

	<b>CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL POLICY</b>	
	Arts and Culture Policy	<b>POLICY REF NO</b> CHRCP: 0018

### 1.0 Policy Purpose

- 1.1 This policy recognises council’s commitment to supporting and celebrating arts, cultural, history and heritage activities and their contribution to community wellbeing.
- 1.2 This policy addresses the functions of the Central Highlands Regional Galleries.

### 2.0 Policy Statement

- 2.1 This policy outlines the principles that inform council’s approach to arts, cultural and heritage development.
- 2.2 This policy is applicable to arts, cultural, and heritage activities coordinated by council, or externally coordinated and supported by council.
- 2.3 This policy outlines council’s standards regarding the Central Highlands Regional Galleries exhibitions and programming.

### 3.0 Council Objectives

- 3.1 Council’s objectives for arts, cultural and heritage development are to:
  - 3.1.1 create enjoyable and interesting public spaces;
  - 3.1.2 enhance community engagement, capacity and participation;
  - 3.1.3 celebrate diversity of the Central Highlands community; and
  - 3.1.4 promote the region’s unique community identity and cultural heritage.
- 3.2 In working towards these objectives, council will endeavour to:
  - 3.2.1 consult and collaborate with the community;
  - 3.2.2 develop strategic partnerships with community organisations;
  - 3.2.3 maintain council owned arts, cultural and heritage assets;
  - 3.2.4 include arts, culture and heritage in council’s strategic planning; and
  - 3.2.5 partner with other organisation or levels of government to maximise opportunities for the region.

### 4.0 Central Highlands Regional Galleries

- 4.1 Council strives to provide a varied exhibition program that:
  - 4.1.1 features both local and touring artists, art groups and exhibitions of community interest;
  - 4.1.2 provides public programming including workshops, artist talks, special events and educational opportunities;
  - 4.1.3 spans a wide range of disciplines and subject matter; and

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4.1.4 is professional and of a high quality.

4.2 The function of the Central Highlands Regional Galleries is supported by policies and guidelines that cover:

4.2.1 exhibition programming

4.2.2 sale of exhibition works

4.2.3 art collection management and de-accession.

## 5.0 Conflict of interest

5.1 To ensure an accountable and transparent assessment process is maintained, councillors and council officers assessing proposals are required to declare any perceived or potential conflict of interests prior to the process commencing. This may include a personal connection with any applicant or personal involvement with any organisation. Anyone having a conflict of interest should not debate, be involved in any discussions, or vote on any matter relating to the proposal.

## 6.0 Definitions

To assist in interpretation, the following definitions apply:

<b>Conflict of interest</b>	is a conflict between: (a) an officer's or councillor's personal interests (including person interests arising from their relationships or club memberships for example), and (b) the public interests that might lead to a decision that is contrary to the public interest.
<b>Council</b>	refers to Central Highlands Regional Council.
<b>Councillor</b>	means a councillor as defined under the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> and includes the mayor of council.
<b>Council Officer</b>	means a local government employee as defined under the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> .
<b>Exhibition</b>	is a public display of works of art and/or cultural or historical significance.
<b>Exhibition program</b>	is the planned calendar of exhibitions and associated events such as workshops, guided tours and artist talks.

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<b>Strategic Link</b>	Central Highlands Youth Strategy and Action Plan 2018 – 2023 Creative Cultural Futures Strategy 2016 – 2026 Creative Cultural Futures and Heritage Action Plan 2022 – 2024 Heritage Management Framework 2018 Library Strategic Action Plan 2021 - 2026 Reconciliation Action Plan 2021 - 2022
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