



Art and Culture Policy

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1. Preamble

- 1.1. Kangaroo Island Council recognises and shares the Community's aspirations for the following:
 - 1.1.1. A vibrant and diverse arts, heritage and cultural environment that reflects, celebrates and enhances the distinctive qualities of Kangaroo Island and its Community;
 - 1.1.2. An arts, heritage and cultural environment that is recognised, valued and celebrated; and
 - 1.1.3. Active community participation in and access to arts and cultural activities through a strong, connected and cooperative Community.

2. Purpose

- 2.1. The purpose of this policy is to:
 - 2.1.1. raise awareness of the value of artistic and cultural activities on Kangaroo Island, and the benefits they provide to the wellbeing of the Community;
 - 2.1.2. support the expression, exploration, celebration and identification of local culture and to support our Community to increase its participation in arts-based activities;
 - 2.1.3. provide a framework in identifying Community needs and for setting objectives to meet those needs, establishing priorities between competing demands and allocating resources; and
 - 2.1.4. to outline the commitment of Council to enhance the significant contribution of arts and culture to the social and economic wellbeing of the Island's Community and its natural environment.

3. Scope

- 3.1. This policy is to be used by Council staff, the arts and cultural sector and external parties such as community members and visitors.
- 3.2. Arts and culture includes a broad range of activities arising from individual, group or cultural expression.

4. Definitions

- 4.1. **The Arts** means artistic expression is an essential part of our living culture and significantly contributes to a sense of place and identity in our Community and the wider region. The arts includes work and activities from a broad range of disciplines, but not limited to, including performing and visual arts, crafts, design, electronic and computer art, literature sound and ephemeral art. The Arts also refers to any activity that could be deemed as a form of artistic expression.
- 4.2. **Public Art** means public art refers to art that is originally designed and produced for public space, outside the conventional gallery system, where it is accessible to a broad

audience. The public area refers to both indoor and outdoor spaces that are accessible to a wide public. Public art is one form of expression of cultural values.

- 4.3. **Cultural Heritage** means those expressions of cultural significance handed down from generation to generation that a society values enough to conserve and revere and celebrate, including buildings, artefacts, artworks, monuments, objects, writing, clothing, memorabilia, oral history and documentation.
- 4.4. **Culture** means culture arises from our Communities. It is the things we share together and consider important – ideas, values and traditions, relationships, shared memories and experiences. It is about identity, history and a sense of place as well as different cultural and religious backgrounds.
- 4.5. **Cultural Tourism** means cultural tourism includes the activities of those visitors who want to experience, understand and appreciate the unique character and culture of a place. It embraces the full range of experiences that make a destination unique including its environment, lifestyle, industry, heritage, arts and people. It may include travel for specific purposes, for example, to attend festivals, to visit sites or monuments or to immerse oneself in the culture of a region.

5. Policy Statement

- 5.1. Kangaroo Island Council has identified the following objectives in the Council Strategic Plan as key components to this policy: *2.2.3 Support arts, culture and heritage activities and* –Council will promote and support arts, culture and heritage activities by:

- 5.1.1. Foster Community pride through activities and achievements;
- 5.1.2. Promote artists and Community arts and cultural organisation activities as a cultural tourism resource;
- 5.1.3. Develop and support public art projects as vehicles for Community pride, education and interpretation, celebration, and the enhancement of public spaces;
- 5.1.4. Support programs which use the arts as a vehicle to promote the health and well-being of the community.
- 5.1.5. Assist the arts Community by making Council assets available where possible;
- 5.1.6. Ensure local heritage (built, natural and moveable) is preserved and interpreted;
- 5.1.7. Work cooperatively and consult with Community groups and private providers to enable and support accessible quality arts activities for residents of all ages and cultural backgrounds;
- 5.1.8. Support and acknowledge the role that the arts play for adult and older members of the Community in improving their quality of life, health and wellbeing;
- 5.1.9. Acknowledge the role of the arts in engaging young people in furthering their learning, employment and positive life choices;
- 5.1.10. Support and provide accessible Community information on arts and cultural activities and promote information sharing, especially regarding access to grants;

- 5.1.11. Support local initiatives that encourage participation and partnerships in fostering cultural activities and enterprises; and
- 5.1.12. Support initiatives that improve township amenity – include arts, heritage and cultural considerations in all aspects of urban and social planning.
- 5.2. Council may acquire public art which may be purchased, commissioned or donated and must undertake a public risk and maintenance assessment.
- 5.3. Ensure that any new public art installations of a permanent nature on Council care and control land is authorised through the Landowner Consent Process and is reported in Council's Asset Register where relevant.

6. Availability

This policy is available for inspection via Council's website:
www.kangarooisland.sa.gov.au

SIGNED:



Chief Executive Officer

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