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LPA Summary: Western Australian Budget 2017–18

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Dear Member,

As Members may be aware, the Western Australia (WA) Budget was handed down yesterday.

There were no new funding initiatives dedicated to the live performance industry, however the WA Budget contains funding for a range of arts and culture initiatives:

- **\$10 million** to the **Art Gallery of Western Australia** towards the Art Gallery's rooftop activation project and for new acquisitions through the TomorrowFund.
- **\$133.3 million** is budgeted to be spent on **asset investment** in 2017-18, including **\$121.4 million** for the continued delivery of the **New Museum Project** and **\$10.2 million** for library materials for public libraries and the State reference library.
- **\$8 million** boost to give people living outside the metropolitan region increased **access to arts and culture** and widen the exposure of collections travelling throughout the State.
- **\$750,000** fund which will provide **grants to regional museums** to apply to improve, promote or restore their collections.
- **\$10 million** investment in the **Western Australian Film Fund**.
- **\$24.5 million** for 4 schools to build and 1 school to upgrade performing arts centres.

The Budget Papers also note that "**a decline in Lotterywest revenue will impact the funding available to recurrently-funded arts and cultural organisations.**" (pg 371, BP2)

Detailed information on the WA 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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