

Meeting 4

Friday 18 June 2021

First Nations Arts and Cultures Panel

**Communique**

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## Meeting communiqué

The fourth meeting of the First Nations Arts and Cultures Panel (the Panel) was held on Friday, 9.00am to 4.00pm, 18 June 2021 at Arts Queensland, George Street, Brisbane with some Panel members joining the meeting via Microsoft Teams.

## Meeting summary

At the meeting the Panel:

* acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land in Brisbane and the other locations on which Panel Members were meeting
* observed one minutes silence for those people in mourning
* welcomed new member of the Panel, Mr Cameron Costello
* approved the communiqué for the previous meeting (28 May 2021) and its publication on the Arts Queensland (AQ) website
* noted the outcomes from the 2021-2022 Queensland State Budget for the arts and cultural sector, presented by the Deputy-Director General, Arts Queensland
* workshopped the First Nations Engagement Framework (The Framework) with Arts Queensland (AQ) staff. During this process the Panel agreed the framework would be developed with the following design principles:
* Rights based approach
* Cultural sovereignty / authority (including definitions)
* Deeper acknowledgement (65,000 years and re-framing the relationship)
* Community driven.
* agreed the framework would be a best practice guide for AQ and organisations and individuals in receipt of AQ funding to adhere to, ensuring culturally appropriate engagement with First Nations peoples, organisations and communities.
* agreed the Framework will link to Queensland Government policy and legislation, and will include key elements including a statement of intent, acknowledgement, principles (aligned against key pillars) and guidance and resources (such as case studies and supporting checklists).
* tasked AQ, with support from several Panel members, in preparing a draft of The Framework based on the workshop outcomes, including a communications strategy, for consideration by The Panel at the July Panel meeting.

The next Panel meeting will be held on Friday, 6 August 2021.

## In attendance

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| **Panel members*** Georgina Richters (Chair)
* Dr Bianca Beetson
* Yolande Brown
* Cameron Costello
* Dr Fiona Foley
* Julie-Ann Lambourne
* Emma Loban
* Robert McLellan
* Stephanie Parkin

**Apologies*** Yvette Walker
 | **Observers****Arts Queensland*** Kirsten Herring, Deputy- Director General
* Linda Dreghorn, Manager, Business Performance – Governance, (Secretariat)
* Tania Hall, Executive Director, Arts Policy and Programs
* Susan Richer, Director, Development
* Celia Reordan, Director, Strategic Policy and Engagement
* Danelle Nicol, Development Manager, Backing Indigenous Arts
* Kristina Jones, Principal Policy Officer
* Lily Carroll, First Nations Graduate

**Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy*** Temira Dewis, Director, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategy
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Further details about The Panel and members can be found on the [Arts Queensland website](https://www.arts.qld.gov.au/projects-and-initiatives/first-nations-arts-and-cultures-panel)

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