

Meeting 9

Friday 25 February 2022

First Nations Arts and Cultures Panel

**Communique**

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## Meeting communiqué

The ninth meeting of the First Nations Arts and Cultures Panel (the Panel) was held on Friday, 9:00am to 4:00pm, 25 February 2022 at Arts Queensland, George Street, Brisbane with most Panel members joining the meeting via Microsoft Teams.

## Meeting summary

At the meeting the Panel:

* acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the land and observed a minute’s silence reflecting on the innocents who are currently oppressed including the people of the Ukraine and First Nations peoples at home and around the world
* welcomed Mr Stephen Smith who was recently appointed Strategy Manager, First Nations Engagement, Arts Queensland (AQ)
* confirmed support for a new model for peer assessment, that will work to achieve 50 per cent First Nations representation on all peer assessment panels and 100 per cent of assessment of First Nations specific funding programs are undertaken by experts who identify as First Nations peoples
* reviewed First Nations draft cultural protocols, which will apply to peer assessor model induction, fund management and assessment processes
* considered consultation insights with First Nations visuals artists in Queensland. This highlighted key areas of focus in supporting practitioner business development and market growth, enhanced networking and access to culturally responsive funding programs; and enhanced workspaces
* noted Cameron Costello’s learnings from QTIC’s development of the Queensland First Nations Tourism Council as a peak representative body for cultural tourism
* agreed on *Creative Together* *Grow 2022-2026* action plan themes to Elevate First Nations Arts including actions to enhance career pathways and employment, arts business development and support, audience and market development, storytelling, and production of high-quality work
* supported AQ facilitation of forums with First Nations arts and cultural practitioners and companies to seek feedback on emerging *Grow* action areas.

The next Panel meeting will be Friday, 24 June 2022.

## In attendance

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| **Panel members**  Georgina Richters (Chair)  Dr Bianca Beetson  Robert McLellan  Yolande Brown  Emma Loban  Julie-Ann Lambourne  Stephanie Parkin  Cameron Costello  **Apologies**  Yvette Walker  Dr Fiona Foley | **Arts Queensland**  Kirsten Herring, Deputy Director-General  Linda Dreghorn, Manager – Governance (Panel Secretariat)  Stephen Smith, Strategy Manager First Nations Engagement  Ivy Hill, Development Manager, Backing Indigenous Arts  Celia Reordan, Senior Director, Strategy and Communication  Susan Richer, Director, Strategy  Jamie Johnson, Business Administration Trainee |

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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