

## Media Release

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# Vote for your favourite project in the 2008 Local Government Cultural Awards

The New South Wales Local Government Cultural Awards celebrate great cultural projects created in partnership with local councils. Eight recent central west projects have been nominated for the awards.

From the outdoor art exhibition In SITE Out to local history projects and circus festivals, the nominations from the central west recognise the quality and diversity of arts and culture in the region.

Central west projects nominated for awards this year came from the local government areas of Bathurst Regional Council, Mid-Western Regional Council, The Oberon Council, Orange City Council and Parkes Shire Council. Any projects completed in 2007 were eligible for nomination.

“With councils facing increasing challenges and demands on many fronts, it is tempting to sideline the value of cultural development. This would be a grave mistake, as helping to define and represent what is distinct and special in each of our many communities is vital for local sustainability.” Said Cr Genia McCaffery, President of the Local Government Association of NSW.

These state-wide awards are assessed by industry experts, but this year there is also an online People’s Choice Award for the community to support their favorite project. Voting in the People's Choice Award is open until Sunday April 27.

Hannah Semler, Executive Officer of Arts OutWest, encourages everyone in the region to “take a look at the nominated projects via the awards website and see for themselves the great work being done by local governments and others in our region. The awards site is easy to use and it takes just one click to vote for your favourite projects.”

View the projects and vote online at: [www.culturalawards2008.lgsa.org.au](http://www.culturalawards2008.lgsa.org.au)

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## Local Government Cultural Awards 2008 nominations:

### Bathurst Regional Council

#### [Catapult Festival](#)

Catapult is a biennial festival with a focus of circus and physical theatre which ran September 12-16, 2007. Catapult is the first festival in Australia to showcase the skills of young circus and physical theatre performers and participants are welcome from across Australia.

Nominated for the Programs Projects and Partnerships Award.

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### [Gathering: Building Confident Teachers and Students](#)

These Bathurst Regional Art Gallery workshops provided K-6 students and visual arts teachers with access to a free high quality professional development and workshop program, targeting disadvantaged and remote schools.  
Nominated for the Programs Projects and Partnerships Award.

### **Mid-Western Regional Council**

#### [Legacies in Lace](#)

The project Legacies and Lace combined history and traditional arts and created an atmosphere that delighted communities in our region. The inaugural Mid-Western Regional Council Library History Week 2007 provided an opportunity to showcase special garments and lace that form part of a local collection. The major strength of this project was the partnership between the library and Gulgong Pioneers Museum.  
Nominated for the Library and Information Services Award.

### **Oberon Council**

#### [Community Facilities - Planning For The Future](#)

Oberon Council's Social/Community Plan 2006-2010 identified a need for a multi purpose community centre and multi purpose recreational centre. The action plan within the Social/Community Plan recommended a comprehensive needs analysis to develop a concept for these facilities.  
Nominated for the Integrated Cultural Policy Implementation Award

### **Orange City Council**

#### [Cuisine and Country](#)

The first Touring exhibition in Australia's history devoted to Food, Art and their mysterious and important relationship. Features over 100 great Australian artworks including Dobell, Drysdale, Preston, Whiteley and younger artists like Quilty and Culliton.  
Nominated for the Programs Projects and Partnerships Award.

#### [Half A World Away: Postwar Migration to the Orange District 1948-1965](#)

Half a World Away is a tribute to many hundreds of migrants who left conflict, uncertainty and economic chaos in the hope of attaining a stable, prosperous lifestyle in Australia. Based on interviews, memoirs, newspaper reports and archival material, the exhibition and book traces the lives of British and European migrants who settled in the Orange district following the turmoil of World War II.  
Nominated for the Programs Projects and Partnerships Award.

#### [IN SITE OUT 2007](#)

29 artists and students delivered 33 installations, sculptures and performances from all over Central NSW, from Queensland and Tasmania and represent a cross-section of professional and emerging arts practitioners in the 2007 temporary and ephemeral art event held for 3 weeks in the Orange Botanic Gardens in October-November 2007.  
Nominated for the Programs Projects and Partnerships Award.

### **Parkes Shire Council**

#### [The Art of Nursery Rhymes](#)

The Art of Nursery Rhymes was an exhibition held in conjunction with the 2007 Reading Day by Parkes Shire Library. The main aim of the exhibition was to remind adults of the joy of nursery rhymes and to bring nursery rhymes 'back into fashion' for the Shire's children.  
Nominated for the Library and Information Services Award.