

## 6.14. RADF ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

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### RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Endorse the appointment of new Committee members Reuben Dwyer, Anastasia Klose, Tilly Melchert, Helen Ramoutsaki and Saisha Burchill Schonenberger to the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Advisory Committee, to serve a term of four years, with an option to step down after two years;**
- 2. Endorse the appointment of Mayor Lisa Scomazzon and Councillor Abigail Noli to the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Advisory Committee, to serve a term of four years, with an option to step down after two years;**
- 3. Delegate authority to the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer in accordance with Local Government Act 2009 to finalise any minor amendments in relation to Council's Regional Arts Development Program committee.**

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council recognises the importance of appointing a diverse and inclusive RADF Advisory Committee to support the delivery of the RADF Program.

This report recommends that Council resolve to appoint Reuben Dwyer, Anastasia Klose, Tilly Melchert, Helen Ramoutsaki, Saisha Burchill Schonenberger, Mayor Lisa Scomazzon and Councillor Abigail Noli to the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Advisory Committee to serve a term of four years, with an option to step down after two years.

### BACKGROUND

The Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) is a State Government and Douglas Shire Council partnership that plays a pivotal role in supporting arts and cultural development in the Douglas Shire community.

RADF Program Guidelines required RADF Committee members to serve a term of four (4) years with an option to stand down after two (2) years. After a full term, a one-year rest period is required before being eligible to rejoin the committee.

The RADF Committee oversees applications to the RADF program in accordance with RADF Guidelines. Committee members promote the program, evaluate applications, provide strategic discussions and advice, and assist in preparing Council's annual bid to Arts Queensland.

Local artists, arts and cultural workers, members of arts and cultural groups and organisations, and residents with an active interest in arts and culture in our region, are eligible to be nominated to be on the RADF Committee.

The committee member positions are publicly advertised with community members invited to submit nominations detailing their interest in joining the committee, their specific art form interest, knowledge and experience, and broad industry knowledge.

## COMMENTS

Following a five-year review of the RADF Program (2019-2023) it was recommended that the incoming RADF Advisory Committee reflect a diverse, inclusive, forward thinking, innovative way forward for Arts & Culture in Douglas.

## PROPOSAL

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Endorse the appointment of Mayor Lisa Scomazzon and Councillor Abigail Noli to the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Advisory Committee, to serve a term of four years, with an option to step down after two years.

## FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The costs associated with running the RADF Program are provided for in the annual budget.

The costs associated with training the RADF Advisory Committee members are provided for in the RADF Program budget.

## RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

The RADF Committee will be provided with a Handbook and be required to sign a Code Of Conduct. In addition, the following will be discussed at the RADF Advisory Committee Induction Meeting.

It is important that the RADF Advisory Committee maintains accurate records of assessment meetings ensuring Council is accountable for the funding decisions made in relation to the use of public money.

Applicants have the right to request feedback on their grant applications, whether they were successful or not over the phone, in person or in writing. To do this, the Committee must have an agreed position as to why a grant applicant has been successful or not, based on the criteria of the RADF Program.

This agreed position must be accurately recorded as they are subject to the *Right to Information Act 2009* and the *Judicial Review Act 1991*.

From time to time, the various stakeholders of Council's RADF Program, i.e., Council staff, RADF Advisory Committee, Councillors, and the applicants, may disagree or dispute decisions made in relation to the program.

Disputes over the management of the RADF Program are resolved locally. The Local Government Association of Queensland can recommend trained mediators to assist in resolving conflict between stakeholders.

## SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

- Economic:** The RADF program is jointly funded by Arts Queensland and Council contributions.
- Environmental:** Nil
- Social:** The RADF program supports arts and cultural activities that provide public value for the Douglas Shire community, builds local and cultural capacity, cultural innovation, and community pride.

## CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN, POLICY REFERENCE

This report has been prepared in accordance with the following:

### Corporate Plan 2019-2024 Initiatives:

#### Theme 1 - Celebrating Our Communities

Douglas Shire Council embraces the diversity of our communities and values the contribution that all people make to the Shire. We recognise that it is a core strength of the region. We acknowledge our past so that it may guide us in the future. We recognise the wrongs done to our Indigenous community and we actively seek to reconcile so that we may all benefit from and enjoy our Shire. We acknowledge early European settlers who forged an agricultural base for our economy and we welcome all new arrivals as part of our broader community.

**Goal 1 - We will celebrate the diversity of our community and ensure that all infrastructure, programs, and services are underpinned with inclusiveness and accessibility.**

**Goal 2 - We will deliver programs and services that protect and enhance the liveability of our beautiful Shire.**

**Goal 3 - We will develop programs that promote health, well-being and safety in the community.**

**Goal 4 - We will promote arts and cultural programs and events that bring vibrancy to the community and compliment the tourist experience.**

#### Theme 4 - Inclusive Engagement, Planning and Partnerships

In delivering for our communities, economy and environment, Douglas Shire will ensure open and transparent engagement and communication. We will develop robust strategic plans and we will partner with our community and key stakeholders.

**Goal 1 - We will implement transparent decision making through inclusive community engagement and communication.**

**Goal 2 - We will develop forward looking strategies for the future of our communities and we will ensure balanced and appropriate planning decisions.**

**Goal 3 - We will recognise the critical role that our partners play in planning and delivering vital programs and services.**

## Operational Plan 2023-2024 Actions:

Legislative requirement.

### COUNCIL'S ROLE

Council can play a number of different roles in certain circumstances and it is important to be clear about which role is appropriate for a specific purpose or circumstance. The implementation of actions will be a collective effort and Council's involvement will vary from information only through to full responsibility for delivery.

The following areas outline where Council has a clear responsibility to act:

<b>Advocate</b>	Council makes representation on behalf of the community on important issues, funding opportunities, projects and programs. Council will use its influence to seek the best outcomes for the community.
<b>Facilitator</b>	Council often brings stakeholders together on important issues, projects or for service delivery. In this role, Council can act as a mediator, connector, collaborator or initiator.
<b>Funder</b>	Council often partly funds services, events or community organisations through grants, donations, subsidies and in-kind support. Council will apply robust governance to ensure that such funding is fair and appropriate.
<b>Information Provider</b>	Council provides the community with important information on services, events, policies, rules, strategies, and any other relevant data that helps the community to stay informed. In performing this role, Council seeks to be open and transparent.

### CONSULTATION

<b>Internal:</b>	Council Grants Officer, Team Community & Economic Development. Councillor workshops 28 November 2023 and 10 May 2024.
<b>External:</b>	Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Advisory Committee, Arts Queensland, Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Liaison Officers Network, Regional Arts Services Network (RASN).

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The community was informed of the RADF Advisory Committee Nomination opportunity via Council's website, Facebook posts, an advertisement and story in the Cairns Local News Council Lift-out, via emails to and e-newsletter to Council's networks and via the outgoing RADF Advisory Committee.

### ATTACHMENTS

Nil

**7. NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

**8. URGENT BUSINESS**