

ARTS & CULTURE GENERAL POLICY

Intent Cairns Regional Council's strategic goal for community and culture, as outlined in Council's Corporate Plan 2017-2022, is to be a vibrant, inclusive and healthy community with access to services and facilities that reflect its unique character, roles and needs.

Scope This policy has application to Council activities occurring across the Cairns Local Government Area.

PROVISIONS

Definition¹

Arts and culture can be defined as all forms of creative practice and artistic and cultural expression and activity. This includes, but is not limited to, visual art, music, dance, writing, craft, theatre, media art, multi-arts, design, public art, events, festivals, exhibitions, community cultural development and preservation of knowledge, stories, heritage and collections.

The arts and cultural sector consists of individual practitioners, groups and organisations which are supported by government and other forms of sponsorship (the subsidised sector), as well as creative businesses (the private sector), often referred to as the creative industries.

Priority areas for support

Council support will be directed towards the following three priority areas:

Priority 1: Infrastructure, resources and skills that support and stimulate the cultural and creative life of our community

Priority 2: Culture, heritage and place are valued, shared, celebrated and promoted

Priority 3: A robust cultural economy fuelled by an international reputation as a tropical cultural and creative hub.

Implementation

The Cairns Regional Council five-year Strategy for Culture and the Arts 2022 will provide specific strategies and actions for the implementation of the priorities referred to in this Policy. These actions will be included as key duties and responsibilities for relevant staff members and will be reported to Council regularly during the timeframe of the plan.

Related Documents and Plans

- Cairns Regional Council Corporate Plan
- Cairns Regional Council Strategy for Culture and the Arts 2022
- Cairns Regional Council Public Art Policy
- Cairns Regional Council Public Art Plan
- Cairns Regional Council Cultural Diversity Policy
- Cairns Regional Council Community Grant Policy
- Cairns Regional Council Plaques Memorials and Monuments Policy

¹ Queensland Arts & Cultural Sector Plan 2010-2013

- Cairns Regional Council Arts and Cultural Facilities Policy
- Cairns Regional Council Regional Arts Development Fund Terms of Reference General Policy

This policy is to remain in force until otherwise determined by Council.

General Manager Responsible for Review:

Community, Sport and Cultural Services

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