1.0 Purpose and Scope

This policy recognises Council’s commitment to supporting and celebrating arts, cultural and heritage activities and their contribution to the wellbeing of the community.

The policy covers all arts, cultural and heritage activities within the Council area.

2.0 Reference

Australia Council of the Arts Strategic Plan 2014-2019
Arts for All Queenslanders Strategy 2014-2018
Arts and Cultural Investment Framework 2015
Central Highlands Regional Council Creative Cultural Futures Strategy 2016 – 2026
Australian Heritage Strategy 2015

3.0 Definitions

CEO refers to Chief Executive Officer

Council refers to Central Highlands Regional Council

The Act shall mean the Local Government Act 2009 (as amended).

The Regulation shall mean the Local Government Regulation 2012 (as amended).

Art refers to the creative expression product or process of deliberately arranging items (often with symbolic significance) in a way that influences and affects one or more of the senses, emotions and intellect. It encompasses a diverse range of human activities, creations, and modes of expression, including music, literature, film, photography, sculpture, dance, paintings and new media.

Culture refers to the cumulative expression of community identity through the natural and built environment; heritage and shared languages; through the arts and crafts; recreation and leisure activities and the many other ways by which creative identity is expressed, interpreted and acknowledged.

Cultural Development refers to the process whereby cultural identities of individuals, groups and place within a local area are acknowledged, enhanced and developed through a range of arts and cultural activities.

Cultural Diversity refers to the extent that differences are represented in a community, differences of cultural background including, but not limited to place of birth, lifestyles, age, sexuality, accessibility and working life.
Heritage refers to the enabling of heritage being explored, interpreted and reinterpreted in dynamic ways; reflecting people experiences, social history, objects and environment (built and natural) that have contributed collectively to the community’s understanding of the Central Highlands region. Heritage also refers to the intrinsic layers and aspects that these memories, traditions, stories and locations provide to the residents, former residents and visitors to the Central Highlands and the cultural tourism profile these stories and locations provide.

4.0 Policy Statement

In recognising the contribution that arts, culture and heritage make towards enriching the communities social/emotional wellbeing and development Council will endeavour to:

- consider arts, cultural and heritage planning as a part of its strategic objectives in the Corporate and Operational Plan and master plans;
- create more enjoyable and interesting public spaces throughout the Council area by delivering high quality, innovative, evocative and diverse public spaces and public art;
- maintain and manage the safety of public art;
- encourage internal and external consultation on and cooperation, partnerships and participation in, community arts and cultural activities and programs;
- document and promote the local strength of arts and cultural diversity;
- promote the community identities and cultural heritage that are unique to these communities and encourage tourism experiences;
- develop strategic partnerships to improve and enhance the arts and cultural communities within the region;
- partner with the State Government RADF program to assist in delivering of arts and cultural funding for the community.
- source funding for arts, cultural and heritage projects and source funding from government grants, organisations and cultural bodies.

5.0 Policy Review

All policies will be reviewed annually or when any of the following occurs:

- Relevant legislation, regulations, standards and policies are amended or replaced; and
- Other circumstances as determined from time to time by the Chief Executive Officer / Executive Leadership Team / Managers.

This policy is nominated to be reviewed on: July 2019