

**MINUTES OF ARTS AND CULTURE
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY 21 JUNE 2018 5.15PM - 6.30PM**

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PRESENT: *Councillors*
Chairperson: Cr Libby Moline

Resident Members
Ann Cape
John Yu
Susan Woods

Staff
John Cheeseman, Manager Cultural Services

APOLOGIES: *Councillors*
Cr David Cook

Resident Members
Pamela Bell
Rod Grant
Christine Liddy
Reg Richardson

Staff
Katrina Cashman, Assistant Art Gallery Director

MINUTES: Taken by Elizabeth Kemp, Team Leader CD Administration

MATTERS DISCUSSED

1. WELCOME

Cr Moline opened the meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance.

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

Matters arising from the previous minutes:

- New Resident Member, Susan Woods, to be added as attending the last meeting.
- A new facility for Art Collection Storage is scheduled to proceed in 2018/19 with the conversion of the former Council Archive Room in the Civic building. Funds have been set aside in the budget for this purpose and several grants have been applied for to supplement Council funds. \$20,000 has been

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received from Create NSW for this purpose.

4. **MOSMAN ART GALLERY 20TH ANNIVERSARY (11 DECEMBER 2018)**

Celebrations are planned to centre on the *Destination Sydney - Reimaginings* exhibition - the opening is scheduled for Saturday 8 December. The Gallery is also looking to plan some special events for its 21st anniversary in 2019. Ideas and suggestions should be sent to John Cheeseman.

Cr Moline raised the issue of the need for air conditioning in the Grand Hall. Engineers to be asked about cost and possible inclusion in future capital works.

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5. **OVERVIEW OF UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS AND INITIATIVES**

The Exhibition Calendar was tabled:

- *Australian Exotica* (21 April - 1 July)
- *Encounters with Bali* exhibitions travels to Jakarta (10 July - 5 August) - supported by the Australian Embassy, Katrina and Siobhan will install the exhibition and will be joined by Dr John Yu for a formal workshop and opening on July 10, 2018.
- *New Sacred* (14 July - 8 September) - collaborative exhibition developed with Parramatta Artists Studios, features 8 individual artists and the Adorned collective.
- *Mosman Art Prize* (26 September - 18 November) - Artist Guan Wei unavailable to judge so former Prize winner, Cressida Campbell, has agreed to. Opening will be 25 September. Sponsorships: Margaret Olley Commendation Award supported by Gillian and the late Brian Jones, Allan Gamble Award supported by Christine and the late Hugh Fraser, Guy Warren Emerging Artists' Award supported by Fourth Village Providore, and Viewers' Choice Award supported by Mosman Art Society.
- *Destination Sydney: Re-Imaginings* (8 December - 17 March 2019):
 - Mosman Art Gallery - Roy de Maistre, Robbert Kippel, Michael Johnson
 - Manly Art Gallery & Museum - Adrian Feint, Ethel Carrick Fox, Ken Done
 - S.H. Ervin Gallery - Wendy Sharpe, Nicholas Harding, Jeffrey Smart
- In Profile:
 - Steve Coburn - Sculpture: *The road to Tribal Sun* (current)
 - Cheryl Richardson - Painting

- Catriona Pollard - Contemporary Basketry
- Paul Deprat - Painting
- The Cube - *Unpacked!* - throughout the second half of 2018
- MAG Exhibitions in Development:
 - T5 Tank Sound Project (to be presented in early 2019) - working with Sydney Harbour Federation Trust, \$28k has been provided for the development of this project by the Australia Council. Artists: Chris Caines, Joyce Hinterding, David Haines and Gail Priest.
 - *Jumaadi: My Love is in an Island far away* (2019-2020) - portrait series depicting Indonesian detainees in World War II. Talking to Australian War Memorial; if Jumaadi does create these, there is a possibility of them forming part of the National Collection. Also talking to the National Gallery of Indonesia about them being showcased there first.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

- A list of donated works to the Mosman Art Collection for the 2017/2018 Financial Year was tabled. A large artwork by Salvatore Zofrea's depicting Balmoral is currently being considered for acquisition.
- The NPWS located artist residency that has been used by the Gallery for the past eight years is under threat. John Cheeseman to report back to the committee on residency options for the Gallery in the future.
- *Tokkotai* was recently Highly Commended in the Museum and Galleries National Awards.
- A new security/tracking system for artworks is scheduled to be implemented in 2018/19.
- Scaffolding and other construction issues with the Civic Building may impact on Mosman Market stallholders during the Civic Centre refurbishment, dates TBC.
- Night-time economy initiatives: Council looking at staging a series of night-markets in Mosman Square. The Gallery is planning to open one night per week (Wednesdays), in line with other cultural institutions including the Art Gallery of New South Wales and MCA as part of Open Sydney. Dr John Yu suggested there be other entertainment in conjunction with this e.g. music, made mention of the genre of music previously played on the Manly Ferry. Open Gallery and Night Markets could

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coincide.

- John Cheeseman is currently revising Council's Public Art Policy.
- Ann Cape mentioned works for dementia awareness. To be discussed further with John Cheeseman.
- Neil Balnaves has acquired most of the works created by Tracey Moffatt for the Venice Biennale and has tentatively offered for the Gallery to show them. John Cheeseman is looking at finding room in the schedule for the exhibition in mid-2019.
- National Parks and Wildlife Services are spending money on their Armoured Casemates complex at Georges Heights and are keen to work with Council on using these for cultural purposes.
- The Committee commended Ann Shoebridge on the terrific job she has done on her work with the Creative Circle.

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7. NEXT MEETING

Date to be confirmed.

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 www.mosman.nsw.gov.au