

ARTS GENERAL POLICY

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.

Policy Administration**Related documents**

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]

Record keeping

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.

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

Manager Responsible for Review:

Executive Officer

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