

## Arts Culture Policy

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<b>Policy type</b>	Council
<b>Function</b>	Community & Engagement
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### 1. Purpose

The Arts and Culture Policy provides the basis for the provision of arts and cultural support by Cassowary Coast Regional Council

### 2. Scope

This policy applies to all Council staff when engaging and developing opportunities that include and recognise the Arts and Culture across the Cassowary Coast Region

### 3. Principles

The Arts and Culture Policy provides a framework for the delivery of arts and cultural services throughout the Cassowary Coast Region. The policy builds a foundation for supporting arts and cultural development for residents who live, work, study and play in the Cassowary Coast Region. It provides a strategic direction to facilitate a diverse range of services and activities for the community.

### 4. Procedure

Cassowary Coast Regional Council commits to the ongoing support of art and cultural development withing the Region in order to strengthen and celebrate our diverse communities

### 5. Objectives

The Arts and Cultural Policy and Action Plan are underpinned by the following key objectives

#### 5.1.1 A Strong Customer Focused Organisation delivering effective and efficient services to the Community

- Encourage, educate and increase opportunities for all sections of the community to assess, participate and appreciate arts and culture
- Facilitate financial assistance that provides transparent fair and equitable opportunities and outcomes
- Where possible plan for future arts and cultural resources and infrastructure which are accessible, affordable and cater to the needs of a growing and changing community
- Ensure Council's key strategic documents acknowledge the importance of local arts and culture and the needs and aspirations of a growing and changing community

### 5.1.2 A Diverse and Thriving Community

- Raise the profile of Cassowary Coast Region’s existing and expanding arts and culture through advocacy, promotion and improved communication
- Create opportunities for coordinating cross promotional and relationship building networks
- Facilitate and encourage cross departmental planning and partnership to ensure an integrated ‘Whole of Council’ approach to arts and culture
- Provide support to local artists and cultural industries to encourage, economic growth and cultural vitality
- Facilitate learning opportunities for young people and emerging arts practitioners in cultural industries

### 5.1.3 A Strong and Resilient Community that celebrate diversity and operates within strong social networks

- Provide support to local artists arts organisations and community groups through an accessible and viable grants program, in kind support, and information sharing and physical resources
- Support existing arts and cultural practitioners and foster new forms of artistic and cultural expression, skill and knowledge
- Foster and celebrate expression and appreciation of local cultural and heritage, cultural diversity and the cultures of new and established communities
- Foster and celebrate an understanding and appreciation of First Nation’s heritage and living culture

### 5.1.4 Arts and Culture contributes to the Development and Growth of our Region, Social, Economic and Environmental Sustainability

- Enliven public places and spaces by creating opportunities for the community to encounter and engage with art and culture as part of everyday experiences
- Creatin exciting, appealing and harmonious public spaces by integrating a varied public art collection into architecture, urban design and the planning of infrastructure

<b>Related forms, policies and procedures</b>	Arts and Cultural Action Plan 2015-2018
<b>Relevant legislation</b>	<i>Local Government Act 2009</i>
<b>Reference and resources</b>	

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