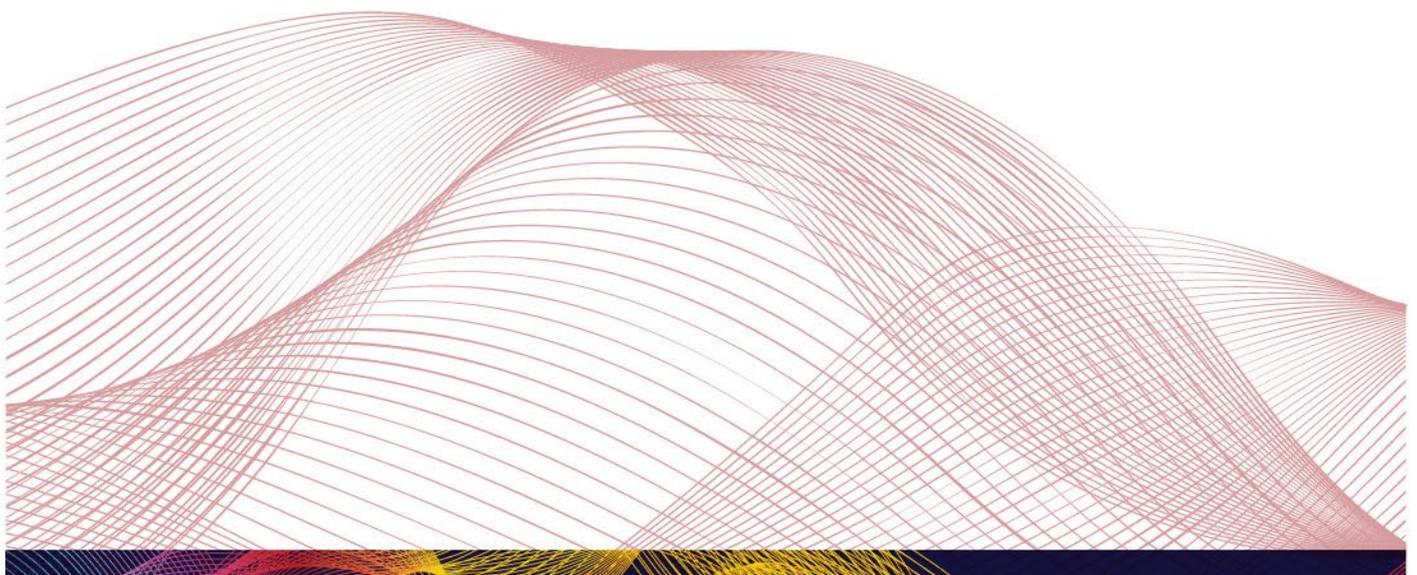


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**Communique**

Meeting 16

Friday 3 November 2023





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## Meeting communiqué

The sixteenth meeting of the First Nations Arts and Cultures Panel (the Panel) was held on Friday 3 November 2023, 10.00am to 3:30pm with Panel members and Departmental staff.

## Meeting summary

At the meeting the Panel:

- paid respects to the Traditional Custodians of the lands and waters upon which meeting participants were located and acknowledged the cultural authority of First Nations persons present
- a one-minute silence was observed for all those who are grieving and experiencing sorry business
- endorsed the minutes of the 2 August 2023 meeting and approved the communiqué for the meeting and its publication on the Arts Queensland (AQ) website
- noted Arts Queensland's (AQ) update on First Nations activities with an action to include the repatriation of First Nations peoples' human remains and significant cultural heritage objects as a standing agenda item in future Panel meetings
- noted the work being undertaken with regard to the First Nations Cultural Centres and agreed to provide critical cultural advice and feedback to support the development of the infrastructure business cases
- noted the continuing actions being undertaken in reforming Backing Indigenous Arts (BIA) programs and initiatives including Indigenous Art Centre (IAC) stakeholder consultation
- noted outcomes following AQ's 12-month review of the Cultural Engagement Framework (CEF)
- noted the Panel's 2023 Year in Review and key achievements codesigned with Arts Queensland for the delivery of First Nations programs and initiatives.

The next Panel meeting will be held on Friday, 23 February 2024.

## In attendance

<b>Panel members</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Georgina Richters (Chair)</li><li>• Dr Bianca Beetson</li><li>• Yolande Brown</li><li>• Nancy Bamaga</li><li>• Raymond Blanco</li><li>• Michelle Tuahine</li><li>• Jillian Bowie (via Teams)</li></ul>	<b>Arts Queensland</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kirsten Herring, Deputy- Director General</li><li>• Celia Reordan, Executive Director, Strategy and Programs</li><li>• Tania Hall, Executive Director, Partnerships and Investment</li><li>• Susan Richer, Director, Strategy and Programs</li><li>• Stephen Smith, Strategy Manager, First Nations Engagement</li><li>• Linda Dreghorn, Manager– Governance, (Secretariat)</li><li>• Ivy Hill, Manager – Manager, Partnerships and investments, BIA</li><li>• Joanne Russo, Manager, Partnerships and investments, BIA</li><li>• Shonae Hobson, Manager, Partnerships and investments, BIA</li><li>• Shontell Ketchell, Manager, Partnerships and investments, BIA</li></ul>
<b>Apologies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cameron Costello</li><li>• Julie-Ann Lambourne</li><li>• Robert McLellan</li><li>• Robert Willmet, Deputy Director-General, Culture and Economic Participation, ATSIP</li></ul>	

Further details about the Panel and members can be found on the [Arts Queensland website](#)

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