

SERVICE ASSESSMENT

Name of Service	Arts- Access Arts – Council-funded Programs
Type of Service	Discretionary.
Service Details	Weekly theatre activities for people with disability, including intellectual disability, mental health, acquired brain impairment, frail and elderly delivered in Council facilities and local community centres, including transport support using Council community bus.
Actions Taken To Date	All program staff updated on Council response and work protocols to reduce risk of infection. Monitoring of DHHS and NDIA advice. Monitoring of participants overseas travel and self-quarantine advice. Monitoring and reviewing industry and sector actions.
Reason for Review	Participant population is vulnerable due to age, disability and co-morbidity. Programs involve gathering and ability to enforce social isolation is limited.
Risk Assessment	26 vulnerable community participants access the service; 8 staff deliver the service. Activities occur in community centres which are open to the public. Many participants reside in supported residential services and residential units where risk mitigation may be minimal. The theatre activities involve social contact for periods over two hours. Continuing the service increases the opportunity for transmission of the virus.
Community Assessment	Discontinuing the service for a period of 4 weeks (end-April) may result in decline in mental health and general wellbeing. Closing the service for an extended and/or ongoing period may result in more significant and potentially long-term health and wellbeing impacts.
Economic Assessment	If service continues, impact will be minimal and manageable within budget forecasts. If discontinued or closed, impact is significant due to reduction in service fees. Impact for casual and agency staff will be significant if services are cancelled or reduced. Impact for full-time/part-time permanent staff may result in redeployment of duties.
Options	<p>Option 1 – Service Continues Risk mitigation in place and ongoing monitoring of situation, participants and staff (not recommended).</p> <p>Option 2 - Service is Reduced and options explored around online delivery options This may need to be funded by Council as NDIS may not fund such activities (recommended).</p>

Legal Liability / Obligations to Contractors or External Funders	Service agreements are in place for NDIS-funded community participants which include statements re: suspension/cancellation of services.
Budget Impact	Each week the service is closed equates to a financial impact of around \$1,900.