

Mature Artist Dance Experience

Mr BAYLEY question to PREMIER

From Shirley, a dancer and stalwart volunteer for the Mature Artist Dance Experience (MADE). MADE is an inspirational team of over 50 women selling out shows with contemporary dance performances developed in collaboration with some of Australia's leading choreographers, including Graeme Murphy and recently Darrell Braidwood. Shirley highlights a federal inquiry into the arts found a myriad of benefits from arts including improved social connection, physical and mental health and then wellbeing, and Shirley knows MADE delivers these benefits too. She says that without secure funding, these benefits are at risk and relying on volunteers and donations is not sustainable or tenable. The question is: how will you ensure community-based arts organisations are adequately supported so the benefits they deliver are realised?