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Arts OutWest promotes, facilitates, and advocates for arts and cultural development for the communities of the central west of NSW

Celebrating 31 years

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Hannah Semler, executive officer

The stormy weather that has reeked havoc across the region has also impacted on the arts in both good and not such good ways. In Site Out 2005 felt the impact with quicker than expected deterioration of some of the more ephemeral installations and the regular 'drying out' of others, but all in all the event in the Botanic Gardens saw a good number of visitors (over 1000) and some great lessons learned by artists. Congratulations to Gabriella Hegyes on her coordination and to the artists involved.

In Molong, we commiserate with the Bank St Gallery owners, the Oldham family, on the many losses, the near destruction of the business and the extraordinary stories that can be told of near misses, objects floating across the street and retrieved and the paintings that hung an inch above the water line. No doubt in Eugowra, Trundle and elsewhere, similar stories can be told.

On a more positive note, artists coming together at the professional development forum on the 12th November benefited greatly from hearing how some of our best artists survive, work and ways of making the arts more of a recognized business. Thanks goes to the Regional Arts Quick Response Fund and Regional Arts NSW for supporting this event. There will also be another Networking Forum in Bathurst on 15th December.

If you have not seen it yet, please do get across to Orange Regional Gallery for the Earthly Encounters ceramics show before it closes on the 8th December. It will go on tour from Orange and return late in 2006/7 to Bathurst. Its been fantastic working with Alan Sisley and the staff at the gallery to put on both In Site Out 2005 and Earthly Encounters.

Congratulations also must go to all the TAFE Visual Arts and Design students currently showing their work in both Bathurst and Orange and while I am at it in Dubbo where I visited briefly in November. Lets hope we can sustain courses in the future as TAFE goes through the process of directing everyone into training packages for vocational outcomes.

This is always a time of endings and awaiting new beginnings, especially in the southern hemisphere. As we come to the end of an incredibly busy year for all

of us, we here at Arts OutWest bid farewell and thank some of our wonderful staff and others we have worked with for some time. Laura Stevens, acting media officer and Sarah Walkom, information officer for the past 3 months, leave us for the big smoke to seek new experiences following their studies and subsequent work here at CSU. Emily Read our Management intern also finishes up at Christmas along with Sue Sweetnam as Finance and Administration officer.

The new year will see us with a new full time Communications officer and a professional accounting finance officer, Bronwyn Gioenco. The Board is also accepting Richard Jackson as the new honorary treasurer to take over from Heather Blackley who has been holding the position in the interim for some time.

The Board and staff of Arts OutWest are pleased to have been able to deliver another year of high level arts promotion, assistance, education, advocacy and networking within the central west region. We look forward to re-engaging Councils and their communities that are currently not members of the regional arts program including Forbes, Mid-Western and Weddin Shires.

Thanks go to everyone who has made 2005 another culturally rich and diverse one in the arts for the whole community and we look forward to working with you in 2006.

Wishing you all a colourful, peaceful and creative Summer Solstice and Christmas Season.

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Local News

Welcome

To **Garry Styles** as the new General Manager for Orange City Council. Garry has been General Manager of Mudgee Shire and more recently the Mid-Western Regional Council and brings with him a strong commitment and understanding of the needs of the central west region of NSW.

Alison Reis begins as the new News Manager at Prime TV in Orange on December 19th. Alison has been a senior news reporter based in Wagga Wagga and has a long history working in the media including a stint at Radio 2BS in Bathurst. Arts OutWest looks forward to working with Alison on maintaining a high level of quality arts news for our region.

Farewell and thanks

Donna Farragher, the executive officer for CENTROC, the regional organisation of Councils for the central region of NSW, has been a great supporter and liaison with member Councils, for Arts OutWest over the past 3 years. We wish her well in her move to Newcastle.

John Kerrison, News Manager for Prime TV in Orange leaves us and with him comes a major change in our relationship with Prime TV as they take over full editorial control of arts news. Naturally Arts OutWest continues to work closely with the team there and encourage everyone involved with any type of cultural activity to advise us and advise Prime of any newsworthy stories, events and activities. I take this opportunity to thank Prime Television in Orange and in particular John Kerrison for his interest and dedication to maintaining a strong and vibrant arts news segment in most of the daily bulletins. John leaves us for a new position with the ABC based in Adelaide. I am sure you all join me in wishing him well.

TAFE Visual Arts and design students exhibitions close 7th Dec

The graduating students in Fine Arts, Visual Arts, Design, Digital Media and Website Design from the Bathurst and Orange Campus of the western Institute of TAFE are presenting their final works in an exhibition at the Link ArtSpace at Bathurst and in Building E in March St, Orange. The exhibitions feature the best work plus portfolios from 2005. The exhibitions are open 9am-5pm Monday to Friday.

Future of Visual Arts and Design courses at Western Institute of TAFE

Over the past few months Arts OutWest has been consulting with students, tutors and the Western Institute of TAFE's management team on the future directions for delivering Visual Arts and Design. The increased pressure on the Institute to deliver vocationally based outcomes and a high level of industry focussed packages has put great pressure on TAFE's budgets for providing courses that have not been identified as high need or priority employment and therefore cannot compete equally with the directions, some of which are government imposed, they are obliged to take.

In order to meet the system somewhere in between, Centres of Excellence have been established to maximise TAFE's resources, leading to Bathurst Campus focussing on Design and Multi-media, Orange on Fine Arts and Contemporary Music production and Dubbo Campus on Visual Arts, some design and multi-media and Aboriginal culture focussing on dance and music. Our question is what about all those people living in Lithgow, Oberon, Cowra (still offering ceramics), Forbes, Parkes, Condobolin, Wellington where no arts based courses are made available at all.

The opportunity does however exist to grow arts based traineeships and we are all hoping to see the detail in the proposed packages shortly.

In the meantime, any professional arts or culturally related practitioner, organisation or facility that is interested in taking on trainees are encouraged to be in touch with Arts OutWest. Let us know if you have a need or a possibility of taking on a trainee that would also need to be undertaking a Visual Arts training or any culturally based training that could be delivered through or in partnership with TAFE. This will also include the entertainment industry.

Together we need to sustain access to and delivery of Arts based courses in our region as a vital part of our community cultural life.

New Funding for Celebrate Ability arts and disability program 2006

Arts OutWest has been successful in receiving funding from the Commonwealth's Regional Arts Fund to enable workshops and exhibitions to be developed across the region featuring artists working with people with intellectual disability to bring out the amazing talents within everyone. Blayney resident and Gamillaroi artist Nyree Reynold spearheads this exciting new project. For more information or to become involved, contact Arts OutWest in the new year.

Artworks for Christmas

Orange Regional Gallery, L & S Gallery in Bathurst, Lithgow's Sweetbriar House, Parkes Craft Corner and many other galleries around the region are holding exhibitions of Artworks for sale right up until Christmas Eve. Find an original piece that would be an ideal Christmas gift for a loved one or even something for yourself. Paintings, drawings, framed prints and photographs Sculptures, ceramics and handmade jewellery will all be available.

CONGRATULATIONS

Cowra Art Gallery have recently won Best Non-Private Business in Cowra's 2005 Better Business Awards. The team of volunteers led by director Jacque Schultz are to be congratulated on their incredibly successful program of exhibitions, concerts, workshops, presentations and more. The gallery is never idle or empty. This was especially proven by the return of over 1000 audience surveys over Sept-Oct as part of an Audience Research study Regional Arts NSW's Lisa Anderson has been undertaking with our 3 main public galleries and two of our regional festivals this year. Arts OutWest will publish the summary results on the website when all have been compiled in 2006.

Also

To all the winners of the Eisteddfords, especially Kelso High School who came second in the State finals in Sydney.

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And...

congratulations to AOW Board member and Orange Councillor Peter

Hetherington who has recently taken up the position of manager National Network news compiled out of CSU's Bathurst campus and broadcast across the country 24 hrs a day.

Circus workshops continue in Forbes and Condobolin

Its been great to hear that both Forbes and Condobolin have followed up with ongoing regular Circus skills development as a direct result of the Circus Monoxide workshops held in August and September. Forbes High School students can chose to do circus as part of drama and physical education supported by teacher Hannah

In Condobolin, 25 young people continue to practise weekly both their circus and drumming skills following workshops held there. A mentoring program involving participants in the Work for the Dole program have also been included, giving rise to an integrated team approach not seen before in our region. For more information contact Heather Blackley 6895 3301.

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International Day of Violence Prevention in the Central West

Several exhibitions, arts and cultural events were held over the week commencing 25th November. Most particularly in Lithgow, a four week banner making project followed by a special community choir presentation were held and in Wellington a wonderfully colourful exhibition of quilts, craftwork, paintings and home made goodies in the Civic centre was topped by an evening cocktail party with the Stray Notes ac capella group entertaining. The events brought together victims, service providers, councillors and staff, and many community members. Congratulations to all who were involved and check two wonderful poems by Cilla Van der Velden specially written for the celebrations in Lithgow on our website.

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“**Living Free from Violence**” was the theme for a series of large Prayer Flags which were hung at the Lithgow Library Tuesday 28th November as part of White Ribbon Day. As in the Tibetan tradition prayer flags carry the message on the wind and all of those who come in contact with these flags receive their blessing. The bold and colourful images came about from a series of workshops held with members of the Lithgow community. Together they developed their own symbols which were then painted onto the flags. The workshops were facilitated by Kate McCarthy & Martin Moore and funded by Lithgow Community Projects, Lithgow City Council and Lithgow Domestic Violence Liaison Committee.

Elvis Revival Festival 2006 to be even bigger than before

If you have never experienced this festival and never been to Parkes in Summer, may we suggest you do not miss the coming year's festival. If its hot – you also can jump into Parkes Shire's pool and then practise your dancing and crooning up at the main venue at Gracelands Function Centre in the talent quest. Ph. 6862 4365

Summer workshops abound in January

There is a great choice of Summer workshops being offered throughout the region. In Orange the AEF offers a wide range of choices, while Mitchell School of Creative Arts in Bathurst focuses on techniques in drawing and painting. School holiday programs are offered in most libraries, at the regional art galleries and at some community centres. Check our what's On Calendar, the Workshops and Seminars section and contact your local Council for further details.

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Arts News

Must have more stories here.....

Before the Lights Go Out

PACT Youth Theatre is Sydney Leading contemporary multi art form theatre company for young people. The final show for 2005, Before the Lights Go Out runs from the 7 – 11 December 2005. Before the Lights Go Out is a bizarre

and apocalyptic performance. For more information and bookings
www.sydneyoperahouse.com/thestudio

New Season Crop

Graduating students from the College of Fine Arts will be exhibiting works until the 17th December. There is captivating work from students in Animation, Graphics, Media, Sculpture and much more. The College of Fine Arts, Cnr Greens Rd and Oxford St, Paddington

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Grants

Playing Australia

Grants to assist performing arts organisations to expand Their touring activities, help venues and locally based organisations to host touring activities See www.dcita.gov.au/arts/arts/playingaustralia

Close 15 Dec

Country Arts Support Program

CASP provides small grants to arts and community organisations, Regional Arts Boards and local arts councils in regional NSW for short term, locally initiated projects. Contact Arts OutWest to discuss project plans and ideas in advance as this is a highly competitive grants program. Ph. 6338 4657

See www.regionalartsnsw.com.au **Close 14 February**

Australia Council Support for the Arts

Community Cultural Development

New Work **15 April 2006**

Fellowship **1 April 2006**

Program Grants **1 July 2006**

Contact the project officers on 1800 226 912

For guidelines and applications forms go to <http://www.ozco.gov.au>

The Pratt Prize for a New Musical Theatre Work

The Prize is available to any Australian citizen or resident.

\$80,000 including \$50,000 cash and \$30,000 value of public workshop

performance by The Production Company, Melbourne

Guidelines and entry requirements is available from

www.theproductioncompany.com.au or by writing to "The Pratt Prize", c/- Pratt Holdings, Locked Bag 10, Collins St East, Melbourne 8003

Closes June 30, 2006

ANZ Staff Foundation

Non for profit Organisations throughout Australia can apply for grants to assist them with Skills and independence, local initiatives and more.

www.anz.com.au/aus/aboutanz/Community/Programs/StaffFound.asp

Close 15 January and 15 July

National Cultural Heritage Account

Grants to provide assistance in the acquisition of Australian protected objects for safekeeping and display See www.deh.gov.au/heritage/programs **Ongoing**

Quick Turnaround Grants

Grants of up to \$1500, provide urgent assistance for local arts and cultural projects with preference given to regional and remote communities.

Applications are advised with 5 working days. For more information

www.regionalartsnsw.com.au/grants.qtg.html **No Deadline**

For more grants, please refer to other issues of ArtSpeak

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Opportunities

Invitations to all Local and Regional Artists

Cowra Japanese Gardens are currently planning the Gardens 2006 exhibition roster. Manager of the Garden, Jenny Miller would like to extend an open invitation to all local and regional artists interested in showcasing their works to contact the garden. Contact Jenny 6341 2233

Support for Central West writers

For details of writing opportunities and competitions contact the Central West Writers Centre on (02) 63938125 or email Penny Marr writing@netwit.net.au. See also www.nswwriterscentre.org.au

...and beyond the Central West

Whichway – Workshop Ideas

Whichway (MusicNSW's **Indigenous Music Program**) is looking for Expression of interest from communities/organisations/artists/other interested groups about workshops for 2006. Anything related to any part of the music industry. Contact Claire 96 999 706 claire@musicnsw.com
www.musicnsw.com

Avant Cards – Calling All Artists

Avant Card has a program to provide national exposure for emerging Australian artists and to showcase fantastic images onto display. Images are chosen on their ability to inspire, innovate, inform or intrigue the general public. The image must look good on a postcard. Submit your image along with a brief description to Rebecca Marsh, Avant Card Calling all Artists 165 Victoria St Beaconsfield NSW 2015 or rebecca@avantcard.com.au

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The Mortimore Prize

The Dubbo Indoor Gallery invites artists in the open or junior section to submit portraiture for prize money. This is the first Annual Mortimore prize. For more information contact Dubbo Indoors Gallery.

2006 Thredbo Art with Altitude

Artists are invited to submit applications for inclusion in the bi-annual Art with Altitude exhibition to be held in Thredbo 27 February – 5 March 2006.

www.thredbo.com.au **Closes 5 December**

Vibewire Images Competition

Cool prizes, fame, notoriety and your image printed on 20 000 Avant cards. Visit vibewire.net/imagescomp for details and entry forms.

UWS Acquisitive Sculpture Award and Exhibition 2006

The University of Western Sydney (UWS) is calling for artists to submit work for inclusion in the second UWS Acquisitive Sculpture Award and Exhibition to be held on the Cambelltown Campus until 22 Oct 2006. For more information

www.usw.edu.au

The Black Dog Writing Competition

Articles being sought, addressing the topic of 'How to live with the Black Dog (Depression)' word limit 500 and 1500 words. www.blackdoginstitute.org.au

Closes 31 January

Workshop your script with Edward Albee

Awards are offered in these categories; Open, Emerging Indigenous, Youth, Regional and Grey matter. Full length play scripts should be submitted to TheatreLab for adjudication in this new Australian playwriting award. Winning writers receive \$1000 cash, a chance to workshop their script in Sydney. For more information www.theatrelab.com.au

2006 Bald Archy Prize

The Bald Archy is an alternative Archibald Prize for comic or satiric portraits. The finalists work will tour a number of venues. For more information baldarchy@westnet.com.au or 0439 672 231 **Closes early February**

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Conferences, Seminars & Workshops

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Leading Voices Seminar

Two intensive workshop; 21 November: a one-day workshop offering a practical step-by-step, comprehensive new approach to planning, managing, and monitoring audience growth.

22 November: a one-day workshop to discover what makes visitors tick, their different motivations and more. www.fuel4arts.com/leadingvoices

Aurora – Intensive workshop for Australian Scripts

The New South Wales Film and Television Office are calling for applicants to AURORA 2006, the internationally renowned two part script development program that emphasizes the creative tea. For guidelines, application forms and further information visit www.fto.nsw.gov.au

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On Offer

Sirens of Song

Sirens of Song is an exciting new classical company providing entertainment to the corporate, concert and cruise industries. Suitable for any occasion, Sirens of Song are two very glamorous divas who bring elegance and excitement wherever they go. Sirens of Song have an extensive portfolio and are currently seeking to expand its corporate and concert appearances. For more information www.sirensongsong.com.au

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15th of the month prior to the month of publication to make sure you get into the calendar, to be heard on radio, and noticed on TV where possible. Please put this date into your diaries monthly to ensure maximum coverage of your event.

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Join Arts OutWest. Individual member \$20, Organisation \$30 per annum.

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