

Question on Notice

No. 728

Asked on 17 October 2013

MR SHUTTLEWORTH ASKED THE MINISTER FOR SCIENCE, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, INNOVATION AND THE ARTS (MR WALKER)—

Will the Minister outline how the government is supporting the Arts in Queensland, particularly at grassroots level, and the benefits of these initiatives to the Ferny Grove Electorate?

ANSWER:

Queensland Government support for the arts in Queensland is delivered primarily through the Arts and Cultural Investment Framework, released in June 2013.

The framework is a key deliverable of the Newman Government's *Arts for all Queenslanders* policy agenda. It covers a range of partnerships, programs and funding categories through which resources are provided for the benefit of all Queenslanders, including those in the Ferny Grove electorate. Some examples of direct support provided to the Ferny Grove electorate in the current financial year are outlined below.

An allocation of \$68,000 was made to the Moreton Bay Regional Council to deliver the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF). The Council is contributing a further \$102,000 this year to RADF which is a community grants program providing funding to local artists and community groups to develop creative projects and programs.

The Ferny Grove electorate also overlaps with Brisbane City Council (BCC) and the Queensland Government will provide \$80,000 per annum over 2013-2016 for the Creative Sparks program. The Brisbane City Council (BCC) will contribute an additional \$120,000 a year to support creative projects and to develop the professional practice of local artists and cultural workers in the BCC area.

Ferny Grove constituents are also able to apply for the Individual Fund, which provides investment of up to \$10,000 for transformational career opportunities that will turbocharge the career trajectories of our talented artists. I will be announcing the outcome of the latest round of this Fund in the coming weeks.

I also announced on 31 October 2013 the outcomes of the Projects and Programs Fund that will provide \$2.3 million to 64 organisations and individuals.

Again, Ferny Grove constituents are eligible to apply for funding of up to \$60,000 for individuals, organisations or collectives to deliver vibrant arts and cultural experiences to Queenslanders. The next round will open in early 2014 for projects commencing in the latter half of the year.

Two key Queensland Government initiatives will each commit of \$3 million over four years to kick start the arts in Queensland. The Super Star Fund invests in Queensland performing arts productions that feature internationally renowned artists and the Playing Queensland – Boost to Touring Fund will provide increased touring opportunities for arts organisations to take their productions on the road. Both these initiatives are available to arts organisations in Ferny Grove and throughout Queensland, and bring great arts and cultural experiences to the people of South East Queensland, including Ferny Grove.

Through the Creative Recovery Building Resilience initiative announced following the 2012-13 extreme weather events, \$14,000 has been provided to Ferny Grove based producing company Lean Forward Arts. The funding is being used to take the local Lucid Dance production *Dancing with Bach* on a tour to some of the communities badly affected by natural disasters.

Culture Champions is a Queensland Government initiative that celebrates and recognises people who are contributing to arts and culture in our State. This program has been able to acknowledge Steph McCaw, the very talented and dedicated Head of Instrumental and Choral Music at Ferny Grove State High School. Her appointment as Culture Champion has been able to highlight the remarkable flow-on effects arts participation can have on other learning areas at school and beyond.