



MINUTES OF MEETING

ARTS AND CULTURE COMMITTEE HELD Tuesday 15 October 2013

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Adele Heasman (Chair)
Cllr Candy Bingham

Manly Council
Manly Council

Other Representatives

Margo Bavinton
Janette Bywater
Akky van Ogtrop
Janie Raffin

Community Member
Community Member
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Community Member

Staff Representative

Katherine Roberts
Vicki Smith

Acting Director MAG&M
Manager, Culture & Information Services

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The Arts and Culture Committee met on 15 October 2013, to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council. The meeting commenced at 4.00pm.

ITEM 1	APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE	ACTION
	Apologies were received from Cllr Jean Hay AM, Mayor, Gina O'Neill, Louise Rice and Michael Hedger.	
ITEM 2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
	There were no declarations of interest.	
ITEM 3	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF 20 August 2013 and Matters Arising	
	7ii. Promotion of MAG&M's creative learning program is in hand. 8iii. K Roberts provided the committee with an update on the Market Lane Mural and her ongoing liaison with the owner and artist Ruth Downes. The mural should be renovated by December 2013. The minutes of the meeting of 20 August 2013 were confirmed. <u>Moved:</u> Mrs Raffin; <u>Seconded:</u> Cllr Bingham.	
ITEM 4	REPORT – Acquisitions, exhibitions and collection K Roberts presented the report, outlining recent donations and acquisitions, current and upcoming exhibitions and loans, and included a briefing on the Jan-June 2014 six-monthly calendar.	

K Roberts also highlighted the forthcoming *Art from the Vault* exhibition where MAG&M will draw on its extensive art collection to create five wall installations of new acquisitions and hidden treasures exploring various themes such as water and portraiture. Works by Paul Ryan, Marilyn Fairsky, Paola Talbert, John Olsen, Max Dupain, Tom Roberts and Antonio Dattilo-Rubbo, among others will populate the walls, introducing new audiences to the collection and enabling visitors to marvel at familiar masterpieces and rarely seen gems from the collection.

K Roberts advised that MAG&M had applied for a Curatorial Support Initiative program grant for the forthcoming *The Course of Objects* exhibition in partnership with The Australian Ceramic Association. Outcome pending.

K Roberts also advised that staff had met with Lorraine Foster from the Vintage Clothing Shop, who co-curated the recent museum exhibition *On the Beach* and advises on our beach culture collection. A number of additional items not relevant to the objects collection (such as pre-WWI men's formal shirts, a black mourning dress and other non-beach related accessories) have been identified for deaccession and transfer. Lorraine Foster is happy to receive for her collection or re-distribution to another institution.

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Recommendation:

That the Committee recommends to the General Manager that the report be received and noted and that the items be deaccessioned in accordance with MAG&M's collection policy.

ITEM 5 REPORT – Facilities Management

K Roberts reported that Council's Facilities Officer had been engaged in testing the fire and heat sensors throughout the building.

K Roberts presented the draft designs for the new external north and east wall signage which the Committee endorsed. Spotlighting the new signage was recommended.

Ways to further activate West Esplanade and the Gallery precinct were also discussed. One suggestion was that that staff could look at re-activating the public art proposal for a changing mural/light box on the eastern, beach side of the building or exploring the feasibility of working with artists on a flag design project which would need large flagpoles to be erected.

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Signage to MAG&M from the Wharf area was also discussed, as was the promotional support received within Council, Manly Centre Management and the Visitor Information Centre. K. Roberts mentioned that staff planned to meet with Meegan Clancy in November to discuss ways to support and promote the Gallery.

KR

Recommendation:

That the Committee recommends to the General Manager that the report be received and noted and that further promotional support and opportunities be pursued.

ITEM 6 REPORT – 2013 Manly Arts Festival

K Roberts presented the 2013 Manly Arts Festival report with particular attention paid to the excellent internal coordination and support MAG&M received from the Communications and Events teams. The new-look program, website, distribution and media coverage contributed to the Festival's success. The editorial support from The Manly Daily was also impressive and lead to a general feeling that the 2013 program certainly did generate a positive 'vibe'. The Art in Odd Places program, which comprised 24 group or individual performances or art installation over the first weekend, was highly valued by all the participating artists and audiences. The Committee discussed the 'Gender Fractions' performance which was cancelled due to complaints and police involvement at the Dee Why weekend.

Recommendation:

That the Committee recommends to the General Manager that the report be received.

ITEM 6 General Business:

- Cllr Bingham drew to the attention of members the new 'Manly's Market Lane Saturdays program running every Saturday night 6.30 – 10.30pm from 28 September – 14 December.
- K Roberts mentioned that MAG&M will be hosting the next Northern Sydney Cultural Workers meeting on 31 October 2013 attended by arts and cultural staff members from 8 councils. This meeting will focus on philanthropy and collection management.

Recommendation:

That the Committee recommends to the General Manager that the report be received.

ITEM 8 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 10 December 2013 at 4.00pm.

It should be noted the meeting has been brought forward one week from the previously scheduled date of 17 December 2013.

Meeting closed at 5.45pm