

Cassowary Coast Regional Council

Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Committee 2020/2024

Wendy Sheils (Chair)

Wendy is an unconventional, creative and practical explorer of art and the natural world. With a science oriented BA and studies in training and communication, she has worked in agriculture and education and been a volunteer naturalist researcher for Museums and National Parks. From signwriting, graphic art and music festival decor she has gravitated to the use of natural and recycled fibres and materials to produce woven and sculptural artworks, mostly of an ephemeral and environmental nature. She conducts natural fibre workshops. Exhibited works have included an installation in Cairns Botanic Gardens as part of Sculpture Botanica. She also writes poetry and mends things; and is currently employed in disability work.

Sue Foley (Vice Chair)

Susan Foley describes herself as a "lifelong learner". Her qualifications include a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Applied Science in Horticulture and a Graduate Diploma in Teaching. She has recently retired from 23 years of teaching with Education Queensland. Teaching experience includes agriculture and science in high school followed by teaching Indonesian language in 5 primary schools in the Cassowary Coast over the past 14 years. Prior to this Susan worked for the Department of Primary Industries. Susan is happiest in her shed manipulating metal with the forge, welder and plasma cutter to create metal art for exhibitions and just for fun. By being involved in the RADF committee Susan aims to grow public engagement with the Arts with a particular focus on the engagement of young people.

Geoff Moffatt

Born in South Australia, Geoff has had a career in the telecommunications industry spanning more than 40 years. Made the "tree change" to Far North Queensland in 1994 with his artist wife, Daryl Dickson where their first creative installation was their new home which they designed and built in the Kennedy Valley. Geoff then established Far North Telecommunication (1994-2012) which in addition to standard business communications also provided assistance with creative soundscapes and installation works on interpretive centres in the far north. In 2012 he joined his wife in Wildcard Art (est.1998) which is a studio art production business creating and selling original art works and a range of fine art prints and merchandise. The artist studio is open to the public. In addition to studio work the business provides a wide range of contract services from graphic design, mural and installation art for tourist centre interpretation and low cost sound scape systems. Wildcard Art is inspired by the local environment and wildlife and Geoff has an interest in public art and community art. He is a founder member of Hinchinbrook Regional Arts and actively involved in Cardwell Gallery and local events and exhibitions.

Jane Arnold

Jane is a first time RADF committee member, residing in Cardwell and is keen to assist emerging artists in their particular field through the RADF Program. Jane is a producing potter selling her works through the Cardwell gallery, Mission Arts and regional markets. She is also a full member of Hinchinbrook Regional Arts Association, Mission Arts and Ingham Art Action Group.

Cr Trudy Tschui

Trudy Tschui is a first term Councillor for the Cassowary Coast Regional Council. Trudy was born in Tully and for the last twenty-five year was a hairdresser at Mission Beach. During that time she has been involved in many and varied groups, working closely with community to fundraise and/or to create events. Trudy relaunched the Mission Beach Christmas Party, contributes to some Mission Arts Exhibitions and recently helped the Mission Beach Historical Society to find its feet. In her younger days, she was an active member of the Tully Dramatic Society, and appeared in several productions.

Trudy spent many years living in England and travelling through different countries and cultures, and enjoyed those experiences greatly. Trudy is excited about being involved with RADF, learning about and sharing all that the Cassowary Coast has to show to our Community.

Jane Henley

Jane was born and raised in Cairns and moved to Tully in 1991 to raise her family with husband and three girls. With the girls flown the nest, Jane now has time to be engaged with community events. Jane's life experience through various occupations interacting with people from many walks of life and, as a founding member of the Tully Gumboot Theatre Company, holds her in good stead as a first time RADF committee member. She is passionate about the people in the Cassowary Coast and constantly looks for ways to help the community to flourish.

Ian Stewart

Ian is a first time RADF committee member, residing in Mission Beach and is passionate about live music performance. Ian is part of the ensemble band JuJu Moon which is an original and exciting festival band complete with full rhythm section, backing vocalists and an entertaining horn section.

Ian along-side wife Karen is also the founder of the Turtleday Productions which is the home base for the songwriters and performers of JuJu Moon and is also a creative place for artists and students to develop their skills and musicianship through specialised tuition.

The Cassowary Coast Regional Council's RADF Liaison Officer is Kath Hansen (Community Development Officer). She can be contacted for further information on 4030 2255 or cdo@ccrc.qld.gov.au.