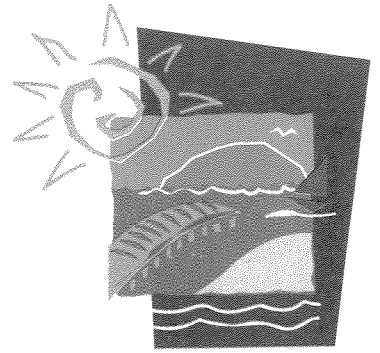


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INQUIRY INTO THE DEVELOPMENT OF ARTS AND
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Mr David Borger, MP
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Standing Committee on Public Works
Parliament of NSW
Macquarie Street
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Dear Mr Borger

Inquiry into the Development of Arts and Cultural Infrastructure Outside the Sydney CBD

Coffs Harbour City Council has adopted several cultural planning strategies including:

- Toward a New Cultural Plan - The Arts & Cultural Strategy Consultancy Report
- Coffs Harbour City Council Arts & Cultural Development Plan 2006-2009
- Creating Creative Industries a creative industries profile for the Coffs Harbour LGA

When these documents were adopted by Council copies were sent to Arts NSW.

Coffs Harbour City Council has received amounts of funding through Arts NSW including grants for:

- Public Art
- Public Art development and research

The funding received through local, state, federal and private sector funding to support the aims and objectives of our local community in the areas of arts, cultural and creative industry development is well under the expectations of the community.

Council holds an annual Arts & Cultural Small Grants Program with a total funding pool of \$30,000.00. The benefit to the community in creating festivals, art exhibitions, Aboriginal development, multicultural development, health in art projects, art education programs for children and seniors is far outweighed in goodwill and community income stimulus to the outlay by Council.

Council is also very aware that large amounts of funding are needed to support the new settlers in our LGA with large numbers of families moving into the area from African countries. We also have a large and diverse range of multicultural residents and a vibrant local Aboriginal community. All these groups need to be nurtured within our community through the development of their cultural heritage.

Coffs Harbour City Council employs a full-time Cultural Development Officer.

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