



Burrinja

Dandenong Ranges Community Cultural Centre Inc.

VISION

Building Community through Arts

MISSION STATEMENT

Burrinja is a living, vibrant and welcoming community cultural centre providing opportunities for artistic, cultural and environmental experiences

PURPOSES

- a) To promote, develop and present arts and culture in the region
- b) To be a public art gallery, public museum and collecting institution
- c) To support and develop the cultural identity of the Dandenong Ranges
- d) To provide opportunities for the development and facilitation of creative arts practice and enterprise including cultural development

To achieve these purposes Burrinja shall work to achieve its vision – *Building Community through Arts*; be open and accessible to the public; provide cultural services and programs in visual, performing and community arts, education and environmental programs and cultural development; and, develop its own Collection to best museum practice standards.

AIMS

Burrinja's function, purpose and programming are built on a multi-element vision that seeks to enable and develop experiential and extended arts practice and programs across diverse art forms and cultural activities within the region.

Burrinja supports existing and enables the development of emerging and distinctive cultural practices, promoting engaging community-connected outcomes that contribute to the vibrancy, diversity and resilience of the region.

The valuing and appreciation of Indigenous culture is embedded across the organisation's practices and programming. Burrinja values the reciprocal cultural learning offered to the region's community through Indigenous cross-cultural engagement including its collection management and curatorial practices.

Burrinja's capacity to contribute positively to the region's cultural ecology is empowered through working in partnership across a diverse range of cross-sector organisations.

STRATEGIC GOALS

1. *Making great arts and culture*
2. *Embedding Indigenous culture and cultural heritage*
3. *Community connections – audience engagement*
4. *Good governance*

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH YARRA RANGES COUNCIL

Yarra Ranges Council and Burrinja will work together to encourage opportunities for cultural development and expression, encourage a sense of local identity and community, participation in cultural activities through a range of strategies from project development to training and advocacy. The Shire and Burrinja agree to work to recognise the diverse and unique character of the Shire, and to deliver services in a manner that is sensitive to both indigenous and environmental issues.