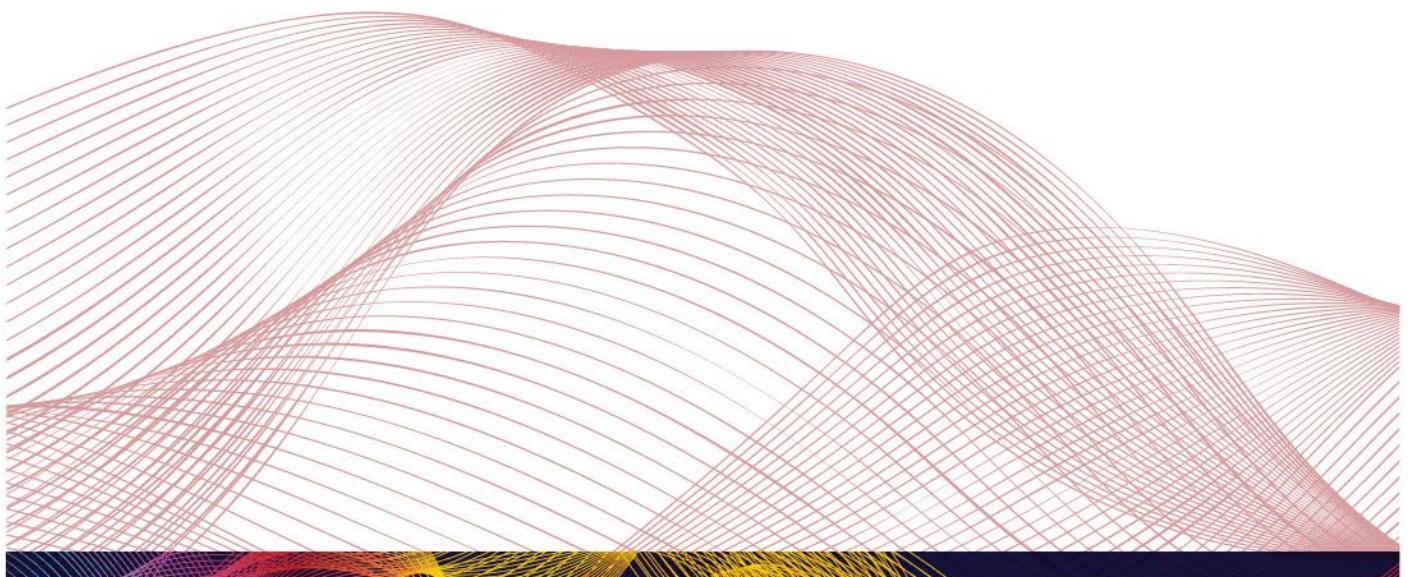


First Nations Arts and  
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**Communique**

Meeting 15

Friday 4 August 2023





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## Meeting communiqué

The fifteenth meeting of the First Nations Arts and Cultures Panel (the Panel) was held on Friday, 4 August, 8:30am to 2:45pm with Panel members and Departmental staff. Panel members attended the meeting online.

## 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. The Chair acknowledged National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day (Little Voices, Loud Future) and expressed concern regarding the high number of Indigenous children enduring out of home care. A minute's silence was observed for Elders and community leaders who had passed since the last meeting.
- Endorsed the minutes of the 23 April 2023 meeting and approved the communiqué for the meeting and its publication on the Arts Queensland (AQ) website.
- Discussed leadership in our First Nations arts organisations and the responsibilities of Peak Representative Bodies to ensure the best outcomes for their members.
- Noted the ongoing development of enabling legislation for the Arts Statutory Bodies regarding obligations to ensure representation of First Nations peoples, arts and cultures in the statutory bodies' governance, operations and programming.
- Noted the quantum of funding provided to First Nations artists, organisations and communities in the 2022/23 financial year and acknowledged the priorities for future grant programs that maximise benefits for First Nations creative arts.
- Discussed the 2042 legacy opportunities associated with the Brisbane Olympic Games, Paralympics, and Cultural Olympics. The Panel noted how First Nations content will be embedded across all four of the identified Legacy themes.
- Provided feedback on proposed innovations to support the commercial needs of artists and generally develop the business acumen of First Nations arts artists.

The next Panel meeting will be on 3 November 2023.



## In attendance

<b>Panel members</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Georgina Richters (Chair)</li><li>• Julie-Ann Lambourne</li><li>• Dr Bianca Beetson</li><li>• Michelle Tuahine</li><li>• Robert McLellan</li><li>• Cameron Costello</li></ul>	<b>Observers</b> <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</li><li>• Linda Dreghorn, Manager – Governance, (Secretariat)</li><li>• Stephen Smith, Strategy Manager, First Nations Engagement</li></ul> <b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Robert Willmet, Deputy Director-General, Culture and Economic Participation</li></ul>
<b>Apologies</b> Yolande Brown	

Further details about the Panel and members can be found on the [Arts Queensland website](#)

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