**First Nations Arts and Cultures Panel Communique**

**Meeting 2 Friday 16 April 2021**

**Meeting communiqué**

The second meeting of the First Nations Arts and Cultures Panel (the Panel) was held on Friday, 16 April 2021 at Arts Queensland, George Street, Brisbane with some Panel Members joining the meeting via Microsoft Teams.

**Meeting summary**

At the meeting Panel Members:

* acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land in Brisbane and the other locations on which Panel Members were meeting
* acknowledged the 30 year anniversary of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody and asked for a minutes’ silence to be observed for the 480 people who have lost their lives and the families in mourning and fighting for justice
* noted the Panel’s Terms of Reference and Communique (for the meeting of 17 March 2021) are now published on the Arts Queensland (AQ) website
* discussed Queensland Government’s key priorities in First Nations arts including the development of a cultural safety framework and cultural engagement protocols, investment in supporting and growing emerging First Nations organisations and consideration of supporting career pathways for First Nations artists and arts workers
* requested AQ undertake a desk top audit on Queensland Government and other jurisdictions’ polices and strategies on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural engagement and cultural safety to support Panel consideration in the development of a Cultural Safety Framework and Cultural Engagement protocols for Queensland
* reviewed and provided advice on the proposed grant obligations to be included in the Organisations Fund 2022-25 Fund including adherence to appropriate cultural protocols and permissions for activities that engage Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander people
* tasked AQ to provide options to support the business operations of emerging First Nations performing arts organisations
* noted AQ’s presentation of its end to end grant assessment and peer review process
* requested AQ provide alternative models for First Nations peer assessment for Panel consideration
* noted progress against the Creative Together first- year action plan - *Sustain 2020-2022* relating to First Nations.

The next two Panel meetings will be held on 28 May 2021 and 18 June 2021.

**In attendance**

Panel members

* Georgina Richters (Chair)
* Dr Bianca Beetson
* Yolande Brown
* Dr Fiona Foley
* Julie-Ann Lambourne
* Emma Loban
* Robert McLellan
* Yvette Walker

**Apologies:** Stephanie Parkin

**Observers**

Arts Queensland

* Kirsten Herring, Deputy Director General
* Julie Tanner, Director, Partnerships
* Julie Koplick, Director, Development
* Linda Dreghorn, Manager, Business Performance – Governance, (Secretariat)
* Kristina Jones, Principal Policy Officer
* Wilma Sagiba, Program Manager -BIA
* Lily Carroll, First Nations Graduate

Further details about the Panel and members can be found on the Arts Queensland website <https://www.arts.qld.gov.au/projects-and-initiatives/first-nations-arts-and-cultures-panel>

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