



Media Release

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Free Funding Workshop with Regional Arts NSW

Learn how to tap into arts funding at a free workshop in Forbes on Tuesday May 17.

The state peak body, Regional Arts NSW, will be joined by the local arts organisation, Arts OutWest, in presenting a one-day insight into the world of arts funding.

One of a series of funding workshops across the state, the workshop targets areas which have not previously applied for major arts funding or have missed out in the past.

Everyone interested in applying for funding to support their arts or cultural projects is encouraged to attend.

Regional Arts NSW held a similar workshop in Grenfell in 2009, which was completely booked out well in advance with a long waiting list. A large number of participants at that workshop went on to submit successful funding bids over the following year. Workshop participants are expected to attend this Forbes workshop from across the Central West.

The workshop in Forbes will be delivered by Regional Arts NSW Funding Officer Ben Sibson. Mr Sibson will focus particularly on the Regional Arts Fund, one of the key funding sources for arts and cultural activities in regional, rural and remote communities of NSW.

The Regional Arts Fund (RAF) is an initiative of the Australian Government. It supports arts and cultural activities that have long term cultural, economic and social benefits, promote partnerships and cultural networks, and provide skills development opportunities. Applications for the Regional Arts Fund (NSW) close in August 2011.

In NSW, the RAF is administered by Regional Arts NSW. Funding is available for projects commencing after 1 January 2012 in the categories of New Initiatives, Partnerships and Residencies and Mentorships. Funding is available for one, two or three year projects.

When: Tuesday May 17, 10am-3pm
Where: Forbes Town Hall
Cost: FREE. Places limited.
RSVP: By Friday May 13 to Arts OutWest 02 6338 4657

More info on the Regional Arts Fund: www.regionalartsnsw.com.au/grants/raf.html