

**Record of Proceedings – Maroondah Arts Advisory Committee**

**Wednesday 29 August 2018**

**Meeting held at Maroondah Federation Estate 6pm -7.30pm**

- 1) **Attendees:** Deputy Mayor Cr Mike Symon (Chair), Cr Marijke Graham, Cr Kylie Spears, Roger Archbold, Les Chessells, Jo Herbig, Sharon Mullens-Taylor, Phil Turner (Director – Planning and Community), Rosalie Hastwell (Team Leader Arts and Cultural Development )

**Apologies:** Kiron Robinson

- 2) **Confirmation of Record of Proceedings:**

**Move:** That the Record of Proceedings from the Meeting held on 23 May be accepted

**First:** Cr Kylie Spears

**Second:** Cr Marijke Graham

- 3) **Items Arising:**

- a) **Presentation on Maroondah Arts and Cultural Development Strategy 2014 - 2018 and Council's support for the arts** ( Presented by Rosalie Hastwell. See attached)

**Suggestions arising from presentation included:**

Explore options for wayfinding signage to highlight Ringwood arts precinct including the connection with Maroondah Federation Estate.

Explore options for raising awareness and profile of Maroondah's cultural heritage including Allison Street precinct and other points of interest.

Explore ways to demonstrate the economic benefit of the arts in Maroondah. alongside social and cultural benefits. Incorporate both quantitative and qualitative data.

It was agreed that the achievements of the Strategy and its implementation over the past four years have been diverse and significant across all of the key strategic directions. It was suggested that these achievements should be promoted and celebrated to build greater awareness of the value of the arts in Maroondah

**Action: Next meeting to include:**

- **workshop on the development of the next Strategy.**
- **discussion on the draft Maroondah Art Collection Policy**

- 4) **Reports:**

- a) **Cr Kylie Spears reported on the Inaugural Municipal Association of Victoria Local Government Arts and Culture Forum ( 22 and 23 August)**

This was attended by Cr Spears and Arts and Cultural Development Team Leader Rosalie Hastwell. Highlights included presentations by Economic Development

Australia (EDA) and by global platform the Committee on Culture, United Cities and Local Government (UCLG). Cr Spears presented to the Assembly of Council (27 August) on the EDA presentation on arts branding.

**b) 2018 -2019 Arts and Cultural Grants**

Rosalie Hastwell reported that five grants totalling \$21 512 were awarded by Council for 2018/2019.

Future guidelines will require applicants to provide written evidence that proposed partners have agreed to participate in the project.

**c) Funding application to Creative Victoria**

Council has applied to Creative Victoria's VicArts Grants program for two year funding to support proposed art and text project for the Ringwood arts precinct, *RingWORD Poetix*. The application is for \$60,000 and is also supported by partners Eastland, Metro and ERL. Notification of the outcome is expected in October.

**5) Conflict of Interest:**

**Les Chessells** declared a potential conflict of interest with regard to the discussion about the Indigenous Arts Action Plan ( see below). It was considered there was no conflict of interest.

**Cr Kylie Spears** declared a potential conflict of interest with regard to recommendations on the selection of public art work options including H E Parker reserve. It was considered there was no conflict of interest.

**6) Administrative Matters:**

**Cr Mike Symon confirmed that the Record of Proceedings is to record outcomes only.** It does not include details of discussion or debate. It is presented to Council at its Meeting as a matter of public record.

**7) Conduct of the meeting:**

**Next meeting:**

6 - 7.30pm Wednesday 28 November, Wyreena Community Art Centre

**8) Other Items**

- **Presentation on Public Art commissioning options for 2018/2019**

**See presentation attached.**

The Committee recommended that a commission be undertaken for the H E Parker Reserve in 2019

**Indigenous Arts Action Plan**

To incorporate relevant actions from the Maroondah Reconciliation Action Plan and additional actions developed in consultation with Indigenous representatives and community.

**Action:** Rosalie Hastwell to consult with Les Chessells re the development of a draft Plan which will then be presented to Crs Symon, Spears and Graham by February 2019.