MINUTES OF ARTS & CULTURE COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (A&CCCC) HELD ON 12 OCTOBER 2023, 5pm

PRESENT: Councillors

Chairperson: Cr Libby Moline

Cr Pip Friedrich

Community Representatives

Ann Cape

Catherine Cameron

Lisa Paulsen

Staff

John Cheeseman, Manager Cultural Services/Gallery Director Kelly McDonald, Assistant Gallery Director/Senior Curator

Ann Shoebridge, Philanthropy Officer

APOLOGIES: Fiona Ackerman, Jane Pochon, Teresa Biet

MINUTES: Taken by Jodie Albanese, CD Administration

	MATTERS DISCUSSED	ACTION
1.	WELCOME	
	Cr Moline opened the meeting thanking all those attending.	
2.	APOLOGIES	
	Fiona Ackerman, Jane Pochon, Teresa Biet	
3.	DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS	
	There were no disclosures of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest.	
4.	REVIEW OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING	
	Adoption of minutes: 22 June 2023	
	Moved: Cr Libby Moline	
	Seconded: Ann Cape	
	CARRIED	
	Matters arising from the previous minutes:	
	Committee acknowledged and congratulated Mosman Council on the refurbishment of Mosman Square and Village Green. It was noted that the two large Corten steel whale artworks that have been placed near stairs at Council's main entrance were based on rock carvings that were documented at Middle Head in the mid-1800s. This refurbished area was re-opened in conjunction with the return of the Mosman Markets.	
	It was noted that the Barry O'Keefe Fountain has been placed in storage with plans to relocate it near the Barry O'Keefe Library at a future date.	

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	A request was made for A&CCCC members be given a tour of the artworks in the Civic Centre in 2024.	JC/KM
5.	Update of performance against Council KPI's per quarter Reporting for period 1 July – 30 September 2023. • Total visitation to Mosman Art Gallery and Community Centre - 21,109 • Venue usage - 81% • Friends of Gallery supporters - 476 • Special events held at the gallery - 38 • Active Donors - 89 • Cash donations - \$45,539 • In-kind donations - \$0	
6.	 Review of recent and current exhibitions and initiatives Kelly provided an outline of recent and upcoming exhibitions: Mosman Art Gallery (MAG) will temporarily de-install the Balnaves Gift artworks from the Collection Gallery. In its place will be an exhibition called Veteran's Stories, based on workshops with returned service men and women under the tutorage of artist Richard Lewer. A rehanging of the Balnaves Gift and other works will take place in April 2024, along with potential loans of artworks from the National Gallery of Australia. 2023 Mosman Art Prize (MAP) – scheduled for 23 September – 29 October, received a record number of entries (1295, with 91 exhibited). This year's judge, Fiona Lowry, awarded David Griggs 'The Stitches and the Melanoma' this year's winner. MAG has been receiving solid visitation during MAP. MAP opening event was a very successful event. A range of artists talks with MAP finalists has been scheduled. Yasmin Smith: Sediment, Khaled Sabsabi: Unseen and Maddison Gibbs: There's Something in the Water recent exhibitions received significant reviews in prestigious art magazines. Both Khaled and Yasmin have received significant art industry awards in recent months, demonstrating industry support of MAG programming. Staff Kelly and Althea are scheduled to visit Imants Tillers studio in Cooma before his exhibition. Imants Tillers: The Mosman Years has its opening night on 10 November and open to public 11 November. Current exhibition The Cube: Double Parallax (until 3 Dec), by artists Meng-Yu Yan and Anna May Kirk use glass, light and sound, curated by Althea Kuzman. 2022 MAP winner, Jacobus Capone, is scheduled for next exhibition in The Cube. 	
7.	Overview of upcoming exhibitions and initiatives • see above	
8.	Philanthropy update provided by Ann Shoebridge	

Donations update

- Ann & John visit scheduled for next week filming of videos by Motel Picture Company of donors Carol and Brian Carrigan (Living Bequest) and Ken & Judy Done.
- Private dinner for Yasmin Smith was excellent, Lisa P congratulated those coordinating and those in attendance on successful event.
- On 23 October artists Imants Tillers, Jasper Knight and Susan Rothwell will feature in the screening of three recently made documentaries, discussing their practice and connection to Mosman and the Mosman Art Collection.
- 24 Oct Morning Tea is being provided to donor of 10 years and more, 10.30am with the Mayor at MAG.

Grants update

- Plus One application to Creative Partnership Australia pending.
 This grant was for matched funding towards increasing Friends memberships by younger people.
- Invitation for MAG to apply for four-year funding from Create NSW is pending. MAG will seek to apply when invitation received.

Acquisition fund

- Reg Richardson has committed to donate \$20,000 for the acquisition of Indigenous art works.
- MAG has approached First Nations artist Jonathan Jones re
 possible acquisition of works he has recently shown at the Palais
 de Tokyo (Paris) that relate to portraits of Borogegal and
 Cameraigal people originally completed in 1802. MAG is also
 interested in acquiring Baudin's original atlas from 1802 from
 which these original drawings were sourced.
- Funds: 2023/2024 committed funds to date \$38,500 (donations) and matched \$30,500 (Balnaves Foundation) totaling \$69,000.

Foundations update

- Working with Balnaves Foundation on current projects with a view to form a new partnership in 2024. Possible project may include extension of youth/education programs and/or support of a First Nations position.
- Mosman Art Trail scheduled launch date now 11 April 2024.

Cultural Gifts Program:

- Susan Rothwell, plans to gift artwork in honour of her 75th birthday possibly in October 2023.
- Khaled Sabsabi has offered to donate 70 of his small portraits from his Unseen exhibition (each portrait is snapshot sized).
- Reg Richardson in discussion to potentially gift an artwork he is lending for the Imants Tillers exhibition.
- The Anne Ferguson sculpture titled Italian City, gifted by Peter Jackson and Yvon Gatineau, has recently been installed in Reservoir Park and will be formally launched in 2024.

Sponsorships:

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	 Albert Hotel have created a cocktail called the Mosman Art Gallery, as part of new series of cocktails named after iconic sites in Mosman. To be launched in early 2024. Partnership with Bendigo Bank - plan to approach to extend their support to programs such as Art Explorers for young children, and additional Picture of Health Tours. Discussions are underway with Colormaker Industries (a sustainable paint company based in Brookvale) re possible cash and in-kind sponsorship for the Gallery. 	AS AS
9.	General business	
	 A sculpture of cricketer Allan Border by Linda Klarfeld, commissioned by Mosman Cricket Club, will be installed outside the upgraded Allan Border Oval Pavilion. The sculpture has been delivered and is currently in storage. Launch of the artwork and new Pavilion is currently due to take place in the first half of 2024. Ken Done: ATTACK, exhibition (20 – 22 Oct) works by Ken Done will be on display on off-site location at T10 Terminal, Middle Head, Mosman. After 22 years working at Mosman Art Gallery, Michael Neal has left Council. John thanked Michael for his dedication and hard work for MAG. The refurbishment of MAG ground floor toilets are now complete. Stained glass windows located in MAG Grand Hall have been refurbished and re-installed. A new lift will be installed at MAG, scheduled for early 2024 Possible future capital works include a new climate control system and ceiling/roof works, dependent on funding. A&CCCC members were invited to provide comment on current awards and categories for Mosman Art Prize, including the 	JC All members
	 possibility of including an Indigenous Award. Mosman Art Prize judges for future discussed, MAG request A&CCCC to provide suggestions for 2024 and beyond. Possible judges include Ben Quilty, Daniel Boyd, and Julie Newington. Art Gallery Trainee, Keira Grundy, was recently awarded the Young Achievers Award – Metro in the NSW Women in Local Government Awards. 	All members
	Meeting concluded at 6.10pm.	
	Next meeting date: Thursday 15 February 2024 5:00pm	
	Future dates - 9 May and 8 August 2024 at 5:00pm	