

## 11.3 Art Gallery & Cultural Precinct Project Update

### REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY

TO 19 MAY 2021 ORDINARY MEETING  
GOV400088, COR400301, REC800038

### RECOMMENDATION

**That Council receive and note the report by the Director Community on the Art Gallery & Cultural Precinct Project Update.**

### Executive summary

The attached report provides an update on the Progress of the Mudgee Art Gallery Project.

### Disclosure of Interest

Nil

### Detailed report

The attached report provides a summary update of the project.

The Mudgee Regional Art Gallery Project is a major project that has attracted \$5.3 million in State and Federal funding from a total budget of \$8.1 million.

The project continues to progress well with refurbishment and construction by Hutchinson Builders at 90 Market street of the new Gallery and Tourism information due to be nearing completion in the next few weeks. Design work has also commenced on the secondary workshop building which is due to be completed by June 2022.

Council's Gallery Curator has secured an opening exhibition which will be a collection of works specifically created for the opening exhibition by Archibald Prize winning artist Guy Maestri. The exhibition program for the first twelve months is also taking shape with funding secured to support this program of exhibitions.

### Community Plan implications

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

### Strategic implications

#### Council Strategies

Community Strategic Plan

#### Council Policies

Not applicable

#### Legislation

Not applicable

## Financial implications

There are no financial implications from this report.

## Associated Risks

Regular reporting to Council provides an opportunity to communicate and manage any ongoing unexpected risks that emerge with this project.

SIMON JONES  
DIRECTOR COMMUNITY

29 April 2021

*Attachments:* 1. Mudgee Regional Art Gallery & Cultural Precinct Progress Report May 2021.

### APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

BRAD CAM  
GENERAL MANAGER



# MUDGEE REGIONAL ART GALLERY & CULTURAL PRECINCT PROGRESS REPORT

5 MAY 2021

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## Project Update

As at 30 April 2021 the total project progress for the Art Gallery & Cultural Precinct building project is as follows

### OVERALL PROJECT PROGRESS



### GALLERY BUILDING PROGRESS



### PROJECT EXPENDITURE



### PROJECT EXPENDITURE - COMMITTED



## Progress of works

- Construction work progressing well and nearing completion – external cladding and glazing now installed. Front forecourt works taking place – Footpath extensions and concreting works nearing completion.
- Expressions of Interest for Café management has taken place and is currently under review.
- Sculpture walk extensions to pathway through Walkers Oval are now completed. Further works to link this path to the cultural precinct are being planned.
- Development of a brand platform – Destination Marketing Store have been engaged to explore gallery names and have run workshops with community members to develop a brand platform to be used across the cultural precinct.
- Initial exhibition program finalised – Opening Exhibition - Guy Maestri.
- Survey works taking place at the old childcare centre and plans being developed by consultants BKA for DA of the workshop/collaborative spaces.
- Landscaping consultants engaged

## The Next Three Months

- Finalisation of Gallery Construction and refurbishment of the old chambers building.
- Finalise brand platform/precinct branding and logo
- Establishment of a crossing over Short St connecting the Sculpture walk to the cultural precinct to take place.
- Establishment of a gallery logo and branding – Begin gallery and exhibition promotion and marketing.
- Traffic consultancy and investigations for DA purposes of old childcare building
- Landscaping plans for the remaining areas of the cultural precinct to be finalised.
- Development of an initial program for Gallery exhibitions and community engagement continues
- Planning approvals for refurbishment of old childcare centre
- Planning - Formal Opening of Mudgee Gallery: Proposed August 2021

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# Photos



Photographs by Amber Hooper



## Exhibition Program

### Opening Exhibition – Guy Maestri

Guy Maestri is an Australian contemporary artist who won the 2009 Archibald Prize for a portrait of Australian singer and musician Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu. He completed a Bachelor of Fine Arts at the National Art School in Darlinghurst in 2003 and was a finalist in the 2007 and 2008 Dobell Drawing Prize.



LL15 2020 oil on linen 229.0 x 275.0 cm



LL11 2020 oil on linen 168.0 x 138.0 cm

### Future Programming

#### **'Shadow Waters'**

The second exhibition will feature Aleshia Lonsdale, local curator and Wiradjuri young leader – collaborative show will reference The Drip and include an on-country immersion.

#### **Linda Jackson**

The third exhibition will be Clandulla based textile artist, Linda Jackson. Her show will document the 2019 bushfires: damage and regeneration, as well as other lived local experiences – including drought and COVID-related isolation



Linda Jackson, Opal Bush, 2018  
Watercolour on silk 120 x 200cm



'The Drip'  
[https://mdeg.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/10\\_the\\_drip\\_mudgee-959x640.jpg](https://mdeg.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/10_the_drip_mudgee-959x640.jpg)