



Hinchinbrook Shire Cultural Policy Review

The Hinchinbrook Shire Council is reviewing the existing Cultural Policy in order to update the Cultural Plan for the Hinchinbrook Shire. Balfour Consulting of Townsville has been appointed to complete the project and we would like your input by filling out this Questionnaire.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES HAPPENING AROUND THE SHIRE.. YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE "INTO" THE ARTS, YOU HSVE TO BE INTERESTED IN WHAT"S HAPPENING AROUNF THE SHIRE.

Q.1 Which of the following best describes your idea of what arts and culture is to the Hinchinbrook Shire?

- It is about art and artists, and their performances or exhibitions
- It is about the various types of cultural groups in the Shire and the way they express themselves artistically
- It is about what makes the way of life in the Hinchinbrook Shire unique and different to other places in Australia
- It is something that people get into when they have plenty of spare time
- It is something that is important, but more of interest to women than men

Q.2 Do you believe the Hinchinbrook Shire Council has a clear vision for the cultural development of the Shire?

- Yes
- No
- Not really
- Don't know/not sure

Q.3 It is considered that the role of a Council is to be a catalyst or facilitator in the development of venues, and provide services such as logistical support, for the development of arts and culture in the community.

Please consider the following activities as potentially part of the Hinchinbrook Shire Council's role in developing the cultural base of the community and rate them on a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 is "not important" and 5 is "very important".

- Facilitate the provision of gallery space —
- Facilitate the provision of an artists gallery/corporative..... —
- Provide community support through a Cultural Development Officer based in Council —
- Facilitate the development of new festivals and events —
- Help raise the profile of NAIDOC Week in the Shire —
- Help the development of new cultural groups —
- Help develop cultural tourism, attracting people from outside the shire to events and festivals .. —
- Support an Umbrella Development Group to provide assistance, support and coordination to arts & culture groups. —
- Develop arts and culture activities particularly targeting youth —
- Preserve and present the cultural history of the Hinchinbrook Shire —
- Develop and/or upgrade current performing arts spaces —

Q.4 The following is a list of events that Council supports. Please rate each event on a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 is "poor" and 5 is Excellent

- Ingham Arts Festival —
- Hinchinbrook Gallery Displays —
- Pastoral & Agricultural Show —
- Hinchinbrook Acquisitive Art Competition .. —
- Australian Italian Festival —
- Maraka Festival —
- Herbert River Museum Gallery —

Q.5 Do you believe the council should support all the events and venues outlined in Question 4?

Yes

Don't know/not sure

No

Q.6 If answered "No" to Question 5, name which of these events do you believe the council should not be supporting?

Q.7 Is there any event, current or potential, other than those listed in Question 5, that you think the council should support? Please name.

Q.8 Do you consider the level of financial and in-kind support given to arts and cultural event in the Hinchinbrook Shire through the Council and the State Government to be :-

More than needed

Less than needed

About right

Don't know/not sure

Q.9 Please list one way in which you think Ingham Arts Festival could be assisted to develop further

Q.10 Please list one way in which you think Australian Italian Festival could be assisted to develop further.

Q.11 Please list one way in which you think Hinchinbrook Gallery Displays could be assisted to develop further.

Q.12 Please list one way in which you think Maraka Festival could be assisted to develop further.

Q.13 Please list one way in which you think Agricultural & Pastoral Show could be assisted to develop further.

Q.14 Please list one way in which you think Herbert River Museum Gallery could be assisted to develop further.

Q.15 Please list one way in which you think Hinchinbrook Acquisitive Art Competition could be assisted to develop further.

Q.16 Council and Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) have supported several broad-based community arts projects. Can you identify one new community-based arts project you think should be supported?

Q.17 Do you think the cultural needs of youth are adequately provided for in the community?

Yes

Don't know/not sure

No

Q.18 Name one area where you think the cultural needs of youth in the community could be better supported by Council.

Q.19 Do you think the cultural needs of older members of the community are adequately provided for?

Q.20 Name one area where you think the cultural needs of older members of the community could be better supported by Council.

Q.21 Do you have any difficulty in finding out what arts or cultural events are happening, when or where?

Yes

Not really

No

Don't know/not sure

Q.22 Name what you think is the best way to communicate with the community regarding arts and cultural events?

Q.23 Do you think the range of visiting events staged in Hinchinbrook Shire should be extended?

Yes

Don't know/not sure

No

Q.24 Can you identify an arts/cultural facility that generally need to be improved or upgraded? If yes, please list the facility and improvements needed.

Q.25 Gender

Male

Female

Q.26 Age Group

Under 18

45-54

18-24

55-64

25-34

65-74

35-44

Over 75

Q.27 What is your employment status?

Employed - full time

Home duties

Employed - part time

Student

Retired

Not currently employed

Thank you for your help and support.