

## **Creative Capital Minor Works and Equipment Round Two Successful Applicants**

### **Minor Works and Equipment Projects Round Two**

**Grants from \$5,000 to \$250,000**

**82 projects funded at \$11.6 Million**

**1. Albury City Council - Albury City Museum Collection Storage Facility Refurbishment (\$229,010)**

**Project Overview:**

The refurbishment and re-working of the Albury City Museum Collection Store to enable better use of the current footprint, ensure ongoing best practice museum collection management, and facilitate collection development opportunities. The project incorporates improved and expanded storage solutions, a collection quarantine space and re-working of the collection workshop space.

**Project outcomes:**

The Museum Collection Store is over-capacity, with objects potentially at risk due to insufficient storage, object preparation and workshop space and limited scope for collection growth. This project resolves these capacity issues, allowing the museum to collect, store, care for and display objects of cultural heritage significance to Albury region to the highest best-practice standard. It also makes the completion possible of Stage 1 Plan to develop an open storage facility enabling direct public engagement.

**2. Armidale and Region Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Keeping Place Inc - Redesign and Refurbish of Toilet and Washroom Facilities (\$121,761)**

**Project Overview:**

Redesign and refurbishment of washrooms and toilet facilities. Includes demolishing existing men's and women's facilities, 5 toilet cubicles two urinals, 5 washbasins and refreshment areas. Redesigning and replacing of walls, waterproofing area, retiling of floors and walls, renew all lighting and tap fittings. Current facilities are over 33 years of age.

**Project outcomes:**

The original building was constructed 33 years ago. When the new gallery opened in 2019, the toilet and washroom facilities were not upgraded and the 33year old original facilities are in a state of disrepair, not in keeping with community expectations for an arts and cultural exhibition centre. This refurbishment project will support the overall amenity of the centre, support tourist growth and associated commercial success with positive benefits for the community.

**3. Armidale Regional Council - Armidale Folk Museum: Creating engaging, contemporary displays (\$28,642)**

**Project Overview:**

Upgrading the aging display infrastructure in the Armidale Folk Museum and satellite Hillgrove Museum with fit-for-purpose equipment to enable the creation of engaging displays with interactive digital components.

**Project outcomes:**

The equipment works will result in replacement of old and unsuitable display cabinets and mannequins with museum-quality, fit-for purpose equipment. Audiences will be able to engage with new digital displays, providing an enhanced and interactive visitor experience.

**4. Artspace Visual Arts Centre Ltd - Transformation of Artspace's learning, outreach and community spaces (\$200,000)****Project Overview:**

Artspace's new learning, outreach and community spaces in The Gunnery will include a dedicated Learning Studio, accessible archive, production workshop and back-of-house facilities, enhanced digital infrastructure, and community gathering spaces. These spaces will diversify our outreach, build organisational capacity, increase visitor accessibility, and bring communities together through contemporary art.

**Project outcomes:**

This project will support an increase in audience numbers and expand the capacity and physical and virtual reach of our artistic programming. The expected outcome is to amplify regional outreach, artist support, and education visits; improving Artspace's cultural offerings for diverse audiences.

**5. Asian Australian Artists Association Inc - 4A Centre for Contemporary Asian Art Community Accessibility Project (\$250,000)****Project Overview:**

4A leads the sector to implement optimum industry standards in digital and community access, specialist research centre infrastructure, outstanding environmental sustainability and income diversification upgrade. These essential upgrades will deliver digital archive and digital systems upgrade, Research Centre infrastructure, and environmental sustainability and income diversification upgrade.

**Project outcomes:**

This significant strategic investment will:

- Develop community access and remote international user access to our impressive archive of digital resources and library of publications

- Increase 4A's environmental sustainability and accessibility infrastructure to welcome diverse mobility audience and engage new communities through venue hire
- Streamline internal processes to optimise staff effectiveness
- Build new research centre for 4A library resources with new online borrowing system, digitise 4A's 25-year programming via online archive.
- Implement a focussed CRM and venue hire system to diversify 4A income streams, overseen by new system administrator
- Upgrade 4A's green accreditations and mobility access through bathroom/kitchen infrastructure

**6. Bake House Independent Theatre - KXT - *On the move (\$80,000)***

**Project Overview:**

In 2022 KXT moves to a new home. KXT's independent productions and impactful Artist Support programs offer emerging and BIPOC artists significant opportunities for career development. Funding will support Phase 2 of the project to build a new creative space that increases capacity to support artists.

**Project outcomes:**

This project enables KXT to build a vibrant new creative space that includes:

- A superior performance space that enhances skills and career development for emerging/CALD artists and increases the quality of offerings to our audience.
- Additional free creative space for development of new work, Artist Support programs and community engagement events.

**7. Bathurst Regional Council - *Bathurst Regional Art Gallery (BRAG) Art Store Conversion - Multi-use Theatrette (\$250,000)***

**Project Overview:**

Bathurst Regional Art Gallery's collection will be rehoused in the new Central Tablelands Collection Facility in August 2022. BRAG will refurbish its Art Store area to create a multi-use theatrette space to extend BRAG's capacity for community engagement, digital capacity building, exhibitions and public program space, and economic sustainability.

**Project outcomes:**

By maximising the existing footprint of the building, and creating a theatrette space (for completion by November 2023) BRAG can realise new possibilities for programming, revenue generation, digital and community engagement. The goal is to provide a multi-use space that is adaptable, accessible and can realistically be managed with existing staff and budgetary resources.

**8. Bega Valley Shire Council - *Bega Valley Regional Gallery facility and equipment upgrade (\$250,000)***

**Project Overview:**

This project supports the upgrade and expansion of the Bega Valley Regional Gallery including new collection and storage systems, expanded exhibition spaces, the creation of workshop and project space, as well as the purchase of new projection and AV equipment for the presentation of digital and new media artwork.

**Project outcomes:**

The project will bring the gallery storage and exhibition facility up to required museum standards of lighting and environmental controls. With new storage and state-of-the-art AV equipment enable the facility can successfully fulfil its role as a public collection archive and regional arts out-post for NSW audiences.

**9. Bellingen Shire Council - Bums on Seats Project - Stackable Chairs for the Memorial Hall (\$141,860)**

**Project Overview:**

The Bums on Seats project will see additional capacity provided for large events at the Memorial Hall through the procurement of 200 stackable chairs. The increased capacity will see greater patronage and flexibility of use by touring groups using the Memorial Hall.

**Project outcomes:**

With increased, flexible seating options that adapt to fit the different event or activity, the venue will attract new and diverse events. This will provide the community with greater opportunity to participate in arts and cultural activities due to increased capacity.

**10. Bogan Shire Council - Keeping It Cool @ Nyngan Museum (\$22,812)**

**Project Overview:**

The project aims to provide an air-conditioned museum for the preservation of the exhibits and for the comfort of staff, volunteers, and visitors throughout the year. Nyngan Museum currently has no functioning air-conditioning in its main display rooms.

**Project outcomes:**

The installation of air-conditioners will provide an optimal environment of between 20 and 25 degrees to preserve Museum exhibits, while providing a comfortable working environment for the staff and volunteers who manage the Museum seven days a week, and visitors who come from across NSW and beyond to see this unique display.

**11. Bourke Shire Council - Stage 1, Bourke Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Arts Hub (BACCAH) (\$250,000)**

**Project Overview:**

The project will include three stages

1. Community Consultation: Forming and formalising an Indigenous consultative group, develop an inclusive management strategy, Concept Plans, and community and Council support;
2. Design, engineering / building plans, electrical, IT and water / drainage plans, landscaping / signage, and fit out;
3. Build estimates.

**Project outcomes:**

The 3 components of STAGE 1 (Culture Identity and pre-planning phase) are necessary before Stage 2 (Construction and fit out) can commence. This project is required to develop and Aboriginal perspective; management structure; content gathering and sharing, internal and external infrastructure plan and finalise project costings for DA and tender document preparation by the 30th June 2024.

**12. Brunswick Valley Historical Society Museum - Mullumbimby Museum Makeover: Display Lighting, Storage and Window Frame Restorations. (\$50,332)**

**Project Overview:**

These timely and beneficial upgrades involve the modernization of interior display lighting by the replacement of old, inefficient, fluorescent fittings, and construction of additional storage shelving. The most significant project cost involves the restoration of external window framing which has deteriorated over time affecting the integrity of the museum building.

Scope includes:

1. Restore (7) deteriorated, external, wooden, window frames and their weather proofing and painting
2. Replace fluorescent lighting with (22) LED batten fittings appropriate for display spaces
3. Construct approximately 8m of storage shelving

**Project outcomes:**

The Mullumbimby Museum, a local heritage building, and associated community market has a long-standing popularity as a regional attraction for tourists, community groups, and schools. To preserve and increase its utility to a growing population, this project will upgrade interior lighting, improve storage, and restore deteriorated external window framing.

**13. Bunyah Local Aboriginal Land Council - Bunyah Cafe and Art Gallery (\$250,000)**

**Project Overview:**

Bunyah LALC in partnership with Forestry NSW, Port Macquarie Koala Hospital and Wildnets have established a cultural hub in Cowarra State Forest. The project aims to establish an Aboriginal Art Gallery and Gift Shop at the Cowarra State Forest Tourism Precinct. The Art Gallery will be owned and managed by Bunyah LALC under a long-term licence with Forestry NSW. The Gallery will sell and showcase local Biripi art pieces to the public.

**Project outcomes:**

The Bunyah Cafe and Art Gallery will increase the appeal for visitors along with cultural tours and performances in the outdoor amphitheatre. The Hub precinct is expected to attract over

200,000 visitors annually. By establishing an art gallery on site we aim to showcase and sell a mixture of high end art pieces and a variety of gift store products and merchandise making a profit within the first 24 months of operation.

**14. Canowindra Historical Society and Museum Inc - Museum building renovations (\$6,444)**

**Project Overview:**

Repair and maintenance of buildings including 1830s vertical slab hut. Repair and replace deteriorated guttering and eaves to prevent water damage and entry by vermin to museum areas and artifacts.

**Project Outcomes:**

This work to the gutters and eaves will protect the museum from weather and other damage, to reduce the rate of deterioration of buildings and protect artifacts.

**15. Cement Fondu Ltd - Cement Fondu - Fit-For-Purpose LED Lighting Upgrade (\$25,283)**

**Project Overview:**

This project implements a targeted Fit-For-Purpose upgrade to Cement Fondu's creative space through the installation of a state-of-the-art LED lighting system. State-of-the-art LED facilities will enhance the arts and culture services and increase participation due to high-quality presentations with lighting versatility, and enhanced capacity to loan and tour work from institutions, meeting industry standards regarding UV levels and humidity control. Sustainability improvements will be achieved through the significant energy consumption reduction of LEDs, which will also deliver lower electricity costs.

**Project Outcomes:**

This upgrade will immediately improve the organisational capacity to deliver more innovative, world-class programming to NSW audiences. It will immediately improve the public's experience and impact future participation in our exhibitions and events by visibly improving lighting, enhancing our capacity for institutional loans and tours, and significantly impacting our environmental sustainability.

**16. Cementa Inc - Creating an accessible, inclusive and fit-for-purpose WAYOUT Artspace, Kandos (\$221,115)**

**Project Overview:**

Cementa Inc will undertake a critical building upgrade to WAYOUT Artspace, rendering the exhibition and studio spaces fit-for-purpose with an enclosed office, disability access, new workshop, meeting space, storage, and environmentally sustainable climate control to improve our ability to deliver an artistic program supporting artists, our community, and visitors.

**Project Outcomes:**

This project will create an accessible, inclusive and fit-for-purpose space with increased usability and comfort of the space. As a result, the space will attract significantly more visitors and increase community use, including local youth. The upgrade will also deliver additional spaces for equipment storage, professional offices, and work/meeting spaces.

**17. Central Coast Conservatorium of Music Inc - *Fine-tuning the Con – works to make the campus sing (\$247,599)***

**Project Overview:**

This package of works is designed to digitally enable the Con for teaching, streaming to and educating our student base and the broader Central Coast community; and optimise our refurbished and existing facilities so that we can continue to grow and nurture students and the local music scene.

**Project Outcomes:**

The project will deliver a sound desk for the RKH Performance Space enabling streaming of performances to wider audiences; lecture capability using digital resources; acoustically appropriate spaces to accommodate all musical instruments taught at the Con; accommodation for the music library; and additional teaching spaces.

**18. City Recital Hall Limited - *City Recital Hall Theatrical Lighting Upgrade (\$250,000)***

**Project Overview:**

The project will update theatrical lighting, replacing obsolete and unreliable equipment with efficient intelligent LED technology. It will align City Recital Hall with industry expectations and deliver stage lighting to a standard expected of a premium music venue. The project has support from the music industry and City of Sydney.

**Project Outcomes:**

An important step in cementing City Recital Hall at the forefront of Sydney's cultural landscape, the project aims to support increasing the scope and genres of music presented, and improve venue affordability for touring and emerging artists, by updating theatrical lighting capabilities to support the presentation of quality live concerts. By eliminating the cost and inefficiency of external equipment hires, this will positively impact performance affordability and feasibility – increasing pricing flexibility to attract more diverse audiences more often, to support Sydney's night-time economy.

**19. Clarence Valley Conservatorium Inc - *Upgrades for the Conservatorium (\$121,196)***

**Project Overview:**

The Conservatorium will provide a more audience-friendly space including the installation of tiered retractable seating to improve sight lines, the purchase of a more suitable grand piano for the performance space and the upgrading of the existing audio mixing desk.

**Project Outcomes:**

As one of the only providers of professional classical music concerts in the Clarence Valley, Clarence Valley Conservatorium is servicing a market poised for growth. CVCon has worked to upgrade the performance space, and the addition of tiered seating and a new piano will further enhance the audience and performer experience.

**20. Coffs Harbour Regional Conservatorium - Air Conditioning Replacement Project (\$189,392)**

**Project Overview:**

A full replacement of the existing air conditioning system for the Performance Space and facilities at Coffs Harbour Regional Conservatorium, to create a state-of-the-art regional Performance Space that meets the arts and culture needs of the community to support growth.

**Project Outcomes:**

The aim is to develop regional arts and music capacity, to increase touring programs, create diverse and multi-functional performance spaces and to increase learning opportunities for students, artists, and groups. Furthermore, this project will make CHRC a flagship regional arts and culture hub with local industry stimulation a priority.

**21. Council of the City of Ryde - Refurbishment of the North Ryde School of Arts (\$55,000)**

**Project Overview:**

The North Ryde School of Arts is the primary community performance space in the City of Ryde. Refurbishment including stage, lighting, audio systems and performer facility upgrades will be undertaken. This will increase the functionality of the venue to accommodate a greater range of performance and creative activities.

**Project Outcomes:**

The project will provide an enhanced space, suitable for a variety of community performances including theatre, music and dance. It is anticipated that improvements will result in a 20% increase in bookings for performance-based arts and cultural activities in the year following project completion. This will provide the benefits of cultural activities for the community including education, sharing of cultural ideas and increased social connections.

**22. Creatives Collective ARI Inc - SPACE Refurbishment Project (\$50,000)**

**Project Overview:**

Refurbish SPACE, a disability-run not for profit gallery and creative place that is the cultural centre of Coonabarabran. The project is designed to save and enhance SPACE – a landmark 120-year-old building – so it can continue as a gallery and creative area for local community and visitors, and be fit for purpose for touring exhibitions.

**Project Outcomes:**



This refurbishment project aims to make SPACE a more attractive and welcoming environment, resulting in increased visitor and volunteer satisfaction and visitation. Improvements in energy efficiency will lead to reduced energy costs and carbon footprint.

**23. Digital Storytellers Limited - Impact Story Lab Sydney Digital Production Hub (\$50,000)**

**Project Overview:**

An impactful network of creative organisations will collaborate to create a hybrid broadcasting and production hub for content generation in popular digital mediums. The hub will primarily serve under-represented storytellers including spoken-word artists, photographers and filmmakers, as well as a broader network of indigenous creatives and social entrepreneurs. Professional studio production facilities are expensive and inaccessible for underprivileged or diverse creatives in Sydney. Building on existing support from the City of Sydney, the hub will support this group to access digital mediums such as film, livestreaming and podcasting, thereby lowering barriers to entry into the digital economy.

**Project Outcomes:**

The long-term aims are to reduce the digital divide between underrepresented and diverse digital creatives from across greater Sydney. The cooperative model will also promote sustainable creative practice, driving revenue growth to foster economic self-determination and reduced grant dependence.

**24. Drill Hall Theatre Company Inc - Drill Hall Theatre Backstage Upgrade (\$31,335)**

**Project Overview:**

Install a shower, toilet, wash basin and partitioning in the dressing room area, improve amenity of dressing rooms, meeting room and office by repainting, re-carpeting, and general refurbishment. This will create better amenities for actors and performers, help attract visiting shows and make the theatre more attractive to hirers.

**Project Outcomes:**

This project will improve arts infrastructure of the Drill Hall Theatre, to improve performances, and attract more touring shows. The facility's quality, amenity and workplace health and safety will be improved for theatre hirers. Performers will not need to leave the building to use the toilet or shower. The ultimate aim for the backstage upgrade project is to attract high quality productions and draw larger audiences.

**25. Drill Hall Theatre Company Inc - Mullumbimby Clayworkers improvements to pottery studio (\$19,090)**

**Project Overview:**

To improve the functionality and safety of their studio and kiln room, Mullumbimby Clayworkers are seeking funds to carry out essential improvements. The work will make better use of available space and eliminate current workplace safety hazards, ensure the longevity of the facility while improving its functionality.

**Project Outcomes:**

Through minor building renovations, make the Mullum Clayworkers' Pottery Studio more functional. Improve workplace health and safety, reduce hazards and improve ventilation. The overarching aim of the project is to improve infrastructure to enhance the quality of the studio's work and make the space more conducive to creating exceptional work.

**26. Dubbo Regional Council - Old Dubbo Gaol Stage 2 Interpretation - Digital Upgrade (\$250,000)**

**Project Overview:**

Refurbishment of a State Heritage listed gaol with digital media through the purchase of a touchscreen for the Gallows Gallery display and the creation of a 3D-rendered digital map with video, audio, and image elements to replace the paper map guide.

**Project Outcomes:**

This digital upgrade will increase the interaction between community and our unique heritage site by sharing stories and history through innovative formats. The overall aim is to enrich the visitor experience, increase satisfaction ratings and average dwell times of visitors and drive increase tourism to the region by retaining Dubbo Gaol's top 5 rating to enhance destination appeal.

**27. Eastern Riverina Arts Incorporated - 'The Ambo' Creative Industries Hub fit out (\$250,000)**

**Project Overview:**

Transforming Wagga's former ambulance station into a Creative Industries Hub will facilitate ambitious artists and creative companies to collaborate, generate work and grow. With artist studios, creative suites, gallery and performance space, this hub will spark innovation, and nurture a growing creative industries sector for the Riverina.

**Project Outcomes:**

This project will enable the transformation of the Ambulance Station into a state-of-the-art contemporary facility, for events, exhibitions, and creative collaboration under the experienced management of ERA. The Ambo Creative Industries Hub, once operational, will support strategic cultural development in the Riverina, by offering affordable artist studios and creative suites; developing spaces for creative companies to generate local creative outputs (rehearsal, construction, collaboration, broadcast); and fostering collaboration and build networks to support a growing creative industry sector.

**28. Elevator ARI - Elevator ARI Sound Art Development Program (\$11,127)**

**Project Overview:**

The Elevator ARI Sound Art Development Program will equip and adapt the existing performance and exhibition space of Elevator ARI to be better suited to host and display art works and performances that explore sound in the space of art.

**Project Outcomes:**

This project funding allows Elevator ARI to purchase acoustic treatment materials and audio equipment to present diverse sound works to a regional audience that has little access to such opportunities. The specialist knowledge and equipment provided by the sound development program will enable Elevator ARI to present an exciting sound art program in a well-equipped gallery space for local audiences, contributing diversity to the cultural landscape of the region.

**29. Fairfield City Council - Replacement of outdated showcases and lighting to optimise exhibition spaces (\$73,618)**

**Project Overview:**

The project will deliver much needed upgrades to lighting and exhibition showcases in Fairfield City Museum's space. The inadequate existing lighting will be replaced by suspended tracks and industry standard flexible lighting. Exhibition display cases, which were installed in 1983, will be replaced with lighter purpose-built cases and plinths.

**Project Outcomes:**

Upgrades to museum lighting and exhibition showcases will allow for Fairfield City Museum revolving program of exhibitions – some featuring collection objects – to be accessed in an optimum environment by our community and patrons. The overarching aim of the project is to create a museum space that visitors can navigate through with ease, to improve visitors' experience of the museum and its exhibitions.

**30. Fairfield City Council - Fairfield City's Art and Heritage Collection Storage Project (\$250,000)**

**Project Overview:**

To design, build, and deliver a storage space that consolidates all of Fairfield City's Art and Heritage collections. The project involves a fit out of an existing space within a Council owned building. The space will adhere to general principles of good museum practice for the preservation of cultural heritage.

**Project Outcomes:**

The project will create a long-term, fit-for-purpose, secure environment for a dedicated heritage and art collection storage and research space. The space will be environmentally stable, designed to allow ease of access and room for growth, while providing security, resistant to pests and pollutants for current and future collections. It will ensure the preservation of Fairfield City's Art and Heritage Collection for the community so that their stories, lives and achievements can be celebrated and shared in exhibitions and on digital platforms.

**31. Forbes Arts Society - HVAC and HC System to optimise Gallery Forbes exhibition spaces (\$250,000)**

**Project Overview:**

A new Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) and Humidity Control (HC) system will provide optimal exhibition conditions. Operating at national standards, Gallery Forbes will have the ability to borrow and display artwork from major institutional collections - completely transforming the calibre and diversity of its exhibitions and program offering.

**Project Outcomes:**

This project will deliver temperature and relative humidity control to five separate exhibition spaces, ensuring the spaces operate to industry standards. The project will also help to protect the Forbes Arts Society's permanent collection from damage caused by fluctuating humidity. This project will enable Gallery Forbes to host national and international touring exhibitions, facilitating greater regional access to new and diverse mediums, to foster a greater appreciation for the arts.

**32. Goulburn Club - Goulburn Club Courtyard Stage (\$28,000)**

**Project Overview:**

Provide a stage for performers in the Goulburn Club's courtyard. The courtyard to be modified and enhanced to suit the proposed stage. The timber stage would be some 5m long by 3m deep, with a lazerlite roof, and enabled with electricity and lighting.

**Project Outcomes:**

This Courtyard Stage project will provide a pleasant and practical space for performers and the audience to enjoy the outdoor performances.

**33. Goulburn Mulwaree Council - Goulburn Regional Art Gallery: New Gallery Development (\$119,356)**

**Project Overview:**

This project will develop a new exhibition space within the existing Gallery footprint, essential for the Gallery to grow its reach and impact. This project will transform a currently unused former workshop space into a flexible contemporary exhibition space suitable for display of artworks of all sizes and mediums.

**Project Outcomes:**

This project will deliver a second significant exhibition space for Goulburn Regional Art Gallery, complete with high-quality equipment capable of supporting the display of a range of contemporary artworks. By enlarging the Gallery's exhibition space, the local and broader community will have greater access to diverse artworks created by a range of different artists. In a growing region, this expanded space and capacity serves the increasing demand.

**34. Gujaga Foundation Limited - Dharawal Language and Culture App (\$250,000)**

**Project Overview:**

In November 2021, the Dharawal Language and Culture App was launched. The app included 60+ Dharawal words, 15 Dharawal phrases, learn to introduce yourself in Dharawal activity, and word and image matching activity. This funding will expand the platform and increase functionality of the app to:

- Improve the functionality of the platform, including credentials, streamlined learning pathways and curated progression through the app
- expand features, including access to 600 Dharawal words, increase Dharawal phrases and sentences, access to cultural learning content and customisation ability

**Project Outcomes:**

This technology platform will support the user on their journey connecting with Aboriginal language and culture. It will provide additional offerings and share in-depth content around dreaming stories and site visits of Coastal Sydney. It will also connect the parent/carer, student and teacher during the learner's journey throughout the platform.

**35. Gulgong Amateur Musical and Dramatic Society Inc - Gulgong's Prince of Wales Opera House: Minor Restoration/Refurbishment Works (\$246,286)**

**Project Overview:**

Built in 1871, Gulgong's unique historic Opera House is a significant item of environmental heritage and a performance venue with a fascinating history. This application is for part works of an overall major refurbishment and upgrade program. It will enable the completion of important restoration, compliance, access, and storage works.

**Project Outcomes:**

The refurbishment/upgrade of Gulgong's historic Opera House, retaining its unique character, maximises its potential as a performing arts and cultural centre of excellence for the local community and Region. This project ensures its long-term economic viability and future as Australia's oldest continually operating theatre.

**36. Kandos Museum Incorporated - Kandos Museum Masterplan (\$68,200)**

**Project Overview:**

Develop a Masterplan for Kandos Museum to address the cultural policy and place-making, audience engagement, infrastructure, museum collection, and curation policy and practice.

**Project Outcomes:**

This Masterplan will provide direction for the development of the Museum identifying infrastructural requirements, cultural positioning and activation, engagement visitor economy, museum practice and social engagement. The project will deliver a plan for a better future for the museum and the community which it serves.

**37. Kempsey Shire Council - Mobility hoist and wheelchair access ramp for Slim Dusty Centre (\$29,462)**

**Project Overview:**

Purchase of a mobility hoist and access ramp to allow for improved access to the Slim Dusty Centre. Currently there are areas without all abilities access and purchase of this equipment will provide access to our broader community and visitors to the Centre.

**Project Outcomes:**

The purchase of this infrastructure will ensure all events and activities are accessible and inclusive, in accordance with Kempsey Shire Council's (draft) Disability Inclusion Action Plan. New programs and activities can be offered allowing visitors/community members with mobility challenges the opportunity to attend and participate.

**38. Lake Macquarie City Council - MAC yapang Pathways (\$200,000)**

**Project Overview:**

This project will deliver two accessible pathways with sound trail infrastructure, lighting and seating. The pathways and sound trail will engage visitors with Country, culture and art. The design invites people into the Museum of Art and Culture yapang in Lake Macquarie (Awabakal Country). The project will increase visitor and event capacity and make our Sculpture Park and the Ferry service accessible.

**Project Outcomes:**

The MAC yapang Pathways project creates better accessibility for Museum visitors with the aim to enhance the visitor experience and attract larger audiences to engage with the Sculpture Park and honour an Aboriginal midden.

**39. Laughing Bird Arts Association Inc - Create a World Class Performance Venue for the Central Coast (\$210,300)**

**Project Overview:**

Creation of a world-class live-music Performance Venue developing current facilities by upgrading the existing auditorium with much needed amenities for sustained escalation of our existing successful Performance Program. The Central Coast has a proven need for performance spaces with many groups in need of the facilities provided by this project.

**Project Outcomes:**

This project fully addresses the needs of the 71-year-old venue, bringing it to current standards in terms of safety, comfort and technical facilities. This work enables the venue to present an expanded and richer program, appropriately showcasing seasoned performers and emerging artists to a growing and appreciative audience. This project benefits our community culturally, socially and economically.

**40. Leeton Shire Council - Leeton Museum and Gallery Access Infrastructure (\$197,244)**

**Project Overview:**

The 2nd floor of Leeton Museum and Gallery can only be accessed by stairs under existing DA, and as such, is not open to the public. This project involves the installation of a lift to operate

between the first and second floor of the Leeton Museum and Gallery, enabling inclusive access to the new permanent upstairs Museum Exhibition Space "By Virtue of Water, the Leeton Wiradjuri Story" with minimal impact to its Heritage Fabric.

**Project Outcomes:**

Provide lift access to provide inclusive/accessibility for new First Nations Permanent Exhibition, and Wiradjuri Languages project on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

**41. Manning Valley Historical Society Inc - Resolving the Photo Collection (\$7,000)**

**Project Overview:**

This project aims to both improve the preservation of the museum's significant collection of 240+ large-format photos, portraits and artworks, and to improve public access to the collection. This will be achieved by rotating parts of the collection between exhibition and archival storage, while the full collection is displayed on a touchscreen "kiosk" display.

**Project Outcomes:**

This project will preserve the museum's collection of photos, portraits and artworks and provide better public access via a touchscreen "kiosk" display. Archival storage will hold items in the collection, while not on exhibition.

**42. Menangle Community Association Inc. - Menangle School of Arts Hall Fit-Out (\$250,000)**

**Project Overview:**

Menangle School of Arts Hall Fit-Out project will furnish the new modern community arts facility with appointments for the stage area including lighting, curtains, audio visual cabling and acoustic insulation. The project will also install a complete air-conditioning system to ensure the comfort of performers, participants, and audiences.

**Project Outcomes:**

This fit-out will support the delivery of arts activities for this close-knit community in the newly built Menangle Community School of Arts Hall. Once complete the facility will provide a fit-for-purpose creative, cultural space for the community of Menangle. This space will support a diverse range of art and cultural activities and encourage increased community participation and engagement with the arts.

**43. Mid-Coast Council - Manning Regional Art Gallery restroom revamp (\$126,000)**

**Project Overview:**

MidCoast Council will upgrade and renew the public amenities at the Manning Regional Art Gallery to provide new and improved facilities (including 5 new toilets) for our community to support events, workshops, openings, and performances.

**Project Outcomes:**

With upgrades to the existing toilets and the additional of five new toilets, this project meets the growing needs of the Manning Regional Art Gallery. The project will support the use of the Gallery by our regional audiences and participants, providing access to the highest quality arts and cultural facilities.

**44. Mid-Coast Council - *Upgraded accessibility to improve inclusion for all MEC patrons (\$159,130)***

**Project Overview:**

The Manning Entertainment Centre was built in 1988 and requires upgraded accessibility for patrons with limited mobility/disabilities. It is crucial to enable our whole community in the Mid-Coast region access to our important cultural facility. We have an aging demographic and strive to provide accessibility for all residents. This project will upgrade access to the MEC via a new concrete pathway, the installation of automatic doors to the main entrances, additional aisle row handrails and stair handrails, the construction of a quiet room, and a platform chairlift to the stage.

**Project Outcomes:**

Upgraded community accessibility/inclusion for those with a disability or limited mobility to create a fully inclusive and accessible entertainment venue to cater to the needs of the community.

**45. Mitchell Conservatorium Inc - *Grand piano refurbishment (\$22,000)***

**Project Overview:**

Mitchell Conservatorium's second Concert Grand piano, Yamaha C3E, needs a major refurbishment to return it to concert standard. This refurbishment will ensure visiting artists and local musicians for professional regional performances have a professional-quality instrument. This instrument compliments the major concert piano, Shigeru Kawai, enabling visiting artist duet concerts and student masterclasses.

**Project Outcomes:**

Access to quality performance pianos will mean Mitchell Conservatorium can attract pianists of national and international standard for concerts, workshops and masterclasses. This refurbishment will give students access to a professional standard instrument for development of instrumental technique and performance experience.

**46. Moogahlin Performing Arts Incorporated - *Moogahlin Performing Arts Regional Hub Fit Out (\$120,000)***

**Project Overview:**

Moogahlin Performing Arts Regional Hub Fit Out will create a regional performance hub by moving into our own office space and equipping our team to deliver our program of activities. The project will provide the necessary event production equipment to deliver program activities and employ people locally to deliver events. The aim is to deliver 5 events, and provide further



education, training and employment for 10 production assistants, creating skilled workers in arts and event production across the region.

**Project Outcomes:**

This project will build a regional performance hub in Brewarrina NSW and equip Moogahlin to deliver the program of activities while increasing skills development opportunities for artists, arts workers, technicians, and young people. Equipment purchased will provide an income stream through hire access for external organisations and community events.

**47. Moulamein Community Development Incorporated - Moulamein Heritage Village Museum entrance, exit, carpark, pathways, lighting, and seating. (\$228,749)**

**Project Overview:**

The project will create an impressive museum entrance, a spacious all-weather carpark, leading to accessible concrete pathways linking the museum visitors centre to the heritage buildings on-site: Moolpa Blacksmiths shop, Jeraly woolshed, Werai horse stables, and the amenities pavilion. Superbly lit by sustainable solar lighting, along with Redgum tables and chairs and shade for visitors' enjoyment, the museum will be a welcoming venue.

**Project Outcomes:**

The goal of Moulamein Community Development Inc was to create a museum showcasing the unique heritage as the oldest town in the Riverina. The project will provide the cultural infrastructure to enable the Moulamein Heritage Village to open, as an accessible and attractive destination for the local, regional community and tourist/visitors.

**48. Murrah Hall Preservation Association Inc - Murrah Metamorphosis Stage 2: Safer Sound - Better Viewing (\$27,772)**

**Project Overview:**

The Safe Sound, Better Viewing Project will see the installation of professional sound dampening (attenuation) and purchase portable indoor/outdoor stage benefiting all performing artists and designers. The Murrah Hall's current professional production (sound and lights) will be complemented with professional reception, acoustics, staging and seating.

**Project Outcomes:**

This project will create a flexible, fully professional, community performance venue comparable to metropolitan venues, supporting the community needs in an under-resourced, disaster affected, rural region. The new equipment and staging complements the existing sound and lighting equipment (production). The new flexible seating/staging possibilities, together with safer acoustic environment, benefits all artists and audiences, especially the hearing impaired.

**49. Murrurundi Arts and Crafts Council Inc - Purchase of Digital Equipment and Pottery Making Equipment. (\$29,089)**

**Project Overview:**

Increasing local access to and participation in quality cultural enrichment activities by offering pottery programs and art screenings through acquiring pottery making equipment and AV equipment. The AV equipment will also improve MACC's digital capabilities by facilitating the digitising and archiving of artistic lessons/content/history and enabling recording/broadcasting of artistic programs.

**Project Outcomes:**

The new equipment will facilitate new programs including pottery/ceramic workshops and the screening of arts-related films. It will also improve digital capability of MACC to provide artistic content/lessons to less mobile community members and preserve work/legacy of locally renowned artists and craftspeople. The project will improve community engagement and participant in the arts, to support social connection and mental health outcomes for the community.

**50. Museums and Galleries of NSW Ltd - *Extending Storyplace (\$249,400)*****Project Overview:**

Extending Storyplace will fund a mobile digitisation 'Hub' to mentor small volunteer ('Spoke') museums in northwest NSW on all facets of digitising collections. The project will enhance the equity of small museums to learn digital skills and apply these to bring collection and story content to M&G NSW's Storyplace website.

**Project Outcomes:**

Extending Storyplace will:

- Create new roving Hub delivering digitisation training to 6 volunteer museums in NW NSW
- Develop new knowledge for M&GNSW and Spoke museums concerning digital enablement of small volunteer museums in regional NSW
- Add 180 new object stories to the Storyplace website

The aim is to ensure equity of small museums to learn digital skills and apply these to bring collection and story content to M&G NSW's Storyplace website.

**51. Narrandera CRC Incorporated - *Plaza Theatre Sound, Lighting and Stage Upgrade (\$141,589)*****Project Overview:**

This project is to provide a significant front of house sound, speaker, mixing desk and theatre lighting upgrade to the Narrandera community venue known as CRC Plaza Theatre. The grant application also includes an amount for relining the stage ceiling area to improve stage acoustics and energy efficiency.

**Project Outcomes:**

Narrandera CRC Plaza Theatre is used by community groups for events including church services, concerts, movie nights, presentation days, wellbeing events and civic receptions. Sound, lighting and stage upgrades will improve the venue for current users, attract additional

events and productions and enhance the experience for community audience members. It will add value to this community asset.

**52. National Institute of Dramatic Art - NIDA LED Lighting Upgrade (\$250,000)**

**Project Overview:**

Upgrade NIDA's 20-year-old lighting systems in the 709-seat Parade Theatre and 183-seat Playhouse Theatre by replacing power-hungry tungsten lighting with power-efficient LEDs. LEDs also offer enhanced lighting design possibilities for the 150+ arts and cultural organisations that use the theatres annually, attracting approximately 80,000 audience members.

**Project Outcomes:**

NIDA LED Lighting Upgrade aims to improve the Parade and Playhouse Theatres by reducing the carbon footprint of live performances and enhancing creative lighting design for over 150 arts and cultural organisations that annually stage over 330 shows in these theatres.

**53. National Trust of Australia (NSW) - Regional Digitisation Hub at Saumarez Homestead, Armidale (\$48,592)**

**Project Overview:**

Establishment of a new regional digitisation hub at Saumarez in Armidale, with equipment and digitisation protocols that can be then used to support digitisation at other regional National Trust properties. No collections information relating to Saumarez is currently available to the public, and only poor-quality imagery currently exists. The project will digitise 300 collection items with high-quality images, digitise all existing audio-visual data relating to the property, and produce 6 new video-documentary oral histories. Data will be uploaded on the Trust's website and the NSW Story Place website.

**Project Outcomes:**

The project aims to digitise these invaluable collection resources for public access, as well as be the catalyst for a broader digitisation program for the Trust. The project aims to improve public access to collections, archives and storytelling at the site.

**54. New Italy Museum Inc - New Italy's Italian Pavilion Upgrade: The Building Renovation (\$250,000)**

**Project Overview:**

The renovation of Historic New Italy's Italian Pavilion is Stage 1 of its revitalisation. Keeping faithful to the original fabrication, using museum-best-practice, it will become a weathertight housing. Once completed, it will enable the housing of new displays about the Northern Rivers (NSW) Italian community (Stage 2).

**Project Outcomes:**

The renovation of Historic New Italy's Italian Pavilion, built by the Northern Rivers Italian community in the early 1990s, will make the deteriorating building museum-fit. It will provide a

weatherproof space for effective interpretations of migration and settlement about the local Italian community for the enjoyment of the community and visiting public.

**55. Orange Regional Conservatorium Inc - *Equipping the Future: Percussion and Pianos for Orange's New Conservatorium (\$195,000)***

**Project Overview:**

The new Orange Regional Conservatorium (ORC) in the Cultural Precinct of Orange will equip its increased number of rehearsal rooms and studios with the highest standard pianos and percussion equipment for use by future generations of regional music students, visiting artists and for the enjoyment of audiences.

**Project Outcomes:**

The aim of this project is to equip the new ORC building with a suite of percussion instruments and pianos of professional standard for students and visiting artists in its increased number of rehearsal rooms and studios.

**56. Port Macquarie Hastings Council - *Glasshouse Regional Gallery Lighting Upgrade (\$239,108)***

**Project Overview:**

This project funding will provide upgraded industry standard lighting for the Glasshouse Regional Gallery in Port Macquarie. The funding we are seeking is a strategic investment that will assist the gallery in providing sustainable, efficient, effective and maintainable lighting system.

**Project Outcomes:**

This lighting upgrade project will expand and diversify cultural programming at the Glasshouse Regional Gallery by replacing the gallery lighting and dimming system with an improved system to optimise art viewing conditions, without glare, and improve energy efficiency and cost. This will ensure the Gallery continues to provide our community with access to quality exhibitions and it will increase display opportunities for local and touring artists.

**57. Port Macquarie Historical Society Inc - *Mid North Coast Regional Digitisation Hub (\$172,954)***

**Project Overview:**

Establishing a collections digitisation hub supporting seven regional collections on the Mid North Coast across four local government areas to capture, preserve, create and share collection stories. It will support digitisation of at least 1000 collection items by September 2023. The project will equip and train volunteers and raise digitisation practices to sector standards (using M&G NSW's *Crystal Clear Guidelines*).

**Project Outcomes:**

This project aims to establish a collections digitisation hub to support regional community museums on the mid north coast to capture, preserve, create and share collection stories. The

project will improve regional story telling capacity, bring the region's digitisation practices to sector standards and increase collections access, reach and discoverability.

**58. Richmond River Historical Society Inc - *Lismore Needs its Museum: Lismore Museum Remediation Recovery project (\$123,793)***

**Project Overview:**

Lismore lost its Museum in the 2022 floods. The Collection was largely saved, being packed into storage. The building required extensive remediation where most fittings, cabinets, shelving etc. had to be discarded. This project ensures displays and fit out materials are replaced with more climate-resilient materials so Lismore's Collection can again be made available to the public, and mitigate against future disaster events.

**Project Outcomes:**

This project will deliver a climate-resilient refurbishment of the Lismore Museum, Research Room and Archives, including the necessary replacement of display cabinets, map drawers, textile furniture, storage shelving and archival fittings destroyed by mould. Display lighting will be upgraded to best practice standards, facilitating a more accessible and engaging venue.

**59. Riverina Conservatorium of Music Limited - *Purchase of a Kawai SK-EX Concert Grand for the RCM (\$211,250)***

**Project Overview:**

This project will procure a new Shigeru Kawai SK-EX Concert Grand Piano for the Riverina Conservatorium of Music in Wagga Wagga. The piano will be played by local leading students and professional performers and attract national and international performers to the Riverina.

**Project Outcomes:**

A new SK-EX Concert Grand Piano at the RCM provides local musicians, touring and local emerging artists access to a full-sized concert grand piano for solo, chamber and associate-artist performances.

**60. Singleton Council - *Singleton Arts and Cultural Centre: Connection, Access and Collection (\$204,078)***

**Project Overview:**

With the newly constructed Singleton Arts and Cultural Centre (SACC) now operational, the project will ensure that the Centre can support touring exhibitions, expand community access, offer exceptional care of artworks, and establish digital record-keeping procedures for exhibition content and art collection maintenance.

**Project Outcomes:**

The project and equipment purchase will ensure that high standards are implemented in exhibition management, display solutions, collection care and digital record-keeping.

Equipment for the handling and exhibition of artworks will help SACC to attract touring exhibitions and increase public access, to build a regional epicentre of excellence.

**61. Spaghetti Circus - *Spaghetti Circus universal access/road upgrades, essential equipment purchase, building improvements (\$250,000)***

**Project Overview:**

Grading and asphaltting of existing on-site unpaved roads rendered impassable by floods, purchase of forklift to maximise efficiency, income generation and opportunities for smaller arts organisations (equipment currently unavailable locally, hire prohibitively expensive), building improvements for universal access (pathways for wheelchair users), shelter, storage, and flood mitigation improvements.

**Project Outcomes:**

With this new improved paved road project, Spaghetti Circus (Circus School, Performance Troupe, National Circus Festival) aims to enhance capacity as a regional arts hub. Results include improved program delivery, universal access, flood mitigation, operational efficiency, cost effectiveness. Beneficiaries include circus training participants, local/regional artists and organisations, artists participating in the National Circus Festival, Spaghetti Circus/Festival audiences.

**62. Tamworth Regional Council - *Collection Care and Conservation enabling Digitisation (\$241,750)***

**Project Overview:**

The extension of the existing Tamworth Powerstation Museum (TPSM) Engine Shed, provides a stable environment, adequate space and appropriate equipment for collection care and object digitisation, enabling greater access to the collection. This will ensure the collection is accessible, preserved and a resource for the local, national and international community into the future.

**Project Outcomes:**

The construction of a multi-use extension (with sustainable design principles) to the existing engine shed display area to create a suitable and healthy workspace that enables the care of collection objects, following museum best practice by the Museum Volunteers/staff. Digitisation of the collection, following best-practice Crystal Clear guidelines, increases access to the collection in both a digital and physical context.

**63. Tamworth Regional Council - *Nundle's Precious Gems and the Fossickers Way (\$159,844)***

**Project Overview:**

Nundle's precious gems and mineral collection including the Visitor Information Outlet will be relocated and refurbished to co-locate with the Nundle Regional Library. This project provides

essential relocation and revitalisation of Nundle's precious gems and mineral collection to better support site activation, cultural tourism, and access to and engagement with the collection. Supported by a strong volunteer community and permanent staff, this project ensures the collection is accessible now and into the future.

**Project Outcomes:**

Effective resource allocation will ensure the collection is available to the public seven days per week and supports site activation, ongoing access and cultural tourism opportunities. The project will enable the telling of unique stories in the collection that explore local identity and place.

**64. Tamworth Regional Council - Sound, Lighting and Staging Upgrade - Tamworth Town Hall (\$187,508)**

**Project Overview:**

The project will upgrade the audio-visual and staging equipment used to deliver high quality events to the city's audiences allowing for a higher level of experience. This will assist programming, what community performing arts groups present and attract high quality performing arts events to this venue.

**Project Outcomes:**

This project will enhance the experience for both audience members and creative artists. It will assist programming, expanding the options for what community performing arts groups present and will attract high-quality performing arts events to this venue. It will benefit the community through improved audience experience and higher use.

**65. Taree Film Society Incorporated - Studio Theatre Sound + Screen + Support (\$99,463)**

**Project Overview:**

This project will see the installation of specialised theatre hoists to raise and lower cinema speakers beside the retractable screen to maximise sound clarity and aid access to flexible staging options in the multi-use venue. This new rigging will improve access to highest quality screenings, arts and cultural events in our community and to enable easy access to the multipurpose capacities of the venue to arts and cultural groups.

**Project Outcomes:**

This new equipment will enable Manning Entertainment Centre New Studio Theatre to attract increased audience numbers by presenting diverse cinema, recorded performances, touring film festivals and live-streamed art events in this regional community. The improved audio will especially benefit those with hearing impairment.

**66. Temora Shire Council - New sound processor for the Temora Town Hall Theatre (\$7,500)**

**Project Overview:**

The Temora Town Hall Theatre requires a new sound processor to improve sound quality within the theatre. The current sound processor is the original from 13 years ago and has not been upgraded in line with digital cinema standards. A new processor will meet expectations of theatre attendees.

**Project Outcomes:**

The replacement of the existing sound processor with new equipment will transform the theatre to current digital cinema standards and meet the venue's sound requirements. The new equipment will be reliable, easy to use and provide a higher quality cinema audio experience for attendees.

**67. The Council of Camden - Replacement of the Grand Piano (\$59,663)**

**Project Overview:**

The replacement of the Grand Piano at the Camden Civic Centre will breathe life into the classical music arena for Camden. After 40 years the existing piano is ready to retire, providing opportunity for a new piano to support local and touring musicians and a revitalised cultural program.

**Project Outcomes:**

The new Grand Piano will provide a new cultural asset to enhance cultural programs, audience enjoyment, and artist engagement.

**68. The Council of the Municipality of Kiama - Joyce Wheatley Community Centre Arts Upgrade (\$178,155)**

**Project Overview:**

This project will convert and upgrade the Joyce Wheatley Community Centre (JWCC) from an aged and disability space to a thriving arts venue. Located in Hindmarsh Park in the central business district of Kiama the updated JWCC will provide exhibition and performance spaces and a home for our local artists. The project scope includes internal repainting, installing new data projector and screen, back stage improvements, and new tables and seating.

**Project Outcomes:**

This project will provide a multi-functional, modern and user-friendly space that supports arts practice. The facility will offer improved accessibility for local community members and visitors within Hindmarsh Park to the arts.

**69. The Friends of the Liberty Theatre and Cultural Centre Inc - Liberty Theatre Yass audio visual installation (\$250,000)**

**Project Overview:**



This project will provide the 1939 Art Deco Liberty Theatre in Yass with modern, state of the art, audio-visual and digital screen equipment to enable the showing of classic and current release films for the community to enjoy. The flexible screen and digital projection system will enable more community screenings, catering for youth and senior members of the community, providing significant benefits for mental health and well-being.

**Project Outcomes:**

With new state-of-the-art digital AV equipment, the theatre will once again be able to screen current release, classic, family, documentary and popular films. This opens up new opportunities, giving the community a place to interact, find employment opportunities and enhance the tourism potential of the region through National and International film festivals and new release launches, youth events and cultural participation.

**70. The Players Theatre Inc - Replace Theatre's Aged Audio Equipment to provide Optimum Sound (\$24,839)**

**Project Overview:**

Enhance sound production for performances by local artists, performers, students, touring companies, and hire groups by replacing the Theatre's aged and failing audio system with new audio desk, matching sound boxes and interface for a second desk output, foldback speakers, amplifiers and two shotgun microphones.

**Project Outcomes:**

The installation of new equipment will provide excellent quality audio output, mitigate equipment failure during productions, and eliminate costly repairs. Experienced and novice performers gain confidence due to high audio quality. Audiences will enjoy a rich sound experience, especially the hearing impaired, boosting audience patronage and community use. The project will boost theatre income from external hires and theatre patronage over the long term. It will also reduce maintenance and repair costs and sound system hiring costs.

**71. The Sinhalese Cultural Centre Limited - Sinhalese Cultural Centre Capability Enhancements (\$10,350)**

**Project Overview:**

The Sinhalese Cultural Centre was established in 2020, in Seven Hills to facilitate the cultural activities hosted by the Sinhalese Cultural Forum Inc. and related organisations, including music, dance, drama and language teaching. This project installs audio, video, and other multimedia facilities to enhance the usability of this new facility.

**Project Outcomes:**

The project will equip the Sinhalese Cultural Centre to support performing art activities (music, dance and drama) conducted in the Main Hall by the Sinhalese Cultural Forum and other associated organisations.

**72. Turbans 4 Australia Inc - *Turbans 4 Australia Sikh Multicultural Radio Project (\$6,348)***

**Project Overview:**

The project is to set up a multicultural radio station in Western Sydney to broadcast online and appeal to people from sub-continental backgrounds. The intention is to provide a voice for people often underrepresented in mainstream media. It will broadcast relevant information such as support and community and cultural events.

**Project Outcomes:**

The multicultural radio station in Western Sydney operated by Sikh volunteers will broadcast online radio sessions, targeting migrants, refugees and other groups particularly from the sub-continental regions who may not have extensive family or community networks to gather relevant information and light entertainment. It will reduce social isolation, foster social cohesion/inclusion and provide volunteer opportunities to build connection and confidence for the Sikh community.

**73. Upper Lachlan Shire Council - *Building Creative Capacity: Gunning Shire Hall Rejuvenation Project (\$92,623)***

**Project Overview:**

Gunning Shire Hall seats several hundred patrons and is used by a large number of community groups and local/visiting performers. Feedback indicates acoustics, lighting, comfort, and disability-access are significant issues. This project will enhance lighting, acoustics, comfort, wayfinding and provide disability-access to enable the venue to reach its true potential.

**Project Outcomes:**

This project will transform the hall into a fit-for-purpose arts and cultural venue capable of meeting diverse user needs. This is Gunning's only large capacity performance space. This project will increase access and participation for the local community and provide an ideal performance space for touring ensembles.

**74. Warren Performing Arts and Language Place Inc – *Refurbishment of Mechanics Institute Building, Warraan Widji Arts (\$250,000)***

**Project Overview:**

The project will restore and refurbish the Mechanics Institute building, Warren, and be led by Aboriginal youth and community. The space provides inspiration and functionality. Warraan Widji Arts (River Place Arts) is reflective of Wayilwan Country, where rivers revive and inform storytelling, empowered by Wayilwan Language revival and the performing and creative arts.

**Project Outcomes:**

The project will deliver three safe, accessible, purpose-built spaces on Wayilwan Country. These spaces support the growth of Warren's new performance works, strengthen connections and identity, reawaken the Wayilwan language by translating songs in a variety of musical genres,

and enabling the self-determination and empowerment of Warren's Aboriginal youth and community.

**75. Weddin Shire Council - Grenfell Art Gallery Upgrade (\$241,476)**

**Project Overview:**

Grenfell Art Gallery is unable to host travelling exhibitions and collections from other galleries due to a lack of climate and humidity control. Technology is outdated and gallery entrance not enticing. This project will upgrade technology and equipment, enabling the inclusion of digital content, and create an enticing entrance.

**Project Outcomes:**

The enticing entrance will attract new audiences to the Gallery – the upgraded front façade will give a glimpse at the exceptional displays drawing visitors in. The upgrades create a fit for purpose venue, with increased capacity to host touring exhibitions/loan collections that provide Grenfell residents and visitors with quality art and cultural experiences.

**76. Wellington Information and Neighbourhood Services Inc - Wellovision Digital Media Hub (\$26,718)**

**Project Overview:**

Wellovision Digital Media Hub establishes a safe, inclusive environment for the Wellington community to tell stories and create new cultural content in a collaborative, supportive ecosystem. Participants will learn and share new skills in using digital technologies to create enriched connection and platforms for self-expression, truth telling and future vocations.

**Project Outcomes:**

An all-access digital media hub will add value to an existing skills base. The creation of new content, based on community stories, will see an increase in collaborative creative outputs, replication of filmmaking skills and clearer pathways to vocational outcomes based around digital industries for participants.

**77. Wellington Local Aboriginal Land Council - Minor Improvements to the Maliyan Cultural Centre (\$35,000)**

**Project Overview:**

The MCC showcases contemporary Wellington with a strong focus on Aboriginal culture and the Wiradjuri language. The addition of internal, moveable walls to the Maliyan Cultural Centre will increase its capacity to host and stage exhibitions, installations, and events relevant to the Wellington community.

**Project Outcomes:**

Three new internal moveable walls will greatly increase the flexibility, effectiveness and capacity of the Maliyan Cultural Centre to host large exhibitions, installations and community art projects.

**78. West Darling Arts Inc - Screen Broken Hill Media Hub Production Studio (SBMHPS) (\$73,553)**

**Project Overview:**

The project will enable the purchase of technology and equipment to establish a high-quality audio-visual production studio in Broken Hill in Far West NSW ("The Studio"). The Studio will be a multi-purpose, multi-use facility intended to support a full range of users operating within the region.

**Project Outcomes:**

The purchase of equipment and technology will support the creation of a multi-purpose, multi-use production studio for all abilities. The Hub will support the strong community of musicians, oral historians, filmmakers, artists, independent journalists, community-broadcasters, and even community heritage organisations looking to create audio-visual interpretive content.

**79. Winangakirri Aboriginal Corporation - Ngiyampaa Keeping Place (\$242,627)**

**Project Overview:**

WAC owns the IPA Mawonga Station, and there is no place where artefacts situated on country or repatriated from other collections or museums, could be safely housed. This project provides a purpose-built keeping place for the safe storage and display of artefacts located on the IPA, Mawonga Station or repatriated from private collections or museums. New facilities including upgrade accommodation in Shearer's quarters, amenity buildings, BBQ facilities and seating will provide a fit-for-purpose space that can accommodate cultural activities such as camps, workshops, and other cultural activities.

**Project Outcomes:**

The Keeping Place will provide a purpose-built space for the safe keeping of cultural artefacts on behalf of the Ngiyampaa community, and accommodation facilities for visitors and cultural activities.

**80. Wingecarribee Shire Council - Bowral Memorial Hall fit-out (\$250,000)**

**Project Overview:**

This project provides the internal infrastructure to support a \$6.7 million refurbishment of the Bowral Memorial Hall, making it fit for community and touring amateur and professional artists to conduct musical, choral, and theatrical performances in the only suitable community-owned venue for more than 50,000 residents of the Wingecarribee Shire.

**Project Outcomes:**

The project will support the transformation of the only dedicated community performance venue in the LGA with an audience capacity of 340. The fit out will include appropriate staging, lighting and audio capability for use by local and touring amateur and professional orchestral, dance, choral and theatrical groups.

**81. Wollongong Conservatorium of Music - Improved rehearsal and performance space at WollCon (\$110,550)**

**Project Overview:**

This project, through a minor reconfiguration of two existing rooms, will create the first accessible quality rehearsal/performance space, and a Music Therapy Room with accessible facilities. By connecting the rooms, the new Music Therapy Room will be able to function as an accessible back-stage area when in performance mode.

**Project Outcomes:**

The project creates two connected spaces: a quality, accessible, sound-proof/climate-controlled rehearsal and performance/recital space at WollCon that can accommodate small orchestras; jazz ensemble or community bands; and a Music Therapy Room with accessible facilities within. The project benefits musicians (young/adult), audiences and Music Therapy Clients.

**82. Wollongong Workshop Theatre Inc - Wollongong Workshop Theatre Key Infrastructure Upgrade (\$9,065)**

**Project Overview:**

The project will deliver key improvements including the replacement and refurbishment of seating in theatre space and the replacement of box guttering.

**Project Outcomes:**

Replacement of box guttering addresses water ingress issues which have resulted in water damage to carpet and walls; New re-upholstered seating will increase comfort and experience for audience, while improving the theatre's interior aesthetic.