### Arts and Culture

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1. **Purpose**  
The Arts and Cultural Policy provides the basis for the provision of arts and cultural support by Cassowary Coast Regional Council.

2. **Scope**  
This policy applies to all Council staff when engaging, promoting and developing opportunities that include and recognise the Arts and Culture across the Cassowary Coast Region.

3. **Definitions and principles**  
3.1 **Principles**  
The Arts and Cultural Policy provides a framework for the delivery of arts and cultural services throughout the Cassowary Coast Region. The policy builds a foundation for supporting arts and cultural development for residents who live, work, study and play in the Cassowary Coast Region. It provides a strategic direction to facilitate a diverse range of services and activities for the community.

4. **Procedure**  
Cassowary Coast Regional Council commits to the ongoing support of art and cultural development within the Region in order to strengthen and celebrate our diverse communities.

4.1 **Objectives and Strategies**  
The Arts and Cultural Policy and Action Plan are underpinned by the following key objectives and strategies:

**4.1.1 Build a Strong Customer Focused Organisation Delivering Effective and Efficient Services to the Community.**  
Council will:
- Encourage, educate and increase opportunities for all sections of the community to access, participate and appreciate arts and culture.
- Facilitate financial assistance that provides transparent, fair and equitable opportunities and outcomes.
- Review existing facilities to plan for future arts and cultural resources and infrastructure which are accessible, affordable and cater to the needs of a growing and changing community.
- Ensure Council's key strategic documents acknowledge the importance of local arts and culture and the needs and aspirations of a growing and changing community.
4.1.2 **Build a Diverse and Thriving Community**

Council will:

- Raise the profile of Cassowary Coast Region's existing and expanding arts and culture through advocacy, promotion and improved communication.
- Create opportunities for coordinating cross-promotional and relationship building networks.
- Facilitate and encourage cross-departmental planning and partnerships to ensure an integrated 'Whole of Council' approach to arts and culture.
- Provide support to local artists and cultural industries to encourage economic growth and cultural vitality.
- Facilitate learning opportunities for young people and emerging arts practitioners in cultural industries.

4.1.3 **Build a Strong and Resilient Community that Celebrates Diversity and Operates Within Strong Social Networks**

Council will:

- Provide support to local artists, arts organisations and community groups through an accessible and viable grants program, in-kind support, and information sharing and physical resources.
- Support existing arts and cultural practitioners and foster new forms of artistic and cultural expression, skill and knowledge.
- Foster and celebrate expression and appreciation of local cultural and heritage, cultural diversity and the cultures of new and established communities.
- Foster and celebrate an understanding and appreciation of local Indigenous heritage and living culture.

4.1.4 **The Development and Growth of our Region Demonstrates Social, Economic and Environmental Sustainability**

Council will:

- Enliven public places and spaces by creating opportunities for the community to encounter and engage with art and culture as part of everyday experience.
- Create exciting, appealing and harmonious public spaces by integrating a varied public art collection into architecture, urban design and the planning of infrastructure.