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## **Towers Playhouse to get makeover**

The renowned St Paul's Playhouse in Charters Towers is set for a makeover, thanks to \$169,417 in funding from the Australian Government.

The project is one of four across the Regional Development Australia Townsville and North West Queensland region to share in \$1.4 million in funding under the Building Better Regions Fund Infrastructure Stream Round 2.

Charters Towers Local Theatre Group, Towers Players, will use the funding to upgrade facilities at the Playhouse, including the installation of an undercover outdoor deck and new bathroom amenities with a disabled access ramp.

RDA Chief Executive Officer Glenys Schuntner said new and upgraded infrastructure projects provided an economic boost to rural and regional economies, while creating more jobs.

"This BBRF program allows local communities to decide which projects can build their region and create jobs," Ms Schuntner said.

"RDA played a lead role in promoting and supporting Round 2 of the BBRF program.

"RDA held free workshops to provide potential applicants with advice on developing strong applications, as well as providing one-on-one advice and letters of support."

Projects in the RDA region which also received BBRF Infrastructure Projects Stream funding include;  
Townsville City Council: \$1,111,500 to create a new entry into the Townsville airport  
Townsville Astronomy Group: \$20,000 to develop an astronomy observatory site at Oak Valley in the Townsville region  
Castle Hill Spinney Inc: \$176,275 to improve kitchen facilities in the Ronald McDonald House.

More information about the Building Better Regions Fund is available at: [www.business.gov.au/bbrf](http://www.business.gov.au/bbrf).

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