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LPA Summary: Western Australian Budget 2019-20

Dear Member,

As Members may be aware, the Western Australia (WA) Budget was handed down yesterday. The Budget announced **almost \$20 million over four years** for a new **Regional Arts and Culture Investment Program** to strengthen regional economies by providing employment opportunities in the creative sector. The program aims to increase the capacity for the regions to engage with arts and culture, improving the social cohesion, liveability and vibrancy of local communities.

The WA Budget also contains funding for a range of arts and culture initiatives:

- **\$95.4 million** is budgeted to be spent on **asset investment** in 2019-20, including **\$79.3 million** for the continued delivery of the **New Museum Project**, **\$5 million** for upgrades and improvements to **His Majesty's Theatre** and **\$9.6 million** for library materials for the **Public Libraries and the State Reference Library**.
- **\$218,000** for ongoing **Art Gallery art acquisitions**.
- **\$200,000** for the **Regional Collections Development Program**.
- **\$952,000** for **HBF Park** development contingency.
- **\$10 million over two years** for two schools to build **performing arts centres**.

Detailed information on the WA Budget 2019–20 can be found [here](#).

Should you have any questions with regard to the WA Budget 2019–20, please contact the LPA Office [via email](#) or call 03 8614 2000.



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