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LPA Summary: Australian Capital Territory Budget 2017–18

7 June 2017

Dear Member,

As Members may be aware, the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) Budget was handed down yesterday (6 June). The ACT Budget contains **\$21.6 million** in new funding to support the arts sector over four years, including new initiatives that LPA Members may benefit from:

- **\$15m** over three years for the expansion of **Belconnen Arts Centre**. These upgrades will include a multi-use performance space, new dance studios and an expanded exhibition space.
- **\$0.88m** over four years for **upgrades to five arts centres** across the ACT including Ainslie Arts Centre, Gorman House Arts Centre, Strathnairn, Tuggeranong Arts Centre and Watson Arts Centre.
- **\$100,000** to consult with community on the future needs and development of the **Canberra Theatre** and performing arts infrastructure.
- Establishing new baseline funding of **\$0.75m** per year for four years for the **arts projects funding program** to support individual arts projects.
- **\$1m** over four years to support the **Australian National University's Advanced Music Performance Program**.
- **\$0.4m** over four years to support **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts and Culture**.

The Media Release announcing better support for the arts in this year's Budget from ACT Chief Minister Andrew Barr can be found [here](#).

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

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



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