

Media Release

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Country Arts Support Program funds 14 local arts projects

The NSW government has announced \$16,540 in small projects funding to the Central West through the Country Arts Support Program (CASP).

Yet again there was a huge demand from the Central West region for the funding, with 23 applicants seeking more than \$40,000 in funds. 14 applications from the Central West region were successful in the 2010 round, with projects spread across the region.

CASP is a key regional arts funding program for NSW which provides support to employ artists in locally initiated arts and cultural projects. The aim is to provide access to arts activities for small communities, to encourage communities to work together on cultural projects, to foster cultural diversity in the region and to ensure that regional and rural areas have an artistic voice.

The grants of between \$200 and \$3000 are distributed by Regional Arts NSW. The region received a much needed, one-off, 15% boost in CASP funding for the 2010 program.

Arts OutWest Executive Officer Tracey Callinan said “these fourteen diverse projects offer exciting new opportunities to communities, arts makers and audiences in the region. They also offer genuine employment opportunities to local artists and arts workers.”

Some of the projects receiving funding include:

- A 10-week program of music and dance classes at Corinella Public School
- Weekly Circus workshops for school-aged kids with a professional circus trainer in Condoboinin
- An art workshop in Peak Hill which brings together indigenous and non-indigenous people
- A new arts festival in Rockley

2010 saw a large number of applications from groups who have not before applied for any kind of funding. Many applicants took advantage of grant writing workshops held by Arts OutWest to polish their proposals and grant application skills.

“The grants encourage communities to work together on cultural projects, foster cultural diversity in the regions and ensure regional and rural areas have an artistic voice,” said NSW Minister for the Arts, Virginia Judge.

CASP is managed by Regional Arts NSW with Arts OutWest coordinating the application process locally in the Central West.

As the Regional Arts Board, Arts OutWest services the 12 local government areas of Bathurst Region, Blayney, Cabonne, Cowra, Forbes, Lachlan, Lithgow, Oberon, Orange, Parkes and Weddin and Wellington.

State-wide \$245,000 was distributed through CASP. See the full list of all 155 NSW projects at www.regionalartsnsw.com.au

Successful 2010 Central West Country Arts Support Program projects

Alectown Memorial Hall Management Committee	Alectown Hall Bush Dance	The Alectown Hall Committee will hold a dance at Alectown Hall, with music provided by Dubbo band 'The Bush Curlews' and poetry readings by Daryl Lawrence.	\$800
Bathurst High School P&C	Artsmart Workshop - An Introduction to Oil Painting for Teens and Parents	Evening painting classes will be held for teenagers and one of their parents. The aim of the project is to enhance relationships between teenagers and their parents by providing an opportunity for them to share an enjoyable and creative learning experience.	\$1,200
Bathurst Regional Council	GrabARRRT	This reverse cycle art workshop will add to the art activities available to young people involved in the 'Live It Now' Youth Week Festival 2010 held at Learmonth Park (Skate Park) on 17 April, 2010. Artist Bernadette Wood will be employed to run this 1 day workshop. Work will then be displayed in the Headspace office and other youth friendly venues in Bathurst.	\$1,200
Corinella Parents and Citizens Association (P&C)	Rhythm of Life	Rhythm of Life is a 10-week program consisting of music and dance classes to be implemented at school during term 2-3 for all children K-6, culminating in a performance as part of the community festival day. Local Forbes music and dance teachers will oversee the programming and implementation of weekly sessions with the students with community participation in the performance event.	\$1,500
Eugowra Promotion & Progress Association Inc.	Bushranger Silhouette	To capitalise on the bushranger history of our village, the Eugowra Promotion & Progress Association will construct a bushranger silhouette on the approach to the town.	\$1,500
Forbes Country Music Club	Bedgererbong Country Music Campout	Guest artist performances at the Bedgererbong Country Music Campout in October 2010.	\$1,000
Lachlan Arts Council	Circus Workshops	Local performer Irina Mathias will coordinate and provide weekly workshops for school aged children on a Saturday morning. Workshops will include face painting tips, and a variety of circus techniques. Workshops will be held at Condobolin Primary School Hall.	\$1,100
Peak Hill Leisure Arts and Craft Council Inc.	Come Join Us Weekend	A two day workshop conducted by three local artists - renowned Aboriginal artist Gail Naden, talented folk artist Kim Willoughby and inspiring patchworker Lesley Morgan - will allow and encourage all members of our community, especially those of aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent, to try these arts and subsequently join our weekly groups on an ongoing basis.	\$1,000
Penny For Your Thoughts Productions	The Beauty Project	The Beauty Project is a theatrical production to be performed for the wider Bathurst community with a focus on young adults as both participants and audience. The show will be toured to surrounding towns as a work in progress for	\$1,000

		feedback and workshopping during pre-production.	
Portland Pool Mural Working Party	Portland Pool Youth Mural	To create a mosaic mural working with schools and community groups. The mural aims to enhance the youth of Portland's community spirit through workshops that build confidence, artistic and technical skills.	\$1,840
Presbyterian Church of Australia in State of NSW Parish of Condobolin	Kiacatoo Bush Dance	A community bush dance for Condobolin and surrounding areas at Kiacatoo Hall on 4th September 2010. Music provided by 'The Bush Curlews'.	\$1,300
Rockley Sports and Recreation Association	Peppers Creek Art Festival	The Rockley Sport and Recreation Association will hold an Art Festival including an exhibition and workshops at the Sportsground Hall from the weekends of the 12th/13th July and the 18th, 19th and 20th July.	\$600
Yeoval & District Progress Association	Arts With Mulga Bill	Painting and sculpting will be completed at the Mulga Bill Festival by two well known artists, using two different mediums. The artists will complete their work in front of visitors as a Festival attraction interacting with the public and works will then be displayed in Yeoval.	\$1,500
Parkes and District Country Music Association	2PK Country Music Spectacular	Workshops by Wayne Horsburgh as part of the 43rd annual 2PK Country Music Spectacular in Parkes.	\$1,000