



## Theatre Network NSW

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### AUSPICING FAQ

#### **Got a project in mind for a grant and want to know if auspicings is the way to go?**

Take a look through this FAQ sheet to get an overview of what auspicings is all about. If you have any further questions or want to make an appointment to discuss your project, give TNN a call on 0409 814 067.

#### **What's the go with legal entities and auspicings?**

When applying for a grant, all funding bodies require the applicant to be a legal entity or to be auspicings. This is to ensure there is some protection in that any grant money is spent in line with the successful application. There is too much risk for a funding body to deposit funds into someone's personal bank account. By giving the funds to a legal entity that has audited financial statements, they can be sure the funds aren't misused.

#### **OK, so what is auspicings then?**

Auspicing is when an organisation that is a legal entity receives the funds on your behalf. Essentially the grant applicant is the auspicings (let's say, Theatre Network NSW) and the people/person actually doing the project is the auspicings (yourself/your group).

The auspicings takes on a big responsibility. If Theatre Network NSW auspicings a project, we sign the contracts with the funding body saying the money received will be spent on the project and there will be an acquittal (final report) completed. As an auspicings, Theatre Network NSW is legally responsible for the project. It's a big ask, so we need to make sure we've got a good understanding of the project and your abilities in carrying it out.

#### **Why do Theatre Network NSW charge an Auspicings Fee?**

As discussed above, there is a lot for Theatre Network NSW to do in the lead up to, during and after auspicings a project. This takes time and resources so we need to be able to recoup some costs associated with it. Auspicings fees are standard for most organisations that auspicings grants. Usually, you can include the costs of your auspicings fee in your project budget for your grant application.



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### **I've got a good understanding now and would like Theatre Network NSW to auspice my project. What do I do?**

Give us a call as soon as possible! Working out an auspicing agreement takes time. It's not something we can do the day before a grant application is due. Here are some of the things yourself and Theatre Network NSW will need to talk about. We've tried to simplify the initial process for you by preparing a simple Auspice Proposal Template that you can fill in and send to us. It will enable Theatre Network NSW to auspice you more effectively by answering some of key questions including:

- What is your project?
- How much funding are you looking for?
- What is the funding program you are applying to?
- What's your experience with similar projects?
- Have you completed a budget?
- Does Theatre Network NSW have the available time/resources to auspice your project?
- Is there enough lead up time before applications close to draw up an auspicing agreement?

As Theatre Network NSW works across the entire state of NSW, we aren't always in the office and available to talk about your project at short notice. We recommend that when you decide to apply for a grant and would like Theatre Network NSW to auspice it, you get in touch with us straight away to make an appointment and discuss if that would be possible. We can then catch up again a bit later when you have completed more of your application.

We endeavor to assist our Associates and the theatre sector as much as we can but with short notice on applications we are limited in what assistance we can provide.

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