



BELCONNEN ARTS CENTRE

Building the Next Stage

The Greens will build Stage 2 of the Belconnen Arts Centre

The Greens understand that a vibrant arts culture needs spaces for artists and performers to meet, create, display, practice and perform. That's why we are committed to building the next stage of the Belconnen Arts Centre.

Belconnen Arts Centre has been a fantastic arts and community hub for the Belconnen Community since it opened in 2009. It has become a key cultural and community hub for both the Belconnen region and Canberra more broadly.

Belconnen Arts Centre has successfully empowered the community's creative ambitions enjoying up to 40,000 visits last year to 41 exhibitions, 120 workshops and countless community events.

However, the Belconnen Arts Centre was always intended to be a two stage project. And, with the Belconnen Arts Centre reaching its limits, it is time to commit to completing stage two. **That's why the ACT Greens will commit \$15 million to build Belconnen Arts Centre Stage 2.**

The Belconnen Arts Centre is capacity and is turning artists and exhibitions away. All resident artist studios are fully occupied, and its key disability arts program Ignite has a waiting list. Building stage two will continue to drive and support Belconnen burgeoning arts and cultural scene.

The recently released Belconnen Town Centre Master Plan identifies the Belconnen Arts Centre as a major driver of urban renewal along the Emu Bank Precinct.

The Emu Bank foreshore was always intended to be a busy entertainment area and completing stage two will help revitalise that vision for the area, catalysing new businesses and completing the missing link in the foreshore promenade. Stage two will deliver high quality external spaces to extend the range of community and cultural activities into the public domain.

Already home to nationally significant music and dance companies, the Belconnen Arts Centre has untapped potential to develop into something even greater.

The ACT Greens are committed to completing this invaluable facility and deliver a project that the community can be proud of and enjoy for decades to come.