



The Canberra Theatre Feasibility Study

artsACT is currently undertaking a feasibility and options study for the possible redevelopment of the Canberra Theatre.

Background

The Canberra Theatre Centre was completed in 1965, by the National Capital Development Commission, as Canberra's premier performing arts theatre. The Canberra Theatre Centre was the first government funded performing arts centre and opened in advance of the Sydney Opera House, the Adelaide Festival Centre and the Victorian Arts Centre. The theatre is now over 40 years old.

Steering Committee

A Steering Committee has been formed to facilitate the Canberra Theatre Feasibility Study. The membership of this steering committee is as follows:

Chair: David Whitney artsACT	Harriet Elvin Cultural Facilities Corporation (CFC)
Sam Tyler artsACT	Bruce Carmichael CFC
Ragu Rangunathan Department of Treasury	Andrew Knight CFC

Robert Piani (artsACT) is also attending Steering Committee meetings.

Consultants ACIL Tasman, together with Williams Ross Architects and MarshallDay Entertech (theatre and acoustic design specialists), have been engaged to conduct a study to identify the Canberra Theatre's ongoing needs, for the consideration of the ACT Government.

Stage 1 will identify the current operational needs; consult with the ACT theatre sector together with National theatre hirers and suggest options for addressing those needs. This stage has been completed.

Stage 2 will involve cost benefit analysis of the options. We expect this stage will be completed by the end of March 2009.

For more information about the progress of the Feasibility Study, please contact artsACT on 6207 2384.