



Rural City of
Wangaratta

Minutes

Arts Culture Events and Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting

5:30pm Monday 2, May 2022 - Council Offices Mullinmur Room and Teams

Attendees

Cr Dave Fuller, Paddy Milne, Tim Dickenson, David Godkin, Sarah Thompson

Council Officers

Stephen Swart, Simone Nolan,

Chair – Cr Dave Fuller

- **Apologies** – Suz Christenson, Tim Ellis, Pam Procter,
- **Conflict of Interest Declarations**

Agenda Item – Minutes / Outcomes

1. **Previous Minutes** (No Meeting February - Informal minutes recorded) - **Cr Fuller**

- Review of previous minutes and actions
- No Actions required

2. Functions and Objectives ACEHAC Advisory Committee Charter

- All members provided with Copy of Charter (email Friday 29 April), feedback on functions and objectives
- Feedback was that all listed functions and objectives in the Charter were all clear and no changes required.
- The Committee held the consensus and agreed that the current Charter was relevant.

3. Call for new members ACEHAC Committee – Cr Fuller & Simone Nolan

- Process involved covered
- Request to continue or renew terms and nominate other community members
- All members were to think of new potential committee members

ACTION (Simone)

- Suggestion (David G) that the advertisement and call out should mention the search for a First Nations representative and an Arts Council representative.

4. Draft budget – Cr Fuller

- How to review and respond, website link was explored, and committee members invited to review
- ACE Projects for 22/23FY were talked through
- Attractions and Events project was highlighted in relation to NEMA Multicultural event and what part the Council Events team delivers in supporting this event
- Further discussion occurred on what this project budget in events responds to and that it is driven by the RCOW Events Strategy

ACTION (Simone)

- *Provide Committee with Events Strategy in preparation for the strategies review later in 2022/2023*

- Budget allocation (or lack of) for the commitment to a Reconciliation Action Plan was raised
- Committee discussed possible meaningful actions towards this project that may involve further budget requirements, one idea was a commission of artwork by a First Nations Artist, other actions would involve meaningful actions around true reconciliation, access, and inclusion.
- The Committee agreed to have an update on the RAP progress in the ACEHAC June meeting

ACTION (Simone to prepare Committee update on RAP work for next meeting)

5. Program Update – Spark Bushfire Recovery Project – Annie Brien

- Annie Brein Updated the Committee on the Bushfire recovery through art project called SPARK, funded by regional Arts Victoria and Creative Vic.
- Some feedback from the committee about the communications of this project and for the officers to review how the program is being communicated
- Cr Fuller requested the committee report next June meeting with summaries of their communication platforms, how they get their information (Chronicle, Facebook, e-alerts, etc)

6. General Business – Cr Fuller

- Committee Opportunity to revisit other general business
- GANEAA request -David Godkin
 - Merriwa Park Master plan, queries on if this project will inclusion of public art delivery. The response and discussion were that was there will be allocation for public, the Master Plan has been formally adopted but the project relies on funding
 - Signage and Historical Society, making sure we access them for integrating important heritage stories
- **Railway ARTC Request** – (David G), Stephen Swart was able to cover Council's involvement and level of consultation, this project is not a Council project, and all feedback and concerns need to be taken to ARTC.
- **Tin Can Band Sculpture De-acquisition** – discussion for consideration and request for the committee to start thinking about how to de-accession the sculpture and memorialise the work

ACTION (Simone Nolan) will provide committee with guidelines on de-acquisition on public art and remind committee to give feedback or ideas on how to celebrate the removal of the work.

- **Olympian Sign Update** -Committee discussion on the upgrade of the Olympian sign for Dean Woods funeral, queries were made of how inclusive the sign was, can Council explore more options of a more permanent and inclusive version, could it be more centrally located or positioned and the Sports and Aquatics Centre.

ACTION (Stephen Swart) will find out more information about the sign regarding how the decisions for what is on the sign is being made and is there a more permanent version.

Summary of ACTIONS

- The EOI and advertisement for new ACEHAC Committee members is to include the search for a First Nations representative and an Arts Council representative. - SIMONE

- Provide Committee with Events Strategy in preparation for the strategies review later in 2022/2023- SIMONE
- Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group Update – Next meeting – SIMONE
- Communication platforms, review of how ACEHAC members get their information (Chronicle, Facebook, e-alerts, etc) - Committee to report back next meeting – COMMITTEE MEMBERS
- Tin Can Band Sculpture review, Public Art Policy guidelines on de-acquisition on public art and remind committee to give feedback or ideas on how to celebrate the removal of the work – SIMONE
- Olympian Sign, how the decisions for what is on the sign is being made and is there a more permanent version. - STEPHEN SWART

Meeting Close 7.05pm