

Media Release

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Central West councils the winners in Local Government Cultural Awards



Four Central West projects have been named winners at the 2010 Local Government Cultural Awards ceremony held at NSW Parliament on Thursday April 29.

Arts OutWest congratulates Parkes Shire Council and Orange City council on winning awards for their cultural work, infrastructure and partnerships.

Orange City Council was a triple winner. The project, *Wiradjuri Language and Culture in Orange* won the People's Choice Award; *Survey of Significant Landscape Features* won Programs Projects and Partnerships, Division B and the *Orange Regional Conservatorium Redevelopment* won Cultural Infrastructure, Division B.

Parkes Shire Council's *Welcome to part of Wiradjuri Country Signage Project* won the Aboriginal Cultural Development, Division A award.

Arts OutWest Executive Officer Tracey Callinan congratulates all the nominated councils from the Central West and praised them for their active roles in developing culture and cultural assets in their communities.

"The success of our local councils in these awards really reflects the innovative ways local governments in regional areas engage in arts and culture with their communities," said Ms Callinan.

The People's Choice Award, won by Orange City Council, is chosen by the public and the award is calculated as a percentage of each Council's population so everybody has an equal chance to win.

Seven projects from the region were nominated for this year's Local Government Cultural Awards, including three from Bathurst Regional Council.

State-wide seventeen councils received awards.

Project details are available on the 2010 Local Government Cultural Awards website, www.culturalawards.lgsa.org.au under the 'Projects' tab.

Picture: Buralgang Aboriginal Dance Group from the People's Choice Award winning Wiradjuri Language and Culture in Orange project.