



# VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR TAKES A BITE OUT OF DUBBO

A very hungry, colourful critter is making its way to the stage at the Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre (DRTCC) this Friday, and is sure to thrill audiences who will have either grown up with *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* or are currently growing up with the popular character. Based on Eric Carle's iconic children's story, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* will be on stage at Dubbo Regional Council's (DRC's) DRTCC this Friday 5 March with three shows at 10:30am, 12:30pm, and 6pm.

"Eric Carle has sold more than 45 million copies of this colourful book, and we're incredibly excited to see it now brought to life with a puppet show at the DRTCC. It is another example of the variety of performances, including puppetry, that is accessible for the community's enjoyment," said Manager DRTCC Linda Christof.

Brought to life with a menagerie of 75 loveable puppets, this critically-acclaimed production faithfully adapts four of Carle's stories, including *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see?* And of course the star of the show, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*.

"I myself grew up with *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, so it's fantastic to see that we are welcoming this international superstar to the DRTCC stage. I'm sure there is a whole generation of young people who are now experiencing the joy of this story for the first time, so to be able to see it comes to life on stage will be a great joy for these young people," said Mayor of the Dubbo Region, Councillor Ben Shields.

This enchanting Australian-made show transports audiences into a pop-up-like version of Carle's world that will excite, educate, and entertain the entire family. The book's author saying he's excited to see his imagination coming to life.

"I hope the performances will be enjoyed by many and that the colourful characters bring

comfort and joy to all who see the stories. It is uplifting to see such beautiful and cheerful works inspired by my characters! I hope my books – and this show – will inspire you and your imagination,” said Eric Carle.

*The Hungry Caterpillar* stage show is one of many children’s shows that are appearing at the DRTCC this year, with staff also preparing to entertain and delight audiences with the upcoming *Bluey* stage show.

The show is in town for one day only, and some tickets are still available. Tickets to *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* can be purchased in person at the Box Office, via phone (02) 6801 4378, or by visiting the DRTCC website: [drtcc.com.au](http://drtcc.com.au).

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