

Burnie Arts & Function Center

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Music Venue in Burnie, TAS In 1976 the Burnie Civic Center was officially opened and was the first purpose-built fully professional regional arts center in Tasmania. The Centre incorporated a performing arts and functions venue and an art gallery. It is the only venue in the northwest of the state, which is able to host large-scale indoor functions. Over the last 33 years the Centre has provided a cultural focus for Burnie, as a venue for professional and community performances, meetings, conferences, expos and private functions. The Burnie Regional Art Gallery has a full and varied program of exhibitions and community projects. The Gallery has a national reputation for its permanent collection, focusing on works on paper. A Director was appointed with responsibility for both performing and visual arts programming as well as audience development. The new structure also includes the involvement of Burnie Sports & Events, which has been contracted to manage functions and catering. On 2009, Tasmanian Member for Braddon Bryan Green MP launched the Burnie Arts & Function Center - the new identity for the Burnie Civic Center. At the same time increased subsidies for community events was announced. The staff at the Burnie Arts & Function Center and the Burnie Regional Art Gallery are a team of dedicated professionals who understand that an arts center can offer untold benefits to a community which cannot be measured by financial results alone. Communities that support the arts recognize the value of cultural activity and how it can define the community. If usage of the facility is anything to go by, the Burnie Arts & Function Center has truly fulfilled its purpose, providing a cultural hub, a community focal point.

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