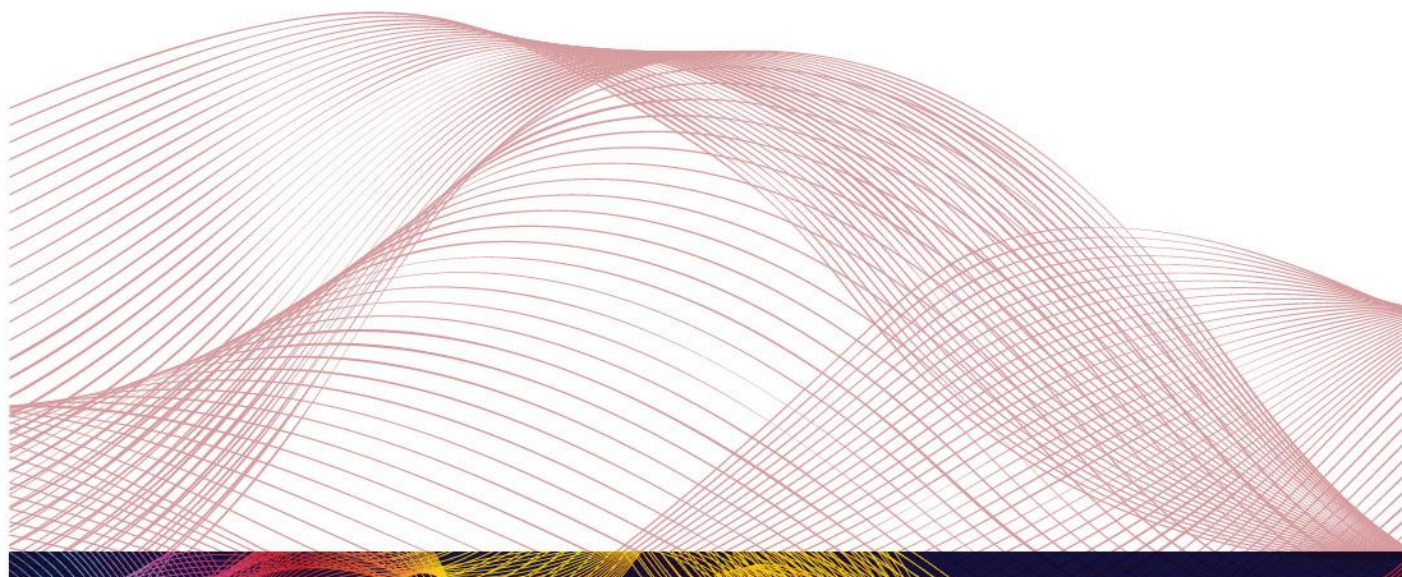


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Cultures Panel  
**Communique**

Meeting 17

Friday 22 March 2024





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## Meeting communiqué

The seventeenth meeting of the First Nations Arts and Cultures Panel (the Panel) was held on Friday 22 March 2024, 10.00am to 3:15pm 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
- observed one-minute's silence for all those who are grieving and experiencing sorry business
- endorsed the minutes of the 3 November 2023 meeting and approved the meeting communiqué for publication on the Arts Queensland (AQ) website
- welcomed Mr Dean Gibson, First Nations filmmaker, to the First Nations Arts and Cultures Panel
- noted increased Queensland Government investment through Arts Queensland funding programs over the first two years of the Grow Action Plan 2022-2026 to deliver on the Creative Together priority to elevate First Nations arts
- informed Arts Queensland submissions to national policy discussions and agreed to form a subcommittee to respond to the Australian Government's consultation regarding standalone legislation to protect Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property (ICIP)
- noted that AQ is advancing the development of a First Nations fashion and textiles strategy and is exploring opportunities to develop a fashion production hub in Cairns
- set priorities for 2024 including contributions to national policy conversations including Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property issues, active engagement with the development of a cultural program framework for Brisbane 2032, informing Arts Queensland strategy development including First Nations fashion and design, arts and disability and creative workforce development
- noted Screen Queensland's development of a First Nations screen strategy
- noted the recent establishment and launch of the Queensland Indigenous Business Network to support First Nations business operators to network and share valuable leanings.

The next Panel meeting will be held on Friday, 24 May 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>• Cameron Costello</li><li>• Julie-Ann Lambourne</li><li>• Robert McLellan</li><li>• Dean Gibson</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>• Susan Richer, Director, Strategy and Programs</li><li>• Stephen Smith, Strategy Manager, First Nations Engagement</li><li>• Linda Dreghorn, Manager– Governance, (Secretariat)</li></ul>
<b>Apologies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jillian Bowie</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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