

Arts and Cultural Development Policy



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Related Policies	Sport & Recreation Development, Accessibility, Youth Development, Social Vision
Related Procedures	Nil
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1. Purpose

This Policy describes the directions of Council with regard to arts and cultural activities.

2. Power to Make the Policy

This Policy is made in consideration of sections 6, 7 and 8 of the Local Government Act 1999 which reinforce the role, functions and objectives that Councils have in improving the quality of life of the community, their responsibilities for providing community and cultural services and facilities, and the importance of ensuring equitable access to services and facilities.

3. Strategic Plan Link

This Policy has the following link to Council's Strategic Plan [2010-2020](#):

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[Quality Living \(Goal 1\) -](#)

[A quality lifestyle that meets the changing needs of the community](#)

4. Principles

- Arts and cultural activities play an important role in forming the sense of pride, identity and place in local communities;
- Participation in arts and cultural activities enriches individual wellbeing .
- Arts and creative expression are valued forms of advocacy and political expression, allowing community members to communicate and share ideas and views
- Through the arts and other forms of creative expression, the cultural identities of community groups can be celebrated and shared resulting in improved community cohesion.
- All people involved in the arts have a unique contribution to make to the local community.

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- A cohesive and culturally diverse community enjoying a high quality of life, with equitable access to a range of quality services and facilities which will also serve future generations.¶

5. Definitions

Definitions for the purpose of this Policy are:

Arts means the visual arts, performing arts, digital arts, film, music, craft, design, writing, food, and any other medium the community sees fit to nominate as an art.

Arts and cultural activities includes the visual, performing and literary arts, community events and activities and educational activities.

Cultural means all of those things that define people within a society and how they socialise and interact with each other through common interests that bring people together.

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Social Capital Social Capital is the extent to which individuals in a community form mutually beneficial networks that facilitate trust, cooperation, communication and interaction with each other.

Wellbeing A positive state of physical, mental and social health and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity. Individual health and wellbeing can often be linked to levels of social capital within the community in which they live.

6. Policy

Working with the local community, business, other tiers of government, and other stakeholders, Council will support:

- arts and cultural activities including festivals, celebrations and commemorative events
- the development of local skills and knowledge in the arts;
- the preservation and increased awareness of local heritage;
- the integration of public and community art into infrastructure design and urban planning;
- cultural planning which embraces community aspirations for the expression of arts and culture in the City;

Council will achieve this by:

- Establishing a long term strategy to enhance and improve arts and cultural development opportunities within the Council area.
- Establishing and maintaining an ongoing arts and cultural network
- Maintaining the community cultural profile on a regular basis as a tool for monitoring changing creative trends and patterns in the local area.

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- Encouraging participation in existing programs, activities, resources, facilities, amenities and opportunities to facilitate life-long learning.
- Participating in local, state and national arts and cultural networks in order to gain increased knowledge of trends, issues, opportunities and changing creative expressions.
- Maintaining its current commitment to arts and cultural activities and looking at ways to increase its participation in regional events such as the SALA Festival, the Festival of the Arts and the Adelaide Fringe, and to support organisations such as High Beam Disability Arts, Nexus Multicultural Arts and the Migrant Resource Centre.

7. Review & Evaluation

This Policy will be reviewed annually. The Chief Executive Officer will report to Council on the outcome of the review and make recommendations for amendment, alteration or a substitution of a new Policy if considered necessary.

8. Availability of the Policy

This Policy will be available for inspection at Council's principal office during ordinary business hours and at Council's website www.campbelltown.sa.gov.au. Copies will also be provided to interested members of the community upon request, and upon payment of a fee in accordance with Council's Schedule of Fees and Charges.

Deleted: 7. Council Endorsement

This Policy was endorsed by Council on 4 December 2007. Council endorsed the Policy following public consultation on its draft Policy. Written submissions commenting on the draft Policy were invited within 4 weeks of a notice appearing in the *East Torrens Messenger* on 17 October 2007. Submissions received were considered and taken into account in preparing this Policy. Any future amendment or alteration to the Policy or a substitution of a new Policy, will be in accordance with Council's Public Consultation Policy.

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