



MINUTES OF MEETING

ART & CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD TUESDAY 18 JUNE 2013

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

PRESENT:

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Councillors

Cllr Hugh Burns

Manly Council

Cllr Adele Heasman

Manly Council

Other Representatives

Sue McCuaig

Community Member

Akky van Ogtrop

Community Member

Janie Raffin

Community Member

Margo Bavinton

Community Member

Staff Representatives

Michael Hedger

Director MAGAM

Katherine Roberts

Senior Curator MAGAM

Vicki Smith

Acting Manager, HS&F

Alicia Terry (*General Business only*)

Administrator, MAGAM

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The Arts and Culture Committee met on 18 June 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	ACTION
	Cllr Adele Heasman welcomed members to the meeting. Apologies were received from the Mayor Jean Hay AM, Cllr Candy Bingham and Janette Bywater.	
ITEM 2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
	There were no declarations of interest.	
ITEM 3	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES	
	Adopted Minutes – Arts and Culture Committee 16 April 2013	

ITEM 4	REPORT – Acquisitions, exhibitions, collection	ACTION
	Committee was shown the proposed acquisitions: the purchase of the Nancy Kilgour painting; the donations of the Lloyd Rees lithograph, the Paul Ryan portrait of Thomas Keneally; the Mariana Martin <i>Journey music</i> installation and the Anne Zahalka photographs <i>The bathers</i> and <i>Lifesavers 2, Cronulla Beach</i> (1989). Committee was advised of the impending <i>Fortunes Within: Korean Folk Paintings</i> exhibition and was told of the widespread interest in it from such prominent curators as Jackie Menzies, ex-AGNSW Asian art curator and Professor Yvonne Boag. Committee was advised that there are 400 historical photographs yet be added to Council's Local History website. Recommendations: The Committee recommended to the General Manager; • That the purchase of the Nancy Kilgour painting <i>Change sheds, Manly Beach</i> (1940) for \$1,300 should be made from Gallery funds. • That the donation of the Lloyd Rees lithograph <i>Veteran tree, Bruny Island</i> (1988) by Brenda and Lou Klepac be accepted. Director will write to thank the donors. • That the proposed donation of the Paul Ryan painting, <i>Mountain of Tom</i> be accepted and further recommended that an event be held to mark its accession into the collection later in the year. • That the proposed donation of Mariana Martin's <i>Journey music</i> installation not be accepted as there was not a suitable site within the Manly LGA for such a large work and that its ongoing maintenance and security costs would be problematic. It was suggested that Ms Martin approach SHFT to determine if they would be interested in siting the work at North Head. • That the proposed donations of Anne Zahalka's photographs <i>The bathers</i> and <i>Lifesavers #2, Cronulla Beach</i> be accepted. • That the remaining 400 historical photographs be added to the Council's Local History website with the other photographs. • That Council's Communications Manager contacts all local Asian cultural groups to publicize the Korean paintings exhibition.	MH / KR MH MH / KR KR
ITEM 5	REPORT – Facilities Management	
	Director advised the Committee that two external architects had visited the Gallery to make suggestions for the reinvigoration of the spaces. Mr Paul Berkemeir and Ms Jocelyn Jackson had made extensive notes but Ms Jackson's report is yet to be seen. Director advised that a report on the findings will be supplied to Council's Executive and that their recommendations will be discussed at the next Committee meeting in August. Recommendations:	

The Committee recommended to the General Manager:

- That Council's architect be closely involved with the external architects' plans.
- That designs and a model are needed for any fund raising program to achieve anything.
- That small design changes to the building not take the place of bigger changes.
- That a feasibility study and masterplan be done in case any government capital funds become available.
- Cllr Burns will raise a Notice of Motion re new signage at Manly Wharf for the Gallery.

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ITEM 6 REPORT – Manly Arts Festival

Senior Curator advised that the launch of the Festival will now be on Friday 20 September and that Ed Woodham of Art in Odd Places will be the opening speaker.

Senior Curator advised that the 2013 brochure will be smaller; that the program will be more focused; and that limited surveys will be sent to each event organizer to ask how they heard about the Festival.

Recommendations:

The Committee recommended to the General Manager that the report be received and noted.

ITEM 7 General Business

Gallery Administrator advised Committee on the progress of the Gallery's retail space which is now called the MAGAM Design Shop; that it stocked art materials; that the books component is to be increased; and that YTD sales had reached \$27,000.

The gallery front window now contained a television screen which will advertise upcoming events.

The issue of hours of Casual staff was discussed and it was noted that the Gallery Society had donated over \$100,000 towards Gallery acquisitions and facilities over the past 10 years, so charging the Society for Gallery staff time was considered unjust.

Recommendations:

The Committee recommended to the General Manager:

- That a summary of retail activity be included at each meeting.
- That the touch screen at the VIC be upgraded to feature the Gallery.
- That banners and aluminium signs be placed on the outside of the Gallery building to replace the Frameworks boxes..
- That the Gallery liaises with IT to ensure that volunteers have appropriately secure resources so that their efforts are

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maximized.

- That the *Manly Daily* be encouraged to write a story on the Ethel Carrick Fox painting that is at the NMA and is going to the Royal Academy.
- That a full program of the forthcoming Museum exhibitions be presented at the next Committee meeting.
- That the Chuck Bradley series of museum photographs be extended to other items.

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ITEM 8 Date of next meeting: Tuesday 20 August 2013