

Meeting 13

Friday 24 February 2023

First Nations Arts and Cultures Panel

**Communique**

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## Meeting communiqué

The thirteenth meeting of the First Nations Arts and Cultures Panel (the Panel) was held on Friday, 24 February, 8:30am to 2:00pm 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
* acknowledged the introduction of The Path to Treaty Bill in Queensland Parliament on 22 February 2023 and observed a minute’s silence for those who were part of the fight but not able to witness the event and to also honour Janet Guthrie
* endorsed the minutes of the 2 December 2022 meeting and approved the communiqué for the meeting and its publication on the Arts Queensland (AQ) website
* discussed the role of arts funding to support Treaty, truth telling and healing
* noted the work being undertaken to update enabling legislation for the five Queensland arts statutory bodies, with a sub-committee of the Panel to inform drafting instructions
* discussed the Brisbane 2032 Legacy Forum and opportunities for First Nations engagement and consultation
* noted the release of the Australian Government’s national cultural policy, *Revive: a place for every story, a story for every place* and opportunities for First Nations arts in Queensland
* noted the continuing actions being undertaken in reforming Backing Indigenous Arts including the development of a First Nations Arts Business Hub
* informed the guidelines for a new Arts Queensland fund to be launched later in 2023.

The next Panel meeting will be in April 2023.

## In attendance

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| **Panel members*** Georgina Richters (Chair)
* Julie-Ann Lambourne (Co-chair while Chair absent)
* Dr Bianca Beetson
* Yolande Brown
* Cameron Costello
* Robert McLellan
* Stephanie Parkin
* Michelle Tuahine
 | **Observers****Arts Queensland*** Kirsten Herring, Deputy- Director General
* Linda Dreghorn, Manager– Governance, (Secretariat)
* Susan Richer, A/Executive Director, Partnerships and Investment
* Celia Reordan, A/Executive Director, Strategy and Programs
* Ivy Hill, Development Manager, Backing Indigenous Arts (Visual Arts)

**DCHDE*** Robert Willmett, Deputy Director-General, First Nations Strategy Unit
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| **Apologies*** Dr Fiona Foley
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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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