

Caravan, Tracks Dance Company | Darwin, Northern Territory



- Total Project Cost \$38,608
- RAF Funding \$12,769
- Engagement | Audience and Participant Numbers 187
- Focus | Meaningful cross-generational and cross-cultural community engagement

Darwin based Tracks Dance Company produces original dance works that celebrate an important part of Australian culture - the frontier of the Northern Territory. In 2017, the company produced and presented *Caravan*, a work featuring its senior dance troupe, the Grey Panthers. Twenty senior Darwin dancers, all 60+ years, travelled to Katherine to participate in *Caravan*, a performance at the Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre. Audiences reached full capacity, with many visiting Katherine's performing arts centre for the first time.

The impact of the program on the wider community included:

- Tracks Dance Artistic Co-Director and Dance Animateur offered workshops to local youth and senior dance groups in Katherine, through a one-week residency which focused on intergenerational community engagement
- *Caravan* acted as a cross-cultural and cross-generational leadership project by including local guest performers from the Katherine Filipino Australian Association of the Northern Territory, the Darwin Grey Panthers and the STARS Foundation students from Katherine High School.