



MINUTES OF MEETING

ARTS AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

HELD TUESDAY 16 APRIL 2013

NOTE: All minutes are subject to confirmation at a subsequent Council or Planning and Strategy Committee meeting.

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Hugh Burns

Manly Council

Cllr Candy Bingham

Manly Council

Other Representatives

Janette Bywater

Community Member

Sue McCuaig

Community Member

Louise Rice

Community Member

Akky van Ogtrop

Community Member

Janie Raffin

Community Member

Margo Bavinton

Community Member

Staff Representatives

Vicki Smith

Acting Manager Cultural and Information Services

Katherine Roberts

Senior Curator

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The Arts and Culture Committee met on 16 April 2013, to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

The meeting commenced at 4.00pm.

ITEM 1 WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cllr Hugh Burns welcomed members to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Adele Heasman, Gina O'Neill and Michael Hedger

ACTION

ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Adopted Minutes – Arts and Culture Committee 19 February 2013

Moved: Cllr Hugh Burns. Seconded: Margo Bavinton

Cllr Candy Bingham congratulated staff on the *Courage to Care* exhibition program.

ITEM 4 REPORT - Public Art and Partnerships

- Committee discussed the success of the recent Kendal Henry Public Art program and partnership with Eramboo Artist Environment.

- Senior Curator advised of the forthcoming *Art in Odd Places* – Australia public art program being developed by Manly and Warringah Councils and Eramboo for September 2013 and the Manly Arts Festival.
- Senior Curator advised that the partnership with Mosman Art Gallery and high profile publisher / curator Lou Klepac could result in a major exhibition for September 2015, centred on the theme of Sydney Harbour.

Recommendation:

- i) That the report be noted.
- ii) That the Committee endorsed the use of best practice and rigorous process when commissioning new or leased public artworks.
- iii) That this Committee requests Council to re-establish the Manly Arts Festival Working Group to assist MAG&M staff to coordinate and oversee the development of the 2013 Manly Arts Festival.

ITEM 5 REPORT – Facilities Management

- Senior Curator advised that Facilities Manager had reported that roof repairs in the Rubbo Gallery had been completed.
- New foyer lights were currently being installed and quotes sought for a new merchandising display cabinet. Cllr Burns suggested finding out the expected life of the LED light fittings with a view to acquiring spares for replacement in the future.
- Museum had been repainted for the new exhibition *Nostalgica: Chuck Bradley*.
- A budget bid for new museum showcases had been put up to Council.
- The Committee congratulated Gallery staff on the increased income as a result of a renewed focus on merchandising and the re-branding of the MAG&M Design Shop. The Committee requested further information and discussion at the next meeting on the strategic direction of merchandise in the shop, and suggested ceramics and unique items by local artists be a focus. Another suggestion was a section on Manly's heritage booklets.
- Committee discussed the issue of off-site storage, and the possibility of shifting of display items from Kennards to the Seaforth TAFE site.

Recommendations:

- i) That the report be noted.
- ii) That the Committee endorses the concept of vibrant, new MAG&M signage and a reinvigoration of the building façade through re-painting of the wooden pergola.
- iii) That the issue of off-site storage at Seaforth TAFE site be explored.
- iv) MAGM manager present an update to the next meeting on the proposed building extensions

ITEM 6 REPORT – Exhibition program

- Senior Curator discussed the exhibition report and programs for 2013, including the forthcoming museum exhibition projects (including Chuck Bradley, Gamaragal and Robyn Foster).
- Louise Rice talked about the importance of reinvigorating the museum exhibitions, but also of the continuity for repeat local visitors in seeing familiar items and objects from the collection.
- The 2012 Arts NSW grant acquittal had been submitted. The 2014 Program Funding grant application through Arts NSW will be submitted in June 2013.
- The grant from Visions of Australia of \$76,000 for the Midnight Oil retrospective was received. Ross Heathcote will curate this exhibition.

Recommendations:

That the report be noted.

ITEM 7 GENERAL BUSINESS

- Senior Curator advised that Rachel Carroll has been appointed to the position of Weekend Coordinator.
- An influx of new volunteers has been warmly welcomed by Gallery staff.

ITEM 8 Date of next meeting: Tuesday 18 June 2013