**First Nations Arts and Cultures Panel Communique**

**Meeting 8 Wednesday, 1 December 2021**

**Meeting communiqué**

The eighth meeting of the First Nations Arts and Cultures Panel (the Panel) was held on Wednesday, 1 December 2021, 8:30am to 12:45pm at Arts Queensland, George Street, Brisbane attended by Panel Members and Arts Queensland, with some Panel Members joining via Microsoft Teams.

**Meeting summary**

At the meeting the Panel:

* acknowledged the traditional custodians of the lands in Brisbane and the other locations on which Panel Members and Observers were meeting
* observed one minute’s silence to acknowledge the passing of Yolngu brother Mr Dalaithngu AM and his contribution to the arts both nationally and globally
* approved the Communiqué for the previous meeting (22 October 2021) and its publication on the Arts Queensland (AQ) website
* reviewed and endorsed the Cultural Engagement Framework, noting consultation will commence in early 2022
* discussed and provided support for the new approach to grow First Nations representation on Peer Assessment Panels
* noted the First Nations Pathways Fund assessment process is finalised
* noted the Deputy Director-General’s update on AQ’s work supporting the advancement of First Nations outcomes through *Creative Together*
* noted the ongoing work in developing the second action plan for *Creative Together, Grow 2022- 2026* and discussed potential focus areas to be further investigated including: growing career pathways and job opportunities; keeping culture strong and storytelling; and audience development.
* reflected on their achievements in 2021 and shared aspirations and priorities for 2022
* confirmed the Panel meetings for 2022 - the next Panel meeting will be Friday, 25 February 2022.