

Unique road trip for Arts OutWest annual meeting

The area covered by regional arts organisation Arts OutWest is so vast that to get people to their annual general meeting they're putting on a free bus service and making a whole day of it.

The 2014 Arts OutWest annual general meeting will be held on Sunday May 25 in Condobolin.

"We're doing a road trip," Arts OutWest executive officer Tracey Callinan said. "It's going to be a great opportunity to socialise and network, see the sights, meet your local Arts OutWest Board members and staff, plus catch up on the work Arts OutWest has been doing in the last year."

With buses collecting guests in Bathurst, Orange and Parkes, the day includes a tour of the famous Utes in the Paddock at Ootha, a tour of the Wiradjuri Study Centre in Condobolin, an exhibition of local art by the Lachlan Arts Council, a free hot lunch and a very short formal meeting.

"Each year a different local government area hosts the meeting, and this time we're excited about showcasing the arts and creativity of the Lachlan Shire, at the western side of our region," Ms Callinan said. "There's going to be some really great people to meet on the bus – I think people will have a whole lot of fun travelling to Condo."

"People will also have the chance to hear about the current work of Arts OutWest – across areas like arts and health, Aboriginal arts development, programs for young people and support of creative business and the creative industries," Ms Callinan said.

The region covered by Arts OutWest includes the local government areas of Bathurst Region, Blayney, Cabonne, Cowra, Forbes, Lachlan, Lithgow, Oberon, Orange, Parkes, Weddin and Wellington.

The bus will travel Bathurst, Orange, Parkes, Condobolin and return. People can join the bus at any of those stops or make their own way to Condobolin for the 1.30pm lunch at the Condobolin Community Centre, followed by the meeting at 2.30pm.

Arts OutWest is one of the 14 networked regional arts organisations across the state, focussed on promoting, facilitating, educating and advocating for arts and cultural development. Arts OutWest is funded by the state government through Arts NSW, by the 12 local councils in its region and by Charles Sturt University.

To RSVP for either the bus or the meeting email artsoutwest@csu.edu.au or call 6338 4657.

Image: Arts OutWest executive officer Tracey Callinan at Utes in the Paddock at Ootha.