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Arts and Culture Officer

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Strathbogie Shire Council's new Arts and Culture Officer Kobe Pallis joined the team in August 2021.

The role was created to facilitate connections between community members, funding programs and tourism stakeholders, as well as identifying opportunities to promote arts and culture initiatives within our region.

Council's Arts & Culture Officer will work to enhance what our community already offers in this space and will develop a platform for creatives and cultural groups to engage effectively with each other and the broader community.



Kobe Pallis, Arts & Culture Officer

Kobe has worked extensively within the professional creative arts over her career, having run both a professional photography and branding business. Highlights have included helping local businesses to develop their identities and stand out from the crowd and documenting

our community through her lens.

Working regularly with large scale arts and culture events such as the Sydney Fringe Festival and various theatre groups has provided the opportunity to access knowledge and connections within the arts industry.

After developing a growing interest in community capacity building and wellbeing Kobe has embarked on studying a Diploma of Community Services and continuing to increase her cultural competence through education and discussions.

Her aim is to better understand how supports can be accessed and needs addressed for our varied communities within the shire in a local government context.

Key Roles & Responsibilities:

- Working towards achieving goals in the Arts and Culture Strategy document and related action plan.
- Engaging with creative and cultural communities, addressing opportunities and challenges.
- Developing and promoting community-focused arts and culture programs.
- Assistance for creatives and cultural groups to develop initiatives that help communities make connections and increase visibility
- Linking the community with various agencies and funding opportunities.
- Advocating for creatives, providing educational opportunities to develop a better understanding of cultural considerations.
- Closely working with the Tourism and Events team to promote cultural experiences and highlight the talent and knowledge held within our community.

What is the Arts?

The arts is a collective term for expression, storytelling and cultural participation across all creative formats. The arts can include practices such as architecture; visual arts including ceramics, drawing, painting, filmmaking, photography, sculpting; literary arts including writing and poetry; performing arts including dance, music, theatre; culinary arts such as cooking and winemaking; handicraft, folk art, textiles and fashion and more.

What are cultural groups?

A purposefully defined group of people who relate to each other through shared ideas, customs and social behaviour based on any group differences in racial, physical abilities, ethnicity, age, gender, religion, sexual orientation, or gender identity. Our first peoples Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, migrant, LGBTQI+ and advocacy groups promoting accessibility are some examples of these cultural groups.