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INTRODUCTION:

The North Burnett Regional Council recognises that community involvement in artistic, cultural and heritage activities serves to:

- build regional identity and pride,
- develop exciting and creative communities, and
- promote community diversity, cohesion, understanding and tolerance.

The North Burnett Regional Council Arts and Cultural Policy aims to foster an environment where all communities are provided with opportunities to participate in and enjoy a diverse and challenging range of arts and cultural experiences.

OBJECTIVES:

Through the Arts and Cultural Policy North Burnett Regional Council aims to:

- demonstrate leadership in consolidating support for contemporary arts and cultural development within the region and encourage community cultural groups to support and utilise existing facilities;

OBJECTIVES (CONTINUED):

- continue support for the public art program by improving opportunities for artists to create and exhibit their work to enrich our cultural environment and allow visitors and residents to reflect, explore, learn and enjoy our cultural heritage;
- provide opportunities for all sections of the communities to participate actively in a diverse range of arts and cultural experiences that balance tradition, innovation, enterprise and heritage values; and
- conserve, protect and promote significant heritage assets and values within the region and provide support for community groups extolling those virtues.

SCOPE:

This policy applies to arts and cultural activities that:

- demonstrate artistic expression and innovation;
- reflect the regions diverse and distinctive culture and heritage
- embrace cultural development principles that maximise community involvement; and
- encourage professional artists or arts organisations to work with the community,

and covers the promotion of arts and cultural activities and the Regional Arts Development Fund program.

PRINCIPLES:

In achieving these aims and objectives North Burnett Regional Council will strive to:

- ensure equitable access for all community members to arts and cultural activities;
- identify specific needs that embrace visual arts, writing, performing arts, exhibitions, master classes or workshops and other relevant activities that tangibly enhance the lives of community members;
- make available appropriate resources within Council that will help to facilitate artistic and cultural activities and collections such as oral histories, murals, sculptures, videos, posters, brochures, postcards, street performances, parades, concerts, recitals and other cultural pursuits;
- foster a spirit of philanthropy within the region's urban and rural economic communities in relation to supporting cultural endeavours;

PRINCIPLES (CONTINUED):

- continue support for a North Burnett Regional Council Regional Arts Development Fund committee and community sub-committees;
- provide support to community cultural groups and individuals in accessing appropriate and adequate funding with relevant funding resources and organisations within Queensland, locally and federally;
- contribute towards funding for the arts and cultural activities on a planned recurrent basis with a minimum guaranteed percentage of the gross budget earmarked to meet this purpose;
- ensure the Arts and Cultural Policy is updated annually or as needed and revised at intervals not exceeding three years;
- foster links within the region to promote arts and cultural activities and initiatives;
- maximise economic benefit to the communities of a lively and diverse arts industry;
- Celebrate the cultural diversity of the North Burnett region.

PRIORITIES	SUGGESTED STRATEGIES
Promotion of Arts and Cultural activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Items in Council newsletter (eg submission dates, advertising funding sources, activity happenings) • Support the arts & cultural aspects of BIEDO's plans • Liaising with the media • Involvement of local businesses/individuals in the promotion of arts and cultural activities
RADF Committee and Sub-committees (refer attached diagram)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operation of six (6) informal sub-committees in the communities of Biggenden, Eidsvold, Gayndah, Monto, Mundubbera and Mt Perry with representatives elected at public meetings to advise on RADF funding priorities • Each sub-committee will appoint two (2) delegates to attend North Burnett Regional Council RADF committee meetings with one (1) delegate having voting rights, the other as an observer • Reporting to Council will only be through the North Burnett Regional Council RADF committee • The Arts and Cultural Policy is to be updated annually or as needed

**NORTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL
REGIONAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT FUND
STRUCTURE FOR COMMUNITY ELECTED SUB COMMITTEES FROM 1 JULY 2008**

Each Sub Committee will receive funding applications from within their communities
and make recommendations to the North Burnett Regional Council RADF Committee for Council approval

