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GKI talent search heads local arts bill

A talent search on Great Keppel Island and a world musical performance in Livingstone Shire are projects receiving funding as part of the Queensland Government's Arts and Cultural Recovery Package.

The Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga said the two local events were among scores of Queensland's live music and performing performance venues to share in more than \$22 million in funding for artists and arts organisations.

"The inaugural Country on Keppel Talent Search will be a popular event where young Queensland performers have a chance to be named the inaugural Country on Keppel winner.

"They also get the opportunity to play with established and well-known musicians in a professional setting and before a large audience.

"It's a great opportunity for new talent, and made possible by the \$20,000 grant to Great Keppel Island Hideaway."

Ms Lauga said the Livingstone Shire Council would use its \$3650 grant to put on a performance of "The Birth and Death of Stars", which promises to offer the community "accessible world music".

She said a \$20,000 grant for the Broadway and Beyond show by the Rockhampton Regional Council would ensure this annual show continues to be performed at smaller venues.

"Play Local is part of the Queensland Government's Arts and Cultural Recovery Package of \$22.5 million over two years to stabilise Queensland's arts

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companies, secure employment for artists and arts workers and deliver COVID-safe cultural experiences for Queensland audiences.

“The arts sector has been one of the most heavily affected industries during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

“The Palaszczuk Government was one of the first in Australia to back in the arts industry, and to date has committed to \$42.5 million in relief and support measures for the Queensland arts sector.”

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