



POLICY MANUAL

Policy title:	ARTS AND CULTURAL POLICY
Policy number:	8.5.1
Objective:	To support and foster arts and culture in the Local Government Area
Link to community vision/service:	Develop and support art, cultural, sporting and tourism activities
Program Area:	Arts, Tourism and Leisure
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Lismore City Council commits to celebrating and strengthening our community by:

- providing ongoing support for arts and cultural development within the Local Government Area
- maintaining and developing appropriate infrastructure for community, cultural and arts events.

Context

Arts and cultural activity in Lismore, Nimbin and our villages foster community cohesion, well-being and local identity through creative practice and participation. Arts and culture also represent a growing sector of our economy.

This Policy is closely linked with other Council policies including those pertaining to public art, sport, tourism and events, economic development and community engagement.

Policy

In its decision making, Council will commit to:

1. recognising and valuing the traditional arts and cultural heritage of the Bundjalung people;
2. recognising the value that arts and cultural activities contribute to community and its health and wellbeing;
3. encouraging the pursuit of excellence in arts and cultural activities within the LGA and the region;
4. advocacy, promotion and communication to raise the profile of existing and emerging arts and cultural organisations;
5. creating opportunities for coordination and partnerships between existing and emerging organisations;
6. an integrated approach to 'whole-of-Council' planning for arts and culture;

7. increasing opportunities for all sections of the community, including young people, people with disabilities, people from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) backgrounds, low-income earners and transport disadvantaged to access and participate in arts and cultural activities;
 8. encouraging expressions of identity that reflect local distinctiveness and diversity;
 9. supporting the preservation of local cultural heritage;
 10. enlivening public spaces by creating opportunities for everyday arts and cultural encounters;
 11. capitalising on our arts and cultural identity in Lismore's marketing campaigns;
 12. preserving and investing in the City of Lismore art collection;
 13. supporting arts and cultural activities by the provision of resources that may include grants or in-kind assistance; and
 14. ensuring that wherever possible that our unique identity and culture are reflected in our public places and built environment through best practice place making and planning.
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