

# Arts Advisory Committee Minutes



**Date:** Monday 27 November 2017  
**Time:** 7pm to 8.30pm  
**Venue:** Hurstbridge Hub, Graysharps Road, Hurstbridge  
**Chair:** Cr Karen Egan  
**Minute taker:** Michelle Zemancheff

## Order of business

- Attendance:** Cr Karen Egan (Chair), Cr Jane Ashton (Deputy Chair), Brian Gilkes, Eugene Howard, Ute Leiner, Blaise van Hecke, Michael Wilson  
**Apologies:** Matt Blackwood, Julie Tipene-O’Toole  
**Officers:** Michelle Zemancheff, Grace Longato
- Conflict of interest:** N/A
- Minutes from previous meeting**

That the minutes of meeting held on 23 October 2017 were confirmed as true and accurate records, with an amendment to the last line of page two to read “a unanimous decision not to recommend for acquisition”:

**Moved:** Eugene Howard  
**Seconded:** Jane Ashton
- Matters arising:** Grace Longato provided an update as to the process for the acquisitions recommended at the last meeting.

Business item	Details	Action
5. <b>Arts and Cultural Plan 2018-2022</b>	<p>Submissions received to date in response to the Draft Plan were considered with officer responses. The Committee recommended refinement of the Draft Plan in relation to language and jargon.</p> <p>The Draft Plan and submissions received will be referred to the Future Nillumbik Committee on 12 December 2017. Committee members are invited to talk to the Future Nillumbik Committee regarding the Draft Plan.</p> <p>The Committee raised the importance of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a public gallery of regional significance with public programming to activate the space (akin to Maroondah City Council’s Realm)</li><li>• increased access to the collection</li><li>• de-centralising the arts with public and participatory arts</li></ul>	<p>Officers to further refine Draft Plan in regard to language.</p> <p>Committee members to advise officers of their interest to at the Future Nillumbik Committee of 12 December 2017.</p> <p>Officers to arrange Realm site visit.</p>

- performing arts
- opportunities for networking and mentoring
- an artist residency.

In accordance with industry standards the Plan is deliberately focussed on outcomes, rather than a detailed list of actions. Focusing on outcomes enables an ability to measure and evaluate cultural value.

The Arts and Cultural Plan will be launched on Saturday 3 February 2017 at Eltham Library Community Gallery. The Committee were asked to suggest a guest speaker, and/or to consider if one of the committee members could speak.

A representative of the Committee is sought to speak at the Arts and Cultural Plan launch.

General discussion as to proposed shift to bi-annual scheduling of major prizes such as Nillumbik Prize and Literary Nillumbik (incorporating Alan Marshall Short Story Award).

With review of the Nillumbik Prize in 2018, the Committee will consider the function of the show, award streams, sponsorship, its relationship to the Nillumbik Shire Art Collection and benchmarking.

## 6. Other Business

The Committee expressed its desire to actively contribute and be involved in the development and implementation of the Arts and Cultural Plan and to meet six-weekly during the first year of the Arts and Cultural Plan. It was suggested that meetings be scheduled at Committee members' cultural organisations, ie. Pharos Centre, Busy Bird Publishing, etc.

Officers will advise of 2018 meeting dates and venues upon confirmation of councillor commitments.

In order to have further consideration and discussion between meetings, the Committee requested a contact list of Committee members.

Officers to distribute contact list.

The Committee was invited to

- participate in the further consultation for the Outdoor Performance Centre at Civic Drive.
- the Health & Wellbeing Plan launch on 12 December 2017 at 2pm at Nillumbik Shire Council, Civic Drive, Greensborough.
- put forward nominations for Nillumbik Shire Council's Australia Day Awards and to attend the celebration on 26 January 2018 at 10am at Eltham Community and Reception Centre.

7. **Next meeting date:** Monday 26 February 2018, 7pm. Venue to be confirmed.