



# Cultural Funding by Government — 2017–18

## Local government

The estimate of expenditure funded by Local government in 2017–18 for cultural activities was **\$1,797.5m**. This represented just over one quarter (26%) of the total government funded expenditure on cultural activities.

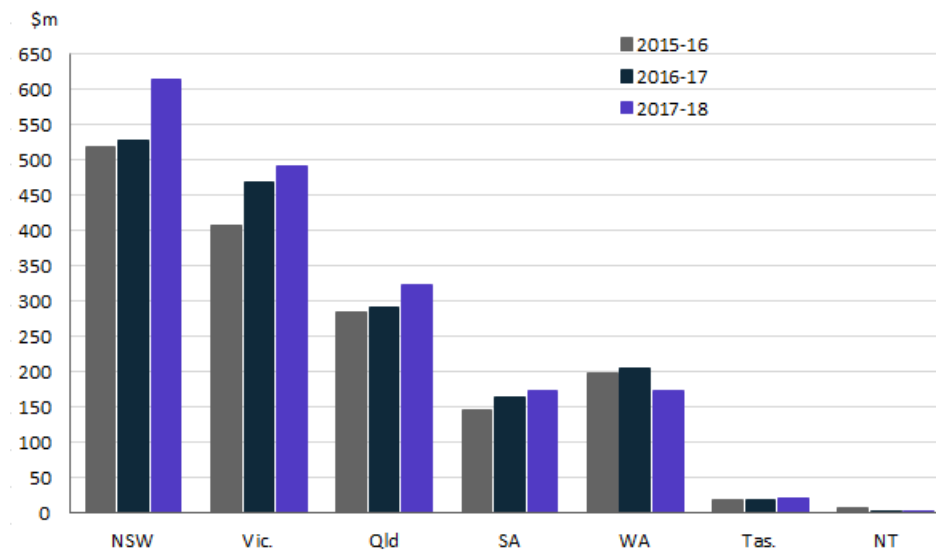
Table 1—Local government cultural expenditure, 2015–16 to 2017–18

2015–16	2016–17	2017–18
\$1,578.3m	\$1,673.2m ↑ 6%	\$1,797.5m ↑ 7%

- Local government expenditure for cultural activities rose by 7% (or \$124.3m) between 2016–17 and 2017–18.

Expenditure on cultural activities generally reflected the size of the population, with the highly populated states spending more funds on cultural activities (New South Wales—\$613.8m, Victoria—\$490.6m and Queensland—\$323.5m).

Figure 1. Local government cultural expenditure, by state and territory(a)(b)



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- (b) Australian Capital Territory does not have local governments.

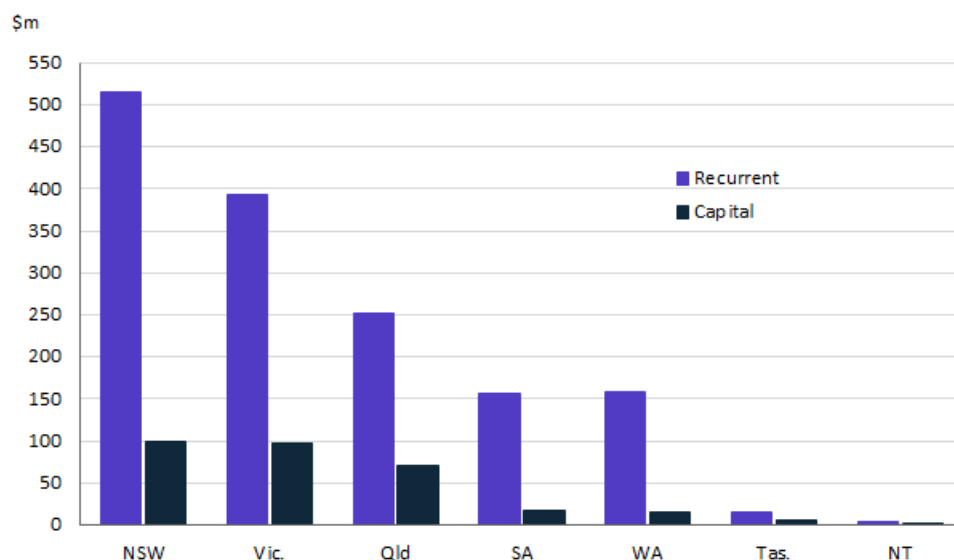
Recurrent expenses rose 7% (or \$103.6m) to \$1,493.5m.

- Recurrent expenses accounted for 83% of total Local government funded expenditure on cultural activities.
- New South Wales had the largest amount of recurrent expenditure at \$515.6m, followed by Victoria (\$392.5m) and Queensland (\$252.4m).

Total Local government capital expenditure was \$304.1m.

- New South Wales and Victoria spent the largest amounts of capital (\$98.2m and \$98.1m respectively).

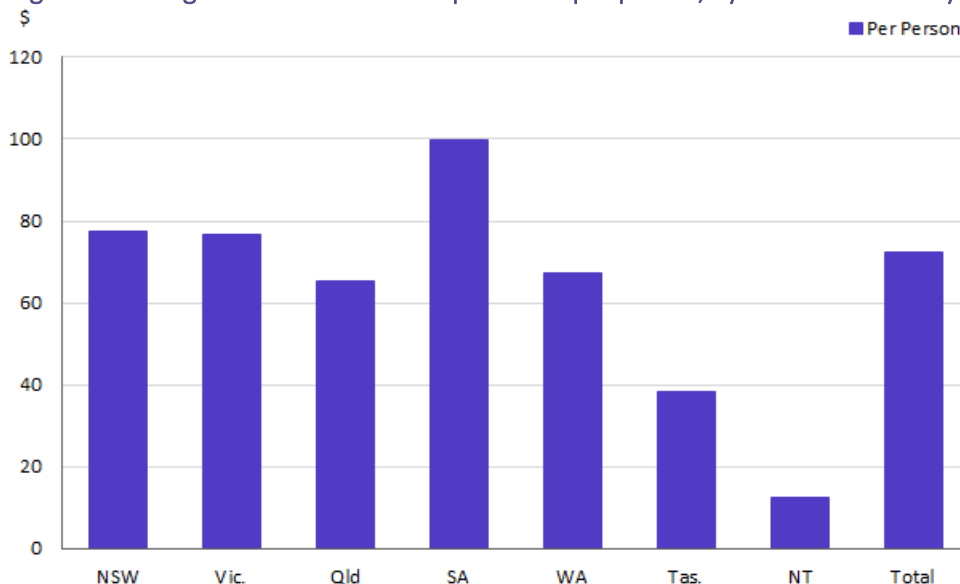
Figure 2. Local government cultural expenditure, recurrent and capital, by state and territory(a)(b)—2017–18



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The estimate of total Local government per person cultural funding was \$72.55.

Figure 3. Local government cultural expenditure per person, by state and territory(a)(b)—2017–18



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- South Australia had the highest per person expenditure of \$99.94 followed by New South Wales (\$77.47) and Victoria (\$76.81).