

MEDIA RELEASE

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Workshops:

Learn about Aboriginal culture at *Jimmy Little Gathering*

Alongside a concert from top Australian and local musicians, the community have the chance to learn more about traditional and contemporary local Aboriginal culture at The Jimmy Little Gathering in Bathurst on Saturday 23 September.

The event celebrates the music and legacy of the beloved Australian Aboriginal musician, actor and advocate Dr Jimmy Little OAM and aims to bring Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people together.

Held at Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre, the day begins at 3pm with an afternoon of public workshops in areas of Aboriginal culture such as an introduction to Wiradjuri language, fibre weaving, beading, clap stick making and contemporary Aboriginal dance.

Whilst from 6.30pm in the evening the main theatre will host Radical Son, James Henry, Smith & Jones and The Orient Royal Mail Band - smaller stages in the afternoon will feature an open-mic session for local Aboriginal musicians, storytelling, and guest performers including Frances Peters-Little, Ashley Bland, the Sounds Live Choir and dancers Madhu Yinaa.

There'll also be an exhibition of work by Aboriginal visual artists from across the Central West.

"It's a day for the whole community to come and get a taste of traditional and contemporary local Aboriginal culture," Arts OutWest executive director Tracey Callinan said.

There'll be hands-on sessions in beading, fibre basket weaving and clap stick making.

"The basket and fibre weaving will be set up in the foyer so that people can come and sit and learn a few techniques throughout the afternoon," Ms Callinan said.

Trained Wiradjuri language teacher Nyree Reynolds will run two half-hour 'introduction to Wiradjuri language' workshops (at 3pm and again at 3.45pm).

For most workshops you can just turn up on the day, after buying your event ticket. Pre-bookings are needed for the dance workshop with acclaimed contemporary Wiradjuri dancer and choreographer Jo Clancy. This workshop is aimed at young performers with some dance experience.

A free BBQ for ticket holders will be provided from 5pm, supported by Bathurst Aboriginal Land Council and Veritas House.

Entry is \$5 which includes entry to the workshops. Tickets are on sale now through the bmec.com.au website or BMEC box office on 6333 6161.

See the full workshop and performance schedule at www.artsoutwest.org.au
For more information contact Arts OutWest on 6338 4657 or email artsoutwest@csu.edu.au

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