

Regional Cultural Fund Round One Recipients:

Albury City Council, Pumphouse Makerspace – Riverina-Murray (\$1,300,000)

Albury City Council will extend the Pumphouse Makerspace with an additional 54.5m² for a reception, office space, toilet facilities and a small courtyard. They will purchase tools and equipment to fit out the space. 'A Month in the Country' farmhouse will receive comprehensive work including new roofing, electrical and plumbing works. The interior will be upgraded with work occurring in the kitchen, bathroom, flooring and climate control. The House will also receive a climate control upgrade and an electrical upgrade to three-phase power.

Armidale and Region Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Keeping Place Inc., Development completion – New England North West (\$846,000)

This funding will enable the Armidale and Region Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Keeping Place (ACCKP) to complete its gallery works, car park, footpath and landscaping and will allow them to install solar panels on the building. Being the only fully operating Aboriginal cultural centre and keeping place in the New England North West region, the ACCKP has become a significant venue for the community and the surrounding regions.

Arts Council of Gulgong Inc., Exhibition panels – Central West and Orana (\$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, light-weight panels can be used in multiple configurations to utilise maximum display and floor space areas.

Ballina Shire Council, Multi-disciplinary arts facility – North Coast (\$158,480)

The heritage-listed former Ballina Fire Station is to be re-born as 'Ignite Studios', a multi-disciplinary arts facility offering accessible creative studio spaces, dedicated workshop/project spaces and a visiting artist-in-residence space. This grant will also fund sustainable lighting upgrades for the Northern Rivers Community Gallery and the temporary engagement of a consultant to champion strategic development and partnership opportunities for the gallery.

Bathurst Regional Council, Memorial Entertainment Centre facilities upgrade – Central West and Orana (\$79,254)

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

Batlow Development League, Building upgrades – Riverina-Murray (\$44,393)

The Batlow Literary Institute is an iconic building with great historic and cultural value to the local community and this funding will allow the facility to 'ring out' again with new stage lighting, sound equipment and retractable exhibition walls. The venue with its vaulted ceiling, picture theatre balcony and seating, deep stage and commercial kitchen, will be upgraded to stage arts, cultural and recreational events for all the community.

Berrima District Historical & Family History Society Inc., Berrima District Museum Masterplan project – South East and Tablelands (\$113,324)

The Berrima District Museum will initiate the first stage of its Masterplan beginning with the fit-out of two new exhibition spaces and the introduction of new digital content. It will also include three large new showcases containing a significant proportion of the Museum's collection which will be installed for visitors to experience and discover.

Binnaway Rail Heritage and Preservation Group Inc., Open-air museum – Central West and Orana (\$80,212)

Binnaway Rail Heritage Group Inc. will commemorate the Centenary of Rail by erecting an open-air museum with interpretation panels to display historical objects including rolling stock and tools.

Bourke Arts Council, building refurbishment – Far West (\$60,000)

Bourke Art Council (BAC) will refurbish a disused building into a pottery centre. Works will include the fit-out of the building, installation of reverse cycle air-conditioning and installation of a solar panels, along with the purchase of equipment including kilns, a slab roller, pottery wheels and associated tools.

Bundanon Trust, Riversdale Masterplan – Illawarra-Shoalhaven (\$8,592,299)

When the Riversdale Masterplan is realised it will provide a permanent home for Arthur Boyd's generous gift to the Australian people of the nationally significant Boyd art collection. The expanded Riversdale will be open to the public five days a week, offering expanded public programs and providing new accommodation for artist groups, residential education and related event purposes. It will also enable the Bundanon Trust to grow its valuable community engagement work connecting disadvantaged people with the arts, with a focus on Aboriginal and at-risk youth.

Bunker Cartoon Gallery Inc., Gallery equipment purchase – North Coast (\$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, TV and microphones and an upgrade of existing touch screen installation, computer and POS system. Low energy lighting will also be installed to ensure all works in the gallery are well lit to further enhance the visitor experience.

Byron Writers Festival, Writers on the Road – North Coast (\$80,100)

'Writers on the Road' brings leading Australian authors to regional towns in northern NSW, extending the activities of the Byron Writers Festival and its school program StoryBoard. The authors run free creative writing workshops in schools and literary events in communities. 'Writers on the Road' extends the reach and use of the StoryBoard bus, a mobile piece of artistic infrastructure containing a library, miniature writing room and creative resources. It celebrates and extends the power of books, stories and writing to create connection and a sense of community.

Clarence Valley Council, Grafton Regional Gallery refurbishment and extension – North Coast (\$7,621,480)

The rejuvenated and expanded Grafton Regional Gallery will deliver a regional arts and creative destination for the Clarence Valley. The project will provide a new, national standard, main gallery and storage for the collection above flood level. Repurposed workshop and exhibition facilities will improve and expand events and artist engagement and increase visitor accessibility. Energy-efficient cooling and heating will improve the sustainability of the gallery and enhance the visitor experience.

Cobar Shire Council, Heritage Centre weatherproofing – Far West (\$295,603)

Weatherproofing the Great Cobar Heritage Centre will preserve the building and its wonderful collection of exhibits and artefacts. The building needs a chemical damp course to stop rising damp and salinity and a new roof, windows and doors to stop water and dust entering and to reduce pest incursions. The weatherproofed centre will allow better use of the existing space including increased exhibition space, improved safety and a more comfortable experience for visitors.

Coffs Harbour Creative Arts Group Inc., Gallery upgrades– North Coast (\$31,236)

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

Creative Mullumbimby Inc., Solar-powered creative space – North Coast (\$25,928)

Funding will enable the creation of 'The Ark' – a solar powered shipping container equipped and fitted-out as an off-grid workshop, shelter, stage, and store. This project will help promote and support public art installation, performance, circus, community events and festivals in Mullumbimby and surrounding regions. The Ark will include a 1KW off-grid solar power system, benches, storage facilities, mobile stage units and a lighting rig that will support remote performances, art installations, small scale fabrications and administration of community events. The facility will be developed and tested in the context of small community art projects in 2018 before being available for loan or hire from early 2019.

Dubbo Regional Council & Old Dubbo Gaol, Exhibition redevelopment – Central West and Orana (\$600,000)

The redevelopment of the Old Dubbo Gaol exhibition will create opportunities to increase cultural tourism to this state heritage listed site and the Dubbo region. The upgrade will further strengthen the visitor experience to meet the current and future needs of a wide demographic including cultural tourism, educational tourism, entertainment, those visiting friends and relatives and general destination tourists.

Flying Fruit Fly (Circus) Foundation, Facilities expansion – Riverina-Murray (\$43,497)

The expansion of facilities at Australia's 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 panels expected to significantly reduce power costs.

Goulburn Mulwaree Council, Goulburn Region Performing Arts Centre – South East and Tablelands (\$4,500,000)

Goulburn's historic Old Town Hall will soon be redeveloped into a state-of-the-art performing arts centre for the region. A contemporary extension to the original 1887 building will create a 440-seat auditorium with tiered seating on two levels, and full front and back-of-house services including a café and bar. The theatre will have the highest technical specifications to facilitate use for theatrical, music, dance and spoken word performances. The foyer will be able to be converted to a small performance space for an audience of 100 or be used for larger conferences and events. Currently Goulburn does not have a professional standard performing arts venue, so this project will transform the cultural life of the region.

Goulburn Regional Conservatorium, Creative precinct – South East and Tablelands (\$1,300,000)

The development of a creative precinct and renewed facilities will provide a central creative space for Goulburn's local community to collaborate and stimulate imaginations. The precinct will offer spaces for rehearsal, performance, professional development, community collaboration and creative exploration. Located in central Goulburn and part of the Goulburn Regional Conservatorium facilities, this creative and innovative precinct will provide a wide range of opportunities for regional cultural enrichment and increase access and participation in the arts.

Great Lakes Art Society, Gallery renovation – Hunter (\$49,513)

This funding will allow the Great Lakes Art Society to renovate the interior storage, kitchen and office area of their Gallery. The funding will also enable the society to create additional exhibition space, install a contemporary lighting system and construct a reception desk. The facility provides significant recreational, educational and social benefits to the people of the greater Forster/Tuncurry region, especially those with mental and physical health issues.

Griffith City Council, Regional Theatre upgrade – Riverina-Murray (\$663,175)

Griffith Regional Theatre will receive a major upgrade and revitalisation of its current facilities. Upgrades will include; new public toilets that meet accessibility standards and include a parents' room, the expansion and enhancement of the foyer area with outdoor spaces to increase flexibility and the renovation of dressing rooms (including bathroom facilities). Air-conditioning will also be installed in the Burley Griffin Room – the cabaret and meeting space, as well as a new lighting desk to support current multi-channel lighting systems for local and touring productions. New acoustic panelling in the auditorium will be installed to help reduce feedback and improve sound quality particularly for hearing impaired patrons.

Gulgong Holtermann Museum, Interactive exhibition – Central West and Orana (\$198,240)

The Gulgong Holtermann Museum is being upgraded so that it can showcase the UNESCO-listed Holtermann Collection of photographs as well as provide community exhibition and workspaces. The next stage of the project is the design, creation and setting up of the interpretative and interactive exhibition together with the fit-out of the new facility into restored gold rush buildings and newly constructed galleries. The State Library of NSW has been providing key advice and support for the exhibition which will allow visitors to interact with this outstanding collection of photographs.

Guyra & District Historical Society Inc., Museum refurbishment – New England North West (\$60,000)

The Guyra Historical Museum will undergo a major refurbishment and renovation, which includes painting the whole building, electrical and plumbing repairs, replacement of doors and flooring where necessary, and the temporary removal of all museum display objects whilst these works take place. The project also includes a new research space and upgrade of data research tools.

Hilltops Council Cultural, Community and Education Precinct – South East and Tablelands (\$3,000,000)

The centrepiece of a new Cultural, Community and Education Precinct in Young will enhance cultural opportunities for the whole community through access to state-of-the-art facilities not currently available in the region. Hilltops Council, in partnership with School Infrastructure NSW, is planning a purpose-built joint-use facility with Young High School to provide a joint-use library service and a range of other services that currently don't exist in the Hilltops community. These include an arts workshop and exhibition space, support for tertiary education, a proactive youth focussed wellbeing hub and a Wiradjuri learning and cultural centre.

Inverell Shire Council, Inverell Town Hall annex upgrade – New England North West (\$26,440)

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

Junee Shire Council, Athenium Theatre upgrades – Riverina-Murray (\$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.

Kyogle and District Historical Society Inc., Kyogle History Museum – North Coast (\$130,000)

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.

Lake Macquarie City Council, Gallery development – Hunter (\$735,789)

Stage three of Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery's development will include an extended collection storage and exhibition space (including a dedicated space for contemporary Aboriginal arts practice), a covered outdoor programming space, a reconfigured entrance, a new efficient air-conditioning and additional photovoltaic panels. This project has become crucial due to rapidly growing audiences, higher demands for public/exhibition space, a rapidly developing collection (including from a bequest), the development and promotion of Aboriginal arts practice, and environmental imperatives to reduce carbon footprints.

Lake Macquarie City Council, Speers Point Multi Arts Space – Hunter (\$1,346,661)

The Speers Point Multi Arts Space will be a new multi-arts facility for the presentation of screen and digital art, performance and music, installations, workshops and offer a central hub for outdoor creative activity within Speers Point Park. The vision is for a contemporary, architect-designed space that will fulfil the expanded role the Council wants to play over the coming decade in nurturing creative development and provide access to quality arts and cultural experiences for residents and visitors.

Lithgow City Council, Union Theatre Development – Central West and Orana (\$775,664)

Lithgow's Union Theatre will be transformed to support increased participation in a thriving arts and cultural sector in the local community and region. The project involves enhancing the back-of-house facilities, upgrading audio and lighting equipment, new lifts, staging, curtains and dress room facilities.

Lockhart Shire Council, Greens Gonyah Museum expansion – Riverina-Murray (\$72,920)

The Greens Gonyah 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 Gonyah Museum (Lockhart and District Historical Society).

Mid Coast Council, Manning Entertainment Centre studio theatre space – Hunter (\$20,959)

This funding will allow Mid Coast Council to commission architectural plans, construction drawings and theatre consultant plans for a versatile flat-floor performance and rehearsal space at the Manning Entertainment Centre in Taree.

Mid Coast Council, Manning Entertainment Centre PA upgrade – Hunter (\$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.

Mid Coast Council, Manning Entertainment Centre studio theatre space – Hunter (\$1,550 000)

This project will enable Mid Coast Council to construct and fit-out a versatile flat-floor performance and rehearsal space at the Manning Entertainment Centre in Taree. The new space will provide affordable rehearsal space as well as an intimate and versatile performance space for local performers. It will also allow for professional touring products such as cabaret, comedy, film screenings, chamber and contemporary music that local audiences are not currently able to experience due to the current limitations of the venue.

Mid Coast Council, Manning Regional Art Gallery revitalisation – Hunter (\$80,000)

This project will help fund the revitalisation of the Manning Regional Art Gallery to better serve, connect and engage with the communities of the Mid Coast region, by improving access and facilities, creating an Artist-in-residence studio space as well as new exhibition space to support both emerging and local artists.

Moree Plains Shire Council, Civic Precinct redevelopment – New England North West (\$1,052,182)

The Moree Civic Precinct – incorporating the Memorial Hall, Banquet Hall and Moree Plains Library – is an iconic 1923 building set in the heart of Moree’s main street. It has long been the home of the dramatic arts for the region. However, it needs redevelopment to satisfy the current and future requirements of theatrical and dance groups, visiting stage shows, schools and community groups. The redevelopment will improve heating and cooling, access, amenities, acoustics, and fire safety. It will also provide access for people with a disability and a safe and modern stage.

Murrah Hall Preservation Association Inc., Murrah Metamorphosis – South East and Tablelands (\$70,000)

The Murrah Metamorphosis aims to increase the 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, and visiting and local artists.

Muswellbrook Shire Council, Culture Harvest Art Festival – Hunter (\$28,000)

Anchored by the Muswellbrook Art Prize and presented by Muswellbrook Regional Art Centre, Culture Harvest is an Autumn Celebration with a three-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 Festival is a partnership between Muswellbrook Regional Art Centre, Muswellbrook Council, Arts Upper Hunter, the Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music and Catapult Dance.

Muswellbrook Shire Council, Regional Art Centre upgrade – Hunter (\$135,300)

Muswellbrook Regional Art Centre, the premier gallery for the Upper Hunter region, will install an updated climate control system to protect the significant Max Watters Collection and other artworks and meet the standards required to host travelling exhibitions and ensure the comfort of staff and visitors. The centre’s upgrade also includes energy-efficient LED lighting for the gallery space and a modern sound system for multi-media installations and public events.

NAISDA Dance College, Naya Wa Yugali Centre for International Indigenous Creative Learning precinct development – Central Coast (\$117,164)

NAISDA plans to develop its current NSW Central Coast campus into a flagship, international precinct for Indigenous creative learning to be called Naya Wa Yugali which means ‘we dance’ in Darkinjung language. The new precinct will be a ‘ngura’, a gathering place where Indigenous artists from across the world can meet and exchange ideas, knowledge and skills. It will be a learning hub, offering a unique understanding of the development of Australian and international contemporary Indigenous dance for Australian students and arts practitioners, and will include a state-of-the-art auditorium which can also host visiting performance companies.

Nambucca Community and Arts Centre Committee of Management, Centre upgrades – North Coast (\$40,534)

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

Nambucca Shire Council, Bowraville Theatre upgrade – North Coast (\$32,500)

The existing historical 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 vastly improve performers and visitor’s experiences.

Narrabri Shire Council, Outdoor cinema screen – New England North West (\$9,480)

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.

Northern Rivers Conservatorium, Building refurbishment – North Coast (\$636,172)

The refurbishment of the Northern Rivers Conservatorium’s historic building will improve access for all members of the community through the installation of a lift and internal ramps and upgrade of all amenities. The teaching, administrative and public spaces will also be refurbished so that the physical space reflects the excellence of the conservatorium’s music education, presentation and participation activities.

Orange City Council, Regional Gallery extension – Central West and Orana (\$4,052,990)

Extending the Orange Regional Gallery will provide additional storage and exhibition spaces and enable the gallery to resume acquiring modern and contemporary works. It will then be able to capitalise on its current reputation through the increased exhibition of those works, ensuring its continuing relevance as a collecting institution for future generations.

Parkes Shire Council, Library expansion – Central West and Orana (\$2,000,000)

Parkes Shire Library will reinvent itself with an innovative and modern expansion project to deliver new dynamic art and cultural spaces including a gallery and an intergenerational maker space. The new architect-designed indoor and outdoor space will also provide areas for children’s programs, meetings, quiet study, connecting with technology, and green space. The communities of Parkes, Peak Hill, Trundle, Tullamore, Cookamidgera and Bogan Gate will benefit from this project.

Queanbeyan Palerang Council, Finders Keepers shopfront – South East and Tablelands (\$40,000)

Finders Keepers funding will enable the creation of a vibrant arts shopfront located within The Q Exhibition Space in the Queanbeyan Performing Arts Centre. Funding will assist to fit-out the first third of the current exhibition space to operate as a shopfront to promote, profile and sell high quality, locally produced art and craft of the Queanbeyan-Palerang region. The shopfront will fill a niche gap in the regional marketplace.

Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council, Bicentennial Hall refurbishment – South East and Tablelands (\$999,000)

Refurbishment will transform the Bicentennial Hall into a functional and multi-purpose space, allowing it to form part of a ‘cultural hub’ and provide a sought-after venue for current and potential users in the performing arts, visual arts, community and culture.

Saltwater Freshwater Arts Alliance, 2019 Programming – North Coast (\$74,050)

The Saltwater Freshwater Exhibition and Aboriginal Art Award will tour to the Glasshouse Regional Gallery in Port Macquarie, Coffs Harbour Regional Gallery, Manning Regional Gallery in Taree and the Wadjar Regional Aboriginal Art Gallery. The Saltwater Freshwater Arts Alliance will run arts and cultural programs in conjunction with the exhibition including engaging an independent Aboriginal curator to mentor an Aboriginal artist from each area.

Scone Films Inc., Digital equipment – Hunter (\$45,916)

Scone Films Inc. will purchase and install 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.

Spiral Gallery Co-operative Ltd, 20th Anniversary upgrade – South East and Tablelands (\$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.

Sulphide Street Railway & Historical Museum Trust, Johns Bros Joyland Collection – Far West (\$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.

Tamworth Regional Council, Barraba Museum Revitalisation – New England North West (\$52,805)

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.

Tamworth Regional Gallery, TRANSMIT project– New England North West (\$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.

Taree Film Society Inc., Projector upgrade – Hunter (\$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 programme. This upgrade will enable the Society to continue to collaborate with community partners and to facilitate a film festival for the Manning Valley.

The Arts Centre Cootamundra, Fulcrum project – Riverina-Murray (\$60,000)

The Arts Centre Cootamundra Fulcrum Project is an organisational capacity building project that focuses on soft infrastructure – its people: volunteers, board and community. A decade of renovations and building, including more than 7,000 hours of volunteer labour, has created a wonderful venue of great cultural and financial value to the community. The next phase for the arts centre demands increased skills in governance, administration and engagement to realise its full community potential. Fulcrum will act as a catalyst to improve the processes and engagement of the organisation and place it on track to increase its self-sustainability.

The CORRIDOR project, Museum of Vast Exchange (MOVE) – Central West and Orana (\$142,715)

Funding will develop a prototype for a fully relocatable Museum of Visual Exchange (MOVE), self-contained exhibition venue. A temporal museum based on a commercial building typology providing a hermetic environment to connect arts, sites & communities. The concept for MOVE is born out of a recognition that there are severe restrictions and limitations for the display of gallery and museum-based exhibitions outside of major institutions. Consideration of the limited access and exchange experienced by communities and audiences who are not traditionally reached through major art institutions has motivated this project.

The Wired Lab, Storage and AV facilities and equipment – Riverina-Murray (\$64,124)

The Wired Lab will utilise the funds to support the installation and fit-out of two insulated shipping containers for secure storage purposes, and the purchase of infrastructure including a PA system, an inflatable screen, and data projector to offer a mobile outdoor cinema experience and a high-quality PA (for screenings and live performance) across the Eastern Riverina/South West Slopes districts and surrounds.

Tilligerry Arts Group Inc., Building renovation – Hunter (\$3,806)

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

Tweed Unlimited Arts Inc., Equipment and accessibility upgrades – North Coast (\$20,100)

Tweed Unlimited Arts Inc. will receive a new kiln, ventilation system and window upgrades to provide better facilities for its art and creative groups, which includes; spinning and weaving, creative fibre arts, pottery, four art groups (using various media), patchwork and quilting, mixed needlework/creative crafts and cake decorating. As part of this upgrade Tweed Unlimited Arts Inc. will also install two accessible parking spaces which will provide improved access to the facilities.

Uralla Shire Council, Aboriginal Cultural Display – New England North West (\$16,196)

Uralla Shire Council has been approached by Local Aboriginal Elders wishing to loan or donate artefacts to preserve and assist the community in learning about local cultural heritage. This display will offer a diverse and distinctive cultural experience by encouraging development and growth in the regional cultural sector. The cabinets will be placed in the soon-to-be-upgraded Visitor Information Centre allowing tourists and locals to experience and learn about the local Aboriginal Culture and strengthen the relationships between the Local Elders, Uralla Shire Council, the local Community and the high tourist market.

Valley Movies Inc., Kangaroo Valley Hall AV equipment installation – Illawarra-Shoalhaven (\$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 educational purposes, as well as providing opportunities for holding and supporting cultural and community events.

Wagga Wagga City Council, Museum of the Riverina redevelopment – Riverina-Murray (\$3,188,383)

Funding will be used to redevelop the exhibition and collection storage spaces at the Museum of the Riverina's Botanic Gardens site. The Museum of the Riverina is a collecting institution that services a large region and includes an outreach service supporting volunteer community museums throughout the region.

Warren Shire Council, Sport and Cultural Centre upgrades – Central West and Orana (\$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, movies 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.

Wauchope Community Arts Council, Auditorium equipment and furniture upgrades –North Coast (\$22,800)

The Wauchope Community Arts Hall's auditorium will be upgraded with new stage units including four lightweight portable units and brand-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.

West Darling Arts, Screen Broken Hill hub creation– Far West (\$59,712)

Screen Broken Hill will develop an unused space above the Post Office in Broken Hill into a film, TV and digital hub. Establishing this physical hub will meet an urgent community need for a collaborative, affordable co-working space in the heart of town for local and visiting filmmakers and digital artists. It will centralise and consolidate the local screen industry culture and strengthen opportunities available to the media industry of Broken Hill.

Yarrawarra Aboriginal Cultural Centre, Building upgrades – North Coast (\$103,757)

The Yarrawarra 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 will ensure the collection is preserved properly and celebrated. The collection includes archaeological items, that trace nearly 4000 years of local history and the Centre itself provides important cultural services to regional and Aboriginal communities.

Create NSW Regional Cultural Fund Round Two Recipients:

Brunswick Picture House Upgrades – North Coast (\$627,000)

Located in the Northern Rivers region, the Brunswick Picture House is a classic coastal construction, originally built in 1952. After extensive renovation and some refurbishment, the venue was re-opened in 2016. RCF funding will enable a major upgrade of the venue, including a new office, backstage area, seating, air conditioning, solar panels and toilet facilities with disabled access.

Casino Civic Hall Revitalisation – North Coast (\$208,172)

RCF funding will enable a project to upgrade stage flooring, increase seating/capacity, improve storage, interior painting and refurbishment of the art deco appearance will revitalise Casino's Civic Hall. Funding will also enable development of a Cultural Revitalisation Plan for prioritising future works in a heritage-appropriate style.

Central Tablelands Collection Facility – Central West & Orana (\$2,300,000)

This large, new purpose-built collection facility in Bathurst will accommodate valuable and fragile collections, archives and other significant cultural items. It will also provide much needed storage, along with collection management services including cataloguing, preventative and material conservation treatment, curatorial inspection of collections, digitisation, a virtual classroom and onsite learning facilities.

Cooma Cottage; Construction of New Toilet Facility with Disabled access – South East & Tablelands (\$40,000)

Vital funds will upgrade the amenities for people with a disability at Cooma Cottage, ensuring the heritage cottage and the grounds are an accessible venue to the entire community.

Creative Common; Arts and Culture Development Hub – Riverina-Murray (\$89,389)

Creating a focus for cultural, social and regional economic development the Creative Common project will see the renovation of an underutilised council building in Deniliquin and installation of a solar power system. Among its aims are improving accessibility and functionality of the heritage site. The project will deliver to arts and cultural organisations spaces for workshops, meetings and creative enterprise for youth and others. With co-location with key regional development organisations, it is hoped the new creative hub will help promote and embed arts and cultural capacity in regional development.

Deriah Aboriginal Heritage and Cultural Area Access – New England & North West (\$249,000)

The Deriah Aboriginal Heritage and Cultural Area Access Road upgrade will improve access to an important heritage and cultural site and improve safety in the area. The road is the only access to the Deriah Aboriginal Area, which holds important cultural significance to the Gamilaraay People.

Dexter Horizontal Windmill Reconstruction – Riverina-Murray (\$178,418)

The 7.2m high Dexter Horizontal Windmill was imported to Australia before 1883. Federation Council will use working components, rescued and reserved by the local Historical Society and restored by engineers, to reinstate the rare historic windmill in Urana.

Enhance Arts and Cultural Hall at Nevertire - Central West & Orana (\$48,509)

The revitalisation of the Nevertire Hall in Warren will enable the historic hall to continue to serve the arts and cultural requirements of the community. The refurbishment includes painting, installation of an energy efficient heating and cooling system, along with other improvements for safety and comfort.

Fairbridge Children's Farm Park - Central West & Orana (\$500,000)

RCF funding will go toward establishing a heritage education point relating to the 1,000 British child migrants sent to Fairbridge Farm, Molong. Through interpretive walks and linked online information, the space will provide visitors and locals with an understanding of the children's journey to Molong and their lives at the farm.

Gilgandra Cultural Precinct Refresh & Upgrade Project - Central West & Orana (\$1,551,799)

This project will see a revitalisation of spaces within the Gilgandra Cultural Precinct and an extension to the Coo-ee Heritage Centre, creating modern and interactive community space for recreation, learning and cultural expression.

Gilgandra Shire Library Extension Stage 2 - Central West & Orana (\$466,903)

RCF funding will help the Gilgandra Library complete its extensions with an architecturally designed indoor/outdoor space for creative workshops for people of all ages. The library will also gain a small meeting room, accessible bathroom and storeroom. To complete the indoor/outdoor cultural space, an accessible ramp, covered walkway and garden space will be installed.

Glasshouse Studio Performance Space Seating Upgrade – North Coast (\$127,828)

The Glasshouse in Port Macquarie will expand and diversify its cultural programming by revitalising the Studio with a new seating system. The project will allow the studio to increase utilisation and capacity of the studio performance space, improve accessibility for audiences and increase its flexibility to cater for a broader range of performing genres.

Great Cobar Heritage Centre Exhibition Upgrade – Far West (\$398,188)

The exhibitions of the Great Cobar Heritage centre will be given their first refurbishment in 30 years, allowing the Centre to tell the stories of Cobar and its people through to the present day. New displays will feature diverse themes and conform to excellent modern museum standards.

Grenfell Community Arts Centre Refurbishment – Central West & Orana (\$220,000)

The old circa 1920's Grenfell Public School building is used by Grenfell Dramatic Society Inc. and Grenfell Arts and Crafts Group in Grenfell. This project will allow the repair, restoration, repainting and preservation of the facility's nine rooms and hall.

Gunnedah Rainbow Serpent Water Feature Project – New England & North West (\$155,725)

The Gunnedah Rainbow Serpent Water Feature Project will deliver a large seating area in a shape and design that symbolises and pays respect to the traditional Kamilaroi story of the Rainbow Serpent. The water feature will be located in front of Gunnedah's Cultural Precinct.

Guyra Historical Museum fit-out – New England & North West (\$60,346)

The Guyra Historical Museum will be fitted-out to provide a safe and protected space for valuable museum collection items, including: new display cases, UV protector film and blinds for all windows, hanging tracks, security cameras and a back to base alarm and monitoring system.

Hall to Hub, Arts Evolution, Bellingen – North Coast (\$3,303,000)

The Bellingen Memorial Hall is seeking to broaden arts and culture events and performances at the venue with the development of more lighting, stage and performance spaces. The project will encompass new amenities, change rooms, performance spaces, a kitchen, supper room and meetings rooms. The project will also improve accessibility.

Hay Shire Council and the Hay Museum, Bishop's Lodge Exhibition – Riverina-Murray (\$10,685)

Supported by Hay Shire Council and the Hay Museum community, the RCF funds will make it possible to install and display objects and interpretative panels from the Bishop's Lodge Historic House and Garden collection, in the Riverina-Murray region.

Industry-standard climate control system for Shoalhaven Regional Gallery – Hunter (\$600,000)

Shoalhaven Regional Gallery, Nowra has received RCF funding to upgrade and support the installation of a new climate control system. This is required to reduce current issues experienced with a poorly performing system.

Jindabyne Community Library and Innovation Hub – South East & Tablelands (\$3,000,000)

Snowy - Monaro Council and Schools Infrastructure are developing a major joint-use facility with Jindabyne Central School. The facility will provide a joint-use library service, innovation space, meeting rooms and a presentation space.

Keeping History Covered; Re-Roofing Urana Court House Museum – Riverina-Murray (\$38,000)

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

Lady Denman Heritage Complex, Critical Infrastructure Replacement: Building for the Future – Illawarra – Shoalhaven (\$1,345,711)

This project will assist the volunteer-run Lady Denman Heritage Complex in Huskisson to replace and enhance essential infrastructure to create a museum that can be a cultural hub and gathering place for the region's community and visitors.

Lennox Head Cultural and Community Centre Enhancements – North Coast (\$1,833,502)

RCF funding will go to improvements to the Lennox Head Cultural and Community Centre's roofing and structural linings as well as air conditioning and a ventilation system in the Park Lane Theatre. These works will greatly improve the experience for performing artists and audiences alike.

Mackay Park Arts and Cultural Centre – South East & Tablelands (\$8,000,000)

The Mackay Park Arts and Cultural Centre in Batemans Bay will be a purpose-built exhibition, workshop, rehearsal and performance centre and storage space that will service the region's art, theatre and dance groups as well as the broader community. The facility will have a flexible auditorium with retractable seating for 500 people; rehearsal rooms, dressing rooms, a green room, an exhibition space and storage. The site will also play an important role as the gateway of the new recreation, community and tourism precinct for the town.

Mid-Western Regional Gallery and Cultural Centre – Central West & Orana (\$2,300,000)

Funding will assist the construction and fit out of a new Mid-Western Regional Gallery and Cultural Centre in Mudgee. The new Gallery and Cultural Centre will include permanent and temporary exhibition spaces, a tourism office, regional gift shop, book shop, art store, sculpture garden, café, seminar/conference space and artist in residence space.

Muda Aboriginal Corporation, Bourke Aboriginal Art and Culture Centre – Far West (\$665,019)

RCF funding will enable the Muda Aboriginal Corporation to purchase and fit out buildings for the Bourke Aboriginal Artists workshop and sales outlet. New facilities will foster growth among a vibrant group of local indigenous artists who have established themselves within the art and tourism industry. The funds will also better safeguard the production and sale of artworks that is fundamental to the group's ongoing success.

Murwillumbah Auditorium, The Living Arts for All Project – North Coast (\$1,114,000)

The Murwillumbah Auditorium will be upgraded with a new roof, new technologies, an improved front and back-of-house and improved accessibility to facilities, ensuring the 1975 building complies with legislation and attracts a growing range of diverse audiences.

Museum of Printing; Permanent, Re-usable, Exhibition Infrastructure – New England & North West (\$7,736)

Black Gully Printmakers is a not-for-profit community group keeping the Museum of Printing at New England Regional Art Museum open to the public. Funding will allow for the creation of a permanent, yet portable exhibition system consisting of twenty-five adjustable and re-usable matching wooden exhibition frames of varying sizes; a hanging system, and a variety of matts and a matt cutter.

Myall Creek Cultural Precinct landscaping and outdoor cultural infrastructure – New England & North West (\$1,066,981)

Funding is going to a cultural centre associated with the national and state heritage listed Myall Creek Memorial. Works will provide a culturally appropriate outdoor performance space and meeting place for dance, drama and storytelling.

Nambucca Heads Library and Cultural Space, Cultural Precinct Extension and Activation – North Coast (\$1,500,000)

This project provides for an extension of the Nambucca Heads Library and Cultural Precinct. The extension will almost double the size of the library space and allow for storage on the below ground level, lift access, staff room, and work room for repair and maintain the extensive collection.

Narrandera Library, Animating the Space – Riverina-Murray (\$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.

New Fireproof Archive Room for Land of the Beardies History House Museum – New England & North West (\$9,437)

The Glen Innes & District Historical Society has accumulated an extensive and ever-expanding collection of valuable district records, documents, photographs and other significant historical and cultural items. A new secure and fireproof archive room will ensure the museum collection is protected for enjoyment by future generations.

New Gallery Extension to Bunker Cartoon Gallery, Coffs Harbour – North Coast (\$2,697,778)

Funding will go to a new second floor gallery to be home to a permanent exhibition utilising hi-tech presentation devices and showing the history of Australia from 1900 to today, as seen through the eyes of the cartoonists of the time.

New Studio Theatre Sound and Screen at the Taree Film Society - Hunter (\$50,965)

The Taree Film Society is relocating to the Manning Entertainment Centre and will use RCF funding to upgrade equipment, including a new surround-sound system and retracting screen.

Northern Rivers Performing Arts Centre – North Coast (\$1,116,625)

Lismore City Hall will become the premier performing arts centre in the Northern Rivers with a new fit-out and a re-brand as Northern Rivers Performing Arts. The refurbishment will encompass new theatre lighting, sound equipment and exterior lighting.

Port Macquarie Library; The Library has Left the Building – North Coast (\$136,470)

A new vehicle will replace the existing Port Macquarie community library van to offer a more flexible delivery mode and enable the Library to reach a wider audience and extend its existing services to emerging growth areas and the Aboriginal Land Council.

Port Macquarie Museum Upgrade, Master Plan and Schematic Design – North Coast (\$113,965)

The Port Macquarie Historical Society will use funding to prepare a master plan, business case and schematic design for the upgrade of access to the Port Macquarie Museum and storage of its significant collection.

Q Centre for Performing Arts and Bicentennial Hall, Completed, Connected & Accessible Arts & Culture Hub - South East & Tablelands (\$500,000)

RCF funding will go toward improving the Queanbeyan-Palerang region's Q Centre for Performing Arts and Bicentennial Hall. The project will see the two adjacent arts and cultural spaces made complete, connected and more accessible. The refurbishment of the mezzanine floor of the Bicentennial Hall will provide a truly multi-purpose venue.

Refining Condobolin Museum to Embrace the Visitor Economy – Central West & Orana (\$49,990)

The Condobolin and District Museum is prominently located in the town's main street. RCF funding will allow the Historical Society to improve the museum's offerings with new display cases and interpretation.

Refurbishment of Comboyne Historical and Cultural Museum – North Coast (\$114,750)

Comboyne Community Association will put the RCF funding towards the restoration of a farmhouse and secure storage for the community's historical collection which showcases the community's early timber and dairy farming industries. The site will also provide an attractive landscaped garden, picnic area, parking facilities, men's shed, Artist in Residence program, and school & community programs.

Richmond Valley Council and the Richmond-Upper Clarence Regional Library, Art Van Go Mobile Cultural Programs – North Coast (\$46,397)

Richmond Valley Council and the Richmond-Upper Clarence Regional Library aim to provide mobile cultural outreach services to isolated rural areas in the region. RCF funds will go to purchasing and branding a van to bring cultural activities to the six small towns of the Richmond Valley.

Robertson School of Arts Refurbishment – South East & Tablelands (\$99,490)

The Robertson School of Arts will use the RCF 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.

Roxy Theatre Redevelopment – Riverina-Murray (\$3,945,000)

RCF Funding is going to the refurbishment of Leeton's State Heritage-Listed and Art Deco-designed Roxy Theatre. The project will increase functional space and improve access and safety to the building.

School of Arts Tenterfield, Air Conditioning and Theatre Upgrade – New England and North West (\$72,000)

The Tenterfield Sir Henry Parkes Memorial School of Arts will employ funding to install air-conditioning and insulation in this iconic 1875 building. The modernised and improved climate-controlled conditions in the building will make hosting travelling exhibitions easier and support expanded theatre offerings.

Shear Outback Solar Panel Project – Riverina-Murray (\$103,481)

Vital funds will enable the installation of solar power at the Shear Outback Museum in Hay, reducing operational costs and ensuring the museum and its café remain financially sustainable.

Singleton Arts & Culture Centre - Hunter (\$2,787,000)

A new Arts & Culture Centre at Townhead Park in Singleton will be created, featuring a large exhibition space, two artists' workshops, a media area, large decking areas providing connectivity to the Visitor Information Centre, a café and a carpark to accommodate additional visitors.

Southern Highlands Regional Gallery – South East & Tablelands (\$2,490,000)

RCF funding is going towards the development of The Southern Highlands Regional Gallery, in Bowral that will be situated on a property bequeathed to the National Trust by the late James Fairfax AC. Funding will permit the design, adaptive reuse and fit-out of the several spaces into a state-of-the-art regional gallery.

Spacemaking: Evolving Nubi Library facilities - Hunter (\$58,449)

Refurbishment of the Nubi Library will increase capacity and accessibility, with new shelving, carpet, painting and the installation of a range of new relaxation, study and event furniture.

Tenterfield Centenary Cottage renovation – New England & North West (\$28,866)

The Tenterfield & Districts Historical society will undertake urgent repairs to the main museum building. The 1871 era building will be repaired, new exhibits will be built and disabled access established.

Two Grand Pianos for the New England Conservatorium of Music – New England & North West (\$73,786)

The New England Conservatorium of Music in Armidale is creating a new Piano Studio and will employ its RCF Funding to purchase two new Grand pianos, currently on loan from the University of New England.

Uniting Productions; Upgrade Stage Lighting - Hunter (\$4,000)

RCF funding will go to 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 on the North Coast.

Upgrading accessibility and building infrastructure of Lawrence Museum precinct – North Coast (\$186,150)

The Lawrence Museum project will enhance access for visitors and volunteers. The works include asbestos removal and repainting, construction of an accessible toilet within an existing outbuilding and new paths and access ramps to link existing facilities.

Upgrade of the Rochdale Theatre – North Coast (\$29,123)

Home to Lismore Theatre Company, the century-old, 88 seat Rochdale Theatre is being upgraded with improved air conditioning, refurbished seating and exterior painting.

Urunga Library Multi-Purpose Space – North Coast (\$93,023)

Bellingen Shire Council will provide an extension to the Urunga Library to create an accessible, multi-purpose meeting space for cultural activities on the NSW North Coast community. The room will be fitted out with the new technology for presentations and screenings.

Walcha Multi-Purpose Centre Upgrade – New England & North West (\$87,744)

RCF funding will enable an upgrade of the kitchen facilities at Walcha's one community multi-purpose centre, providing the community with an enhanced experience.

Wingham Museum Workspace and Storage Redevelopment – Hunter (\$45,000)

Improvements to workspace and storage facilities at Wingham Museum will include a new shed for maintenance volunteers and the conversion of an existing workroom into an environmentally controlled exhibition and storage space for sensitive materials in the museum's collection.