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A CLP Government will increase support for the Arts and Culture to encourage development of these activities, so important to the way of life of most Territorians.

Total Annual additional funding for Arts and Culture
$2.6 million

ARTS and CULTURE

We will review the structure for management and development for Arts and Culture in the Territory to ensure we have fully coordinated and effective processes in place to advance this area.

We will engage more actively with the peak bodies which will meet annually with Cabinet to discuss activities and issues.

We will expand the grants program and implement indexed triennial funding to give more certainty to these activities.

We will increase Support for Community Groups

A CLP Government recognises the critical role community groups play in strengthening the social fabric of our community.

We will audit current community group infrastructure such as meeting halls and community centres and in conjunction with those groups, establish and formalise an ongoing upgrade and development program.

A CLP Government will strongly promote, encourage and support regional cultural celebrations and events.

We will stage an annual Outback Spectacular and Music Festival

We will commit to staging a locally organised and managed Outback Spectacular and Music Festival.

It will expose local performers to professional artists from outside the Territory, highlight the Territory’s Country Music Talent and increase the Territory’s reputation, attract tourists from around Australia and beyond and allow Territorians to enjoy a major event.

We will pursue development of a major world standard Rodeo Carnival in Katherine.
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Alice Springs will take Territory Indigenous Art to the World

The CLP believes that indigenous Territorians need more support with the promotion, marketing and ownership of their unique art.

To achieve this, the CLP commits to conducting an annual Indigenous Art Expo in Alice Springs. The Expo will be held at the Araluen Centre. Aboriginal Art Houses will be able to bid for display space at the Expo which will be marketed world-wide to potential buyers. Prominent buyers will be encouraged to visit and attend the Auction along with tourists and the public.

In partnership with the private sector, indigenous art organisations, artists and communities, a CLP Government will aim to further the promotion of the Northern Territory as the major point of sale to the national and international markets for Aboriginal art in the world.

We will support the expansion of Art Programs throughout the Territory

We will fund a program to bring international quality art shows to Darwin and Alice Springs.

We will continue with the acquisition of quality art for the Northern Territory art collection at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory.

We will promote and support art festivals throughout the Northern Territory.

We will increase support for Regional Events

Most regional communities in the Territory have at least one annual significant event that increasingly requires more resources for the largely voluntary committees to stage. These events add to the economy and fabric of the Territory and form part of the tourism product.

We will provide guaranteed baseline funding, on an indexed, triennial funding basis, to the organisations to replace the current annual funding uncertainty.

We will further resource the Major Events Corporation to assist in the management and organisation for regional events.

We will provide sponsor support to bring major International Standard Stage Productions to the Territory

We believe Territorians should have the opportunity to see major attractions, particular major musicals such as The Lion King, International Stage Acts such as the Cirque de Soleil and major pop music artists, which are staged elsewhere in Australia, but without government support would not be viable to stage in the Northern Territory.
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We will tell the Territory Story

We will extend the Museum of the NT to include expanded displays of “Territory history, its pioneers and life in North Australia”. This will also include a full genealogical history of our indigenous and pioneer heritage.

We will sponsor a new feature film production of “The Territory Story – From Stone Age to Cyber Age – 50,000 years of history”. This will be produced using the latest high technology and will also be used as a major tourism promotional feature for distribution around the world.

We will increase support for the Performing Arts

We will conduct a feasibility study into the development of the Northern Territory Music Bowl as a major outdoor entertainment and functions venue. Location will be determined during the feasibility stage of the project.

It is envisaged the venue will provide state-of-the-art facilities for staging large scale entertainment, cultural and other events and be capable of multi-function use for a range of purposes.

We will provide additional support to the Darwin Symphony Orchestra to allow it to be expanded and increase its profile as the Northern Territory Symphony Orchestra.

We will encourage the development of artistic talent across the Territory by sponsoring the participation of talented musicians from regional areas.

We will establish the Northern Territory Children’s Choir.

We will also establish the Northern Territory Academy of Dramatic Art.

Increased Support for Territory Film and Television

The Northern Territory has an exciting history of involvement in the film and television industry.

Our population may be comparatively small, but our geographic size, the variety of our landscapes, the predictable nature of our extremes of climate and the creative zeal of our people have all contributed to a quality industry.
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The Country Liberal Party has a proud tradition of supporting the film industry in the Northern Territory. An example was our significant contribution to the production of the acclaimed feature film Yolgnu Boy.

Currently the NT Film Office sits within the arts and museums section of the public service. Under a CLP Government this will change. We see the film and television industry as an industry primarily and not a medium of the creative arts.

For that reason we will relocate the NT Film Office to the Department of Business and Industry.

This will increase the Office’s leverage in negotiating with other key departments (such as Tourism and Arts) and enable a genuine whole of government approach to better direct resources to grow this important Territory industry.

A Country Liberal Party recognises the enormous potential of the Film and Television industry. To unleash this potential funding available to the sector will increase to $750,000 annually.