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71 arts projects set to boost tourism in regional Australia

The Morrison Government is reigniting the arts and cultural sector in regional Australia, with 71 projects set to share more than \$2.7 million under Round 13 of the Festivals Australia program.

Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts, the Hon Paul Fletcher MP, said the Festivals Australia program is helping to reunite regional and remote communities with arts and culture.

“Through this targeted funding, including the additional \$2.4 million provided through the Regional Arts Tourism Experiences package, we are providing access to a diverse range of high quality, innovative arts projects that will help boost tourism across Australia’s regions,” Minister Fletcher said.

“This support will flow to projects across many art forms including music, theatre, and visual arts, and help to build the profile of artists through collaboration and creative partnerships at festivals and community events.

“We know that regional and remote artists, organisations and communities have been significantly affected by the pandemic, which is why this assistance is invaluable for the sector and is supporting a vibrant and sustainable future for festivals across Australia.”

Creative Economy Taskforce Chair and Joint Artistic Director of the Adelaide Festival, Ms Rachel Healy, said the Festivals Australia program is supporting community engagement across regional Australia by reactivating the arts and cultural sector.

“This funding will not only benefit artists and organisations, but will have flow on benefits for businesses within the local communities, tourism industry and wider arts sector,” Ms Healy said.

“It’s positive to see the diversity of festivals and cultural events that will be funded in Round 13. Projects range from celebrating First Nations culture through performances and exhibitions, to outdoor digital community arts events, street art, and a variety of capacity-building workshops.”

The Festivals Australia program supports arts projects that invite community participation and audience engagement at festivals in regional and remote Australia.

The Morrison Government is investing more than \$1 billion into the arts and creative sector in 2021-22.

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NSW (17 projects - \$548,939 Funding)			
Organisation	Project Title	Activity Description	Funding
Lennox Head Residents' Inc. Heritage Committee	1922 Lennox Head Estate Auction re-enactment	A re-enactment 'auction' of the first four lots of land offered at the 1922 LH Estate Auction based on historical facts with creative twists. A local performer, script writer, director and musician will design the re-enactment.	\$15,479
Orange Chamber Music Festival Incorporated	Cultured	This project is a series of outdoor and indoor performances by local students and professional artists. The Art Gallery and Museum will host solo musicians, pairing art and heritage displays with music performances, relevant to their current exhibitions.	\$13,850
Yours & Owls Events	The Opening Ceremony	The ceremony will incorporate elements of the Chinese holiday and tell stories of the Yuin Nation and the Jerrinja people. It will include a performance involving moving installations, live orchestral music, literature and sport.	\$50,000
Moogahlin Performing Arts Incorporated	Ba-wun - Spirit, Identity, Belonging and Becoming	A series of masterclasses/workshops over ten weeks that will culminate in a curated visual promenade event. Senior artists will collaborate with the community/ community artists.	\$50,000
Kyogle Writers Festival	Crossing	This project captures locals reading poetry on timber bridges which hold significant community memories and are being replaced as a local infrastructure project.	\$21,000
Byron Youth Service	Youth Stage Mentorship and Artist Development Project	This project supports 12 emerging young musicians to be mentored by internationally successful artists. Participants will also present quality music performances during the festival.	\$46,000
River of Art Incorporated	Luminous Art After Dark	An outdoor digital community arts event. Trees and installations are illuminated, stalls showcase artwork and artisans, intertwined with roving performers and kids' activities.	\$46,000
Dashville	Young Gums Youth Mentorship 2022	Ten young people from regional NSW will be chosen to be part of a five day festival mentorship program. The program will include music industry workshops, one-on-one mentoring sessions, and a collaborative live performance as part of the festival closing ceremony.	\$56,075
GLOBE HBH Pty Ltd ATF GT Family Trust & EarthStar Holdings Pty Ltd ATF EarthStar Family Trust	Workshops & Performances Culminating at Broken Heel Festivals Free Main Street Saturday Program	Workshops across platforms which are echoed in free public events. The workshops with talented Divas from the LGBTIQA+ and local artists, plus Dance Workshops available in person or online culminating in a mass mob style dance performance.	\$60,420

Red Floor Productions Pty Ltd, Trading as Dashville	House of Big Dreams	A curated and supervised area within the festival arena, dedicated towards learning and participation of children through direct engagement with various art forms of music, dance, circus, visual arts, storytelling and self-expression.	\$21,400
Nymboida Canoeing Ltd t/a Nymboida Camping and Canoeing Centre	Flourish! with dirtgirlworld – growing fire ready families	A day of heart led recovery and resilience building for young families. Games and nature scavenger hunts meet spoken word mashups and a pillowcase fight to explore how families can prepare for emergency events.	\$11,000
Red Floor Productions Pty Ltd, Trading as Dashville	Dashville Progress Society - Ensemble Spectacular	A group performance project featuring a cast of approximately 20 regional musicians, songwriters and other artists who will co-curate, rehearse and execute a major live performance piece.	\$10,900
Kiarama Pty Ltd	2022 Kiarama Music and Arts Capacity Building Workshops	A two-day capacity building workshop program that will invite regionally-based Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island young, emerging musicians, and industry workers to learn from, share, and network with leading industry professionals.	\$45,400
Pambula Wetlands and Heritage Project Incorporated	Creative communities	A workshop program delivered by six well-known local artists. Participants will be able to choose from a diverse range of art offerings providing an opportunity for the artists to showcase their skills.	\$6,350
Vanfest Pty Ltd	Indigenous Youth Workshop & Performance by Indigenous Artist Budjerah	Musical workshops and a final performance will provide creative and up-skilling opportunities to Aboriginal youths while connecting them with well-respected Indigenous industry creatives.	\$36,905
Boorowa Business Chamber Incorporated	Shifting Sheep	A ‘Sheep Art Trail’ will be created by inviting local artists to paint designs on life-size resin sheep that will be located at various sites throughout Boorowa and surrounding villages/communities.	\$7,060
Tamara Maree Campbell	The People's Lighthouse	A multi-part project that includes the building of a 20 metre high replica lighthouse and a curated projection of lights, images, and storytelling on the lighthouse.	\$51,100

VIC (12 projects - \$311,319 Funding)			
Organisation	Project Title	Activity Description	Funding
Creswick Neighbourhood Centre Incorporated	Creswick Sings	A community choir giving local singers a vehicle for participation. Known and new singers from Creswick and surrounds will grow self-confidence and community connectedness through a series of rehearsals culminating in a performance on the Town Hall stage.	\$10,150
Creswick Neighbourhood Centre Incorporated	Stories of Us	Four diverse shows will focus on stories with special meaning for Australian audiences, from Waltzing Matilda to Life in Lockdown.	\$12,300
Film Festivals Australia	PLFF Filmmaking Workshop	A free workshop inviting filmmakers to attend and hear from industry leaders. The workshop is a mix of speaker-led and interactive Q&As, followed by a hands-on filmmaking experience.	\$10,000
Bendigo Queer Arts Festival (for Bendigo Queer Film Festival)	Outland 10 years on	Two writers of the sitcom Outland will discuss their experience making the show and reflect on what has changed and still needs to change in LGBTIQ+ representation on our small screens.	\$11,712
Castlemaine State Festival Ltd	Dialogues 2022 Special Program	This project will celebrate Australian writing, storytelling and community from a Central Victorian viewpoint. Will showcase Australian literary talent alongside Australia's most progressive thinkers, in international dialogue.	\$35,797
Wangaratta Festival of Jazz Incorporated	Community Stage Invigoration	This project involves programming three diverse professional acts, provides the inclusion of two para-professional acts and creating a collaboration between professional artists.	\$32,025
WinterWild	The Dogwatch	This project will blend local myths, heritage and ancient tales producing an expression of local creativity and community collaboration. Participants will teach, learn and experience a celebration of the Victorian West Coast's winter.	\$29,600
Colac Kana Festival Incorporated	Kana Community Stage	The Kana Community Stage provides free entertainment and announcements to the attendees of the Festival. Kana supplies a marquee enclosed stage, with sound system suitable for the expected audience.	\$5,000
Shepparton Arts Festival Incorporated	THRIVING	An audio-visual-tactile public art installation amalgamating traditional Yorta Yorta First Nations practices alongside cutting-edge digital techniques. This project will also involve tactile Braille elements.	\$71,670
Chillout Daylesford Incorporated	Carnival Stage for a Covid-Safe Festival	A Covid-safe day of artistic performances on the Carnival Stage.	\$24,960

UNO Events Pty Ltd	Headliner Talent Acquisition for Coastal Jam 2022	The goal of Coastal Jam Festival is to do more for the audience we know and love and provide a larger talent offering to showcase more of Australia's best musical talent to regional audiences through headliner talent booking.	\$55,110
WinterWild	Pieces of Cake	'Pieces of Cake', a collection of four installations, will feature in various locations of Apollo Bay. The works include mechatronics, robotics and sculpture.	\$12,995

SA (6 projects - \$138,000 Funding)			
Organisation	Project Title	Activity Description	Funding
Adelaide Festival Centre	Adelaide Guitar Festival 'On The Road'	Adelaide Guitar Festival 'On The Road' is an inclusive and progressive regional & remote South Australian music series that operates across three streams; wellbeing, education and regional engagement.	\$46,500
Hahndorf Academy Foundation Incorporated	Luku Kukuku	Luku will build on software he has developed to create a projected installation piece at the Hahndorf Academy. It will manipulate live images of the audience to encourage interaction with the artwork.	\$17,500
Hahndorf Academy Foundation Incorporated	Nomenclatures	The postcard series looks at the dual names of places and towns. Baylis will incorporate local objects and stories from our museum into his exhibition. Workshops will help children plant a native food garden and learn about native food and nutrition.	\$14,000
Fringe Mount Gambier	Fringe OUTREACH	Fringe art experiences will be taken directly to aged community members living regionally, who experience barriers to accessing and participating in art events and experiences.	\$9,000
The Rural City of Murray Bridge	Live Music in the Attic	Turn a room in the Murray Bridge Town Hall that is currently used as a meeting room into a live music venue. With a capacity of 50 people it is intended that this space can be host to a variety of smaller scale musical performances.	\$15,000
District Council of Tumby Bay	Colour Tumby Street Art	Five renowned street artists will transform a plain wall within the town into a piece of art, attracting spectators during the festival who will watch the art coming together.	\$36,000

WA (9 projects - \$599,542 Funding)			
Organisation	Project Title	Activity Description	Funding
City of Albany	From the shadows and into the light	A community engagement program delivering lantern and shadow puppetry workshops with three artists-in-residence. A shadow puppet theatre, photo booth and lanterns will create a large scale installation of light creatures.	\$38,666
Mt Barker Mountains and Murals Incorporated	Walldog Murals	Six large scale public art murals celebrating the history of Mount Barker and the Shire of Plantagenet will be created and painted. The murals will include significant persons, places and events that have defined the Shire of Plantagenet.	\$34,860
Arts Margaret River	Fringe Program	The Fringe program will work with five new and emerging regional and remote artists to co-create new multi-arts works, creating space for the artists to show their work and gain audience feedback.	\$20,000
Gascoyne in May Inc. (Rebranding to CREALITY)	CONTOURS	Three dancers guided by a fourth Custodian will initiate 'dialogue' with 12 remote insitu locations in the Gascoyne. Indigenous Grandmothers, their daughters and community will collaborate.	\$142,000
Gascoyne in May Inc. (Rebranding to CREALITY)	CREATURA	A ten meter fire-breathing dragon puppet, CREATURA, will headline at six live collective events which are accessible, inspiring and free to all people of the Gascoyne.	\$87,391
Ord Valley Events Incorporated	Art in the Park (AITP)	A curated open-air gallery. Will shine a spotlight on 30 Indigenous and non-Indigenous artists. Workshops will bring youth and elders together to paint long banners that will be used as cultural decorations for the 10 day festival.	\$17,515
City of Karratha	Circus Feast	Helping circus enthusiasts to develop their skills and then perform spectacular circus feats. It does this through circus artists-in-residence, circus skills development workshops, a circus showcase, as well as free performances.	\$79,784
Bunuba Cultural Conservation Institute Limited	Dangu Cultural Performance	Led by cultural practitioners, elders, knowledge custodians, language speakers, dancers, singers and musicians, with Bunuba youth. Integrates the theatrical presentation of cultural stories with traditional Junba.	\$130,180
Mara Art Aboriginal Corporation trading as Yamaji Art	Dome Theatre featuring Star Dreaming	The mobile FullDome Theatre will screen Star Dreaming, a 180-degree immersive feature film wherein scientists and Indigenous artists reveal the mysteries of the universe.	\$49,146

TAS (10 projects - \$465,465 Funding)			
Organisation	Project Title	Activity Description	Funding
Big hART	When Water Falls	A media rich performance of music and digital content that explores the artists' relationships with water. This project presents place-based content co-created and inspired by young people.	\$41,400
Ten Days on the Island	Shorewell Presents... Take 3	This project showcases the gold that lies beneath the surface for residents of Shorewell Park, one of Australia's ten most disadvantaged neighbourhoods. Films will debunk myths of a successful life in Australia.	\$26,000
Ten Days on the Island	Hide the Dog	A trans-Tasman theatre creation celebrating the power of First Nations culture. Hobart's Hedberg Studio will be transformed into a magical world with elaborate costumes, projections and special effects.	\$42,036
People of Pangaea	Circus Town	A space dedicated to the creative talents of local artists. The project will include acrobats, comedians, sideshow legends, family shows, workshops, rovers, flying trapeze, a kids disco, late night cabarets, and stunts.	\$46,506
Junction Arts Festival	Soliloquy 2022	A multi-artform project for young people/emerging artists. A mapped projection installation comprising narratives. Each soliloquy consists of five minutes of a recorded spoken narrative combined with a mapped digital projection of video, stills, sounds and colours.	\$95,000
Glenorchy City Council	Lumi, First Nation Arena and Kinship Program	This project will see local Aboriginal and Pacifica community producers develop key performances and art works.	\$33,023
Ten Days on the Island	mana (our) birth	A theatre work that will draw from Greek legends, palawa and lutruwita/ Tasmania's shared historical and contemporary stories.	\$70,000
Australian Wooden Boat Festival	Celebrating Tasmanian ningher Watercraft - A Living Art Form	The design and production of a Tasmanian ningher bark canoe by a leading Tasmanian Aboriginal boat builder. The project will involve Aboriginal youths, facilitating generational knowledge transfer.	\$42,000
Salamanca Arts Centre	UTOPIA program for young people and families	Includes By-Youth theatre, performances for young people and an interactive hybrid art and performance installation created by young people in collaboration with professional artists.	\$52,050
Vibrance Festival Pty Ltd	Live Art Performance and Graffiti Film Night	An outdoor cinema, in a carpark, screening a seminal graffiti film as a unique event for festival goers. The setting will be decorated by murals painted as part of the festival and include live entertainment.	\$17,450

NT (4 projects - \$190,120 Funding)			
Organisation	Project Title	Activity Description	Funding
Darwin Community Arts	Woven Through Country	A workshop into weaving practices lead by senior traditional weavers, sharing the processes that lead to creating a hand-woven object.	\$16,000
Red Dirt Poetry Festival	Poetry in Motion II	The development of the partnership between Alice Springs-based dance company and poets to create moving poetry pieces for performance. This project will require poets and dancers to collaborate in both Alice Springs and on online spaces.	\$22,000
Central Australian Singing Incorporated	Marliya Choir Performance Tour to Desert Song Festival 2022	Marliya Choir, will present their show 'Spinifex Gum'. Collaborating on 'From the Desert to the Arafura Sea', they will visit a remote community and will conduct workshops in Central Australian schools.	\$68,600
Artback NT	Women's Cultural Song Project	A collaboration between the Borroloola Women's Choir and the Tiwi Strong Women's Choir focusing on cultural exchange and professional development. The final performance will feature both choirs, singing separately and together, and in multiple languages.	\$83,520

QLD (13 projects - \$500,434 Funding)			
Organisation	Project Title	Activity Description	Funding
Mackay Regional Council	Wonder Rooms	Local and QLD-based artists will be supported to convert shipping containers into art exhibits. The containers will travel across the region, taking the Festival to more remote communities.	\$50,000
Gurindji Aboriginal Corporation	Cultural Program/Concert	A cultural program/concert that showcases Indigenous culture, with a focus on traditional and contemporary dance and ceremony. This project will introduce high-calibre Indigenous performers to a local audience.	\$49,500
Opera Queensland	Festival of Outback Opera	A concert with some of Australia's leading performing artists, performing the songs of Mozart, Bizet, Rossini and Rodgers and Hammerstein to name a few.	\$18,293
Integreat Queensland Incorporated	Ignite Community Art - A multi-cultural mobile art installation	This project will engage artists in glass, resin, recycled art and Indigenous painting to create approximately 120 pieces of art in community workshops facilitated by artists in Central Queensland communities.	\$75,000
Bloomin Beautiful Blackbutt Festival Incorporated	Resilience through Laughter: Youth & Community Workshop & Performance Program	Youth and adult group participants will co-design two performances for the festival, incorporating performance, clown and comedy skills development.	\$27,498
Marnock Sisters Cultural & Creative Industries Limited	Fashions By The Sea	It will be a presentation of Aboriginal culture and history told through storytelling and interpreted through music, song, dance, catwalk modelling choreographed routines, Aboriginal textiles and wearable art collections.	\$48,478
Cairns Italian Festival	Ancient Rome: The Empire that Shaped the World	The exhibition "Ancient Rome: The Empire that Shaped the World" will be brought to Cairns to coincide with Multicultural Queensland Month and the inaugural Cairns Italian Festival.	\$40,000
Noosa Film Academy Pty Ltd as Trustee for the Huglin Family Trust	Pinnacle Playhouse Community Digital Screen Production 3-day weekend Workshop and Red Carpet Community Screening Event	Three day workshop for participants to engage in screen production workshops and vocational and tertiary pathway advice. Participants create content for their portfolios and have their work screened at a special community event.	\$4,750
Great Barrier Reef Festival Incorporated	Immerse Whitsundays - Heart of the Great Barrier Reef	A series of art installations will transform the Airlie Beach foreshore into a Great Barrier Reef themed visual focal point. Eight workshops will create the installations, which will be a combination of reef-themed animations and sculptures of marine creatures.	\$43,546

Torres Shire Council	The Torres Strait Gallery @ WOZCF	A Pop-up Art Gallery will be created during the Winds of Zenadth Cultural Festival to provide selected artists an opportunity to share their work on a nationally recognised stage.	\$117,884
Injune District Tourism Association	Crack Up Kids	The Crack up Sisters will be engaged to host workshops with children and youth. They will also perform several circus performances to further promote this art form to the children and youth in attendance.	\$6,955
Central Highlands Music Festival Incorporated	Central Highlands Music Festival Gala Concert	This project features one invited professional, two expert conductors and almost 300 local musicians in a showcase of talent. The gala is prepared throughout the year, and then put together and rehearsed in the festival week.	\$15,000
Darling Downs Irish Club Incorporated	Irish Jigs and Reels	The Ceilidh Irish dance workshop will be led by two experienced Irish Dance instructors. The Bodhran workshop will be presented by a renowned Irish percussionist. Attendees will showcase their skills performing on stage.	\$3,530