

## Arts & Cultural Policy

Strategic Reference	Objective 1; A caring healthy and resilient community. Strategy 1.2; Enhance the quality of life of our communities Strategy 1.4; Increase multi-cultural and Indigenous engagement & collaboration Objective 2; A strong sense of civic pride and well-maintained townships. Strategy 2.2; Reinforce country town character by respecting local history and using appropriate streetscape elements & landscaping Strategy 2.3; Promote the use of public art in our main streets & major community spaces, which is consistent with established township themes or will create a point of difference in non-active areas Strategy 2.4; Foster the development of local skills to create appropriate street scape elements for inclusion in main streets and key public areas Objective 3; A prosperous and sustainable district. Strategy 3.3; Implementing signs/public art that interprets heritage, directs people to attractions and promotes a sense of arrival.
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### 1. Purpose

Coorong District Council acknowledges the importance of arts and cultural processes, principles, practices and outcomes which enhance social wellbeing, community cohesion and express local identity. Arts and culture enrich our natural and built environments and facilitate a greater understanding and appreciation of diverse cultures. This policy outlines Council's role in, commitment to and investment in the arts. It builds a foundation for supporting arts and cultural development for people who live, work or relax in the Coorong

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District Council region. It provides Council with strategic direction to facilitate a diverse range of services and activities for the community.

### **2. Scope**

Coorong District Council seeks to develop policies, strategic directions and practices which facilitate a diverse range of services, activities for the community and embed arts and culture in future Council plans and developments.

### **3. Policy Statement**

Council is committed to facilitate partnerships with other agencies to bring arts and cultural resources to the community by:

- Assessing and upgrading council owned facilities to be used spaces for events, performances and workshops.
- 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.

Council will create, preserve and enhance public places and nurture public art and culture by:

- Integrating land use planning, capital works development, local place and landscape design, cultural identity and opportunities for artistic expression.
- Creating opportunities for the inclusion of innovative public art and design that will foster ongoing dialogue and debate in the development of the urban environment in accordance with Coorong District Council Public Art guidelines (see attachment).
- Maximising opportunities to include artists on design teams and integrate public artworks at the earliest design stage of new developments and urban and regional renewal programs.

Council will support a community-driven program of arts and cultural activities and events by:

- Providing appropriate advice to council regarding arts and culture initiatives and needs.
- 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 local arts and cultural projects and activities through arts and culture community grants.

Council will encourage and support the local arts and cultural economy by:

- Promoting opportunities for local artists and cultural tourism.
- Coordinating and promoting community and touring exhibitions at the Coorong Gallery.
- Acquiring artworks according to the Coorong District Council Collections guidelines (see attachment).

Council will be guided by the Coorong District Council Arts Advisory Committee whose role is as follows:

The CDCAAC will inform and advise council on matters related to arts and culture across the council region and consist of:

- Director, Community and Corporate
- Council's Arts and Cultural Development staff

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- Two Elected Members from the Coorong District Council;
- One community member

The Committee will meet as necessary, but at least four times per annum.

### 4. Definitions

**Public art** – includes new, commissioned, temporary or permanent works created by professional artists; integrated art, generated in the concept planning for new capital developments or refurbishments; temporary works generated by the community with professional artists and outdoor cultural objects including memorials.

**Professional artist** (established) – an arts practitioner with a clear and relevant track record in the arts who is accepted by their peers and the arts industry as professional.

**Community Art** – artwork created by members of the community, either working with an artist or wholly motivated by a community group.

**Integrated-** Works that are fully incorporated into the design of the built or natural environment, including paving design, lighting, etc.

### 5. Council Roles & Responsibilities

Council will facilitate partnerships and provide resources for arts and cultural development for the community in the form of arts and cultural programs, events, activities, public art and facilities.

Council will support and encourage an awareness and pride in the local sense of place, history, and Indigenous and European heritage.

Council will encourage opportunities and resources for the local arts and cultural economy.

### 6. Policy and Procedure Standards

Council has developed the following guidelines to be read in conjunction with this policy:

- Coorong District Council Public Art guidelines
- Coorong District Council Collections guidelines

### 7. Further Information

This policy will be available for inspection at the Council offices listed below during ordinary business hours and available to be downloaded, free of charge, from Council's internet site: [www.coorong.sa.gov.au](http://www.coorong.sa.gov.au)

#### Coorong Civic Centre

95-101 Railway Terrace  
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Phone: 1300785277  
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49 Princes Highway  
Meningie

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