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LOCAL ABORIGINAL ARTS AND CULTURE SUPPORTED

Member for Albury, Greg Aplin and Minister for the Arts Don Harwin have announced Murray Arts Incorporated as one of the recipients of funding from the NSW Government's *Creative Koori* program, aimed at boosting the vibrant Aboriginal arts and cultural sector in the State.

Murray Arts will receive \$53,801 in funding to support the employment of an Aboriginal Arts Curator at the Burraja Gallery to showcase work by local contemporary Aboriginal Artists.

The NSW Government has increased funding by over 30 per cent to deliver over \$620,000 to support Aboriginal artists and arts and cultural workers across the State.

Mr Aplin welcomed the announcement.

"This is exciting news for our region and I am pleased to see our strong arts organisations and cultural workers receive this support from the NSW Government," Mr Aplin said.

"Aboriginal arts and culture plays an important role locally, so I am thrilled to see Murray Arts receive this support."

Minster Harwin said that support for Aboriginal arts remains a priority for the NSW Government.

"I am proud that this Government continues its focus on delivering a sustainable, contemporary and multi-disciplinary Aboriginal arts and cultural sector in NSW, which is why I'm delighted to note that this funding is up over a third on last year's support.

"By increasing employment and skills development opportunities and supporting new projects for artists across any stage of their artistic practice, we're encouraging capacity building that will deliver stronger individuals and stronger organisations across the State."

First launched in March 2018, funding of up to \$75,000 is available for individuals and organisations that demonstrate the incorporation of Aboriginal culture as part of a festival, performance or exhibition, or the direct employment and engagement of Aboriginal people in key creative roles.

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