

Create Infrastructure Regional Cultural Fund Completed Projects

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Yarrowarra Aboriginal Arts & Heritage Refurbishment - Gurehlgam Corporation Limited T/A Yarrowarra Aboriginal Cultural Centre (\$103,787)

The Yarrowarra Aboriginal Cultural Centre will undergo a refurbishment and upgrade of its existing buildings in addition to the construction of an on-site pottery shed. The refurbishment will demonstrate the values and ideals of the local Aboriginal community and ensure the collection is preserved properly and celebrated. The collection includes archaeological items, that trace nearly 4,000 years of local history and the Centre provides important cultural services to regional and Aboriginal communities.

Junee Athenium Theatre – Lights, Sound, Action - Junee Shire Council (\$48,800)

The Junee Athenium Theatre will benefit from the installation of commercial sound and lighting to complement the variety of events that occur at the venue. The project is a high priority for the Junee Shire Council and the Friends of the Athenium Theatre who have played a major role in the planning and refurbishment of the theatre over many years.

Robertson School of Arts Refurbishment - Robertson School of Arts (\$99,490)

The Robertson School of Arts will use funding to refurbish and revitalise its 134-year-old Hall and ensure its continued use by the people of Robertson, the Robertson Public School and the School of Arts.

The Murrah Metamorphosis - Murrah Hall Preservation Society (\$70,000)

The Murrah Metamorphosis aims to increase accessibility, viability and cultural reach of the historic Murrah Hall by equipping it with a portable in-house public address system and digital lighting for live music and theatre. The Murrah Metamorphosis has the support of the local community, Bega Valley Shire Council, South East Arts, visiting and local artists.

Culture Harvest: Muswellbrook Autumn Art Festival - Muswellbrook Shire Council (\$28,000)

Anchored by the Muswellbrook Art Prize and presented by Muswellbrook Regional Art Centre, Culture Harvest is an Autumn Celebration with a 3 day program of visual art, contemporary dance, music and performance. This project aims to broaden the awareness of the Art Prize, engage new audiences for the Muswellbrook Regional Art Centre and promote the cultural vibrancy of the Upper Hunter.

The program opens with a live art music performance and is followed by two community public art events and then closes with the opening and announcement of the Muswellbrook Art Prize. The Festival is a partnership between Muswellbrook Regional Art Centre, Muswellbrook Council, Arts Upper Hunter, the Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music and Catapult Dance.

Revisiting the Albury District Crossing Place, Again and Again - Albury & District Historical Society (\$68,877)

Digitising two sets of micro-filmed local newspapers the Albury Banner (1881 to 1896) and the Border Morning Mail (1938 to 1942) will facilitate public availability with full text search on Trove. This project is not only of local community interest, it makes prime sources readily available within and beyond the district to members of the public and to school communities both statewide and nationally.

Upgrade of Nambucca Community Arts Centre - Nambucca Shire Council (\$40,534)

The Nambucca Community and Arts building, originally a School of Arts built in 1890 will receive a stage lighting upgrade, new curtains and refurbishment to the timber floors.

Growing Arts and Cultural Experiences - Inverell Town Hall Annex- Inverell Shire Council (26,440)

The upgrade of the Inverell Town Hall annex will re-energise the arts landscape in Inverell by boosting the capacity of this 1905 venue to host a wider variety of events. Following the upgrade, the annex will host arts, cultural and heritage events including drama workshops, pop-up theatre, short films, acoustic live music performance, contemporary dance, week-long artist-in-residence programs and visual art exhibitions.

Keeping History Covered - Federation Council (\$38,000)

With the Urana Court House Museum's roof in desperate need of replacement, this project will upgrade and enhance existing infrastructure to preserve historical items held for display at the museum. Built in 1879 and designed by James Barnet, the Colonial Architect, the museum is now proudly used to display historical items enjoyed for educational purposes and by residents and visitors.

Develop Warren's Art and Cultural Facility - Warren Shire Council (\$90,618)

The Warren Sport and Cultural Centre is the only centre for art and cultural events and activities in Warren Shire. It is used for dance including Aboriginal dance, music and theatre performances as well as movie screening and art exhibitions. The upgrade will include tiered seating, a projector and screen, audio facilities, spotlights and retractable doors (to create a separate area for either a green room or other smaller cultural activities) to enable the cultural, economic and social advancement of Warren.

Barraba Museum Revitalisation Project - Tamworth Regional Council (\$53,805)

The revitalisation of the Barraba Museum will provide essential upgrades to the museum buildings to better support site activation, place making and access to the museum and its collection. This volunteer run museum requires essential building maintenance to provide a safe, secure and accessible museum that adequately cares for its collection. The project is supported by a dynamic volunteer community.

Multi-purpose Exhibition Display Panels - Arts Council of Gulgong (\$14,441)

This project involves creating 40 exhibition display panels which will be used by Gulgong Arts Council for annual exhibitions, members exhibitions, individual exhibitions and members workshops. The sturdy, lightweight panels can be used in multiple configurations to utilize maximum display and floor space area.

Tilligerry Arts Group's New Home - Tilligerry Arts Group Inc (\$3,806)

The ongoing renovation and refurbishment of the old Lemon Tree Passage Rural Fire Brigade building which will transform it into an art gallery, workshop/meeting venue and source of community information.

Green Gunyah Museum- Double the History Double the Space - Lockhart Shire Council (\$72,920)

The Greens Gunyah Museum in Lockhart will expand into an adjacent building and redesign its display of nationally significant machinery. There will be safe, accessible spaces for all visitors and additional space for machinery and rural-related exhibitions. The project is a partnership between Lockhart Shire Council and the Greens Gunyah Museum (Lockhart and District Historical Society).

Refurbish projector to meet industry mandated specifications - Taree Film Society (\$58,802)

The installation of a Digital Cinema Initiatives (DCI) projector at the Manning Valley Visitors Information Centre will utilise the current seating, sound system and screen to ensure its continued operation and ability to increase the frequency of the screening program. This upgrade will enable the Taree Film Society Inc. to continue to collaborate with community partners and to facilitate a film festival for the Manning Valley.

Upgrade of facilities at the Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre - Bathurst Regional Council (79,254)

The City Hall of the Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre will receive many upgrades, including the installation of a rectangular grid truss, signal and power recticulation, replacement of scenery battens used for scenery and lighting, a wireless communication system for the hall and theatre and replacement of the theatre sound console. These upgrades will ensure the City Hall and Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre are able to accommodate the requirements of a diverse range of performances and stage designs and support future productions.

Upgrade PA System at Manning Entertainment Centre - Mid Coast Council (\$58,393)

The Manning Entertainment Centre will install new sound equipment, including speakers and amplifiers which will meet the specific needs of the Entertainment Centre. The Manning Entertainment Centre ('MEC") is in Taree and is the only performing arts centre in the region. The MEC hosts 95 performances each year with annual audiences of 27,000 people. This sound upgrade will mean that the MEC is better equipped to host performances by major touring acts as well as by local performers, amateur theatre groups and schools.

Johns Bros Joyland - Sulphide Street Railway & Historical Museum (\$23,526)

The 1920-40s Johns Bros Joyland fun fair collection will finally have a permanent home with the construction and fit-out of a shed to house this significant element of Broken Hill's social and recreational history. The collection includes a merry-go-round, clowns, mini greyhound track, enamel signs and more.

Digital Cinema - Scone Films Inc (\$45,916)

Scone Films Inc. will purchase and install a digital cinema screening and audio equipment and train volunteers in its use to enable film screenings and an annual short film festival. This project will ensure that Scone Films are able to continue screening current and vibrant films.

Upgrade Stage Lighting - Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (\$4,000)

Upgraded lighting and a new mixing desk at Uniting Productions in Gosford, allowing amateur performers to be trained in theatrical performance, production and stage-craft, greatly facilitating the development of theatrical performance on the Central Coast.

Lake Street Gallery Renovation Part - 2 Great Lakes Art Society (\$49,513)

Narrabri Shire Council will purchase an outdoor cinema screen and operating accessories for use throughout the shire (and adjoining shires when requested). It will provide cinematic, cultural and artistic experiences for the broader community and be available for community fundraising activities. The equipment will be based in Narrabri and transported to various locations as needed to serve the needs of community groups, outlying towns and neighbouring shires.

Outdoor Cinema Screen Community Art and Culture Experience Project - Narrabri Shire Council (\$9,480)

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Kangaroo Valley Hall Audio-Visual Equipment Installation - Valley Movies Inc (\$42,699)

This project will install high quality audio-visual equipment at the Kangaroo Valley Hall including a motorised screen; projector and Blu-ray player; surround sound system with amplifiers; and hearing augmentation. The Hall is a Council owned and managed heritage building, which is used by many community groups for a variety of purposes, as well as being available for hire to other groups and individuals. The project will allow for screening of movies or other visual mediums for entertainment or education purposes, as well as providing opportunities for holding and supporting cultural and community events.

Two Grand Pianos for the New England Conservatorium of Music - New England Conservatorium of Music (\$73,786)

The New England Conservatorium of Music in Armidale is creating a new Piano Studio employing RFC funding for the purchase of two new grand pianos. Previously the Conservatorium's pianos have been on loan from the University of New England.

Expansion of facilities at the Flying Fruit Fly Circus - Flying Fruit Fly Foundation (\$43,497)

The expansion of facilities at the National Youth Circus Headquarters in Albury will introduce major new circus apparatus to the open access programs of the celebrated Flying Fruit Fly Circus. This will significantly increase capacity and enhance community participation. Sustainability of the building will also be improved with new solar panel system expected to significantly reduce power costs.

Kyogle History Museum - Kyogle and District Historical Museum (\$13,000)

The Kyogle and District Historical Society Inc. cares for a significant collection of antiques and historical memorabilia including over 6,000 photographs. The Society will fit out a new facility that will create a historical hub for the community, school tours and visitors. The vision is for a welcoming, vibrant place which inspires, informs and delights visitors with engaging exhibitions, stories and educational programs and activities.

Gallery Equipment Purchase - Bunker Cartoon Gallery Inc (\$37,368)

The Bunker Cartoon Gallery is home to a valuable collection of more than 23,000 original cartoons dating back to the middle of last Century. These works have a unique place in recording a comedic view of Australian history, and it is viewed as essential that this collection is adequately housed, displayed and the artform protected. To achieve this, the Gallery will receive a specialised compactus storage unit which can store and protect 30,000 original cartoon artworks, new sound and projection equipment including a projector, laptop computer, internal speakers, screen, television and microphones and upgrade of existing touch screen installation, computer and POS system, and low energy lighting to ensure all works in the gallery are well lit to enhance the visitor experience.

Upgrade of auditorium equipment and furniture - Wauchope Community Arts Council Incorporated (\$22,800)

The Wauchope Community Arts Hall's auditorium will be upgraded with new stage units including four lightweight portable units and new seating. Wauchope Community Arts Council also received a community grant of \$5,500 from Port Macquarie-Hastings Council which was spent on new sound and lighting equipment.

Bowraville Historical Theatre - Upgrade Sound and Lighting - Nambucca Shire Council (\$32,500)

The existing Bowraville Theatre will receive new lighting, sound and wiring that will enhance the delivery of all performances held at this historical venue, in addition to reducing electricity and energy usage. With these upgrades the Bowraville Theatre is set to be the "go-to" venue in the Nambucca Valley and will also vastly improve performers and visitor's experiences.

Spiral Gallery Upgrade - Spiral Gallery Co-operative Limited (\$18,000)

For its 20th year, the Spiral Gallery will undergo renovations and refurbishments to improve the exhibition, kitchen, office and collection spaces, including the installation of a new hanging system which will improve overall exhibition standards, enable effective double hanging of artworks and shorten installation time.

From Little Things, Big Things Grow - Coffs Harbour Creative Arts Group (\$31,236)

In 2016 Coffs Harbour Creative Arts Group Inc. (CHCAG) embarked on a four-stage project aimed at improving the gallery facilities. This project supports the completion of stage three, which includes installing insulation and ceilings in the main workroom and the Gallery, installing, air-conditioning, and new glass entry doors, refitting lighting and fans as well as repainting the internal space.

Animating the Space - Narrandera Shire Council (\$53,650)

RCF funding will enable the Narrandera Library, in collaboration with its community, to create a dedicated youth area that features flexible furnishings and a range of technology. The space will entertain, educate and excite visitors by creating new opportunities to imagine and explore.

Tamworth Regional Gallery – TRANSMIT - Tamworth Regional Council (\$58,500)

TRANSMIT will provide large-scale portable and permanent digital screens to enable community wide access to events occurring in places such as state galleries and universities. It will also support education programs for all ages and abilities. The screens will be located inside the Tamworth Regional Gallery and in other locations in the region. TRANSMIT supports access to the arts in regional Australia, the principle priority of the gallery since it opened nearly 100 years ago.

TRANSMIT was launched on the gallery's centenary 1 June 2019.