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ARTS AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Held on Thursday 23 July 2020 at 6.00pm, Zoom

Present: Cr B Turner, City of Melton
 Cr M Mendes, City of Melton
 Cr Y Sebire, City of Melton
 C Meeson, Community Representative
 A Buttigieg-Cardona, Community Representative
 A Patel, Community Representative
 A Savage, Community Representative
 M Mohr, Community Representative
 J Bentley, Community Representative
 S Prestney, Coordinator Library Activation and Engagement, City of Melton
 M McClelland, Arts Engagement and Development Officer, City of Melton

In Attendance: S Zymantas, Arts Activation Officer, City of Melton
 K Jones, Engagement and Marketing Administration Officer, City of Melton
 (Minute Taker)

Chairperson: Cr B Turner

1. Welcome

Cr B Turner opened the meeting and welcomed members.

2. Apologies

T Watson, Manager Libraries and Arts, City of Melton

3. Declaration of interests and/or conflict of interests

Nil

4. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

Motion

M Mohr / A Buttigieg-Cardona

That the minutes of the previous Arts and Culture Advisory Committee meeting held 11 February 2020 be confirmed.

5. Business Arising

5.1 M McClelland to email exhibition guidelines to Committee Members

M McClelland emailed exhibition guidelines to committee members.

5.2 That Council proceed with the street art mural at 42 McKenzie Street per the artist concept for commencement in March 2020, with Officers to refine the concept with the artist based on feedback received.

The mural at 42 McKenzie Street is now complete and will be discussed further in 6.6.

5.3 M McClelland to circulate powerbox artist concepts to the Committee when they are finalised.

M McClelland emailed power box artist concepts to committee members, will be discussed further in 6.6.

5.4 That Council proceed with the replacement of public artwork "Modern Fossils of the Western Plains" per the Artist's brief, to be located on the sites of the original artwork at Bungaree Track & Tenterfield Drive, Burnside Heights.

The replacement of "Modern Fossils of the Western Plains" is in progress with install in mid-August.

5.5 The Committee recommends the site of the garden beds along Linear Park (above Avenue Park) adjacent to St Vincent Way, Caroline Springs for the development of a proposal for a new permanent public art commission.

The new permanent public art commission is in the early stages of planning.

5.6 M McClelland to establish a Public Art Review Sub-committee of the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee to participate in the assessment of proposals for permanent public artwork at Linear Park (above Avenue Park) adjacent to St Vincent Way, Caroline Springs. Sub-committee community members to include M Mohr and A Savage. M McClelland to contact Councillor members of the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee to seek a Councillor representative for the sub-committee.

Cr B Turner, M Mohr and A Savage have been appointed as representatives on the Public Art Review Sub-committee of the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee.

6. General Business

6.1 Arts and Culture Facilities Feasibility Study

S Prestney provided an overview of the Arts and Culture Feasibility Study currently underway. The community consultation received 131 respondents. Two consultancies have worked together to undertake a needs assessment and scoping study which included researching and benchmarking Arts and Culture industry trends, current facilities and current population. It is anticipated that the draft delivery options report will be presented at the September Council meeting.

6.2 Flow State Temporary Art Project

Melton City Council has partnered with Woodgrove Shopping Centre to showcase talented local artist Bryce Holywell. Mandala artwork displays in the shopping centre feature wellbeing messages developed by Council's Social Planning and Wellbeing Team to help community navigate the impact of Covid-19. The mandalas were displayed as floor and wall decals at Woodgrove and around the pedestrian pathways of Lake Caroline.

6.3 Exhibitions program online and for re-opening

M McClelland showed an introduction to Tyler Grace's Chronic Diaries exhibition online tour. The Arts team has created a series of online arts exhibitions and programs in response to restrictions imposed by the pandemic. Next season's installations will proceed but digital options will also be planned so that programs can proceed in all scenarios.

Changes to the exhibition program include: The Artists' Collective of Melton display Me Myself and Iso is on hold until the Melton Civic Centre reopens, the temporary poster display at CS Gallery will remain in place until 23 August, Healing (replacing Art Yarns) exhibition will be installed on 24 August and Vegetable Soup and Friends will be installed on 26 August at Melton Library and Learning Hub. Over the next week the latest community collection will be launched digitally, showcasing artefacts of aboriginal heritage, collected by Charmaine Keen Hamilton.

6.4 CS Gallery Window Commission

Local Aboriginal artist Mandi Barton has been commissioned to design a temporary public art work for the windows of CS Gallery. Mandi was selected by an Aboriginal selection panel based on the theme 'Healing', which she refers to as the 5 C's: Culture; Clan (family); Country; Community and Connection. Images are overlaid on photos of Kororoit Creek and will be on display from 11 August to 14 November on the external windows of CS Gallery.

6.5 Public Art Conservation

M McClelland provided an update on Public Art Conservation and advised 6 out of 9 are complete with 3 remaining. A Public Art Conservation maintenance program will be presented at the next meeting.



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Action:

M McClelland to provide an update on Public Art Conservation maintenance program at next meeting

6.6 Powerbox Art and Mural Project

S Zymantas presented images of the mural artwork at rear façade of Xplosions Bar and Bowl, 42 McKenzie St, Melton. The artwork by Tom Civil has a balance of genders and families, and shows community members in different settings. Feedback from residents has been extremely positive.

S Zymantas presented images of the four Street Art Powerboxes commissions by professional and emerging artists. Lukas Kasper, located at Lagarna Drive, Kurunjang, celebrating gender and diversity; Jack Denic, located at Caroline Springs Library, Celebrating inclusion in sport; Mythra Sage, located at 1A Galloway Place, Caroline Springs, showing a safe, bully-free space and Giovanna da Silva, located at 21 Barries Road, Melton West, celebrating music.

6.7 Kindness Poster Project

Melton Arts, Economic Development and Social Planning and Wellbeing Teams worked in partnership to develop The Kindness Poster Project. Designed digitally by local artists Alexavier Taiga and Desmond Neilson, the commissioned posters were shared among 140 businesses and over 30 schools to deliver positive messages.

6.8 Civic Centre Community Exhibition Space

M McClelland provided images of the upgraded Civic Centre space, this included removal of pin boards, painting and installation of professional hanging rails. The first exhibition will be an Artists' Collective of Melton display called Me Myself and Iso, which will open when restrictions allow.

7. Other Business**7.1 Vale Tamirat Gebremariam**

M McClelland acknowledged the passing of artist and Advisory Committee member Tamirat Gebremariam, and expressed gratitude for his work in the community, particularly with the Faces of Melton project.

7.2 T Watson Resignation

S Prestney advised T Watson has resigned from his position as Manager Libraries and Arts, and acknowledged T Watson's work on the committee, and leadership in Council.

8. Next meeting

Thursday 3 September, 6pm, Zoom

9. Close of meeting

Meeting closed at 7.05pm