

Item 12: Reports from Committees

12.1 Cultural Development Committee

REPORT BY THE MANAGER, COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES
TO 17 MARCH 2021 ORDINARY MEETING
GOV400088, REC800019

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **receive the report by the Manager, Community & Cultural Services on the Cultural Development Committee; and**
2. **note the minutes of the Cultural Development Committee meeting convened on 15 February 2021.**

Executive summary

The Cultural Development Committee meets regularly to discuss and provide advice to Council on matters concerning arts and culture across the region, including the commissioning, selection, maintenance and deaccessioning of items forming Council's art collection. The Committee is also the primary point of public consultation for the Mudgee Regional Art Gallery.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil.

Detailed report

The Cultural Development Committee is Council's current primary point of consultation regarding the Mudgee Regional Art Gallery, and it is being updated as to progress with construction and programming. At its February 2021 meeting, the Committee also discussed Council's Regional Arts Development Organisation representation (dealt with separately in a stand alone report within this Business Paper), Council's public arts program, and introduced Council's new Cultural Officer.

Further detail of the matters discussed above are contained within the minutes attached to this report.

The next meeting of the Cultural Development Committee is due to be convened on 15 March 2021.

Community Plan implications

Theme	Looking After Our Community
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Goal	Meet the diverse needs of the community and create a sense of belonging
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Strategy Support arts and cultural development across the Region

Strategic implications

Council Strategies

Council's Public Art Plan guides how the Cultural Development Committee works with Council to develop a public art program to enrich the life of public spaces, reveal new public spaces and inspire communal activities of all kinds.

Council Policies

Council's Public Art Policy sets out Council's commitment to developing a public art program that reflects our natural and cultural heritage, engages with our community and adds value to our infrastructure, attractions and public amenity.

Legislation

Not applicable.

Financial implications

Not applicable.

Associated Risks

Not applicable.

FIONA SHEARMAN
MANAGER, COMMUNITY & CULTURAL
SERVICES

SIMON JONES
DIRECTOR COMMUNITY

1 March 2021

Attachments: 1. Minutes - Cultural Development Committee - 15 February 2021.

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

BRAD CAM
GENERAL MANAGER

MID-WESTERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Date: Monday, 15 February 2021
Commencing at 4.30pm
Venue: Council Chambers, 86 Market Street

MINUTES

1. WELCOME

Present: Scott Etherington (Chair), Deputy Mayor Sam Paine, Melanie Trethowan, Portia Lindsay, Simon Jones, Lizzy Galloway, Andrew Robards, Fiona Shearman (Minutes)

2. APOLOGIES

Robyn Andrews, Virginia Handmer

3. REGIONAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION REPRESENTATION (S JONES)

Council's Regional Arts Development Organisation (Orana Arts versus Arts OutWest) has been considered by this committee for some time now.

Only three Councils remain with Orana Arts and we believe they are now considering a different model that does not include Councils. Arts OutWest, on the other hand, have continued dialogue with Council and appear are still keen for us to re-join them. The draft Arts OutWest Strategic Plan provides good vision for Council going forward.

Motion: *That the Committee make recommendation to Council to change Regional Arts Development Organisations from Orana Arts to Arts OutWest (A report will be prepared to Council requesting that an appropriate budget be instated in order to meet membership fees).*

Moved: M Trethowan **Seconded:** P Lindsay **Carried**

The recommendation within a report will go to the March Council meeting. If the resolution is passed, we will look to commence with Arts OutWest from 1 July. Staff will write to both RADOs advising of change.

4. GALLERY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE (S JONES)

Going well. Few walk throughs – good feedback.

Few issues with sewer line on Western side of site. Caused some time delays. Still plenty of work to do. Tracking towards completion around 2 July and opening in first week of August (6 August).

Potential for walk through for committee members on 15 March prior to meeting (F Shearman to confirm).

5. GALLERY LOGO DEVELOPMENT (L GALLOWAY)

Design brief pitched internally. Going for a logo around 'Mudrag' (term may not be popular with Councillors and general public). Want to differentiate from Maitland.

Presentation attached to these minutes.

Separate report will be prepared for Council.

6. INTRODUCTION – ANDREW ROBARDS

Welcome to Andrew. Will be doing a lot community and volunteer engagement.

Background in digital and design. Most recent employment history as Sessional Lecturer, The University of Sydney, Sydney College of the Arts.

Currently based in Carmel Croan Building but will move to Gallery once construction is completed.

7. SCULPTURES IN THE GARDEN 2020 ACQUISITIONS UPDATE (F SHEARMAN)

Confirmation of sites selected by sub-committee for 2020 Sculptures in the Garden acquisitions. Stephen King's *Balancing the Books* is to go somewhere on the gallery site but unable to be installed until construction completed. In the meantime, Building Services will relocate David Doyle's *Travelling Australia* from the Glen Willow Arboretum to the site at the rear of the Loy Avenue houses (S Paine to assist with curation).

8. PROPOSED SCULPTURE DONATION (F SHEARMAN)

Rosby have offered John Fitzmaurice's *Encounter* work from the 2020 Sculptures in the Garden event for installation in the forecourt of the new gallery. In accordance with Council's Art Collection Policy, the gift is discouraged from being conditional (meaning Council has the option of relocating it in the future if a better suited work is identified for the site).

Motion: *That the Committee recommend to Council that it accept Rosby's gift unconditionally in line with Council's Art Collection policy.*

Moved: S Paine **Seconded:** P Lindsay **Carried.**

9. AOB

L Galloway: Guy Maestri asking Ben Quilty to officially open the gallery.
Formal invitation to follow.

Next meeting of Cultural Development Committee 4:00pm on 15 March 2020.
Venue: Council Chambers.

F Shearman to arrange walk through of gallery site from 3:30pm on 15 March 2021
(TBC).

Meeting closed: 5:15pm

**CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING DATES 2021**

15 February 2021 at 4:30pm	Council Chambers
15 March 2021 at 4:00pm	Council Chambers
19 April 2021 at 4:00pm	Council Chambers
17 May 2021 at 4:00pm	Council Chambers
21 June 2021 at 4:00pm	Council Chambers
19 July 2021 at 4:00pm	Council Chambers