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1 Policy Summary

The City of Darwin recognises the considerable benefits that are gained through a community's engagement with the arts. Council acknowledges the social and personal benefits for individuals, the economic benefits through cultural and creative businesses and the impact of Darwin's Indigenous heritage and contemporary inter-cultural artistic practices in promoting the lifestyle image of the city to visitors and residents.

This policy sets out Council's commitment to supporting a culturally vibrant city and outlines key themes for Council's arts and cultural development program.

2 Policy Objectives

- To support strategic priorities in the Arts Plan, goals and actions that build capacity, innovation and connection.
- To create cultural legacy, foster cultural vitality and enhance community engagement and participation through the arts.
- To recognize the cultural, social and economic value of the arts.
- To support the role of art in the identity of place and growth of cultural tourism.

3 Background

This policy informs the City of Darwin Arts Plan which highlights key themes, goals and commitments and supports Council's key strategic priorities through the strategic plan "*Evolving Darwin Towards 2020*". This policy specifically

supports *Goal 1: Collaborative, inclusive and connected community* and *Goal 4: Historic and Culturally Rich City*.

4 Policy Statement

Vision:

To support diverse and quality art programs that encourage participation, provide access to creative spaces, enhance a sense of place and foster cultural vitality.

Council's support for arts and culture acknowledges a community life rich in creativity and encourages:

- Creating powerful and vibrant experiences in unique locations.
- Community engagement and participation.
- Connection to place and history, engaging residents and visitors.
- The growth and development of the arts.
- The promotion of Darwin as a tourist destination.
- A partnership approach in building a creative economy.
- A focus on quality and professional development of local artists.
- Access to facilities for the development, creation and presentation of work.

Key Themes:

The Arts Plan supports Council's strategic goals and responds to the arts and cultural vision of the City through:

- Public Art that enhances our natural and built environments, builds upon our cultural heritage, diversity, sense of identity, and provides opportunities for our artists to contribute to the development of our city's cultural vitality.
- Facilitating, promoting and advocating for appropriate creative spaces.
- Facilitating, promoting and enabling access and participation in arts and cultural activities for all.
- A focus on arts development, opportunity and connection in the delivery of arts and cultural programs and activities.

Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee

City of Darwin established the Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee (ACDAC) to ensure an integrated approach to developing strategies for implementing the arts and cultural development policy.

The ACDAC Committee is guided by terms of reference which highlight clear objectives and acts to:

- Support the implementation and actions within the Arts Plan.
- Facilitate and provide advice to further the development of arts and culture, recognising Darwin's diverse cultural resources.
- Actively promote arts and cultural celebration, participation, collaboration and cultural identity.

Five Year Arts Plan

The Arts Plan provides the City of Darwin with a strategic framework for arts and cultural investment and delivery by Council. The Arts Plan key goals are reviewed and developed through consultations with the community and key stakeholders every five years.

5 Legislation, terminology and references

The Local Government Act establishes the roles, functions and objectives of Council's which provide the basis for City of Darwin's active role in community, cultural and social development (Part 2.3) which includes arts and culture.

6 Implementation and delegation

This policy will be directly implemented by the relevant officers within the Community and Cultural Services Department; however it is also an expectation that all Council departments review the policy when undertaking work with the community to guide their engagement approach.

7 Evaluation and Review

Policy to be reviewed in accordance with Policy 032 – Policy and Procedures Framework, clause 5.3 – Reviewing Existing Policies and may be amended at any time as approved by the CEO.

Further review to this policy should occur within a strong arts and cultural development best practice framework.