

CUMBERLAND COUNCIL ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Draft Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday, 3 September 2019 at 6.00 pm in the Committee Rooms, Council Administration Building, Merrylands.

1. Open of Meeting

Michael Brown opened the meeting with an Acknowledgment of Country and welcomed all attendees to the Arts Advisory Committee of Cumberland Council.

2. Record of Attendance, Introductions and Apologies

Attendance List:

Alissar Chidiac	Committee Member
Andrew Overton	Committee Member
Christopher Hodge	Committee Member
Inara Molinari	Committee Member (Acting Chairperson)
Marina Robins	Committee Member
Michaela Simoni	Committee Member
Mohan Ayyar	Committee Member
Seema Garg	Committee Member

Council Staff in Attendance:

Kristina Tito	Arts and Cultural Projects Producer
Michael Brown	Gallery Director and Cultural Services Coordinator (Minutes)

Apologies:

Clr Steve Christou	Councillor and Committee Member
Clr Paul Garrard	Councillor and Committee Member
Marian Abboud	Committee Member
Hayley French	Committee Member
Carl Sciberras	Committee Member

Inara Molinari was nominated as Acting Chairperson for the meeting. Moved by Andrew Overton, seconded by Alissar Chidiac.

3. Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

ITEMS DISCUSSED BY COMMITTEE:

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 4 June 2019, were adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Moved by Mohan Ayyar and seconded by Alissar Chidiac.

5. Business Arising

The Granville Centre Public Art EOI

Granville Centre Public Art EOI callout has been distributed to Committee Members.

WhiteBox/Culture Counts

Council Officers are investigating the feasibility of using Culture Counts product as an evaluation tool. Product demonstrations to Council are set for September 2019.

6. Cumberland Cultural Plan

The Draft Year One Implementation Plan Priorities for Cumberland Cultural Plan was shared with Committee Members for feedback. This included reference to and summaries of major priority projects: The Granville Centre Arts and Cultural Programs and Public Art Project, Warali Wali Trail Stories of Prospect Creek public art project, and Peacock Gallery Studios expansion.

Feedback from Committee:

- Committee Members expressed support for the Year One Priorities and Implementation Plan.

Provide access to free or affordable spaces for cultural, creative, arts and maker organisations and individuals (3.1)

- Council's delivery on this Action should consider a need for small and informal arts and cultural groups to access rooms for meeting and creative practice, providing the least possible obstacles in booking processes, insurance requirements and fees, including Council consideration of covering small scale low risk activity undertaken in Council facilities under Council's own insurance.
- Notification that the State Government Create Infrastructure program is exploring options such as the use of Ambulance Stations in State Government property portfolio for creative use, and this may be something that Cumberland may be able to benefit from.

Establish Granville as a Cultural Precinct, including exploring the feasibility of repurposing the Granville Library site as a Heritage Centre (5.1.2)

- A Heritage Centre is a positive opportunity to share and showcase diverse cultural histories and to consider history and heritage resources that may go beyond written texts currently held in collections. Examples include: community knowledge holders, and storytelling.

Recommendations or Actions Arising:

6.1 Council to distribute the Council Report on Feasibility of Proposed Cumberland Heritage Centre; and Community Engagement Report on Consultation for this Proposal to Committee Members.

7. *The Granville Centre*

An update was provided on The Granville Centre Arts and Cultural Program development including: artist in residence programs, public programs, and exhibition programming; including The First Nations Opening Exhibition.

Feedback from Committee:

- The Granville Centre needs to firmly and clearly communicate what it offers in arts, culture and creativity in brand and marketing.
- The Granville Centre is a great opportunity to connect with existing and growing cultural activity in the precinct such as the proposed Heritage Centre, the Granville Town Hall and Town Centre. Projects engaging the creative community could help reinforce these opportunities e.g. wayfinding between key sites.

8. *Peacock Gallery – 2020 Program Update*

An update was provided on the Peacock Gallery 2020 Exhibition Program, Artist Studio and Artist Studio Residencies.

9. *General Business*

Committee Member Engagement and Terms of Reference of the Committee

As the Cultural Plan Implementation Program is developed, key project areas requiring detailed input can be highlighted at Committee Meetings to elicit detailed feedback from Members.

10. *Close of Meeting*

Meeting Closed at 8:10pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 3 December 2019 in Committee Rooms, Council Administration Building, Merrylands.