

Council Policy P101

Public Art & Art Collections

Strategic Direction		Leadership
Responsible Business Unit/s	Community, Culture and Recreation	
Responsible Officer	Manager Community, Culture and Recreation	
Affected Business Unit/s	Community, Culture and Recreation	

Policy Objectives

To provide guidelines for the effective acquisition, management and decommissioning of the City of South Perth's (the City's) public art and art collections.

The City values:

- Public art as a means of celebrating the identity and history of the community, enhancing the environment and contributing to a sense of place; and
- The vital role that the City's art collections play in conserving, celebrating and interpreting local artistic heritage, and contemporary creative practices for the benefit of the local area, the state and the nation.

This Policy provides a framework for the development and management of the City's art collections and the cultural assets that they contain, and for public art within the City of South Perth.

Policy Scope

This Policy applies to Council and City Officers involved in:

- The acquisition, ongoing management and/or disposal of cultural assets that make up the City of South Perth art collections; and
- Public art and major City projects in alignment with the Public Art Masterplan and including the implementation of developer contributions resulting from Local Planning Policy 6.3 Public Art.

This Policy informs the City's management of its public art and art collections.

Policy Provisions

Acquisition of Public Art and Art Collections

The City of South Perth supports the acquisition/development of public art and art collections in the City by:

- Contributing 1% of the construction value of City projects in accordance with the requirements of Local Planning Policy 6.3 Public Art towards public art in new above ground urban design, public open space and community building constructions and redevelopment projects. The City defines construction value as the estimated cost of the equipment, financing, services and utilities that are required to carry out a development but does not include the cost of land acquisition;
- Establishing a process to encourage community involvement and/or consultation in City public art projects;
- Integrating the public art planning process at the commencement of applicable City developments; and
- Requiring private developers to contribute towards public art commissions within the vicinity of the development according to the requirements as listed in Local Planning Policy 6.3 Public Art and in alignment with the Public Art Masterplan.
- Convening the Arts Advisory Group to make recommendations on the acquisition of art to Council.

Management of Public Art and Art Collections

The City of South Perth supports the management of public art and art collections in the City by facilitating an Arts Advisory Group in accordance with the adopted Arts Advisory Group Terms of Reference to provide ongoing advice and guidance on:

- The acquisition and decommissioning of artworks for the City's Art Collection;
- Review and provide recommendations on developer contributions for public art; and
- Provide advice related to the development and implementation of the Cultural and Social Strategy.

Decommissioning of Public Art and Art Collections

The City's Arts Advisory Group and/or City Officers may through regular processes of review and evaluation make recommendations to the City for the decommissioning of public art and art collections by way of relocation (permanently or temporarily), selling, making a gift of, storing, or otherwise disposing of artwork.

Where decommissioning is recommended, the recommendation shall be made:

- (i) To the City where the value of the artwork is up to and including \$5,000 (excluding GST); or
- (ii) To Council where the value of the artwork is more than \$5,000 (excluding GST).

In all cases, an officer's assessment, following independent advice from a suitably qualified Arts Professional to provide guidance on the cultural and financial appropriateness of decommissioning of the artwork is required.

Policy Definitions

Art means artistic works designed and created from many different materials and forms, which may include (but not be limited to): paintings, sculpture, mosaic, stained glass, textiles, ceramics, photography, prints and mixed media. Works created by practising professional artists as defined in the City's Public Art Developer Toolkit, and specifications applicable for relevant art projects and events. Artworks are generally categorized as 'moveable' or 'stand-alone/fixed'.

Art Collections means art assets that are owned by the City.

Decommissioning means the formal process to remove art from its active status, through methods including (but not limited to): sale, donation or disposal/destruction.

Moveable Art Assets means two dimensional and three-dimensional works in various media that are stored and displayed inside the City's buildings and facilities.

Public Art means art that is intended to be located in and/or clearly seen from the public realm. Contemporary works of public art may take diverse forms, including long lasting sculptures and monuments, and works that have a temporary or ephemeral presence in the public realm.

Standalone/ Fixed Art means three-dimensional, stand-alone public artworks and murals and integrated artworks

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