

FACT SHEET FOR THE 2007-08 BUDGET

- The 2007-08 Budget maintains an increase in funding, delivered by this Government, to the arts and culture sector in Western Australia.
- The total appropriation for 2007-08 is \$168.68 million, which includes \$89.61million for recurrent services and \$79.07million capital contribution.

This represents an increase of \$57.45 million (51%) over the 2006-07 estimated actual.

- Indexation for funded arts organisations is introduced, ensuring an overall \$6 million additional allocation for funded organisations until 2011.

This will enable the organisations to better plan for financial stability and artistic viability, in turn enhancing their capacity to deliver programs and services.

- Special footloose funding to attract major international features to film in Western Australia has been allocated a budget of \$1.25 million.
- The State Government will continue to support the Theatre Funding Strategy in particular to support playwriting, the independent theatre sector and to develop a business case for a future production unit.
- The State increases negotiated as part of the original Visual Arts and Crafts Strategy will continue into the next contract cycle (2008 – 2010) from the recurrent *Rebuilding the Arts Policy* funding first applied in 2002.

The State Government has also committed to provide indexation for the full period rather than the partial indexation from year two in the Federal budget.

- A total of \$118.94 million over four years will be invested in capital projects and a further \$17.21 million will be spent in 2007-08 on loan repayments. The total includes
 - \$55 million for a new performing arts theatre to be built in Northbridge (total funding \$66.2million)
 - \$37.3 million for Book Purchases and Library resources
 - \$13.27 million in capital maintenance and equipment replacement
 - \$6.8 million for maintenance and heritage funding.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

- The new State Museum in Perth will be further progressed this year.