

Arts and Cultural Development Policy

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Related Policies	Community Plan
Related Procedures	Nil
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1. Purpose

Arts and culture is vital to the liveability and vibrancy of Campbelltown. Council recognises the important contribution that arts and culture play in building a strong economy and community, as well as the transformative effect it has on an individual's well-being.

This Policy articulates Council's commitment to investing in arts and cultural development.

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 2024:

- Supporting our Community (Goal 1)

4. Principles

- **Courage:** to be bold and courageous in approaching the arts
- **Diversity:** promote inclusion and encourage voices and approaches across all demographics
- **Respect:** for people, culture, history, differences and ideas
- **Creativity:** acknowledge that a thriving and healthy community values creativity

5. Definitions

Definitions for the purpose of this Policy are:

Arts	Means all forms of creative expression including the visual arts, performing arts, digital arts, film, music, craft, design, writing, food, and any other medium the community sees fit to nominate as arts.
Culture	Means shared values determined by social, economic and environmental characteristics of a specific location or group. This includes but is not limited to, preservation of knowledge, stories, heritage and collections.

6. Policy

Council is committed to working in the following four theme areas:

Theme 1: Commitment to arts and culture

Policy and political support with resourcing for arts and culture

Theme 2: Supporting artists

Support for amateur, emerging and professional artists and art organisations

Theme 3: Creative Spaces

Identify and activate community places and spaces that can be developed and transformed into creative spaces and events for community benefit

Theme 4: Public Art

Creative vibrancy reflected in local streetscapes through public art including, but not limited to, murals, sculptures, public furniture and public art walls.

7. Review & Evaluation

Within six months of each new Council term Council will review this policy. Following this initial review this policy will be reviewed annually by staff with minor administrative adjustments being approved by the Chief Executive Officer.

8. Availability of the Policy

Copies of this Policy will be available at Council's principal office during ordinary business hours and at Council's website www.campbelltown.sa.gov.au.