



**MINUTES OF MEETING
ARTS AND CULTURE COMMITTEE
HELD Tuesday 15 September 2015**

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Adele Heasman (Chair)
Cllr Candy Bingham

Manly Council
Manly Council

Other Representatives

Jeanette Bywater
Akky van Ogtrop
Warren Langley
Libby Gilkes

Community Member
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Community Member

Staff Representatives

Katherine Roberts

Director MAG&M

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The Arts and Culture Committee met on 15 September 2015 to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN The meeting commenced at 4.00pm.

ITEM 1 WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE
Apologies were received from Cllr Jean Hay AM, Cllr Hugh Burns and from Community members Gina O'Neill and Janie Raffin, and Michael Hedger.

ACTION

ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
There were no declarations of interest.

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF NOTES OF MEETING OF 21 July 2015 and Matters Arising
Committee members advised that they were not emailed the minutes of the meeting held 21 July 2015 but were supplied with copies at the meeting held 15 September 2105.
Moved: Akky van Ogtrop, Seconded: Cllr Bingham.

ITEM 4 REPORT – Director's Report
The Acting Director presented the Director's report, discussing the current and upcoming exhibitions, Manly Arts Festival, collection loans, community trust galleries and facilities management.

The committee notes that it understood the DA for the refurbishment of the Art Gallery had been approved. It also noted that the replacement of the roof to the Rubbo Gallery had commenced.

Acting Director also reported that the 'Public Sculpture in Manly' self-guided walking tour had been uploaded onto the izi.TRAVEL app which will also help drive visitors from Manly Wharf to the Art Gallery.

Libby Gilkes reported that the Gallery Society was developing a digital marketing strategy to help promote its events and fundraising activities.

Gallery staff recently met with Manly Council's new Youth Development Coordinator, and discussed a number of programming possibilities in conjunction with Express Yourself (April 2016) and Mambo touring exhibition (Sept 2016) to increase youth attendances. 'Art Stories' sessions, Manly Youth Council Art Award, Great Wall of Manly youth project, music events/happenings and special youth volunteer exhibition guide program were all reported.

The committee extended its congratulations to the Art Gallery Director on receiving the Arts NSW Seoul residence and his PhD.

Recommendations:

The Committee recommends to the General Manager:

- That Art Gallery staff continue to develop and report to the Committee on progress and outcomes resulting from its youth strategy.

- That the collection website, as recommended at the previous meeting, be an **Item for Brief Mention by the General Manager:**

"That resources be allocated to MAG&M to refresh its collection website and to update it with new acquisitions, and that it continue to be a stand-alone research site, linked to Manly Council's site."

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Note:

Deputy General Manager :People Place & Infrastructure

Following the meeting of the Art & Culture Committee on 15 September 2015 further clarification on the matter of the collection website was sought.

The Committee is advised that the role of the Administration Officer, once recruited, can provide an updated version of the collection website as part of this role and a further report to the Committee will be provided.

ITEM 5 GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

Recommendations:

The Committee recommends to the General Manager;

That in light of capital works to the Art Gallery, that resources be allocated to meet the needs of the refurbished building which includes adapted gallery and office spaces. An assessment and upgrade of the air conditioning unit needs to take place as soon as possible to ensure that the highest approved environmental standards for collection management and visitor amenity are met.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 17 November 2015