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Funding set to support regional arts across Australia

The Morrison Government has today announced more than \$580,000 in funding to support 16 regional arts and cultural projects across Australia in the latest Festivals Australia program funding round.

Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts, the Hon Paul Fletcher MP, congratulated the successful recipients of the Festivals Australia grant program.

“I’m pleased to support a diverse range of projects across many art forms including music, theatre and visual arts – a strong reflection on Australia’s diverse and vibrant arts sector.

“Our support will enable these projects to create opportunities for artists to build careers and creative partnerships through festivals and community events, which will have lasting impacts on their communities.

“We know that the arts and cultural sector has experienced severe disruptions from COVID-19. Our regional and remote artists, organisations and communities have suffered. We know this year in particular that the funding will provide much needed support.”

The Festivals Australia program supports arts projects that invite community participation and audience engagement at festivals in regional and remote Australia. Each year the Government provides around \$1.2 million through two competitive funding rounds to support arts projects at festivals in regional Australia.

This year, the Australian Government has announced almost \$800 million in extra arts and entertainment funding, on top of our record annual investment of around \$750 million in core funding, and on top of the \$558 million provided to date through JobKeeper and the \$110 million provided in cash flow payments to businesses.

For the full list of round 11 recipients and more information visit: www.arts.gov.au/festivals-australia

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| Organisation | Project Name | Funding | Activity Description |
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| Dashville | Festival Youth Mentorship | \$36,800 | Ten young people from regional NSW will participate in a mentorship program, incorporating skills development workshops, one-on-one mentoring sessions and a collaborative live performance. |
| Rirratjingu Aboriginal Corporation | Yarrapay Festival Main Stage | \$27,500 | The Yarrapay Festival's main stage will feature well-known and aspiring Indigenous performers singing in-language. |
| Creative Accomplice Pty Ltd | Water Tower Series Program | \$60,000 | The project is a collaboration with numerous Indigenous enterprises and independent artists and will see experimental media works created and screened across local regional and remote water towers in the Northern Territory. |
| Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation | Djarmalak Daluk - Indigenous Women's Program | \$39,900 | The project includes live performances by Indigenous women from the region and interstate, inclusive workshops in traditional skills of fibre art and bush medicine, guest-speaker discussion panels, women's dance and Healing Circles. |
| Fraser Coast Tourism & Events Ltd | Song to the Ocean | \$49,749 | A live music installation featuring original classical music surrounded by light sculptures made during art-making workshops informed by local Indigenous arts and culture and the region's marine life. |
| Cairns Regional Council, Cairns Festival | Reef Lights - Cairns Festival 2021 | \$78,944 | <i>Reef Lights</i> involves a laser and light projection in key areas of the Cairns CBD reflecting the Great Barrier Reef. The project content will be developed in collaboration with local visual artists and through mentorships offered by James Cook University. |
| First Nations Fashion and Design Indigenous Corporation | Indigenous Textile and Fashion Project - Barunga Festival | \$52,140 | The project is a collaboration with Northern Territory Indigenous remote communities to create an Indigenous fashion performance focused on showcasing Indigenous arts and culture, textiles and screen printed fabrics. |
| Great Barrier Reef Festival | Immerse, The Whitsundays - The Heart of the Great Barrier Reef | \$25,604 | Workshops will create an art installation of projected reef-themed animations and upcycled plastic sculptures of marine creatures to transform a monumental fig tree on Airlie foreshore into an underwater wonderland. |

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| Festival Fleurieu | Light on the Cape | \$28,380 | The Cape Jervis Lighthouse will be brought to life with digital art projections and a live performance of sea shanties that share the unique stories of the Fleurieu Coast. |
| Situate | Seed | \$36,191 | <i>Seed</i> is a public artwork delivered in partnership with The Unconformity festival. A car junkyard is transformed into a walk-through installation that showcases the area's native ecosystems. |
| Castlemaine State Festival | Riel ë Nhyiër - CSF Opening Night Celebration and Community Engagement 2021 | \$40,100 | <i>Riel ë Nhyiër</i> is a musical celebration of the South Sudanese culture in central Victoria. Produced in collaboration with Arena Theatre Company, the work will intertwine stories and original songs of the civil war in South Sudan with personal accounts of each of the performers' unique journey in now calling Australia home. |
| Latrobe City Council | TOGETHER: A musical celebration of Latrobe Valley | \$45,000 | Community choirs, concert bands and orchestras from across Latrobe City will create a special musical performance to mark the opening of its new performing arts centre. |
| East Gippsland Marketing Inc. | Lakes Lights | \$35,745 | <i>Lakes Lights</i> is an event featuring an augmented and virtual reality installation at the lakeside jetty which will be surrounded by a community-led parade of light. |
| Sandford Festival Committee Inc. | World Music Masterclass | \$3,500 | <i>World Music Masterclass</i> is a masterclass in musical techniques and the different elements of live performance, culminating in showband sessions and a live performance. |
| Goulburn and North East Arts Alliance Inc. | Elements of Sound | \$7,500 | <i>Elements of Sound</i> involves song writing and musical performances based on environmental sustainability and climate change and workshops with primary schools to educate children about the region's First Nation's past. |
| Ord Valley Events Incorporated | Art in the Park | \$17,100 | <i>Art in the Park</i> involves an open-air gallery, showcasing 30 Indigenous & non-Indigenous artists from the East Kimberley region, culturally informative stations such as bush medicine, hunting and bush food, and traditional dancing. |