



Media Release

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GESB ANNOUNCES BUZZ DANCE THEATRE REGIONAL SPONSORSHIP

GESB, the largest WA-based super provider, has signed a one year sponsorship with the Buzz Dance Theatre to support its workshop series in regional Western Australia.

Fabian Ross, General Manager of Wealth Management at GESB, said, "GESB is delighted to support the work of the Buzz Dance Theatre, which offers students across the State the chance to access the performing arts.

"We'll team up with Buzz to continue expanding our services to regional WA at the same time. Taking financial education and advice services to the regions, where one in three of our members live, will support them to plan, build and save effectively for later life."

Cadi McCarthy, Artistic Director of the Buzz Dance Theatre, said, "This sponsorship allows us to visit schools that generally miss out on this sort of activity and the week-long residences mean we can maximise the effects of our workshops."

The sponsorship will support Buzz's delivery of four workshops over 12 months. The first will be held at the Mount Magnet District High School in Mount Magnet from the 8 to 12 November 2010, with more following in the new year.

Mike Henderson, School Principal at Mount Magnet District High School, said, "Our students love music, dance and drama and together, GESB and Buzz, are providing them with a priceless opportunity. Attendance and engagement will be high in equal measure."

The Mount Magnet workshop will focus on team building, the development of collaborative skills and peer support techniques. This will complement the programs on social skills that the school has already implemented.

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Notes to editors:**1. About GESB**

GESB is the largest WA-based super provider with more than 317,000 members, representing nearly one quarter of the WA workforce, and around \$10.5 billion funds under management.

With more than 70-years of superannuation experience, GESB is ideally situated to provide members with a choice of superannuation and retirement products, access to financial planning and insurance coverage through super, combined with competitive fees and a wide range of member education, information and resources.

For further information visit gesb.com.au .

2. Industry ratings and awards

SuperRatings awarded GESB Super, West State Super and Retirement Income Allocated Pension its highest Platinum rating in 2010. This is granted to only the top 15% of the best 'value for money' funds, based on an assessment of investment returns, investment methodology, fees, administration and advisory services, as well as a robust, secure and proven governance framework.

Chant West awarded GESB Super, West State Super and Retirement Income Allocated Pension its highest rating in 2010, Five Apples, following an assessment of organisational strengths, investments, fees, insurance, administration, member services and employer services.

The Heron Partnership has also awarded GESB its highest rating in 2010, 5 Quality Stars, granted to only the top 25% of super products, based on an assessment of investment arrangements, insurance, ancillary benefits, communications and contributions.

GESB member education seminars received the highest member rating in the 2009 Investor/Member Sentiment and Communications Report by Investment Trends.

3. Buzz Dance Theatre

Buzz Dance Theatre has a 25 year history of creating Australian contemporary dance theatre for children and young people ages 4 to 18. Each year, Buzz creates an average of three new works, delivers over 30 performances and over 150 workshops and residencies. The annual program caters for over 5,000 children and young people.

Buzz provides a vital link between youth, dance and professional arts practice and makes a significant contribution to the dance, arts and education sectors. Buzz Dance Theatre is Australia's premier dance theatre company for children and young people. Buzz makes performances and leads workshops that are designed to specifically foster creativity in all its shapes and forms. With artistic excellence at its core, the company's creative teams use contemporary dance, music, theatre, design and technology to capture the imagination of children and young people. Buzz invites them to explore, create and play, not only as audience members but also as collaborators