

Department of Education and the Arts

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Budget Highlights
Arts

Smart State



Arts Queensland

Message from the Minister

The Queensland Government is committed to building not only a Smart Queensland, but also a Creative Queensland.



In 2005–06 the Government is continuing its strong record of investment in the Arts, allocating \$171.4 million for recurrent expenses to further develop and sustain Queensland's dynamic arts and cultural sector.¹

The Budget also delivers on the Government's commitment to build world-class facilities to showcase and preserve the state's unique cultural heritage. In 2005–06 the Government has allocated \$169.1 million for capital works with the majority of funding earmarked to progress the final stages of the Millennium Arts Project – the most significant cultural infrastructure program in Queensland in 30 years.

Highlights for 2005–06 include:

- an additional \$2.5 million to the arts and cultural sector with particular emphasis on sustainability for small to medium arts and cultural organisations, support for high quality one-off initiatives and ensuring flexibility to respond to emerging needs and priorities
- an extra \$1.5 million to enhance Queensland's vibrant festival scene including:
 - an additional \$1 million to the 2005 Queensland Music Festival to expand its regional program and bring more international artists to Queensland. This brings the Government's investment in the 2005 festival to \$3 million
 - an additional \$200,000 to the Queensland Performing Arts Trust to expand the highly acclaimed Out of the Box Festival of Early Childhood in 2006 – bringing to \$700,000 the Government's investment in the 2006 festival
 - an extra \$325,000 to the Pacific Film and Television Commission to further develop Cine Sparks – The Australian Film Festival for Young People (formerly the Australian Children's Film Festival) which is being held as part of the highly successful Brisbane International Film Festival in 2005
- \$169.1 million for capital works, with the majority earmarked to progress the redevelopment of the Queensland Cultural Centre at South Bank, which will position Queensland as a leading cultural tourism destination
- \$96.7 million to Queensland's five flagship cultural authorities to continue to provide quality arts experiences to the public – this includes \$17.1 million to support the operation of the new Queensland Gallery of Modern Art and the redeveloped State Library of Queensland and \$2.5 million recurrent funding for The Workshops Rail Museum which will offer free entry to school groups during school hours for the first time in 2005–06
- \$10.1 million to the Pacific Film and Television Commission to support its work in attracting film and television production and post-production to Queensland
- \$6.5 million recurrent funding for capital maintenance at the Queensland Cultural Centre.

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Anna Bligh MP
Minister for Education and
Minister for the Arts

¹Equity return expense has been discontinued on a whole of government basis from 1 July 2004. Budget increases have therefore been calculated by comparing 2005–06 Budget figures to 2004–05 Budget figures, following the removal of equity return.



The Government is committed to creating a strong and vibrant arts and cultural sector which values excellence, creativity and innovation and engages with local communities.

Building a Creative Queensland – a smart investment

The 2005–06 Budget delivers an additional \$2.5 million to fund strategic arts priorities with more than 70 percent of this extra funding being directed towards Queensland's small to medium arts and cultural organisations. This represents the largest single injection into the small to medium arts sector by the Government in a single year.

These extra funds will be directed towards addressing:

- Cost pressures for Cultural Infrastructure Program (CIP) organisations, in the form of escalation of 2.75 percent of base grants. This funding will start on 1 July 2005 and be applied to base grants every year for the next three years
- Critical funding pressures already identified in CIP organisations
- One-off grants for touring
- One-off grants for the development of new work
- One-off grants for business development for existing and emerging organisations.

Other significant arts initiatives to be supported from the additional funding include:

- A program to assist local government and other partner organisations to convert existing buildings into studio and workshop space for small organisations and individual artists
- A program of industry marketing and promotion, including the development of a high-quality image library to be used by Government and industry in promotional strategies and participation in key trade fairs and exhibitions
- Innovative partnership projects which address key Government priorities for arts and cultural activities

More support for home-grown festivals

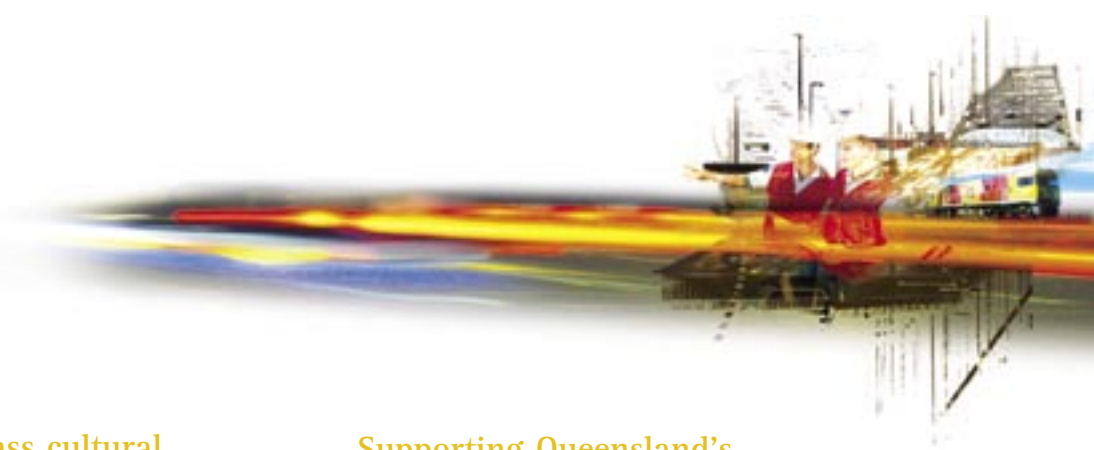
Queensland hosts a range of unique arts and cultural festivals each year which attract audiences from Australia and around the world.

In 2005–06 Queensland's signature festival – the Queensland Music Festival – will benefit from an extra \$1 million in State Government funding to extend its reach to more regional areas and to bring more international artists to Queensland. This will bring the Government's total contribution towards the 2005 festival to \$3 million.

The Queensland Music Festival – which is held every two years – is regarded as one of the premier events on the state's cultural calendar and can also lay claim to being the largest music festival of its kind in Australia and geographically the largest in the world. The 2005 program will feature about 280 events in more than 20 locations over 17 days.

Queensland has also earned an international reputation as a creator of quality children's arts programs. To further enhance Queensland's standing in this area, in 2005–06 the Government will invest an additional \$525,000 in two festivals for children and young people:

- \$200,000 to expand the highly acclaimed Out of the Box Festival of Early Childhood in 2006 – the only festival of its kind in the world specially created for children aged three to eight years of age – which enriches children's development through the Arts
- \$325,000 to the Pacific Film and Television Commission to further develop Cine Sparks – The Australian Film Festival for Young People – which is expected to attract about 10,000 young people aged 9 to 18 years this year with its expanded format. Cine Sparks is a component of the Brisbane International Film Festival. The additional funding will assist the festival to relocate its activities to South Bank to ensure young Queenslanders have greater access to all the programs.



Delivering world-class cultural facilities

Queensland's reputation as a dynamic cultural destination will be further enhanced when the state's largest cultural infrastructure project in 30 years – the Millennium Arts Project – is completed in 2006.

In 2005–06 \$168.7 million has been allocated towards progressing the final stages of construction of the \$277.3 million redevelopment of the Queensland Cultural Centre at South Bank.

The landmark project includes:

- the construction of the largest Gallery of Modern Art in Australia which is:
 - more than 30 percent larger than the existing art gallery
 - the only art museum in Australia to regularly showcase contemporary art from the Asia-Pacific region.
- the expansion of the State Library of Queensland which will:
 - boast twice as much floor space
 - improve public access to resources and services
 - display more of Queensland's heritage collections



Architect's impression (January 2005) of the State Library of Queensland redevelopment

Supporting Queensland's flagship cultural institutions

In 2005–06 the State Government will invest \$96.7 million in Queensland's five flagship cultural authorities, this includes \$17.1 million towards the operation of the new Queensland Gallery of Modern Art and redeveloped State Library of Queensland:

- \$44.7 million to the State Library of Queensland to support its work in linking Queenslanders with information and knowledge through a diverse range of services and programs
- \$22.5 million to the Queensland Art Gallery, a dynamic art museum of international standing, which houses a significant collection of Australian and international paintings, sculptures, decorative art objects and works on paper and hosts a diverse range of world-class exhibitions every year
- \$17.7 million to the Queensland Museum, which has campuses in Brisbane, Townsville, Toowoomba, Ipswich and Gympie. This includes \$2.5 million in recurrent funding for The Workshops Rail Museum at Ipswich which for the first time is offering free entry to school groups during school hours from July this year
- \$9.2 million to the Queensland Performing Arts Trust to present, stage and work with industry partners to deliver quality arts performances and events. This includes matching funding of \$500,000 to replace significant pieces of theatrical production equipment and an extra \$200,000 for the Out of the Box Festival of Early Childhood
- \$2.6 million to the Queensland Theatre Company which each year presents a variety of plays from exciting new Australian work to international classics. As one of Queensland's major performing arts organisations, the company also receives indexation on these funds.



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