

MINUTES

YARRA ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE - YAARTS

Wednesday 21 June 2023

6.00-8:00pm

560 Church Street Room to Create Studios, 560 Church Street Richmond

Statement of Recognition of Wurundjeri Land

Yarra City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people as the Traditional Owners and true sovereigns of the land now known as Yarra. We also acknowledge the significant contributions made by other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to life in Yarra. We pay our respects to Elders from all nations and to their Elders past, present and future.

1.	Introduction	Confirmation of the meeting and recording of attendances and apologies. Welcome to any panel guests.	5 mins	Cr Crossland Chair
2.	YAARTS Membership update	Confirmation of membership for new members. 2023 is the end of the 3-year term for current members.	5 mins	Coordinator Arts Development/ Business Unit Manager
3.	Confirmation of previous minutes	Confirmation of previous minutes and actions.	5 mins	ALL
4.	Arts & Culture Grants	Confirmation of the grants available. Discussion about the grant review and assessment process for panelist.	15 mins	Coordinator Arts Development/ Business Unit Manager
5.	State and Federal Budgets	Discussion about the impact of the budget announcements and Creative Australia.	15 mins	ALL/ Business Unit Manager
6.	Public Art Policy	Review of existing policy and update. Seeking feedback from panel.	15 mins	Coordinator Arts Development/ Business Unit Manager and Visual Arts Officer
7.	Working Groups Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visual Arts Panel• Room to Create Panel	15 mins	Coordinator Arts Development Branch Manager and Visual Arts Officer

8.	Other Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion about items tabled by panel members. • Panel to nominate any special focus for future YAARTS meeting. 	15 mins	ALL/ Business Unit Manager
9.	Forward meeting schedule	<p>Confirmation of upcoming meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September Grant Assessment meeting of community members only (FULL DAY) • 6 September Next YAARTS meeting 	5 mins	Coordinator Arts Development/ Visual Arts Officer

MINUTES:

Present: (Chair) Cr Edward Crossland, Simon Bedford, Angela Conquet, Miranda Hill, Clare Loporati, Arika Waulu, Vanessa Morris, Alex Paige, Siu Chan (Business Unit Manager, Arts, Culture and Venues), Grace Longato (Visual Arts Officer)

Apologies: Cr Stephen Jolly, Joel Stern, Brona Keenan (Coordinator Arts Development)

1. Introduction

Chair gave an Acknowledgment of Country and acknowledged members not present (apologies).

2. YAARTS Membership Update

Members were reminded that this was the final year of their term. Terms of Reference were being updated from 6 to 8 members. Expressions of Interest for the 2024-2026 YARRTS panel to be advertised end of the year. Members were thanked for their contribution so far and encouraged to reapply if interested and/or promote this opportunity to their networks.

3. Confirmation of previous minutes

Minutes accepted/confirmed by panel.

4. Arts and Culture Grants

Members were informed of grant open dates, upcoming assessment date and process:

- Arts Fellowship Grant: applications opened 12 June – 31 July for outcome 2024 (One \$10k grant to support a creative in their practice for the year. Open to all artforms. Not project driven)
- Annual grants (round1) applications opened 12 June – 31 July
- Small Project Grants: application open 1 July (up to \$2k - pool \$70k)
- Sustainability Arts Grants: application open 1 July (\$1k grants to help projects be more sustainable through goods and services)
- Room to Create Responsive Grants – applications open 1 July - No changes \$25k
- Assessment **September 6**

5. State and Federal Budgets

- Members were given a breakdown of State and Federal budgets in relation to arts funding. In this current round, funding leaned towards large arts organisation, music, and film.
- Discussion revolved around local government's investment in the Arts in comparison to State and Federal contributions with statistics gathered from ANA Arts Think Tank report *The Big Picture 3 - Expenditure on Artistic, Cultural and Creative Activity by Governments in Australia in 2007-08 to 2020-21*

ACTION: Visual Arts Officer to email members *The Big Picture 3- Expenditure on Artistic, Cultural and Creative Activity by Governments in Australia in 2007-08 to 2020-21* by A New Approach (ANA) thinktank.

6. Public Art Policy

Members were given a hard copy of the current Art in Public Places Policy (which is up for review) and asked to provide feedback (suggestions/ideas) for the new policy by next meeting.

7. Working Group Updates – Visual Arts Panel (VAP) and Room to Create Panel (RTC)

- **VAP:** Members were informed that that the last meeting was hosted and held at Meridian Sculpture in Fitzroy. The VAP panel and YAARTS members had a discussion around the public art work *Fallen Fruit* with artist Adam Stone and put forward recommendations for the work; to be reported back to the General Manager and CEO for further action/direction.
- **RTC:** Members were informed that that the last meeting was hosted by Kin Fashion at Peel Street Studios. Members were updated with the balance of the RTC fund, spaces finishing (Collingwood Yards and Argyle St./Piccolo Development), current spaces open and opening of new spaces (Alfasi/560 Church Street).

8. Other Items

Business Unit Manager Siu Chan notified members that she was finishing up at Yarra after 20 years of service. She thanked them for their support as did the members in return.

Next Meeting

Wednesday 6 September 2023

Venue: TBC

Meeting ended 8:00pm