



Free membership with Outback Arts

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Individuals and groups within the Outback Arts region will have greater access to services when membership changes occur from the 24th March, 2011.

Previously, only financial members had access to services such as the quarterly newsletter 'Artbark', e-bulletins, contact with the Regional Arts Development Officer, promotional support, assistance with finding funding opportunities and connection to the wider Regional Arts network.

However, with the changes, Regional Arts Development Officer (RADO) Jamie-Lea Hodges says the new system will allow anyone to be a 'member' and have access to all that Outback Arts has to offer.

"We have such a great arts community and the board and I want to give anyone who is interested the opportunity to be involved. You don't have to be part of a group; individuals can also have membership benefits. So, essentially, anyone in the contributing shires of Bourke, Cobar, Coonamble, Walgett and Warren can be a member," she said.

Chairperson for Outback Arts, Amanda Colwell says the changes are a positive move forward and will allow greater freedom to interact with Outback Arts' services.

"Previously, smaller groups may have been missing out on the benefits of membership due to reasons like shortage of funds, etc. Now, by filling out a simple form, any community groups and individuals will have equal access to all that Outback Arts has to offer."

"There are many positive cultural and artistic stories and talented individuals in our region, and we see free membership as allowing us to more clearly identify what may be needed to assist communities to engage more closely with projects to achieve successful outcomes," she said.

For further information regarding becoming a member, fill out our membership form on our website or by clicking the link below [Outback Arts Free membership form 2011.doc](#) and forward it to admin@outbackarts.com.au. To enquire about upcoming changes to the 2011 Outback Arts Board contact Outback Arts RADO Jamie-Lea Hodges on (02)68 222 484 or email rado@outbackarts.com.au