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Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications
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RISE Fund

RISE Fund grant recipients—Batch seven summary of projects

State / Territory	Recipient	Project title	Project description	Amount funded (\$) (excl GST)
ACT	Canberra Glassworks	Television transformation project: waste TV screens reimagined	This project assembles a team of creative problem solvers including artists, craftspeople, and technicians to design and make artworks and products using waste TV screens.	\$143,000
NSW	Voices of Women Incorporated	Voices of Women Entanglement Amplify	A storytelling tour, designed to support and strengthen female culture and regional tourism in the rural hubs of Dubbo, Wagga Wagga and Goulburn in NSW.	\$25,000
NSW	Branch Nebula Inc	Development and tour of a new physical theatre production, Air Time	Development and presentation of a choreographed hour-long street-style performance called Air Time utilising custom-made ramps that launch bodies, bikes and skateboards high into the air.	\$400,000
NSW	Newcastle Live Music Taskforce	Sound Station Music Festival	Sound Station Festival is an all-ages free music festival to celebrate Newcastle's live music industry over the past five decades and support local live music.	\$26,500

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NSW	Subsonic Music Festival Pty Ltd	Relaunch of multi day Subsonic Music Festival in regional NSW	Funding will enable Subsonic to reactivate its multi day regional music festival in Riverwood Downs NSW, bolstering employment as the region's largest annual economic activity.	\$280,000
NSW	Griffin Theatre Company	Griffin Theatre Company Digital Season	Six new Australian productions filmed in partnership between Griffin Theatre Company and Australian Theatre Live, for regional and rural cinema screening and Video-on-Demand access.	\$307,640
NSW	The Trustee for Empire Touring Trust	Empire Touring Theatre Series	The best Australian performers are brought together to pay tribute to the world's best – Rolling Stones, Nirvana, John Lennon and David Bowie, in 23 destination locations throughout the nation.	\$600,000
NSW	Performing Lines Ltd	Hide the Dog Tour	Hide the Dog is a new First Nations theatre production for children. Previously impacted by COVID, a new tour is now planned.	\$110,776
NSW	Australian Society of Authors Ltd	Digital infrastructure development to build capacity, inform and support Australian authors and illustrators	Structural upgrade of the ASA's digital capacity to deliver support and skills development Australia-wide, building long-term financial viability of the organisation and members.	\$282,940
NSW	Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre (Liverpool City Council)	The Way Out West (WOW) Festival	The return of Casula Powerhouse's WOW (Way Out West) Festival, where children, young people and their families enjoy the arts and entertainment together.	\$80,000
NSW	Riverside's National Theatre of Parramatta	Choir Boy - Production, Regional Tour and Mentorship program	A new production and regional tour of music theatre piece Choir Boy by Academy-Award winner Tarell Alvin McCraney, with a mentorship program	\$325,000
NSW	Australian Theatre for Young People	Fresh Ink: investing in new Australian stories	Re-starting the commission of four new Australian works paused during COVID-19. This project will employ artists, enhance professional development and engagement opportunities for emerging writers and dramaturgs.	\$275,000
NSW	Christine Dunstan Productions Pty Ltd	National Tour of Colleen McCullough's TIM	23 week tour of the play TIM, playing 34 theatres across seven states and territories.	\$400,000

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NSW	Blue Mountains City Council - Blue Mountains Cultural Centre	TOWNSHIP - Arts Activation Project	A multi-arts celebration connecting Blue Mountains villages, leveraging the best of the region's cultural assets with a focus on local creatives, communities, and cultural spaces.	\$91,107
NSW	LPD Productions	A National Tour of RENT	A 2023 eighteen-week national tour of RENT across regional and metropolitan Australia.	\$713,950
NSW	Sweet Media	Little Festival	An ephemeral arts festival celebrating small scale and miniature outdoor street art installations in and around Newcastle CBD.	\$57,770
NSW	Signal Creative LLC	Outback Fashion Series 2022	A public presentation of original textile designs, garments and accessories designed and crafted by women in outback NSW.	\$48,426
NSW	2S Entertainment Pty Ltd	Inverted Festival	A new Australian all-ages youth-music event on the Gold Coast, featuring diverse cultural displays and performances celebrating modern Australian youth-culture.	\$320,000
NSW	Kiama Music & Arts Pty Ltd	Clearly Music & Arts Festival	An annual music, art and workshop event that highlights the rich culture of Kiama.	\$100,000
NSW	Andrée Greenwel	Three Marys	A new chamber opera. The project involves premier performance season, recording for radio broadcast, and online. Featuring four vocalists, teen choir, eight-piece ensemble and sound design.	\$250,466
NSW	City Recital Hall Limited	City Recital Hall: Revitalising Sydney's CBD with popular contemporary music	City Recital Hall's innovative contemporary music program will revitalise Sydney night-time economy, focusing on youth, tourism and generating crucial income for musicians, industry professionals and surrounding businesses.	\$390,000
NSW	All The Queens Men Inc	Coming Back Out Australia 2022	Coming Back Out Australia is a long-term national creative initiative celebrating older LGBTIQ+ communities and will include 40 national events, monthly Dance Clubs and developing a digital and online presence.	\$249,200
NSW	Deniliquin Play on the Plains Festival Ltd	Deni Ute Muster	Deni Ute Muster is a recurring two-day, tier-1, closed venue event, which provides significant economic, strategic and social benefits to the Southern Riverina region of NSW.	\$400,000

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NT	Central Australian Singing Incorporated (CAS Inc)	Presenting the Olive Pink Opera	The Olive Pink Opera created by award-winning Australian Composer and Music Educator Professor Emerita Anne Boyd AM - an exquisite operatic performance in the Desert.	\$164,500
NT	Darwin performing Arts Centre	Garrmalang Presents...	Garrmalang Presents... will deliver a number of First Nations events, sector development programs and other activities, as well as the Garrmalang Festival.	\$304,345
NT	The Darwin Festival Ltd	Darwin Festival 2022: Amphitheatre Concert Series and Sunset Stage Program	Darwin Festival will present a dynamic program of live performances activating two iconic outdoor venues: the Darwin Amphitheatre and the Sunset Stage.	\$482,400
NT	GUTS Dance // Central Australia	FROM THE INSIDE OUT - growth, recognition and engagement with dance in the desert.	GUTS will create local, sustainable employment and help boost the creative economy through generating new contemporary dance works and expanding programs in Mparntwe/Alice Springs, NT.	\$275,728
QLD	Star Kingdom Investments Pty Ltd	Brisbane City Film Society	This project establishes a Brisbane City Film Society to showcase significant new films while also presenting local work-in-progress screenings and building a community.	\$100,000
QLD	DeepBlue Orchestra Inc	Song to the Ocean Reimagined as New Cultural Tourism Event	Song to the Ocean reimagined as a mini-festival with a First Nations focus for regional tourist destinations plus a major new Queensland cultural precinct.	\$159,341
QLD	Belloo Inc	BREATH	A collaboration between Belloo Creative, Taikoz and QPAC to produce BREATH, a piccolo outdoor performance and a large-scale, mainstage performance.	\$121,581
QLD	Just Us Theatre Ensemble	From Campfire to Stagelight	Co-production of a new Indigenous theatrical work From Campfire to Stage Light by David Hudson.	\$58,022
QLD	City Parklands Services	Live at South Bank	Live at South Bank is a vibrant live entertainment and place making program aiming to revive live performances from creative industries with a focus on music.	\$300,000
QLD	Museum of Brisbane	BAD CREATIVE COMMUNITY	An integrated program of museum-based initiatives and Brisbane city and suburban activations that stimulate dynamic, sustained engagement between artists and communities.	\$300,000

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QLD	QMUSIC	FiestaNQ	FiestaNQ will reignite North Queensland's live music sector with a celebration of music events and pop-up performances across iconic venues and public spaces.	\$344,900
QLD	Phluxus2 Pty Ltd	Phluxus2 Dance Collective's 2022/23 Artistic Program	Phluxus2 Dance Collective artistic program of creative works and activities.	\$150,000
QLD	Heart of Gold International Short Film Festival Inc	Heart of Gold International Short Film Festival 2022	Australia's most heart-warming short film festival is back bigger than ever with a new storytelling stage, immersive future of cinema exhibition and a regional tour.	\$188,300
QLD	THE ZOOFAM Pty Ltd	'Let The Music Play' - a music festival in Fortitude Valley presented by The Zoo and Fortitude Music Hall	Let The Music Play is a music festival in Brisbane presented by The Zoo and Fortitude Music Hall.	\$128,500
QLD	University of Queensland Art Museum	BLUE ASSEMBLY: OCEANIC THINKING (Season One)	Exhibitions, an online journal, conversations, residencies, screenings, reading groups and public programs, bringing a focus on blue carbon through art.	\$77,300
QLD	Major Brisbane Festivals Pty Ltd	Bananaland	Bananaland by Kate Miller-Heidke and Keir Nuttall is an exciting original musical that will engage and employ numerous Australian musicians, actors and creatives.	\$200,000
QLD	Flipside Circus Ltd	Brisbane Circus Centre Launch and Activation Program	This project celebrates and activates the new Brisbane Circus Centre at Northshore and supports new work, artists, and professional development.	\$381,727
QLD	Neighbourhood Events Pty Ltd	Neighbourhood Sessions Music Festival	A family friendly and COVID-safe music festival, with a focus on placing regional North Queensland artists on the same line-up as more established touring acts.	\$56,105
QLD	Grey Gum Productions Pty Ltd	Black Box	Development, world premiere and tour of the innovative new musical telling the story of Australian David Warren, inventor of the black box.	\$198,000
QLD	Brisbane Chorale Incorporated	60th anniversary performance of Benjamin Britten's 'War Requiem'	A gala performance of Benjamin Britten's 'War Requiem' for mass ensemble in the QPAC Concert Hall featuring five Brisbane-based ensembles and acclaimed vocal soloists.	\$100,000

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QLD	The Trustee for Newpub Family Holdings Trust	Moreton Bay Live	A major new Australian music series, bringing the biggest artists in Australia to Moreton Bay and bringing the audiences to Moreton Bay to see them.	\$697,500
QLD	Cloudland the Musical	Cloudland the Musical	The story of Brisbane's Iconic Cloudland Ballroom told through music and dance and its impact socially and culturally across five decades of its existence.	\$136,100
QLD	Metropolis QLD Pty Ltd	Garden City Sounds	An annual one-day music festival in Toowoomba, showcasing national touring artists, as well as emerging and local talent.	\$89,000
QLD	Near North Festivals Pty Ltd	Sunshine Coast and Capricorn Coast Comedy Festivals	Sister events to be held in Queensland activating venues and industry right across their respective regions.	\$150,000
QLD	Yeehaa Events Pty Ltd	NQ's Rock'n Country 2022	NQ's Rock'n Country will support over 40 Australian acts to reboot the industry and the careers of emerging artists.	\$577,500
SA	Australian Dance Theatre	'Tracker' by Daniel Riley	Tracker, a multidisciplinary work by Wiradjuri choreographer and ADT's incoming Artistic Director Daniel Riley, explores the story of his Great Uncle, Alec 'Tracker' Riley.	\$223,283
SA	State Opera South Australia	Sweeney Todd remount	State Opera South Australia's production of Stephen Sondheim's Sweeney Todd will be remounted for a national tour.	\$570,274
SA	Insite Arts International	Nharangga - an Indigenous opera	A large-scale theatre work by Nharangga/Kaurna artist Jacob Boehme weaving together multiple Narungga Dreaming stories to tell the creation story of Yorke Peninsula.	\$325,000
SA	Light Cultural Foundation Ltd	Powered by Light	A multi-purpose arts venue providing opportunities for artists by nurturing and facilitating unique collaborations, professional development, and job creation.	\$200,000
SA	Art Gallery of South Australia	Tarnanthi Art Fair online and associated digital public programs	The Tarnanthi Art Fair online and digital programs presents art by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists from across Australia.	\$184,500
SA	Adelaide Festival Corporation	2023 Adelaide Festival - Verdi's Requiem	A major collaboration between Zurich Ballet (Switzerland) and 200+ Australian artists, crew and staff for Christian Spuck's MESSA DA REQUIEM for the 2023 Adelaide Festival.	\$403,500

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SA	The Australian Short Story Festival Inc	The Australian Short Story Festival	A festival dedicated to short stories in written and spoken forms, inclusive of diverse writers from around Australia.	\$150,000
TAS	Panama Productions Pty Ltd	A Festival Called PANAMA 2022	A two-day music and arts event held in Tasmania's North East.	\$125,000
TAS	Festival of Voices Inc	Festival of Voices	A re-mount of Australia's foremost choral festival and reconnection of singing communities.	\$112,294
TAS	Warp Magazine Pty Ltd	Establishing and Reconnecting Touring Routes in Regional Tasmania	This project will establish and reconnect contemporary live music touring routes throughout Tasmania, presenting a program of concerts that extend to regional areas.	\$133,600
TAS	Vibrance Festival Pty Ltd	Vibrance - Tasmanian Street Art Trail	Vibrance will paint 25 large scale murals across Tasmania with an accompanying online street art map app to promote art tourism in Tasmania.	\$208,660
TAS	Australian Wooden Boat Festival	Maritime Stories and Songs of the Sea	This festival will bring maritime storytelling to life with musicians, singers, dramatists, yarners and puppeteers providing live performances across unique festival venues.	\$248,708
VIC	J.P. Morgan & C.C. Rust	Tensegrity Creative Development	One Fell Swoop Circus will provide creative and employment outcomes for artists in mid-2022 for a creative development of a new contemporary circus work.	\$25,000
VIC	Back to Back Theatre Inc	NORTH SIDE	Back to Back Theatre will develop a project embracing Geelong, presenting a popular work, creating a new community piece and installing a major message beacon.	\$394,500
VIC	Theatre Works Ltd	Theatre Works - Ignition Initiative	Rescheduling assistance for Theatre Works' Ignition Initiative to support the reprogramming of postponed RISE funded productions and providing employment for independent artists. Outcomes include high-calibre works, education programs and artist development.	\$90,000
VIC	Lucy Guerin Association Inc	LGI First Nations Program	Lucy Guerin Inc will deliver a development program committed to improving representation, opportunities, and career pathways available for First Nations dance artists in Naarm/Melbourne.	\$125,148

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VIC	Melbourne Art Foundation	Melbourne Design Fair: A Platform for Diversity and Inclusion (MDF: DIP)	Melbourne Design Fair, an initiative of the National Gallery of Victoria in collaboration with Melbourne Art Fair, showcases the best collectible contemporary design by emerging and established Australian designers and makers.	\$143,000
VIC	Melbourne Bach Choir Inc	Melbourne Bach Choir concert series 2022-23	Melbourne Bach Choir will present a series of choral concerts with orchestra and vocal soloists over two years in Melbourne and Ballarat.	\$135,000
VIC	IOpera Inc (VIC)	The Rise and Fall of the City of Mahagonny	The first production in over 40 years of Kurt Weill, Bertolt Brecht, and Elisabeth Hauptmann's epic opera Rise and Fall of the City of Mahagonny.	\$79,800
VIC	SalamFest Inc	Celebration of the 500 year Muslim-Indigenous relationship	The project rediscovers, honours and celebrates the 500 year old Muslim-Indigenous, cultural and trade relationship, which was based on mutual respect, trust and acceptance.	\$307,309
VIC	Albury Wodonga Theatre Company	Let It Go!	A major musical theatre concert at the Albury Entertainment Centre with several performances and featuring local singers, dancers and live band.	\$41,448
VIC	Fairfax Youth Initiative	Fairfax Youth Festival	120+ young people from rural communities work alongside professional artists to create an inspiring and engaging festival for both young people and the Murray Mallee.	\$251,114
VIC	Memetica	Deadly Totems	A cross-artform community project in partnership with Willum Warrain Aboriginal Association, to collaboratively create four giant Deadly Totem characters for impactful performance and storytelling.	\$49,875
VIC	David Woods	THIS	THIS is the remount of an epic 100 person strong commission from Rising Festival's 2021 programme that was cancelled due to Melbourne's 4th COVID lockdown.	\$242,926
VIC	Live Nation Australia Venues Pty Ltd	Palais Theatre 'On Stage' Series	On Stage will support and accelerate the careers for musicians, production crew and students through a series of intimate, on-stage events at the Palais Theatre.	\$97,500
VIC	Grapes of Mirth	Grapes of Mirth - The Festival	The biggest names in comedy, the funniest podcasters, and Australia's finest food and wine experts are coming together for a Festival in the Barossa.	\$69,950

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VIC	UNIFIED Music Group Pty Ltd	UNIFIED: OFF THE RECORD	A regional showcase and merchandise pop-up store experience with exclusive performances and products designed by artists from the UNIFIED Music Group.	\$480,000
VIC	Velodrome Events	Reunion Park	Reunion Park will showcase the city's finest music, food, arts and entertainment.	\$54,191
VIC	R M S Productions Pty Ltd as trustee for the Sydow Family Trust	Ross Wilson's Cool World Tour	A multi-event music tour across regional Australian wineries and venues, featuring Ross Wilson, The Badloves, King Canyon, emerging artists, and local producers.	\$112,500
VIC	Caroline McKinnon	Point8Six	A topical and witty play that will transport La Mama Theatre across Australia via live-streaming, helping to reanimate and promote theatrical performance and audience engagement.	\$39,962
VIC	Australian Booksellers Association	National Book Vouchers	National Book Vouchers promoting Australian authors and bookshops. Vouchers are direct economic stimulus to the sector which generates royalties and builds careers of Australian authors.	\$231,000
VIC	Capital Entertainment Pty Ltd	Borderline Music and Arts Festival	Held in Albury-Wodonga, Borderline is a two-day regional Music and Arts Festival showcasing All-Australian contemporary music from headline acts to local and emerging artists.	\$149,000
VIC	Footscray Community Arts Centre	GRAVITY	Driving tourism and cultural-economic revival, GRAVITY presents performance seasons by diverse innovative independent theatre-makers, providing immediate employment opportunities and paid work for artists.	\$187,250
VIC	Creswick Amateur Theatre Group Inc	CresFest 2022	CresFest will showcase artistic talent, community ingenuity and the natural beauty of Creswick, VIC. This project will be run by Creswick people to celebrate the joy of live music.	\$24,300
VIC	WILDLANDS MUSIC FESTIVAL Pty Ltd	Wildlands: contemporary youth music festival	Wildlands will profile the best contemporary talent from across Australia, expanding to deliver a multi-day, multi-city music and arts festival.	\$277,410

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VIC	British India (D Melia W Drummond M O'Gorman) partnership	British India National Tour 2022	British India will embark on a national tour with a focus on regional towns.	\$140,000
WA	Denmark Baroque Inc	The Fairy Queen	A fully staged performance of the restoration spectacular semi-opera - The Fairy Queen by Henry Purcell with accompanying tour and accommodation packages.	\$83,650
WA	Interstar Pty Ltd	Vaudeville Variety Night: New Comedy	Open-access comedy festival for new talent and material. 10 nights at the Regal Theatre and 20+ performances.	\$46,000
WA	TTD Events Pty Ltd	Blossom Festival	A 3 day boutique camping festival, celebrating art, lifestyle and music culture in regional WA.	\$99,325
WA	STRUT Dance Inc	Situ-8 Festival	A multi-artform festival presented across the Perth CBD as a mechanism to rebuild social and economic vibrancy in communities impacted by COVID-19.	\$161,882
WA	Black Swan State Theatre Company	National tour	Mount a production for touring to remote, regional and metropolitan communities across Australia.	\$700,000
WA	Arts Margaret River Inc	Margaret River Readers & Writers Festival	The biggest literary event in regional Western Australia, fostering a love of literature, arts and culture.	\$180,000
WA	Aboriginal Art Centre Hub of Western Australia	Our Country Moves: A state-wide Aboriginal arts and business development project and showcase	Our Country Moves will facilitate cultural exchanges between WA Aboriginal art centres and artists, offer extensive capacity development programs and result in a milestone exhibition.	\$600,000