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Virginia Judge MP



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MINISTER LAUNCHES CASULA POWERHOUSE EXHIBITIONS

Minister for Citizenship and Minister Assisting the Minister on the Arts, Virginia Judge, this evening launched three diverse exhibitions at Casula Powerhouse.

Ms Judge said the showcase celebrated new and innovative work from local artists.

“The three exhibitions, *Confidential Business; the Liverpool Migration History Project and Invisible Map*, epitomise the region’s diverse social and cultural identities,” Ms Judge said.

“Each one speaks to us of the heritage, diversity and energy of the area, exploring the sacred sites of the traditional owners of the land, the Darug people; the experiences of migrant communities and an ‘invisible map’ of found objects.”

NSW Government support for Casula Powerhouse is part of a broader commitment under the State Plan to increase participation in the creative industries across the State and improve access to the arts for the people of Western Sydney.

“I share the Premier’s determination to promote Western Sydney’s lively arts scene,” Ms Judge said.

Since 2001, the NSW Government has provided more than \$75 million to support arts and cultural development in Western Sydney.

“Liverpool City Council’s support for Casula Powerhouse is backed by State Government investment of more than \$8.7 million in capital works, staff, and commissioned pieces,” Ms Judge said.

“We have helped Council add new galleries (now seven in total), two new floors with retail and café space and a new 328-seat theatre

“This cements Casula Powerhouse’s historical significance as the first multi-discipline arts centre in Western Sydney and its future as a model contemporary arts facility.”

All three exhibitions can be seen at Casula Powerhouse until 18 January 2009.

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