

# **PALM ISLAND ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL**

## **POLICY STATEMENT**

- SUBJECT:** ARTS AND CULTURAL POLICY
- AUTHORITY:** Council of the Whole.
- PURPOSE:** To enhance the quality of life of Palm Island residents and visitors by promoting cultural awareness, fostering the development of arts and culture and encouraging understanding, participation and enjoyment of the arts throughout the community.
- STRATEGIES:** Encourage broad based community representation across the Community and across disciplines, by
- Promote the Regional Arts Development Fund Program.
  - Promote public performance and exhibitions of art, craft and cultural activities.
  - Contribute towards funding for the arts and cultural activities on a planned recurrent basis.
  - Promote activities such as arts and cultural festivals.
  - Support the establishment of workshops in the arts and related activities.
  - Utilise existing facilities such as schools, local halls and libraries which are already at the hub of community life for arts and cultural activities.
  - Develop and maintain a public directory of arts and crafts people and their area of specialisation to promote communication and cultural awareness.
  - Establish a consultative process within Council to enable members of the arts and cultural communities to participate in town planning, tourism, civic and economic development activities.
  - To strengthen and broaden the partnership between Council and the community and promoting creative ideas and actions to build a better future.
  - To encourage understanding, participation and enjoyment of the arts in all its facets.
  - To encourage the performance and enjoyment of the arts both in traditional surroundings and in public places.
  - To support and endorse those cultural activities which reflect the cultural diversity of our community.
  - To encourage and support artists\* who stimulate creative awareness within the community.
  - To foster and promote the use of Council's and other facilities and services for the development of arts and culture.
  - To provide opportunity for the study of and tuition and training in the arts.

- To ensure that the arts and cultural aspects of community life are given full consideration in the development strategies of Council.

\* Note: The term "artist" in this policy covers the broadest spectrum of the meaning in all its facets and includes writers, visual artists, craftspersons, designers and performing artists developing their art or promoting their products.

DELEGATION: Authority in respect of this Policy is hereby delegated to the Council.

RESOLUTION DATED: May 2010