



## **Don Harwin**

Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council  
Minister for Resources  
Minister for Energy and Utilities  
Minister for the Arts

# **MEDIA RELEASE**

Monday, 17 July 2017

## **MINISTER LAUNCHES REGIONAL CULTURAL FUND**

Minister for the Arts Don Harwin and Bathurst MP Paul Toole today visited the Australian Fossil and Mineral Museum in Bathurst as part of a regional roadshow. This was an opportunity to discuss and launch the new \$100 million Regional Cultural Fund.

During the visit to Bathurst, Mr Harwin met with local artists and cultural organisations to discuss the record investment being made across regional NSW and explain how the new and existing arts and cultural facilities can benefit and apply for the Regional arts and cultural funding program.

The Regional Cultural Fund has been created to drive cultural infrastructure across a range of new and existing spaces, buildings and structures that support or accommodate the arts, cultural expression and heritage.

Through the fund, support is offered for buildings and structures that support or accommodate a diverse mix of arts and culture including visual media and performing arts, heritage and publishing through to film. There are small grants available for projects under \$60,000 to larger grants of up to \$1 million. Funding is also available for operational projects.

Member for Bathurst Paul Toole said, "Since the fund was announced in the Budget this year we've had a great deal of interest from local groups. I'm delighted the Minister has come to Bathurst to highlight the opportunities available to improve arts and culture infrastructure in the region."

For further information about the Regional Cultural Fund and guidelines for applicants visit [www.create.nsw.gov.au](http://www.create.nsw.gov.au).

### **Media Contact:**

**Office of Paul Toole MP – 63321300 – [bathurst@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:bathurst@parliament.nsw.gov.au)  
George Ober – Office of Minister Harwin – 0417826029 –  
[george.ober@minister.nsw.gov.au](mailto:george.ober@minister.nsw.gov.au)**