

PRESENT

Members:

Councillor Turner (Chair)
Simon Luke
Willhemina Wahlin
Jeffery Sharp (PMHC Director Strategy & Growth)
Pam Milne (Glasshouse Venue Manager)

Other Attendees:

Mayor Peta Pinson
Liesa Davies (PMHC Group Manager Economic & Cultural Development)
Jane Ellis (PMHC Destination & Cultural Development Manager)
Bridget Purtill (Gallery Curator)

The meeting opened at 8:07am.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the apologies received from Councillor Hawkins (Deputy Chair), Beric Henderson, Brian Barker, Chris Denny and Jennifer Hutchison be accepted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Cultural Steering Group Meeting held on 4 September 2019 be confirmed.

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Business Arising Schedule be noted.

06 COUNCIL COLLECTION OF ART WORKS AND COLLECTION MANAGEMENT POLICY

Council's Gallery Curator provided an overview of Port Macquarie-Hastings Council's collection, management and exhibition programming process and answered questions.

The Group noted that 65,000 people visited the Glasshouse Regional Gallery in the last financial year.

The Group noted positively the quality and diversity in exhibitions. The Curator detailed the opportunities for local artists in displaying in the gallery via Northern Exposure 2020.

The Group discussed the Sharon Davson "Journeys in Belonging" painting and the Gallery Curator noted it doesn't fit the themes for our collection. It was acknowledged that the piece needs to be considered in context of how we manage other Council art that does not form part of the official Port Macquarie-Hastings Council collection.

CONSENSUS:

That the Cultural Steering Group:

1. Note the information provided regarding the Council collection of art works and Collection Management Policy.
2. Note staff will further consider management of the Sharon Davson painting and provide a response to the Mayor.

07 DEVELOP AND EMPOWER OUR REGION'S ART & CULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND ASSETS

CONSENSUS:

That the Group note the update on actions relating to Strategic Objective 1 of the Cultural Plan, in particular planning underway for the development of the Cultural Economy Plan and the adoption of Library Strategic Plan.

08 ENRICH OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH EXPERIENCES THAT EMBRACE AND CELEBRATE OUR DIVERSE AND UNIQUE ART AND CULTURE

CONSENSUS:

That the Cultural Steering Group:

1. Note the update on actions relating to the Cultural Plan Strategic Objective 2 - Enrich our community through experiences that embrace and celebrate our diverse and unique art and culture.
 2. Request that the updated draft Public Art Policy be circulated and feedback invited at the 6 November 2019 meeting.
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09 CREATE COMMUNITY PRIDE AND OWNERSHIP IN OUR CULTURAL BRAND WHICH PROMOTES OUR UNIQUE HERITAGE, PEOPLE AND PLACES

CONSENSUS:

That the Group note the update on actions relating to the Cultural Plan Strategic Objective 3 - Create community pride and ownership in our cultural brand which promotes our unique heritage, people and places.

10 ENSURE THE EFFECTIVE PLANNING, FUNDING, INTEGRATION AND MEASUREMENT OF COUNCIL'S ARTS AND CULTURE PROGRAMS

CONSENSUS:

That the Group note the update on actions relating to the Cultural Plan Strategic Objective 4 - Ensure the effective planning, funding, integration and measurement of Council's arts and culture programs.

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

11.01 CULTURAL STEERING GROUP MEMBER RESIGNATION

Director Strategy & Growth noted a recent conversation with Jenny Hutchinson and advised of her intent to resign from the Cultural Steering Group for personal reasons.

Jenny complimented the Group on their work and commitment and he noted how much she'd enjoyed being part of the Cultural Steering Group.

11.02 HANDA SISTER CITY 30TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY GIFT

Group Manager Group Manager Economic & Cultural Development advised the Group of recent correspondence from the Port Macquarie Handa Sister City Working Group, regarding their decision to no longer pursue the Koala Sculpture as a 30th anniversary gift.

11.03 GLASSHOUSE TOUR

The Chair proposed the Group visit the Glasshouse for a tour and briefing on the venue and its operations.

CONSENSUS:

That the Group hold the next meeting 6 November 2019 at the Glasshouse followed by a tour at 9.30am.

The meeting closed at 9:25am.