



Positions on the
AOW ADVISORY COUNCIL

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LITHGOW CITY COUNCIL

Working with communities in 2019 (calendar year)

This council page accompanies the Arts OutWest 2019 Annual Report
artsoutwest.org.au/annualreport2019

LGA POPULATION: 21,636 (source: ABS 2018 ERP estimate)

Lithgow City Council contribution to the regional arts program:
On a per capita basis @ 66c per person \$14,000 + GST

Estimated value of Arts OutWest services to communities in Lithgow City Council area 2019:

ARTS MEDIA PROGRAM	\$13,275
177 events promoted @ \$75 per event	
CASP PROJECTS	\$0
1 CASP project funded (counted in 2018 report)	
SPECIFIC PROJECTS	\$18,120
Represents the input of AOW into projects delivered in this council area, even though the overall value of the project may have been higher	
WORKSHOPS	\$5,000
Calculates the direct value of workshops to 29 participants	
CORE SERVICES	\$4,849
Includes time spent giving advice and support in Lithgow and time spent on regional advocacy	

TOTAL ESTIMATED VALUE: \$41,244

This conservative estimate of services represents a **295% return** on the council's contribution to Arts OutWest.



SPECIFIC PROJECTS

ARTS AND HEALTH

- *The Garden of the Mind.*
This project was driven by James Daley and provided workshops and the creation of a performance with projections presented at State Mine.
- The project targeted people with mental illness, giving them an opportunity to explore stories and to create a positive experience.
Arts OutWest was a partner in the project. Our Arts and Health Coordinator advised throughout the funding application process, supported the process throughout and Arts OutWest managed the finances for the project.

ABORIGINAL ARTS

- Exhibiting and selling of work by Aboriginal artists through National Parks and Wildlife Service's Kew-Y-Ahn Gallery at Hartley.

CULTURAL TOURISM

- Commencement of AOW's Cultural Maps project, creating an interactive maps website of all cultural tourism assets, to be launched in 2020.

LIFELONG LEARNING

- Storytelling residency with Welsh storytellers and musicians through UK leading storytelling organisation Adverse Camber.
In Lithgow this included:
 - A performance at Gang Gang Gallery
 - Inclusion of three Lithgow storytellers in the two-day intensive workshop at BMEC aimed at professional level storytellers and provided for free
- Bowenfels Photography Workshop: Working with John Holland, Arts OutWest's Communications Officer (and lecturer at National Art School and at Australian Centre for Photography) Steven Cavanagh gave workshops in which participants celebrated the anniversary of the Bowenfels line by having access to the viaduct to create photography work.

SUPPORT

- Meetings and events
 - Attended events such as gallery openings, performances, consultations sessions, judged art competitions, met with individuals and organisations, provided advice by phone and email
- Advocating for the region
- Promoted 3,099 events in the region and assisted people in how to promote their events.

CASP PROJECTS

- Funded 1 Country Arts Support Program (CASP) projects in Lithgow, with funds devolved to Regional Arts NSW by Create NSW:
 - Salvaged Sounds, Lithgow City Council: \$3,000 (not counted in 2019 figures as the amount was originally accounted for in 2018, but the project was delayed until 2019).

1 person was employed as a staff member of Arts OutWest (Wendy Hawkes who finished her job covering maternity leave as Communications Officer early in 2019).

8 artists from the Lithgow region were paid for professional work as part of Arts OutWest projects.

LETTERS OF SUPPORT: Arts OutWest wrote 1 letter of support for people resident in Lithgow City Council area.

KEY RELATIONSHIPS

Organisations and individuals that we worked with or assisted in 2019:

- Gang Gang Gallery
- Mitchell Conservatorium
- The Foundations
- National Parks and Wildlife Services
- LINC
- Minggaan Aboriginal Corporation
- Wendy Hawkes
- Summar Hipworth (LCC)
- James Daley
- Sue Daley
- Ana Carter
- Ian McLeod
- Tom Morris and many others.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATION & ADVOCACY

AOW worked regionally or advocated for the region in 2019 including:

- Attended Regional Arts meetings in Sydney with other RADOs, Regional Arts NSW and Create NSW
- Attended Artstate Tamworth where staff presented on 3 panels
- Attended Regional Arts Australia meeting at Parliament House, Canberra
- Attended meetings with the Indigenous Health Group and the MPS Groups set up by Western NSW Local Health District
- Member of the Arts and Health Network leadership team for NSW/ACT
- Attended meetings with the Central West JO's Tourism Managers group
- Attended consultation sessions with CSU; Executive Director a member of CSU's Macquarie Consultative Committee
- Attended Destination NSW Country and Outback's sessions on night sky, participated in Inland Astro Trails organisation
- Member of speakers selection panel for Artstate
- Member of Travelling Film Festival steering committee for Sydney Film Festival.



ARTS MEDIA PROGRAM STATS

- 177 Lithgow events promoted by Arts OutWest
- AOW social media followers: 10,058
- Subscribers to AOW: 1,429
- Number of Lithgow stories promoted by AOW via social media, website, e-news: 19
- Number of times Lithgow events were promoted by AOW via social media, radio, website: 462

*Note: This year we have changed how we calculate the dollar value of events promotion (previously \$150, now \$75 per event) to reflect the current landscape of easier access for local promoters to social media, changes in local radio programming and the discontinuation of our printed events guide.

We continue to list local events on our popular online What's On and share selected events on social media and local radio.

IMAGES: Front page - Bowenfels Photography Workshop partnership with John Holland Rail and AOW. This page - The Garden of the Mind Cabaret at State Mine.

More information and links about our projects, people and organisation are available on our website:
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