



FACT SHEET »

## ART & CULTURE

*As Dubbo evolved to become a thriving regional City, so too has it's cultural character. Art and culture are now a vital part of the City's ongoing growth and development, offering visitors and residents many opportunities to connect through a range of unforgettable experiences*

The quickly evolving cultural scene has led to the development of an \$8 million Western Plains Cultural Centre and the construction of an \$18.5 million Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre (opening mid 2010).



### Western Plains Cultural Centre (WPCC)

Situated in the heart of Dubbo and managed and operated by Dubbo City Council, the WPCC is a multi-purpose site that not only presents exhibitions of visual arts and heritage, but is also a sought-after venue for community groups, business, government agencies and private groups to fulfill a variety of requirements. [www.wpccdubbo.org.au](http://www.wpccdubbo.org.au)



#### Dubbo Regional Museum

The Museum features a permanent exhibition space devoted to the attention-grabbing collection "People Places Possessions: Dubbo Stories". The temporary museum exhibition space caters for touring museum exhibitions and locally developed shows.



#### Dubbo Regional Gallery – The Armati Bequest

Housed in a purpose-built facility, featuring five exhibition spaces – the Children's Gallery, Project Gallery, Regional Art Space, Main Gallery and New Media Space. The gallery attracts national tours rarely seen in regional galleries.



#### Community Arts Centre

The Community Arts Centre (CAC) is available for groups and/or individuals from the region. Comprising a wet studio, dry studio, darkroom and general rooms, the CAC aims to develop and cultivate cultural production in the region.



### Jazz Festival

For over 19 years, the Dubbo Jazz Festival has been drawing enthusiasts and musicians from all over the country. This event is held every August at a variety of venues, from vineyards to vestories.



### Multicultural Festival

Each September the festival begins with a street parade and concludes with an evening of cultural diversity celebrations.



### Red Ochre Festival

A festival celebrating the wealth of indigenous culture in our community and our City's diversity.

## Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre

The \$18.5 million Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre (DRTCC), with its new 500-seat tiered Theatre, is due to open by mid 2010.

This multi-purpose facility with an adjoining 700-seat flat-floor auditorium is capable of holding a wide range of performing arts, entertainment and events such as musicals, comedy, opera, music, dance, drama, as well as weddings, balls, dinners, conferences and trade exhibitions.

The new Theatre will have the latest in light and sound technology and will help attract quality touring shows to Dubbo for the enjoyment of regional audiences who can book through the Centre's computerised web-based ticketing system.

The DRTCC is located adjacent to the Dubbo Civic Administration building, Church Street, Dubbo. To subscribe to the DRTCC events newsletter phone (02) 6801 4410.

[www.dubbo.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dubbo.nsw.gov.au)



### Cultural directory

The Orana Arts Cultural Directory is a comprehensive guide to the Art and Cultural services available in Dubbo and the Orana Arts region.

The directory can be accessed online [www.oranaarts.com](http://www.oranaarts.com) or you can contact Orana Arts on 02 6817 8705 or [rado@oranaarts.com](mailto:rado@oranaarts.com) to obtain a hard copy (\$5.00 each).



### Cultural and hobby groups in Dubbo include:

- aero
- art and craft
- athletics
- archery
- Australian rules football
- aviculture
- basketball
- baton twirling
- bowling
- bridge
- camera
- cricket
- croquet
- cycling
- dance
- darts
- equestrian
- showjumping
- police youth and citizens
- golf
- greyhound racing
- guns
- gymnastics
- hockey
- karts
- jazz
- martial arts
- motor sports
- music
- netball
- pigeon
- racing
- pistols
- polo
- polocrosse
- pony
- rifle and smallbore
- public speaking
- rugby league
- rugby union
- soccer
- softball
- swimming
- tennis
- theatrical
- touch football
- triathlon
- harness racing
- turf club
- volleyball
- water polo
- wheelchair sports
- writers
- yoga

For more information about cultural and hobby groups in Dubbo, visit the Dubbo Neighbourhood Centre.

[www.dnc.org.au](http://www.dnc.org.au)

## Macquarie Conservatorium

Provides music education programs, individual tuition, concerts, workshops, ensembles and early childhood music education programs.

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*In Dubbo, you can indulge your senses in a City that, over time, has developed a vibrant and creative soul.*

**» For more reasons to smile, visit [www.liveindubbo.com.au](http://www.liveindubbo.com.au)**

Western Plains Cultural Centre is NSW's only combined gallery, museum and community centre providing a home to local and nationally significant art exhibitions, local history and community groups.

WESTERN PLAINS CULTURAL CENTRE



**FREE ENTRY**

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