

## Art and Artefacts Collection Policy Adopted

South Gippsland Shire Council has approved an Arts and Artefacts Collection Policy 2018 which will assist Council to manage their collection. The policy will provide direction for future acquisitions, disposal and identification of items no longer required or items which do not fit within a clear definition as Art Works or Artefacts.

The policy will also enable Council staff to create an online gallery that will allow for the wider community to see Council's collection.

The Coal Creek Curatorial Officer primarily created the policy in consultation with Community Strengthening staff, the Arts Development Officer, Risk and Procurement staff and Governance staff within Council.

Without the policy Council would be at a financial risk if the current items in the collection could not be adequately assessed and insured. Council will need to undertake a transparent process to reduce the number of items listed as art works within the collection.

South Gippsland Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Lorraine Brunt has commented on the importance of the policy.

"Council wants to continue to hold a selection of artworks made by local artists that we proudly display.

"With the adoption of the Arts and Artefacts Collection Policy we will be able to correctly store and preserve works, allowing for the longevity of artist work," Said the Mayor.

**PR2250 28/06/18**