



CATCH IT LIVE AND LOCAL AND SUPPORT PERFORMING ARTS

Dubbo Regional Council (DRC) is appealing to lovers of live shows and performances not to let cancellation fears deter the region's theatre goers from purchasing tickets to shows at the Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre (DRTCC).

Mayor of Dubbo Regional Council (DRC) Mathew Dickerson said one of the unexpected fallouts of the COVID-19 pandemic has been that patrons are holding off buying tickets until the last minute, in some cases leading to producers and promoters to cancel shows due to low ticket sales.

“While some trepidation is understandable with patrons wanting to hold off until the last moment in case a show is cancelled due to COVID, the fact is that the DRTCC has demonstrated multiple times throughout the pandemic that shows can go on safely and successfully. The most recent example of this was the successful staging of the political satire the Wharf Review,” said Mayor Dickerson.

Producers and promoters check sales regularly and if the ticket sales

are low or stagnant, they may make the call to cancel a show. This has happened recently with *An Afternoon at the Proms* spectacular, *The Sydney Symphony Orchestra* and *Rokaria – The ELO Experience*, which were all cancelled or postponed due to ticket sales reports.

If there is a change of date or a cancellation patrons will be notified and offered a ticket exchange to the new date, gift certificate or a full refund.

“There really is a domino effect on patrons who have already purchased tickets, performers and promoters if a show is cancelled or postponed,” said Mayor Dickerson. “It’s not only happening in the Dubbo region, our Theatre staff have heard of it happening in other venues as well.

“I hope the announcement by the NSW Government of the further easing of restrictions gives residents more confidence to get out and about and to support the arts. There really is no need to hold back, you can catch it live and local.”

Upcoming show information and tickets are available through the DRTCC website Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre or by contacting (02) 6801 4378.

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