



STRATEGIC POLICY
MOUNT ISA CITY COUNCIL
Arts and Culture Policy

RESOLUTION NO. OM08/07/20 VERSION V2

APPLIES TO STRATEGIC POLICIES ONLY

This is an official copy of the **Arts and Culture Policy**, made in accordance with the provisions of *Local Government Act 2009*, *Local Government Regulation 2012* and current Council Policies.

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1. PURPOSE

The Arts and Culture Policy provides a framework for the delivery of cultural services and recognises Mount Isa City Council's ("Council") commitment to supporting and celebrating arts, cultural and heritage activities and their contribution to the wellbeing of the community. It provides Council with strategic direction to facilitate a diverse range of services and activities for the community.

This policy supports Council's Corporate Plan 2018-2023 - People and Communities Vision, to establish safe and healthy communities with a strong sense of identity which supports the people and groups who work, live, play and visit here.

2. COMMENCEMENT

This policy will commence on and from 8 July 2020. It replaces all other policies or arrangements governing Arts and Culture (whether written or not).

3. APPLICATION

This policy applies to councillors, employees, agents and contractors (including temporary contractors) of Council, collectively referred to in the policy as "officers".

4. RESPONSIBILITIES

All Council officers are responsible for ensuring that the policy is understood and adhered to at all times.

5. POLICY STATEMENT

Council recognises that investment in the arts and culture within the Mount Isa local government area makes a direct and vital contribution to the prosperity, liveability and creativity of the community, promoting the cultures and values which define this diverse region.

6. PRIORITIES

Mount Isa City Council has identified that it will fund and support the following locally determined priorities:

6.1 Vibrant arts and cultural experiences

- a) Programs that create vibrant arts and cultural experiences including but not limited to performances and exhibitions;
- b) Increased skills and professional development opportunities for artists;
- c) Community arts and cultural development;
- d) Initiatives that strengthen cultural tourism; and
- e) Enhanced cultural programs.

6.2 Performances and exhibitions

- a) Provide exposure to touring performances, and exhibitions and the opportunity for artists to engage with visiting artists and organisations.

6.3 Community Arts Projects

- a) Community projects that encourage inclusion, caring & friendly communities, mateship, pride, community cohesion, deterrents to crime and violence.

6.4 Enhance Mount Isa Specific Cultural Events

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- 6.5 Local Indigenous Heritage and Living Culture
 - a) Foster and celebrate an understanding and appreciation of local indigenous heritage and living culture.
- 6.6 Record of local history, oral and written
 - a) Encourage arts workers to record local history specifically oral and written history.
- 6.7 Visual Arts Walk
 - a) Create and promote further initiatives to add to the existing Visual Arts Walk e.g. connect the art spaces within Mount Isa via walking trails through participation from local businesses to display heritage photos and memorabilia, connect these with existing public art.
- 6.8 Cultural Heritage of Mount Isa and Camooweal
 - a) Develop and retain knowledge of the cultural heritage of Mount Isa, Camooweal and the rural areas.
- 6.9 Town Beautification
 - a) Develop further town beautification initiatives; investigate opportunities for public art, sun shelters and other methods of "softening" the built environment.
- 6.10. Community Initiatives
 - a) Encourage community initiatives which promote healthy lifestyles, exercise and general wellbeing.

7. FUNDING

To ensure the ongoing support, promotion and development of arts and cultural activities and industries. Council will:

- 7.1 Continue to support through budgetary funding programs such as Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) and direct sponsorship of other projects which may not fall within the RADF Guidelines. Council's Regional Arts Development Fund Committee (RADF) will be responsible for implementing and reporting to Council. The approach will focus on partnerships with and support for, local arts and cultural groups and practitioners as well as the provision of community-based arts and cultural programming.
- 7.2 Provide arts and cultural groups with direction on alternative funding sources (Australia Council, Arts Queensland) and encourage them to become self-sustaining.
- 7.3 Review existing facilities and plan for future arts and cultural resources and infrastructure which are accessible, affordable and cater to the needs of a growing and changing community.

8. PROMOTION AND PUBLICITY

To ensure events and activities of artistic and cultural significance are widely publicised and promoted. Council will:

- 8.1 Raise the profile of Mount Isa City Council's existing and expanding arts and culture sector through advocacy, promotion and improved communication.
- 8.2 Create opportunities for coordinating promotional and relationship building networks.



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9. COMMISSIONS AND ACQUISITIONS

To promote the recognition and increased confidence in local arts groups and to encourage the development of a local arts and cultural industry. Council will:

- 9.1 Promote the use of the professional services offered by local arts workers to all businesses and government departments.
- 9.2 Actively employ and involve local arts and cultural practitioners in commissions for events and projects.
- 9.3 Continue the acquisition of local quality art and cultural pieces for collection and display and the sponsorship of acquisitive sections in annual exhibitions and competitions.

10. VARIATIONS

Council reserves the right to vary, replace or terminate this policy from time to time.

11. COMMUNICATION AND DISTRIBUTION

- 11.1 Council will make available to the public, the Arts and Culture Policy on our website at www.mountisa.qld.gov.au.
- 11.2 Supervisors will ensure the policy is distributed as per the Distribution and Dissemination table on this policy.

12. DEFINITIONS

- a) **Arts** – This policy acknowledges a broad definition for ‘arts’, referring to all art forms and including but not limited to visual arts, crafts, music, theatre, entertainment, heritage, community festivals and events, cultural traditions and public space design.
- b) **Culture** – is all the customs and activities which constitute lifestyle, sense of identity and/or heritage of a particular group of people and so culture incorporates all aspects of the arts.
- c) **Cultural Development**– refers to the process whereby cultural identities of individuals, groups and places within a local area are acknowledged, enhanced and developed through a range of arts and cultural activities
- d) **Heritage**– refers to the enabling of heritage being explored, interpreted and reinterpreted in dynamic ways; reflecting peoples experiences, social history, objects and environment (built and natural) that have contributed collectively to the community’s understanding of the Mount Isa Region. Heritage also refers to the intrinsic layers and aspects that these memories, traditions, stories and locations provide to the residents, former residents and visitors to the Mount Isa region and the cultural tourism profile these stories and locations provide.
- e) **Public Art**– Artwork of any form, including tangible, fixed or ephemeral (movable, impermanent)

ASSOCIATED LEGISLATION AND POLICIES & DOCUMENTS

- Gifts and Benefits Policy
- Regional Arts Development Fund Guidelines and Associated Forms
- Mount Isa City Council Corporate Plan 2018-2023