

Minutes

Arts Committee Meeting

16 June 2014

ATTENTION

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N.B. Committee recommendations that require Council's approval will be presented to Council for approval (via the relevant departmental reports).

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City of Nedlands

Minutes of a meeting of the Arts Committee held in the Council Chambers, 71 Stirling Highway, Nedlands on Monday, 16 June 2014 at 5.30 pm.

Election of Presiding Member

In accordance with Section 5.12 and Schedule 2.3, Division 2 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the election of Presiding Member and Deputy Presiding member is to be the first matter dealt with by the Committee.

That Councillor Wetherall notified that he accepts the nomination to the role of Presiding Member of the Arts Committee.

Declaration of Opening

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 5.30 pm and drew attention to the disclaimer below.

Present and Apologies and Leave of Absence (Previously Approved)

Committee Members	His Worship the Mayor, RM Hipkins Councillor N Shaw Councillor K Smyth Councillor T James Councillor J Wetherall
Observers	Nil
Staff	Marion Granich Manager Community Development Rachel Birighitti Tresillian Community Centre Coordinator
Leave of Absence (Previously Approved)	Nil
Apologies	Nil

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1. Public Question Time

A member of the public wishing to ask a question should register that interest by notification in writing to the CEO in advance, setting out the text or substance of the question. Questions tabled at the meeting may be unable to be answered due to the requirement for technical research and will therefore be answered direct afterwards.

Questions must relate to a matter contained within the agenda of this meeting.

2. Public Address Session (only for items listed on the agenda)

Addresses by members of the public who have completed Public Address Session Forms will be invited to be made at this point.

3. Disclosures of Financial Interest

The Presiding Member reminded Councillors, Committee Members and Staff of the requirements of Section 5.65 of the Local Government Act to disclose any interest during the meeting when the matter is discussed.

There were no disclosures of financial interest.

4. Disclosures of Interests Affecting Impartiality

The Presiding Member reminded Councillors, Committee Members and Staff of the requirements of Council's Code of Conduct in accordance with Section 5.103 of the Local Government Act.

There were no disclosures interest affecting impartiality.

5. Declarations by Members That They Have Not Given Due Consideration to Papers

Nil

6. Confirmation of Minutes

First meeting of the Arts Committee

Moved – Councillor James Seconded – Mayor R M Hipkins

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5/0

The minutes/the Arts Committee meeting of 19 May 2014 were accepted as true and correct.

7. Items for Discussion

NOTE: Regulation 11(da) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 requires written reasons for each decision made at the meeting that is significantly different from the relevant written recommendation of a committee or an employee as defined in section

5.70 (but not a decision to only note the matter or to return the recommendation for further consideration).

7.1 Expressions of Interest from Community Members

On 16 May 2014, the Arts Committee considered expressions of interest from Kate Parker and Luke Hollyock, who are interested in becoming members of the Arts Committee. On that date, the Arts Committee resolved to recommend to Council that their membership of the Arts Committee be approved. Therefore the matter will be considered by Council in the July round of Council meetings. Once Council has considered the matter, the two applicants will be informed of the outcome.

Moved – Mayor R M Hipkins Seconded – Councillor James

That the Arts Committee receives this information

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5/0

Recommendation to Committee

That the Arts Committee receives this information

7.2 Future of Claremont School of Art

The Claremont School of Art (CSA) is a privately-owned business providing similar services to those provide by Tresillian - i.e., non-accredited recreational courses, primarily arts-based.

From press reports, the City is aware that the CSA's use of Education Department premises on Princess Road, Claremont, is due to expire.

The Freshwater Bay Primary School rents the space to the CSA under what is called a "Community Use Agreement". These agreements are between the school and tenant and are generally for 2 years. The tenancy is organized by the school through its business manager. Details of the arrangement are not publicly available.

Moved – Councillor James Seconded – Councillor Wetherall

That the Arts Committee receives this information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5/0

Recommendation to Committee

That the Arts Committee receives this information.

7.3 Tresillian Annual Student and Tutor Exhibition

Tresillian's 2014 Student and Tutor exhibition opened at 6.30 pm on Friday 13 June. This annual event showcases works resulting from Tresillian classes in the previous 12 months. The works are created by tutors and by students in those classes.

Rachel Birighitti, Arts Centre Coordinator (Tresillian) will provide a verbal update on the outcomes of the exhibition opening, including attendance, number of works sold and the total value of works sold. Rachel Birighitti added that:

- More than 200 people attended opening night
- 11 artworks sold on opening night for a total of \$4,800
- That the standard of exhibited works was high.

Moved – Councillor Smyth Seconded – Councillor James

That the Arts Committee receives this information.

Recommendation to Committee

That the Arts Committee receives this information.

7.4 Proposed Change of Name for Tresillian Community Centre

For at least the past 20 years, Tresillian's formal name has been Tresillian Community Centre. The rationale for that is that Tresillian's most important purpose is building a sense of local community, which it does mainly through the provision of art courses and events.

It is now proposed that Tresillian's formal name is changed to Tresillian Arts Centre. The rationale for this is that Tresillian's "brand" is art courses and activities. While Tresillian also provides some recreational classes other than art, such as yoga classes, most courses and art and/or craft based. Tresillian's reputation in the wider community is mainly art-related.

Tresillian also curates exhibitions for external artists for a fee and a percentage of sales. Therefore, attracting these external exhibitions forms a part of Tresillian's revenue stream.

The change of name to Tresillian Arts Centre is proposed for the following reasons:

- 1. To build on the Centre's existing reputation as a service providing art courses and activities.
- 2. To enhance the Centre's prestige as an arts organisation.
- 3. To enhance the attractiveness of the Centre to exhibiting artists.

Rachel Birighitti, Arts Centre Coordinator, can provide further information on the attitude of exhibiting artists to the current name of the Centre, if required.

Moved – Councillor James Seconded – Mayor R M Hipkins

That the Arts Committee recommends to Council that the Tresillian Community Centre changes its name to the Tresillian Arts Centre.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5/0

Recommendation to Committee

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7.5 Emerge Youth Art Awards 2014

The City is currently promoting its flagship youth art project, the *Emerge* Youth Art Awards 2014, now in its second year. Entry is open to young people aged 12 - 25 years. The three award categories are Residents' Award; Open Award; and People's Choice Award. Entries close at 5 pm on 13 August 2014.

Winners will be announced and prizes presented at a youth event at John Leckie Pavilion on Saturday 23 August 2014.

The Arts Committee is asked to appoint a member of the Committee who is willing to act as a 'champion' for the Emerge Youth Art Awards 2014. The role will involve promoting the Emerge Youth Art Awards 2014 to parents and young people within the City of Nedlands, between now and 13 August 2014.

Moved – Mayor R M Hipkins Seconded – Councillor James

That the Committee appoints all Arts Committee members being Councillor's Wetherall, James, Smyth and Shaw and Mayor Hipkins to be the 2014 Emerge Youth Art Awards Champion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5/0

Recommendation to Committee
That the Committee appoints ______ to be the 2014 Emerge
Youth Art Awards Champion.

7.6 City Art Walk

On Thursday 5 June, three Councillors and two staff members attended a guided tour of the street art installed in the City of Perth during the Public Project in April this year.

A verbal report was provided by Councillor members of the Arts Committee who attended the walk.

Councillor Shaw left the meeting at 6.01pm

7.7 Health and Art Research

Research has been undertaken at UWA about the potential like between positive health benefits and participation in the arts. The press release providing links to further information on the subject is provided at Attachment 1

- Health and the Arts Research at UWA.

8.0 Date of Next Meeting

The chairperson will facilitate a discussion on the Committee's preferences in relation to frequency, date and time of meetings.

Moved – Councillor James Seconded – Mayor R M Hipkins

The next Arts Committee meeting will be held on Monday 14th July at 5pm

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0

Recommendation to Committee
The next Arts Committee meeting will be held on _____at _____

Declaration of Closure

There being no further business, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 6.15 pm.

MARION GRANICH MANAGER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



MEDIA STATEMENT

Tuesday 29 April 2014

THE ART OF GOOD HEALTH

Engaging in the arts for enjoyment, entertainment or as a hobby can be good for your mental, social and physical wellbeing, according to researchers at The University of Western Australia.

The award-winning study, published in <u>BMJ Open</u>, is the first internationally to look at the link between general population health and arts engagement.

Researchers found that engaging in the arts as part of everyday life, such as listening to music, reading, painting, dancing, playing a musical instrument, creative writing and attending arts events could make a difference to the health of individuals and the community.

Lead author and PhD candidate Christina Davies said good mental health was the foundation for individual and community wellbeing. "In this study, arts engagement was found to make people feel happy, reduced their stress and resulted in the creation of good memories," Ms Davies said.

"Study participants also felt the arts gave their life more meaning, helped them meet new people, reduced social isolation and broadened their ideas and beliefs. The arts also had an impact on general knowledge, identity and resulted in physical activity such as walking and performance- based movement.

"Given the significant pressure on our health system, the arts may hold the key to a new type of health promotion and healing."

Ms Davies said the study, which won an <u>Arts and Health Australia Award for Excellence</u> in November last year, provided 63 new insights into the relationship between the arts and population health and was a step towards the development of a causal arts and health model.

The ground-breaking research is part of the "Healthy Arts?" study to look at the relationship between arts engagement and health in the general population and was funded by Healthway.

For more information visit UWA's School of Population Health, <u>Health and Arts</u> <u>Research</u>.

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