



OUR CASE FOR SUPPORT 2026



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

CircusWA acknowledges the Whadjuk people of the Noongar Nation are the spiritual and cultural birdiyangara (custodians) of the land upon which we train, create and perform.

Fremantle is Walyalup, sited on the banks of the Derbal Yerrigan. We recognise this land was never ceded and acknowledge our first people's continuing connection to boodja (land), kayep (waters) and Noongar culture.

We pay our respect to Elders past and present.



WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO

CircusWA is a creative and social change organisation empowering young people through circus skills, physical expression, positive risk-taking, and a deep sense of belonging.

For nearly 30 years, we have been providing creativity, empowerment and social change from our heartland in Fremantle. Our gutsy, youth-focused organisation generates strong connections to place and amplifies young voices through unique productions and community engagement.

We champion dynamic opportunities for children and young people to explore their full potential with courage and creativity through circus.

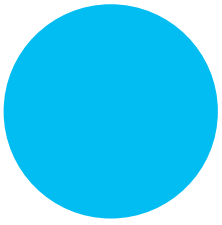
We believe circus has the power to transform how young people engage with the world, supporting them to become mentally strong, healthy and confident individuals, while also finding their voice, identity and community through artistic expression.

This vision has now taken a significant step forward. This year we moved into our new home – a purpose-built training and development centre that will support programs empowering young people of all backgrounds and abilities for decades to come.

Our work comes to life through three interconnected Priority Programs (fully & partially subsidised) that nurture confident, resilient, and imaginative youth with a strong sense of belonging.



Photos: Tashi Hall



CIRCUS PROGRAMS FOR EVERY BODY

Our Priority Program trainers are a highly skilled group of professional artists and past students who share a passion for supporting young people thrive through circus.

Disabilities Circus Program

A program providing young people living with disability access to inclusive circus training. Participants engage in thoughtfully designed classes that support self-expression, encourage challenge, and strengthen social and cultural connection.

Aboriginal Youth Development Program

In partnership with the First Nations-led Champion Centre in Armadale, this program delivers circus and dance training to Aboriginal youth, fostering connection to Country and culture, while developing lifelong skills such as collaboration, positive risk-taking and self-expression within community.

Young Artist & Performing Academy

An academy that provides ambitious young circus artists with high-quality training in performance and physical theatre. Through mentorship, original productions, and collaboration with other circus centres, participants develop skill, discipline and confidence while amplifying their own creative voices.



YOUR IMPACT CREATES CHANGE

This year we are raising \$48,000 in 48 hours

\$48,000 will enable 60 children and youth to participate in our Priority Programs.

\$200 will provide one term of classes and purposefully designed experiences in the arts for one young participant.

Donations directly enable young people to access life-changing opportunities.

Your support will

- remove financial barriers to participation, enabling more youth to access the arts
- fund inclusive and culturally responsive programs for 60+ young people across the Perth-metro area
- provide specialist training and mentoring for young artists, creative leaders and emerging directors
- invest in the development of two bold, new main stage productions, and
- ensure access to safe, inspiring spaces where young people can take creative risks and grow.

Every contribution helps us reach more children and young people across Western Australia, strengthening their confidence, wellbeing, connection and belonging in communities that need it most.

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HELP US GIVE EVERY YOUNG PERSON THE OPPORTUNITY TO THRIVE

We know that together this work will continue to create meaningful impact for hundreds of children and young people, their families, and their communities each year.

On behalf of the Board and the CircusWA team, we thank our donors for their powerful contribution to our programs and impact.

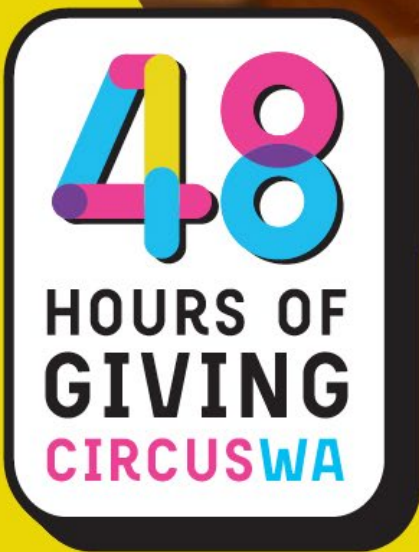
As we look ahead to 2026, we invite you to continue this journey with us, to donate, advocate, and share our stories.



Want to discuss how you can be part of the circus revolution?

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29-31 May



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What means the world to families like mine is that this deadly program is offered free of charge. It removes barriers and opens doors for kids who might not otherwise get these opportunities. It shows real commitment to supporting our mob and building strong, healthy, confident young people.

I'm truly grateful. Their efforts make a real difference in our lives and in our community.

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Ben
Parent, Aboriginal Youth Development Program

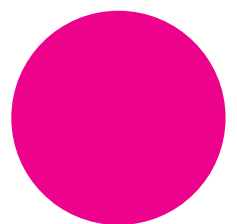
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