

# Arts Advisory Committee Minutes



**Date:** Monday 26 February 2018  
**Time:** 7pm to 9pm  
**Venue:** Nillumbik Shire Council, Civic Drive, Greensborough  
**Chair:** Cr Karen Egan  
**Minute taker:** Michelle Zemancheff

## Order of business

- Attendance:** Cr Karen Egan (Chair), Brian Gilkes, Blaise van Hecke, Michael Wilson  
**Apologies:** Cr Jane Ashton (Deputy Chair), Matt Blackwood, Julie Tipene-O'Toole, Eugene Howard, Ute Leiner  
**Officers:** Michelle Zemancheff, Grace Longato  
**Co-opted attendees:** Paige Macdonald, Cath Rutten, Jess O'Sullivan, Georgia Goodwin

- Conflict of interest:** N/A

- Minutes from previous meeting:**

That the minutes of meeting of 27 November 2017 were not ratified as there was no quorum to enable same.

<b>Business items:</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Action</b>
4. <b>Civic Drive outdoor performing arts venue site visit</b>	Site visit with Project Officer Paige Macdonald and representatives of Nillumbik Youth Theatre to advise on concept designs proposed for the venue. It was considered the most important element for outdoor performances is access to three-phase power, and permanent stage rigging to enable the installation lighting and sound as fits each show. Concern was raised as to sound in and out.	Cath Rutten would provide size specifications in relation to stage requirements.
5. <b>Arts &amp; Cultural Plan 2018-2022</b>	General de-brief of launch event.	
6. <b>Nillumbik Shire Art Collection</b>	Consideration of two acquisition donations: a. Lynne Quintal painting (donation from Liz Nettleton) The work is not representative of local identity, yet extends upon the artist's work who is already represented in the collection, albeit that the works are not of the same suite.	Grace will arrange a time for AAC members to attend Liz Nettleton's studio to view the artwork before next AAC meeting.

- b. Redbyrne Pottery  
The pottery matches a suite of Redbyrne Pottery already within the collection, which combined evidence a shift in style from the 70s through to the 80s.

**7. Other business:**

- a. Creative Victoria announced the successful Creative Suburbs application from Nillumbik Shire Council for the Nillumbik Digital Agora, a two-year new media public art project. The project partners with ACMI X and Yandell Walton as the lead artist.
- b. Nillumbik Community Fund now open, with the arts and culture grants stream for projects up to \$5,000. Brian Gilkes and Eugene Howard will represent the AAC on the assessment panel.
- c. Nillumbik Prize now open.
- d. Literary Nillumbik opens 1 March with a suite of public programs:
  - i. Passion for Print: Printmaking, Poetry and Creative Inspiration panel discussion, 3 March at 2pm at Diamond Valley Library, with Tess Edwards, Jock Clutterbuck and Matt Blackwood panel.
  - ii. Sofie Laguna salon 15 March 2018 at 7pm at Eltham Library, sponsored by Writers Victoria.
  - iii. Sofie Laguna workshop 17 March at 10am at Living & Learning Nillumbik.
- e. Artists Open Studios 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary exhibition opening 8 March at Montsalvat.
- f. Meeting venues, it was discussed that when there were no artworks to be accessed for consideration, meetings could be convened at AAC members' respective studios.

**8. Next meeting date:**

Monday 9 April 2018, venue to be confirmed.