



## **Media Release**

# **Regional Arts Australia asks the community for input**

**Central West residents are being asked to have their say as part of a national consultation by Regional Arts Australia.**

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.

One of two consultations in NSW, the Bathurst session 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.

"This is a chance for people right across the community to raise issues, talk about ideas and look at how arts and culture can be used to make our communities better places," said Arts OutWest executive officer Tracey Callinan.

Input is sought from artists and cultural workers but also from people from all aspects of community life including health, government, education and training, tourism, technology, the community services sector and special interest groups. Participation is open to everyone.

"Regional Arts Australia has chosen to come to Bathurst to get a measure of what happens in regional NSW and what is important to the people who live here," said Ms Callinan.

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.

Arts OutWest, who are hosting the Bathurst consultation, are the regional arts and cultural development board of Central West NSW.

**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)**