

MEDIA RELEASE

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FIRST COMMUNITY MEETING TO BE HELD FOR THE PARKES HOSPITAL CULTURE AND ARTS PROGRAM

The Lachlan Health Services Project has engaged Arts OutWest to integrate culture and arts into the Forbes and Parkes Hospital redevelopments.

A Culture and Arts Working Group has been established which includes representation from the Lachlan Health Service Project team, Arts OutWest, the Lachlan Health Council and health staff.

The Working Group is responsible for implementing a flexible and sustainable program that promotes well-being and creates a welcoming, vibrant place for the Forbes and Parkes communities.

The Working Group will conduct a comprehensive community consultation process to ensure the culture and arts program embodies the unique local environment and people.

Forbes community members will be invited to provide their thoughts on the culture and arts program through a variety of organised activities and channels.

The first Parkes community consultation meetings will be held on Wednesday 11th of March at 11:00am-12:30pm and 5:30-7pm at the Coventry Room, 25 Bogan St, Parkes. These meetings will give Parkes community members an opportunity to provide input into their hospital's Culture and Arts Program.

The meeting will include discussion on similar arts and health programs from around the world, explain the role of Arts OutWest in the consultation, and a session for community members to provide their ideas and insights into the program. Community input will be fed back to the Culture & Arts Working Group and a follow up meeting will be held where a draft strategy will be presented for discussion.

Community members can also speak to Christine McMillan, Arts & Health Coordinator for Arts Outwest via informal 'Talk to Me' sessions at the Parkes Library on Thursday 12th of March from 10am-3.30pm. ***"These meetings are an opportunity for the Parkes community to ask questions and give us input about what they'd like to see included in the culture & arts program and how they think the program can contribute to the hospital environment"*** said McMillan.

The Lachlan Health Service Project includes the \$72.5 million redevelopment of a new Parkes Hospital and the \$40.9 million refurbishment of Forbes Hospital. Construction is scheduled to be complete in early 2016.

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NOTICE OF COMMUNITY MEETING

Culture & Arts Program - Parkes Hospital

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The Culture and Arts Working Group is currently conducting a comprehensive community consultation process to ensure the culture and arts program embodies the local environment and people. Community members and other stakeholders are invited to provide input through a variety of organised activities and channels.

Wednesday 11th of March
2 Sessions:
11:00am to 12:30pm & 5:30 to 7:00pm
Venue:
Coventry Room
25 Bogan St, Parkes

Refreshments provided

RSVP:

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