

MEDIA RELEASE

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Arts Forum in Cowra

People of the Cowra Shire are invited to a community forum all about the arts, to be held on Wednesday February 17, 6pm at Cowra Regional Art Gallery.

The forum has been designed so that the wider Cowra community can learn how to make the most out of being a part of the regional arts program, Arts OutWest, and so that Arts OutWest can get up to date on the arts and cultural activity happening in the Cowra Shire.

“There are lots of reasons for Cowra Shire locals to come along to the forum” said Arts OutWest executive officer Tracey Callinan. “The session will be a chance for the community to learn what Arts OutWest is, what we do and don’t do, how to use our arts promotions service and how Arts OutWest can help you,” she said.

“Arts OutWest is keen to link in with Cowra Council’s own priorities, so this will also be an important opportunity for council staff and councillors to engage with both Arts OutWest and the local arts community,” said Ms Callinan.

Arts OutWest would love to meet and hear from anyone involved in or interested in arts, culture and the creative industries: Including visual arts, performance, music of all kinds, crafts, literature and writing, film making, digital media, design, architecture, heritage and museums, festivals and arts education.

This includes people involved in arts and culture as a community activity, a hobby or a business.

“As arts and culture is an important part of the whole community, we also invite people who are interested in how the Arts can intersect with health, aged care, technology, tourism, business development, industry, youth programs, education and community services,” said Ms Callinan.

There will be plenty of space on the night for people to let both Arts OutWest know about your arts or cultural organisation, business or practice and to meet and network with others interested in arts and culture from across the shire. Participants will also be the first to get a sneak peak at the new Arts OutWest website and Cultural Directory.

“Forums like this are also a great opportunity to raise issues, ideas, needs and dreams and together discuss how arts and culture might be further used to enhance and improve the life of people living in the area,” added Ms Callinan.

Arts OutWest is one of 13 networked regional arts programs in NSW, co-funded by local government and by the NSW state government through Arts NSW.

The mission of Arts OutWest is to promote, educate, advocate and facilitate for arts and cultural development for the communities of Central West NSW.

To RSVP to this free forum please call Cowra Regional Art Gallery on 6340 2190.