

Minutes – Maroondah Arts Advisory Committee

Wednesday 29 January 2020

Meeting held at Karralyka Centre 6pm -7.30pm

- 1) **Attendees:** Mayor Cr Mike Symon (Chair); Deputy Mayor Cr Marijke Graham, Cr Kylie Spears, David Billimoria, Kali Michailidis, Janet Turpie-Johnstone, Kiron Robinson, Phil Turner (Director Strategy and Community), Debra Styles (Manager Community Services), Rosalie Hastwell (Team Leader Arts and Cultural Development), Tim Cocks (Manager Leisure) - for item 5.
- 2) **Apologies:** Roger Archbold, Sharyn Mullens Taylor, Kiron Robinson
- 3) **Welcome and Introductions**
Cr Mike Symon welcomed all and acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land.
- 4) **Conflict of Interest**
David Billimoria sought clarification regarding potential conflict of interest as a user of Keystone Hall. It was confirmed that there was no conflict of interest.
- 5) **Karralyka Tour and introduction to Vision and Key Directions**
Leisure Manager Tim Cocks led a tour of the Karralyka Centre which included the theatre and backstage, meeting rooms and kitchen facilities. He spoke briefly about the community and cultural uses of Karralyka and its sustainable business model. He noted that Karralyka also manage Council's community halls and some outdoor programming including Speigeltent seasons in Town Square.
MAAC members commented that Karralyka hiring costs were an issue for many community based performing arts groups and that he size and conventional theatre design was not appropriate for some styles of production and presentation.
Action: Planning for the Croydon Community Precinct to consider potential facility development and affordable models that support the presentation of a range of performing arts in Maroondah.

Action: Karralyka and Arts and Cultural Development staff to explore opportunities for working together to increase support for local arts groups including marketing and promotion.
- 6) **Confirmation of Minutes of previous Meeting**
Move: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 November 2019 be accepted
First: Cr Kylie Spears
Second: Kali Michailidis
- 7) **Business arising from previous Meeting**
2040 Workshop
An invitation was resent in November to all MAAC members to participate in the 2040 Stakeholder Workshop at Karralyka on 27 November. Councillors and Roger Archbold attended the workshop.

Signal Box public art project.

Images of the six commissioned signal box art works for 'The Anthropocene Art Trail' were sent to all MAAC members. The Art Trail has been well received, and was recognized as a valuable addition to the very successful McGivern Prize exhibition.

Draft Arts and Cultural Development Strategy 2020 - 2025

The Draft was placed on public exhibition from 13 January.

Feedback received prior to the closing date of 9 February will be considered, prior to finalization of the Strategy.

Action: The final Strategy will be presented to Council for its endorsement on 16 March. Rosalie will then email a summary of the community feedback to MAAC and inform MAAC of any changes.

Approach to design and publication of the Strategy

In addition to publication of the full Strategy, discussions are currently underway regarding a fit-for-purpose summary document for creative industry and community stakeholders.

8) Croydon Community Precinct

The Draft Arts and Cultural Development Strategy includes several Key Directions in relation to the Croydon Community Precinct. Debra Styles and Rosalie Hastwell presented an outline of the current planning and recent community consultation for the Croydon Community Precinct. A good level of response to the consultation was received from arts and cultural stakeholders. Further consultation will take place from March to June including consultation with music and performing arts groups.

The MAAC identified priorities and opportunities for arts and cultural elements including facility design, public art, and activation. Particular areas of interest were: a strong focus on environmental themes including waterways, which could be explored through public art; opportunities for exhibition and display; ensuring that practical needs such as storage are considered; thematic linkages to the broader precinct including Tarralla Creek; multi-use indoor and outdoor spaces including performance space for audiences of up to 200 - 250; planning for spaces with an understanding of the broader regional context.

Action: MAAC advice on priorities and opportunities to be considered along with other community consultation results.

Action: Rosalie to invite absent MAAC members to also contribute their advice.

Action: Jo Herbig to provide links to Land Art Generator Initiative.

9) Other Business

Rosalie has contributed to Creative Victoria Outer Suburban Co-Design workshops which are focussed on developing options for support for the creative industries.

10) Next Meeting

Next meeting 29 April. Venue to be advised.