



Public Art

KFA Community Development

Status Council

Responsible Division Community Development

Objectives The objectives of the Art in Public Spaces Policy are:

- To contribute to the creation of a unique identity for the City of Nedlands
- To promote public art of excellence;
- To encourage art works that have relevance to the site, local history, local environment or cultural significance; and
- To enrich the visual environment and amenity.

Context

The Public Art policy supports the strategic aspiration of the City of Nedlands to be “*an attractive City with residential amenity and a strong sense of community and place*”. The City recognises the significance that public art can play in strengthening local identity, expressing the character of the community and enriching the visual environment.

Statement

Public art is defined by the City as approved art works created by commercially recognised artists for or located in a public space or facility. Public art works can be of any art form from traditional media such as sculpture to contemporary media such as multi-media installations. They may be permanent or temporary.

A public space means places that are publicly owned that the public has access to or can view. This includes but is not limited to parks, streets, squares, public gardens, bushland and community buildings. Generally, the City will not install public artworks on privately-owned buildings but may consider doing so where the facility has iconic community significance or a high level of public usage.

Applications from external parties wishing to install an artwork in a public place within the City will only be accepted by a resolution of Council. Council reserves the right to determine the location and appropriateness of any such proposed artwork. Council may seek advice from its Arts Committee prior to making a decision on a proposed public artwork. In considering the installation of a public artwork, Council will consider whole of life maintenance costs for the work.



Exclusions from the Policy

Artwork that does not fall within the City's definition of Public Art and not covered by this policy includes:

- Artworks on privately-owned buildings or structures (e.g. on residences or businesses);
 - Graffiti; and
 - Youth art projects undertaken as part of the City's Youth Development Program.
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Related documentation

Nil.

Related Local Law / Legislation

Nil.

Related delegation

Nil.

Review History

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