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UPGRADE FOR BLUE MOUNTAINS CULTURAL CENTRE

The NSW Government has provided \$104,500 for upgrades to audio-visual technology at Blue Mountains Cultural Centre, Minister for Racing Paul Toole announced today.

Mr Toole said the project would include new LED lighting, projectors, speakers and screening equipment to improve the quality of art exhibits, and sound and film installations.

"I'm pleased our Government has been able to fund this project which will enable the centre to expand its programming and provide enhanced artistic experiences for over 100,000 visitors each year," Mr Toole said.

The centre is the most visited cultural institution in the Blue Mountains region and has been used by more than 200 community organisations since it opened in 2012.

"I congratulate Blue Mountains City Council for their successful application which will mean a great local community asset becomes even better," Mr Toole said.

Blue Mountains Deputy Mayor, Cr Chris Van der Kley, said: "I welcome the NSW Government grant funding which is a significant investment in an important regional arts facility."

Director of the Blue Mountains Cultural Centre, Paul Brinkman, said the grant funding would enable the Cultural Centre to go from strength to strength.

"It will greatly enhance our audio-visual capabilities and the audience experience, which is particularly special as we celebrate our fifth birthday," Mr Brinkman said.

The project has been funded from the Government's Infrastructure Grants supported by the Clubgrants Category 3 program.

"More than \$50 million in Clubgrants funding is being provided in the current term of government for local community infrastructure projects across arts and culture, sport and recreation and emergency preparedness," Mr Toole said.

"These grants are funded through a rebate on the state's registered clubs' gaming machines to reinvest profits back into community projects."

Mr Toole said the latest round of arts and culture infrastructure funding has seen 13 projects across NSW chosen from a strong field of more than 90 applicants.

"These innovative projects will support construction of high quality, well designed infrastructure to provide more enriching arts and cultural experiences for local residents and visitors alike," Mr Toole said.

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