KING ISLAND COUNCIL

Policy

Arts and Cultural

Responsible Officer: Community Development Manager

Date Commenced: 21 May 2024

Review Date: 21 May 2028

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to support Council to develop positive and strong community involvement in the creation and celebration of King Island's cultural vitality, diversity and history.

2. Objectives

The objectives of this Policy are to:

1. Foster partnerships with other agencies to bring arts and cultural resources to King Island.
2. Support a community-driven program of arts and cultural activities and events.
3. Nurture the Island's dynamic and creative resources.
4. Provide appropriate support to community and volunteer-led arts and culture activities, including the King Island Gallery.
5. Ensure that the range of arts and cultural activities available offers opportunities to all abilities and age groups.

3. Background

Community artistic expression is an essential part of our living culture and significantly contributes to a sense of place and identity in our communities.

It is widely acknowledged that arts and cultural development contributes to community wellbeing, social inclusion and a sense of identity. It facilitates greater understanding and appreciation of the island's diverse cultures, history, and enriches our built and natural environments.

Artists and the arts also have the capacity to build and connect communities by fostering meaningful interactions, cultural growth and cultural appreciation.

4. Scope

This policy supports a foundation for arts and cultural showcasing, and development for people who live, work and visit King Island. It provides Council with strategic direction to facilitate a diverse range of services and activities for the community.

The policy supports Inclusive arts practice that is flexible, creative process that ensures equal access to the arts for all marginalised groups ensuring a focus of physical and emotional wellbeing.

Additionally, this policy promotes King Island as a unique place with an active and forward thinking cultural community and will grow King Island's tourism brand, increase visitor audiences from around the country and in turn increase opportunities for local artists and makers.

5. Policy

King Island Council recognises that arts and culture are at the heart of our identity and sense of place. A strong arts and cultural sector is integral to community wellbeing, economic development, and sustainability.

Council will develop and participate in strategies to ensure:

- Arts and culture are recognised as vital to our community.
- Active participation and engagement across all age and social groups.
- Local partnerships are developed to encourage and showcase regional history.
- Continue to offer quality artistic and cultural exchange opportunities through the Council's Artist in Residence program.
- Tourism partnerships are developed to include events for arts and performance.
- Local artists are encouraged and supported.
- King Island residents and visitors have a wide range of opportunities to engage with the arts and other expressions of our culture.
- Advice is sought from the King Island Arts and Culture Advisory Committee regarding art and cultural activities as well as to review and evaluate this policy from time to time.
- Identify opportunities for public art inclusion in the development of identified major capital works undertaken by Council which involve the modification of the urban landscape
- Public art is developed by engaging with local and visiting artists in the decision-making process.
- Inclusive practises are used that are meaningfully, respectful and accessible to the King Island residents and visitors.

RELATED KING ISLAND COUNCIL POLICIES/PROCEDURES
This policy is to be read in conjunction with the following documents:

- King Island Strategic Plan 2022 - 2032
- King Island Arts & Culture Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

LEGISLATION

AMENDMENT

Council retains the sole discretion to vary, terminate or replace this Policy from time to time, based on the required legislative requirements. Council will consult before amendments are made and will notify and train those the amendments apply to.

POLICY VERSION AND REVISION INFORMATION

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