



WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL

ARTS AND CULTURAL POLICY

POLICY STATEMENT

The Winton Shire Council recognises that investment placed into arts and culture within the Shire makes a direct and vital contribution to the prosperity, liveability and creativity of the community. Council also recognises the importance of promoting the cultures and values which define this diverse region to other regions across Australia and the world.

The Arts and Cultural division of the Council comprises many activities beyond the scope of direct infrastructure provided by Council. This includes a broad range of activities with volunteer organisations (i.e. Historical Society), arts and cultural offerings provided within schools and the social/community services (i.e. Youth and Aged Care Programs) in Winton. These activities are vital in enhancing the Winton Shires diverse lifestyles and economies.

Council commits to continuing its investment in infrastructure and services, recognising the need to strategically plan for further investment in line with financial and community demand. The Council also commits to sourcing funding for relevant arts and cultural projects and events.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this *Arts and Cultural Policy* is to provide the Winton Shire Council with guidelines in relation to decision making and/or project delivery which affects the development of the arts and cultural division within Council.

SCOPE

This *Arts and Cultural Policy* applies to all projects undertaken within Winton Shire Council which work with or seek to develop the capacity of the arts and cultural division in the Winton region.

REFERENCES

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Australian Heritage Council Strategic Plan 2018-2021

Winton Shire Council - Arts and Cultural Strategy

Creative Together 2020-2030 Arts Queensland

Regional Arts Development Fund Arts Queensland (RADF)

Regional Arts Services Network (RASN)

Regional arts Planning Development (RAPAD)

DEFINITIONS

Arts and Culture – forms of creative practice and artistic and cultural expression and activity. This includes visual art, music, dance, writing, craft, theatre, media art, design, public art, events, festivals, exhibitions, community cultural development and preservation of knowledge, stories, heritage and collections.

Creative Communities – defined as a growing, informative, flexible, cohesive, supportive and inclusive community which facilitates the creation of a safe and vibrant place to live, work and recreate.

Heritage – refers to the intrinsic layers and aspects that memories, traditions, stories and locations provide to the residents, former residents and visitors to the Winton Shire and the cultural tourism profile these stories and locations provide.

Public Art – includes tangible, fixed artwork or ephemeral artwork of any kind.

POLICY OBJECTIVES

In recognising the contribution that arts, culture and heritage make towards enriching the communities social, emotional wellbeing and development, Council will endeavour to:

- Maintain an open and transparent culture of communication and engagement with the arts and cultural sector.
- Take a key role as a facilitator in supporting the arts and cultural sectors.
- Document and promote the local strength of arts and cultural diversity.
- Develop strategic partnerships to improve and enhance the arts and cultural communities within the region.
- Partner with neighbouring Shires, Moreton Bay Regional Council (Sister City) and the State Government to assist in the delivering of arts and cultural programs for the community.
- Encourage other internal and external consultation on cooperation, partnerships and participation in community arts and cultural activities and programs.
- Consult and nurture relationships with Winton Shires Indigenous people, to improve the identification, assessment, conservation and monitoring of Indigenous cultural heritage and cultural heritage values across the Shire.
- Create more enjoyable and interesting public spaces throughout the Shire area by delivering high quality, innovative, evocative and diverse public spaces and public art.
- Maintain the safety of public art.
- Consider arts, cultural and heritage planning as a part of its objectives in the Council Masterplans, Corporate Strategic and Operational Plans.
- Promote the community identities and cultural heritage that are unique to Winton and Queensland's Outback and encourage tourism experiences.
- Source funding from government grants, organisation and cultural bodies to undertake arts, cultural and heritage projects beneficial to the Winton Shire.
- Work with other levels of government to support professional and emerging professional artists to facilitate industry development.

CEO DISCRETION

Subject to the clauses contained in this Policy the Chief Executive Officer Winton Shire Council has the discretion to consider and approve aspects and requests for variations to this policy subject to appropriate requests and documentation being presented.

REVIEW OF POLICY

RECORD OF AMENDMENTS and ADOPTIONS			
DATE	REVISION NO	REASON FOR AMENDMENT	ADOPTED BY COUNCIL