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NEW INFRASTRUCTURE FOR REGIONAL GALLERIES AND MUSEUMS

Victorians will have the chance to see more touring collections and significant artworks in destinations across the state, thanks to the Andrews Labor Government's investment in infrastructure upgrades for regional galleries.

Grants provided through the *Regional Collections Access Program* (RCAP) will enable galleries and museums to increase their capacity, provide better care for coveted works and attract more visitors.

RCAP offers support for a range of projects, including up to \$40,000 for the purchase and installation of equipment, up to \$150,000 for small to medium capital or maintenance works and more than \$150,000 for larger scale projects.

Applications are also encouraged for museums and galleries seeking culturally appropriate collections facilities, including First Peoples cultural spaces.

RCAP is administered through Regional Arts Victoria in partnership with Creative Victoria, Australian Museums and Galleries Association Victoria, Public Galleries Association of Victoria and the National Gallery of Victoria.

The program also includes the outer-urban councils of Cardinia Shire, Casey, Hume, Melton Shire, Mitchell Shire, Mornington Peninsula Shire, Nillumbik Shire, Whittlesea, Wyndham and Yarra Ranges.

One of several initiatives being delivered across regional Victoria, the program represents part of a \$34.7 million regional infrastructure package, announced in the *Victorian Budget 2020/21*.

The program will open for applications at 12pm tomorrow and close in February 2022. For program details, eligibility criteria and to apply, visit the Regional Arts Victoria website rav.net.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Creative Industries Danny Pearson

"We're continuing to invest in our extraordinary network of regional galleries and museums and delivering rich cultural and educational experiences to visitors around the state."

"This program is about investing in the future – ensuring regional cultural spaces remain at the cutting edge, delivering strong visitation and economic benefits to regional centres across the state."

Quote attributable to AMaGA Victoria Executive Director Ash Robertson

"Supporting everything from new climate controls to significant upgrades of collection stores and preparation rooms, RCAP provides opportunities for regional museums and galleries to improve care and access to collections."