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Dear Mr ^{Michael} White

The ACT Government is pleased to announce in the 2019-20 ACT Budget new capital funding of \$1.67 million in arts infrastructure over the next three years. This funding will support building improvements at arts facilities including at Ainslie, Gorman House, and Strathnairn Arts Centres.

This new funding will also support final design work for Ainslie and Gorman House Arts Centres in response to recommendations from the masterplans for these centres. The design work will assist in costing and planning for future works in these important centres as funding allows.

This Government has a strong commitment to the arts demonstrated through over \$10 million in recurrent arts funding in 2018-19, which is the largest arts expenditure in the history of self-government.

As announced in the 2017-18 Budget, this Government ensured that the Arts Activities Funding category had a minimum of \$775,000 available annually. In fact, the Government has achieved funding of over \$860,000 in Arts Activities including for screen activities in 2018-19. The Government has also delivered on other initiatives including to support pop up arts events and activities in Gungahlin and Woden across 2019, 2020 and 2021 at \$270,000 per year, and additional funding to the Belconnen Arts Centre at \$700,000 over 2018-19 and 2019-2020, to assist with operational costs during the capital works.

For 2019-20, the Government is also pleased to announce new funding to Kulture Break at \$100,000 per year for three years and to the Australian National Eisteddfod Society at \$15,000 per year for three years for their important activities in the community.

I look forward to working with the arts sector in 2019-20 to support a vibrant and dynamic arts ecology for the benefit of our city.

Yours sincerely

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