



Murray Arts Strategic Advisory Council - Expression of Interest

We are seeking passionate and active representatives from local arts organisations to be a member of the inaugural Murray Arts Strategic Advisory Council.

The Murray Arts Strategic Advisory Council (SAC) sits alongside the Murray Arts Board to assist in guiding the direction of Murray Arts and help us to achieve our goals. This is an exciting opportunity to be directly involved in the growth and development of your arts community. All positions on the SAC are voluntary.

Please read the following information to determine if you are the representative that we are looking for! Answer the attached questions and return your responses via email by 5pm Monday 16 July 2018 to: Alyce Fisher: director@murrayarts.org.au

For any enquiries, please contact Executive Director of Murray Arts Alyce Fisher on (02)6021 5034 or email director@murrayarts.org.au

ABOUT MURRAY ARTS

Murray Arts is one of 14 Regional Arts Development Organisations across NSW, and we are proud to service the 6 Local Government Areas of AlburyCity, Greater Hume, Federation, City of Wodonga, Indigo and Towong; 3 in NSW and 3 in VIC.

We are a grass-roots organisation, whose aim is to actively assist the ongoing development of, and participation in arts and cultural life throughout our dynamic Border region.

We do that using community cultural development principles to collaborate with individuals, communities and artists to develop and deliver projects which support the identity and growth of our regional communities. We advocate for artists by providing them with creative opportunities to develop their practice and share their arts practice.

Murray Arts is passionate about the arts in regional communities. Through our work, we are humbled to witness the way the Arts has the ability to forge new connections and foster growth.

We Value

Artistic Endeavour, creativity and integrity.

The arts as a medium to challenge us and explore our humanity.

The opportunity to participate and express ourselves.

Community wellbeing, connection and lifelong learning.

Goals

The 2016 -2018 Strategic Plan identifies five goals which underpin the operations of Murray Arts.

1: To be the central point of information and communication for the arts across the region.

2: To forge strong partnerships with local government and other arts organisations.

3: To build the capacity of artists and communities in the arts.

4: To develop strategic projects of regional significance.

5: To ensure the ongoing sustainability of Murray Arts.

Governance

Established in 1996, Murray Arts is a not-for-profit, incorporated organisation under the NSW Act. We are primarily funded through the NSW State government via Create NSW and our local government funding partners. Murray Arts is currently shifting the governance structure to a skills-based board of 9 board members supported by a Strategic Advisory Council.

Core Service Delivery

One of Murray Arts key roles in the community is to support artists, communities and local government to develop arts and culture in their communities. This role takes on many forms, from business and marketing advice, advocacy for artists, and professional skills development. In addition, Murray Arts provides expert advice to local, state and federal government peak bodies, providing a valuable link between government and the community.

Aboriginal Arts Development

Murray Arts is humbled to have gained the reputation as the go-to organisation for all enquiries relating to local Aboriginal Arts Development in our region. Murray Arts connects local Aboriginal artists, through an extensive and well respected Aboriginal Artists Network and supports local Aboriginal artists on their journey. We facilitate partnerships between artists, organisations and individuals within the wider community, forging new connections through art and aim to ensure the narrative of Indigenous Australia continues to be told. Murray Arts continues to be at the forefront in this sector with the employment of an Aboriginal Arts Officer and an Aboriginal Arts Curator.

burraja gallery

In July 2016, Murray Arts established an Aboriginal Arts Development Social Enterprise **burraja gallery** the only Aboriginal art gallery dedicated to local artists who live, work or connect to the Border/North East Victoria region. burraja gallery aims to improve professional opportunities for our local Indigenous Artists to exhibit their artwork professionally and to tackle the gap between the Aboriginal community and the wider community through the sharing of stories and knowledge.

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Murray Arts Team

Murray Arts enjoys a high profile within the arts community, driven by skilled and well-respected staff. Our team currently consists of Executive Director Alyce Fisher, Communications Officer Kellie Sutherland, Aboriginal Arts Curator Bethany Thornber, Aboriginal Arts Officer Tiffany Ward and Bookkeeper Rod Brammich.

For more information regarding our past projects, please visit our website

www.murrayarts.org.au

THE MURRAY ARTS STRATEGIC ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Strategic Advisory Council (SAC) is made of 10 individuals; 6 Local Government representatives (this can be a councilor, council staff member or community member) and 4 representatives from local arts organisations. *Note: 3 spaces on the Murray Arts Board and reserved for SAC members.*

We have four (4) places available on the SAC to be filled by representatives from local arts organisations that are based and or work within the Murray Arts Footprint; AlburyCity, Greater Hume, Federation, City of Wodonga, Indigo & Towong. They can be a Not-For-Profit, community organisation, volunteer-run or private business.

We are looking to secure committed representatives who will;

- Commit to a 2 year (minimum) appointment on the SAC.
- Attend and actively contributing at the 2 SAC meetings per year which are to be held in August and November of each year (please note SAC members will also be invited to the Murray Arts AGM which is held in April each year).
- Follow guidelines set out in Murray Arts Strategic Council Policy.
- Actively share their skill set and perspective and co-operate with Murray Arts to achieve their goals.
- Help Murray Arts to stay informed about what is happening in your LGA and or your organisation and relevant communities.
- Contribute to the programming and strategic direction of the organisation.
- Advocate on behalf of the organisation.

As a member of the SAC, your unique perspective, professional experience and deep understanding of the local arts community will be critical in informing the artistic direction and growth of Murray Arts. You will develop networks, help direct the growth of our vibrant arts community and make vital contributions to the vibrant Arts culture of the Murray Arts footprint.

The Inaugural Murray Arts Strategic Advisory Council Meeting (compulsory) will be held on Thursday 16 August from 1pm – 3pm in Yackandandah – venue TBC.

More information regarding the make-up of the Strategic Advisory Council can be found by reading the Murray Arts Strategic Advisory Council Policy.

Please answer the below questions and return your responses via email by 5pm Monday 16 July 2018 to: Alyce Fisher: director@murrayarts.org.au

- 1. Organisation Name:**
- 2. Chosen Representative:**
- 3. Location and Local Government Area/s:**
- 4. Please share your organisation's vision/values:**
- 5. What is your business model (Not-For-Profit, community, volunteer run or private):**
- 6. What Artform/s do you work in:**
- 7. How long has your business/group been in operation for:**
- 8. Who are you engaging with:**
- 9. What else would you like to tell us about your organisation:**
- 10. What skills and strengths do you feel you will bring to Strategic Advisory Council:**