

**MINUTES OF ARTS & CULTURE
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
HELD ON 15 February 2024, 5pm**

PRESENT:

Councillors
Chairperson: Cr Libby Moline

Community Representatives
Teresa Biet
Fiona Ackerman
Ann Cape
Lisa Paulsen

Staff
John Cheeseman, Manager Cultural Services/Gallery Director
Kelly McDonald, Assistant Gallery Director/Senior Curator
Ann Shoebridge, Philanthropy Officer
Bethany Griffiths, Trainee

APOLOGIES: Jane Pochon, Clr Pip Friedrich, Catherine Cameron

MINUTES: Taken by Jodie Albanese, CD Administration

	MATTERS DISCUSSED	ACTION
1.	<p>WELCOME</p> <p>Cr Moline opened the meeting thanking all those attending.</p> <p>Kelly introduced Bethany Griffiths, Art Gallery Trainee. The ACCCC members congratulated Bethany on her one-year Traineeship placement.</p>	
2.	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>As above</p>	
3.	<p>DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS</p> <p>There were no disclosures of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest.</p>	
4.	<p>REVIEW OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <p>Adoption of minutes: 12 Oct 2023</p> <p><i>Moved: Clr Libby Moline</i></p> <p><i>Seconded: Lisa Paulsen</i></p> <p>CARRIED</p> <p>Matters arising from the previous minutes:</p> <p>ACCCC tour of Civic Centre Council building in 2024, date to be confirmed, consideration of additional guests to be invited, also tbc.</p> <p>Create NSW funding. MAG advised it will be eligible to apply for multi-year funding. 2024/25 Gallery Program grant application is due to be submitted by 19 February COB.</p>	JC

5.	<p>Update of performance against Council KPI's (1 October – 31 December)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitation Mosman Art Gallery - 20,500 visitors. • Gallery and Community Centre usage - 85% • No. of Friends and volunteers – 538 (made up of 259 active members, 239 due for renewal and 40 volunteers) • No. of exhibitions, educational activities and special events - 36 • No. of members of Gallery donor program - 92 • Cash donations to Gallery - \$56,450 • In-kind donations to the Gallery - \$317,100 	JC
6.	<p>Kelly provided up update of recent and current exhibitions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Art Acquisitions to the Mosman Art Collection exhibition is currently being installed on Level 2. Works in the exhibition include works by Caroline Rothwell, Ruth Burgess, Imants Tillers, Wendy Sharp, Gary Grealy, Philip Wolfhagen, Leila Jeffreys, Fairley Kingston, Dora Toovey, Jennie Feyan, Gladstone Eyre, Nancy Borlese, Carl Plate, Carlos Barrios and Robert Dickerson. donation, The Imants Tillers artwork was donated by Reg Richardson and has been independently valued at \$185,000 and the group recommended that consideration be made for this work to be hung in the Council Chamber after the exhibition concludes. • Mosman Art Society exhibition Seasons currently being installed on Level 1. • Mosman High graduate artist Tully Arnot's work Soft is currently being installed in the Cube. • Next In-Profile artist will be Xanthe Muston. • Mosman Youth Art Prize Opening with take place on Saturday 6 April in conjunction with the Youth Street Activation event, occurring on the same day as Mosman Market. • Studio A exhibition will take place mid-year in both Level 1 and Level 2 galleries. • MAG 2025 program currently being planned. • John tabled an article with a positive write up by noted Sydney Morning Herald journalist John McDonald dated 20 Jan 2024 regarding the recent Imants Tillers exhibition. 	KM
7.	<p>Overview of upcoming exhibitions and initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susan Cotter and Julie Ewington to be included for consideration as potential judges of the 2024 Mosman Art Prize • Mosman Youth Art Prize 2024 will be judged by Julia Gutman, 2023 Archibald winner. 	
8.	<p>Philanthropy update provided by Ann Shoebridge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General update cash donation \$56,450 (1 Oct – 31 Dec2023) • In-Kind donations \$317,000 (1 Oct – 31 Dec23) • Motel Picture Company project almost completed, of donor videos featuring Carol and Brian Carrigan, and Ken and Judy Done. Once editing finalized videos are due for release mid-year along with Bequest campaign. • Susan Rothwell is opening her studio on 20 March 4 - 6pm and has extended an invitation to key MAG donors to attend. 	AS

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation fund supporters Charlene and Graham Bradley AM provided a \$5,000 contribution towards Ethel Fox conservation. • Plus One Government funding application was successful, grant funding for initiatives to attract younger families into MAG, if MAG raise \$10,000 by 30 April the Govt will match funding. Currently raised just over \$6,000. • Lisa asked about where and how MAG promotes memberships to young family demographic in Mosman, Ann advised she regularly approaches all local schools in Mosman and surrounds to advertise MAG leaflets of art events, competitions & programs in their newsletters, and the Teacher memberships; also attending and distributing leaflets at Mosman Markets. Discussion on ideas to offer public use of Gallery venues. Ann ran through current events such as Art Gallery open late Wednesday nights for free events to attract youth, young & middle-aged adults after work for artist talks, and to walk through Gallery as well as offering Sip & Sketch events. The new Baby Art program for art and wellbeing aimed at young mothers/carers has been developed to attract people through the door and sign up for memberships, and future art classes for their kids and youth events in future. Susanna Carter also contacts schools regarding children's programs and competitions, offering leaflets for display or softcopy for inclusion in newsletters. • The design for the Mosman Youth Art Prize application is in its final stages, soon to be distributed as printed leaflets and electronic versions on social media. <p>Acquisition fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susan Rothwell confirmed she will match her \$10,000 commitment from 2023. • Some artworks recently acquired have been confirmed for loan to National Gallery of Australia later in 2024. • A brochure featuring Thea Anamara Perkins for the Acquisition Fund is being designed. • Mosman Art Trail official launch tentatively scheduled for 30 April, 10.30am at Balmoral Rotunda. Ann showed the committee the design of signage. Planning is underway for public programming around this launch. Claudia Karvan has been approached re potential voice recording for the project. • The Albert Hotel have created a cocktail called the Gallery Elixir and are hosting an evening on 30 April to celebrate the history of their building. <p>Sponsorships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions are underway with Stone Real Estate re the possible offer of financial support for the Gallery. • Keiser Physio has appointed a development person and will meet with the Gallery re potential sponsorship. • The committee suggested that the Gallery approach Helm Constructions for signage on the hording currently being erected adjacent to the Gallery building. • It was suggested the Gallery approach the new store on Military Road, Mosman, Mecca Cosmetics, for some sponsorship of the 	
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	<p>Gallery. Mecca select and support an artist annually to focus and promote at Christmas time on their wrapping paper and gift boxes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colormaker have committed to a sponsorship deal \$5,000 in paint and further \$2,000 to Mosman Art Prize programs. 	
8	<p>General business:</p> <p>Fiona presented an update on the Mosman Artwalk event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A draft leaflet was distributed amongst the group. • Launch date is 21 Feb at Mosman High School, Level 3 of Staff common room and courtyard of new building. • An invitation was extended to all artists and local shops to attend the opening and a request for Gallery Director John Cheeseman to open the event. • Mosman Artwalk is a collaboration with local Mosman shops for artworks to be on display in shop windows throughout Mosman. • 3 Online tours are available to book. <p>Additional matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New gallery lift is currently being installed with completion expected in the first week of March 2024. • Provision for a new chiller has been confirmed with Council committing funds to replace the system this year. • Allan Border Oval Pavilion opening is on track for May in conjunction with launch of Allan Border sculpture. • Support from donors/patron for minor awards associated with Mosman Art Prize has increased. Lisa made a recommendation to the committee that Mosman Art Prize first prize be increased to \$75,000. • Following on from the success of the Mosman Art Prize submission process moving online, the Mosman Youth Art Prize will also use an online process for accepting and shortlisting entrants. Youth Art Prize entrants are restricted to the Sydney metropolitan area. • The Gallery thanked the Headland Preservation Group for their work on the Veterans Voices Project. 	<p>FA</p> <p>JC</p> <p>JC</p>
9	<p>Meeting concluded at 6.20pm.</p> <p>Next meeting date: Thursday 9 May 2024 5:00pm</p> <p>Future dates - 8 August 2024 at 5:00pm</p>	