



Media Release

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Arts OutWest welcomes new Board of Directors

The regional arts and cultural development service, Arts OutWest, welcomed in a new Board of Directors at their recent Annual General Meeting in Millthorpe.

The May 3 AGM welcomed five new members to the board of 16. The Board is made up of representatives from each of the 12 current contributing councils, three elected from the general membership and a representative appointed by Charles Sturt University.

Those representing councils include councillors, council staff and people selected by councils from the community with specific skills and experience in arts and culture.

The three Board members elected from the general membership are Canowindra based accountant Rob Pearce, Manager of the Age of Fishes Museum Fiona Fergusson and Bathurst artist and art teacher Kay Chapman. Charles Sturt University's representative is theatre director and lecture in the School of Communication Annabel Scholes.

Weddin Shire Council will also this month rejoin the AOW program after an absence of many years. Weddin are yet to name their Board representative.

Arts OutWest Chair Brandon Wilson thanked outgoing Board members Janice McGilchrist (Bathurst Region), Bob Craven (general member from Canowindra), Jane Bennie (Forbes), Neil Mansen (Blayney) and Wendy Carlson (heritage consultant and general member from Wallerawang).

Arts OutWest was established in 1974, making it the longest running arts development program in Australia. It is part of the state-wide network of 13 Regional Arts Boards working with peak body Regional Arts NSW and national body Regional Arts Australia.

Arts OutWest employs an Executive Officer, Tracey Callinan, a Communications Officer and part-time Finance Officer in addition to project staff where required.

"There are many ways people can make use of their regional arts board" said Mr Wilson, "Arts OutWest's services include our long-running arts media program, advice and support on issues such as funding and cultural development and help in developing new projects. We can also provide access to training opportunities in areas such as arts marketing, arts business, media writing and grant writing."

Arts OutWest is funded by the State Government via Arts NSW and contributing local councils, as well as receiving support from Charles Sturt University.

The first meeting of the new Arts OutWest Board will be Tuesday May 19 in Orange.

For further information on the Arts OutWest program call 02 6338 4657.

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Attachment: 2009-2010 Board of Directors of arts OutWest

Board member

Representing

Brian Langer	Director Cowra Regional Gallery	Cowra Shire Council
Heather Blackley	President Lachlan Arts Council; Western Plains Regional Development	Lachlan Shire Council
Suzanne Lollback	Group Manager Community and Corporate Lithgow City Council	Lithgow City Council
Lyn Cole	Director Cudgong Gallery	Mid-Western Regional Council
Christine Parker	Member of Oberon Arts Council	Oberon Council
Jason Lowe	Youth Officer Orange City Council	Orange City Council
Elizabeth Matthews	Member of Parkes M&D Society	Parkes Shire Council
Brandon Wilson	Arts OutWest Chair 2008	Wellington Shire
Robert Pearce	Treasurer Arts OutWest 2008 Accountant and farmer	General membership
Fiona Fergusson	Manager Age of Fishes Museum	General membership
Annabel Scholes	Theatre director and lecturer in School of Communication CSU	Charles Sturt University

New Board members

Cr Sharon Wilcox	Councillor	Cabonne Council
Cr Chris Roylance	Councillor	Forbes Shire Council
Cr Monica Morse	Councillor	Bathurst Regional Council
Cr Roxanne Reeks	Councillor	Blayney Shire Council
Kay Chapman	Artist and art teacher based in Bathurst	General membership



Image: Some of the Arts OutWest board at the May 3 AGM: (L-R) Brian Langer, Rob Pearce, Fiona Fergusson, Kay Chapman, Heather Blackley, Arts OutWest Executive Officer Tracey Callinan, Monica Morse. Photo: Arts OutWest.