



**MINUTES OF MEETING
ARTS AND CULTURE COMMITTEE
HELD Tuesday 21 July 2015**

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Adele Heasman (Chair)
Cllr Hugh Burns
Cllr Candy Bingham

Manly Council
Manly Council
Manly Council

Other Representatives

Jeanette Bywater
Akky van Ogtrop
Warren Langley
Libby Gilkes

Community Member
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Staff Representatives

Michael Hedger

Director MAG&M

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The Arts and Culture Committee met on 21 July 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 and from Community members Gina O'Neill and Janie Raffin.

ACTION

ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF NOTES OF MEETING OF 19 May 2015 and Matters Arising

Moved: Jeanette Bywater, Seconded: Cllr Heasman.

Director advised that Gallery entry fees were dropped from 5 June; that a request had been made to have this news item included in the Mayor's weekly column; that a plinth had been ordered for the donations box; and that donations were averaging \$250.00 per weekend since the *War-Time Quilts* exhibition opened.

ITEM 4 REPORT – Director's Report

Director presented a report on the current activities at the Gallery and announced that Gallery staff would meet with Youth Council representatives soon to discuss joint programs and other initiatives to increase the attendances of youth. Youth has been nominated as the focus demographic for MAG&M for Arts NSW funding and a strategy is required. There will be

many youth oriented events during the Manly Arts Festival and the Youth Council will be encouraged to hold their meetings at MAG&M. The use of social media, such as the What's On app, is critical to notify youth about Gallery programs.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that in determining its Youth Strategy, Gallery staff consult with the Youth Council to determine what they would like to see at MAG&M and then report these findings back to the Committee.

The Committee recommends to the General Manager the following **Items for Brief Mention:**

"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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ITEM 5

GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

Recommendations:

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that in the light of the possibilities for MAG&M following LGA amalgamations at the end of the year, that the Director prepares a report on the funding status of other selected NSW regional galleries to compare those funded wholly by Local Governments and those funded and managed under Community Trusts.

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The Committee further recommends to the General Manager that a follow up report be written to answer the Recommendations made at the previous meeting where the refurbishments to MAG&M were recommended not to commence until March 2016 and that the proposed café be sited in the courtyard area.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 15 September 2015