



John McVeigh

Minister for Regional Development, Territories and Local Government

Andrew Broad

Federal Member for Mallee



Mildura Rural City Council

Mark Eckel

Mayor
Mildura Rural City Council

Friday 27 July 2018

Arts in Mildura elevates to a new level

- **An innovative hydraulic stage lift has been constructed at Mildura Arts Centre**
- **The upgrade will raise the venue's audience capacity from 444 to 500 people**
- **The Coalition Government invested \$200,000 in the project under the Building Better Regions Fund**

Mildura's arts community is ready to welcome bigger and better performances with this evening's opening of a new hydraulic stage lift which will increase seating at the Mildura Arts Centre.

Federal Member for Mallee Andrew Broad, who will attend tonight's official opening, said the Coalition Government's \$200,000 investment will help set a new tone for the region by expanding the venue's capacity and its ability to attract larger touring productions.

"This new lift has created more room around the stage allowing an extra 56 seats to be added. The centre can now seat 500 people, attracting larger audiences to experience the fantastic performances held at the Mildura Arts Centre," Mr Broad said.

"The increased flexibility and functionality of the upgraded stage will also encourage a range of larger productions and performances to visit the region, and it's this kind of investment that truly enriches our regional communities."

Minister for Regional Development, Territories and Local Government John McVeigh, said the project will help make Mildura a destination for the arts in north-west Victoria.

"New and larger performances will draw audiences from across the region and with revenue predicted to potentially increase by \$200,000 a year. This is a win for both the arts and the economy striking the right chord in more ways than one," Dr McVeigh said.

Mildura Rural City Mayor Mark Eckel said this is an important and exciting project within the arts community.

"The new stage lift will help take the arts in the Mildura community to the next level and strengthen the valuable role it plays in our tourism economy and our status as a destination for arts and culture," Cr Eckel said.

The project was jointly funded by the Coalition Government \$200,000, Mildura Rural City Council \$100,000 and the 444 Foundation \$100,000.

Media Contacts

For Dr McVeigh:	Clare Siddins	0427 200 674
For Mr Broad:	Electorate Office	1300 131 620
For Cr Eckel:	Helen Piscioneri	03 5018 8330