

Media Release – The Hon Shelley Payne MLC

Funding boost for Arts Narrogin

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- Regional Arts Venues Support program provides funding to support the expansion of annual programs delivered by arts venues in regional Western Australia
- 11 regional public art galleries and 11 regional performing arts venues to receive annual grants of up to \$70,000 per annum until 2027
- The funding will allow regional art venues to cater to wider audiences through expanded programming

Eleven regional performing arts venues and 11 regional public art galleries are set to benefit from up to \$70,000 per annum over three years through the Regional Arts Venues Support program (RAVS).

Arts Narrogin is among the recipients, receiving \$70,000 per annum until 2027 for its In The House - Connecting Community through Performing Arts Program.

RAVS is a competitive grants program open to regional arts venues operated by local government authorities and not-for-profit organisations.

RAVS consists of two funding branches: Regional Exhibition Touring Boost (RETB) for public art galleries, and Regional Arts and Cultural Investment Program (RACIP) for performing arts venues.

The funding will help regional theatres, civic centres, public galleries and other arts venues to expand their annual programming to better engage the local community and create opportunities for cultural tourism.

Some of the programs funded include initiatives that will support productions written for and by First Nations people, greater participation by children and young people, and the upskilling of artists and arts workers in regional communities.

RAVS funding will have a major impact on the accessibility of regional performing and visual arts and support the local tourist economy.

Comments attributed to Member for the Agricultural Region Hon Shelley Payne MLC:

“I’m proud to be part of the Cook Government, which supports regional arts organisations to flourish.

“Organisations such Arts Narrogin are vital to our small communities, where arts and culture isn’t as easily accessible as it is in the metropolitan area.

“Congratulations to Arts Narrogin and thank you for your ongoing commitment to bringing the arts to regional WA.

Comments attributed to Culture and the Arts Minister David Templeman:

“Our regional communities are diverse and talented. The State Government is proud to deliver funding that encourages a diversity of voices and audiences in the regional arts sector.

"This funding highlights the Cook Government's commitment to ensuring access to quality and consistent arts programming in the regions."

Comments attributed to Regional Development Minister Don Punch:

"The benefits of a thriving arts sector for regional communities are felt by our local artists, audiences and economies.

"In a State as large and diverse as WA, we're proud to be supporting a vibrant cultural landscape which offers something for everyone, no matter where you live."

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