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Council hopes to ‘spark a connection’

Orange City Council is hoping to ‘*Spark a Connection*’ with people with dementia with a six week pilot art program.

Council is calling on the community to share this information with anyone diagnosed with dementia or caring for a person with dementia.

Orange Mayor Reg Kidd said the program, run by Council and Dementia Australia, was designed to “ignite a link between creativity and memory”.

“Council is pleased to provide support to an ageing population and to bring enjoyment to those living with dementia and their carers in our community,” Cr Kidd said.

Spark a Connection will feature a series of guided Orange Regional Gallery tours and creative art workshops for people with dementia which will run simultaneously with a respite and education program for their carers.

Services Policy Committee Chair Cr Stephen Nugent said it was important to support people with dementia and their carers so they remained included in the community.

“The Spark a Connection will provide social engagement and creative opportunities for people living in the community with dementia while providing respite and education for their carers,” he said.

Spark a Connection will launch on Friday 21 September 2018, World Alzheimer’s Day, and run over six consecutive Friday mornings before finishing in an art exhibition on Saturday 3 November 2018.

Funding for this program has been provided by the NSW Government Department of Family and Community Services, Liveable Communities Grant program.

To register for Spark a Connection or for more information please email arodwell@orange.nsw.gov.au or phone 6393 8053. Places are limited.

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