



# Daryl Maguire MP

*Member for Wagga Wagga*

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### CULTURE IN WAGGA WAGGA ENRICHED BY WRITERS' GRANT

Literary culture in Wagga Wagga is to receive a significant boost after Minister for the Arts Don Harwin announced a grant of for the Booranga Writers' Centre.

Minister for the Arts Don Harwin and Wagga Wagga MP Daryl Maguire today rewarded funding of \$46,500 for the Centre to provide unique opportunities through workshops, performances, mentoring and writer-in-residence programs.

"The Booranga Writers' Centre has enriched the cultural life of Wagga Wagga since 1994, and has been an important meeting place and catalyst for creativity," Mr Maguire said.

"Booranga provides opportunities for new work to be published in its anthology, *fourW*, newsletters, and online via collaboration with other local arts organisations.

"Booranga's writer-in-residence program will next year feature four female writers, each specialising in different genres, who will present workshops and readings in Wagga and surrounding areas."

The funding is part of a NSW Government program to facilitate a range of new programs and stimulate growth and development for arts and culture across the state.

Minister for the Arts Don Harwin said the funds would be delivered through the Government's arts, screen and culture agency, Create NSW.

"These funds are vital in developing a sustainable arts and cultural offering that supports a diverse range of organisations and specialist areas," Mr Harwin said.

"Our recipients this year deliver excellent opportunities for increasing the arts and cultural participation and support for young people, and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds."

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