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The 50th anniversary edition of [Overland](#) magazine published in March 2004 features a special supplement on Cultural Vitality commissioned by the [City of Port Phillip](#) and the [Cultural Development Network](#).

The 32 page supplement explores the cultural dimension of contemporary public life and covers topics as diverse as:

- Local democracy
- Citizenship
- Arts and popular culture
- Public space
- Cultural diversity

The material develops the ideas presented at the national *Beyond Cultural Policy* symposium hosted by the Cultural Development Network and the City of Port Phillip in July 2003. The symposium explored the territory created by the growing discourse in public policy and local government about culture as the fourth pillar of sustainability. The City of Port Phillip is the first in Australia to have fully embraced this extension of 'triple bottom line' [planning](#) advocated in the Cultural Development Network's book *The Fourth Pillar of Sustainability: Culture's Essential Role in Public Planning* by Jon Hawkes (pdf [summary](#) or order [on-line](#)).

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As *Overland* reflects on its 50 years creating and reflecting new ideas in Australian culture, it is fitting that the latest challenges for locally driven community cultural development are given prominence through the inclusion of this stand-alone section.

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