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## THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF YANKALILLA

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# ARTS AND CULTURE

### *Statement of Purpose*

Community artistic expression is an essential part of our living culture and contributes significantly to a sense of place, identity and pride in our community as well as social inclusion and well-being. It promotes greater understanding and appreciation of diverse cultures, interests and heritage, and enriches our built and natural environments.

Culture arises from our communities and refers to shared traditions and values that ensure the preservation and respect for heritage and our past. It provides a base that leads to new ideas and innovation to build our future.

Significant steps have been made, over the past 12 months, towards acknowledging the importance of supporting and promoting the arts and culture in this region. At the end of 2017 The District Council of Yankalilla partnered with The City of Victor Harbor and Country Arts SA to employ the first Arts and Cultural Facilitator for the region. At the start of 2018 The District Council of Yankalilla- Arts and Cultural Advisory Group comprising 8 local artists and arts advocates, was formed.

This Statement of Purpose is a document that provides a policy framework designed to outline a diverse range of support services, activities and professional development for practicing and emerging artists in all art forms, age groups, cultural groups and those with disabilities that may restrict their activities.

The District Council of Yankalilla will provide opportunities for local community members and artists, tourists and visiting arts practitioners to be able to experience, contribute and invest in our region.

Working in partnership with the Arts and Cultural Advisory Group the District Council will offer support in the following ways;

- Promote the arts and cultural activity within the region so that diverse practitioners and visitors choose to participate, contribute and invest in the arts.
- Secure more performing, literary and visual arts experiences for local audiences including artists' residencies.
- Promote the benefits of regional partnerships in delivering arts and cultural activities, strengthening community and improving the region's quality of life.
- Facilitate community consultation relating to all arts and heritage projects, with respect for and recognition of cultural sensitivities and differences.
- Include arts initiatives and elements throughout the development of master plans, and delivery of all major capital projects and public spaces in the region.
- Support the development of appropriate spaces for a wide range of arts and cultural activity and thereby build opportunities for practitioners to develop capacity and create new work.
- Assist community groups to realise their aspirations - especially our young people.
- Provide direct grants or facilitate guidance to access wider grant opportunities.
- Provide in-kind support, infrastructure and assistance in the delivery of arts and cultural activity.