

Item 11: Community

11.1 Arts OutWest - Memorandum of Understanding

REPORT BY THE MANAGER, COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES
TO 15 SEPTEMBER 2021 ORDINARY MEETING
GOV400088, REC800047, REC800019

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **receive the report by the Manager, Community & Cultural Services on the Arts OutWest - Memorandum of Understanding;**
2. **authorise the General Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with Arts OutWest on behalf of Council; and**
3. **nominate Lizzy Galloway to the Arts OutWest Advisory Council for a period appropriate until Local Government elections are finalised and a new Council convenes to endorse a representative.**

Executive summary

Council commenced its membership with Arts OutWest as its Regional Arts Development organisation from 1 July 2021. This report seeks assistance from Council in further developing that relationship with the endorsement of a Memorandum of Understanding and nomination to the Arts OutWest Advisory Council.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil.

Detailed report

At its February 2020 meeting, Council endorsed the advice of Cultural Development Committee to investigate Council's membership of a suitable Regional Arts Development Organisation from 1 July 2020. Further to this, in March 2021, Council endorsed a decision for it to replace its Orana Arts membership with an Arts OutWest membership from 1 July 2021.

Arts OutWest have now provided Council with its Memorandum of Understanding (attached to this report) for endorsement. The Memorandum seeks from Council an appointment of a representative to the Arts OutWest Advisory Council. The Advisory Council member will represent the interests of the Mid-Western Region and contribute to ensuring that the Arts OutWest Strategic Plan and Annual Activity Plan for Arts OutWest meet the needs of the Region.

Given the delays in local government elections, Council staff recommend a temporary appointment of Lizzy Galloway, the Mudgee Arts Precinct Gallery Curator, to the Arts OutWest Advisory Council with the matter to be reconsidered again by the new Council convening in February 2022.

Community Plan implications

Theme	Looking After Our Community
Goal	Meet the diverse needs of the community and create a sense of belonging
Strategy	Support arts and cultural development across the Region

Strategic implications

Council Strategies

Council's Community Plan aims to meet the diverse needs of the community and create a sense of belonging by supporting arts and cultural development across the Region.

Council Policies

Not Applicable.

Legislation

Not Applicable.

Financial implications

Not Applicable.

Associated Risks

Not Applicable.

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MANAGER, COMMUNITY & CULTURAL
SERVICES

SIMON JONES
DIRECTOR COMMUNITY

23 August 2021

Attachments: 1. AOU - Memorandum of Understanding 2021-2024.

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

BRAD CAM
GENERAL MANAGER



Memorandum of Understanding

between

Arts OutWest

and

Mid-Western Regional Council

1 July 2021 – 31 December 2024

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) includes the following:

1. Key understandings for member Councils
2. Undertakings
3. Financial contribution
4. Review process

1. Key understandings for member Councils

- a) All member Councils understand effective arts and cultural development to be the strategic planning and management of cultural services, facilities and programs that contribute to local identity, sense of place and quality of life and empower local groups to contribute socially and economically through the arts.
- b) The Councils jointly agree to support Arts OutWest Inc. as key stakeholders in the Regional Arts Development Organisation (RADO) for the region.
- c) The Councils understand that funding by each member Council, matched by State funding is essential for the core operations of Arts OutWest Inc. and its sustainability in the future.
- d) The Councils understand and fully support the core business of Arts OutWest as outlined in its Strategic Plan 2021-24 plan.
- e) Arts OutWest inc. is a not-for-profit incorporated association managed by a Committee of Management (Board) appointed through a transparent application process.



2. Undertakings

What Arts OutWest will agree to do:

1. Arts OutWest Inc. will deliver core services to the region as defined by the Arts OutWest Strategic Plan and any reviews thereof in consultation with all its stakeholders.
2. Arts OutWest will work in active partnership with the local Councils of the region to deliver regional cultural development outcomes.
3. Arts OutWest Inc. will provide all member Councils with an Annual Report showing expenditure of all consolidated revenue and providing details on services rendered to each Council area.
4. Arts OutWest will acknowledge the partnership arrangement with the Councils on all public material in an appropriate manner

What The Council will agree to do:

5. The Council will acknowledge Arts OutWest in programs involving Arts OutWest
6. The Council will appoint a person to the Arts OutWest Advisory Council. This person will attend two meetings a year and will provide a conduit for Arts OutWest to the LGA and its issues. The Advisory Council member will represent the interests of the LGA and will contribute to ensuring that the Arts OutWest Strategic Plan and the Annual Activity Plan for Arts OutWest meet the needs of the LGA.
7. The Council and their communities will provide Arts OutWest with relevant information on cultural issues, activities and events for information and promotion by Arts OutWest Media and Promotion services.
8. The Council and Arts OutWest will share information on cultural matters including the linking of community directories, databases and websites.
9. Arts OutWest will work with individual Councils and their communities to develop specific projects and programs and assist with funding and delivery of projects so far as additional project funding allows with equity across the region.
10. Arts OutWest will provide formal presentations to Councils within the region as required.
11. The Council may make representations to the Board and Executive Officer of Arts OutWest Inc. in respect of any proposed programs and projects arising in the community which need the support of Arts OutWest Inc.
12. The Council will encourage individuals, groups and organizations in their local areas to actively access the services of Arts OutWest for their development.

3. Financial contribution

Mid-Western Regional Council will pay a fee for service to Arts OutWest in each of the financial years of the Memorandum of Understanding. This will be at the starting rate of 68 cents per head of population. CPI will be added each year period. Each year the population will be calculated using ABS figures for the previous year.

The starting point for this MOU is a payment of \$17,249.56 (+GST) for the 2021-22 year, based on the ABS Estimated Regional Population (ERP) for 2020 of 25,367.

4. Review

Mid-Western Regional Council and the Board of Arts OutWest Inc agree to review the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding in preparation for each following financial year.

Signatures to this Memorandum of Understanding

FOR COUNCIL:

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Date

Name:

FOR ARTS OUTWEST

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Tracey Callinan, Executive Director, Arts OutWest Date

