



Minutes

Arts and Culture Advisory Committee Meeting

5:30pm Monday 3 February 2025

Mullinmur Room

Attendees

Cr Dave Fuller, Cr Alison Winters,

Margaret Pullen, Rachel Vallender, Tim Dickinson, Marc Bongers,

Council Officers

Stephen Swart, Director Sustainability and Culture

Simone Nolan, Manager Arts Culture and Events

Denise Pirko- Community Engagement Advisor (RCOW)

Chair – Cr Dave Fuller

Apologies Mayor Cr Irene Grant, Paddy Milne, Pam Procter, Fran O’Neil

Acceptance of Apologies - **Moved** Tim D/ **Seconded** Marg P

- **Conflict of Interest Declarations** – N/A
- **Acknowledgement Country** - Cr Al Winters

Agenda Item	Time
Previous Minutes - Cr Fuller	5.30 pm
Review of previous minutes (from meeting held December 2, 2024). Actions acknowledged, business arising from previous minutes:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Closure of Digital Hub prompted concern for Wangaratta Camera Club. Item reported to be resolved, club now meets at Log Cabin in Chisholm St (Rotary Club meeting place)• Homework and follow up for council plan discussed.	
Acceptance of previous minutes - Moved Tim D/ Seconded Marc B	

Council Plan Community Engagement & Overview (Denise Pirko Community Engagement Advisor)

- Recap on Arts Culture and Events actions in current Council Plan and Committee homework
- Presentation by Denise P outlining the staged and targeted engagement process with the community
- Discussion on the current council plan pillars, what are of importance and what are their meanings.
- Group discussion on Wellbeing and Lifestyle are of importance, followed by Economy.
- (Marg P), re Wellbeing pillar, can it be described in a more inspiring or user-friendly way?
- 1st round of Consultation closes on Sunday 9th March 2025.
- Follow up workshops and dates to be provided to committee, all members encouraged to subscribe to the RCoW connect website.

Events & Attractions Strategy Update – Simone Nolan (on behalf of Elisha Naish:

- Report, timeline and update provided.
- All members are invited to provide feedback on the draft through the Connect Wangaratta website until 28 March 2025
- Questions and discussion:
 - (Marc B) - Will the location of main events space be identified – / Officers confirmed the Rodeo Grounds were still in use and considered as a high priority events space.
 - (Rachel V) -Can the committee advise and advocate, individually or as a group? / Cr Fuller reminded the committee that the members can action feedback or recommendations to Councillors via the minutes or via the Councillor portfolio holders to Arts, Culture and Events
 - Tim D) How were RCoW Events Curated – / Officers advised this is articulated and itemised in the Strategy.

General Business- Arts Culture & Events – Simone Nolan

- (Marc B) – Can the Advisory members explore the availability of a group communication platform, request to explore a group Teams chat, request put forward for officers to clarify if this would be available via RCoW Officer Action required
- Chatty café program update at Wangaratta Library.
- (Marc B) Wangaratta Art Gallery Friends upcoming openings, student award \$1000 being processed to be awarded to a local Year 12 student.
- (Tim D) Wangaratta Arts Council will be folding within the next month, proposal of acknowledgement to the important work of Marg Brickhill and remaining funds to be divided x3 ways, one proposal suggests the Steinway Piano, GANEAA and the Wangaratta Historical Society.
GANEAA update on membership and some concerns on the lack of grant funding for the Across the Arts Festival. (now down to one day with opening and workshop)
- (Marg P) Noth Wangaratta Community Group have received their pod seat, East Bank of Reidy Creek, want to formally thank council.
- Cr Al Winters, Pride Hub relocation update to Larkings Street West End.

- Next Meeting – **Wednesday 2 April 2025, 5.30pm Wangaratta Library Community Room** 7.22pm
- Meeting Closure 7.22pm