

TITLE

C200 ARTS AND CULTURAL POLICY

DEPARTMENT

Corporate Services

POLICY DIRECTIVE

"Arts and culture are at the heart of regional communities, growing creativity and building connection and a sense of identity and place".

The King Island Council is committed to supporting and enhancing opportunities for arts and cultural initiatives and activities, to create quality of life for King Island residents and visitors.

The needs of the community and Council's contribution to the Arts may change from time to time. This will be addressed through the annual budget process. Support may be in the form of (but not limited to)

- Facilitation
- Access to resources
- Funding
- Etc

HISTORY

King Island Council in direct response to the 2004-2009 Strategic plan, committed support of arts and cultural activities through the provision of an Arts and Cultural Centre and a 0.6 level Cultural Centre Coordinator.

Council adopted Policy C200 at the November 2012 Meeting of Council, resolution No. 241/12.

POLICY

PURPOSE

The Arts and Culture Policy provides the basis for the provision of art and cultural support by Council.

VISION

King Island is recognised as a place that fosters community wellbeing, local identity and community cohesion through participation and creation of a dynamic arts and culture environment.

This vision, is underpinned by the following key values:

- cultural vitality develop local identity, shared values and a sense of belonging and place
- community building foster wellbeing, connectedness and cohesion
- social immersion promote active participation, engagement and social inclusion
- economic sustainability build economic, environmental, social and cultural sustainability
- diversity foster cultural diversity, awareness and expression
- innovation and creativity support creativity, diversity and innovation

COUNCIL ROLE

- Council facilitates partnerships, and provides resources for arts and cultural development for the community in the form of arts and cultural programs, events, activities and facilities (eg; Arts and Cultural Centre; Town Hall)
- Council supports and encourages an awareness and pride in the local sense of place, history and heritage.
- Council encourages opportunities and resources for the local arts and cultural community.

OBJECTIVES

1. To facilitate partnerships with other agencies in order to bring arts and cultural resources to King Island by:
 - Providing and maintaining the Town Hall to be used as a space for the rehearsal and production of community and touring performances
 - Supporting opportunities for the community to plan, engage and participate in regional, state and national arts and cultural promotions, campaigns and events.
 - Providing advice and assistance to the community in seeking and applying for grants and other resources for arts and cultural programs, events and facilities.
2. To support community-driven program of arts and cultural activities and events by:
 - Providing appropriate support to the King Island Cultural Centre and the King Island Regional Arts Committee (KI Dramatic Society & Regional Arts)
 - Facilitating community consultations and other forums, to elicit community arts and cultural priorities and interests
 - Raising awareness of the range of arts and cultural activities available for all abilities and age groups
 - Supporting at least one arts and cultural-based event each year through Council in-kind support, and provision of other resources.
3. To encourage and support the local arts and cultural economy by:
 - Supporting local artists and cultural tourism
 - Producing high quality promotional material featuring local arts and cultural activities
4. To support and promote a local sense of place, history and heritage by:
 - Providing support to community programs and events

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION