



**Marion Scrymgour**  
MINISTER FOR ARTS AND MUSEUMS

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### **Arts Projects Given \$220,000 Boost**

Minister for Arts and Museums, Marion Scrymgour has announced more than \$220 000 worth of funding for 11 public art projects across the Northern Territory – including \$150 000 to Darwin City Council to give the Entertainment Centre a massive facelift.

The funding, through the Public Art Grants Program, is awarded through a process of assessment by a specialist panel.

This is the first round of Public Art funding, following the launch of the Public Art Policy earlier this year to provide further opportunities to sustain and celebrate the culture of the Northern Territory.

“The NT Government is committed to developing the Territory’s arts and cultural sector through initiatives such as the Public Art Grants Program – which will have significant benefits for the whole community,” Ms Scrymgour said.

“The projects selected by the panel show a strong commitment by Territory artists to integrate art into public spaces.

“They include unique and innovative projects, including \$150 000 to the Darwin City Council for the refurbishment of the existing forecourt of the Darwin Entertainment Centre – including a new Grand Verandah!”

Other projects include \$10 000 funding to develop a large scale public art mural in Darwin, \$10 000 to develop a sculpture of legendary Indigenous sportsman Steve Abala, and \$6000 to develop interactive arts events in Central Australia.

Remote areas didn’t miss out either with funding to Yuendumu School Council to develop a ‘Honey Ant Dreaming’ project.

The Darwin City Council received \$150 000 for building the Grand Verandah at the Darwin Entertainment Centre.

The design of the precinct developed by Troppo Architects integrates Indigenous art involving Maningrida Arts and Culture, Larrakeyah Nation and Central Australian Artist Groups.