

MEDIA RELEASE

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Free workshops for Aboriginal artists

Arts OutWest's workshops for Aboriginal artists and performers will continue this month across the Central West.

There will be workshops for young dancers, workshops in film making and hip hop, and workshops for visual artists.

It's all leading up to a big regional gathering and showcase called *Marramarra* ('make, create, do') to be held in Bathurst on July 12.

The visual arts workshops are open to all Aboriginal visual artists in the region and will be a combination of art making alongside skills for selling your work on the professional market.

Visual arts workshops have so far been held in Parkes, Cowra and Dubbo and continue now in Bathurst (Tuesday May 10) and Lake Cargelligo (May 16 & 17).

Workshop facilitator Sean Cassidy says the workshops have an informal feel but address important skills for Aboriginal artists wanting to take their work to the next level:

"We've been looking at topics like choosing good materials to work with, how to approach galleries, pricing your work and commissions. I'm also keen to help participants gain confidence in talking about their artwork, bringing the story or meaning out when explaining it to others."

Dance and film making workshops will also be held as part of the regional program. Aboriginal dance workshops will happen in Condobolin (May 10-11), Lake Cargelligo (May 12 and June 24) and Cowra (May 9 and June 16).

Desert Pea Media will run film making and hip hop music workshops in Orange (June 22-30), Wellington (June 24-26) and Condobolin (July 1-3).

All workshops are free but bookings are encouraged. Contact Arts OutWest on 6338 4657 to book or if you need assistance travelling to a workshop.

The workshops and regional event have been funded by the NSW Government through Arts NSW. It forms part of Arts OutWest's Aboriginal Arts strategy, a program funded by the federal government through the Office for the Arts' Indigenous Programs.

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Dates and venues of workshops on the next page.



VISUAL ARTS

Open to all Aboriginal visual artists in the Central West region.

Artists for the exhibition in July will be selected from people who come along to these workshops. It's about taking your art to the next level, learning business skills for artists and preparing your work for exhibitions.

Bathurst

Tuesday May 10, 10am-3pm, Bathurst TAFE

Lake Cargelligo

Monday May 16 and Tuesday May 17, 10am-3pm, Lake Cargelligo TAFE

CONTEMPORARY DANCE

Workshops with contemporary Wiradjuri dancer and choreographer Jo Clancy creating a performance for the Regional gathering in July.

Condobolin

Tuesday May 10, 1-3pm, Wednesday May 11, 10am-12noon & Friday June 17, 12noon-3pm
Condobolin High School

Lake Cargelligo

Thursday May 12. 10am-2pm & Friday June 24, 11am-2pm - Lake Cargelligo TAFE

Cowra

Monday May 9, 11am-3pm & Thursday June 16, 11am-2pm - Cowra High School

FILM MAKING & HIP HOP MUSIC

Film making and hip hop workshops with Desert Pea Media.

Orange

June 22-23 & 29-30, OCTEC Learning Connections, Orange

Condobolin

Friday July 1- Sunday July 3, Condobolin

Wellington

Film making with Desert Pea and dance with Bruce Carr. Friday June 24-Sunday June 26 - Wellington

GET INVOLVED

To put your name down for any of these workshops or for a flyer with all the details contact: Arts OutWest on 6338 4657 or artsoutwest@csu.edu.au or talk to Aboriginal Arts Development Officer Ted Budd on 0428 041 108 or ted@artsoutwest.org.au

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