animal produced from different types of plant or animal, combined together; a mix of several very different ones.





Families and kids
creating bush masks &
native animal costumes

what animal do you want as
your best friend for life?

Connecting with indigenous custodial learning

- courtesy of concept shared by Wadandi custodian, Zac Webb

Carnival dance, circus costumes and music

Dance, performance, musicians, puppetry and costume artists involved in Margaret River's Rain Parade created :

- blue wren family
- a river of teenage skaters
- a flock of galahs
- water sprites & river spirits
- swirling eddies
- marsupial puppets on strollers
- forest choir with a ukelele band
- singing band of ocean animals
- samba drumming troupe



Kids, adolescents, elders community calling in the rains



Umbrellas, wheels & a river of animals

- Umbrellas, rainbows and wheelbarrows with plants and flowers – gardeners with gumboots and rainjackets
- River of animals – long net creating a river, sewn with native river critters, by *Nannas who Mend*, with homeschool kids at Gathered Organics



Living water Ceremony – celebrating the rain with the Wounded Wild puppet





The Tipping Point project

*with Memory of Rain
and
Wounded Wild street puppet and water ceremony*

*- a residency project for communities living with the drying climate
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