



# Cultural Funding by Government — 2017–18

## New South Wales Government

The estimate of expenditure funded by the New South Wales Government in 2017–18 for cultural activities was **\$627.0m**. This represented an increase of 31% or \$148.3m from 2016–17.

Table 1—New South Wales Government cultural expenditure, 2015–16 to 2017–18

2015–16	2016–17	2017–18
\$475.5m	\$478.7m ↑ 1%	\$627.0m ↑ 31%

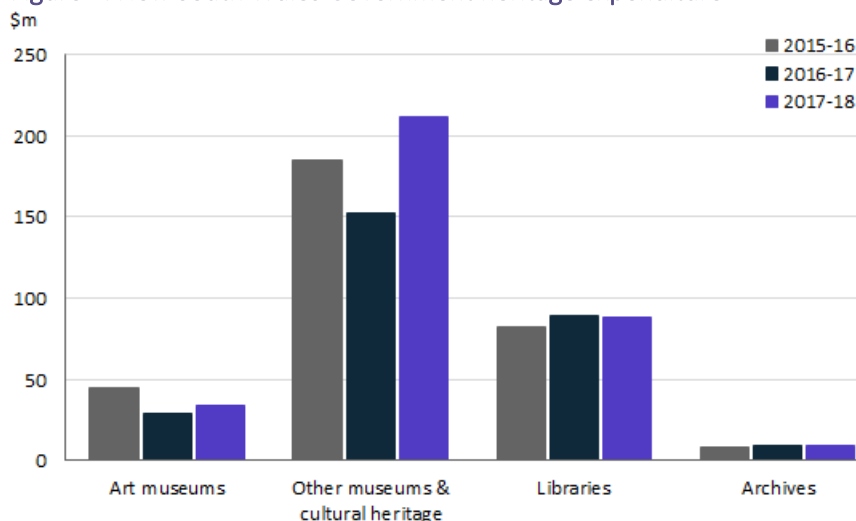
- Recurrent expenses accounted for 61% (\$384.6m) of funded cultural expenditure.
- Capital expenditure was \$242.5m, and the largest two categories were *Performing art venues* (\$131.1m) and *Other museums and cultural heritage* (\$78.5m).
- The estimate of per person cultural funding was \$79.15.

Funds on *Heritage* activities rose 23% (or \$63.2m) to \$343.3m.

This increase was driven by expenditure on the categories of *Other museums and cultural heritage* (↑\$59.7m) and *Art Museums* (↑\$4.5m).

Just under two-thirds (62%) of *Heritage* funds were spent on *Other museums and cultural heritage* (\$212.1m) with an additional 26% spent on *Libraries* (\$88.4m).

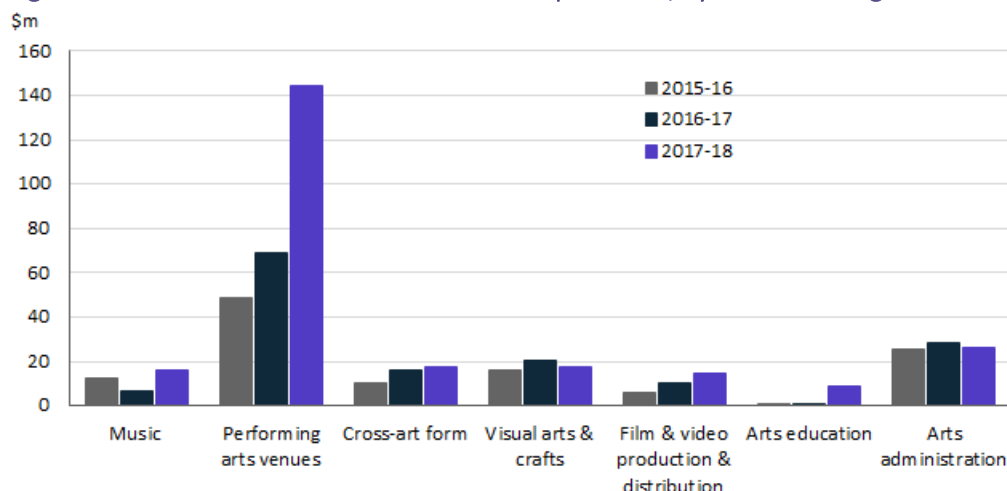
Figure 1. New South Wales Government heritage expenditure



Funds for *Arts* activities rose 43% (or \$85.1m) to \$283.7m.

Three main contributors to this movement were *Performing art venues* ↑\$75.5m, *Music* ↑\$9.6m and *Arts education* ↑\$7.6m. Conversely, funding for *Music theatre and opera* dropped by \$8.1m.

Figure 2. New South Wales Government arts expenditure, by selected categories



Just over half (51%) of all funded expenditure by the New South Wales Government on Arts activities was spent on *Performing arts venues* (\$144.3), the majority for capital projects.

Other main categories of Arts activities funding were:

- *Visual arts and crafts*—\$17.5m
- *Cross-art form*—\$17.3m
- *Music*—\$16.3m
- *Film and video production and distribution*—\$14.7m.

Recurrent expenditure dropped 1% (or \$4.1m) to \$384.6m.

Table 2 — New South Wales Government recurrent cultural expenditure, 2015–16 to 2017–18

2015–16	2016–17	2017–18
\$356.8m	\$388.7m ↑ 9%	\$384.6m ↓ 1%

The largest recurrent expenditure was for *Other museums and cultural heritage*, \$133.7m, followed by *Libraries* (\$71.8m).

Figure 3. New South Wales Government recurrent cultural expenditure, by selected categories

