

**MINUTES OF ARTS & CULTURE  
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 9 May 2024, 5pm**

**PRESENT:**

*Councillors*  
Chairperson: Cr Libby Moline  
Cr Pip Fredrich

*Community Representatives*  
Teresa Biet  
Fiona Ackerman  
Lisa Paulsen  
Jane Pochon

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

**APOLOGIES:** Ann Cape, Catherine Cameron

**MINUTES:** Taken by Jodie Albanese, CD Administration

	<b>MATTERS DISCUSSED</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
1.	<b>WELCOME</b> Cr Moline opened the meeting thanking all those attending.	
2.	<b>APOLOGIES</b> As above	
3.	<b>DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS</b> There were no disclosures of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest.	
4.	<b>REVIEW OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</b> Adoption of minutes: 14 Feb 2024 <i>Moved: Lisa Paulsen</i> <i>Seconded: Teresa Biet</i> CARRIED Matters arising from the previous minutes: It was requested that an inspection of the Art Store and artworks in the Civic building be scheduled immediately prior to the next committee meeting scheduled for 8 August.. John reported the donor event at Susan Rothwell's studio was a success and acknowledged the generosity of Susan in hosting the event. The committee thanked Ann Shoebridge for organising the event. Mosman Art Prize - proposed increase in prize money from \$50,000 to \$70,000 has been presented to Council as part of the 2024/25 budget. The increase cements the Mosman Art Prize's status as one of the top prizes in Australia.	JC

	A discussion followed re the intention to increase sponsorship levels for the additional awards associated with the Mosman Art Prize. The sponsor of the Margaret Olley Award, Gillian Jones, has confirmed she will raise her level of support from \$6,000 to \$10,000 this year. Ann is currently investigating and in discussions with other potential sponsors.	AS
5.	<p>Update of performance against Council KPI's (1 January – 31 March 2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visitation Mosman Art Gallery – 19,300 visitors.</li> <li>• Gallery and Community Centre usage 80% across all facilities</li> <li>• No. of Friends and volunteers – 599 (made up of 301 active members, 258 due for renewal and 40 volunteers)</li> <li>• No. of exhibitions, educational activities and special events - 43</li> <li>• No. of members of Gallery donor program - 92</li> <li>• Cash donations to Gallery - \$37,100</li> <li>• In-kind donations to the Gallery - \$132,150</li> </ul>	JC
6.	<p>Recent and current exhibitions</p> <p>Kelly provided a PowerPoint presentation update of recent and current exhibitions.</p>	KM
7.	<p>Overview of upcoming exhibitions and initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art Gallery level 1 &amp; 2, upcoming exhibitions 17 May – 28 July Studio A: Damian Showyin and Catherine McGuiness. Kylie Kwong now unable to open event, the committee proposed that Ken Done be asked to open the exhibition.</li> <li>• 2024 Mosman Art Prize. First prize will increase to \$70,000. Curator, writer and broadcaster Julie Ewington has been confirmed as this year's judge. Exhibition runs 10 August – 6 October 2024. Opening scheduled for 9 August. Entries open until 1 July 2024.</li> <li>• Borrowed Landscapes Exhibition 19 October – 2 February 2025, curated by Kelly McDonald</li> <li>• 2088 Artists of Mosman – 15 February – 16 March 2025.</li> <li>• Youth Art Prize 2025, 29 March – 4 May. Feedback from 6 April 2024 opening event noted only eleven winners in attendance and seven not present. Request from committee to review procedures to encourage greater winner attendance in the future.</li> <li>• Curlew Camp Revisited 17 May - 10 August 2025. Artists for exhibition include Elizabeth Cummings, Fiona Lowry, Idris Murphy, Jo Bertini, Sophie Cape, Khadim Ali, and Thea Anamara Perkins.</li> <li>• The Gallery aims to gain future support from the Balnaves Foundation to establish a commissioning process for artists and creatives, to potentially run every two years. Potential biennial ask for the project - \$50,000.</li> <li>• Upcoming exhibitions in The Cube: Kirtika Kain 17 May – 18 Aug, Patrina Munungurr Mulka Projects Aboriginal Art Centre, 24 Aug – 13 Oct, Jazz Money 18 Oct – 2 Feb 2025, We Are Studios 15 Feb – 27 Apr 2025 and Amrita Hepi 17 May – 10 Aug 2025.</li> <li>• In-Profile space exhibitions: Xanthe Muston closing 12 May, Mosman Embroiderers' Guild 18 May – 4 August, Judi McLaren</li> </ul>	KM

	<p>10 August - 3 November, Jennifer Blau 9 November – 2 February 2025.</p> <p>The committee discussed the Gallery’s public programs including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Western Sydney University Art Therapist student placement, Rachell Lavell, is facilitating a new Art &amp; Wellbeing program. She has introduced Baby Art, for parents/carers with young babies to engage in art and baby friendly tours, creative art activities in relaxed setting to support both adult and child. Monthly event starting 29 May, bookings essential, fee applies.</li> <li>• A Picture of Health from 23 May - monthly guided tours for dementia or memory loss people and carers. Free and bookings essential.</li> <li>• Audio-Described Gallery Tour and Tactile Tour, 5 June for visitors with low vision and/or blindness, free and bookings essential.</li> <li>• Creative Caregivers: Art &amp; Wellbeing Sessions 12 June, for those caregivers to engage with others and explore creative art, free event and bookings essential.</li> <li>• The Gallery is exploring partnerships with the Youth Centre, including events for 18 - 24 year olds. Cr Friedrich raised that Mosman has highest admissions at Private Hospitals for mental health for 18 – 25 years. John suggested this may be a project that could be submitted to the newly elected Council for consideration later this year</li> <li>• Professional development afternoon will be organized inviting commercial galleries and emerging artists to attend, trialing a speed networking connecting mentors with mentees.</li> <li>• Lisa on behalf of the committee thanked Kelly McDonald, for her work on the quality and quantity of exhibitions and public programs. Discussion occurred on changing nature of state and federal arts funding programs.</li> </ul>	JC/KM
8.	<p>Philanthropy update provided by Ann Shoebridge</p> <p>Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plus 1, Double Your Impact, membership campaign drive has raised \$12,800, with \$10,000 of this to be matched by the Federal Government, official conclusion of project is 30 May 2024.</li> </ul> <p>Acquisition fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next campaign brochure will feature Thea Perkins. Aimed to appeal to newer donors and a younger age group.</li> <li>• Acquisition Fund Event: Upcoming Artspace studio visit in August with artists Jazz Money and Thea Perkins.</li> <li>• Committed funds to date for 23/24 acquisition are \$38,500 (donations) and matched \$30,500 (Balnaves Foundation) totaling \$69,000.</li> </ul> <p>Sponsorships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kieser has been identified as a potential supporter of up to \$5,000</li> <li>• NS Audiology are potential supporters of up to \$3,000 for the upcoming Borrowed Landscapes exhibition.</li> </ul>	AS

	<p>Mosman Art Trail: Balnaves Foundation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The launch of Mosman Art Trail was a huge success, officially opening on 30 April with key stakeholders, supporters, and community members present.</li> <li>• The Balnaves family and Foundation are pleased with the success of the project, with almost 1000 brochures already distributed and more to be printed to keep up with demand.</li> <li>• Interest has been expressed by many local and non-local groups to use the art trail as an event/activity.</li> <li>• The Gallery staff are pleased that this project brings together Neil Balnaves' vision of linking the art collection with new initiatives, growing philanthropy and encouraging and supporting art enthusiasts.</li> <li>• John Cheeseman was on ABC morning radio promoting the new Mosman Art Trail.</li> <li>• Public Program In-Conversation: Mosman Trailblazers with Donna Braye (Local Studies Librarian) and Gill Lee (Gallery Volunteer Guide): presented at The Albert Hotel. Ann has also presented information re the Trail to the Mosman Historical Society.</li> <li>• Kids' Art Trial/Teachers Education Night. Susanne Carter (staff) is utilizing the art trail to promote art to schools and offer support to teachers.</li> </ul> <p>Cultural Gifts Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• E Phillips Fox oil on board study artwork has been donated by long-term Gallery supporters Marshall &amp; Caroline Phillips, who were motivated to gift by the example of the Mosman Art Trail/The Balnaves Gift. The donation coincided with the couple's 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Two works have been donated by John and Pam Charrington – the works are by Naomi Hobson and Constance Gordon-Cummings.</li> <li>• The Gallery is in discussion with Dr John Yu regarding possible donation of artworks.</li> <li>• An Aida Tomescu work has been donated by Peter Boehm.</li> <li>• The committee thanked Ann Shoebridge for her work on a range of projects and initiatives.</li> </ul>	
8	<p>General business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kelly introduced Shan Turner-Carroll, the associate artist for the upcoming Studio A exhibitions, to committee members.</li> <li>• MAG was successful in application for Creative NSW program, asked for \$95k and was granted \$95k.</li> <li>• Fiona discussed the success of the recent Mosman Art Walk acknowledging its many challenges while raising similar funds as previous years.</li> <li>• The new Allan Border Pavilion will open on 11 May along with an unveiling of a full sized Allan Border bronze statue by artist Linda Klarfeld. The statue was funded by the Mosman Cricket Club. Mosman Art Gallery will manage the Pavilion Function Room for community venue hire.</li> <li>• The Gallery has been approached by the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust to take part in discussions about the future of aspects of the Georges Heights Artists Precinct. The Gallery is</li> </ul>	<p>JC</p> <p>JC</p>

	<p>also in discussion with Trust staff regarding use of their facilities for residency and studio spaces.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A revaluation of the Mosman Art Collection is currently being undertaken. The results will be reported to the next meeting.</li> <li>• A new elevator has now been installed in the Gallery building.</li> <li>• Cr Friedrich raised whether recent humidity levels were affecting art works. John advised that the current system has been nursed through the summer period and that the chiller unit will be replaced in June/July. The works will require the Gallery building to be closed for at least one day and access over several weeks may be required through the Level 2 gallery.</li> <li>• Council has been successful in obtaining funding that will go towards enhancing Mosman's night markets and street party events.</li> <li>• Two nominations were submitted for the NSW Leo Kelly Award for Local Government under Cultural Planning – the Art Collection and Public Art policies and the development of the Mosman Art Trail.</li> <li>• The Gallery will seek to submit nominations for the upcoming MAGNA Awards.</li> <li>• Photographs of significant Mosman artists and patrons by Gary Grealy are currently on display on the ground floor.</li> <li>• It was noted that the next meeting will be the final meeting of the committee during the current term of Council.</li> <li>• The lease of the Art Gallery building was discussed, along with its suitability as a gallery space in the long term. Past Council plans (since discontinued) to build a new Art Gallery were discussed.</li> <li>• At the next meeting, members will review the achievements made during this term of the committee, along with any matters members would like any new Council to consider.</li> </ul>	<p>JC/KM</p> <p>JC</p> <p>JC</p> <p>JC/KM</p> <p>All committee members</p>
9	<p>Meeting concluded at 6.55pm.</p> <p>Next meeting date: Thursday 8 August 2024 5:00pm.</p>	