

ARMIDALE REGIONAL - GLEN INNES SEVERN - GUNNEDAH - GWYDIR - LIVERPOOL PLAINS -  
MOREE PLAINS - NARRABRI - TENTERFIELD - TAMWORTH REGIONAL - URALLA - WALCHA

## WELCOME

CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITIES



This quarter has seen a number of ANW projects rolled out across our region - from Tenterfield to Tamworth, to smaller communities of Wollomombi and Emerald Hill, it has been a time to celebrate what the arts can bring to our communities!

In March Arts North West also held its AGM and we now have a number of new faces on the Board. See [www.artsnw.com.au/theboard/](http://www.artsnw.com.au/theboard/). Our Annual Report and audited financials are also on our website. We look forward to continue to work with our participating Councils in 2017.

Caroline Downer  
Executive Director



## ABORIGINAL CULTURAL SUPPORT PROGRAM

SUPPORT, ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE FOR ABORIGINAL ARTISTS AND COMMUNITIES

Our project River to Ridges headed to **Tenterfield** in March to gather and document the stories of Elders and artists. Lead artist for the Tenterfield component of the project is well known Elder, Aunty Ronella Jerome (Dolly). Dolly has been working with Lorraine Riggs, ANW Aboriginal Arts Officer and film-maker, Brendan Blacklock from Blacklock Media to record the stories of other local Elders including Helen Duroux, Rod McIntosh, Grace Binge and Glen Innes' Adele Chapman-Burgess.



## PROJECT SUCCESS!

CHARGED! THE STORY OF THE BATTLE OF BEERSHEBA

This education project has started its journey across our region, and has visited **Kentucky** Public School, and Chandler Public School in **Wollomombi** with much positive feedback. Students have made ID tags, created their own poster for the Light Horse, heard about men and horses who were there. They have even made their own hard tack biscuits. Upcoming locations include **Jennings, Maules Creek** and **Toomelah**. (Supported by Australian Government through Anzac Centenary Funds).



Arts North West is assisted by the NSW Government through Arts NSW and the partnership of eleven local government authorities in the New England North West.

Arts North West acknowledges Aboriginal people as the traditional custodians of the lands we work on; we recognise the strength, resilience and capacity of Aboriginal people and respect the Aboriginal Elders past and present.



## ARTS NW ON TOUR

PERFORMING ARTS NETWORK

Arts North West's new initiative POCKET PRODUCTIONS launched in March and was a huge success!



Small communities in **Emerald Hill, Walcha, Breeza, Warialda, Barraba, Bundarra, Deepwater** and **Ben Lomond** were delighted to host the one man show *The Fall of the Roman Empire*, directed & performed by Dennis Coard.

Arts North West ON TOUR negotiated a mostly sold out tour of Spooky Men Chorale who gave vocal workshops and concerts in February to seven venues - **Armidale, Tamworth, Quirindi, Gunnedah, Narrabri, Tenterfield** and **Glen Innes**



## CELEBRATING OUR DIVERSITY

ART, CRAFT, MUSIC, FOOD

The 2017 **Glen Innes** Harmony Day presented by ANW in partnership with Glen Innes Severn Shire Council and Refugee Welcome Group Glen Innes (RWGI) included a culinary feast of international dishes, world music (and the feature act of The Balkanics with Linsey Pollak) and lots of art activities that focused on traditional crafts from around the world. Funding from NSW Government through Multiculturalism NSW.



## OUT AND ABOUT

CONVERSATIONS AND NETWORKING

The Executive Director has continued to provide assistance to a number of individuals across the region on a range of issues with a focus on Council cultural planning, particularly for the new **Armidale** Regional Council.

Caroline has attended TRACAC and Tamworth Hospital Redevelopment Arts and Cultural Committee meetings in **Tamworth** and Arts and Cultural Committee of **Armidale** Regional Council and UNE Arts Advisory Committee. She judged Brush with Verse in **Tenterfield**.

The RADO network meeting was held in February in Sydney, as well as meetings with Museums and Galleries NSW and Accessible Arts.

The ANW Board meeting and AGM were held in **Glen Innes** in March.

## COUNTRY ART ESCAPES

CULTURAL TOURISM FOR OUR REGION



We welcome our newest subscriber to the online arts trail:

**Kootingal** Country Art Retreat (image of work by Pen Shepherd)

More information at:  
[www.countryartescapes.com.au](http://www.countryartescapes.com.au)



## ARTS AND DISABILITY

BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE NETWORK FOR ARTS AND DISABILITY IN THE REGION

Our Arts and Disability Project "Putting the Pieces Together" continues to travel around the region, and was shown in **Armidale** in March and is currently in **Moree** until end of May.



## UPCOMING

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Art of Project Delivery - a practical hands-on workshop covering the development of a project from its scope to budgets, timelines and checklists.

**Uralla** 11 May, **Walcha** 12 May, **Deepwater** 25 May, **Bingara** 6 June, **Bundarra** 7 June. More information at [www.artsnw.com.au/whatwhywow](http://www.artsnw.com.au/whatwhywow)

