

**MINUTES OF ARTS & CULTURE
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
HELD ON 8 August 2024, 5pm**

PRESENT:

Councillors
Chairperson: Cr Libby Moline
Cr Pip Fredrich

Community Representatives
Teresa Biet
Fiona Ackerman
Jane Pochon
Ann Cape
Catherine Cameron

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

APOLOGIES: Lisa Paulsen

MINUTES: Taken by Jodie Albanese, CD Administration

	MATTERS DISCUSSED	ACTION
1.	WELCOME Cr Moline opened the meeting thanking all those attending. Art works walk through of Civic Centre 4.30pm – 5pm	
2.	APOLOGIES As above. Lisa Paulsen attended the walk through, but not the meeting.	
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: 9 May 2024 <i>Moved: Jane Pochon</i> <i>Seconded: Fiona Ackerman</i> CARRIED Matters arising from the previous minutes: Ann requested a wording change in previous minutes page 2, to reflect 'proposed artist is Sophie Cape'. John to review and confirm a change. John confirmed the Mosman Art Prize money was increased from \$50,000 to \$70,000.	JC
5.	Update of performance against Council KPI's (1 Apr – 30 June 2024) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitation Mosman Art Gallery – 20,650 visitors. Yearly total was 81,559. • Gallery and Community Centre usage 80% across all facilities 	JC

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of Friends and volunteers – 616 (made up of 575 members, 315 active and 216 due for renewal and 40 volunteers) No. of exhibitions, educational activities and special events – 37 and 154 for the year. No. of members of Gallery donor program - 98 Cash donations to Gallery - \$ 79,070 (1 Apr – 30 Jun) year \$218,159. In-kind donations to the Gallery - \$ 56,450 (1 Apr – 30 Jun) \$505,700 year. 	
6.	<p>Recent and current exhibitions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Studio A event was reported as huge success. Exhibition: The Cube – Kirtika Kain closes 18 Aug Exhibition: The Cube – Patrina Munungurr 24 Aug -13 Oct Mosman Art Prize (10 Aug - 6 Oct). MAP received a record of 1,617 entries. 88 artworks selected for exhibition which opens 9 August with winners to be announced. People's Choice award will be voted on by the public. Sponsors have kindly donated funds for the four supporting awards. Discussion of possible judges for future art prizes included artist Ben Quilty, Head of International Art AGNSW, Justin Paton and a major collector of Art as initial options. The committee were invited to make suggestions via email to KM or JC. The 2024 prize is truly national in nature with artists from all states and territories represented as finalists. 	JC
7.	<p>Overview of upcoming exhibitions and initiatives</p> <p>The committee discussed the Gallery's public programs including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above 	
8.	<p>Philanthropy update provided by Ann Shoebridge</p> <p>Acquisition fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit to Artspace Residency Program including visits to the studios of Thea Perkins, Gemma Smith, Tina Havelock Stevens and Jazz Money – 12 supporters in total attended. The third year instalment September/October – looking at range of possible works, including an early Arthur Streeton sketch from Curlew Camp. JC led a discussion on an offer of donation of a work by Donald Friend. It was determined that the work did not fit the criteria as set out in the Collection Policy <p>Mosman Art Trail: Balnaves Foundation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Art Trail is proving very popular and requires another 4,000 more maps to be printed. Data shows 4,000 hits to date on QR code for Art Trail. Advertising of the Art Trail includes JC interviewed on radio, mentioned in Qantas magazine as a 'things to know about art'. This initiative has more potential to build upon. It is estimated an additional 50 – 100 visitors per week attend the Gallery as a result of the Art Trail project. Ann suggested another PR campaign for summer time walks of the Art Trail. 	AS

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggestion to review Balnaves collection art hang in early 2025, for additional works to be included. <p>Cultural Gifts Program – additional works received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two A H Fullwood works from art dealer Denis Savill Nancy Borlase from art collector Peter Boehm Artist Books and a suite of sketches by Dr George Soutter from Dr John Yu. <p>General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank you to A&CCCC for connection to Helm and Bresic Whitney. Colourmaker are supporting Mosman Art Prize artist talks and public programming Proposed to have a public program talk with artist Gary Grealy later in year. Mosman Art & Framing are likely to support either a \$5k or \$3k partnership this financial year 	
8	<p>General business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ann Cape raised the possibility of the Gallery scheduling an exhibition for established and under-represented experienced artists. Ann to meet with John and Kelly to discuss proposal. Ann Cape requested that MAP conditions of entry include that the winner be 'reasonably archive sound' for collection purposes. Kelly confirmed that a clause covering this was included in the 2024 MAP Terms and Conditions of entry. A&CCCC congratulated John Cheeseman and Gallery staff for the success of the past years exhibitions, programs and initiatives. JC advised Council will determine if committee continues, after the elections on 14 Sep and encouraged all current committee members to re apply. Lisa had a message read out that thanked A&CCCC members, Kelly and all staff involved for their work over the term of the committee. Cr Moline thanked staff and A&CCCC for their knowledge expertise they have provided. Cr Fredrich as a non-artist expressed her enjoyment in being part of the committee and appreciated the expertise, inclusion and projects past and present of the group. Current marketing strategy and product offering to be reviewed to address gaps for audiences not engaging in MAG. Mosman High are holding an exhibition of past student, Ralph Hymens opening on 23 Aug 6-8pm. The exhibition will run 10am-2pm 24 & 25 August. 	JC
9	<p>Meeting concluded at 6.30pm.</p> <p>FUTURE DATES TO BE DETERMINED AFTER COUNCIL ELECTIONS AND NEW COMMITTEE FORMED.</p>	