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MEDIA RELEASE

Labor Governments deliver \$1 million funding for the historic Newport Substation Arts Centre

Nicola Roxon, Federal Member for Gellibrand and Wade Noonan, State Member for Williamstown today announced combined funding of \$1.06 million to complete the development of the historic Substation in Newport.

“The Substation is an icon of the Newport community. This funding will ensure that its future is preserved and create an important centre for arts in the West.

“This project will help create or retain jobs and training opportunities for local workers, and will support the community during these difficult times,” Ms Roxon said.

The Rudd Labor Government has provided \$543,000 from the *Get Communities Working* stream of the Jobs Fund to expand services and facilities at the Hobsons Bay Community Arts Centre. The construction project will create or retain 90 jobs, four traineeships and 40 work experience positions.

Member for Williamstown, Wade Noonan welcomed the news, and announced that the Newport Substation Community Arts Centre had also secured an additional grant of \$522,000 from the Brumby Labor Government’s *Arts in the Suburbs* Program.

“This additional funding will enable the Substation to function at its full potential as a first-class venue for the visual and performing arts,” Mr Noonan said.

“The transformation of the Substation in Newport is in itself a great story. The countless volunteers that have given so generously to this project have created an opportunity for a whole new generation to experience and enjoy the wonders of performing and creative arts,” Mr Noonan said.

The *Arts in the Suburbs* funding grant will deliver the Substation a range of state-of-the-art equipment, including new performance lighting, sound systems and audiovisual systems, seat and staging, a sculpture and art workshop area.

In addition, the funding will provide for the installation of infrastructure to make the various spaces in the Substation more usable for a wide variety of visual and performing