



POLICY MANUAL

POLICY NO: 8.5.1	CULTURAL POLICY
FUNCTION:	Recreation and Culture
ACTIVITY:	Other Cultural Services
OBJECTIVE:	To provide support for community cultural development
SECTION RESPONSIBLE:	Community Services
AUTHORISED: 9/11/04	REVIEWED:

This Policy should be grounded in an exploration and expansion of Lismore's character and context to generate significant tangible and intangible benefits in the interests of the long term development of the city and its villages.

The Cultural Policy, into which the festival and events policy and a diverse range of community events and projects articulate, needs to enhance and augment the distinctive identity of the city and its sense of place.

This policy recognises the direct contribution that arts and culture make to our local community and its identity, and acknowledges that cultural development is strongly linked to the social, environmental and economic well-being of Lismore. As a community leader Lismore City Council has a responsibility to encourage and facilitate arts and cultural activity, to provide leadership and direction in cultural development, and to provide support for artists and arts/cultural organisations to facilitate their continued contribution to Lismore's development.

Council will endeavour to achieve the following aims directly through its human and financial resources, and/or indirectly via the encouragement and support of community groups and individuals. Council will:

- 1 Recognise the value that cultural life contributes to community well-being.
 - 2 Encourage the pursuit of excellence in arts and cultural endeavours within the region.
 - 3 Provide leadership and support for the development and continuation of diverse cultural activity within the Lismore local government area.
 - 3.1 Support and encourage emerging and existing cultural organisations.
 - 3.2 Capitalise on the rich local creative talent by utilising the skills of artists to develop community arts projects that add to the distinctive identity of Lismore and its villages.
 - 3.3 Develop and support cultural activities that enliven and express the distinctive local identity of Lismore and its villages.
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- 4 Create the most appropriate cultural infrastructure to support the needs of a diverse and creative community.
 - 5 Create opportunities for all residents to participate in a wide range of cultural activity.
 - 5.1 Encourage and support organisations that promote cultural activity for young people.
 - 5.2 Support and facilitate the development of community-based cultural events throughout the year.
 - 5.3 Provide support for the development of partnerships within the community that promote Aboriginal cultural endeavours.
 - 6 Support the development of cultural tourism in Lismore and surrounding region.
 - 6.1 Identify existing and future opportunities for cultural tourism and develop strategies to capitalise on these opportunities for sustainable development.
 - 6.2 Capitalise on Lismore's arts and cultural character as a competitive edge in the city's marketing campaigns.
 - 7 Work towards the integration of cultural development planning with all relevant strategic planning processes and documents within Council.
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