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## Raelene Baker

Raelene Baker is the Principal Indigenous Advisor for Arts Queensland. In this role she is responsible for providing a range of portfolio advice across Arts Queensland and in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts and cultural policy, planning development, advocacy and engagement. Raelene has worked across a range of State, Commonwealth and non-Government sector bodies and has held positions in a variety of management and program delivery positions in Canberra and other States with a focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs for many years. Prior to her career in the public sector Raelene's professional career extended into Technical and Further Education teaching in the School of Hairdressing, Canberra and followed on into University Studies with a subsequent career in clinical and health management programs in urban, remote and rural Aboriginal Communities across Queensland. During her younger years Raelene had the opportunity to work alongside her arts manager mother in the OPAL 'Geerbah Art Gallery' Brisbane during the 1970's where she learned many skills and developed an interest in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art, marketing and promotion. Raelene is the mother of four sons and a qualified Hairdresser.

Raelene is part of Brisbane's Aboriginal Community with traditional clan linkages to the Birri Yuru people of Far North Queensland and Brisbane's Yuggera people nation. Over the years Raelene has served on a range of advisory and reference groups. She is the current Chair to the Brisbane Festival, Indigenous Advisory Committee, Board member of Brisbane Catholic Archdiocese Murri Ministry Pastoral Care, Rotary International and a Board Director with the Australasian Centre for Rural and Remote Mental Health, and an organisation which shapes and supports collaborative arts and mental health State wide initiatives to include Creative Recovery and Art in Health policy and program initiatives development with a range of partner agencies to include Arts Queensland.