



## Arts vision to promote the creative city

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THE Hobart City Council has developed a strategy to help facilitate Hobart's growth as a creative city.

Creator Robert looks at the issues of changing from providing limited visual arts activities to a broader focus on culture and creativity.

It is supported by information gathered from the sector and community.

The strategy is based on the idea that cultural policy needs to "build on the recognition that the growth of the creative industries provide an opportunity to strengthen community wellbeing, create a culturally rich sense of place and contribute to economic viability".

Lord Mayor Damien Thomson said the city recognised the cultural and economic contribution that all forms of art made to Hobart.

"We want to engage much more widely not only with the mainstream artists but also with the fringe movement," Alderman Thomson said.

The Town Hall and streetscape artists would be used to push art further afield from Salamanca, he said of the strategy to promote the arts.

Kelly's Gardens at Salamanca is a curated public art space that has about five exhibitions a year.

Last night Jacob Leary's work *Dandy Forces* was opened there, with the artist saying he loved creating work for public spaces.

"I prefer to do this kind of work, it's much freer and plays out ideas that I work with well," Leary said.

"This piece works with a weighted system, it's a cross between a child's playground and a 3D science diagram."

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