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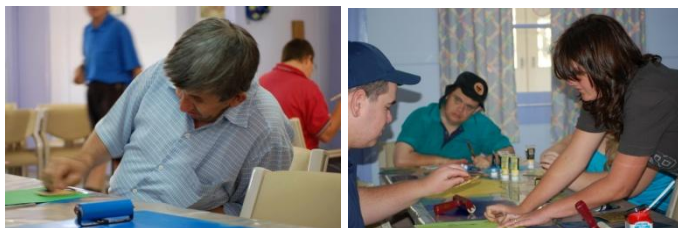


**Don't DIS
my ABILITY**

Arts Events for International Day of People with a Disability

International Day of People with a Disability: Monday December 3

Events in: Bathurst, Cowra, Lithgow, Mudgee, Orange, Parkes, Wellington



The central west will celebrate International Day of People with a Disability on Monday December 3 with art marking workshops, exhibitions.

International Day of People with a Disability is themed *Don't DIS my ABILITY* with activities held in collaboration with the NSW Department of Aging Disability and Home Care (DADHC) and local service providers with support from Accessible Arts NSW and Arts OutWest.

Cowra Art Gallery have already begun this year's program with a print making workshop for local emerging artists with a disability, held on November 19. Their printed cards will go on display and sale from December 3-8 at the gallery, kicking off a week of events around the region. The LENSscapes and PRINTscapes exhibition also includes the photographic works of Rachel Simpson who has been assisted by DADHC to achieve her goals as an artist.

Other programs organised for Monday December 3 are an arts workshop at the Seymour Centre in **Bathurst** where participants will learn skills like silk and glass painting and water colour painting. The public are then invited to a launch of these works at 6pm on Thursday December 6. The new Glenray Industries building on Browning St Bathurst will also be officially opened at 10am on the day. The Glenray workshop area produces a range of hand made cabinetry.

Art workshops and public exhibitions will be the highlight of International Day of People with a Disability activities in **Wellington** Senior Citizens Hall, **Lithgow** Library and at Lithgow Valley Plaza where Lithgow Information and Neighbourhood Centre will hold a two day exhibition of art works (paintings, pottery, photography) created by people with a disability on Monday and Tuesday December 3 and 4.

The day will be celebrated in **Mudgee** with Mudgee Music Makers at The Stables, a whole day of interactive dance and music making with local musicians guaranteed to get participants moving to classical, country and modern tunes.

Local artist Jocelyn Moles will run an art workshop for local people with a disability at **Parkes** Library on the day. The artworks created at this workshop will then be on display at the Library until December 9.

Orange Regional Gallery will hold a special guided art appreciation tour of the 2007 Archibald Prize from 10am-12noon on Monday December 3.

For details on any of these programs go to: www.aarts.net.au or call Arts OutWest on 6338 4657.

A full list of programs for the central west is attached.

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Images: Participants at Cowra Art Gallery's LENSscapes and PRINTscapes workshop on November 19.

Left: Allan McFarlane

Right: L-R- Todd Pascoe, Greg Simpson with Michelle McAlister of Cowra Special Needs Services

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