

# **Araluen Cultural Precinct Community Reference Group Terms of Reference 2020**

## **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), 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 Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory also manages the Museum of Central Australia and the Strehlow Research Centre which is located on the Precinct.

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 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 Community Reference Group**

Through the Department of Tourism, Sport and Culture, the Community Reference Group will provide advice to the Minister for Tourism, Sport 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.

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

The Community Reference Group will be chaired by the Director, Araluen Cultural Precinct, and meetings will be held up to three times a year.

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

The Community Reference Group 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.

The Alice Springs Town Council and the Friends of Araluen will be asked to nominate representatives.

The appointment of the Community Reference Group will be the decision of the Executive Director, Community Participation, Sport and the Arts.

Appointments to the Community Reference Group are non-remunerated and are for a term of up to three years.

### **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.