



NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the **ART AND CULTURE COMMITTEE** will be held:

DATE: Tuesday 18 February 2014
TIME: 4.00pm
PLACE: Manly Art Gallery and Museum

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Councillors

Cllr Jean Hay AM, Mayor (ex officio)
Cllr Hugh Burns
Cllr Adele Heasman
Cllr Candy Bingham

Community Members

Jeanette Bywater
Warren Langley
Gina O'Neill
Akky van Ogtrop
Janie Raffin
Margo Bavinton

Staff Representatives

Michael Hedger	Director MAGAM
Katherine Roberts	Senior Curator MAGAM

All other Councillors are free to attend as observers and are invited to do so and to engage in discussions, but not in voting, or any matter before the Committee.

Kathryn Fayle
Divisional Manager, Human Services & Facilities

11 February 2014



MEETING TO BE HELD ON
Tuesday 18 February 2014 at 4.00pm at Manly Art Gallery and Museum

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| ITEM 1 | Welcome
Apologies and leave of absence |
| ITEM 2 | Declarations of Interest – Pecuniary
Non- Pecuniary |
| ITEM 3 | Confirmation of Minutes of meeting 10 December 2014 and matters arising |
| ITEM 4 | Report – Exhibitions, acquisitions and collection |
| ITEM 5 | Report - Facilities Management |
| ITEM 6 | General Business brought to the Attention of the Chair prior to the meeting and approved for consideration <ul style="list-style-type: none">Attendances:
December 5,536 / Retail sales: \$4,725.55 Programs: \$200.00
January 8,330 \$5,344.40 \$2,532.70 |
| ITEM 7 | Date for Next Meeting: 15 April 2014 |



MINUTES OF MEETING

ARTS AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

HELD TUESDAY 10 DECEMBER 2013

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Adele Heasman

Cllr Hugh Burns

Manly Council (Chair)

Manly Council

Community Representatives

Margo Bavinton

Jeanette Bywater

Akky van Ogtrop

Janie Raffin

Community Member

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Director MAGAM

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TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The Arts and Culture Committee met on 10 December 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

Apologies were received from Cllr Jean Hay AM, Cllr Candy Bingham and community members Warren Langley, Gina O'Neill and Louise Rice.

ACTION

ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES of meeting of 15 October 2013 and MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 October 2013 were confirmed.

Director confirmed that discussions were to be held with the Manly Wharf Management re new Gallery signage.

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ITEM 4 REPORT – Acquisitions, exhibitions, collection

Director outlined new acquisitions; the new exhibitions; the receipt of two Arts NSW grants; and the announcement of a \$20,000 bequest for ceramic purchases and a painting from the estate of Mr Roger Pietri, late of Balgowlah. Director also presented the list of Gallery Society acquisitions which now total \$100,060.15 since 2002.

Recommendations:

- That the report be noted.
- That a letter be written, for Cllr Heasman's signature, to thank the Society for their generous efforts.

ITEM 5 REPORT – Facilities Management

Director advised the Committee that a report on the Gallery's future lighting needs has been drawn up by Erko and that a budget bid for the lighting upgrade of the museum and Access galleries may be included in next year's budget. The air conditioning problems of the previous weekend were discussed.

Recommendations:

- That the report be noted.
- That it be investigated whether the emergency air conditioning switch be moved to a more convenient place for staff access.
- That it be investigated whether gallery staff are able to contact Frost Air conditioning after hours.
- That the current air conditioning budget allocation be rolled over into the 2014/15 budget if it is not exhausted this year.
- That Margo Bavinton investigates the air conditioning systems at the Singaporean museums to determine how they cope with humidity problems.

ITEM 6 REPORT –Committee meeting dates for 2014

Feb 2014	Apr 201 4	June 2014	Aug 2014	Oct 2014	Dec 2014
18	15	17	19	21	16

Recommendations:

- That the report be noted and
- That Secretariat be asked to change the December meeting date to 9 December.

ITEM 7 General Business

That Director and Senior Curator present a list of possible ceramics purchases in response to Mr Pietri's bequest.

That a report on the status of the Gallery's extensions program be tabled.

That a report on the digitization of the Gallery's photograph collection be tabled.

ITEM 8 Date of next meeting:

Day: Tuesday

Date: 18 February 2014



TO: Arts and Culture Committee

MEETING DATE: 18 February 2014

AUTHOR: Michael Hedger, Director MAGAM

SUBJECT: **Report 4 – Exhibitions, acquisitions and collection**

1. INTRODUCTION

The Gallery's summer exhibition program has been hugely successful; new gift from the Gallery Society; *Midnight Oil* designs finalized.

2. INFORMATION

Exhibitions

Manly Art Gallery and Museum's summer exhibition program of Bill Leak *Portraits* and the Sue Healey *On view* dance videos attracted 15,000 people over December and January. Because of his local popularity and the extensive press coverage, the Bill Leak exhibition brought many people to Manly and visitor book comments ran to 23 pages. All public programs for this exhibition were sold out, including the *In conversation* event on Saturday 1 February which drew 120 people. A special life drawing class was conducted by Bill Leak featuring the Healey dancers. This event was also sold out. Five dance performances were provided for visitors.

Designs for the *Midnight Oil* exhibition have been finalized and will be available to the touring venues to help them plan their spaces. A wall covering the staircase in the Batten Gallery will be erected this week and will be used as an exhibition display wall until the end of the *Midnight Oil* show. Dates for this exhibition to be shown at the NSFA in Canberra and the Performing Arts Museum in Melbourne should be finalized next week.

Acquisitions

During the Bill Leak exhibition it was announced that the Gallery Society had purchased the Andrew 'Boy' Charlton (2008) portrait for the collection. A Society function to celebrate this acquisition and the Paul Ryan portrait of Thomas Keneally will be held on 5 April.

The donation of the Norman Lloyd painting of Goulburn bequeathed to the Gallery by the late Mr Roger Pietri will be delivered next week. It is expected that the funds bequeathed for the Ceramics collection will arrive in the new financial year. The Senior Curator has prepared a list of possible works for acquisition and will present this to the Committee.

The Anne Zahalka photograph *Bathers 1989* which has been displayed in several MAGAM museum exhibitions has been purchased from Gallery Acquisition funds.

Director and Curators would like Committee members to consider two proposed acquisitions.

These are: a Willi Michalski platter which has been offered by collector Sylvia Longfoot; and a Brownie Downing plate, *Tinka and the parrots* (c. 1950) by gallery librarian and volunteer Anne Mairic.

Collection

It has been determined that the digitization of the Gallery's photography collection would be best undertaken as an internship project by a University intern. Interns have been helping curators with the *Express Yourself* and *Midnight Oil* exhibitions and will be devising education programs for both exhibitions.

One oil painting, one watercolour, one drawing and two prints have been sent to conservator Catherine Akeroyd for restoration, at a cost of \$6,100. Funds will be provided from the Theo Batten Bequest.

3. RECOMMENDATION:

That the report is received and noted.

Michael Hedger, Director MAGAM

11 February 2014



TO: Arts and Culture Committee

MEETING DATE: 18 February 2014

AUTHOR: Michael Hedger, Director MAGAM

SUBJECT: **Report 5 – Facilities Management**

1. INTRODUCTION

Annual floor treatment, wall painting, possible reinvigoration of MAGAM spaces and new signage for the Gallery.

2. INFORMATION

Upgrading the MAGAM building continues. The annual treatment of floors was carried out on 13 and 14 February, the Rubbo gallery has been repainted, the pergola has been repaired and following the success of the new colourful signage at the front of the building, another panel will be installed on the back wall to make the gallery more noticeable to Sealife Sanctuary patrons.

There have been further sporadic problems with the air conditioning system and Council's Facilities Manager has requested a full report from the suppliers. Committee member Margo Bavinton has supplied information on the Air Change Australia system as requested at the December meeting. This will be supplied to the Facilities Manager.

Following the suggestions of the two architects who were asked to recommend changes to the building to increase exhibition and storage spaces, Council's architect has visited the gallery twice to prepare preliminary sketches for small changes. These will be presented to Executive for consideration within the next couple of months. Attention will be on reinvigorating the spaces, including toilet facilities and the art store, without adding to the footprint of the gallery. Attention will also be given to the entrance to make it more welcoming and accessible.

In keeping with the Public Art policy guidelines, the popular Ruth Downes Market Lane mural has been restored.

As recommended by the Committee, the Gallery Director met with the Manly Wharf management to investigate new directional signage for the Gallery. In principle, the management has agreed to the placement of one of the blue metallic curved Manly directional signs to be placed in front of the left side lamp pole at the entrance / exit to the Wharf. This will name and show the directions to the gallery as well as the required Manly Council identification. A design will be developed for the Wharf management's approval.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report is received and noted.

Michael Hedger, Director MAGAM
11 February 2014