



MEDIA RELEASE

Regional Arts Development Officer for Narrandera, Leeton and Griffith

The Western Riverina Arts Board has secured the services of an arts practitioner to develop arts and arts audiences across its three member local government areas of Leeton, Narrandera and Griffith. Dr Greg Pritchard will take up the position of Regional Arts Development officer at the end of February 2011.

Dr Pritchard has a PHD in Literature and a Masters in Public Art and has been working with communities in the Victorian Shire of Horsham for the past eight years. Dr Pritchard's experience ranges across community theatre, cultural and arts events and includes iconic arts product such as the Frinj Festival in Natimuk, and the Thieves Theatre in Horsham.

Chair of Western Riverina Arts Board Mrs Julie Briggs said the region will benefit from Dr Pritchard's experience and skill set. "Dr Pritchard is a published poet and author and has worked as a freelance journalist. His experience in working with diverse groups in rural communities to produce arts activity will translate very well to the Western Riverina."

The Western Riverina Arts Board's major project for 2011 will be to develop a Cultural Trail across the three member local government areas. The trail will feature up to 20 items, and will be promoted via web, print, and social media.

"The board is excited about the impact the new development role will have on our communities and their ability to develop new arts projects and develop audiences. The Cultural Trail project is a great way for our development officer to get to know the region, and for our communities to get to know him," Mrs Briggs said.

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Background:

The Western Riverina Arts Board members:

Julie Briggs – Narrandera – Chair
Cr Peter Taylor – Griffith City – Dep Chair
Anthony Morton – Leeton – Treasurer
Margaret Couch – Griffith – Secretary
Andrew Brown – Narrandera Shire
Lyn Williams – Leeton Shire
Jane McGrath – Griffith
Penny Paniz – Leeton

Western Riverina Arts is funded by Arts NSW and the local governments of Griffith, Narrandera and Leeton. A steering Committee was formed in April 2010 to set up the region and the board of management. The Board was elected in December 2010.