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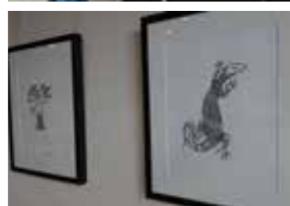
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lachlan lithgow oberon orange parkes weddin**

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Clockwise from top left: exhibitions at Jimmy Little Gathering (photo: Zenio Lapka); James Henry & cousin Bradley perform at The Jimmy Little Gathering (M.Jaques); Scott Sauce Towney Wiradjuri Constellations projected onto the dome at Cementia17 in Kandos as part of the Big Skies Collaboration (photo: Alex Wisser); Weaving workshop at The Jimmy Little Gathering (Z.Lapka); Scott Sauce Towney Wiradjuri Constellation artworks framed at the Big Skies Big Gig in Parkes; Centre: Glenn Dennis work (detail) at Kew-Y-Ahn Aboriginal Gallery at Hartley.

Clockwise from top left: Aboriginal Arts Development Officer Aleshia Lonsdale (centre) at the Jimmy Little Gathering (photo: Zenio Lapka); Kalmadyne Goombidge and Radical Son at The Jimmy Little Gathering; Nyree Reynolds Wiradjuri decals on doors of Blayney Hospital; Madhuu Yinaa dance at The Jimmy Little Gathering (Z.Lapka).



Kew-Y-Ahn Gallery, a partnership with National Parks and Wildlife Services, hosted Lithgow artist Glenn Dennis' solo exhibition and year round display and sale of works from over **20 Aboriginal artists** from the Central West.

Aboriginal Arts Development Officer Aleshia Lonsdale curated 'Reflections' exhibition at the **Grenfell Art Gallery**

Supported **Kelso Women's Groups** weekly art sessions leading to the installation of their work into Bathurst Hospital including de-cals of the participants' designs

Supporting the roll out **Wiradjuri door signage** at hospitals across Western NSW Local Health District

Supported **Scott 'Sauce' Towney** from Peak Hill in presentation of work for **Cementa 17** (a contemporary art festival) as part of the **Big Skies Collaboration**. Funded by the Regional Arts Fund.

Produced **Jimmy Little Gathering** at Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre. A celebration of contemporary Aboriginal dance, visual arts, craft-making and music with workshops, an exhibition and performances. Funded by the Aboriginal Regional Arts Fund and Bathurst Land Council.

Aleshia worked on the **Star Picket** project with The Corridor Project at Cowra

Christine ran regional **belly casting** training for health workers through the **Aboriginal Maternal Infant Health Strategy (AMIHS)**

aboriginal arts

**8 exhibitions delivered across
5 locations by Arts OutWest in 2017**

Arts OutWest supported History Here, an intergenerational projects which resulted in students from five schools in Cabonne and Orange investigating local history and producing short films.

including writers groups, events and visual arts work. Funded by the Regional Arts Fund.

"The process of researching a local event or character, writing a script and acting it out, really brought the story to life." teacher involved in History Here

Arts OutWest supported the work of **Big Skies Collaboration**,



lifelong learning in the arts

Lindy Hume Platform Paper launch and forum on 'regional arts', Bathurst

Winter Arts Networking in Bathurst, Orange and Lithgow

Bathurst Sings choral event showcasing local choirs.

Wellbeing projects (see Arts & Health)

Rural Arts & Culture Symposium, Forbes

Villages of the Heart, Arts OutWest supported Orange Regional Museum in developing public art concepts in Blayney, Cabonne and Orange

Arts OutWest continued to support the **'Artshed' Artist Run Initiative (ARI)**, which began in 2017, bringing together artists with and without disability. Activities included public workshops and the 'Invincible' exhibition at Tremains Mill Bathurst



CASP

Six local groups across the Central West shared \$17,141 in funding for small arts projects in the 2017 round of the Country Arts Support Program (CASP).

CASP is a devolved funding program administered by Regional Arts NSW and local regional arts organisations on behalf of the NSW Government. Applications are assessed locally by a panel.

Projects funded in 2017 were:

- 'Fun Theatre for the Very Young' in Bathurst
- Developing a peace precinct in Parkes
- Art and drama workshops for children in Millthorpe
- Workshops celebrating the 150th birthday of Henry Lawson in Grenfell
- Forbes Town Band commission of a history song
- Aboriginal art based workshops for children in Bathurst.

cultural tourism

Working with Orange City Council on early development of **Villages of the Heart** public art project across five towns in the Orange and Cabonne area

Contributed to and led discussions around **cultural tourism** including as a focus of the **Rural Arts & Culture Symposium** and as an outcome of the **Skywriters Big Gig**

Promoted **2460 local arts and cultural events** through our communications program
Arts OutWest co-presented **two projects as part of Cementia Festival 2017**: a vocal project with Super Critical Mass and the Skydome (see *Aboriginal arts*).

Left to right: Kathy Cameron from Bathurst Theatre Company's 'Fun Theatre For The Very Young' (photo: Western Advocate); Millthorpe Arts Collective's school holiday workshops (photo: Blayney Chronicle). **FACING PAGE**: Clockwise from top left: Big Skies Collaboration coordinator Merrill Findlay, astronomers Donna Riles and Trevor Leaman and Parkes Mayor Ken Keith at the Big Skies: Skywriters Big Gig in Parkes; Opening of Artshed's 'Invincible' exhibition at Tremains Mill Bathurst (photo: Dean Mobbs); Winter Arts Networking in Lithgow (photo: Greater Lithgow Arts Council); History Here filming at Borenore Caves (photo: Vince Loveccio); Centre: Super Critical Mass performance at Cementia17 (photo: Alex Wisser. **BACK COVER**: sculpture created by artist Damian Castaldi and Solonge Kershaw based on drawings by residents at Jemalong Residential Village. The sculpture is part of JRV's new indoor sculpture garden for the dementia unit (photo: Jay-Lee Zagrovic). **FRONT COVER**: Peak Hill Aboriginal artist Scott Sauce Towney Wiradjuri Constellations at Cementia17 in Kandos as part of the Big Skies Collaboration (photo: Alex Wisser)



Arts OutWest 2017

from the chair - Fran Charge

2017 has been an exciting year as Arts OutWest continues to empower people and communities through the arts. It is a privilege and an honour to chair this dynamic and well regarded Regional Arts Development Organisation. I would like to thank Libby Oldham, our Chair for the past six years, for her hard work and dedication.

I especially wish to acknowledge and thank our Executive Director, Tracey Callinan. Under Tracey's dynamic leadership, Arts OutWest continues to aim for excellence in the core work of supporting the arts and culture. Tracey has an excellent ability to move Arts OutWest in many exciting directions, while all the time building partnerships with other arts organisations.

A huge thank you goes out to all our board members. You are a great group who demonstrate a cohesiveness and ability to contribute fully. Thank you for travelling so far to attend, for your input and on-going support for both myself and Tracey.

So looking ahead to 2018: Arts OutWest is aiming to put in place a new constitution which will see us move towards a skills-based board. Arts OutWest are pleased to host the NSW Regional Arts event Artstate in November this year. See you there!

2017 who we are

Executive Director: Tracey Callinan
Communications Officers: Maryanne Jaques (2 days/wk); Jo Dicksen (3 days/wk to July); Rebecca Wilson (3 days/wk, from Aug inc projects)
Aboriginal Arts Development Officer: Aleshia Lonsdale
Arts and Health Coordinator: Christine McMillan
Project Officer: Penny May (to August)
Finance Officer: Kathy Weekes
Volunteer: Heather Scott

Board: Fran Charge (Oberon); Vice-Chair – Cr Sharon Wilcox, (Cabonne); Treasurer – Bronwyn Giovenco (elected); Secretary – Cr Carly Brown (Weddin); Heather Blackley (Lachlan); Cr Susan Chau (Forbes); Brian Langer (Cowra); Cr Steven Lesslie (Lithgow); Scott Maunder (Orange); Kay Nankervis (CSU); Nyree Reynolds (Blayney); Cr Monica Morse (Bathurst); Kylie Shead (elected); Warrick Tom (Parkes). Retired from Board at AGM: Libby Oldham.

Auditors: DJ Weeks. Crowe Horwarth.

Funding partners: Core program funded by the NSW Government through Create NSW, eleven Member Councils (Bathurst Region, Blayney, Cabonne, Cowra, Forbes, Lachlan, Lithgow, Oberon, Orange, Parkes, Weddin), Charles Sturt University, the Australian government's IVAS. Additional funding for strategic projects from: Create NSW, NSW Health Infrastructure and Lachlan Health Service, the Australian government's Regional Arts Fund, the NSW government's Aboriginal Regional Art Fund, Jemalong Residential Village (Catholic Health Care), House with No Steps, NSW Office of Environment & Heritage, with in-kind support from partners including NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service and many other local and regional organisations.

projects

Some of the projects Arts OutWest was involved with in 2017
For more details head to artsoutwest.org.au



annual report

advice, support and advocacy

Over **18,000 attendances** at Arts OutWest activities, events and exhibitions

109 artists received income through being **contracted or commissioned for work in Arts OutWest projects** (including partner projects) or through work sold on consignment at Arts OutWest exhibitions.

114 individuals and 80 organisations received direct advice, support or were actively involved in the development of projects

Arts OutWest **staff were members of 7 advisory groups or funding assessment panels** at regional, state or national level

Provided support to individuals and organisations on **38 funding applications**.

Arts OutWest staff attended over 50 meetings or events to advocate for the arts.

Communication

Marketing campaigns produced for 25 Arts OutWest projects/ activities

Excellent media coverage of projects across print, TV, radio and digital media

New online **What's On directory** launched in July **▲ 37%** increase in use

2460 regional events promoted via our What's On online directory ▲ 36%

1300 regional events and opportunities promoted on our regular radio spots (ABC Central West, 2MMM, 2MCE, 2BS)

Total social media reach up by 21% on previous year

3400 followers on Twitter ▲ 7%

2351 Instagram followers (2 accounts managed) ▲ 50%

1972 total Facebook followers (3 pages managed) ▲ 15%

36 Artspeak and e-alert emails to 919 subscribers ▲ 12%



arts and health

Regional Wellbeing project targeting good mental health, supported by House with No Steps: Song-writing for Men in Grenfell, choirs in Bathurst and Cowra, mosaic making at Bloomfield Hospital, supporting Lithgow's Subliminal festival, weekly art making workshops for carers of people with mental health issues in Forbes and Parkes.

Managed 11 projects in the Lachlan Health Service Culture and Arts program which was part of the redevelopment of Forbes and Parkes Hospitals.

Art and dementia sessions at Jemalong Residential Village, Forbes.

Digital Interactive Garden project at Jemalong Residential Village, Forbes. Artists Damian Castaldi and Solonge Kershaw working with the residents.

Musicians in Hospitals training for **six regional musicians to work in hospital and health setting.** Training at Parkes Hospital with Opus (UK) and local experts with follow up sessions in other hospitals across the region.

Tracey guest speaker at art and health events on the NSW South Coast and NSW Central Coast.

Arts and Health Coordinator Christine McMillan is a member of the NSW Leadership Team for arts and health with the Creative Institute of Health.

Christine was part of the dementia roadshow, presenting stories and advice about caring for people with dementia.

Continued to manage the arts and health program at Bathurst Hospital.

Pictures this page (top to bottom): Waiting Room Project launch; Participants in the Grenfell Songwriting for Men projects, part of our Wellbeing program (photo: Denise Yates); Participant in Grenfell Songwriting for Men during the recording (D.Yates); JRV resident in the weekly art and dementia sessions (photo: Jay-Lee Zagrovic).



Clockwise from top: Abby Smith and Sophie Jones running the Wellbeing Choir in Bathurst; Participants in the Wellbeing for carers of people with mental health issues workshops in Parkes (photo: Pol Cruz); JRV sculpture garden piece (J.Zagrovic); exhibition at Lithgow's Subliminal, supported by Wellbeing project; Western NSW Health's Scott MacLachlan with Stan Grant Snr at opening of Wiradjuri signage project; Mosaic workshops in the Ameroo Ward at Bloomfield Hospital for the Wellbeing project.

arts and health

25 arts and health projects delivered around the region by Arts OutWest in 2017

"It was life changing." Blair Gough, Musicians in Hospitals trainee

"Thank you Arts OutWest for ... sending four talented and fun musicians to my daughter's hospital room at Orange Health Service this morning. It was uh-mazing, they were great fun, talented and very generous with their time. We really, really, really appreciated a visit from them." Kathy, parent

"..many spin-off benefits to our community, including local song-writing skills development and increased connectedness between men of all ages throughout the Weddin Shire." Phillip Diprose, Grenfell Men's Shed

Lino Print: Selina Brandy



Clockwise from top left: Colouring Books featuring ten central west artists produced for the Lachlan Culture and Arts program; Stephan de Wit van der Merwe at Parkes Hospital for Musicians in Hospitals training (photo: Jay-Lee Zagrovic); Musicians in Hospitals training (J.Zagrovic); Cod Nobori flags fly at the Kalar Lachlan River Arts Festival, created in Wellbeing workshops in Forbes (photo: Ro Burns); Participants in the Musicians in Hospitals training play for a newborn baby and her grandmother at Parkes Hospital (J.Zagrovic); History display at Parkes Hospital; artist Nyree Reynolds showing her work during the opening of the Wiradjuri signage at Blayney Hospital; Tracey Callinan speaks at arts and health presentation for Central Coast Council.