



Media Release

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Regional Arts Australia session in Bathurst

Bathurst has been selected as one of two locations in the state for Regional Arts Australia to consult face to face with the community on issues of national importance.

The community is invited to attend the public consultation on **Tuesday June 30** at Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre.

Outcomes from the national consultation will inform future directions for Regional Arts Australia's work, which is aimed at strengthening regional communities through arts and culture.

Facilitated by Anne Dunn, this consultation will explore the role of arts and culture for regional Australians and consider how the arts intersect with areas such as health, education, environment, tourism, technology, Indigenous culture and economic development.

Regional Arts Australia is the key national body representing the broad and complex interests and concerns of those working with and for the arts in regional, rural and remote Australia.

As an advocate, Regional Arts Australia has achieved significant results over the last three years in winning better recognition and support for the enormous contribution that regional arts make to the cultural, economic and social wellbeing of the nation.

As the local regional arts board, Arts OutWest is hoping a wide cross-section of the community attends the consultation.

Input is sought from artists, arts and cultural workers, staff and volunteers of arts and cultural organisations and representatives from the creative industries sector.

The invitation to participate is also extended to community interest groups; government representatives and departmental staff at local, state and federal levels; and representatives of other sectors including education and training, tourism, health, environment, technology, industry, economic development and the community services sector.

When: Tuesday June 30, 10am-2pm
Where: Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre, William St, Bathurst
RSVP: By Friday June 26 to Arts OutWest 6338 4657
A light lunch will be provided

For media interviews contact: Arts OutWest 6338 4657