



## LPA Summary of the NT Budget 2016–17

Dear Member,

As Members may be aware, the Northern Territory Budget 2016-17 was handed down yesterday (24 May).

The NT Budget included the following funding commitment to NT's live performance sector for 2016-17:

- **\$1 million** to support **Arts Grants funding**
- **\$0.25 million** to deliver key outcomes from the **Northern Territory Arts and Cultural Policy and develop the Territory arts industry**
- **\$7 million** to support various events across the Territory through **operational support to the NT Major Events Company**
- **\$1.6 million** to support **FestivalsNT**
- **\$0.4 million** for **BASSINTHEGRASS** Festival
- **\$0.5 million** to continue supporting the **Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Cultural Centre**

The Budget identified strategic issues for the Department of Arts and Museums that impact NT's live performance sector as follows:

- **Implementing the Northern Territory Arts and Cultural Policy**
- **Reviewing the Arts Grants Program** to align with Arts and Cultural Policy directions and support the achievement of policy outcomes
- Continuing to **work effectively with related organisations** including Tourism NT, Heritage Branch (Department of Lands, Planning and the Environment), Northern Territory Major Events Company and Festivals NT to improve the Territory's festivals, and arts and culture.

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

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

Kind regards,

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