

## PLD Partnership with the Spare Parts Puppet Theatre FAQs for 2024

### About Spare Parts Puppet Theatre

Spare Parts' vision is to be an international centre for excellence in puppetry. Since 1981 we have created adventurous and enriching theatre, bringing joy and telling stories that connect and inspire audiences across generations. In addition to the stories we tell on stage, Spare Parts works tirelessly to make our work accessible to as many families as possible, delivering performances, creative learning programs and workshops in school and community settings. In 2021, we reached more than 200,000 children and families across the Western Australia.

### 2024 Regional Schools Tour

#### What show are you touring in 2024?

*Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge*, our new puppet theatre performance based on the beloved book by Mem Fox.

Set in the old people's home next door to where Wilfrid lives, this fun and heart-warming story follows his affectionate bond with his favourite old person, the 96-year-old Miss Nancy. Your students will be captivated by the engaging and interactive performance style, with five members from the audience becoming part of the cast. Wilfrid and Miss Nancy, both beautifully hand-crafted life-size puppets, come to life through the magical touch of our expert puppeteers, winning the hearts of young and old.

Exploring the power of objects as vessels of memory and memories as the threads that connect us to each other, this story is a true celebration of intergenerational friendship that will bring laughter, inspire joy and leave ripples of connectedness with your students long after the performance.

#### What is the age suitability?

*Wilfrid Gordon McDonald* is perfect for Kindergarten – Year 7 and is also suitable for Years 7+ for students studying Drama or subjects related to the curriculum links listed below.

#### What are the curriculum links?

The Arts, English, HASS, Health & Physical Education  
Literacy, Interacting with Others, Expressing and Developing Ideas, Personal and social capability, Critical and creative thinking, Intercultural understanding

#### What is the incursion experience?

*Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge* is performed by two leading WA puppeteers. They tour with a portable set, beautifully crafted puppets, props and a pre-recorded soundtrack. The performance is 50mins and can be performed in a variety of spaces within a school environment.

Following the performance, students can ask puppeteers questions about the work, story and craft of puppetry. Schools can opt to book a hands-on puppet making workshop, delivered after the performance by our puppeteers.



### **When in 2024 are you touring?**

Term 2 and 3

### **Where in 2024 are you touring?**

Wheatbelt, Mid West, Gascoyne, South West, Great Southern and Goldfields

### **What is the cost?**

Performance: \$6.50 per student

Workshop: \$504 for up to 2 workshops / \$715 for up to 4 workshops

Please note, schools within communities serviced by Horizon Power can access discounted rates on performances and workshops.

### **Why is it so cheap?**

Spare Parts receives sponsorship and donations from generous organisations and people (including PLD!) to subsidise the cost.

### **What is the maximum number of students?**

200 per performance

30 per workshop

### **Do you provide classroom learning resources?**

Absolutely! We support educators to enrich their students' learning experience by providing a free Creative Learning Pack, filled to the brim with classroom activities exploring themes from the story with links to the education curriculum.

### **How do I register interest for my school?**

Visit Spare Parts' website and fill out an online Expression of Interest form.

<https://sppt.com.au/education/touring-shows/>

### **When do I know if our school will be part of the tour?**

We will notify schools in Term 1.

### **Will all schools that submit an EOI be included in the tour?**

We will try to accommodate all requests. If we are not able to tour to your school in 2024, we can add you to a priority list for future tours.

### **What is the payment process?**

After the performance, Spare Parts will send you an invoice for payment.

### **How are PLD involved?**

Spare Parts and PLD both recognise the profound impact that creative experiences have on the educational and emotional development of young individuals. Our shared commitment is to enrich the education of students in regional and remote communities through the transformative power of storytelling and language.

PLD has made a generous donation to support our 2024 regional schools tour. Their investment will directly support the costs to tour our puppet theatre performances including artist wages, transportation, accommodation and workshop materials.



## 2024 Outer Metro Schools Tour

### Do you tour to outer metro schools as well?

Yes! We have secured additional funding from Stan Perron Charitable Foundation to tour to schools in outer metro Perth from 2023.

### When in 2024 are you touring?

Term 1, 18-28 March

### What is the cost?

Performance: \$6.50 per student

### How do I register interest for my school?

Visit Spare Parts' website and fill out an online Expression of Interest form.

<https://sppt.com.au/education/touring-shows/outer-metro/>

## School Excursions to Spare Parts Puppet Theatre

### Can our school come to you?

Absolutely! Spare Parts stages daytime performances especially for school students at Ellie Eaton Theatre at the Claremont Showgrounds. In 2024 our school season are schedule in the final weeks of Term 1, 2 and 4 with performances 10am and 1pm daily.

Ample bus parking is available on site. Or schools can catch public transport; the theatre is a short walk from Claremont train station. Take advantage of our captivating pre-show activities, thoughtfully designed to align with themes of the performance.

### What shows are you performing in 2024?

#### *Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge*

Adapted from the book by Mem Fox

11-15 March 10am & 1pm

Perfect for Year 1+

#### *Hare Brain*

Inspired by Aesop's The Tortoise & The Hare

24-28 June 10am & 1pm

Perfect for Year 1+

#### *Hometown*

A puppet musical inspired by a story by Shaun Tan

24-28 June 10am & 1pm

Perfect for Year 1+

### What is the cost?

\$10 per student

\$8 per student for groups of 40+

For every 8 students, one teacher attends free.

### How do I book?

<https://sppt.com.au/education/>

## School of Puppetry Workshops at Your School

Spare Parts shares the joy and magic of puppetry with communities across Western Australia, delivering interactive workshops in schools, libraries, events, school holiday programs and other community settings.

Our workshop artists are professional performers or designers trained to deliver engaging workshops that get children, young people and adults brainstorming, creating, making and performing. All artists have a current Working with Children Check.

More info: <https://sppt.com.au/education/workshops/>

EOI: <https://sppt.com.au/education/workshops/>

## Spare Parts Contacts

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