**First Nations Arts and Cultures Panel Communique**

**Meeting 7 Friday 22 October 2021**

**Meeting communiqué**

The seventh meeting of the First Nations Arts and Cultures Panel (the Panel) was held on Friday, 22 October 2021, 9:00am to 3pm at Arts Queensland, George Street, Brisbane attended by Panel Members and Arts Queensland staff joining the meeting 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 silence for those people in mourning
* approved the Communiqué for the previous meeting (17 September 2021) and its publication on the Arts Queensland (AQ) website
* reviewed and provided feedback on the Cultural Engagement Framework
* discussed sector wide challenges experienced in ensuring appropriate, accessible, and sustainable training with a focus on First Nations performing arts
* noted the Deputy Director-General’s update on AQ’s work supporting the *Creative Together* Elevate First Nations arts priority
* noted the work being done to develop the second action plan for *Creative Together, Grow 2022-2026* and discussed potential areas and partnerships to be further explored
* noted the update provided by Cameron Costello on work being undertaken by Queensland Tourism Industry Council in First Nations tourism.

The next Panel meeting will be Wednesday, 1 December 2021.

**In attendance**

Panel members

* Georgina Richters (Chair)
* Dr Bianca Beetson
* Yolande Brown
* Cameron Costello
* Robert McLellan

Apologies

* Dr Fiona Foley
* Julie-Ann Lambourne
* Emma Loban
* Stephanie Parkin
* Yvette Walker

**Observers**

Arts Queensland

* Kirsten Herring, Deputy- Director General
* Linda Dreghorn, Manager, Business Performance – Governance, (Secretariat)
* Tania Hall, Executive Director, Arts Policy and Programs
* Susan Richer, Director, Development
* Celia Reordan, Director, Strategic Policy and Engagement
* Danelle Nicol, Development Manager, Backing Indigenous Arts
* Ivy Hill, Development Manager, Backing Indigenous Arts
* Alex Lee, Policy Manager

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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