Independent Theatre Initiative grant recipients

Kwinana Theatre Workshop, Kwinana ($14,865)
The Kwinana Theatre Company program five plays, including one musical and Christmas performance, every year. This funding will allow them to replace their 20-year-old flats and out-of-date lighting systems, increasing the quality of their productions and the enjoyment of their membership and audience.

Darlington Theatre Players Inc, Darlington ($17,987)
The Darlington Theatre Players, also known as The Marloo Theatre, have a membership of 150. This funding support will enable them to upgrade theatre flats and foyer facilities.

Northam Theatre Group, Northam ($18,410)
The historic 100-year-old Link Theatre in Northam is an old church building, unique for its gothic architecture and excellent acoustics. This funding will provide much needed repairs to the structure of the building which currently has rising damp and crumbling brick work.

Perth Diocesan Trustees, Gosnells ($6,111)
The All Saints Players are a community-church based theatre group who perform Old Time Music Hall in a church hall in Gosnells. This funding will enable them to purchase a fire retardant curtain which will also be used by other groups in the community, including a number of dance, seniors and school groups.

Roleystone Theatre Inc, Roleystone ($29,910)
The Roleystone Theatre is an 86-year-old, heritage-listed theatre and the only venue in the City of Armadale which caters for live theatre audiences. This funding will enable the theatre group producing work in the venue to carry out much needed repairs to the stage floor, replace the stage curtain and purchase new screens.

Murray Music and Drama Club Inc, Pinjarra ($32,736)
The Murray Music and Drama Club Inc reach a large cross section of the Peel Community, with club members ranging in age from seven to 73. A significant proportion of the audience are elderly and this funding will enable the club to provide comfortable seating. It will also be used to replace damaged curtains and purchase a new sound system for the stage.

Kalamunda Dramatic Society Inc, Kalamunda ($10,950)
The Kalamunda Dramatic Society has a strong local audience base, including season ticket holders. To retain this audience, the club will increase the comfort level of the venue through the purchase of two reverse-cycle air conditioning units.

Goldfields Repertory Club, Kalgoorlie ($10,000)
The Goldfields Repertory Club is housed in a 90-seat theatre built in the 1930s. The venue is used by a number of clubs and community groups. The club will use the funding to install a disabled toilet and a ramp to allow wheelchair access to the auditorium, which is currently through a flight of stairs.
Harbour Theatre Inc, Fremantle ($31,800)
The Harbour Theatre, currently housed in The Princess May Building in Fremantle, was established in 1963 and has a committed membership. This funding will enable the group to install new lighting equipment and intra-theatre communications.

Playlovers Inc, Floreat ($30,000)
Playlovers Inc are the only community club in metropolitan WA that do not have tiered seating in their venue. This funding will enable the club to purchase and install a retractable, raked seating system, which can be taken down for other community groups who use the Hackett Hall Venue.

Playlovers Inc, Floreat ($10,000)
Playlovers Inc deliver an artistic program of six theatre productions a year. To develop new audiences for these productions, the group will use marketing company Taz Entertainment to increase their database and improve the quality of their newsletters, flyers, postcards and programs.

Melville Theatre Company Inc, Melville ($19,800)
The Melville Theatre Company is located in the Roy Edinger Hall in Stock Road and produces six shows each year. This funding will enable the company to install four split-system air conditioners which will control the temperature of the large venue and enable audiences to enjoy the productions in comfort.

Phoenix Theatre Inc, Hamilton Hill ($40,000)
The Phoenix Theatre recently moved into the Memorial Hall, a venue which has been refurbished by the City of Cockburn. This funding will enable Phoenix Theatre to complete the refurbishment with the installation of technical and stage equipment, making the venue a fully-functional theatre space.

Graduate Dramatic Society Inc, Nedlands ($9,950)
The Graduate Dramatic Society is made up of University of Western Australia graduates and other community members. Productions take place in the Dolphin Theatre on the Nedlands campus. The funding will be used to run an innovative marketing program, which will train its members in marketing skills through the mentorship of a high profile marketing agency.

Esperance Theatre Guild, Esperance ($5,150)
Audiences for Esperance Theatre come from a wide regional area which includes remote farms and communities. In order to stay in touch with its audience, the Esperance Theatre Guild will develop a website and train its members to maintain it.

Esperance Theatre Guild, Esperance ($24,175)
The Esperance Theatre Guild owns and performs in the tiny Bijou Theatre, built in 1896. The guild has provided entertainment to the community since 1969. Funding will enable them to restump the theatre, reinstall the floor and install new fire retardant carpets.
Narrogin Repertory Club Inc, Narrogin ($48,000)
The Thornton Theatre in Narrogin currently seats 45 people. The funding will allow Narrogin Repertory Club to carry out a major upgrade and refurbishment, which will increase audience capacity by 50 per cent and see the installation of new lighting, curtains and seating.

Narrogin Repertory Club Inc, Narrogin ($3,750)
This marketing funding will enable the club to set up a new website and electronic newsletter, install blue street signage on the main street and install a large event sign to attract visitors and direct them to the location of the theatre.

Bunbury Repertory Club, Bunbury ($40,000)
The Bunbury Repertory Club has been operational for over 60 years and currently presents five plays every year in the Little Theatre in Bunbury, as well as opening the venue to a number of community groups. The building is in need of urgent repair due to storm damage. Funding will enable the club to repair the structure above the stage and part of the auditorium.

Garrick Theatre Club Inc, Guildford ($8,673)
The Garrick Theatre has operated as a performing arts venue for over 75 years. This funding will be used to install theatre lighting which will increase the production quality of its performances.

Stirling Players, Innaloo ($8,140)
Stirling Players have been producing live theatre for the local community for 38 years. This funding will be used to install lighting and audio equipment in the theatre in the Innaloo Community Centre, with a view to enhancing the quality of the audience experience.