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## HOME IS WHERE THE HALL IS 2018: SHINING A LIGHT ON HALLS ACROSS VICTORIA

Registrations are now open for *Home is Where the Hall is* 2018.

Each November, Regional Arts Victoria, alongside partner Country Arts SA, showcases dozens of activities at community halls on the dedicated website: [homeiswherethehallis.com](http://homeiswherethehallis.com). The site includes a calendar of events that will happen across both states as well as a directory of halls involved.

This is a popular initiative and we are encouraging communities to take part by registering any events they are organising in November in their hall. Registration is free and can be done online on [homeiswherethehallis.com](http://homeiswherethehallis.com). All communities based in regional Victoria and South Australia can get involved in this project.

Director of Partnerships at Regional Arts Victoria Liz Zito said that community halls were central to the ongoing energy of regional towns.

“Community halls were often originally built as gathering places for communities. Many people remember times they have celebrated, mourned, gathered in emergency, attended their first dance, a 21<sup>st</sup> birthday party, a wedding, or just been part of something special in a community hall. All community halls are the keepers of brilliant stories and memories that are a part of the town’s identity. In times of emergency or crisis, the community hall is the town’s refuge; in times of joy, the community hall is the town’s place for celebration,” said Liz.

*Home is Where the Hall is* is Regional Arts Victoria’s celebration of community halls and takes place during the month of November. This initiative was originally launched in 2011 by Premier Ted Baillieu and since then the project has seen more than 300 events registered.

Regional Arts Victoria inspires art across the state. Through creative facilitation, touring, education, specialised resources, artistic projects and advocacy, we develop and sustain creative communities and artistic practice all over Victoria.

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