

POP-UP SHOP BRINGS MORE ART AND CULTURE TO AIRPORT

Western Aboriginal Artists, Teresa Yasserie and Tom Carney have opened the lrst pop-up shop at Dubbo Regional Airport.

Earlier this year the airport invited local and regional businesses to register an expression of interest to showcase their products in the terminal in Dubbo, following the closure of the former landside café.

Wiradjuri artist Teresa Yasserie from Dubbo – Peak Hill and Wayilwan artist Tom Carney who lives in Narromine are the Irst to occupy the area, showcasing their artworks to thousands of local travellers and visitors each month.

The space will then be leased to Devil's Hollow who will be doing tasting and sales for two weeks towards the end of January / early February before the Western Aboriginal Arts group take up the space again in February.

Coordinated by Mrs Yasserie, the space will showcase authentic Western Aboriginal arts, a ¦rst for a regional airport in Australia.

"This is a unique opportunity for our artists, and I am hoping to have several more on board to take part in the pop-up shop come February," Mrs Yasserie said.

"It is the Irst time Aboriginal artworks have been sold direct from the artist at an airport in Australia, so it is quite an exciting opportunity for artists across the region."

Dubbo Regional Airport Manager Jacki Parish said it was a unique opportunity that hadn't been undertaken before at the Dubbo Regional Airport.

"We looked for businesses with a local or regional connection that provide a high standard of products that showcase the rich and vibrant community we live in to both local travellers and visitors," Ms Parish said.

"We are excited to have connected with the Western Aboriginal Artists and we believe their products work in well with the clientele we are seeing at the airport," Ms Parish said.

Dubbo Regional Airport provides direct return services between Dubbo and Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne, Broken Hill, Bourke, Walgett and Lightning Ridge. The airport is serviced by Regional Express, Qantaslink, Link Airways and Air Link. The Dubbo Regional Airport has approximately 200,000 passengers through the terminal annually.

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