

Arts Advisory Committee Minutes



Date: Monday 2 July 2018
Time: 7pm to 9pm
Venue: Nillumbik Shire Council, Civic Drive, Greensborough
Chair: Michelle Zemancheff
Minute taker: Grace Longato

Order of business

1. Welcome

Attendance: Blaise van Hecke, Brian Gilkes, Eugene Howard, Julie Tipene-O'Toole, Ute Leiner

Officers: Michelle Zemancheff (Coordinator Arts and Cultural Development), Grace Longato (Curator & Creative Industries Officer)

Apologies: Cr Karen Egan (Chair), Cr Jane Ashton (Deputy Chair), Matt Blackwood, Kylie Lethbridge (Manager Business Tourism and Marketing)

2. Conflict of interest: N/A

3. Minutes from previous meeting:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2018 were confirmed as true and accurate records:

Moved: Eugene Howard

Seconded: Julie Tipene-O'Toole

Business items	Details	Action
4. Matters arising	Arts Advisory Committee membership vacancy A report will be presented to Council in late July seeking its endorsement to advertise the vacant Arts Advisory Committee position and seek expressions of interest. EOIs will then be returned to Council for endorsement of a suitable nominee.	Officers to report to Council to commence processes to advertise and fill vacant committee position.
5. Arts and Cultural Plan implementation	Nillumbik Prize 2018 As announced in the mayoral opening speech, a special budget allocation of \$15,000 was made available for acquisition of artworks from this year's Nillumbik Prize, to include the first prize and other works to that value, to be expended this week in finalising end of financial year budgets. The Curatorial Acquisition Recommendation Report was reviewed by committee who unanimously recommended the advice provided in the Report.	Officers to arrange acquisitions in order to meet end of financial year requirements.

<p>6. Policy and service reviews</p>	<p>6.1. Nillumbik Prize format review The committee reviewed the draft Business Case outlining options for the Nillumbik Prize format into the future. The opportunity to amalgamate the Literary Nillumbik into an alternate year of the Nillumbik Prize under the one umbrella award was welcomed. The committee saw an opportunity to celebrate Nillumbik's strengths across multi-disciplines. The committee recommended an importance on streamlining costs and eliminating duplication of service areas. It also recommended pursuing option 3 of the draft Business Case, and requested a risk analysis also be included in the final document. Given the prospect of a regional public gallery as outlined on the agenda, Option 3 was seen by the committee as the most strategically responsible.</p>	<p>Officers to incorporate risk analysis and Literary Nillumbik business case into an overarching business case.</p>
	<p>6.2. Nillumbik Shire Art Collection Policy The committee reviewed the further drafts to the Policy, recommending small amendments in relation to language, and to for the collection criteria in relation to medium, broad. The draft Policy will be reported to Council seeking endorsement of its public exhibition and comment, before returning to Council for final adoption.</p>	<p>Officers to complete Policy review and report to Council.</p>
	<p>6.3. Public Art Strategy Early project planning has commenced, with a view to incorporating Percent for Art Policy within the Public Art Strategy.</p>	
	<p>6.4. Regional Gallery Feasibility Study Early project planning has commenced with Requests for Quote to be sought.</p>	
<p>7. Project reference groups</p>	<p>7.1. Civic Drive The externally funded \$50,000 allocated budget for a public art commission will limit the commission scope. There is an opportunity to augment this budget with a matching figure by drawing on funds reserved for public art, and in so doing invest in a public art commission of value. The committee recommended drawing on additional \$50,000 from the reserve for this purpose. The committee also recommended leveraging opportunities for re-use, such as the trees removed for the Yan Yean Road upgrade.</p>	

7.2. Nillumbik Digital Agora

Digital Agora Youth program is currently in development with Banyule Nillumbik Technical School, with a call for expressions of interest to be opened soon; workshops with Yandell Walton; and the launch of the public outputs on 14 September 2018.

Committee representative sought for selection panel.

A committee representative is sought for the selection panel.

7.3. Eltham Library Community Gallery

Call for proposals for the 2019 are now opened. Exhibition assessment by the committee is planned for the 24 September 2018 meeting.

Planning is underway for the 10th anniversary of Black Saturday. Given creative recovery was inherent within the community, and on from the highly successful 2011 Symbols of Loss & Recovery, a very gentle open exhibition is planned for January/February 2018 to mark the anniversary. The committee considered this an appropriate response and recommended a focus on the notion of renewal.

8. Other business

8.1. Green Wedge Management Plan

Committee members invited to participate and information and survey forms provided.

8.2. Next meetings

Julie Tipene-O'Toole invited the committee to meet at her studio for the 5 November 2018 meeting.

9. Next meeting date

13 August 2018 at Council office, Civic Drive.