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ARTS AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Held on Thursday 7 November 2019 at 4.30pm in Library Activity Room, Melton Library and Learning Hub

Present: Cr L Carli, Mayor, City of Melton
Cr M Mendes, Councillor, City of Melton
A Patel, Community Representative
A Savage, Community Representative
C Meeson, Community Representative
M Mohr, Community Representative
T Watson, Manager Libraries, City of Melton
S Prestney, Coordinator Library Activation and Engagement, City of Melton
M McClelland, Arts Engagement and Development Officer, City of Melton
S Monts, Arts Activation Officer, City of Melton
K Jones, Engagement and Marketing Administration Officer, City of Melton
(Minute Taker)

Chairperson: Cr L Carli, Mayor, City of Melton

1. Welcome

Cr L Carli opened the meeting and welcomed members.

2. Apologies

Cr B Turner, Mayor, City of Melton
S Pelly, Community Representative
A Parsons, Community Representative

3. Declaration of interests and/or conflict of interests

Nil

4. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

Motion

M McClelland / Cr L Carli

That the minutes of the previous meeting held 17 September 2019 (to be presented to Ordinary Meeting of Council on 11 November) be confirmed.

5. Business Arising

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

Discussed in General Business 6.1.

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

Discussed in General Business 6.7

5.3 Provide Raglan Cottage License Agreement update at next meeting.

Discussed in General Business 6.8

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

Discussed in General Business 6.9

6. General Business**6.1 Creative Melton 2030 – Libraries and Arts Strategy and Action Plan (S Prestney)**

Further to the 17 September 2019 Arts and Culture Advisory Committee meeting, the Creative Melton 2030 strategy was released for community consultation. This included promotion through the website, social media and library e-newsletter. Posters and comment boards were posted at Melton and Caroline Springs Libraries with outreach events at Strathtulloh, Eynesbury and Diggers Rest. 96% of responders agreed or strongly agreed with the goals. A morning tea event was held on 11 October 2019 for previous participants of the Arts engagement consultation workshop. Verbal feedback was received from 3 attendees.

Creative Melton 2030: a vision for libraries and arts, together with a two-year action plan was received and considered by the committee. A graphic designed version of the strategy is in development, for presentation to Council on 9 December 2019. L Carli congratulated S Prestney and T Watson on the quality of the strategy.

Motion

M Mohr / A Patel

The committee approves of 'Creative Melton 2030: A Vision for Libraries and Arts' and recommends Council to consider it at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 9 December 2019.

6.2 Exhibitions program update end of 2019 (M McClelland)

M McClelland gave the group an update on upcoming exhibitions including: *Minding Monsters* – 12 November to 1 December at CS Gallery; *Art Forms in Nature* – 30 October to 3 December at Melton Library; *Let's Play* – 10 December to 27 February, CS Gallery; *Let's Eat Cake* – 14 December to 23 February at Melton Library.

A Savage and C Meeson entered the meeting at 4.45pm

6.3 2020 community cultural development program activities (M McClelland)

A cultural development project will run for seven weeks at Melton Library and Learning Hub from 28 January – 23 February. Ralph Rogers is an Aboriginal Artist who will create a collaborative exhibition of artworks in conjunction with local aboriginal community groups and organisations. Consultations will begin in November / December 2019.

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

S Monts advised this completed collaborative artwork marks the end of the Home Sewn: Makers of Melton project. A Patel engaged 17 local creators to make this collaborative artwork. It will be a permanent feature in the small stairwell above the café in Melton Library and Learning Hub. A Patel advised it was a pleasure to work on the project and it was a very warm gathering of people who enjoyed being there and sharing stories. The artwork will be installed from 26 November and conclude on 28 November, with a launch on 11 December 2019. T Watson thanked A Patel, M McClelland and S Monts for their work on the project.

6.5 Street Art 2020 mural and power box sites (S Monts)

S Monts has met with young people in the community to get an understanding of what is



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important to young people for the Street Art 2020 mural. Some of the feedback suggested included family & friends, opportunities, education, music, art, inclusive, freedom, fun, acknowledged, celebrate diversity, leadership & support.

A tentative site for the mural is proposed at the rear of Xplosions Bar & Bowl on McKenzie Street, Melton. The wall is 43m long and would include a narrative piece. The site is still awaiting owner approval for a March 2020 delivery.

S Monts showed eight possible power box sites which are awaiting Powercor approval. 4 locations will be selected from these sites, depending on Powercor approval and suitability: Lagarna Drive, Kurunjang; Barries Road, Melton West (near Woodgrove); the Esplanade, Taylors Hill, Chifley Cct and Tenterfield Drive in Burnside Heights; Galloway Place and College St in Caroline Springs, and Caroline Springs Library and Learning Hub. An artist expression of interest has been put out to artists aged 18-25 in the Melbourne region. Artists will be paired with four local young people to convey local stories. The project is set for April 2020 delivery.

L Carli expressed a need for the residents of Hillside to benefit from a project like this. L Carli highlighted an area on Banchory Avenue, Hillside in the Parks estate. S Monts & M McClelland advised they will investigate the site for suitability. If it is not possible to accommodate the Hillside location within the project timelines, it will form a site for the next power box project.

Action:

S Monts to investigate Hillside power box location, and if suitable to incorporate as a street art site in lieu of the Caroline Springs Library site.

The committee recommends the above sites for the street art program in 2020.

6.6 Public Art Maintenance Plan update (S Monts)

Two conservation services have been chosen to carry out the works identified in the public art maintenance plan, with expectation of works to be completed by end of 2019. There are also some artists engaged to conduct maintenance of their own public artworks.

6.7 Art and Craft show update

A proposal has not been received from the subcommittee of A Parson, C Meeson and S Pelly. C Meeson will send a follow up email to S Pelly. Following committee discussion, the group agreed to defer this item for six months.

Action:

Defer the development of a proposal for an Art and Craft show for six months.

6.8 Raglan Cottage License Agreement update (M McClelland)

A license agreement between Melton City Council and the Artist Collective of Melton for the use of Raglan Cottage was finalised this week. The collective will commence access from 22 November. The Artist Collective will have usage every Friday daytime each week, and one Friday night per month.

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6.9 Additional exhibition space update (M McClelland)

Melton Civic Centre foyer has been approved as additional exhibition space. The space will allow for a 6 month exhibition rotation, open to community groups. After the Willows Quilting Group exhibition in early 2020, a hanging rail will be installed on a section of wall where pin boards are currently located.

L Carli suggested opportunities for promoting the exhibitions in the Civic Centre foyer. Decals or an A-frame were discussed.

Action:

M McClelland to investigate decals or an A-frame for advertising exhibitions in the foyer space

6.10 Arts and Culture Advisory Committee Members end of term (T Watson)

M Mohr, B Parsons and S Pelly are at end of term as committee members.

M McClelland will commence a call for new members through newspapers and social media, and current members may reapply.

T Watson thanked community members and Councilors for their time and contribution to the committee throughout the year.

Action:

M McClelland to call for new members through newspapers and social media. Letters of thanks to community members not returning to the committee.

7. Next meeting

Late February, time to be advised.

8. Close of meeting

Meeting closed at 6.11pm