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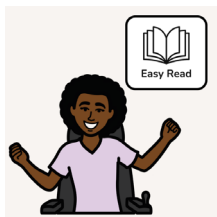
Towards a new National Cultural Policy

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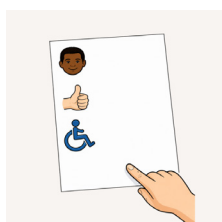


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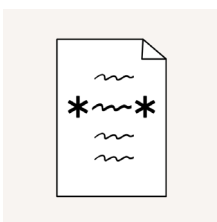
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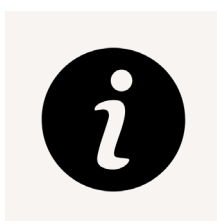
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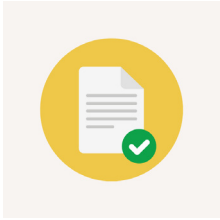


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About this book



This book is about our ***National Cultural Policy*** and how you can help shape the next policy.

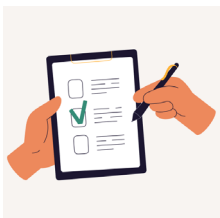


A National Cultural Policy explains how arts and culture will be supported in Australia.

What is Revive?



Revive is our plan to make arts and culture strong in Australia from 2023 to 2027.



Revive started in January 2023 with 85 actions.



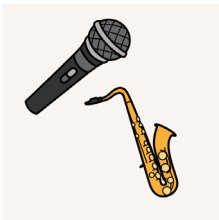
By March 2026 we finished **75 actions**.

How Revive helped

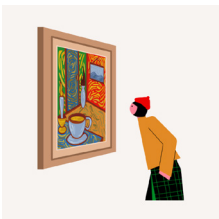


Since January 2023 Revive has helped us to

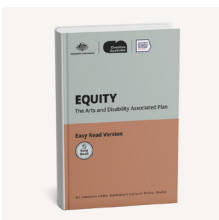
- offer more ways for artists and communities to have a say



- pay for music and creative projects to keep growing



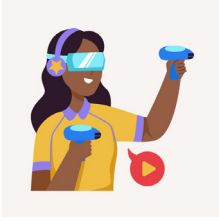
- give money to museums and arts schools to keep them strong



- make ***Equity: The Arts and Disability Plan 2022 - 2026***.

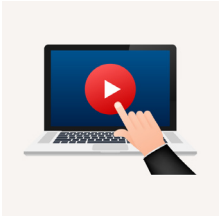


This is our plan to help d/Deaf and disabled artists and audiences take part in arts and culture.

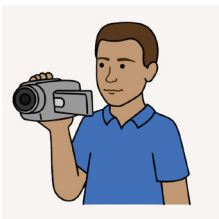


Since January 2023 we also used Revive to

- give tax help to the digital games sector



- make streaming services tell more Australian stories



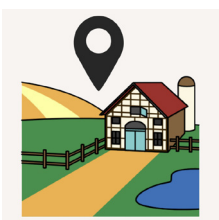
- give tax help to people filming big movies in Australia



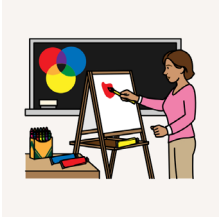
- make information and workplaces better and more respectful of creative workers



- give money to ***regional*** arts, festivals, young people and live music.



Regional includes areas away from big cities. For example, Australian country towns.

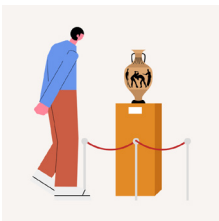


Since January 2023 we also used Revive to

- give money to help arts programs in schools for young people



- loan 333 artworks to ***institutions*** so more people can enjoy the artwork.



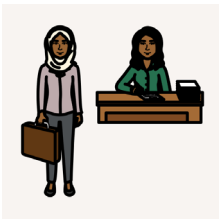
Institutions are places that make or share art. For example, a gallery or museum.

Why culture matters

Helping the economy

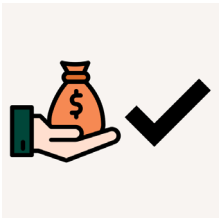


Culture and creative activity helps to grow the ***economy*** in Australia.



A strong economy means

- we have enough jobs



- we have enough money

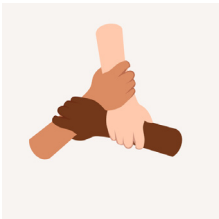


- we can keep Australia strong.

Connecting people



Taking part in culture makes communities stronger.



Culture helps our mental health by bringing us together.



For example, people come together to enjoy

- libraries



- choirs



- festivals.

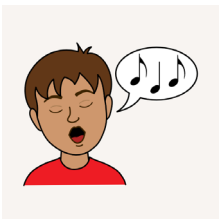
Telling our story



When we support culture, we tell the world about our past and who we are as a country.



For example, First Nations culture is the oldest culture in the world.



We can tell stories through Australian

- songs



- dance



- films.

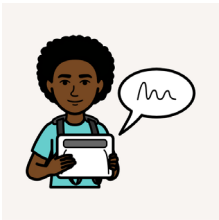
What is next?



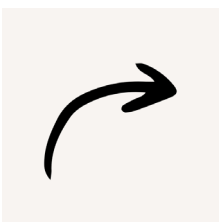
We will keep following the ***5 pillars*** from Revive when we make our next policy.



The 5 pillars are the 5 main ideas we follow when we work.



The Australian Government would like to hear your ideas about the pillars.



We will explain the pillars starting on the next page.

Pillar 1 First Nations First

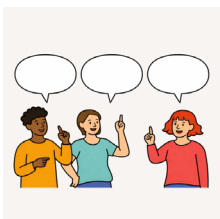


We believe First Nations stories are at the centre of Australia's arts and culture.

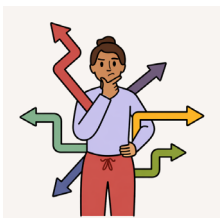


How do you think we can strengthen First Nations art and culture in Australia?

Pillar 2 A Place for Every Story

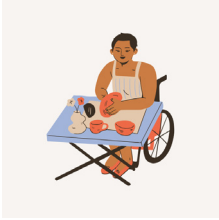


We believe in supporting all kinds of different stories.

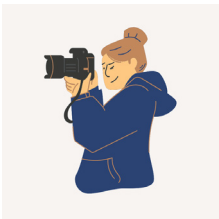


How do you think we should share different stories, art and culture in Australia?

Pillar 3 Centrality of the Artist



Centrality of the Artist means we focus on the artist.

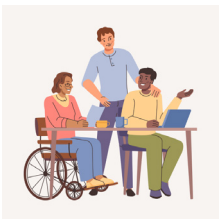


For example, we believe in

- supporting artists as workers

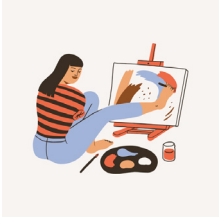


- celebrating artists as creators.



How do you think we can make workplaces fair and safe for artists and arts workers?

Pillar 4 Strong Cultural Infrastructure



We believe in making our institutions strong so that we can

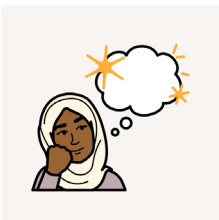
- meet artist needs



- keep arts going over time



- remember our past.



How do you think we can help institutions be strong over time?

Pillar 5 Engaging the Audience

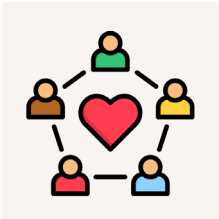


We believe our stories should connect with

- people who live in Australia

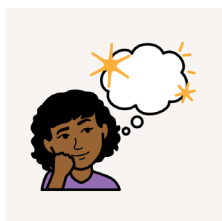


- people who live in other parts of the world.

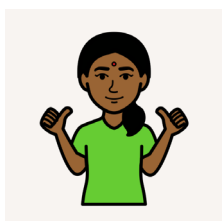


How do you think we can understand and connect with audiences over time?

Have your say

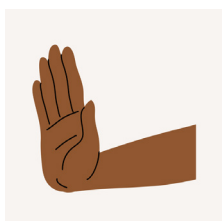


You can help us make the next National Cultural Policy.



The Australian Government wants to know

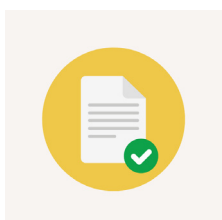
- What pillars are most important to you?



- What barriers stop arts and culture from being strong in Australia?



- How can we make things better?

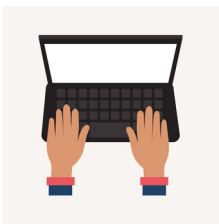


- What would you like us to include in the next policy?

How to share your ideas



You can share your ideas by sending us a ***submission***.



A submission means you answer some questions and send your answers to us.



The link to our submission form is here www.arts.gov.au/culturalpolicy



You can share your ideas in other ways that are easier for you.

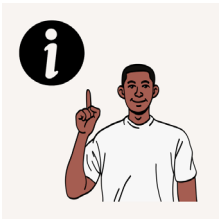


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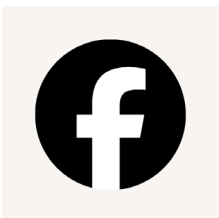
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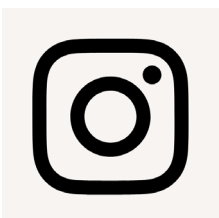
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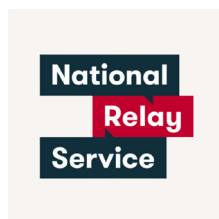


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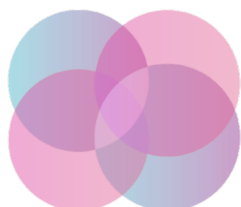
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