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### **\$1.3M BOOST FOR ALBURY ARTS AND CULTURE**

Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional NSW John Barilaro and Member for Albury Greg Aplin today announced a \$1.3 million grant to fund Albury City Council's PumpHouse Creative Enterprise as part of round one of the NSW Government's Regional Cultural Fund.

Mr Barilaro said the investment would create three dynamic spaces for culture workshops and local and international creative residencies.

"Albury is already brimming with creative talent and this \$1.3 million will help elevate local arts and culture in the region," Mr Barilaro said.

"The NSW Government is committed to making regional NSW a great place to work and live, and investing in local arts and culture is key.

"When we support culture we attract new visitors and tourists and we create new educational and lifestyle opportunities with great social benefits," he said.

Mr Aplin welcomed news of the funding commitment which he said will drive the community's cultural engagement.

"The PumpHouse Creative Enterprises project will bring together HotHouse Theatre, Flying Fruit Fly Circus, Murray Art Museum Albury (MAMA) and Albury Botanic Gardens to nurture some of regional NSW's most promising new talent," Mr Aplin said.

"The project will include a PumpHouse Makerspace for workshops across industrial design, woodwork, metalwork, ceramics and printmaking – as well as 'A month in the country' and 'MAMA's house residency' – linking local industries and artists."

Albury City Mayor, Kevin Mack said, "This is an exciting project which will create new jobs in the arts for Albury and the region and builds on the already strong arts sector.

It is also great to see the meaningful reuse of the heritage pump house. Albury City welcomes the \$1.3M commitment from the NSW government to this project and the region."

Minister for the Arts Don Harwin said Albury has a proud history when it comes to arts and culture and the Regional Cultural Fund grant will help to ensure a vibrant future.

"I've seen how important nurturing cultural life is for local communities and what these grants enable," Mr Harwin said.

"Arts and culture is at the heart of every regional community and this funding shows the NSW Government is committed to supporting towns and communities to make regional NSW one of the best places in the country to live, work and invest."

For more information about the Regional Cultural Fund, please visit

<https://www.create.nsw.gov.au/funding-and-support/regional-cultural-fund/regional-cultural-fund-2/>

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