

# AELA Earth Arts Creative Retreat 2018

Friday 15th to Monday 18th June 2018

Chenrezig Buddhist Institute, 33 Johnsons Road, Eudlo, Sunshine Coast 4554

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*Please join us for a special four-day intensive arts retreat that provides the tools and knowledge, in a well-paced program, to re-imagine our relationships with the interconnected community of life*

**The Australian Earth Laws Alliance (AELA) invites interested people to come together to develop deep thinking, activity plans, artworks, resources and initiatives** based on Earth jurisprudence. Earth jurisprudence is a new legal theory and growing social movement. It proposes that we rethink the underpinning governance structures of industrialised society - including our legal, political and economic systems - so that they support, rather than undermine, the integrity and health of the Earth community.

AELA's Earth Arts Retreat involves experienced practitioners sharing their skills and knowledge to assist you to explore and research Earth jurisprudence and its links to art and governance. You will be provided with a space to reflect, devise, instigate, collaborate and activate ideas about Earth centred governance and legal systems that recognise the rights of nature.

You will be guided by expert facilitators from the fields of Indigenous knowledge, contemporary law/governance, environmental humanities, the arts and social activism to comprehensively explore the challenges that confront us. Areas to be covered include:

- How to create and embed an Earth centred paradigm in Australian society
- How arts and other creative processes can inform, delight and stimulate people to shift from human-centred to Earth-centred perspectives
- How to collaborate effectively, to build on AELA's success in increasing understanding about Earth centred law and governance in Australia.

The aims of the retreat are to:

- Provide interaction with experts in the fields of Earth laws, governance, Indigenous knowledge systems and ecology
- Provide a space to develop outputs in individual and collaborative processes
- Provide opportunities for peer-to-peer feedback and individual reflection to assist with developing specific outputs as well as overall practice areas
- Build a networked community capable of using the language and ideas associated with Earth jurisprudence and to support individual efforts to use them within the broader arts and general communities
- Share a range of techniques to help develop skills in planning and collaborating with participants, and to activate audiences involved with these processes and the outputs of them.
- Devise strategies and implement plans to embed this creative work in the working of communities and mainstream educational opportunities



**For more information please visit:  
[www.eartharts.org.au](http://www.eartharts.org.au) and click on "opportunities"**

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Day and time	Session
<b>FRIDAY 15</b>	
11am - 1pm	Preferred arrival time for participants
1.30pm to 5pm	<b>Workshop</b> - "Deepening our understanding of Earth centred governance: law, ethics, economics and the arts" Dr Michelle Maloney and the AELA Earth Arts Team: Dr Jenny Brown, Marian Drew, James Lee and Aviva Reed
5.30-6.30pm	Dinner at Love Café
After dinner	<b>Discussions</b> - current practice
<b>SATURDAY 16</b>	
7-8am	Breakfast at Love Café
Until 11am	<b>Private time/creative practice</b>
11am - 1pm	<b>Collaborative art activity</b> - led by Aviva Reed
1-2pm	Lunch - Love Café
2pm - 5pm	<b>Workshop</b> - "Caring for country - lessons from First Nations Peoples" Associate Adjunct Professor and Kombu-merri person, Mary Graham
5.30-6.30pm	Dinner - Love Café
After dinner	<b>Discussions</b> - Thoughts about what Earth centred governance means to our practice and collective work
<b>Sunday 17</b>	
7-8am	Breakfast at Love Café
Until 10am	<b>Private time/creative practice</b>
10am - 1pm	<b>Workshop</b> - "The wonder of interconnectedness and what it means for life: what science can tell us" Dr Ed Morgan, Griffith University
1-2pm	Lunch - Love Café
2.30pm - 5pm	<b>Workshop</b> - "Deepening our arts practice - peer to peer learning and sharing" Facilitated by the AELA Earth Arts Team
5.30-6.30pm	Dinner - Love Café
After dinner	<b>Collaborative art activity</b> - Slam poetry workshop and performances
<b>Monday 18</b>	
7-8am	Breakfast at Love Café
10am-11.30am	Final discussions and next steps
	Pack up and depart

## **HOW TO PARTICIPATE**

Places are limited to 20 people. Please send an expression of interest to: [creative@earthlaws.org.au](mailto:creative@earthlaws.org.au) By 10th May 2018

## **ABOUT THE VENUE**

The Chenrezig Buddhist Institute is located in the beautiful Sunshine Coast hinterland, 1 hour 20 mins north of Brisbane  
<http://chenrezig.com.au/>

All food will be provided by "Big Love" Café, a fully catered, vegetarian restaurant with fantastic (and very filling) food

## **RETREAT COST**

\$180 registration - which covers all workshops and meals. Accommodation is an additional cost.

## ***Accommodation options at Chenrezig:***

- Dorm bed - \$81 for three nights
- Single bed in twin room (sharing with one other person) - \$120 for three nights



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