



NOTICE OF MEETING

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

DATE: Tuesday 20 August 2013

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
Louise Rice
Sue McCuaig
Janie Raffin
Margo Bavington

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

14 August 2013



AGENDA

ART AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

MEETING TO BE HELD ON

Tuesday 20 August 2013 at 4.00pm at Manly Art Gallery and Museum

- ITEM 1** **Welcome**
Apologies and leave of absence
- ITEM 2** **Declarations of Interest – Pecuniary**
Non- Pecuniary
- ITEM 3** **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting 18 June 2013 and Matters**
Arising
- ITEM 4** **Report – Exhibitions, acquisitions and collection**
- ITEM 5** **Report - Facilities Management**
- ITEM 6** **Report – 2013 Manly Arts Festival**
- ITEM 7** **Report – Education programs**
- ITEM 8** **General Business brought to the Attention of the Chair Prior to the**
Meeting and Approved for Consideration
- ITEM 9** **Date for next meeting: 15 October 2013**



TO: Arts and Culture Committee

MEETING DATE: 20 August 2013

AUTHOR: Michael Hedger Director, MAGAM

SUBJECT: **Report 4 – Acquisitions, exhibitions, collection**

1. INTRODUCTION

Three important acquisitions have been made and another promised; a deaccessioning of unwanted museum objects has begun; and the photography of the museum collection is soon to be finished.

2. INFORMATION

Acquisitions

Two of the photographs commissioned by Chuck Bradley for his recent museum exhibition, *Lifejacket* and *Megaphone* were purchased from Gallery funds and they will be used in both future gallery and museum exhibitions. The Danie Mellor ceramic work *The Millstream – a shield* (2006) has been donated by the artist through the Cultural Gifts Program and Chris Langlois has also offered to donate a work of the gallery's choice from either his upcoming *Points in time* exhibition or from his own collection through the Cultural Gifts Program.

Chuck Bradley has generously donated a museum photograph *Nostalgica #2, Red shoes* to the Gallery Society for a future raffle.

Several deteriorated items of beachwear and an assortment of unrelated domestic objects were deaccessioned by Gallery staff at a recent meeting. The items had never been accessioned and were offered some years ago by unnamed donors. Further items will be considered for deaccession soon. This process allows space for important collection items.

Exhibitions

The gallery has commissioned a short documentary film on artist Chris Langlois by filmmaker Carolyn Constantine. This will accompany the exhibition on its national tour. The Australian Ceramics Association announced that a film of artists' interviews will be made to accompany their major exhibition at the gallery next year.

Following the success of *Fortunes Within: Korean Folk Paintings*, a further Sister Cities exhibition is proposed for 2014. Gunnedah indigenous artist James Mullion will be approached to exhibit his work as a Guringai Festival event.

Collection

Gallery photographer will soon complete the photography of the museum objects collection and will begin photographing the paintings collection. Funds will be provided from the Theo Batten Trust's Collection Development fund.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report is received and noted.

Michael Hedger Director, MAGAM

14 August 2013



TO: Arts and Culture Committee

MEETING DATE: 20 August 2013

AUTHOR: Michael Hedger, Director MAGAM

SUBJECT: **Report 5 - Facilities Management**

1. INTRODUCTION

Following is an update on the current issues of the MAGAM facility.

2. INFORMATION

The suggestions by **architects** Paul Berkemeir and Jocelyn Jackson, referred to at the June meeting, were presented to Executive in July. With agreement from Council's architect, staged proposals of smaller refurbishments were recommended from the suggestions. These would not increase the size of the gallery but would reinvigorate the spaces to serve current and future needs better.

An **OH&S audit** has been done on the gallery facilities and this will be followed by an inspection of work practices when the Chris Langlois exhibition is installed. Recommendations on work practices will be discussed with staff and those on the facility will be forwarded to Executive for consideration and review.

The Gallery submitted a **grant application** to NSW Museums and Galleries for funds towards the four new humidifiers that are required for the air conditioning system. Results will be determined by next month.

It will be determined at the end of the financial year whether to proceed with the proposal to convert the small room at the back of the public toilet block into a storeroom for the gallery's chairs.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report is received and noted.

Michael Hedger, Director MAGAM
14 August 2013



TO: Arts and Culture Committee

MEETING DATE: 20 August 2013

AUTHOR: Michael Hedger, Director MAGAM

SUBJECT: **Report 6 – Manly Arts Festival**

1. INTRODUCTION

The program for the 2013 Manly Arts Festival is now complete.

2. INFORMATION

The 2013 Manly Arts Festival is now complete and is currently being printed. It will be combined with the Manly Jazz program and inserted into Manly LGA copies of *The Manly Daily*. The program will be accompanied by a promotion for which tickets to the Jazz Stella Maris concert and to Sydney Chamber Music Festival concerts will be offered as prizes. Committee members are invited to the Arts Festival briefing at 6pm on Wednesday 28 August.

The *Art in Odd Places* program has been finalized and the director Ed Woodham arrives in Sydney on 24 August. Workshops for artists will be held at Eramboo in September on 7 – 8, 9 – 11 and 10 – 12. Talks on the program will be held at Warringah Council on 6 September, at MAGAM on 13 September and two other public lectures have been arranged at the College of Fine Arts, UNSW on 10 September and at the Australia Council on 17 September. Members are welcome at all events.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report is received and noted.

Michael Hedger, Director MAGAM
14 August 2013



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AUTHOR: Michael Hedger, Director MAGAM

SUBJECT: **Report 7 – Education programs**

1. INTRODUCTION

The Gallery's Education programs are continuing to increase.

2. INFORMATION

Added to the fortnightly Life Drawing classes, which are organized by the Gallery Society, and the fortnightly Kids' Art adventures, the Gallery has now introduced school holiday programs and from the Manly Arts Festival onwards it will introduce fortnightly Saturday morning drawing and painting classes for adults.

In broadening the range of programs from particular exhibitions, the National Science Week workshop *Science meets art* will be held in conjunction with the Manly West Primary School at the Gallery on Sunday 18 August. This children's program will explore the movements of light and artworks will be created that are inspired by the *Ranamok Glass* exhibition.

The regular Volunteers briefing sessions on new exhibitions will be opened to Gallery Society members and all those interested in learning about the Gallery's exhibitions from September. It is planned to move these programs from Mondays to Wednesdays so that both curators can be present and the programs will be held during the mornings as many interested people are unable to attend the regular weekend seminars. Casual visitors will be welcome to join the classes.

3. RECOMMENDATION:

That the report is received and noted.

Michael Hedger, Director MAGAM
20 August 2013