

Media Release

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TAKING MORE LOCAL PRODUCTIONS TO TOWNS ACROSS VICTORIA

The Allan Labor Government is making access to arts and culture easier across regional Victoria, boosting investment for new comedy, music, circus and theatre for locals and visitors to enjoy.

Minister for Creative Industries Colin Brooks today announced support for 15 groups that will enliven community halls, mechanics institutes, theatres and more across regional Victoria, thanks to the Labor Government's Small Regional Presenters program.

This year's program is bolstering support for community groups and not-for-profit organisations to bring creative performances to their local communities, delivered by Regional Arts Victoria.

Tallarook residents of all ages will enjoy the comedy show *Letters from my Heroes* presented by Tallarook Arts Inc as well as a mentorship workshop for young people in the region while music lovers in Warragul will enjoy a season of 10 acoustic performances at the community-owned arts space Wesley of Warragul.

The latest investment will bring a program of musical, comedy, science and children's theatre performances to Tintalra while King Valley Arts will present a season of theatre and music productions to communities in Whitfield, Cheshunt, Myrree, Edi Upper and Moyhu.

Fans of comedy, music and history are in for a treat when *Piano Palooza* is presented at venues in Yea, South Gippsland, Fish Creek, Murtoa and St Arnaud, while all-women's circus show *Casting Off* will be staged in Strzelecki, Mirboo and Bruthen.

As well as providing work opportunities for artists and venue staff in regional Victoria, many Small Regional Presenters events are powered by volunteers involved in local hall committees, community progress associations and more.

For further details and to see the full list of the latest Small Regional Presenters recipients visit creative.vic.gov.au

Quotes attributable to Minister for Creative Industries Colin Brooks

"Small Regional Presenters supports small events that make a big impact. They bring communities together, boost local economies and ensure regional Victorians can enjoy wonderful creative experiences."

Quotes attributable to Regional Arts Victoria CEO Jo Porter

"Many small presenters are the incredible volunteers whose energy makes small towns so special. They have lined up a lot of fun for audiences across Victoria, with a wide range of locations and artforms represented among the successful applicants - make sure you look out for what's on in your local hall."