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ARTS AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Held on Thursday 20 June at 4.30pm in Library Activity Room, Melton Library and Learning Hub

Present: Cr L Carli (Deputy Mayor)
Cr M Mendes, Councillor
M McClelland, Melton City Council
C Meeson, Community Representative
M Mohr, Community Representative
S Monts, Melton City Council
A Patel, Community Representative
B Parsons, Community Representative
S Prestney, Melton City Council
S Restuccia, Melton City Council (Minute Taker)

Chairperson: Cr L Carli (Deputy Mayor)

1. Welcome

Cr L Carli opened the meeting and welcomed members.

2. Apologies

Cr B Turner (Mayor)
A Savage, Community Representative
S Pelly, Community Representative

3. Declaration of interests and/or conflict of interests

A Patel, Home Sewn public art commission

4. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

Motion

Cr L Carli / M McClelland

That the previous meeting Minutes held 19 March 2019 be noted.

5. Business Arising

- 5.1 M McClelland distributed a copy of Council's governance charter to committee members via email.
- 5.2 Cultural Development Network outcomes are being included as measurable outcomes in the drafting of the arts and libraries strategy.
- 5.3 M McClelland provided an invitation to committee members to a community workshop to inform the development of arts and libraries strategy.

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- 5.4 M McClelland emailed a copy of the Council and Wellbeing Plan to committee members.
- 5.5 A Public Art Subcommittee was formed consisting of Cr L Carli, M Mohr and S Pelly and reviewed the Home Sewn: Markers of Melton Public Art commission submission.
- 5.6 The Public Art Maintenance Plan summary was presented as per 6.3.
- 5.7 Options for wall space dedicated to local exhibitors is currently in progress, to be discussed at a future committee meeting.
- 5.8 Proposal for an Arts and Craft Show is currently in progress, to be discussed at a future committee meeting.
- 5.9 M McClelland distributed information about ArtsWest to committee members, as well as invitations to the Melton event.

6. General Business**6.1 Home Sewn: Makers of Melton public art commission approval (S Monts)****A Patel left the meeting for the discussion due to a conflict of interest.**

S Monts presented the background on the public art project, which is the final stage of the Home Sewn: Makers of Melton program.

An expression of interest was sent out to four artists. Two applications were received. A Subcommittee was formed consisting of S Pelly, M Mohr, Cr L Carli and Council staff representatives.

A Patel is the recommended artist, who has selected to create work at the Melton Library and Learning Hub.

A Patel's proposed designs were narrowed down to options A, C, F.

Recommendation

That Council offer the public art commission for the Home Sewn: Makers of Melton program to A Patel as per attached Appendix 1.

Cr L Carli/Cr M Mendes.

A Patel returned to the meeting.**6.2 Home Sewn: Makers of Melton exhibition and third residency update (S Monts)**

For the third residency in the program, A Patel and B Melder completed The Belonging Tree, a textile artwork made in collaboration with local makers and artists, which is a reflection of the participant's ideas of belonging. A suite of workshops will follow on from the Belonging Tree, including Movin' Round Melton pop up library and the Libraries school holiday program.

The three residencies across the home support project combined (Chaco Kato installations, Georgie Nicolson knitting, and The Belonging Tree) included a total of 57 artists and makers from the community.

The Home exhibition will be installed the week commencing 24 June, which is the culmination of skills learnt during the residency program, featuring both local and



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visiting artists. It was anticipated the program would develop skills, social connections, and an increase in confidence, and evaluation is showing strong outcomes in all three areas.

School tours and an education kit will also be offered as part of the exhibition's programs.

6.3 Public Art Maintenance Plan recommendations presentation (M McClelland)

M McClelland provided an overview of the public art maintenance requirements, further to an audit and maintenance plan proposed by Brecknock consultants. This included an overview of works to be undertaken within the next twelve months.

6.4 Exhibitions program update (M McClelland)

M McClelland previewed exhibition program for July-December 2019. Discussed call out for exhibitions and community collections opening in July 2019.

6.5 Arts and craft show (S Pelly, A Parsons and C Meeson)

A Parsons reported they have looked at possible venues for the show.

Action:

S Pelly, A Parsons and C Meeson have been asked to create a proposal for show. Carry over to future meeting.

6.6 Update on community engagement session for Libraries and Arts Strategy (S Prestney)

S Prestney shared a report produced by Mosaic Lab of the community engagement session held on 6 May 2019. The session was attended by committee members, Arts and Culture committee members and Council staff.

M Mohr commented on the professionalism and engaging nature of the community engagement session.

Action:

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

6.7 Raglan Cottage License Agreement update (M McClelland)

An OHS Report on the building has been completed and contractors will now be enlisted to conduct upgrades. Once the building works are completed, a license agreement will be drawn up between Melton City Council and Artists' Collective of Melton Inc.

Artist Collective usage will be every Friday and some weekends.

Currently, Raglan Cottage is used for artist in residence programs, and for Arts and Culture programming with local artists. Other requests for community use can be directed through venue hire enquiries.

At present, this is the only wet space available for ongoing use by the Arts and Culture program.

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7. Next meeting

Tuesday 17 September 4.30pm- 6pm, Caroline Springs Library and Learning Hub

8. Close of meeting

Meeting closed at 6.03pm