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## Healing Space exhibition at Bathurst Health Service

22 July to 14 September, 2011

Artworks by seven professional artists from the Arts OutWest region are currently on exhibition in the Bathurst Health Service until September 14.

This exhibition falls within two of Arts OutWest's current strategic project areas: Arts and Health and development of the Creative Industries.

The artworks are on show in the level 2 corridors 'Healing Space' of Bathurst Health Service. It is the health service's fourth exhibition of 2011. The exhibitions provide the users and workers in the health service with interesting and diverse works which provide a form of distraction and create discussion.

Each of the seven artists has their own unique style, choice of materials and approach to their work. All were involved in the 'Artists Speed Dating' professional development event earlier this year.

Artist Julie Williams has been working in the Hill End landscape for the last ten years. Central to her practice are the relationships between people, landscape and the built environment.

Cate McCarthy (Yetholme), who uses charcoal collected from the reserve "up the back", comments on her link to materials: "I like to use my hands with this dirt/ochre. It is so much more immediate and connected to the surface".

Cate said: "My work has been about connection, light and dark and life and death. Our story is in the air that we breathe".

Cathie Hale's figurative paintings are drawn from the imagination. Bathurst artist Cathie says "My work is inspired by people I have met. These paintings were executed after a 12 month camping trip with my family around Australia".

Also exhibiting is Joy Engelman (Orange). Her work *This Sacred Place* won the Lorenzo il Magnifico at the Florence Biennale in Italy in 2007 and has been acclaimed internationally as a work that 'encapsulates the true language of art'.

Ruth Stone (Millthorpe) is exhibiting her works *Swoosh* and *Lovers Knot*.

Heidi Lefebvre (Cumnock) has landscapes and Nyree Reynolds (Blayney) also has works in the exhibition.

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