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OBJECTIVE:

To develop, maintain and display a permanent artwork collection which primarily reflects the development of art and artists in the Lithgow Local Government Area.

POLICY:

To achieve the stated objective, the following will apply:

1. The Collection will include oil paintings, water colours, acrylic paintings, edition prints, drawings, mixed media, ceramics, sculpture, installation art, sound art, film art, digital art and other forms of art as they develop
2. Works from the Collection will be supplemented from time to time with touring exhibitions and loans from other sources.
3. Where appropriate, works from the Collection will be exhibited in locations outside Council.

Acquisitions

1. Acquisitions will be made to the collection through purchase, gift or long term loan in excess of 5 years. Loans of less than 5 years will not be accessioned into the collection.
2. Council will develop Collection acquisition priorities which identify artists, mediums and themes and which will be subject to regular review.
3. Priority will be given to works by Lithgow LGA artists or which depict the Lithgow Local Government Area.
4. Works by artists from outside the Lithgow LGA will be acquired where they demonstrate high artistic merit.
5. Collection works will only be acquired where they are:
 - Of good quality
 - In good condition
 - Appropriate to the Collection
6. Funds voted by Council for art acquisition may, where appropriate, be placed in an "Acquisition Reserve Account" to permit the accumulation of funds for major purchases.

Management of Collection

1. A detailed catalogue of each item within the Collection will be maintained by the Cultural Development Officer.
2. The movement of Collection holdings within Council will take into account issues of security, civic importance and accessibility to the public.

Loans and Permanent Donations

1. Requests for the loan of works from the Collection for external exhibitions are subject to approval by the General Manager.
2. Bodies requesting the loan of works from the Collection will need to demonstrate that they have appropriate security and insurance.
3. Council will inspect all loaned Collection items annually to ensure compliance with the policy. Borrowers not satisfying the policy forfeit the opportunity to hold such works.
4. Requests for the permanent donation of works from the Collection for external exhibitions are subject to a resolution of Council.

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