

C.02 Art and Cultural Development Policy

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1 OBJECTIVE

It is the objective of the Quilpie Shire to support arts programs, projects, facilities and events which:

- Enhance and develop the quality of life of the whole community including all cultural groups;
- Actively encourage and stimulate the growth of participation in community arts and cultural practice and development;
- Provide opportunity for the individual to pursue and practice art and cultural development and education, which may be of benefit to themselves and the community;
- Maximise the economic benefits to the community via a stimulated, diverse and growing arts industry and using the arts as a bridge between the arts, tourism and heritage;
- Use the arts to enlighten, educate and stimulate participation in any aspect of tourism and cultural heritage;
- Develop, identify and motivate cultural awareness and cultural diversity within this community and other communities;
- Propagate encouragement, enthusiasm, understanding, participation and tolerance of the arts in all facets;
- Initiate and expose the local community and visiting individuals and groups to local and external contemporary arts and cultural practice;
- Strive for excellence in arts practice and encourage further activity and growth in the individual and wider community; and
- Enable cross cultural involvement and participation that supports a growing sense of community identity through the development of all aspects of local arts and culture.

2 SCOPE

This policy applies to art and cultural activities within the Shire.

3 STATEMENT

3.1 STATEMENT

The Quilpie Shire Council is committed to promoting, developing and fostering the arts. It acknowledges through its *Arts and Cultural Development Policy* that local government has a valuable role and responsibility in supporting arts, crafts and cultural activities in our communities.

Council recognises that:

- The right of artistic and cultural endeavors is a fundamental entitlement for the individual and is of great benefit to the community as a whole;
- Unencumbered pursuit of, and striving for excellence in, the arts promotes opportunities for education, recreation, philosophical and economic advantages for the individual and the community;
- It has a public responsibility to stimulate and encourage arts development and cultural enrichment within the community;
- There is inherent value in embracing the celebration and continuing development of arts and culture to the local and wider community; and
- There are important links between the arts, culture and heritage and that the preservation, growth and enhancement of these are reflected to the benefit of the individual and local community.

3.2 COUNCIL’S COMMITMENT

The objectives of this policy will be achieved by Council:

- Supporting and assisting with the co-ordination of existing cultural services and activities;
- Helping to identify the arts and cultural practices unique to the area;
- Encouraging increased communication between local and external groups, individuals and organisations;
- Promoting and supporting activities enhancing the arts and culture within local celebrations and festivals;
- Providing information and assistance with the production of community arts activities and progress;
- Encouraging State and Federal arts and cultural funding authorities to continue to provide subsidy to regional communities and inform local individuals and groups of the availability of these initiatives and resources;
- Striving to create and establish an environment that welcomes and supports innovation and enthusiasm in local art and promotes further advancement in the standard and production of local art and art practice;
- Assisting in providing greater awareness and appreciation for arts and culture through the encouragement of increased participation in the arts to people of all ages, capacity and ability; and
- Supporting and encouraging activities utilising existing cultural and recreational facilities.

3.3 ART & CULTURAL PLAN

Council has adopted an Art & Cultural Plan. This plan will guide Council’s decision making in identifying, promoting and funding projects.

4 DEFINITIONS

Nil

5 RELATED POLICIES | LEGISLATION | OTHER DOCUMENTS

IX #	Details
95920	“Outback Spirit” Quilpie Shire Arts & Cultural Plan