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ARTS AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

held on 18 November at 5.30pm via zoom

Present:

Cr B Turner	Councillor
Cr L Carli	Councillor
Cr M Deeming	Councillor
B Carey Grieve	Community Member
A Buttigieg-Cardona	Community Member
M Mohr	Community Member
J Bentley	Community Member
V Jones	T Projects
C Excell	Engagement and Marketing Officer

Guests:

Quorum: *A minimum attendance of seven committee members is required for a meeting to proceed.*

Chairperson: Cr L Carli

1. Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed all attendees to the meeting and proceeded with the Acknowledgment of Country. *'Melton City Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners of this land, the people of the Kulin Nations, and pays respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.'*

2. Apologies

B Nolan	Community Member
G Hogg	Community Member

3. Declaration of interests and/or conflict of interests

Nil

4. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

Motion/Noted

B Carey Grieve/J Bentley

That the minutes of the previous Arts and Culture Advisory Committee meeting held 2 September 2021 be confirmed.

J Bentley noted that he was present at the meeting held 2 September 2021, this will be amended in the minutes.

5. Business Arising

5.1 Updated Terms of Reference to be sent to Policy Review Panel for approval

E White confirmed that this has been completed.

5.2 A letter from the Mayor be sent to all participating students of the Street Art and Temporary Public Art Commissions report to acknowledge their work on the project

E White confirmed that this has been completed.

5.3 Further information on the Houdini Model Plane to be sent to the Committee so that members can provide an informed recommendation at the November meetin

E White and L Carli confirmed that the information was provided.

6. General Business**6.1 Linear Park Public Art Recommendation, V Jones**

V Jones provided an overview of the commissioning process for the Linear Park public art installation, including: the short-listing of artists selected by the Public Art Review Sub-committee, the concept development stage, and the recommendation process. The final recommendation given by the sub-committee was to accept Jade Oakley's concept proposal, which develops the theme of growth, proposing a central metal-work sculptural piece shaped as a plant-like form, and several etchings on concrete pathways around the park. The etchings will provide opportunities for community engagement. The veins in the leaves of the sculpture are drawn from a map of the City of Melton. Feedback and discussion was invited from the committee, suggestions were to consider:

- using of sustainable materials in this piece and in public artwork in general
- installing of lighting to illuminate the piece at night
- colours used in the final piece

Recommendation

M Mohr/ A Buttigieg-Cardona

That Council proceed with the Linear Park public art commission as per the recommendations of the Public Art Review Sub-committee

V Jones left the meeting at 6.07pm

6.2 Houdini Model Plane, E White

E White reintroduced the Houdini Model Plane project to the committee, which will be installed in the Diggers Rest Pavilion. Feedback and recommendations were invited from the committee regarding how we can acknowledge and display an art installation to showcase the Houdini model plane. The understanding is that the art installation will act as a place-marker for the plane, with the acknowledgement that the plane itself is not in adequate condition to be on long term display in the facility. Suggestions were to commission:

- a large-scale photograph of the plane to be hung inside the pavilion
- a painted representation of the plane to be displayed inside the pavilion
- a 3-D scan or hologram of the plane to be displayed inside the pavilion
- a specially treated photograph or etched metal sculptural piece that could be displayed on the outside of the building.

Further discussion was tabled until more information is known about the condition of the plane and scoping work with the plane owner can proceed.

6.3 Committee members end of term and call-out for 2022, E White

E White reported that there will be four vacant positions in the committee. M Mohr, J Bentley and A Buttigieg-Cardona are all coming to the end of their terms and R Moloy has already vacated his position.



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Nominations for the vacant positions close Monday 22 November. All positions are two-year terms. There has been an extensive callout through newspapers and other channels, and all members are welcome to reapply for their positions.

A letter of thanks will be sent out to R Moley and to the three members at the end of their terms to show gratitude for their time and contribution to the committee.

Cr M Deeming left the meeting at 6.24pm

6.4 Exhibition Program, M McClelland

M McClelland provided an overview of key program areas planned for 2022.

6.5 CS Window Commission, M McClelland

M McClelland provided an overview of the new annual window installation at Caroline Springs Gallery by artist Kathy Holowko, which responds to the theme 'water is life' and draws from her memories of Kororoit Creek. The Public Art Working Group will be invited to provide feedback on the concept.

6.6 CS Lawn Commission, McClelland

M McClelland provided an overview of a temporary public artwork by Georgina Humphries scoped for installation on the lawn adjacent to Caroline Springs Library and Gallery in January. The Public Art Working Group will be invited to provide feedback on the concept.

6.7 CS Lake Project, M McClelland

M McClelland provided an update on the Caroline Springs lake project created in partnership with Creekside college and artist Luciano. The decal pieces have been installed successfully, and promotion for this will continue throughout the summer.

6.8 Public Art Maintenance, M McClelland

M McClelland provided an update on the maintenance of public artworks, noting that the conservation works of Rhythm and Seed, and Spire and Orbis have been completed.

6.9 Artist in Residence, M McClelland

M McClelland confirmed that Christian Hansen has been publicly announced as the artist in residence at Raglan Cottage. Work for his residency is focused on the history and changing timeline of Hannah Watts park.

7. Other Business

7.1 Art Bomb Project

M McClelland provided an overview of the 'art bomb' project managed by staff at Melton Central Community Centre and funded by North Western Primary Health Network (NWPHN) as a suicide prevention initiative. An art bomb is a series of art pieces that are displayed for the public in locations that draw large attention. Artist Lisa Fitzgerald has been engaged to deliver a painted piece that will be on display in the Melton Central Community Centre for approximately 3 months.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting is yet to be confirmed, pending new committee members and their availabilities.

9. Close of Business

The meeting closed at 7.01pm.