

## Policy 1.03 Arts and Culture

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## 1.1 Introduction

### 1.1.1 Scope

This policy prescribes the processes implemented to facilitate and encourage the development and continued delivery of arts and cultural services across the Bega Valley Shire.

### 1.1.2 Purpose

To recognise the importance of arts and culture in contributing to civic pride, belonging, commemoration, celebration, sense of place and social development of the community.

## 1.2 Definitions

Nil

## 1.3 Legislation

Nil

## 1.4 Implementation

### 1.4.1 statement

Bega Valley Shire Council will recognise the importance of arts and culture by:

- recognising and promoting the contribution made by the original custodians of the lands and waters to the arts and culture of the shire
- maintaining and enhancing the natural and cultural environments for the benefit of future generations
- developing and enhancing, through the organisation's cultural facilities (Regional Gallery / South East Centre for Contemporary Art, Bega Valley Libraries and Bega Valley Commemorative Civic Centre), a viable, accessible and relevant arts and cultural program
- contributing to South East Arts Inc as a peak industry organisation who advocates for and works closely with local professional creatives to provide development, economic and presentation opportunities
- optimising participation in cultural activities that are affordable, available and accessible to all within the community
- fostering social tolerance and facilitate shared community experience and expression
- encouraging excellence in cultural expression
- recognising and promoting the diverse cultural identity of the shire

## 1.5 Supporting documents

### 1.5.1 BVSC procedures that relate to this policy

| Procedure No.: | Procedure Name | External or Internal Procedure |
|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| 1.03.01        | Public Art     | External                       |

### 1.5.2 BVSC policies that relate to this policy

| Policy No.: | Policy Name                                 |
|-------------|---|
| 1.01        | Community Wellbeing                         |
| 2.01        | Community Learning, Libraries and Education |
| 3.01        | Development Administration                  |
| 5.01        | Asset Management                            |

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