

Expression of interest

Bathurst Regional Art Gallery (BRAG) invites artists living and working across Wiradjuri Country to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) for *West of Central 2*, the second iteration of this chaptered exhibition celebrating regional practice.

Exhibition dates: 22 November 2025 – 18 January 2026

EOI closing date: 24 August 2025

Artwork delivery deadline: 27 October 2025

About the Exhibition

Conceived as an exhibition responding to place, *West of Central* embraces artists who live and work across Wiradjuri Country in Central West NSW.



Exhibition view, *West of Central*, Bathurst Regional Art Gallery, 1 July – 27 August 2023. Photo: David Roma Photography.

This Earth-centric exhibition honours artists' care, concern, and respect for Country. Home to an increasing cohort of contemporary artists seeking connection, respite and balance, regional Australia is a place where artists have space to create, experiment and challenge. West of Central celebrates those who live and work regionally, positioning the regional as central to their practice.

First realised in 2023 at BRAG, this second chapter, *West of Central 2*, invites artists from LGAs of Lachlan, Parkes, Forbes, Weddin, Cabonne, Cowra, Blayney, Orange, Mid-Western, Bathurst, Oberon and Lithgow to respond to the ecologies, histories, and communities of these places.

Click here to view West of Central 2023

Submission Guidelines

We invite EOIs from artists who:

- Live and/or practice within the geographic boundaries described above.
- Create work that engages with the landscapes, ecologies, and cultural narratives of central regional NSW.
- Are able to deliver completed work no later than 27 October 2025
- Can confirm the submitted work(s) have not been exhibited previously and have been made within the past 18 months.

Submission Requirements

Your submission must include:

- A short artist statement (max 300 words) describing your art practice and/or the specific work(s) being submitted.
- Details of where you live and work, including the name of the Country and LGA you are on.
- A current CV
- Title of the work, medium, dimensions
- 1 image of the artwork, and up to 5 support images (JPEG, max 2MB each). Video work 1 file (MP4 or MOV. Max 10MB).
- Details of any **specific installation requirements** for your proposed work (e.g. space, technical needs, display method).
- An indication of your availability to participate in an artist talk, public program, or media interview during the exhibition dates.

Key dates

EOI closing date: 24 August 2025

Notification of selection: Mid-September 2025 Artwork delivery deadline: 27 October 2025

Please note artists are responsible for their own artwork freight to BRAG. BRAG will cover return freight costs.

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Terms

Selected artworks are required to be delivered to BRAG by the delivery deadline. Artists are responsible for their own artwork freight to BRAG. BRAG will cover return freight costs. Selected artists will receive an artist fee.

How to apply

1. Fill in the EOI form attached

2. Send to BRAG Exhibitions Coordinator with supporting documentation

Email: brag@bathurst.nsw.gov.au
Subject line: EOI – West of Central 2