

POLICY

Policy name	Art Acquisition Policy
Responsible manager(s)	Divisional Manager, Community Development and Participation
Contact officer(s)	Coordinator Creative Arts Development
Directorate	Community, Arts and Recreation Services
Approval date	11 October 2022
Outcome area	3 Our region of vibrant places and spaces
Strategy	3.3 Embrace and value our creative arts
Delivery program	3.3.2 Develop and promote creative arts activities and industries, as guided by the Creative Arts Strategy
Operational plan	3.3.2.1 Provide opportunities for the community to participate in creative arts

Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to set out a framework and guideline for Council's acquisition of artwork in any media for display or instalment in any of Council's facilities. It will guide and facilitate the development and maintenance of an art collection of excellence and significance to Eurobodalla Shire.

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Ensure acquired artworks reflect our Shire's unique character, history, values and aspirations.
- Guide and facilitate a coordinated and strategically planned approach to the acquisition and management of an art collection.
- Encourage and ensure the acquisition of high quality, innovative artworks that are meaningful, relevant, diverse in character and aesthetically pleasing.
- Ensure that acquired artworks are appropriately recorded, maintained and where necessary, restored.

The purpose of a Council art collection is to:

- Broaden local knowledge and foster an appreciation, understanding and enjoyment of the visual arts.
- Facilitate the development of a repository of work of artists of renown who have lived and worked in the region.
- Raise the profile and recognition of local arts practitioners and build a visual identity of Eurobodalla through their work.
- Support economic development and creative economy within the local art community.
- Foster cultural enrichment through the acquisition of artworks of excellence.
- Enhance the spaces of Eurobodalla Shire Council buildings.

Policy statement

1	<p>Application</p> <p>This Policy applies to the acquisition of artworks intended for indoor display. This includes, but is not exclusive to, two and three dimensional, contemporary or historical visual artworks of excellence or objects, artworks or memorabilia relating to the social and cultural history of Eurobodalla. The acquisition or commissioning of art in the public domain is guided by the Public Art Policy.</p>
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Implementation

Requirements		Responsibility
1	<p>Strategy</p> <p>This Policy will be supported by Council's Creative Arts Strategy and the Public Art Strategy which provides the directions for the ongoing development of arts activity and creative industries.</p> <p>Creative Arts Strategy Public-Art-Strategy</p>	Coordinator Creative Arts Development
2	<p>Code of Practice</p> <p>This Policy will be implemented by following Council's Art Acquisition Policy Code of Practice. This is a document that provides the framework and requirements for the process for the development of a Council art collection.</p>	Coordinator Creative Arts Development
3	<p>Funding</p> <p>Council has established an Art Reserve Fund for acquisitions toward the permanent art collection. The fund is the primary source to draw upon for the acquisition of artworks.</p>	
4	<p>Staff</p> <p>Under supervision, relevant Council staff will be responsible for ensuring that policies are implemented appropriately within their work area, after they have received relevant training to do so.</p>	Council officers
5	<p>Concerns</p> <p>Concerns received regarding this policy will be recorded on Council's Customer Service Request (CSR) or records system and handled in accordance with Council's Customer Service Requests Policy. They will be used to analyse the history of concerns and to help determine follow up actions.</p>	Council officers
6	<p>Complaints</p> <p>Complaints received regarding this Policy will be lodged with the Public Officer and handled in accordance with Council's Complaints Policy.</p>	Public Officer
7	<p>Consultation</p> <p>Consultation regarding this Policy will occur as relevant and may include legislative bodies, other relevant legislation, industry guidelines and public comment.</p>	As applicable

Review

The policy will be automatically revoked at the expiration of twelve months after the declaration of the poll for the next general NSW local government election unless Council revokes it sooner.

Note: Automatic revocation of the policy is provided for by section 165(4) of the Local Government Act 1993. The next general local government election is expected to be held in September 2024.

This policy may also be reviewed and updated as necessary when legislation requires it; or council's functions, structure or activities change; or when technological advances or new systems change the way that council manages public art.

Reviews of the effectiveness of this policy could include the following:

Performance indicator	Data source(s)
Community concerns	Council records
Customer feedback survey responses	Surveys
The effectiveness of the policy will be measured by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level of awareness of and implementation of the policy by community and staff. • Satisfaction in the project implementation of the process. • Evaluation of individual acquisitions. • Internal review by staff. 	Coordinator Creative Arts Development

Governance

This policy should be read in conjunction with any related legislation, codes of practice, relevant internal policies, and guidelines.

Related legislation and policies and plans

Name	Link
Local Government Act 1993	www.austlii.edu.au
Public Art Policy	Public Art policy (nsw.gov.au)

Related external references

Name	Link
Division of Local Government	www.dlg.nsw.gov.au/

Definitions

Word/Term	Definition
Acquisition	Artworks acquired by Council through purchase, commission, donation, bequest, loan or award.
Artwork	A physical two or three dimensional object that expresses the author's imagination or ideas or fulfils a primarily aesthetic function.

Contemporary artwork	Artworks created in the 21 st Century
Historical artwork	Artworks created prior to the 21 st Century
Memorabilia	Object esteemed for its social, cultural or historical value.

Change history

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Internal use

Responsible officer	Divisional Manager Community, Arts & Recreation services			Approved by	Council
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