

# RISE Fund grant recipients—Batch four summary of projects

July 2021

| **State / territory** | **Recipient** | **Project title** | **Project description** | **Amount funded ($) (excl GST)** |
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| ACT | National Folk Festival Limited | The National Folk Festival Reimagined | Find your HOME / Find your FAMILY / Find your FOLK. The National Folk Festival reimagined in its 30th year in Canberra. | $900,000 |
| NSW | Bluesfest 2021 Pty Ltd | Bluesfest 2021 – The October Edition | Bluesfest will be reignited with an all Australian line-up between 1st - 4th October 2021 – following consecutive COVID-19 cancellations in 2020 and 2021. | $2,400,000 |
| NSW | Chugg Music Pty Ltd | The Squeeze Music Festival (2022) | A live music festival tour showcasing multiple Australian performers hosted throughout the country with a focus on reaching regional locations and audiences. | $600,000 |
| NSW | TEDxSydney Ltd | TEDxSydney 2021-2023 Event Series | A series of TEDxSydney cultural events (curated mix of talks, performances and films) spanning two years featuring Australia's emerging thinkers, leaders, artists and innovators. | $700,000 |
| NSW | Squabbalogic Independent Music Theatre Incorporated | Touring and Co- production Development | The development of new Australian works of music and non-music theatre, working collaboratively with regional presenting partners to create productions specifically for regional touring. | $850,000 |
| NSW | Art Byron Ltd | Art Byron | Art Byron is a platform for contemporary art - showcasing local and internationally acclaimed artists to celebrate creativity, culture, and diversity to a regional audience. | $170,000 |
| NSW | Words on the Waves | Words on the Waves Writers' Festival June 2022 | Annual destination festival featuring diverse author conversations, workshops, kids’ events and literary experiences. The festival will attract visitors and create employment for authors and businesses. | $75,000 |
| NSW | Sydney Improvised Music Association Inc | NSW Regional Touring Network for Contemporary Music | Establishment of a Regional Touring Network in NSW providing employment for musicians, venues, hospitality and technical staff, supporting sustainable touring circuits in NSW. | $207,600 |
| NSW | Moshcam Pty Ltd | World Stage | Leveraging its global video streaming platform, Moshcam will showcase to the world the live performances of Australian artists filmed over 2 years. | $360,000 |
| NSW | CiCADA International Ltd | Australian Women in Music Concert Series | A unique concert series to showcase the extraordinary talent of Australian female artists, musicians and music practitioners in a safe, high profile, public context. | $150,000 |
| NSW | Handsome Tours Australia Pty Ltd | A More Perfect Union | A More Perfect Union is a music festival curated by Sydney’s Gang Of Youths and produced by Handsome Tours. | $406,195 |
| NSW | Seymour Centre | Seymour Centre's Artistic Program: Sept 2021 - Nov 2022 | Seymour's 2021-2022 artistic program will employ artists to deliver performances throughout 16 months of multi-genre productions and events. | $496,339 |
| NSW | Lost Paradise Glenworth Valley Pty Ltd | Recovering ‘Lost Paradise’: Re-Starting a sell-out Festival in Regional NSW | Lost Paradise will deliver a world-class, live-music festival to patrons in regional NSW, while providing critical income to performing artists and associated industries. | $496,473 |
| NSW | Adrian Bohm Presents Pty Ltd | Just for Laughs Comedy Festival | Just For Laughs is Australia’s biggest fully-curated comedy festival, held at major venues across Sydney with TV broadcasts nationwide, promoting emerging and established Australian comedians. | $350,389 |
| NSW | Museums & Galleries of NSW | Community Outreach for Barbara Cleveland ‘Thinking Business’ Regional Tour | Museums & Galleries of NSW will support regional galleries to re- engage with audiences through community outreach programs aligned with the nationally touring Barbara Cleveland ‘Thinking Business’ exhibition. | $125,490 |
| NSW | Viral Ventures (Australia) Pty Ltd | The Immersive Theatre Experience | The project will launch two new immersive experience/performance hubs in Sydney and Brisbane, providing ongoing employment for performers and artists over 18 months, reactivating city centres. | $350,000 |
| NSW | Australian World Orchestra | Australian World Orchestra 2022 concert series, education and upskilling program. | Australian World Orchestra's 2022 concert series throughout Australia, featuring Australia’s finest classical musicians, incorporating an upskilling, development program for the next generation of artists/arts workers. | $485,500 |
| NSW | Word Travels | Story Week: Incubate - Create - Celebrate | The project will see Story Week expanded to a national program that will employ writers to deliver live and online literature activities and performances, including workshops and poetry slams. | $396,504 |
| NSW | Poetry In Action | Poetry in Action: Creating Art and Artists for the Future | Poetry In Action will employ, train and upskill artists; develop a revolutionary mainstage show; perform educational theatre shows; and conduct a community-based Indigenous literacy program. | $380,000 |
| NSW | Sound West Ltd | 2021 Sound West Festival | A pioneering new five-day music and digital/technology festival in Western Sydney employing and upskilling artists, forging career paths, activating venues and platforming diverse talents. | $375,000 |
| NSW | Illawarra Performing Arts Centre Ltd. trading as Merrigong Theatre Company | Spiegeltent Wollongong, 2022 and 2023 | Spiegeltent Wollongong 2022 and 2023 will restart this diverse, popular performing arts festival, bringing to life the Wollongong Arts Precinct. | $436,732 |
| NSW | Writing NSW | National digital hub for writers | Writing NSW will establish a new digital hub for writers, providing high-quality, research-based information and services for writers of all backgrounds, abilities and geographical locations. | $222,000 |
| NSW | The Merchants of Bollywood Pty Ltd | The Celebration of Swing | A concert production, taking audiences on a musical journey through the history of big band swing music of the early 1930s in the USA. | $497,250 |
| NSW | Love Police Touring Pty Ltd | Out On The Weekend Festival 2021 - A Celebration of Americana Music and Lifestyle | Love Police Touring will present 'Out On The Weekend' 2021 edition, an Americana music festival at Seaworks, Williamstown supporting culture, tourism and the local economy. | $90,000 |
| NSW | The Trustee for Empire Touring Trust | Empire Touring Festival Series | Empire Touring Festival Series, comprising Wildflower, Spring Loaded & Sunset Sounds, celebrates Australian music for all ages, in over 20 destination locations throughout the nation. | $1,542,000 |
| NSW | SIX Joint Venture | SIX The Musical | Six Tudor queens take the microphone to reclaim their identities, taking 500 years of historical heartbreak into a pop-queen celebration of 21st century girl power. | $900,000 |
| NSW | TEG Live Pty Ltd | TEG LIVE Summer Series | TEG Live Summer Series sees two major music icons KISS and Keith Urban bringing their individual world class live concert tours to Australia. | $900,000 |
| NSW | Pride In The Parkland Pty Ltd | Pride In The Parkland | Pride In The Park is a new annual outdoor music & art festival for LGBTQIA+ audiences & allies making its way across Australia in 2021. | $397,328 |
| NSW | National Institute of Dramatic Art | NIDA Connect | NIDA Connect partners with organisations in regional Australia to provide new access to world-class creative industry training for diverse local artists and aspiring young people. | $690,024 |
| NSW | Century Venues Pty td | Sydney Guitar Festival and Metro Weekly Music Program | Live at the Metro and Sydney Guitar Festival is a celebration of music for the young and young at heart. | $674,800 |
| NT | NT Writers' Centre Inc | Reimagining NT Writers' Centre’s Year-Round Activities | To support the strength and recovery of the NT literary sector from the impacts of COVID-19, the NT Writers’ Centre will present reimagined year-round programming. | $98,451 |
| NT | The Trustee for Manapan Furniture Trust | Manapan Djama Gumumandji, Putting Together Work and Enterprise | An immersive exhibition of the Yolngu people through art, artefacts, and historical photographs at the Museum Art Gallery of the Northern Territory. | $300,000 |
| QLD | Capricorn Film Festival Inc | film+art=#capfilmfest 2022 | Capricorn Film Festival is Central Queensland’s premiere film arts destination event situated in the picturesque Yeppoon, providing a heightened cinema experience to locals and tourists alike. | $83,910 |
| QLD | Sound Australia (Qld) Pty Ltd | Savannah in the Round | Savannah in the Round is a multi-day music, camping & cultural festival held at Kerribee Park Rodeo Grounds, Mareeba (Cairns & Great Barrier Reef region). | $625,350 |
| QLD | Brisbane Philharmonic Association Inc | A concert series and regional tours featuring acclaimed harpist Emily Granger performing with Brisbane Philharmonic Orchestra and Queensland Youth Orchestra. | A concert series by Brisbane Philharmonic Orchestra in collaboration with Queensland Youth Orchestra encompassing regional touring formulated around the acquisition of a new Concert Harp. | $102,000 |
| QLD | Circa Contemporary Circus Ltd | Circa Cairns | Circa Cairns leverages Circa’s global reputation to establish the first professional circus ensemble in Cairns accelerating the cultural and economic revitalisation of Far North Queensland. | $600,000 |
| QLD | Dead Puppet Society Ltd | The Wider Earth | Design and development work to tour the critically acclaimed visual theatre production THE WIDER EARTH through regional Australia from February - April 2022. | $238,635 |
| QLD | Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC | QUAMPI Arts and Culture Centre Opening program development | The development of exhibitions, product lines and cultural heritage content in preparation of the QUAMPI opening March 2023. | $610,000 |
| QLD | Vast Yonder Pty Ltd | Yonder | Yonder Festival is a three day immersive multi-arts festival experience in the rolling hills of Mary Valley, Queensland, taking place in November 2021 and 2022. | $150,000 |
| QLD | Jungle Love Festival Pty Ltd | Jungle Love 2022: Queensland Artists in Focus | Jungle Love will continue their regional festival and create work opportunities for emerging artists from diverse backgrounds to deliver new, original works to new audiences. | $260,200 |
| QLD | Metro Arts Ltd | MAVA Program: A catalyst to transform the careers of contemporary visual artists post-COVID. | MAVA Program invests in visual artists to build their capacity through innovative use of digital and public engagement opportunities to create sustainable career pathways. | $400,000 |
| QLD | Ash Sounds Pty Ltd | Falls Music and Arts Festival 2021/22 | Now in its 28th year, Falls Music and Arts Festival is an outdoor music festival that generates millions in regional economic benefits in three states. | $1,475,000 |
| QLD | Jet Black Cat Music | Nine Lives Festival | Nine Lives Festival is a celebration of music, community and inclusivity taking place annually in Meanjin (Brisbane) presented by Jet Black Cat Music. | $74,163 |
| SA | Gravity & Other Myths Pty Ltd | Develop, Diversify, Endure - A collaboration and audience diversification initiative | Through the realisation of strategic projects, Gravity & Other Myths will expand and diversify its audience reach and creative portfolio ensuring economic growth and long-term company sustainability. | $800,000 |
| SA | WOMADelaide Foundation Ltd | WOMADelaide 2022 | WOMADelaide’s 30th anniversary will celebrate cultural and creative diversity from some 600 Australian artists. The program will include significant artists from across the festival’s illustrious history. | $1,200,000 |
| SA | Rural City of Murray Bridge + Murray Bridge Regional Gallery | Murray Bridge Silo Art | Commissioning of a large-scale mural of regional significance on a silo as the centrepiece for a broader program of mural works in the town. | $88,500 |
| SA | State Opera South Australia | Major Opera Production | An exciting new large-scale production. A memorable live experience for the community, opera lovers and opera neophytes. | $369,000 |
| SA | Adelaide Fringe | Adelaide Fringe 2022 | Australia’s largest multi-category arts festival, will support venues and artists to present COVID-safe experiences, including outdoor venues, digital innovations, industry collaborations and site-specific works. | $1,000,000 |
| TAS | Roar Film Pty Ltd | Unshackled | A musical exploration of Tasmania’s convict diaspora performed by a cast of eminent storytellers, digital artists, songwriters and musicians. | $195,000 |
| TAS | City of Hobart | City Pilots | A public art program supporting creative practitioners from any discipline to explore temporary, creative ideas for Hobart's real life and online public spaces. | $120,000 |
| TAS | The Theatre Royal | The Rocky Horror Show | The Theatre Royal and John X Presents will present Tasmania's first commercial musical: Richard O'Brien's The Rocky Horror Show. | $180,000 |
| VIC | There Is A Free Lunch Pty Ltd | Good Things Festival | The Good Things Festival in 2021, creating economic activity, jobs and performance opportunities for Australian artists and audiences. | $889,599 |
| VIC | Gumball Enterprises Unit Trust Trustee Gumball Enterprises Pty Ltd | Cosentino Deception NSW/QLD/TAS 2021 Tour | Cosentino’s ‘Deception’ is a world-class production bringing death-defying escapes, mind-boggling stage illusions and cutting-edge street magic to theatres across regional Australia. | $523,700 |
| VIC | Lorne Sculpture Exhibition Inc | 2021 Lorne Sculpture Biennale | Lorne Sculpture 2021 is a vibrant festival celebrating the best of Australian and international sculpture. | $131,910 |
| VIC | The Australian Ballet School | Butterfly Tour - The Australian Ballet School | Butterfly is a new production, commissioned to demonstrate the skills of The Australian Ballet School’s emerging artists, inspiring audiences with a new Australian work. | $200,000 |
| VIC | Creative Production Services Group Pty Ltd | Kaleidoscope | Kaleidoscope is a large-scale installation artwork that immerses the audience in a multi-dimensional structure that evokes a sense of awe and wonder. | $650,714 |
| VIC | The Archie Roach Foundation | The Archie Roach Foundation Stage at Port Fairy Folk Festival | In 2022, the Port Fairy Folk Festival will launch the Inaugural Archie Roach Foundation Stage, curated by Archie Roach and his local Gunditjmara community. | $400,000 |
| VIC | TEG Dainty Pty Ltd | Guns N' Roses | Iconic rock band, Guns N' Roses back on stage and touring across Australia. | $750,000 |
| VIC | Imagination Workshop Pty Ltd | Rescheduled tour of Roald Dahl and The Imagination Seekers | A national tour of "Roald Dahl and The Imagination Seekers" through regional and metropolitan Australia. | $178,637 |
| VIC | Sensible Antixx | Sensible Antixx Presents; Sensible Soiree's | Sensible Antixx presents "Sensible Soiree's." Hosted at live music venues, the community minded events will showcase diverse line ups of Melbourne's creative sectors. | $82,700 |
| VIC | Museum Of Play and Art Melbourne Pty Ltd | Museum of Play and Art (MoPA) Melbourne | This project will create exhibitions to bring MoPA, the celebrated museum where children and families learn to play through the creative arts, to a new Melbourne location. | $277,578 |
| VIC | MMF Pty Ltd | Reactivating the Meredith Music Festival and Golden Plains Festival 2021/22. | Reactivating Meredith Music Festival and Golden Plains Festival in 2021/22 to celebrate the 30th and 15th year anniversary milestones, respectively. | $651,000 |
| VIC | One World Entertainment Pty Ltd | Under The Southern Stars | Under The Southern Stars - a national, one day live music festival held in stunning locations throughout Australia. | $1,000,000 |
| VIC | Wangaratta Festival of Jazz Inc | Wangaratta Festival of Jazz & Blues Artistic Program | The project will boost the Wangaratta Festival program to include multiple venues, artists, & community engagement enabling continuation of support for Australian artists and attracting broad audiences. | $121,421 |
| VIC | Red Hill Entertainment Pty Ltd | UNIFY Gathering 2022 | Restarting the UNIFY Gathering festival, a 3-day, camping festival in Tarwin Lower in January 2022 following cancellation in 2021 due to COVID-restrictions. | $557,500 |
| VIC | PSV Enterprises (Aust) Pty Ltd as trustee for Finders Keeper Entertainment Group Unit Trust | Ultra Music Week – Australia | A week bringing together Australian and Asia/Pacific artists and workshops, culminating in ULTRA Melbourne, where audiences will enjoy the best in Electronic Dance Music. | $500,000 |
| VIC | The trustee for Seventh Tipple Trust | The Tote Rocks 40 | A multi-pronged accessible program celebrating The Tote’s unique ongoing contribution to Australian music whilst directly investing in employment and viability of musicians and related economies. | $274,576 |
| VIC | Casino Promotions Pty Ltd | Shake Rattle 'n' Roll | Shake Rattle ‘n’ Roll is a spectacular stage production featuring an all-Australian cast of performers including award-winning Latin Ballroom dancers from ‘Dancing With The Stars’. | $208,600 |
| VIC | Illusive Presents Pty Ltd | Immersive Cinema | The project will reinvent the film and theatre experience, blurring the line between performance and audience. The audience will step into the world of their favourite movie. | $451,446 |
| VIC | The Hills Are Alive Group Pty Ltd | NYE on the Hill 2021 | Restarting the NYE On The Hill in Gippsland in December 2021, following cancellation due to COVID-19 in 2020. | $178,200 |
| VIC | Australian National Academy Of Music Ltd | The ANAM Set Weekend | The ‘ANAM Set Weekend’ harnesses the collective impact of new Australian music over a two-day Festival. | $73,700 |
| VIC | Live Nation Australasia Pty Ltd | A national anniversary tour of an Australian band | A national tour to celebrate the anniversary of an iconic band in 2022. | $1,092,760 |
| VIC | Memetica | Giant Steps in Far North Queensland | A year-long process of community training and performance in Far North Queensland, growing the reach and impact of giant characters Janggaburru and the Bush Turkey. | $44,704 |
| VIC | Wildlands Music Festival Pty Ltd | Future-proofing Wildlands: Queensland’s largest contemporary youth music festival | Wildlands will expand and adapt to deliver a multi-day, multi-city music and arts festival. | $459,160 |
| VIC | Festival X Pty Ltd | FestivalX | FestivalX one-day festival tour performing in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth. | $1,037,690 |
| WA | Perth International Jazz Festival Inc | Perth International Jazz Festival | Perth International Jazz Festival looks towards its 2021 & 2022 festivals at a number of venues throughout Perth and commencing its regional expansion in WA. | $612,813 |
| WA | Fremantle Biennale Inc | First Lights | '"First Lights" is a place-responsive, Aboriginal-led story- telling project and choreographed drone light show, to be delivered across 2021 - 2023. | $965,055 |
| WA | The Trustee for Sloan Family Trust | Wave Rock Weekender, Edition 16 (2021) and 17 (2022) | Wave Rock Weekender, a remote annual music, film, art and camping festival centred around Wave Rock in Hyden, WA, in 2021 and 2022. | $350,000 |
| WA | Origin Fields | Origin Fields 2021/2022 | Origin Fields will present their annual New Year’s Eve Festival as a 3 day festival event. | $672,556 |
| WA | The Trustee for the Factory Festival Trust | Factory Summer Festival | With innovative and creative experiential activations and live music, a reimagined Factory Summer Festival will showcase and support Australian artists and industry across Australia. | $800,000 |
| WA | Awesome Arts Australia Ltd | 25 Years of Pure Awesome! | A spectacular large-scale family event in the heart of Perth, featuring the West Australian Ballet, celebrating 25 years of the Awesome International Arts Festival. | $87,000 |
| WA | Gascoyne in May Inc | CREALITY/ CRE8/Gascoyne Travelling Arts Festival | CREALITY is a Travelling Arts Festival which will build substantial & enriching engagement opportunities for all six communities of the Gascoyne. | $195,000 |