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HAVE YOUR SAY ON DRAFT ARTS AND CULTURE STRATEGY

Strathbogie Shire Council has released its draft Arts and Culture Strategy which aims to increase opportunities for creative stimulation and connectedness, increase arts and cultural experiences, preserve heritage and foster diverse cultural sustainability in the shire.

Strathbogie Shire Mayor, Cr Amanda McClaren sits on the Arts and Culture Advisory Group who have developed the draft Arts and Culture Strategy.

“Council recognised the need for a greater focus on supporting and developing arts and culture within our communities, which was highlighted by our community at the beginning of our Council’s term and features in our Council Plan,” Cr McClaren explained.

“We had great conversations with our community during the development of the strategy and what we heard was that people wanted more opportunities to tell their stories and celebrate local identities, more opportunities for entertainment and community events and better access to arts and cultural experiences,” Cr McClaren said.

“What we have created is a strategy that looks to achieve these things by stimulating creativity and connectedness, supporting growth and learning and supporting our community to preserve and celebrate our culture.”

“After listening to our community and developing this draft strategy, we hope that we are better positioned to support arts and culture within our shire going forward.”

Tourism, Arts and Culture Advisory Group member and local artist Tess Noonan Egan said the draft strategy aims to strengthen the important connections needed for success between local government and our community.

“Communities will bring the ideas and energy as they always have, but now there will be a deeper understanding of where local government can contribute, enhance and value what is being suggested,” Ms Noonan Egan said.

Council encourages our community to take a look at the strategy and provide feedback to be considered in the final review before it goes to Council for consideration.

Council is collecting feedback until 5pm, Friday 15 November, 2019.

If you’re interested in providing feedback, visit the Have Your Say button at www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au to view the strategy and post in the discussion forum.

You can also access a copy of the Arts and Culture Strategy at Council Offices at 109A Binney Street, Euroa or Visitor Information Centre at 293 High Street, Nagambie.

Feedback can also be emailed to info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au or written and handed into Council Offices or the Nagambie Visitor Information Centre.

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