

# Media Release

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## **Festivals Australia funding boosts regional arts and culture**

The Government has announced more than \$470,000 for 11 regional arts and cultural projects through the Festivals Australia September 2017 funding round.

Each year the Government provides around \$1.2 million through Festivals Australia, over two funding rounds, as part of its continuing commitment to support, encourage and showcase arts and cultural events in regional and remote Australia.

Festivals Australia gives communities outside of urban Australia the opportunity to enjoy and participate in a diverse range of artistic festivals and cultural celebrations in their local area.

Successful projects in this round include:

- \$67,625 for the *Deadly Didge and Dance* project in Palm Island, QLD – The Deadly Didge and Dance project delivers didgeridoo and dance workshops to the community of Palm Island culminating in a large scale performance which will also be a world record attempt for the largest didgeridoo ensemble.
- \$20,635 for the *Primal: Ephemeral Eco Art Residency* project in Streaky Bay, SA – *Primal* will engage international and Australian artists to undertake an in-depth creative development process inspired by current environmental issues to create high quality sculpture using a range of natural materials.
- \$49,000 for *Equinox: Opening Event* project in Castlemaine, VIC – *Equinox* is a highly inclusive project that will engage a mix of professional artists and the local community to create a large scale public performance that celebrates the opening of the Castlemaine State Festival.

Festivals Australia is one of a number of Australian Government programs aimed at supporting cultural activity in regional communities.

<https://www.arts.gov.au/departmental-news/festivals-australia-funding-boosts-regional-arts-and-culture>