

207 Arts and Culture Policy

General Policy



PURPOSE

- 1) North Burnett Regional Council recognises the importance that arts and culture brings to the community of the North Burnett. This policy communicates how Council will foster opportunities to engage in and access a diverse range of arts, cultural and heritage experiences.

SCOPE

- 2) This policy covers all activities and initiatives by Council to develop arts, culture and heritage within the North Burnett region, specifically ones that:
 - a) Demonstrate artistic expression and innovation;
 - b) Reflect the regions diverse and distinctive culture and heritage
 - c) Embrace cultural development principles that maximise community involvement; and
 - d) Encourage professional artists or arts organisation to work with the community.

This policy provides oversight for the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) and North Burnett Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee (NBACAC).

DEFINITIONS

Term	Definition
RADF	Regional Arts Development Fund – a partnership between Queensland Government (through Arts Queensland) and North Burnett Regional Council.
NBACAC	North Burnett Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee.
RLO	RADF Liaison Officer – Council’s appointed officer to support the local delivery of the RADF Program and act as the primary point of contact with Arts Queensland.
NBRC / Council	North Burnett Regional Council

POLICY

OBJECTIVES

- 3) This policy aims to:
 - a) Demonstrate leadership in consolidating support for contemporary arts and cultural development within the region and encourage community cultural groups to support and utilise existing facilities;
 - b) Continue support for the region’s art galleries and museums to improve opportunities for artists to exhibit their work and enrich our cultural environment by allowing visitors and residents to reflect, explore, learn and enjoy our cultural heritage;
 - c) Provide opportunities for all sections of the community to participate actively in a diverse range of arts and cultural experiences that balance tradition, innovation, enterprise and heritage values;
 - d) Conserve, protect and promote significant heritage assets and values within the region and provide support for community groups extolling those virtues.

PRINCIPLES

- 4) The North Burnett Regional Council will strive to:
 - a) Ensure equitable access for all community members to arts and cultural activities;
 - b) Foster a spirit of philanthropy within the region’s urban and rural economic communities in relation to supporting cultural endeavours;
 - c) Facilitate the North Burnett Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee meetings; manage the governance of this committee as per the Committee’s Terms of Reference; and capture feedback from community via this Committee;
 - d) Continue support for the Regional Arts Development Fund Program to ensure its effective and ongoing contribution to our region’s development of arts and culture;
 - e) Act as an enabler for community arts and cultural groups to access appropriate and adequate funding from relevant funding bodies;
 - f) Ensure this policy is updated as needed and reviewed in line with policy framework;

- g) Foster links and collaboration within the region to promote arts and cultural activities and initiatives;
- h) Maximise economic benefit to the communities through a lively and diverse arts industry; and
- i) Celebrate the cultural diversity of the North Burnett region.

POLICY STATEMENT

- 5) Council will develop arts, culture and heritage in our region in consultation with the NBACAC, a regional advisory group.
 - a) The North Burnett Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee is to be managed as per the Terms of Reference for the Committee.
 - b) The North Burnett Regional Arts Development (RADF) Program is to be managed as per the Program Guidelines.
 - c) Council will work with regional galleries and art groups to promote and showcase the arts across the North Burnett.
 - d) Council will collaborate with regional museums and historical societies to grow and preserve the culture and history of the North Burnett.

In recognising the contribution that arts, culture and heritage make towards enriching the communities social and emotional wellbeing, Council will endeavour to:

- a) Consider arts, cultural and heritage planning as a part of its strategic objectives in the Corporate and Operational Plans;
- b) Create more enjoyable and interesting public spaces throughout the Council area through public art;
- c) Promote the community identities and cultural heritage that are unique to these communities and encourage tourism experiences;
- d) Develop strategic partnerships to improve and enhance the arts and cultural communities within the region; and
- e) Partner with the State Government RADF program to assist in delivering of arts and cultural funding for the community.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 6) Council’s RADF Liaison Officer (RLO) is the main contact for the RADF Program and fulfils the role as per North Burnett Region’s RADF guidelines. Support offered by the RLO include meeting minute taking, record keeping, as well as reporting and correspondence to the Committee, Council and Arts Queensland.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION AND REGULATION

- 7) Applicable legislation and regulation:
 - (a) Local Government Act 2009
 - (b) Local Government Regulation 2012

RELATED DOCUMENTS

North Burnett Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee – Terms of Reference
 NBRC Regional Arts Development Fund – Guidelines

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RESPONSIBLE OFFICER

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