

Tuesday May 30, 2017

Arts' role in dementia and palliative care highlighted in upcoming public talks

Arts OutWest's arts and health coordinator Christine McMillan will be a guest speaker at Dementia and Palliative Care information sessions in Bathurst, Parkes, Orange, Dubbo and Blacktown.

Christine McMillan will talk about 'Art Connections', an art and dementia program coordinated by Arts OutWest at **Jemalong Residential Village**, Forbes.

The **Dementia and Palliative Care 'Getting it Together'** sessions provide insights into the management of "Dementia as a Palliative Illness" and will be of great value to clinicians, health care workers carers of people of dementia and members of the general public with in an interest in Dementia.

The sessions will be held June 19 -23 (see attached for itinerary) and are presented by **PEPA** (Program of Excellence in the Palliative Approach) in conjunction with **Western NSW LHD Palliative Care Service**.

The principal presenter, **Dr Jane Tolman**, is a geriatrician based in Tasmania and an Associate Professor of Aged Care at the Wicking Dementia Research and Education Centre at the University of Tasmania where she is involved in both education and research. Dr Tolman's talk will be highlighted by carer stories read by two actors (from the NSW Central West) **Kate Smith** and **Vince Melton**.

Dr Tolman has recently developed a new staging system for dementia, and it has gained widespread traction among carers, families and health professionals, for its emphasis on dignity and the importance of palliation.

James Daley (Palliative Care Clinical Nurse Consultant) will be playing a selection of Celtic Guitar pieces during the session, providing a reflective musical ambiance to the learning experience

Arts OutWest is the regional arts development organisation for the **NSW Central West** region and is acknowledged as a leader in the arts and health field.

The sessions are free to attend but bookings are requested. Register on-line via <http://profile.eventarc.com/profile/PEPANSW>

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Blacktown	Monday 19 June	2.30-4.30pm	Blacktown Hospital , lecture theatre
Bathurst	Tuesday 20 June	11am-1pm	Bathurst Health Service: Heritage Building, lecture theatre
		5.00 – 7.30pm	Ponton Theatre: Charles Sturt Universtiy
Parkes	Wednesday 21 June	11am-1pm	Little Theatre: 34 Bogan St Parkes
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Orange	Thursday 22 June	11am-1pm	Orange Health Service , lecture theatre
		5.30 - 7.30pm	Country Woman’s Association Hall , Robertson Park, Byng St Orange
Dubbo	Friday 23 June	11am - 1pm	Dubbo Hospital , George Hatch Building
		5.30 - 7.30pm	Wesley Uniting Church Hall , 64 Church St Dubbo

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Image attached: residents at JRV Forbes participating in the arts program.



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