



## **THE HON PAUL FLETCHER MP**

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## **Bringing life and jobs back to the arts through RISE**

Ninety-one creative organisations will share in \$20 million under the seventh batch of grants from the Morrison Government's \$200 million Restart Investment to Sustain and Expand (RISE) Fund, which has created more than 200,000 jobs across Australia since 2020.

Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts, the Hon Paul Fletcher MP, said the RISE Fund is playing an important role in the resurgence of Australia's creative and cultural sector.

"Today's announcement takes to \$200 million the funding that has been committed under RISE. It has gone to 541 projects, creating more than 213,000 jobs across Australia, to be seen by a total audience of 55 million people," Minister Fletcher said.

"The purpose of RISE is to back the arts and entertainment sector to recover from the devastating impact of COVID-19 shutdowns. We want to see venue doors thrown open to audiences; we want to see the curtains going up; and we want to see performers coming on stage to a welcoming roar of applause.

"This unprecedented injection of arts stimulus funding is producing an extraordinary cultural and creative dividend; with a two-year pipeline of supported events rolling out across Australia."

Amongst the 91 new projects being funded, some highlights include:

- \$325,000 for Insite Arts International to deliver Nharangga – an Indigenous opera by Jacob Boehme that weaves together multiple Narungga Dreaming stories to tell the creation story of Yorke Peninsula.
- \$400,000 for the Deni Ute Muster to support their iconic two-day event which provides significant economic, strategic and social benefits to the Southern Riverina region of NSW.
- \$394,500 for Back to Back Theatre to develop a project embracing Geelong, presenting a popular work, creating a new community piece and installing a major message beacon.

Joint Artistic Director of the Adelaide Festival and Chair of the Creative Economy Taskforce Rachel Healy said this latest announcement of RISE support will once again catalyse a vast range and scale of creative activity in every Australian state and territory.

"More than 23,000 new work opportunities for artists, producers and crew are triggered by this funding announcement, creating a pipeline of shows and events that will ultimately be seen by 2 million people across the nation," Ms Healy said.

Every RISE announcement delivers a thrill of excitement as the lists of funded projects hint at the remarkable events that are soon to entertain, stimulate, provoke and engage Australians over the coming months."

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NSW (22 Projects - \$5,733,775 Funding)			
Organisation	Project Name	Funding	Description
Voices of Women Incorporated	Voices of Women Entanglement Amplify	\$25,000	A storytelling tour, designed to support and strengthen female culture and regional tourism in the rural hubs of Dubbo, Wagga Wagga and Goulburn NSW.
Branch Nebula Inc.	Development and tour of a new physical theatre production, Air Time	\$400,000	Development and presentation of a choreographed hour-long street-style performance called Air Time utilising custom-made ramps that launch bodies, bikes and skateboards high into the air.
Newcastle Live Music Taskforce	Sound Station Music Festival	\$26,500	Sound Station Festival is an all-ages free music festival to celebrate Newcastle's live music industry over the past five decades and support local live music.
Subsonic Music Festival Pty Ltd	Relaunch of multi day Subsonic Music Festival in regional NSW	\$280,000	Funding will enable Subsonic to reactivate its multi day regional music festival in Riverwood Downs NSW, bolstering employment as the region's largest annual economic activity.
Griffin Theatre Company	Griffin Theatre Company Digital Season	\$307,640	Six new Australian productions filmed in partnership between Griffin Theatre Company and Australian Theatre Live, for regional and rural cinema screening and Video-on-Demand access.
The Trustee for Empire Touring Trust	Empire Touring Theatre Series	\$600,000	The best Australian performers are brought together to pay tribute to the world's best – Rolling Stones, Nirvana, John Lennon and David Bowie, in 23 destination locations throughout the nation.
Performing Lines Ltd	Hide the Dog Tour	\$110,776	Hide the Dog is a new First Nations theatre production for children. Previously impacted by COVID, a new tour is planned for 2022 – 2024.
Australian Society of Authors Limited	Digital infrastructure development to build capacity, inform and support Australian authors and illustrators	\$282,940	Structural upgrade of the ASA's digital capacity to deliver support and skills development Australia-wide, building long-term financial viability of the organisation and members.
Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre (Liverpool City Council)	The Way Out West (WOW) Festival	\$80,000	The return of Casula Powerhouse's WOW (Way Out West) Festival, where children, young people and their families enjoy the arts and entertainment together.

Riverside's National Theatre of Parramatta	Choir Boy - Production, Regional Tour and Mentorship program	\$325,000	A new production and regional tour of music theatre piece Choir Boy by Academy-Award winner Tarell Alvin McCraney, with a mentorship program.
Australian Theatre for Young People	Fresh Ink: investing in new Australian stories	\$275,000	Re-starting the commission of four new Australian works paused during COVID; employing artists, and enhancing professional development and engagement opportunities for emerging writers and dramaturgs.
Christine Dunstan Productions Pty Ltd	National Tour of Colleen McCullough's TIM	\$400,000	23 week tour of the play TIM, playing 34 theatres across seven states and territories.
Blue Mountains City Council - Blue Mountains Cultural Centre	TOWNSHIP - Arts Activation Project	\$91,107	A multi-arts celebration connecting Blue Mountains villages, leveraging the best of the region's cultural assets with a focus on local creatives, communities, and cultural spaces.
LPD Productions	A National Tour of RENT	\$713,950	A 2023 eighteen-week national tour of RENT across regional and metropolitan Australia.
Sweet Media	Little Festival	\$57,770	An ephemeral arts festival celebrating small scale and miniature outdoor street art installations in and around Newcastle CBD.
Signal Creative LLC	Outback Fashion Series 2022	\$48,426	A public presentation of original textile designs, garments and accessories designed and crafted by women in outback NSW.
2S Entertainment Pty Ltd	Inverted Festival	\$320,000	A new Australian all-ages youth-music event on the Gold Coast, featuring diverse cultural displays and performances celebrating modern Australian youth-culture.
Kiama Music & Arts PTY LTD	Clearly Music & Arts Festival	\$100,000	An annual music, art and workshop event that highlights the rich culture of Kiama.
Andrée Greenwell T/A Green Room Music	Three Marys	\$250,466	A new chamber opera. The project involves premier performance season, recording for radio broadcast, and online. Featuring four vocalists, teen choir, eight-piece ensemble and sound design.
City Recital Hall Limited	City Recital Hall: Revitalising Sydney's CBD with popular contemporary music	\$390,000	CRH's innovative contemporary music program will revitalise Sydney night-time economy, focusing on youth, tourism and generating crucial income for musicians, industry professionals and surrounding businesses.
All The Queens Men Inc.	Coming Back Out Australia 2022	\$249,200	Coming Back Out Australia is a long-term national creative initiative celebrating older LGBTIQ+ communities and will include 40 national events,

			monthly Dance Clubs and developing a digital and online presence.
Deniliquin Play on the Plains Festival Ltd	Deni Ute Muster	\$400,000	Support for the Deni Ute Muster a recurring two-day event which provides significant economic, strategic and social benefits to the Southern Riverina region of NSW.
<b>QUEENSLAND (21 Projects - \$4,513,876 Funding)</b>			
<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Description</b>
Star Kingdom Investments Pty Ltd	Brisbane City Film Society	\$100,000	This project establishes a film society to showcase significant and new films while also presenting local work-in-progress screenings and building a community.
DeepBlue Orchestra Inc	Song to the Ocean Reimagined as New Cultural Tourism Event	\$159,341	Song to the Ocean reimagined as a mini-festival with a First Nations focus for two regional tourist destinations plus a major new Queensland cultural precinct.
Belloo Inc.	BREATH	\$121,581	A collaboration between Belloo Creative, Taikoz and QPAC to produce BREATH, a piccolo outdoor performance in April 2022 and a large-scale, mainstage performance in 2023.
Just Us Theatre Ensemble T/A JUTE Theatre Company	From Campfire to Stagelight	\$58,022	Co-production of a new Indigenous theatrical work 'From Campfire to Stage Light' by David Hudson.
City Parklands Services	Live at South Bank	\$300,000	Live at South Bank is a vibrant live entertainment and placemaking program aiming to revive live performances from creative industries with a focus on music.
Museum of Brisbane	Bad Creative Community	\$300,000	An integrated program of museum-based initiatives and Brisbane city and suburban activations that stimulate dynamic, sustained engagement between artists and communities.
QMUSIC	FiestaNQ	\$344,900	FiestaNQ will reignite North Queensland's live music sector with a three-weekend celebration of music events and pop-up performances across iconic venues and public spaces.
Phluxus2 Pty Ltd	Phluxus2 Dance Collective's 2022/23 Artistic Program	\$150,000	Phluxus2 Dance Collective 2022-2023 artistic program of creative works and activities.
Heart of Gold International Short Film Festival Inc	Heart of Gold International Short Film Festival 2022	\$188,300	Australia's most heart-warming short film festival is back bigger than ever with a new storytelling stage, immersive future of cinema exhibition and a regional tour.

The Zoofam Pty Ltd	'Let The Music Play' - a music festival in Fortitude Valley presented by The Zoo and Fortitude Music Hall.	\$128,500	'Let The Music Play' - a music festival in Brisbane presented by The Zoo and Fortitude Music Hall over a day.
University of Queensland Art Museum	Blue Assembly: Oceanic Thinking (Season One)	\$77,300	Exhibitions, an online journal, conversations, residencies, screenings, reading groups and public programs, bringing a focus on blue carbon through art.
Major Brisbane Festivals Pty Ltd	Bananaland	\$200,000	Bananaland by Kate Miller-Heidke and Keir Nuttall is an exciting original musical that will engage and employ numerous Australian musicians, actors and creatives.
Flipside Circus Ltd	Brisbane Circus Centre Launch and Activation Program	\$381,727	A bold two-year programming project to celebrate and activate the new Brisbane Circus Centre at Northshore - supporting new work, artists, and professional development.
Neighbourhood Events Pty Ltd	Neighbourhood Sessions Music Festival	\$56,105	A family friendly and COVID-Safe music festival, with a focus on placing regional North Queensland artists on the same lineup as more established touring acts.
Grey Gum Productions Pty Ltd	Black Box	\$198,000	Development, world premiere and tour of the innovative new musical telling the story of Australian David Warren, inventor of the black box.
Brisbane Chorale Incorporated	60th anniversary performance of Benjamin Britten's 'War Requiem'	\$100,000	A gala performance of Benjamin Britten's 'War Requiem' for mass ensemble in the QPAC Concert Hall featuring five Brisbane-based ensembles and acclaimed vocal soloists.
The Trustee For Newpub Family Holdings Trust	Moreton Bay Live	\$697,500	A major new Australian Music series, bringing the biggest artists in Australia to Moreton Bay and bringing the audiences to Moreton Bay to see them.
Cloudland the Musical	Cloudland the Musical	\$136,100	The story of Brisbane's Iconic Cloudland Ballroom told through music & dance and its impact socially and culturally across the 5 decades of its existence.
Metropolis QLD Pty Ltd	Garden City Sounds	\$89,000	An annual one-day music festival in Toowoomba, showcasing national touring artists, as well as emerging and local talent.
Near North Festivals Pty Ltd	Sunshine Coast and Capricorn Coast Comedy Festivals	\$150,000	Sister events to be held in Queensland activating venues and industry right across their respective regions.
Yeehaa Events Pty Ltd	NQ's Rock'n Country 2022	\$577,500	NQ's Rock'n Country will support over 40 Australian acts to reboot the industry and the careers of emerging artists.

<b>VICTORIA (24 Projects - \$3,748,183 Funding)</b>			
<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Description</b>
J.P. Morgan & C.C. Rust	Tensegrity Creative Development	\$25,000	One Fell Swoop Circus will provide creative and employment outcomes for artists in mid-2022 for a creative development of a new contemporary circus work.
Back to Back Theatre Inc	NORTH SIDE	\$394,500	Back to Back Theatre will develop a project embracing Geelong, presenting a popular work, creating a new community piece and installing a major message beacon.
Theatre Works Limited	Theatre Works - Ignition Initiative	\$90,000	TW's Ignition Initiative supports the reprogramming of postponed RISE funded productions, providing employment for independent artists. Outcomes include high-calibre works, education programs and artist development.
Lucy Guerin Association Inc	LGI First Nations Program	\$125,148	Lucy Guerin Inc will deliver a multi-year development program committed to improving representation, opportunities and career pathways available for First Nations dance artists in Naarm/Melbourne.
Melbourne Art Foundation	Melbourne Design Fair: A Platform for Diversity and Inclusion (MDF: DIP)	\$143,000	Melbourne Design Fair, an initiative of the National Gallery of Victoria in collaboration with Melbourne Art Fair, showcases the best collectible contemporary design by emerging and established Australian designers and makers.
Melbourne Bach Choir Inc	Melbourne Bach Choir concert series 2022-23	\$135,000	Melbourne Bach Choir will present a series of choral concerts with orchestra and vocal soloists over two years in Melbourne and Ballarat.
IOpera Inc. (VIC)	The Rise and Fall of the City of Mahagonny	\$79,800	The first production in over 40 years of Kurt Weill, Bertolt Brecht, and Elisabeth Hauptmann's epic opera Rise and Fall of the City of Mahagonny.
SalamFest Inc	Celebration of the 500 year Muslim-Indigenous relationship	\$307,309	The project rediscovers, honours and celebrates the 500 year old Muslim-Indigenous, cultural and trade relationship, which was

			based on mutual respect, trust and acceptance.
Albury Wodonga Theatre Company	Let It Go!	\$41,448	A major musical theatre concert at the Albury Entertainment Centre with several performances and featuring local singers, dancers and live band.
Fairfax Youth Initiative	Fairfax Youth Festival	\$251,114	120+ young people from rural communities work alongside professional artists to create an inspiring and engaging festival for both young people and the Murray Mallee.
Memetica	Deadly Totems	\$49,875	A cross-artform community project in partnership with Willum Warrain Aboriginal Association, to collaboratively create four giant Deadly Totem characters for impactful performance and storytelling.
David Woods	THIS	\$242,926	THIS is the remount of an epic 100 person strong commission from Rising Festival's 2021 programme that was cancelled due to Melbourne's 4th COVID lockdown.
Live Nation Australia Venues Pty Ltd trading as the Palais Theatre	Palais Theatre 'On Stage' Series	\$97,500	'On Stage' will support and accelerate the careers for musicians, production crew and students through a series of intimate, on-stage events at the Palais Theatre.
Grapes of Mirth	Grapes of Mirth - The Festival	\$69,950	The biggest names in comedy, the funniest podcasters, and Australia's finest food and wine experts are coming together for a two-day Festival in the Barossa.
UNIFIED Music Group PTY LTD	UNIFIED: OFF THE RECORD	\$480,000	A five stop regional showcase and merchandise pop-up store experience with exclusive performances and products designed by artists from the UNIFIED Music Group.
Velodrome Events	Reunion Park	\$54,191	Reunion Park will showcase the city's finest music, food, arts and entertainment.
R M S Productions Pty Ltd as trustee for the Sydow Family Trust	Ross Wilson's Cool World Tour	\$112,500	A 10 event music tour across regional Australian wineries and venues in 2022, featuring Ross Wilson, The Badloves, King

			Canyon, emerging artists, and local producers.
Caroline McKinnon	Point8Six	\$39,962	A topical and witty play that will transport La Mama Theatre across Australia via live-streaming, helping to reanimate and promote theatrical performance and audience engagement.
Australian Booksellers Association	National Book Vouchers	\$231,000	National Book Vouchers promoting Australian authors and bookshops. Vouchers are direct economic stimulus to the sector which generates royalties and builds careers of Australian authors.
Capital Entertainment PTY LTD	Borderline Music and Arts Festival	\$149,000	Held in Albury-Wodonga, Borderline is a two-day regional music and arts festival showcasing all-Australian contemporary music from headline acts to local and emerging artists.
Footscray Community Arts Centre	GRAVITY	\$187,250	Driving tourism and cultural-economic revival, GRAVITY presents performance seasons by diverse innovative independent theatre-makers, providing immediate employment opportunities and paid work for artists.
Creswick Amateur Theatre Group Inc	CresFest 2022	\$24,300	CresFest will showcase artistic talent, community ingenuity and the natural beauty of Creswick, Victoria. This project will be run by Creswick people to celebrate the joy of live music.
Wildlands Music Festival Pty Ltd	Wildlands: contemporary youth music festival	\$277,410	Wildlands will profile the best contemporary talent from across Australia, expanding in 2022 to deliver a multi-day, multi-city music and arts festival.
British India (D Melia W Drummond M O'Gorman) partnership.	BRITISH INDIA NATIONAL TOUR 2022	\$140,000	British India - National Tour 2022. British India will embark on a 32 date national tour with a focus on regional towns.
<b>SA (7 Projects - \$2,056,557 Funding)</b>			
<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Description</b>
Australian Dance Theatre	'Tracker' by Daniel Riley	\$223,283	'Tracker', a multidisciplinary work by Wiradjuri choreographer and ADT's incoming Artistic Director



			Daniel Riley, explores the story of his Great Uncle, Alec ‘Tracker’ Riley.
State Opera South Australia	Sweeney Todd remount	\$570,274	State Opera South Australia’s production of Stephen Sondheim’s Sweeney Todd will be remounted for a national tour.
Insite Arts International	Nharangga - an Indigenous opera	\$325,000	A large-scale theatre work by Nharangga/Kaurna artist Jacob Boehme weaving together multiple Narungga Dreaming stories to tell the creation story of Yorke Peninsula.
Light Cultural Foundation Limited	Powered by Light	\$200,000	A multi-purpose arts venue providing opportunities for artists by nurturing and facilitating unique collaborations, professional development, and job creation.
Art Gallery of South Australia	Tarnanthi Art Fair online and associated digital public programs	\$184,500	The Tarnanthi Art Fair online and digital programs presents art by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists from across Australia.
Adelaide Festival Corporation	2023 Adelaide Festival – Verdi’s Requiem	\$403,500	A major collaboration between Zurich Ballet (Switzerland) and 200+ Australian artists, crew and staff for Christian Spuck’s MESSA DA REQUIEM for the 2023 Adelaide Festival.
The Australian Short Story Festival Inc	The Australian Short Story Festival	\$150,000	A festival dedicated to short stories in written and spoken forms, inclusive of diverse writers from around Australia.

**WA (7 Projects - \$1,870,857 Funding)**

Organisation	Project Name	Funding	Description
Denmark Baroque Inc.	The Fairy Queen	\$83,650	A fully staged performance of the restoration spectacular semi-opera - The Fairy Queen by Henry Purcell with accompanying tour and accommodation packages.
Interstar PTY LTD	Vaudeville Variety Night: New Comedy	\$46,000	Open-access comedy festival for new talent and material. 10 nights at the Regal Theatre and 20+ performances.
TTD Events Pty Ltd t/a Blossom Festival	Blossom Festival	\$99,325	A 3 day boutique camping festival, celebrating art, lifestyle and music culture in regional WA.
STRUT Dance Incorporated	Situ-8 Festival	\$161,882	An annual site-specific, multi-artform festival presented across the Perth CBD as a mechanism to re-build social and economic vibrancy in communities impacted by COVID-19.
Black Swan State Theatre Company	National tour	\$700,000	Production to tour to remote, regional and metropolitan communities across Australia.

Arts Margaret River Incorporated	Margaret River Readers & Writers Festival	\$180,000	The biggest literary event in regional Western Australia, fostering a love of literature, arts and culture.
Aboriginal Art Centre Hub of Western Australia	Our Country Moves: A state-wide Aboriginal arts and business development project and showcase	\$600,000	Our Country Moves will facilitate cultural exchanges between WA Aboriginal art centres and artists, offer extensive capacity development programs and result in a milestone exhibition.
<b>TAS (5 Projects - \$828,262 Funding)</b>			
<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Description</b>
Panama Productions Pty Ltd	A Festival Called PANAMA 2022	\$125,000	A two-day music and arts event held in Tasmania's North East.
Festival of Voices Inc	Festival of Voices	\$112,294	A re-mount of Australia's foremost choral festival and reconnection of singing communities.
Warp Magazine Pty. Ltd.	Establishing and Reconnecting Touring Routes in Regional Tasmania	\$133,600	This project will establish and reconnect contemporary live music touring routes throughout Tasmania, presenting a 12 month program of concerts that extend to regional areas.
Vibrance Festival Pty Ltd	Vibrance - Tasmanian Street Art Trail	\$208,660	Vibrance will paint 25 large scale murals across Tasmania by 2024 with an accompanying online street art map app to promote art tourism in Tasmania.
Australian Wooden Boat Festival	Maritime Stories and Songs of the Sea	\$248,708	The 2023 AWBF will bring maritime storytelling to life with musicians, singers, dramatists, yarners and puppeteers providing live performances across the unique festival venues.
<b>ACT (1 Project - \$143,000 Funding)</b>			
<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Description</b>
Canberra Glassworks	Television transformation project: waste TV screens reimaged	\$143,000	This project assembles a team of creative problem solvers including artists, craftspeople, and technicians to design and make artworks and products using waste TV screens.
<b>NT (4 Projects - \$1,226,973 Funding)</b>			
<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Description</b>
The Darwin Festival Limited	Darwin Festival 2022: Amphitheatre Concert Series and Sunset Stage Program	\$482,400	Darwin Festival will present a dynamic program of live performances activating two iconic outdoor venues: the Darwin Amphitheatre and the Sunset

			Stage.
GUTS Dance // Central Australia	GUTS Dance	\$275,728	GUTS will create local, sustainable employment and help boost the creative economy through generating new contemporary dance works and expanding programs in Mparntwe/Alice Springs, NT.
Darwin performing Arts Centre t/as Darwin Entertainment Centre	Garrmalang Presents...	\$304,345	Garrmalang Presents... will present a number of first nations events, sector development programs and other activities - as well as Garrmalang Festival - through 2022-2024
Central Australian Singing Incorporated	Presenting the Olive Pink Opera	\$164,500	The 'Olive Pink Opera', created by award-winning Australian Composer and Music Educator Professor Emerita Anne Boyd AM, is an exquisite operatic performance in the Desert.