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Calling all artists and art lovers

The Shire is inviting artists and arts workers around Broome to lodge their details on a new register for involvement in upcoming events, projects and other opportunities.

In 2013, the Shire adopted a Provision of Public Art Policy which provides for a contribution to public art of one per cent of the total project cost for developments over \$2 million, similar to other Per Cent for Art schemes introduced by state and local governments around the country.

In February this year, Council endorsed a Public Art Master Plan as a guide for public art projects within the Shire of Broome.

Broome Shire President, Graeme Campbell, said that during community consultation for the master plan, opportunities for local artists to be involved in public art projects was discussed.

"The Shire of Broome is therefore establishing a database of artists and arts workers in order to provide a means of communicating: information regarding relevant events and opportunities; information regarding local artists and arts workers available for projects and commissions; and access to expert advice for Shire projects," Cr Campbell said.

"We all know Broome has a strong arts community but it's often difficult to know who's doing what and where to find them.

"This register will hopefully help us provide more opportunities for our local artists to be involved in Shire projects."

The register is for anyone who is working or interested in the arts as an artist, co-ordinator or even an audience member or consumer.

Interested people should visit the Shire website at <u>www.broome.wa.gov.au</u> to register. Registration is free and details contained in the register will only be used by the Shire for this purpose.

For further information, please contact the Shire of Broome on 08 9191 3456.

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