



**MINUTES OF MEETING
ARTS AND CULTURE COMMITTEE
HELD Tuesday 17 March 2015**

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Adele Heasman (Chair)
Cllr Hugh Burns

Manly Council
Manly Council

Other Representatives

Jeanette Bywater
Warren Langley
Akky van Ogtrop
Janie Raffin
Libby Gilkes
Gina O'Neill

Community Member
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Staff Representatives

Michael Hedger

Director MAG&M

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The Arts and Culture Committee met on 17 March 2015, to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN The meeting commenced at 4.00pm.

ITEM 1 WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Jean Hay AM and Cllr Candy Bingham. Libby Gilkes, representing the MAG&M Gallery Society, was welcomed as a new Community Member.

ACTION

ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF NOTES OF MEETING OF 9 December 2014 and Matters Arising

Moved: Cllr Burns, Seconded Jeanette Bywater.

Following the Recommendation that the plans for the Gallery refurbishment be presented to the Committee for consultation, Gallery Director presented the plans drawn in December 2014 and explained some changes that had been suggested in subsequent drawings. The Committee was satisfied that the proposed changes would produce a better gallery. After considering the plans, the Committee made the following recommendations.

Recommendations:

1. The Committee recommends to the General Manger that a business plan be developed for any café proposal in the design, given that this will change the function of the whole facility, and that issues

of internal use of the kitchen facilities be determined prior to any contract being offered to an external operator.

2. Committee further recommends that any renovations be planned with a future large scaled redevelopment in mind.

3. Committee further recommends that the redevelopment works be staged to maximize the July 2015 – June 2016 budget period.

4. Committee further recommends that new Gallery plans be emailed to members before the next scheduled meeting to ensure that they are commensurate with the Committee's ideas. (Plans will be treated as confidential by Committee members.)

5. Committee recommends that the size of the retail area be increased if possible as this is the best method by which revenue for the Gallery would be increased.

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ITEM 4 REPORT – Director's Report

Director presented the proposed acquisitions of the donation of an Asko Sutinen drawing by Mr Michael Goss; 18 Tiwi ceramics by Messrs James and Raymond Edwards; four etchings by Elisabeth Cummings from the artist; and the Guan Wei, Honor Freeman, Stephen Bird and Neville French ceramics from the bequest of the late Mr Roger Pietri. The Simone Fraser ceramic was presented as a proposed purchase.

The forthcoming events program at the Gallery and the Manly Arts Festival events were discussed.

The Committee expressed concerns that break downs had occurred with the air conditioning system again and requested that any assistance required to stage the *Destination Sydney* exhibition in December be referred to the Committee.

Director advised that quotations had been received to repair the Gallery's sound system but that any works would need to be postponed until the new financial year.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that the report be noted.

The Committee further recommends that the proposed donations by Mr Goss, Messrs Edwards and Ms Cummings be accepted and that the proposed ceramic acquisitions from the Pietri Bequest be accepted and that the purchase of the Simone Fraser ceramic be accepted and funded from the Gallery's Acquisition Fund.

The Committee further recommends that the Gallery's sound system be repaired in the new financial year.

ITEM 5 GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

Graphic artist Mr Rohan Cain wrote enquiring about the possibility of decoratively painting the utility boxes of Manly as a public art initiative.

Recommendation: The Committee recommends to the General Manager that Mr Cain be advised that the Committee supports the proposal in principle and that he contact RMS and Ausgrid for the appropriate approvals.

ITEM 6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

19 May 2015

