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NEAR \$2M BOOST FOR SOUTH COAST ARTS & CULTURE

Two Shoalhaven cultural attractions have won funding for major upgrades through the NSW Government's \$100 million Regional Cultural Fund, Premier Gladys Berejiklian and Member for South Coast Shelley Hancock announced today.

Lady Denman Heritage Complex in Huskisson will undergo a \$1.3 million upgrade and Shoalhaven Regional Gallery in Nowra will get \$600,000 for new works.

"Both these projects will mean that locals and visitors can will enjoy even better arts and cultural experiences in one of the most beautiful areas of the State," Ms Berejiklian said.

"The Shoalhaven is renowned for its natural beauty, but there is so much more on offer here, which is important for growing tourism and local jobs.

"By supporting creativity across the State, we are ensuring that art, culture, music and performance is accessible to all communities."

Member for South Coast Shelley Hancock said upgrading energy, climate control and the lifts at the Heritage Complex will help the volunteer-run museum thrive.

"The museum is a hugely popular local attraction that focuses on the Shoalhaven's rich maritime heritage and indigenous history, in a beautiful bush setting on Jervis Bay," Mrs Hancock said.

The industry-standard climate control would help Shoalhaven Regional Gallery secure more significant touring exhibitions.

"It will also provide artists with new opportunities to showcase their works and allow visitors to experience a range of arts and activities," Mrs Hancock said.

Minister for the Arts Don Harwin said the Regional Cultural Fund would provide inspiration, education and development opportunities for young regional artists.

"I have no doubt that these new projects will continue to enrich the lives of artists, cultural workers and communities across the State," Mr Harwin said.

"I congratulate Shoalhaven on this great news which means the community will share in the very best of artistic and cultural experiences into the future."

The Regional Cultural Fund is part of the NSW Government's \$1.6 billion Regional Growth Fund, designed to improve economic growth and productivity as well as community amenity with investment in regional communities.

For more information about the Regional Cultural Fund, [see the website](#).

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