



SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN IN DUBBO THIS AUTUMN

The school holidays are just around the corner and Dubbo Regional Council has plenty of activities and events on offer to keep children young and old engaged, entertained and occupied this autumn.

The Macquarie Regional Library has two children's authors visiting during the school holidays. The first is Oliver Phommavanh, creator of the popular series *Thai-rìc*. Two workshops will take place on Thursday 20 April at 10am – 11am and 11:30am – 12:30pm. The workshop will be fun and interactive with Oliver Phommavanh as he talks about his passion for writing and the key ingredient to making writing fun!

The second author visiting both Dubbo and Wellington Libraries for a number of writing workshops is Phillip Gwynne. His first book *Deadly, Unna?* inspired the film *Australian Rules*. He's passionate about working with kids and developing their love of reading and writing. In these free workshops, Phillip will cover everything you need to know to start telling your own stories.

There are also a number of other events all themed around 'out of this world' for children to enjoy at both Dubbo and Wellington Libraries. These include creative sessions such as Lunar Lego and DIY solar eclipse viewer as well as teen music bingo plus so much more.

The Dubbo Regional Theatre (DRTCC) has the ever-popular The Beanies live on stage on Saturday 22 April at 10:30am with *EGG-traordinary Day*. As seen on ABC Kids, The Beanies are sure to provide lots of laughs for the whole family. Tickets from \$20. Be sure to purchase your tickets early as this popular show is sure to sell out! Enter the colouring competition found at www.drtcc.com.au for your chance to win one of two family passes.

Additionally, take a backstage tour and go behind the scenes at the DRTCC and see what happens behind the red velvet curtain. These tours run every Tuesday and Thursday at 10am in the school holidays. Tickets \$10 for youth or concession and \$15 per adult. Available online or at the box office.

"We have a number of school holiday activities on in the Dubbo region with something for every age. From shows at the Dubbo Regional Theatre to a variety of events at the libraries in both Dubbo and Wellington," said Mayor of Dubbo Regional Council, Mathew Dickerson.

The Western Plains Cultural Centre is offering a variety of workshops to unleash your child's creativity with interactive school holiday workshops including a free *Waste 2 Art in action* session daily from 10am – 2pm. Kids can craft till their hearts are content with fabric waste. There is also a portraiture workshop to create an entry for the upcoming Young Archies Dubbo competition and a print making workshop that delves deeper into cyanography. Bookings required for the portraiture and print

making workshops.

“There are also a number of major events including the Lake Burrendong fishing classic, Stuart Town Man from Ironbark Festival and the Easter Showdown at Morris Park Speedway all happening over the Easter long weekend.”

For more information on school holiday activities visit the website www.dubbo.com.au/events/schoolholidays.

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