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ARTS AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Held on Tuesday 16 October at 6pm in Melton Library and Learning Hub

Present: Cr Turner, Melton City Council
Cr Mendes, Melton City Council
M. Mohr, Community representative
E. Waheed, Community representative
J. Wimhurst, Community representative
S. Hinds, Community representative
T. Watson, Manager Libraries
S. Prestney, Coordinator Library Activation and Engagement
S. Monts, Arts Activation Officer

Chairperson: Cr Turner

1. Welcome

Cr Turner opened the meeting. The Committee welcomed recently appointed Arts Activation Officer, Sarah Monts.

2. Apologies

Cr Carli
M. McClelland
D. Potts

3. Declaration of interests and/or conflict of interests

Nil

4. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

Motion

That the committee adopts the minutes of the meeting of the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee meeting held 27 June 2018.

J. Wimhurst / M. Mohr

5. Business arising

Business arising from April meeting, carried over:

- 5.1 E Waheed, S Hinds and Cr Mendes will establish a working group to investigate different models for Councils supporting a 'Top Arts' style exhibition for schools. J Bauer will also be invited to be involved.**

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The group was not able to meet. The committee agreed to put this on hold and revisit the idea at another stage.

5.2 Refer suggestion of annual or biannual art fair to Melton Artists Collective (recently incorporated). If there is interest, support the group to connect with Melton City Council's Community Grants Program, venues support and Arts Engagement and Development Officer as required.

The Melton Artist Collective has been supported by Council's Community Grants Program to become incorporated. The Committee agreed that the Arts Engagement and Development Officer refer the development of an art fair to the collective for their consideration.

6. General Business

6.1 Summer of Street Art: program update

S. Monts presented plans for Council's second Summer of Street Art program, which will be held from December 2018 to February 2019. It will feature a number of community workshops, a public exhibition, a commissioned street art mural and 'Community Power' program to beautify 8 power boxes.

6.2 Home Sewn: Makers of Melton Program Update

S. Monts provided an overview of the Creative Victoria supported program, Home Sewn, designed to kick-start sustainable arts experiences for local audiences. Two out of the three artists' residencies and associated community workshops have been completed. Chaco Kato, known for her large scale string installation work with Slow Art Collective showcased her work at CS Gallery and Melton and Library Learning Hub, and engaged a diverse range of community in the art of weaving a collaborative piece. Knitting designer, Georgie Nicholson, led a range of beginners to advanced knitting workshops from July to September. A community artwork resulting from this engagement is now on display at Melton Library and Learning Hub.

6.3 TOP Arts Exhibition options for 2019

Postponed indefinitely as per discussion at 5.1

6.4 Exhibitions program 2019

S. Monts presented on plans to develop an annual calendar of exhibitions featuring local artists and professional artists. Expressions of Interest will be called for in October-November. Evaluation will be undertaken by Council Officers, and a plan for the 2019 Exhibitions Calendar presented at the December meeting.

6.5 End of term and call for nominations for Arts and Culture Advisory Committee

T. Watson presented the revised Terms of Reference for Council's Arts and Culture Advisory Committee. The renewed terms were rewritten to simplify composition and operating procedures, and align with the current template. The Committee asked that Quorum (4.1) be stipulated as a minimum of seven members, and this is reflected in the renewed terms.

Due to current and upcoming end of term for committee members, the Committee has agreed that existing community members of the Committee will be asked to re-nominate for their positions once the terms are approved by Council and nominations are made public. It was accepted that the nomination process will call for 3 community member positions for 1



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year terms, and 3 community member positions for 2 year terms to re-establish the membership cycle. It is anticipated that the call for nominations will commence mid-November and that new committee members established for the February 2019 meeting.

Recommendation

That the revised Terms of Reference including a committee quorum of seven members, be recommended to the Policy Review Panel and Council for endorsement, and following adoption by Council to open all six community member positions for nominations and appoint three members for 1 year and three members for 2 years to re-establish a rotating membership.

M. Mohr / E. Waheed

6.6 Arts strategy consultation

S. Prestney informed the Committee that as per the current Council Action Plan, Libraries (Arts Engagement and Development), is committed to writing an Arts Strategy. We are currently in the planning process. Consultation will be undertaken across Council, with the community and the committee.

6.7 Public art maintenance plan update

S. Prestney informed the Committee that Brecknock Consulting have now completed the public art maintenance plan project, and handed over comprehensive documentation for the ongoing maintenance of works. A budget and implementation plan will be developed for 2018, with full maintenance delivered in 2019-20.

Further details of the summary recommendations, including photos of the art works and identified maintenance requirements, will be presented at the December meeting.

6.8 Donation of indigenous artwork

S. Prestney presented photos of an artwork on bark that was gifted to Council. The artwork requires significant conservation work. While enquiries regarding costs for the conservation of the work are being sought out, the work has been isolated.

6.9 Collections policy issues and considerations

T. Watson informed the Committee that Council's Collections Policy for Arts and Culture is not current, and our options for acquiring and storing artwork are limited. At this stage, collection and acquisition of art will be limited until development of an arts strategy and subsequent collection policies and guidelines.

7. Other business

Cr Mendes commended the Artist Collective of Melton school holiday program at Melton South Community Centre, which provided opportunities for children of varying abilities. Cr Mendes also made note of the nature painting workshop at Melton Botanic Garden Open Day, which was a Council initiative as part of the Lifelong Learning Festival.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held on 18 December 2018 commencing at 6pm in Caroline Springs Library and Learning Hub.

9. Close of Business

The meeting closed at 7.00pm.