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Subject: Regional Arts Fund - Program updates ~~[OFFICIAL Sensitive, Access - Legal Privilege]~~
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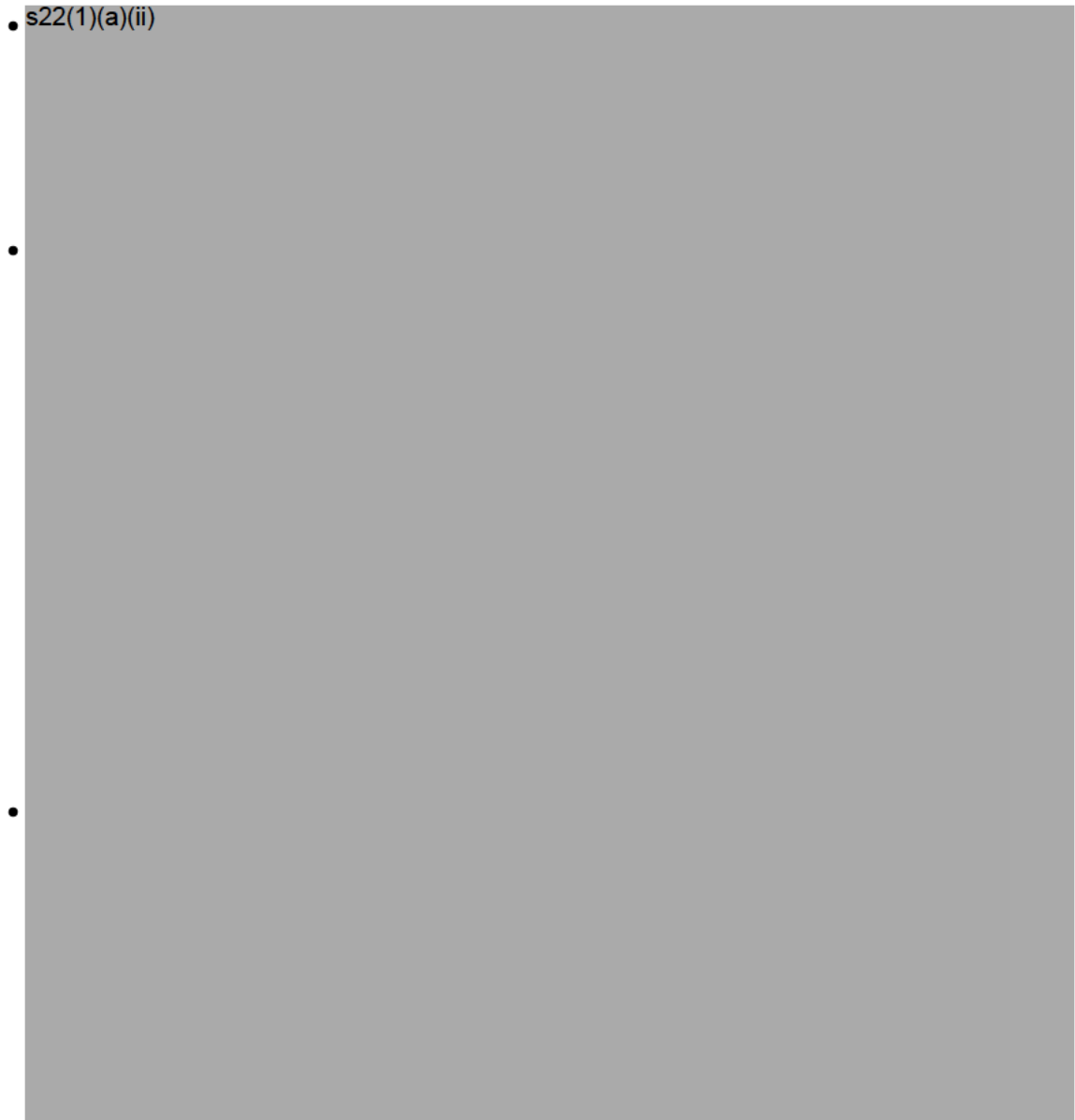
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Hi s22(1)
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For your information – This is a lot to get across I am keen to discuss further in detail as appropriate

Regional Arts Fund Program updates:

- s22(1)(a)(ii)




- **Fellowships:**

- s22(1)(a)(ii) targeting applicant notification date of 16 June
- s22(1)(a)(ii)



Pages 2-5 (Document 1) removed in their entirety as irrelevant to the scope of the request under section 22(1)(a)(ii) of the FOI Act.

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Subject: RAA meeting notes 5/6/25 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Meeting Notes

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Fellowships

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assessment panel met, now checks and internal discussions

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imeline RAA – fellows projects start 1 aug, need to be notified before then

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To: s22(1) ; s22(1)(a) ; BUDD, Jake
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Subject: National Regional Arts Fellowship Report
Date: 30 June 2025 14:54:21
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Dear s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii) and s22(1)(a)

After completing the two-stage panel assessment process s22(1)(a)(ii)
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As part of our continual assessment of internal process we would like to request a slight adjustment in the announcement process. RAA would like to inform successful (and unsuccessful) candidates under embargo and have successful candidates accept the grants agreement prior to any formal announcement.

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We are working to maintain our program timeline of August 1 for the 2025 Fellowships to commence.

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Respectfully,

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Regional Arts Australia National Regional Arts Fellowships 2025

Prepared by Regional Arts Australia
June 2025



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Assessment Process

The application process was split into two stages: an expression of interest, followed by an expanded proposal for shortlisted applicants. 115 expressions of interest were received in this round, from which 25 were selected for shortlisting by an independent panel of 5 peer assessors. Shortlisted applicants submitted an expanded proposal, which was assessed by the same panel.

Expressions of interest were received through the following categories:

Category	Sub-category	Fellowships available	Applications Received	Applications Shortlisted
Creative & Professional Development	Open round	4 (minimum 1 for each category)	80	11
	Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander applicants		5	5
	d/Deaf and/or disabled applicants		10	3
Early Career Development	Open round	1	15	4
	Under 25	1	5	2
Total		6	115	25

The assessment panel was composed of professional artists and arts workers, with representation from Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland and Northern Territory. 40% of the panel identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, and 40% of the panel identified as living with disability.

At the EOI stage, each application was reviewed for eligibility by RAA staff and assessed by five assessors, recommending either yes, maybe or no to proceeding to full application. An application was shortlisted if the application received at least two yes votes and a majority of yes/maybe votes. At the expanded proposal stage, each application was assessed by five assessors and scored out of five for each assessment criteria.

The panel meet online on May 29th facilitated by RAA General Manager. The panel reviewed the rankings determined by the pre-meeting scores and highlighted applications that should be discussed due to variations in scoring and individual assessor rankings. Following the discussion the applications were re-ranked, based on the discussion and ensuring a diversity of artforms and geography. The panel made series of conditional recommendations to Regional Arts Australia.

Regional Arts Australia staff reviewed the recommendations, and undertook due diligence to ensure eligibility and adherence to the programs objectives and guidelines.

Pages 13-21 (Attachment to Document 3) removed in their entirety as irrelevant to the scope of the request under section 22(1)(a)(ii) of the FOI Act.

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From: s22(1)(a)(ii)**Sent:** Wednesday, 2 July 2025 10:32 AM**To:** s22(1)(a)(ii)**Cc:** s22(1)(a)(ii); s22(1)(a)(ii) s22(1)(a)(ii)**Subject:** RE: For review: National Regional Arts Fellowship Recipients - Thursday 10 July
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Morning s22(1)

Thanks for your email, in response to Creative Australia:

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I hope this information assists, as always more than happy to discuss further.

Kind regards

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Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)
Creative Australia has asked the following question in relation to the National Regional Arts Fellowships:
"Do we know how these are assessed and if First Nations community are on panels?"
Are you able to provide a response to this query?
Happy to discuss

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Hello
Appreciate your review in consultation with Creative Australia of the 2025 National Regional

Arts Fellowship Recipients.

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This year's cohort will be announced in

August.

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To note candidates will be notified under embargo and RAA will have successful candidates accept the grants agreement prior to any formal announcement.

Appreciate your response by **Thursday 10 July**.

If you have any issues - including with the timing, please let me know.

Thank you as always

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Hi s22(1)(a)(ii) – response from the regional arts team is below:

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Hope this helps.

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Good morning s22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks for sending through this request. We're working on it.

One of my colleagues has raised the following query: Do we know how these are assessed and if First Nations community are on panels?

Would it be possible to get a response on this query?

Happy to discuss,

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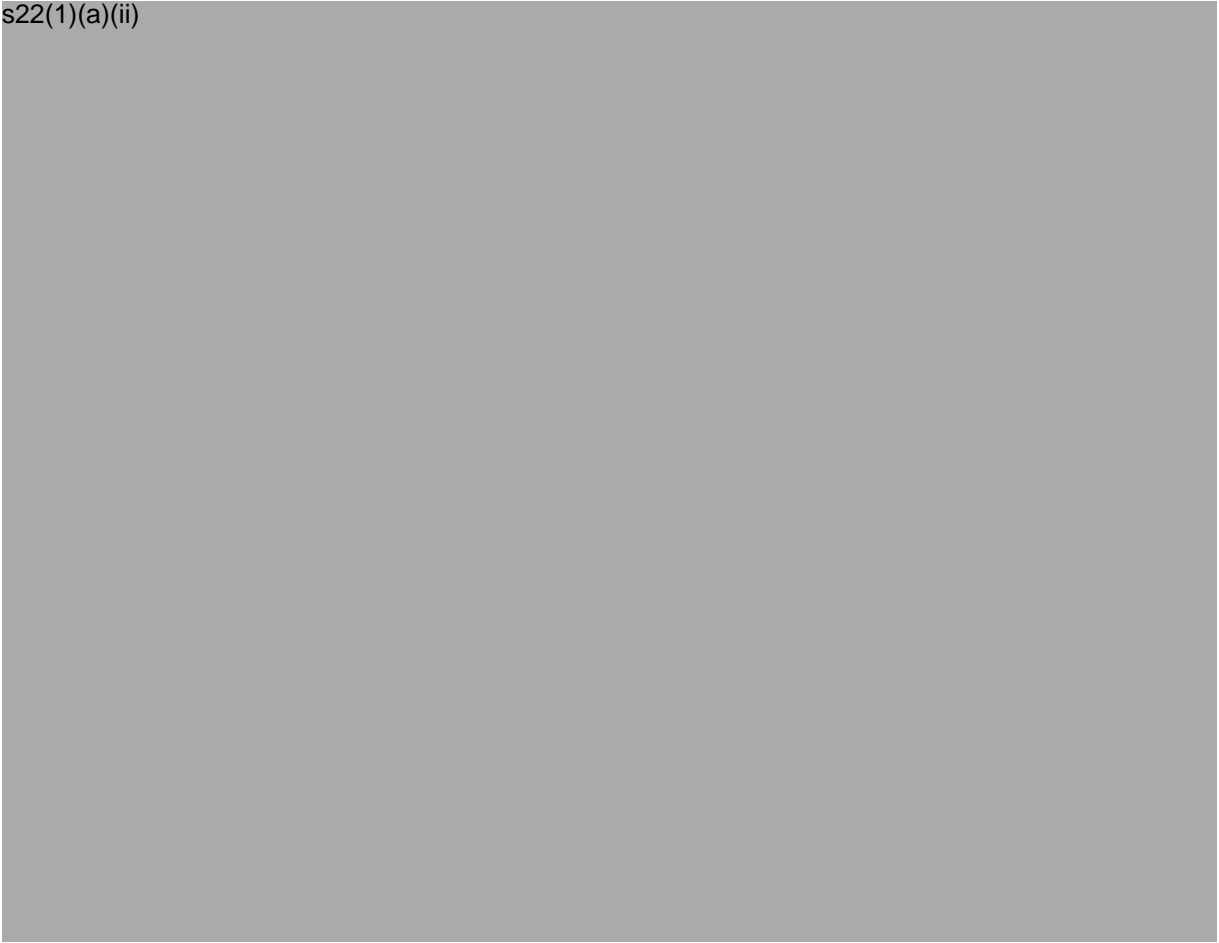
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We acknowledge the many Traditional Custodians of Country throughout Australia and honour their Elders past and present. We respect their deep enduring connection to their lands, waterways, and surrounding clan groups since time immemorial. We cherish the richness of First Nations peoples' artistic and cultural expressions. We are privileged to gather on this Country and to share knowledge, culture and art, now and with future generations.

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From: s22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@arts.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@arts.gov.au)>


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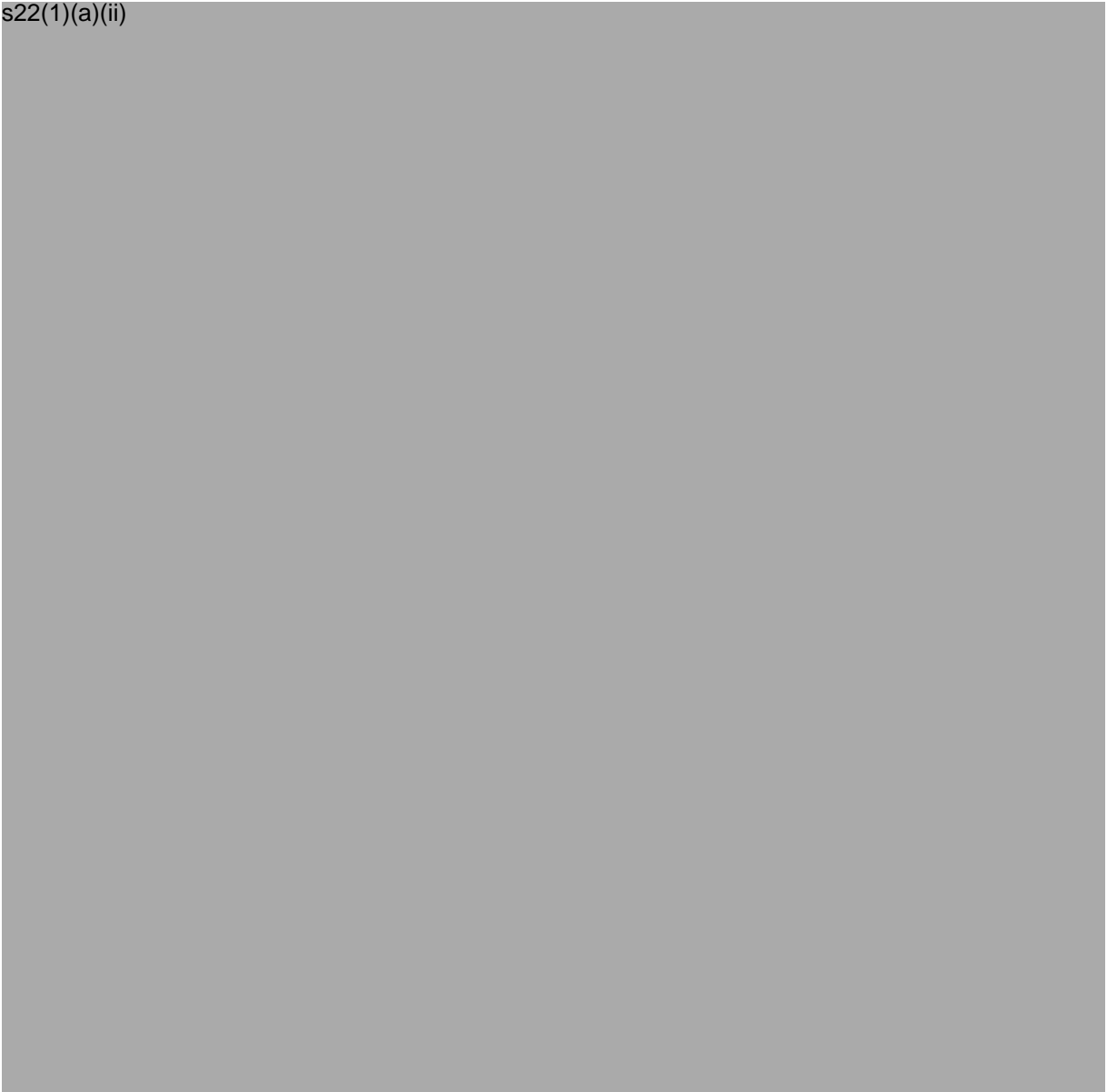
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RAA's ASSESSMENT AND DILIGENCE PROCESS

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ANNOUNCEMENT STRATEGY

RAA would like to inform successful (and unsuccessful) candidates under embargo and have

successful candidates accept the grants agreement prior to any formal announcement. RAA will not be pursuing any formal announcements of the 2025 Regional Fellowships, allowing the fellows to commence projects from 1 August 2025.

Please feel free to reach out if you wish to discuss any elements of the above.

With thanks

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