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54 Queensland Arts Organisations Receive State Government Funding

An extra \$2.1 Million of State Government funding will be distributed to Queensland arts and cultural organisations over the next three years, Minister for the Arts Anna Bligh announced today.

Ms Bligh said 54 organisations would share in a total of \$23 million from 2004-2006 to help them to administer and deliver high-quality and accessible arts and cultural products and services to Queenslanders.

“The successful organisations were selected following a rigorous review of the Government’s *Cultural Infrastructure Program* (CIP) that will see arts funding allocated more equitably across the State.

“The review was assisted by 27 arts industry experts who are leaders in specific artforms, arts business and the areas of Indigenous, youth and regional arts.

“There was also widespread consultation for this review, with information sessions held throughout the State and individual meetings with applicants

“In particular, the funding will boost regions, a priority for the Beattie Government, and provide additional funding to visual arts, dance and youth arts organisations.

“As a result of the review the number of organisations funded under the CIP has been boosted from 46 to 54.

“Funding is allocated in line with priorities identified from the Queensland Government cultural policy, *Creative Queensland*,” she said.

Organisations funded under Cultural Infrastructure Program for the first time in 2004.

- Arts Nexus, Cairns, will receive \$133,000 over three years.
- Catalyst Youth Arts Organisation Inc, Pine Rivers will receive \$80,000 over 2004 and 2005.
- Crossroad Arts, Mackay, will receive \$105,000 over three years.
- Extensions Youth Dance Company Assoc Inc, Townsville, \$100,000 over three years.
- Frank Theatre, South Brisbane, will receive \$169,000 over three years.
- Outback Arts Association Inc, Mt Isa, will receive \$17,500 in 2004.
- Southern Cross Soloists, Brisbane, will receive \$140,000 over three years.
- Vulcana Women’s Circus, Brisbane, \$37,500 in 2004.

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