



# The Hon Ray Williams MP

Member for Castle Hill

Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier and Western Sydney

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **APPLICATIONS SOUGHT FROM CASTLE HILL FOR \$68M ARTS AND CULTURAL FUNDING PROGRAM**

Minister for the Arts Ben Franklin and Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP are calling for applications from Castle Hill to the NSW Government's Arts and Cultural Funding Program (ACFP) for Annual Organisation, Projects and Creative Koori Projects' categories.

Minister for the Arts Ben Franklin encouraged professional artists and creatives, arts and cultural organisations, and local councils to apply for funding through the 2022/23 Program that will increase access and availability of arts and cultural experiences across NSW.

"The Arts and Cultural Funding Program supports the states vibrant arts and cultural sector, local economies and jobs, and is part of the Government's commitment to supporting NSW's world-renowned creative network and ensuring the sector is stronger than ever," Mr Franklin said.

"Everyone deserves access to enriching creative experiences and the ACFP is one of the largest investments in arts and culture funding of its kind by any state government in Australia.

"I encourage all artists, arts and cultural organisations and local councils to apply for funding to develop exciting arts and cultural experiences for audiences and communities right across the state."

Mr Williams encouraged applications from local artists and organisations that would shine a light on the innovation, vibrancy and creativity within the Castle Hill arts and cultural sector.

"This funding is a great opportunity for our local artists and arts and cultural organisations to get creative and submit ideas that can deliver on a range of arts and creative activities and offerings, and I encourage everyone to take up the opportunity to enrich our community."

The \$67.7 million Arts and Cultural Funding Program for 2022/23 is part of the NSW Government's record \$271 million investment in the program from 2021-2024.

Applications for Round one of the Arts and Cultural Funding Program are open for Annual Organisation, Projects, and the Creative Koori Projects categories and close on 29 August 2022.

For more information, guidelines and to apply, visit the Create NSW website at [www.create.nsw.gov.au](http://www.create.nsw.gov.au)

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