

# **Araluen Cultural Precinct Community Reference Group Terms of Reference**

## **Araluen Cultural Precinct**

The Araluen Cultural Precinct incorporates the Araluen Arts Centre (with four visual art galleries, a 500-seat proscenium arch theatre, a multi-purpose hall “Witchetty’s” and an outdoor performance space), Museum of Central Australia, Strehlow Research Centre, the Central Australian Aviation Museum, Central Craft, Yaye’s Café, Folk Cottage, Artist in Residence Space and encompasses several significant public works of art, a number of Aboriginal sacred sites and a range of heritage properties related to its aviation history.

The Precinct is home to some of the most significant artistic, cultural and historical experiences in Alice Springs and provides a unique visitor experience, encompassing Central Australia’s key cultural institutions and collections. The Araluen Arts Centre presents an annual program of exhibitions, theatre, and film, hosting iconic events such as the nationally significant Desert Mob.

## **Aims of the Precinct**

The Araluen Cultural Precinct aims to fulfil broad community aspirations across the arts, culture and history fields by creating an integrated visitor experience encompassing the region’s key cultural institutions and collections.

The Precinct aims to provide local, national and international visitors with opportunities to be informed, entertained and inspired, offering visitors a quality experience and ability to:

- Participate in and enjoy of all forms of the visual arts, crafts and performing arts;
- Learn about and experience the Central Australian region as a unique and fascinating part of the natural world;
- Journey through stories about people and places and the lives and times of the Region, in the wider context of Australian history;
- Learn about and experience Arrernte culture, including the unique landforms sacred to Arrernte people;
- See, learn about and experience Aboriginal art and Aboriginal cultural traditions in Central Australia; and
- Share in the local history of the Precinct within the wider story of Australian aviation history.

## **Role of the Reference Group**

The Community Reference Group will provide advice to the Minister for Tourism and Culture, via the division of Arts and Museums within the Department of Tourism and Culture, in regards to the ongoing development and strategic operation of the Araluen Cultural Precinct by:

- Creating a dialogue between the Precinct’s management and the community, providing an avenue for community input and feedback; and
- Assisting with implementation of the Araluen Cultural Precinct Development Plan.

## **Community Reference Group Operation and Structure**

Group meetings will be held up to 4 times a year and will be chaired by the Director, Araluen Cultural Precinct, in consultation and partnership with the Arts and Museums Division's Executive Director.

The Community Reference Group will consist of six community representatives, being people with a demonstrated commitment to the ongoing development of the Araluen Cultural Precinct.

Community representatives will have the ability to access wide community networks across a range of demographics, in order to provide balanced and representative advice, with specific knowledge in one or more of the following areas:

- Sponsorship and marketing;
- Young people and youth engagement strategies;
- The arts, including the visual and performing arts;
- Alice Springs as a tourism destination;
- Social and natural history;
- Aboriginal culture, history and traditions;
- Infrastructure development;
- Education and training.

Two of the six community representatives will be provided by the following bodies:

- The Alice Springs Town Council; and
- The Friends of Araluen.

These organisations will be asked to nominate representatives, and may also nominate proxies, should the nominated representative not be able to attend scheduled meetings.

The selection of community representatives and the appointment of nominated people for specified positions will be the decision of the Chief Executive, Department of Tourism and Culture.

Members of the Community Reference Group will generally be appointed for a two year term. Membership of the Community Reference Group is a non-remunerated position.

### **How to become a Community Reference Group member:**

A brief one page expression of interest for this position, accompanied by a CV, can be sent via post to:

Director  
Araluen Cultural Precinct  
PO Box 3521  
Alice Springs NT 0871

Or via email to: [araluen@nt.gov.au](mailto:araluen@nt.gov.au)

For further information telephone the Araluen Cultural Precinct on 8951 1120.