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BOOST FOR ALBURY'S FLYING FRUIT FLY CIRCUS

Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional NSW John Barilaro and Member for Albury Greg Aplin today announced more than \$43,000 in funding to support the iconic Flying Fruit Fly Circus in Albury as part of the NSW Government's Regional Cultural Fund.

Mr Barilaro said the funding will allow the Flying Fruit Fly Circus, one of Australia's pre-eminent youth circus training and performance centres, to expand their facilities and introduce new major circus apparatus.

"The Flying Fruit Fly Circus is a cultural institution in Albury and a symbol of what makes Albury such a diverse and cosmopolitan place to live," said Mr Barilaro.

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

"Having grown up and raised a family in a regional area, I know our regional towns and cities can have so much to offer in the arts and culture space," he said.

Member for Albury Greg Aplin welcomed the new investment which will fund expansion of facilities at the circus headquarters along with new circus equipment.

"The Flying Fruit Fly Circus is one of Australia's most celebrated youth programs and this funding will allow many more young people to get active, creative and have fun in the circus ring," Mr Aplin said.

"The Flying Fruit Fly Circus is already renowned for putting on some of the most spectacular circus performances in Australia and I can't wait to see what higher levels in performance and training this funding allows them to get too.

"This investment will allow the gallery to offer a dynamic cultural experience to larger audiences, positioning Albury firmly on the cultural tourism trail.

"I congratulate the Flying Fruit Fly Circus on the successful outcome of their grant application and for putting forward a project that will have an incredible cultural benefit for Albury," he said.

Minister for the Arts Don Harwin said Albury boasts a rich artistic and cultural heritage and this funding would re-energise the circus.

"Regional towns like Albury show you the important place that arts and culture holds for regional communities and how these grants really make a difference," Mr Harwin said

"I am proud to say that the NSW Government will continue its commitment to investing in regional NSW."

For more information about the Regional Cultural Fund, see the [website](#).

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