



## LPA Summary of the WA Budget 2016–17

Dear Member,

As Members may be aware, the Western Australia State Budget was handed down last Thursday (12 May).

- The 2016–17 WA State Budget did not include new live performance initiatives. However, it did restate its continued commitment to **Royalties for Regions (RfR)** funding of **\$24m** invested over five years to 2018-19 (started in 2015) in the sustainability of Aboriginal art centres, **regional and remote performing arts touring**, **capital improvements to performing arts venues** and support for local arts and cultural organisations in regional Western Australia.
- The Budget states that the Department of Culture and the Arts has undertaken significant **reform of funding provided to the arts sector**. This includes the *Organisations Investment Program*, a new model for funding arts and culture organisations, and a new suite of flexible and responsive grants programs for individuals, groups and arts organisations.
- The Department is also facilitating ongoing dialogue with representatives from the music sector and government regulatory authorities to identify options for **removing barriers to live music development**.
- The Budget included **\$16m** over four years for the **WA Regional Film Fund** and \$378m over the next four years for construction of the **\$428 million New Museum**.

Additionally, the **Payroll tax-free threshold will increase from \$800,000 to \$850,000** from 1 July 2016.

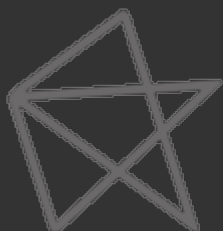
The WA Budget Infographic on Culture and the Arts can be found [here](#).

Detailed information on the WA State Budget 2016–17 can be found [here](#).

Should you have any questions with regard to the WA State Budget 2016–17, please contact the LPA Office [via email](#) or call 03 8614 2000.

Kind regards,

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