



LPA Summary: SA Budget 2018–19

Dear Member,

As Members may be aware, the South Australian (SA) State Budget 2018-19 was handed down yesterday (4 September).

The SA Budget included the following funding commitments that may benefit the live performance sector:

- **\$1m** per annum (indexed) over four years to increase grant funding to provide more **opportunities for artists to live and work in SA**, focussing on supporting early career, independent artists to develop their practice.
- **\$1.75m** over four years for measures that support and look to leverage Adelaide's position as a **UNESCO City of Music**. The funding will support the continuation of the live music events fund, which supports the growth of live music across the state, as well as enhancing support for programs that work in connection with schools and universities to engage more young people through music programs.
- **\$1.25m** in 2018-19 to further support the attraction of major performance events for the **2019 Adelaide Festival**.
- **\$1m** in 2018-19 for **sustainment works** at the Chaffey Theatre (Renmark), the Northern Festival Centre (Port Pirie) and the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre (Mount Gambier) to ensure the local regional theatres can continue to operate safely in compliance with local fire safety regulations.

The SA Budget 2018-19 also **reduces the required savings** (efficiency dividends) for the arts portfolio by **\$2.2 m** over four years. Savings in the arts are to be achieved by:

- an **overall efficiency target** across institutions and arts programs totalling \$3 million in 2018–19, rising to \$5 million per annum (indexed) from 2019–20
- **re-focussing Arts SA** from 1 January 2019 to the development and provision of advice on arts policy to the government. The corporate support and oversight functions Arts SA currently provides to arts institutions will be incorporated within the Department of the Premier and Cabinet's existing corporate functions.

You can view Premier Steven Marshall's Media Statement on the SA 2018-19 Budget relating to the arts [here](#). Full details on the SA Budget 2018–19 can be found [here](#).

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