

**ARTS AND CULTURAL FACILITIES**

**Intent** Council commits to the:

- provision of facilities for the benefit of arts and culture in the region; and
- support of arts and cultural facilities operated by entities other than Council.

**Scope** This policy shall apply to arts and cultural facilities on land owned by Council or for which Council is trustee.

**PROVISIONS**

**Purpose**

Council will control and operate a variety of arts and cultural facilities in which it programs a wide range of arts and cultural events and activities for the purpose of:

- enabling Cairns residents and groups to present local community and cultural events; and
- providing popular entertainment and culturally enriching events and experiences for residents and visitors to the region.

The facilities include:

Council controlled and operated facilities (specifically dedicated to arts and culture). Including:

- Tanks Arts Centre
- Munro Martin Parklands / Cairns Performing Arts Centre
- Fogarty Park soundshell (Cairns Esplanade)

Council controlled and operated facilities (with arts and cultural activities ancillary to their core purpose): Including:

- Cairns libraries
- Cairns Botanic Gardens
- Cairns Esplanade reserve
- community halls

Other Council controlled community spaces may be used or hired on a short term or periodic basis by Council, individuals, groups or businesses for the purpose of carrying out arts and cultural activities.

In addition, Council will support the following:

Council controlled facilities operated by external entities for the purpose of conducting arts and cultural activities: Including:

- Cairns Art Gallery; operated by the Cairns Regional Gallery Limited;
- Cairns Museum, operated by the Cairns Historical Society;
- Cominos House, operated by the Friends of Cominos House Inc;
- Cairns Potters Clubhouse, operated by the Cairns Potters Club;
- Cairns Showgrounds, operated by the Cairns Show Society.

**General**

For Council controlled and operated facilities, arts and cultural activities will generally be presented in accordance with one of the following arrangements:

- Council-funded arts and cultural activities;
- joint venture arts and cultural activities;
- external hirer events and activities.

But specifically for Munro Martin Parklands, arts and cultural activities must be in accordance with the passive recreational setting of the Parklands; with the following provisions:

The following key objectives will guide and direct the use by the community and potentially commercial operators of this parkland:

- This is an iconic gathering space for passive community enjoyment;
- The parklands rich heritage is to be celebrated through appropriate signage and activities;
- Approval may be given where appropriate for community organised celebrations such as multicultural activities;
- Small scale informal events of short duration may be considered on application;
- Appropriate commercial programming of high calibre artistic programs which are in keeping with the world class presentation of the facilities may be considered on application and amenity impacts for surrounding land uses.

### **Programming**

Activities presented in Council controlled and operated facilities will aim to support Council's community and commercial goals and objectives as set down in its Corporate Plan and Arts and Cultural Policy.

Activities may be negotiated by Council on purely commercial terms where a commercial market exists and it is financially advantageous for Council.

All commercial events will be approved by the General Manager Community, Sport & Cultural Services.

Programs presented at any Council facility shall not be of a nature that would cause them to be prohibited in a majority of other public venues or places elsewhere in Australia, because the event(s) may be considered offensive to general community standards.

### **Support arrangements - external operators of Council facilities**

Council's directions and expectations for the management and use of Council controlled facilities operated by external entities will be set out in:

- lease documentation; and
- resource and performance agreements (where the level of support warrants such an agreement).

All leases and resource and performance agreements will be subject to approval by Council.

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

**General Manager Responsible for Review:**

**Community Sport & Cultural Services**

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