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### 'A LETTER TO MY RETURNING...' GIVING A VOICE TO FLOOD-AFFECTED REGIONS

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Arts North West is seeking expressions of interest from ten local artists, hobbyists, creatives and/or historians to create artworks and in part, creative documentation to reflect on the flood events that affected the region in 2021/2022.

Arts North West is also asking for community groups, individuals and organisations in the **Gunnedah Shire Council, Narrabri Shire Council, Moree Plains Shire Council, and Tamworth Regional Council areas** to write a letter to the flood waters; to express their emotions and document the events of the flood events in their communities.

The letters can be submitted anonymously, under a pseudonym or signed with the participant's name. The letters received will be included as part of a travelling exhibition and will be provided to the artists to inform their artworks and creative documentation.

"Participants will reflect on their own experiences and interpretations, of the flood events and their effects on homes, livelihoods, and the landscape" says Arts North West Executive Director, Lauren Mackley.

"The artists will then draw inspiration from the letters to inform their own artistic expression, creating a shared community response to the flood events," Lauren said.

For more information about this project, please visit <https://www.artsnw.com.au/letters-to-my-returning> or contact Arts North West Executive Director, Lauren Mackley via phone on 0493 316 463 or email [rado@artsnw.com.au](mailto:rado@artsnw.com.au)

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 North West is assisted by the NSW Government through Create NSW and the partnership of 11 local government authorities in the New England North West



**About Arts North West:**

Arts North West is a leading organisation of arts and cultural development across the New England North West region. With a long history and a commitment to community Arts North West empowers individuals and groups through various programs, initiatives, and partnerships to ensure the arts thrive. Our core business is providing quality advice, information and professional support to artists and organisations. Arts North West is committed to the development and delivery of services that foster opportunities for collaboration, facilitation, and experiences in the arts that reflects our diverse region.

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