



MINUTES OF MEETING

ARTS AND CULTURE COMMITTEE HELD Tuesday 17 November 2015

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Hugh Burns

Cllr Candy Bingham

Manly Council

Manly Council

Other Representatives

Warren Langley

Janette Bywater

Libby Gilkes

Janie Raffin

Community Member

Community Member

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Community Member

Staff Representative

Ross Heathcote

Katherine Roberts

Acting Director MAG&M

Senior Curator MAG&M

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The Arts and Culture Committee met on 17 November 2015, to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council. The meeting commenced at 3.00pm.

ITEM 1	APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE	ACTION
	Apologies were received from Cllr Jean Hay AM, Mayor, Akky van Ogtrop, Gina O'Neill (Community members) and Michael Hedger.	
ITEM 2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
	There were no declarations of interest.	
ITEM 3	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF 15 September 2015 and Matters Arising	
	4iii7ii. L Gilkes reported on the successful testing of the 'Public Sculpture in Manly' self-guided walking tour that had been uploaded onto the izi.TRAVEL app which will also help drive visitors from Manly Wharf to the Art Gallery	
	The minutes of the meeting of 20 August 2015 were confirmed.	
	<u>Moved:</u> Cllr Burns; <u>Seconded:</u> W Langley.	
ITEM 4	REPORT – Acquisitions, exhibitions and collection	
	R Heathcote presented the director's report, outlining recent acquisitions, current and upcoming exhibitions and loans, and included a briefing on the early 2016 exhibition program.	

Highlights of the program were discussed including:
-The upcoming *Destination Sydney* exhibition carried out in collaboration with Mosman regional Gallery and the S.H Ervin Gallery which highlights iconic Sydney-themed works by some of Australia's best known painters, noting the significance of the works on loan to MAG&M from major institutions such as the National Gallery of Australia and AGNSW. The exhibition will be launched by the Premier of NSW Mike Baird.

-The recent successful installation and launch of *the Making of Midnight Oil* touring exhibition at the Arts Centre Melbourne (launched by Premier Daniel Andrews). The remaining tour program for the exhibition was discussed and the positive effect on the profile of Manly via the huge exposure of this creative product from MAG&M

The Committee congratulated staff on this year's exhibition program

ITEM 5 Cllr Burns asked if the upcoming exhibition program will be able to continue uninterrupted by the building works program due to the risk to the significant artworks on loan and the commitment already made to the artists.

Following discussion, the committee agreed that 'no disruption to the exhibition' program was the preference.

Recommendation: Cllr Burns; Seconded: Cllr Bingham.

Recommendation:

That the Committee recommends to the General Manager that there be no disruption to the exhibition program (over avoidance of delays to the building works).

ITEM 6 Cllr Burns drew attention to recognising the 25th anniversary of the Manly Environment Centre which will occur in 2016, and for the committee to consider ideas involving MAG&M to celebrate this milestone.

Discussions included suggestions of a multi venue participation that would include the gallery and several other Manly Council facilities, and it was agreed to continue discussion on this idea.

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ITEM 7 General Business:

- Senior Curator announced that MAG&M has received triennial funding from Arts NSW following a successful application process.
- Committee requested MAG&M staff and council to progress with the upgrade of the gallery sound system which is inadequate.

- Committee requested that urgent repairs and a re-paint of the badly degraded pergola timber outside MAG&M take place, preferably prior to the launch of *Destination Sydney* on 4 December 2015, given the stature of the exhibition and the invited guests.
- Committee requested that in preparation for a budget bid, a contractor is engaged to quote on a higher capacity air conditioning system with a standby facility.
- Committee requested that once NSW council amalgamations are announced that the Art & Culture Committee meets to discuss the implications and strategies for MAG&M in response.

Recommendation:

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

ITEM 8 Date of Next Meeting

To be determined following announcement of amalgamations of NSW Councils.

Meeting closed at 4.30pm