

# RISE Fund grant recipients—Batch five summary of projects

September 2021

| **State / territory** | **Recipient** | **Project title** | **Project description** | **Amount funded ($) (excl GST)** |
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| ACT | Australian Library and Information Association | Online Story time creating value for families and creators | Families will beam Australian library story times direct to their lounge rooms with Australian authors, illustrators and publishers who will gain from greater engagement and new revenue sources. | $327,000 |
| NSW | Vanfest Pty Ltd | Vanfest 2022 | A regional-based music and arts festival, designed to support and strengthen youth culture and regional tourism, held in Forbes NSW. | $668,700 |
| NSW | Twyford Hall Inc | The Twyford Premiere Season | Support for artists to perform in the Theatre Twyford to promote it as a key destination for artists and audiences in South East NSW. | $91,910 |
| NSW | Yours and Owls Events Pty Ltd | Yours and Owls Festival 2022 | A major Australian music festival that occurs annually in Wollongong, NSW. | $700,000 |
| NSW | RGM Productions Australia | Round the Twist - The Musical | The development, Brisbane world premiere, and national tour of the live musical adaptation of the iconic Australian television show, Round the Twist. | $948,479 |
| NSW | Ordinary Group Pty Ltd | Smoke & Steel | A series of monthly live music events, featuring touring musicians, visual arts and in-house development workshops for emerging artists. | $84,000 |
| NSW | West Darling Arts Inc | Gawler Laneway Arts and Music Festival (GLAMFest) | The activation of an historically significant laneway in Broken Hill’s CBD through a curated program of visual arts, digital art projections, community arts and live music. | $300,583 |
| NSW | Nathan Michael Cavaleri | Nathan Cavaleri - Northern Territory and Western Australia Tour 2022 | World renowned musician Nathan Cavaleri brings his moving stories and live show to rural communities to connect with and inspire those struggling with mental health. | $101,983 |
| NSW | Neil Gooding Productions Pty Ltd | LEAP | LEAP is an innovative, new theatrical experience which fuses remarkable choreography, classical and rock music, and spectacular lighting, created by leading young Australian creatives. | $486,750 |
| NSW | Pink Salt Productions Pty Ltd | Big Country Festival | In May 2022, Big Country Festival will host Australia's biggest country music stars in a family friendly, experience filled event in the scenic surrounds of Berry, NSW. | $250,000 |
| NSW | Australian Publishers Association | Australia Reads Project | New initiatives by Australia Reads, a book industry-wide collaboration connecting writers and readers nationwide. | $300,000 |
| NSW | Australian Theatre Live | Sydney Festival Digital - National Tour | A national cinema and streamed online tour of filmed live performances digitally captured at the 2022 Sydney Festival. | $392,000 |
| NSW | Sculpture by the Sea Inc | Sculpture by the Sea Exhibitions and Public Programs | Sculpture by the Sea Exhibitions for Bondi and Cottesloe and year-round school outreach education programs. | $2,000,000 |
| NSW | Regal Cinema Building Ltd | Newcastle International Film Festival: Bringing Audiences Back | Newcastle International Film Festival (NIFF) is the first of what has been designed to become an annual event to entice regional audiences back to the cinema. | $180,491 |
| NSW | Critical Stages Touring | Alphabetical Sydney: All Aboard | Creation of a new musical for young audiences, adapted from the popular and acclaimed children’s book by Hilary Bell and Antonia Pesenti, that has been designed to tour. | $198,822 |
| NSW | FORM Dance Projects Inc | FORM Dance Projects - Championing Australian independent dance artists | Commissioning 2022, a new Australian dance production by director, Meryl Tankard, and composer, Elena Kats-Chernin, for the Sydney Festival and, development of FORM Dance Projects' digital platform. | $278,000 |
| NSW | The Red Room Company Ltd | Poetry Month Reimagined 2022-2023 | Reactivating the literary sector through the expansion of Poetry Month, an initiative engaging over 120 poets and other artists across forms and public audiences nationally. | $198,000 |
| NSW | Potts Entertainment | Potts Entertainment Presents Imogen Clark's Holiday Hootenanny | Imogen Clark's Holiday Hootenanny brings together a diverse collection of renowned musicians for a unique collaborative performance celebrating Australian music. | $12,900 |
| NSW | Gulargambone Community Enterprises Co-operative | Billboard Street Art | Installation of three billboard size panels mounted on engineered frames with surfaces for invited street artists to paint murals at the next festival. | $32,000 |
| NSW | Dancing Giant Productions | Dog Man: The Musical | A humorous new Australian production for ages six and up, based on the international bestselling series by Dav Pilkey, with song, dance, puppetry and hijinks. | $80,000 |
| QLD | Granite Belt Art & Craft Trail Inc | Granite Belt Art & Craft Trail | A three day art event showcasing the talents of artists and artisans in the scenic Stanthorpe region. | $80,000 |
| QLD | Paroo Shire Council | Outback River Lights Festival | A new illuminated arts festival for Paroo, articulating Cunnamulla’s connection to water, cultural heritage and the essence of the Outback. | $225,000 |
| QLD | Belloo Creative | Boy, Lost - a stage production of Kristina Olsson’s award-winning memoir. | The world premiere of Boy, Lost, alongside a foyer installation for community engagement. | $87,554 |
| QLD | Cluster Arts Pty Ltd | CIRCFest22 Brisbane | A bold and ambitious project to firmly establish Brisbane’s reputation as a global leader in circus and physical theatre. | $352,000 |
| QLD | 8x8 to educate | 8x8 | Art exhibition creating a platform for local artists to present their works in a Gallery setting that is available to all in the community. | $7,850 |
| QLD | More Than Mime Theatre | Living Statue Laneway: Training and Performance Project | A professional development program in mime and living statue, culminating in performances at Brisbane Festival. Project director, Frans Vogels, is a world champion in the field. | $33,000 |
| QLD | Big Things Arts & Entertainment | Gurindji Freedom Day Festival | An iconic annual Indigenous festival held in the remote heart of the NT. Three days of music, culture, arts and more. | $461,000 |
| QLD | The Condensery Somerset Regional Art Gallery | 'Things I want to say' exhibition and engagement program | Examining contemporary identity through the work of emerging artists, the exhibition and engagement program provides young people with vital access to creative endeavour and opportunity. | $32,185 |
| QLD | Kin Music Pty Ltd | Australian Vocal Ensemble (AVÉ) - National tour 2022 | AVÉ is a vocal quartet and will undertake a concert tour of regional Australia in early 2022 working with regional conservatoriums and community choirs. | $107,000 |
| QLD | Brunswick Street Venue Pty Ltd | Stream On | Featuring a program of Australia's best-loved artists, Stream On will enable the creation of a world-class platform for Australian performers to reach new audiences. | $370,845 |
| QLD | shake & stir theatre co Pty Ltd | shake & stir 2022 (Brisbane) main stage season | In 2022, shake & stir will present their targeted youth and education season of new and existing works at QPAC, Brisbane. | $400,000 |
| QLD | A.W Butt & J.K Rasmussen | Country Circus Roadshow | Country Circus Roadshow takes Queensland's home-grown world-class circus performers to regional Queensland. A smorgasbord of talent for the whole family. | $220,000 |
| SA | Generations in Jazz Inc | Generations in Jazz | An internationally recognised music event fostering future generations of Australian jazz performers in regional SA. | $350,000 |
| SA | Sweet Reason Pty Ltd | Mountain | The development and creation of a new theatrical work by award winning writer, Kit Brookman, created in collaboration with leading performer, Andre Jewson. | $60,000 |
| SA | Chamber Music Adelaide Inc | On The Terrace | Presenting On The Terrace 2021-2022, a free public event of intimate performances by chamber musicians in SA’s unique cultural heritage buildings. | $80,000 |
| SA | Slingsby Theatre Company Ltd | Slingsby goes national: 2022 touring activity | Slingsby will tour three productions across Australia; ‘Emil and the Detectives’, ‘The Boy Who Talked to Dogs’ and ‘Songs for Those Who’ve Come Across the Seas.’ | $317,000 |
| SA | Glenn Skuthorpe | Glenn Skuthorpe - Moon Rising Tour 2022 | A regional and metropolitan tour to support the release of Glenn Skuthorpe's seventh studio album. Glenn will be offering singer/songwriter workshops along the tour route. | $35,440 |
| SA | Flying Penguin Productions | Oleanna | Flying Penguin Productions will present a season of the acclaimed play Oleanna by David Mamet in 2022 at the Space Theatre, Adelaide. | $78,122 |
| SA | GWB Entertainment Pty Ltd | An American In Paris | A unique partnering between GWB Entertainment and The Australian Ballet to produce and tour an Australian production of the fabled An American in Paris. | $948,865 |
| TAS | Beaker Street Ltd | Beaker Street: A reimagined festival and expanded year-long program of engagement and events | A state wide, year round festival of art and science in lutruwita/Tasmania, diversified and expanded to reach more audiences, more often. | $282,800 |
| TAS | The Trustees of the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery | Twist | A major exhibition and associated programming that explores Dickensian themes that resonate with Tasmania's colonial past, with a contemporary and quirky twist. | $153,000 |
| TAS | DRILL Performance Company Inc | 2022 Major Performance Season – Dissolving Labels | A youth dance performance, collaboratively developed between young people and artists working in dance, visual art, experimental sound and theatre. | $40,000 |
| TAS | Holy Holy | Holy Holy National Tour | A full list of shows across regional Australia following a lengthy hiatus imposed by COVID-19. | $65,194 |
| VIC | Westbound Productions Pty Ltd | Riverboats Music Festival | Riverboats Restarted - a large scale regional celebration of Australian music and culture on the paddlesteamers and inland waterways of the iconic Echuca-Moama region. | $152,000 |
| VIC | Melbourne Art Foundation | Melbourne Art Fair Indigenous Art Centre Program | Melbourne Art Fair prioritises representation of First Australian artists, supporting Indigenous owned art centres to ethically exhibit and sell art in a fair of regional significance. | $199,950 |
| VIC | Foreman Productions Pty Ltd as trustees for Australian Pops Orchestra Trust | 2021-2023 Aussie Pops Orchestra Concert Series | 180 musicians across three states: This two year series features leading artists with a symphony orchestra, celebrating diversity of Australian talent, from popular classics to classic pop. | $787,250 |
| VIC | Festival of Jewish Arts and Music | Festival of Jewish Arts and Music - Two year program of major events | The presentation of a two year series of commissioned events centred on cultural celebration, inter-cultural connection and commemoration. | $124,500 |
| VIC | TEG Van Egmond Pty Ltd | Teeny Tiny Stevies - Australian Tour | Teeny Tiny Stevies is a world-class, ARIA award winning family entertainment live music act that performs songs to keep kids and parents alike entertained. | $697,899 |
| VIC | Melbourne Fringe | Melbourne Fringe: Artistic Futures | An artist commissioning, presentation and support program, enabling communities to create work and connect with audiences, while developing their skills and creating employment opportunities. | $996,650 |
| VIC | Strawberry Music Group Pty Ltd | Strawberry Fields Festival 2021 | Regional festival showcasing emerging Australian talent and sustainable design initiatives in a scenic riverfront location. | $398,183 |
| VIC | The Brickman Exhibitions (Aust) Pty Ltd | Brickman Exhibitions | The Brickman Exhibitions – to deliver a national tour to some of Australia’s most prominent exhibition spaces and regional locations. The exhibition includes unique LEGO® Brick artistic sculptures combined with a program of hands-on create-and-learn activities that will captivate a diverse audience. | $733,000 |
| VIC | David Venn Enterprises Pty Ltd | Cruel Intentions - '90s Pop Musical | Based on the Hollywood film comes a new off-Broadway jukebox musical featuring some of the best music hits from the 1990s. The ultimate nostalgia fix. | $380,000 |
| VIC | Aeroplane Agency Pty Ltd | Restarting STBS Tour – Bringing live music back to regional Australia | The STBS Tour Bus is going on the road. A weekend series of gigs and educational music workshops, touring across regional Australia in SA, VIC, and QLD. | $300,000 |
| VIC | Helen Bodycomb and Martin Paten in association with Eastern Beach Art House | Soirée on a Sunday | Soirée on a Sunday will be a series of music, physical theatre and literary events delivered at Eastern Beach Art House, Geelong. | $25,415 |
| VIC | Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery | Front Beach, Back Beach | A public art event, commissioning Australian artists/collectives to respond to key sites and stories that have shaped the Mornington Peninsula. | $300,000 |
| VIC | Finucane & Smith Unlimited | Finucane & Smith's Desert to the Sea Tour 2022 | Finucane & Smith’s Travelling Dance Hall 2022 tour. | $400,000 |
| VIC | Chunky Move Ltd | Chunky Move 2022 key projects | New presentations and partnerships by esteemed Victorian dance company Chunky Move celebrating diversity and providing exemplary experiences for First Nations youth participants and Australian audiences. | $249,050 |
| VIC | Melbourne Digital Concert Hall Pty Ltd | Melbourne Digital Concert Hall – supporting the future of Australian music | Funding will keep Melbourne Digital Concert Hall going in 2022-23, enabling them to connect Australian artists with the world, empower regional performers and safeguard the sector. | $400,000 |
| WA | Gregory Hamlyn and Joy Hamlyn | Gatsby Skyline Showcase of Entertainment and Arts | A showcase of original artists in regional WA, providing their venue, Gatsby Skyline, with weekly shows throughout a two year period. | $621,600 |
| WA | Macro Music Pty Ltd | Out of the Woods - Music and Arts Festival | A new three day boutique camping festival delivering all-Australian multi-genre music, production, culture and art to regional South West WA. | $787,424 |
| WA | Bunbury Fringe Inc | Bunbury Fringe 2022 | Bunbury Fringe is a curated eight day festival presenting diversity through performance, activities and experiences, creating opportunity for regional audiences and artists. | $80,000 |
| WA | Theatre Kimberley Incorporated | The Shorebird Quest 2022 | The redevelopment of the beautiful and highly successful Shorebird Quest production, featuring giant illuminated puppets performed on the mudflats of Roebuck Bay. | $126,725 |
| WA | Country Music Club of Boyup Brook WA Inc | Boyup Brook Country Music Festival | The Boyup Brook Festival is a re-imagined COVID-safe festival showcasing WA’s best musicians across the breadth and diversity of Australian County Music. | $161,200 |