

Araluen Arts Centre Araluen Cultural Precinct 61 Larapinta Drive Alice Springs NT 0870

Exhibitions Policy

<u>Introduction</u>

The Araluen Arts Centre is located within the Araluen Cultural Precinct, Alice Springs and is owned and managed by the Northern Territory Government through the Department of Tourism and Culture.

Vision

The Araluen Arts Centre aims to provide local, national and international visitors with opportunities to be stimulated, informed, entertained and inspired, and aspires to be nationally recognised as:

- A Centre of excellence in the collection, exhibition and research of art from Central Australia
- The key Centre for presenting visual art experiences to Central Australian audiences as well as national and international visitors to the region

With a key focus on artists working in the Southern Region of the Northern Territory the Araluen Arts Centre also aims to:

- Encourage contemporary arts practice of both established and emerging artists
- Encourage the development of artists through exposure to wide audiences
- Encourage artists experimenting with new art forms and directions

The Araluen Arts Centre operates under the following values: Respect, Integrity, Diversity, Responsiveness, Creativity and Accountability.



Gallery 1

Gallery 1 features a balanced program of exhibitions including major travelling exhibitions and exhibitions by established artists, in line with the Vision of the Araluen Arts Centre.

As such, the Gallery will:

- Present exhibitions by selected professional artists and arts organisations, providing support with their interpretation, presentation and promotion
- Present exhibitions that are identified as being of specific relevance to target audiences within Central Australia
- Present exhibitions of a quality and manner that extend visitor perceptions, appreciation and understanding of the arts
- Present travelling exhibitions which provide access to artworks, concepts and ideas not achievable through the Araluen Art Collection, or which complement and provide further frameworks for understanding works in the Araluen Art Collection
- Present and interpret historical developments in Australian art and culture
- Provide an understanding of current arts practice on a national and/or international level

Sitzler Gallery

Sitzler Gallery is a community accessible exhibition space for small to medium sized exhibitions by local and interstate artists or small travelling exhibitions which are either relevant to the local community or seen to be of interest to a broad range of Alice Springs and Central Australian residents.

Objectives for exhibiting in the Sitzler Gallery:

- Artworks should be relevant to audiences within Central Australia
- Artworks should be of a quality and manner that extend visitor perceptions, appreciation and understanding of the arts
- Programming of the Gallery space is flexible: consideration will be given to exhibitions that make use of unforeseen opportunities or tie in with community projects that may arise at short notice
- Encourages use by visiting artists as well as artists residing in Alice Springs

Programming Meetings

Applications to exhibit in Gallery One or Sitzler Gallery at the Araluen Arts Centre are presented to the Exhibition Programming Committee. The Committee consists of Visual Arts staff and the Director of the Araluen Arts Centre, and invited guests from the community. Meetings of are held three times per year.