



Policy Name	Strategic Advisory Council
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INTRODUCTION

Murray Arts is a not-for-profit incorporated association and, as such, its operations are governed by legislation under the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW). The Board of Management of Murray Arts is responsible for good governance according to this legislation and for monitoring the performance of the organisation according to its Constitution and its Mission, Values and Strategic Plan.

The governance structure is a two-tier model comprising a small Board of Management governing the organisation and a Strategic Advisory Council (SAC) of representatives from contributing LGAs and independent cultural organisations providing strategic input and feedback into programming and direction.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Murray Arts Strategic Advisory Council Policy is to set out the roles and responsibilities of the Strategic Advisory Council which will contribute to the programming and strategic direction of the organisation.

POLICY

1. The Composition of the Strategic Advisory Council

The Strategic Advisory Council comprises a representative from each contributing LGA in the Murray Arts region, and up to four community arts delegates representing independent arts or cultural organisations in the region.

2. Election of the Strategic Advisory Council

Each contributing LGA will nominate a delegate for SAC. Councils could also nominate an alternative. The LGA delegate may be a councillor, council staff member or community representative from the LGA.

All community arts organisations will be invited to register an Expression of Interest, and chosen representatives will be appointed for a minimum two-year term by the Board of Management.

3. The Role and Responsibilities of the Strategic Advisory Council

Council delegates will provide input into programming and strategic direction.

The Strategic Advisory Council will receive regular updates from the Executive Director and may receive requests for feedback or input on policy development and potential projects.

Strategic Advisory Council delegates will also act as champions and advocates for Murray Arts in their own region.

The Strategic Advisory Council will select 3 representatives to the Board of Management of Murray Arts. This ensures that the Strategic Advisory Council and our contributing LGAs have a direct voice on the Board of Management.

4. Meetings

The Strategic Advisory Council will meet twice a year plus attend the Annual General Meeting. Directors from the Board of Management will also attend the Advisory Committee meetings.

The Strategic Advisory Council will meet in August to provide input into the following year program and in November to provide feedback and comment on the proposed program for the following year. Advisory Council delegates are also welcome to observe Board meetings.

5. Term of appointment

Advisory Council delegates are nominated by Council for a minimum two-year term.

All community arts organisation representatives will be appointed for a minimum two-year term by the Board of Management.

6. Associated Documents:

- Murray Arts Constitution
- Murray Arts Governance Policy