

MOSMAN ARTS AND CULTURE COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Cr Libby Moline

Deputy Chair: Cr Peter White

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Mosman Art Gallery Thursday 13 November 2014 commencing at 5.00pm

PRESENT

Councillors

Cr Libby Moline, Chair

Cr Peter White, Deputy Chair

Resident Members

Rod Grant

Anne Cape

Christine Liddy

John Yu

Jeremy Eccles

Pamela Bell

Apologies: Rod Grant, Reg Richardson

Staff Attendance

John Cheeseman, Manager Cultural Services

Katrina Cashman, Assistant Art Gallery Director

Belinda-Jade Collis, Team Leader Administration

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1.	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS Cr Moline opened the meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance. Apologies were noted.	
2.	DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST There were no disclosures of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest.	
3.	REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING RESOLVED <i>That the minutes from the previous meeting be adopted.</i> <i>Moved: John Yu Seconded: Ann Cape</i>	
4.	DISCUSSION ON DRAFT ART ACQUISITION/COLLECTION POLICY Additional individual comments will be sought from John Yu and Pam Bell.	John Cheeseman
5.	CURRENT PROJECTS <u>Residencies</u> The Gallery Director is working with National Parks and Wildlife on residency	

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projects. ART Tokyo, Art Wahu Wahu are supportive of a trial residency program for Japanese artists to undertake a residency in Mosman. In turn, Australian artists could be sent to a small village in northern Japan. ART Tokyo are also looking at offering residencies in Shibuya. Biwako Biennale have offered to work with Mosman Art Gallery on potential residencies.

Ken Done 'Attack: Japanese Midget Submarines in Sydney Harbour'

The Gallery Director spoke with ArtFront (Tokyo) about how to engage a Japanese artist to provide a response to Ken Done's work. Tadanori Yokoo was suggested. Yokoo's work was very popular in the 60's and was known for his graphic work. He has agreed to do a series of works based on his own wartime experiences. Will be looking at an exhibition featuring both artists' in 2016, utilising the oil tanks at Georges Heights as an exhibition space.

John Olsen gift

The Gallery Director has been speaking with the Olsen Irwin Gallery today regarding the painting by John Olsen titled, *The Rolling Sea and that Streeton Painting*. The launch date for the exhibition is expected to be 19 March 2015 and the work will be located next to the Streeton painting. The launch will commence at 10.30am and will be followed by a lunch. It was suggested that Marie Bashir should be invited to the event.

Lucy Culliton exhibition

The Lucy Culliton exhibition has been a huge success with over 16,000 people through in 8 weeks. The catalogue was on track to sell out and is going into reprint which is a first for the gallery.

200 people attended the 'At the Top of Their Game' Forum with Lucy Culliton, Del Kathryn Barton and Cressida Campbell.

120 people attended the Art Brunch and the floor talk event sold out a month before the exhibition opened.

6. OVERVIEW OF UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS AND INITIATIVES

The Gallery Assistant Director provided an overview of current and upcoming exhibitions.

Main Galleries

Until 22 February Bungaree: The First Australian

7 March - 29 March 2015 Mosman Youth Art Prize

11 April - 3 May Artists of Mosman: 2088

9 May - 12 July ART - Maker; patron; lover: Photographs by Gary Greal

9 May - 12 July Interchange: Contemporary printmaking from Australia and Thailand

25 July - 30 August 2015 Mosman Art Prize

12 September - 29 November An Unending Shadow: Ann and Sophie Cape

12 September - 25 October Dream Merchants

7-29 November Mosman Art Society

5 December - 7 February 2016 Destination Sydney

The Cube

Until 1 February Greg Ferris: Every time I leave the room

7 February - 17 March Heath Franco: Homelands

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30 May - 23 August Alex Munt

29 August - 10 Jan 2016 Yiwon Park: new work

In Profile

Until 1 February Pamela Bell: Drawings from the shed Carcoar

7 February - 3 May Erika Beck: On Kangaroo Island

3 May - 23 August - Gerald Christmas: recent works

29 August - 10 Jan Patrick Faulkner: Lunacy

Bungaree: The First Australian

This exhibition is a second iteration featuring some works from the previous Bungaree exhibition together with new works. The newer works are looking at Bungaree's Farm. The major part of the celebrations will be on 31 January and there will also be a Whale Dreaming Ceremony, most likely to be held at Balmoral but this will be discussed with the Elders.

Possible Philippines Art Exhibition 2017

John Yu discussed a meeting with the Art Gallery of NSW, the Australian Museum, Museums and Galleries NSW and three or four regional/Western Sydney galleries. This was an exploratory meeting to see if anyone was interested in being involved in an exhibition. The Philippines Consul-General is very enthusiastic about the idea and the Museum has some objects they would be happy to lend. The Consul-General is visiting the Philippines next week and will approach the major foundations there as the best pieces are held by these foundations. The idea would be to have a core part of the exhibition with various satellite venues. An exhibition in 2017 would coincide with the 70th anniversary of Australian & Philippines relations.

Stephen Coburn's 'Totem Sun'

The Gallery Director spoke with Stephen Coburn yesterday and discussed the possibility of acquiring Totem Sun on a permanent basis. The work is currently on loan from the artist.

Civic Centre site Master Plan

Cr Moline reported that a Civic Centre re-vamp was recently discussed by Council which also included discussion on the possibility of co-locating the art gallery and library in new premises on this site. The meeting agreed that an enhanced purpose built gallery co-located with the library would be a desirable outcome. It was suggested that the Gallery Director's work completed for the previous Master Plan be forwarded to the consultants appointed to this project.

Gallery External Landscaping

Cr Moline commented that at the Friendship Tree launch, the courtyard area was good to use but could use an upgrade and noted that the astro turf is lifting and there were not any nice pot plants. The Gallery Director reported that Aboriginal poles from the Bungaree exhibition will be installed in the courtyard. Plans are due to commence in the second half of the 2014/15 financial year for the creation of a sculpture garden and landscaping for the forecourt of the Gallery.

7. DISCUSSION OF ARTS AND CULTURAL ISSUES

Civic Centre Redevelopment

Cr White reported that the matter of the Civic Centre redevelopment was discussed at the Council meeting on 11 November and outlined possible

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	strategies being considered by Council. The item has been deferred to the December Council meeting subject to a Councillor workshop to discuss any additional options.	
	<u>Other matters</u>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Gallery newsletter has just gone out letting people know that the Lucy Culliton exhibition is entering its final weeks. 	Jeremy Eccles
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jeremy Eccles advised that John Clark has just retired as Professor of Asian History and he knows the Indonesian artist Jumadi so could assist with both the Jumadi and Philippines exhibitions. Jeremy will provide the Gallery Director with contact details. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christine Liddy advised that a program has been developed for people with Dementia which started out of the National Gallery. Christine will find out if they would be interested in Ann and Sophie Cape's upcoming exhibition which looks at the same subject. 	Christine Liddy
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Gallery Director advised that the Out and About concert series went very well. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee paid compliments to the Gallery Director and Assistant Gallery Director for doing a fabulous job this year. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee discussed the nature of the workings of the committee, indicating that it is a good forum for flagging things and as a link to both artists and the community. 	

8. PROPOSED MEETING DATES FOR 2015

26 March, 9 July and 19 November 2015.

The meeting closed at 6.40pm.

The Mosman Arts and Culture Community Consultative Committee is a community initiative of Mosman Council. Enquiries to John Cheeseman 9978 4009.

The agenda and minutes for all community groups can be found on the Council website

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