

## ARTS AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Held on Thursday 17 September 2019 at 4.30pm in Meeting Room 2, Caroline Springs Library and Learning Hub

**Present:** Cr L Carli, Deputy Mayor, City of Melton  
A Patel, Community Representative  
A Savage, Community Representative  
S Pelly, Community Representative  
M McClelland, Arts Engagement and Development Officer, City of Melton  
S Prestney, Acting Manager Libraries, City of Melton  
S Monts, Arts Activation Officer, City of Melton  
S Restuccia, Acting Coordinator Library Activation and Engagement, City of Melton  
K Jones, Engagement and Marketing Administration Officer, City of Melton  
(Minute Taker)

**Chairperson:** Cr L Carli, Deputy Mayor, City of Melton

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### 1. Welcome

Cr L Carli opened the meeting and welcomed members.

### 2. Apologies

Cr B Turner, Mayor, City of Melton  
Cr M Mendes, Councillor, City of Melton  
C Meeson, Community Representative  
M Mohr, Community Representative  
B Parsons, Community Representative

### 3. Declaration of interests and/or conflict of interests

A Patel, Home Sewn: Makers of Melton public art commission update  
S Pelly, exhibition program, 2020 Women  
S Pelly, Raglan Cottage Licence Agreement update  
S Pelly, additional exhibition space update  
A Savage, exhibition program, Lakeview Senior College

### 4. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

#### Motion

M McClelland / Cr L Carli

That the minutes of the previous meeting held 20 June 2019 be confirmed.

CARRIED

## 5. Business Arising

### 5.1 That A Patel be offered the public art commission for the Home Sewn: Makers of Melton program

A Patel has been offered the public art commission and work has commenced.

### 5.2 S Pelly, A Parsons and C Meeson have been asked to create a proposal for show.

Discussed in general business 6.6.

### 5.3 Add the Libraries and Arts Strategy as a standing item on agenda.

The Libraries and Arts Strategy has been added as a standing item.

## 6. General Business

### 6.1 Libraries and Arts Strategy presentation (S Prestney)

S Prestney presented the Libraries and Arts Strategy, Creative Melton 2030: A Vision for Melton City Libraries and Arts.

The presentation identified a number of priority areas for cultural development, which will guide Council's strategic planning for libraries and arts development for the next decade. The strategy is the outcome of broad community consultation and research.

#### Action:

S Prestney to move forward with the Libraries and Arts Strategy and continue with Community Consultation.

### 6.2 Creative Victoria strategy submission and Minister's visit (S Restuccia)

Minister Martin Foley, Minister for Creative Industries, Steven McGhie, member of Melton, Cr Goran Kesic and Cr Yvonne Sebire attended a tour of the Home Sewn Exhibition at Melton Library and Learning Hub on Tuesday 30 July.

M McClelland led the tour providing information and highlighting the stepping stone for artists. Over the last 2 years the Creative Suburbs Grant has been pivotal in building arts practice and capacity for high quality art in Melton.

Minister M Foley was impressed and showed a genuine interest in the works on display. Minister M Foley encouraged to put forward a submission to inform the next four year creative industries strategy 2020-2024.

A submission was put forward on August 30, with 3 key recommendations:

- Continued funding for Creative Suburbs program for outer-metro Councils
- Cultural Infrastructure: Support to Grow Culturally Enriched
- Support Councils to become active partners of start-up creative organisations

### 6.3 Exhibitions program 2020 update (M McClelland)

M McClelland provided the 2020 exhibition program showcasing the 11 selected exhibitions.

There were a total of 17 applications, 8 successful and 3 invited exhibitions. The number of online applications didn't increase from the previous year which shows a need to increase community interest for next year's callouts.

M McClelland clarified the purpose of venues with Caroline Springs Gallery being for professional artists connecting with community issues and Melton Library and Learning Hub showcasing local and emerging artists and library-related exhibitions.

M McClelland took the group through the exhibition program and provided further information on the exhibitions.

Cr L Carli asked about the opportunity to engage with other schools in addition to Lakeview College in the community including Sothern Cross Grammar and CRC. M McClelland advised this is already in planning for 2021, with school engagement activities building up school relationships in 2020.

#### **6.4 Home Sewn: Makers of Melton public art commission update (S Monts)**

A Patel has been offered the public art commission and work has commenced. Risk assessment considerations include closing the stairwell for a period of time, signage, public access, contractor access, height of work and lighting.

Community consultations have taken place with the local and family history group, English conversation class, story time, craft and chat and general consultations. In total 99 individuals were consulted including 37 children. S Monts gave an overview of the feedback from consultations.

The workshop expression of interest was advertised for a one month period and selections were based on application responses. The workshops are now confirmed for 24 September - 19 October with 18 participants at Raglan Cottage. The workshops will run for 4 weeks, 3 times a week for 4 hours. Participants will be given a template to create their own work under A Patel guidance.

#### **6.5 Public Art Maintenance Plan update (S Monts)**

S Monts requested quotes from 8 conservators on 12 September with quotes expected back by 29 September. Works are expected to start mid / late October and completed by the end of the year.

S Monts has started to investigate managing the public art assets on Councils asset management system and to identify departments who share responsibility for maintenance.

#### **6.6 Arts and Craft Show update (S Pelly, A Parsons and C Meeson)**

S Pelly would like to see the Arts and Craft show return in 2020 as part of the Djerriwarrh Festival. The suggested venue was the Melton Seniors Hall and the day would include workshops, displays, stalls and artwork sales with the mayor awarding the best artwork a winning ribbon.

Groups recommended for involvement included the Artist Collective, indigenous groups, Djerriwarrh Health, quilting groups, Zonta club and community centres.

S Pelly advised resources to consider include a project manager, hanging rights, advertising budget, parking and the ability to set up Friday and pack down Sunday.

The group expressed concern with the art show getting lost in the Djerriwarrh Festival and named groups already being involved in the festival. S Pelly was asked to email notes to M McClelland for further discussion at next meeting.

**Action:**

S Pelly to email Arts and Craft Show notes to M McClelland.

**6.7 Raglan Cottage License Agreement update (M McClelland)**

Venues contractors and OHS have investigated the status of Raglan Cottage and made appropriate changes for license agreement use.

M McClelland advised Raglan Cottage has been tidied and all arts items have been removed, a chemical register has been created and storage cupboards will be purchased for storage of arts materials and kitchen utensils.

The Artist Collective usage will be every Friday and the contract is currently being drafted. Arts and Culture will continue to access the space for storage / programs at all other times.

**Action:**

Provide Raglan Cottage License Agreement update at next meeting.

**6.8 Additional exhibition space update (M McClelland)**

M McClelland investigated exhibition space including Fraser Rise, Community Hall and Melton Civic Centre. There would be a risk to the works in Community Hall due to the public hire of the facility. Melton Civic Centre is the preferred option however M McClelland is awaiting approval from S McManus, Manager Engagement and Advocacy. Once finalized the space will be available for community art groups.

**Action:**

Provide update on Melton Civic Centre being used as community exhibition space.

**7. Next meeting**

Thursday 7 November 4.30pm- 6pm, Melton Library and Learning Hub

**8. Close of meeting**

Meeting closed at 6.11pm