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## Scoping a New Regional Art Gallery for the Sunshine Coast

### > THE CONTEXT

The Sunshine Coast local government area is one of the largest and fastest growing in Australia, with much of that development taking place in the coastal urban precincts. To meet the growing population's expectations for quality cultural facilities, Sunshine Coast Council investigated the scope for a new Regional Art Gallery to replace the current Caloundra Regional Gallery.

### > THE BRIEF

Sunshine Coast Council engaged Deicke Richards with the support of Positive Solutions to identify the requirements for a new, purpose-built Regional Art Gallery at Caloundra. Investigations into the redevelopment needed to consider the role and function of this facility in relation to other Council-wide cultural and arts facilities and align with the vision for arts development on the Sunshine Coast.

### > OUR APPROACH

Key existing background and strategic documents were reviewed followed by meetings with Council representatives and stakeholders. Scoping of local and regional cultural facilities was conducted to illustrate the role of the Gallery within the cultural/educational sector and wider community. Traditional owners were consulted to consider Indigenous cultural integration. Benchmarking was undertaken to inform an updated urban design analysis with indicative massing and spatial requirements. Findings were presented in a workshop, where concept options were also considered. A report was drafted incorporating input from participants.

### > THE RESULT

A final report was delivered to Council to inform future decision making for the redevelopment of the gallery. The report was responsive to context, demonstrated evidence of need, illustrated the benefits of a new gallery and provided scoping and indicative capital costs.

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