

## **5.1. REVISED GENERAL ARTS POLICY**

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council:**

- 1. Adopts the revisions to the Arts General Policy.**
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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

An Administration Instruction for the commissioning and procurement of Public Artworks by Council has been prepared by the Arts and Culture Officer, with revisions made to the Arts General Policy to accommodate Public Art.

### **BACKGROUND**

In light of an increased effort to place public artworks through the Shire, the Arts General Policy has been revised to specifically include Public Art.

### **COMMENT**

The revisions to the Arts General Policy have been made to specifically include public art into the policy, and to streamline the policy into more general terms.

### **PROPOSAL**

That Council endorses the revision to the Arts General Policy.

### **FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

### **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

**Economic:** Nil

**Environmental:** Nil

**Social:** Nil

## **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:

**Fully-Responsible**      Funding the full cost of a program or activity

## **CONSULTATION**

**Internal:**                      Management Team, Councillor Workshop

**External:**                      Nil

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Nil

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Arts General Policy - Updated Jan 19 - Draft V 2 **[5.1.1]**

## ARTS GENERAL POLICY (Revised Jan19) DRAFT V2

### Intent

This policy provides a framework for Council to support and encourage the arts in the Douglas Shire, creating a healthy, inclusive and vibrant community.

To provide guidelines to encourage Council to be proactive in its approach to partnerships with the private sector and communities to identify areas where the arts will best contribute towards other policies and strategies such as area branding, community development and community renewal.

To provide a policy for the consistent development, planning, acquisition, maintenance, de-accessioning and integration of Public Art in the Douglas Shire region.

To allow Council to lead by example in the area of Public Art, particularly in relation to what is expected from developers and the establishment of criteria against which refurbishments or major new developments are judged with regard to the integration of Public Art.

### Scope

This policy applies to all Councillors and employees of Douglas Shire Council, including contractors, agents and volunteers. This policy may be supplemented by additional policies as appropriate which will be included in the Policy Administration section of this document.

In terms of Public Art, this policy relates to all Councillors and council officers who are engaged in the process of acquiring public art, either through commission, direct purchase or donation.

In addition, the policy serves as a guide to developers, State Government, organisations, community groups and individuals who are submitting public art projects for Council's consideration.

### Reference

Douglas Shire Council Corporate Plan 2014 – 2019  
Douglas Shire Council Annual Operational Plans  
Douglas Shire Council Arts Strategy 2017-2024

### Policy Statement

This policy will assist Council in determining how resources will be invested in local arts programs and strategic initiatives as well as providing guidance when assessing applications to Douglas Shire Council's funding programs or submissions to Council-led strategic initiatives such as public art.

Community feedback obtained during the development of Council's Corporate Plan 2014-2019, the regular review of Council's Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF), consultation during the development of the Arts Strategy 2017-2021 and Community Support and Events Funding Programs will be used to help identify local arts and public art priorities.

Public art should be considered and assessed against Council's strategic directions, policies, planning controls, corporate documents and vice versa.

Council is committed to supporting and encouraging the arts to enrich lives of locals and visitors alike. Applications to Council's funding programs or submissions which support strategic initiatives such as the creation of public art will be strengthened if proposals clearly articulate how projects meet the locally-identified priorities, outlined in funding guidelines, public art specifications and the Administrative Instructions of this policy.

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

Manager Responsible for Review:

Manager Community Development:

ADOPTED:

DUE FOR REVISION:

REVOKED/SUPERSEDED:

**Policy Administration**

<b>Dates</b>	Policy approved/adopted: Effective from: Policy review date:
<b>Approved by</b>	Council meeting: Resolution ref:
<b>Policy owner</b>	
<b>Related documents</b>	Douglas Shire Council Busking Policy Douglas Shire Council Commercial Filming / Photography General Policy Douglas Shire Council Community Engagement General Policy Douglas Shire Council Community Support Program Grant Guidelines Douglas Shire Council Community Support Program General Policy Douglas Shire Council Events General Policy Douglas Shire Council Plaques, Memorials and Monuments General Policy Douglas Shire Council Event Funding Program Grant Guidelines Douglas Shire Council Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Grant Guidelines Douglas Shire Council Arts Strategy 2017-2024  Public Art Administrative Instructions  [Guidelines]
<b>References and legislation</b>	
<b>Document identifier</b>	
<b>Breaches of policy</b>	
<b>Record keeping</b>	All documents and information obtained in relation to the

	implementation of this policy will be kept in accordance with the Queensland Public Records Act 2002, Douglas Shire Councils Corporate Records Policy (??) and adopted internal procedures and guidelines.

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