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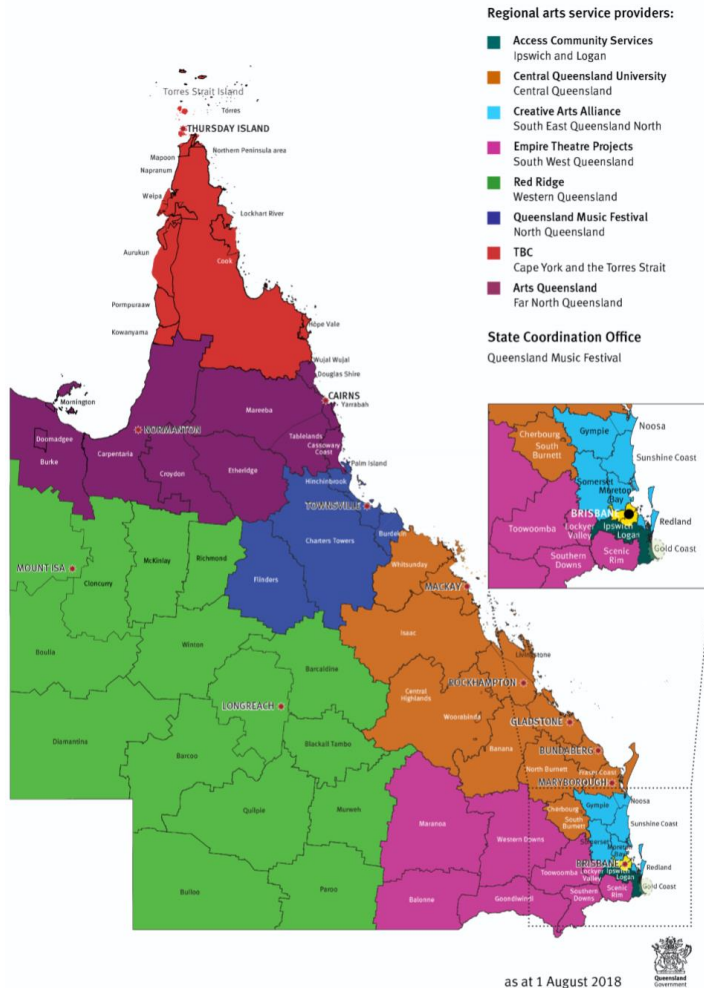
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Regional Arts Services Network (RASN)



The Regional Arts Services Network (RASN) is a network of regional arts service providers who, supported by the State Coordination Office, work together to deliver on-the-ground arts services in communities across the state. Driving regional development across regions and working with the local arts sector, the community and key stakeholders, they help to determine key arts and cultural priorities for specific regions.

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RASN is inclusive of all disciplines, performing, visual, fine arts and crafts, heritage, museums, libraries, writing and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts. It encourages cross discipline and cross sector work. Projects and Programs assisted by RASN will meet the following Key Deliverables.

Key Deliverables

- empowering the regions in determining arts and cultural priorities and where government investment is best directed
- facilitating and delivering community arts and cultural development programs that enhance local and visitor engagement with Queensland's arts and cultural offering
- build sector capacity and foster a strong community of arts, including partnerships with community, industry, government and the private sector
- increasing Queensland's application and success rates in securing arts funding across all levels of government and the private sector
- facilitating new employment and training opportunities in regional and remote Queensland
- increasing opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists and communities and supporting communities that are disadvantaged in terms of access to arts.

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The Empire Theatre has solidified its place in the wider Darling Downs and South West community over its 21 years of operation. As the cultural hub of the region, the Empire Theatre has worked to connect and develop artists and service the needs of the community through a comprehensive program of performances, opportunities and engagement activities.

Due to this commitment to the arts, the Empire Theatre received the contract for the Regional Arts Services Network for South West Qld. The South West region includes the following eight Regional Council areas:

- Scenic Rim Regional Council
- Lockyer Valley Regional Council
- Toowoomba regional Council
- Southern Downs Regional Council
- Western Downs Regional Council
- Goondiwindi Regional Council
- Maranoa Regional Council
- Balonne Shire Council

The Regional Arts Services Officer role will play a vital role in working with local governments and key stakeholders to identify gaps and opportunities to drive growth of the arts in our region.

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Partnering with RASN

RASN has an allocation of programming funds through the Queensland Art Showcase Program for projects in our region and partnerships and supporters will be sought along the way. It is important to note that RASN has the capacity and opportunity to work across LGA boundaries and it does not replace RADF. It can work in conjunction with RADF as well as the other funding acronyms from all levels of government.

In our commitment to supporting and developing the creative sectors in South West Queensland, we will firstly be working with Local Governments to deliver a range of projects, including:

- Networking events
- First Five Forever Touring Productions
- Arts Ablaze
- Professional Development
- Cultural Mapping
- Art Trails

To assist with identifying key stakeholders in the SW we will also be seeking expressions of interest (EOIs) from individuals, groups, and not-for-profits to develop local projects that identify with our key deliverables.

Projects can be funded financially up to 50% of the overall cost from RASN, with the remaining 50% to be made up of cash and/or in-kind.



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