

6.2.6 pARTcipate – Investigation into possibilities for Art and Culture- Phase 1 Report

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES TO 2 APRIL 2014
COUNCIL MEETING
REPORT Council 2014
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RECOMMENDATION

That:

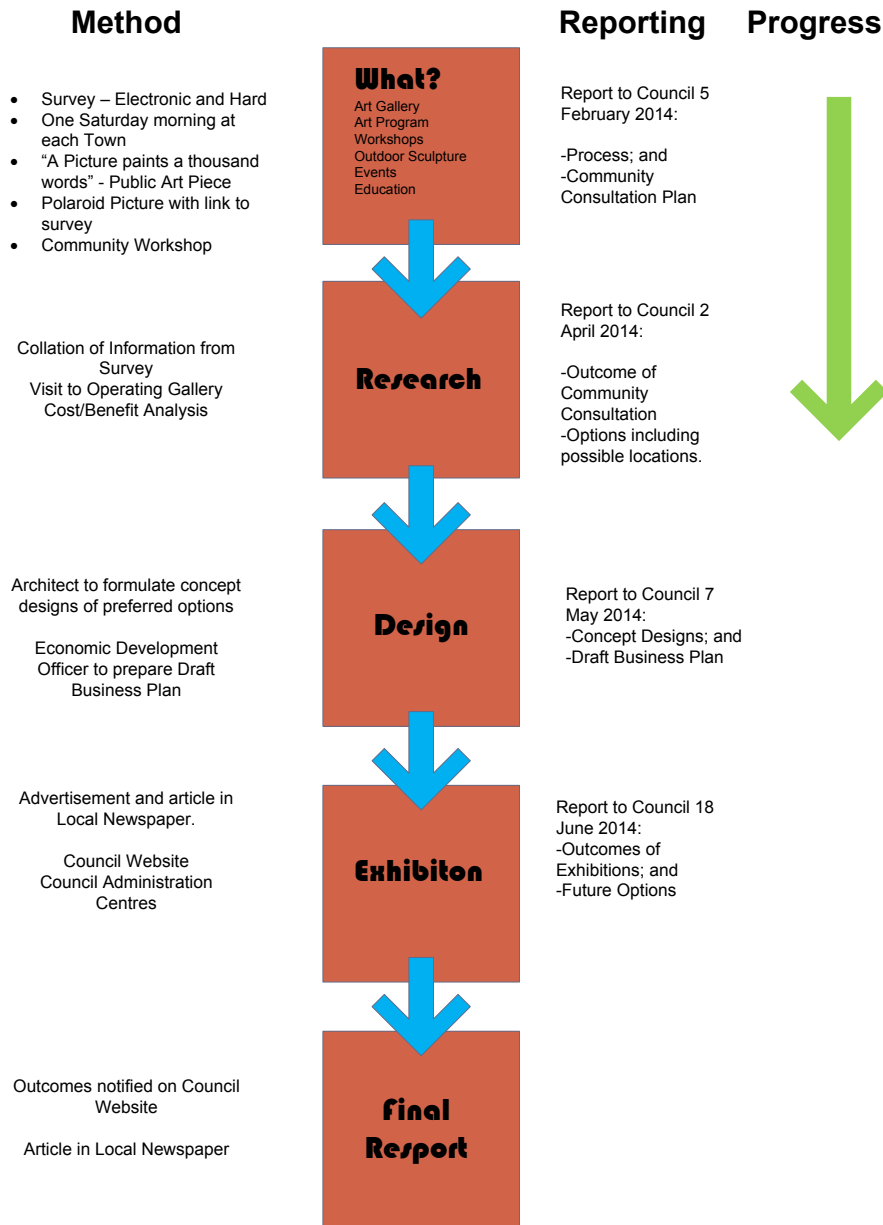
1. **the report by the Director, Development and Community Services on the pARTicipate – Investigation into possibilities for Art and Culture- Phase 1 Report be received;**
2. **Council consider as a submission (including a draft position description with outcomes), to the 2014/15 Delivery/Operational Plan the employment of a Cultural Development Officer on a 6 month contract commencing January 2015.**
3. **that a Councillor workshop be held on the 16 April 2014 to nominate possible locations for a Regional Art Gallery.**
4. **Following on from the findings of the workshop Council proceed to the conceptual design phase of an Art Gallery for the two preferred options of the investigation once and if Council has determined that a physical building is the preferred option(s).**

Executive summary

Council included in this year's Operational Plan an investigation into the provision of an art gallery for the Mid-Western Region. Council considered a report on the 5 February 2014 and adopted a process for the investigation. The purpose of this report is to present the phase 1 report to Council for consideration and seek direction from Council regarding the next stage of the process.

Detailed report

Council adopted the process for the pARTicipate process at the meeting on the 5 February 2014. The date for the presentation of the phase 1 report was amended in response to a request by the Cultural Development Committee. The diagram below illustrates the process and current progress.



A full copy of the report up to the completion of the research phase is attached. It should be noted that the study is a working document with revision and additions to occur throughout the process.

Council conducted a survey and workshop through the research phase. The survey has been considered very successful with 363 responses. The good response rate is largely due to the “street stalls” held in each town which collected 203 responses.

The next phase of the investigation is the design stage. This stage will involve a more in-depth investigation into the options and projects identified by Council as the priority. Depending on the nature of projects selected by Council, this phase may include the employment an architect to assist in concept design. It is proposed to hold a workshop with Councillors on the 16 April to examine and nominate the priority locations for investigation. In the case of the Cultural Development Officer a full position description would be prepared including costings. The further investigation of the employment of a Cultural Development Officer to commence in January 2015 has been recommended to start projects that will build momentum for the Regional Art Gallery should it proceed and to provide specialist advice and form networks to promote the best design outcomes and leverage funding opportunities. It is proposed that a preliminary business plan be

prepared for each of the project/program. Details regarding the options for development are covered in the Investigation report.

Financial and Operational Plan implications

The cost of pARTicipate was included in the 2013/14 Operational Plan. At this stage the recommendation to Council is for a further submission to the 2014/2015 Operational Plan for the funding of a Cultural Development Officer on a 6 month contract. Full details of this position will be investigated and reported to Council in the submission to the operational plan.

Community Plan implications

This investigation provides Council with an opportunity to identify the needs and wants of the community for development of the arts in the regions. The investigation will provide important information, not only for Council to plan its immediate projects, but also projects in the future. It is important that throughout the process that the community understand that whilst Council is eager for them to submit their ideas that there is no commitment to delivery to all or any of the programs or facilities identified.

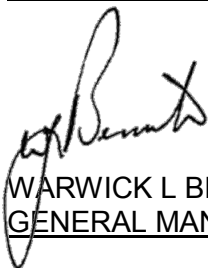


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21 March 2014

Attachments: 1. pARTicipate – Investigation into possibilities for Art and Culture. Dated 21 March 2014 (included at the end of the business paper)

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:



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