



THEATRE TWYFORD

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GOOD NEWS IN THE WINGS FOR THEATRE TWYFORD

Though lockdowns and COVID have seen The Twyford closed for much of 2022/21, there is good news in the wings for the Hall and new Theatre complex.

The Federal Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts, the Hon Paul Fletcher MP, has announced funding of \$91910 for The Twyford's Premiere Season project. The project will support several touring performances in 2022 and 2023, to promote the new theatre as a key destination for artists and audiences in the southeast region.

Twyford Ambassador Frankie J Holden said "The funding is designed to kick-start Merimbula as a viable touring destination for major arts companies in Australia. Bushfires, COVID and interruptions due to building work have meant our regular source of hire income from the Hall has been almost non-existent for more than 18 months. Being able to bring these high calibre artists to town at a reduced cost to our new venue will not only generate excitement in our community but also have spin off benefits for our long-suffering hospitality industry."

"Our new theatre is ideally placed to offer touring companies en route between Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra another regional location to stop off and do a show, provide workshops with the community and schools, and bring some much-needed life back to the Merimbula CBD."

"The Twyford is gearing up to program a fantastic range of shows from touring theatre companies Junkyard Beats, Critical Stages, Ilbijerri Theatre Company, Little Wing Puppets, the Space Company and HIT Productions. This will be in addition to a previously announced series of live original Australian music shows with regional artists supported by a \$30000 grant from Live Music Australia – an Australian Government initiative."

"In addition, long standing community groups like Spectrum Theatre Group and the Merimbula Jazz Festival will continue to make the new complex their home base. Twyford Hall has been the theatrical and cultural centre of our community since 1931 and we will continue that by programming touring shows around local productions and events in the expanded complex."

For more details on The Twyford, see their website thetwyford.com.au or like their Facebook page @thetwyford.

Photo Caption (attached photo): A sneak peek into the new lift-accessible theatre foyer and bar area nearing completion. The new Theatre Twyford will seat 199 patrons. (Supplied – The Twyford)

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