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LPA Summary: New South Wales Budget 2017–18

21 June 2017

Dear Member,

As Members may be aware, the New South Wales (NSW) Budget was handed down yesterday on 20 June 2017. Minister for the Arts Don Harwin stated that funding for arts and culture overall in this Budget has increased to **\$639 million** (\$365 million in 2016-17). The NSW Budget contains funding for arts and culture initiatives that LPA Members may benefit from, including:

- **\$109m** to rejuvenate the **Walsh Bay Arts Precinct** and provide a unique cultural and visitor experience as well as restoring an important piece of Sydney's waterfront heritage.
- **\$50m** for Stage One of the **Sydney Opera House renewal program**, to ensure the Opera House is properly equipped to host world-class performances.
- **\$100m** for the new **Regional Cultural Fund** to develop cultural and artistic activities in regional and rural communities.
- **\$52.7m** for the **Arts and Cultural Development Program** to support artists and organisations across NSW, including targeted funding to regional NSW and Western Sydney.

Minister for the Arts Don Harwin's Media Release can be found [here](#).

Detailed information on the NSW Budget 2017–18 can be found [here](#).

Should you have any questions with regard to the NSW Budget 2017–18, please contact the LPA Office [via email](#) or call 03 8614 2000.



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