



**Policy Owner:** Director Community, Planning & Environment

**Category:** Operational

**Direction:** 4. Our Social Vitality

## 1. STATEMENT OF INTENT

- 1.1 North Sydney Council aims to encourage artists to explore and develop their art practice by providing a Low Cost Artists' Studio Program.
- 1.2 Council aims to attract and support a diverse range of artists to take part in the Program; in particular Council will target local emerging artists and low income artists.
- 1.3 Council is a strong supporter of the reconciliation process and aims to support NSW Indigenous artists whose art practice reflects the lives of Urban Aboriginals. Council aims to attract Urban Aboriginal artists to this Program.

## 2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Local artists - should live, work or study in the North Sydney local government area.
- 2.2 Emerging artists - should not be recognised by large arts intuitions including Art Gallery of NSW, National Art Gallery or Museum of Contemporary Art.
- 2.3 Low-income artist - must provide evidence of a yearly income under \$50,000.

## 3. DEFINITIONS

- 3.1 Artists - can work in any medium e.g. painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, craft, and others.

## 4. PROVISIONS

- 4.1 Council will ensure it encourages and supports low income artists to take up residencies by keeping Primrose Park Artists' Studios fees to a nominal fee and prioritising their applications.
- 4.2 Council will ensure it attracts a diverse range of practising artists to take up the Program by always using a variety of advertising avenues.

- 4.3 Council will endeavour to attract local artists to the Program by displaying advertising in all Community Centres, Stanton Library, Community Noticeboards and by sending regular press releases to local newspapers and/or advertisements.
- 4.4 The Program will endeavour to provide a supportive environment for artists by ensuring their working space is suitably equipped for their particular arts practice.
- 4.5 Council will offer artists support in the development of the Public Program and/or studio exhibition in the form of providing design, printing and publicity from Council's Community Development Department (Arts and Culture Section) where appropriate.
- 4.6 Council's Community Development Department (Arts and Culture Section) will work with Council's Aboriginal Heritage Officer and organizations such as Boomalli Aboriginal Arts and Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council in attracting Indigenous Artists to take part in the Program.
- 4.7 Council will support artists in applying for Arts Grants which the artist has identified as relevant to their residency and practice.
- 4.8 Council will ensure the Artists' Studio meets work health and safety requirements by establishing health and safety agreements specific to the artist's practice.
- 4.9 The selection of artists for the Program will be endorsed by Council's Community Services Reference Group.
- 4.10 Council will select artists who most successfully illustrate:
  - a) how the residency will provide a significant contribution to the development of the artist's own practice; and
  - b) how an aspect or outcome of the residency will significantly contribute to the cultural life of North Sydney.

## **5. RESPONSIBILITY/ACCOUNTABILITY**

- 5.1 Council's Community Development Department (Arts and Culture Section) is responsible for implementing this Policy.
- 5.2 Council's Aboriginal Heritage Officer will be consulted on residencies involving Indigenous artists.

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## 6. RELATED POLICIES/DOCUMENTS/LEGISLATION

The Policy should be read in conjunction with the following Council policies and documents:

- Arts and Cultural Development Strategic Plan
- Artwork Acquisition Policy
- Public Art Policy

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