

## MINUTES OF THE SHOALHAVEN ARTS BOARD

**Meeting Date:** Thursday, 7 September 2017  
**Location:** Jervis Bay Rooms 1 & 3, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra  
**Time:** 1:00pm

The following members were present:

Clr John Wells - Chairperson  
Clr Kaye Gartner  
Clr John Levett  
Ms Karen Akehurst  
Mr Peter Lavelle  
Ms Alison Chiam  
Ms Barbara Dawson

Others present:

Bridget Macleod – Gallery Officer  
Robin Sharpe – Outreach and Digital Services Manager  
Karen Patterson – SEC Manager  
Joe (Dos Enos)  
Lachlan (Somethings Wild)

### Apologies / Leave of Absence

An apology was received from Ian Grant.

### Confirmation of the Minutes

**RESOLVED** (Clr Gartner / Clr Wells)

That the Minutes of the Shoalhaven Arts Board held on Thursday 15 June 2017 be confirmed.

CARRIED

## REPORTS

**AB17.18 Draft Arts Board Strategic Plan 2017 - 2021**

**HPERM Ref:  
D17/261551**

Clr Wells addressed the meeting and made reference to the Vision, Mission and Values in the Strategic Plan.

Note: Error on Page 7 (Last paragraph under Review, Evaluation and Reporting) – should read:

The Chair and members of the Shoalhaven Arts Board will undertake an annual review and prepare a report to Council on the Goals, Strategies and Success Indicators. This will be presented at the end of each financial year.

**Recommendation** (Clr Gartner / Peter Lavelle)

That Council adopt the draft Shoalhaven Arts Board – Arts & Cultural Strategic Plan “smART Ideals 2017 – 2021”.

**Recommendation** (Clr Gartner / Peter Lavelle)

That Council adopt the draft Shoalhaven Arts Board – Arts & Cultural Strategic Plan “smART Ideals 2017 – 2021”.

CARRIED

**AB17.19 Council Policy Revision - South Coast Cooperative Libraries Collection Development Policy**

**HPERM Ref:  
D17/261794**

Robin, addressed the meeting and provided a background on what the South Coast Cooperative Libraries is.

A collection of adult, young and junior items, including but not limited to: books multimedia, CDs and DVDs, audio books digital library, newspapers and magazines, and databases .

Other services include: Outreach services, programs and events, grant opportunities, pathfinders program, community groups using library, programs for babies up to seniors, indigenous literacy day, history week, opportunities to connect with people in the community, creation of events for free or at very low cost. The libraries hold at least one author talk a month from local and well known authors . Provides support to local authors. Aims to be inclusive.

Hosted the Australian poetry slam last weekend. Would encourage more events involving local poets.

Clr Wells addressed the meeting and advised that he had received a letter last week from Jennifer Dickerson requesting that the Arts Board increases the value of the Writers Award from \$1000 to \$1,500. He has referred this request onto the appropriate Group Director for consideration and if the matter can not be approved internally then a report will be submitted to the next meeting, however he will keep members informed via email.

A request has also been received from the Shoalhaven Historical Society regarding the conservation costs for works from Samuel Elyard for contribution of \$2000 to be contributed, this will come as a separate report to the Board.

**Recommendation**

That Council adopt the revision of the South Coast Cooperative Libraries Collection Development Policy.

**Recommendation** (Clr Gartner / Clr Levett)

That Council adopt the revision of the South Coast Cooperative Libraries Collection Development Policy.

CARRIED

**AB17.20 Arts Board Awards Cancellation & Future Use of Dedicated Fund**

**HPERM Ref:  
D17/264394**

**Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)**

That:

1. The 2017 Arts Board Awards, scheduled for 20 October 2017, is cancelled due to insufficient entries.
2. The Arts Board continues to provide \$500 prize money for the 2017 Outstanding River Festival Environmental Artist, to be announced by the Arts Board in conjunction with the festival.
3. The Arts Board develops a working party to investigate the potential for repurposing the Arts Award fund to develop community capacity for programming festivals and community events with an arts focus, dependent upon staff workload and operational priorities.
4. The Arts Board working party meets with Council's Tourism and Events Section to ascertain professional development/support opportunities currently provided by Council to festival and event organisers.
5. The Arts Board writes to the River Festival Committee and those who made nominations to alert them to its decision on this year's Awards and the future of the Arts Awards.

**RESOLVED** (Clr Gartner / Karen Akehurst)

That:

1. The 2017 Arts Board Awards, scheduled for 20 October 2017, is cancelled due to insufficient entries.
2. The Arts Board continues to provide \$500 prize money for the 2017 Outstanding River Festival Environmental Artist, to be announced by the Arts Board in conjunction with the festival.
3. The Arts Board develops a working party (comprising of members: Karen Akehurst, Alison Chiam, Clr Gartner and Barbara Dawson) to investigate the potential for repurposing the Arts Award fund to develop community capacity for programming festivals and community events with an arts focus, dependent upon staff workload and operational priorities.
4. The Arts Board working party meets with Council's Tourism and Events Section to ascertain professional development/support opportunities currently provided by Council to festival and event organisers.
5. The Arts Board writes to the River Festival Committee and those who made nominations to alert them to its decision on this year's Awards and the future of the Arts Awards.

CARRIED

**AB17.21 Shoalhaven Arts Board Grants 2017/18**

**HPERM Ref:  
D17/269494**

Verbal Update delivered by Bridget Macleod Gallery Officer.

Arts Board working group met on September 4 at SRG.

Post meeting at midday SRG staff were alerted to another application which had been handed at council enquiry desk 4.45pm Friday not taken to records until late Monday morning. All working group members were notified and supplied this application via email. After careful consideration working group members agreed to the original recommendations as follows:

1. Developing the Arts - Sense of Place \$5,000  
\$5000 Anna Thompson – 'Artist in Conversation' A short film: Artist Ann Glynn  
Digital Story telling touring with show.
2. Developing the Arts - Sense of Place \$5,000  
\$5000 Syd Green – Bird Women/Tree Men – Produce & record musical collaboration

Jazz and Classical

3. Public Art – Sense of Place \$10,000

\$10,000 Vanessa Barbay – Bherwerre Wetland Mural Project – Stage 3

Completion of 12 painted panels installed Larmer Ave Sanctuary Point – documenting birds and orchids of the wetlands.

It was also noted that a sub committee be established to review the guidelines for the arts grants programs, this will be reviewed in 6 months time.

**Recommendation**

That the following Shoalhaven Arts Board Grants be awarded:

1. Developing the Arts - Sense of Place \$5,000

\$5000 Anna Thompson – ‘Artist in Conversation’ A short film: Artist Ann Glynn

Digital Story telling touring with show.

2. Developing the Arts - Sense of Place \$5,000

\$5000 Syd Green – Bird Women/Tree Men – Produce & record musical collaboration

Jazz and Classical

3. Public Art – Sense of Place \$10,000

\$10,000 Vanessa Barbay – Bherwerre Wetland Mural Project – Stage 3

Completion of 12 painted panels installed Larmer Ave Sanctuary Point – documenting birds and orchids of the wetlands.

Alison/Peter

**Recommendation** (Alison Chiam / Peter Lavelle)

That the following Shoalhaven Arts Board Grants be awarded:

1. Developing the Arts - Sense of Place \$5,000

\$5000 Anna Thompson – ‘Artist in Conversation’ A short film: Artist Ann Glynn

Digital Story telling touring with show.

2. Developing the Arts - Sense of Place \$5,000

\$5000 Syd Green – Bird Women/Tree Men – Produce & record musical collaboration

Jazz and Classical

3. Public Art – Sense of Place \$10,000

\$10,000 Vanessa Barbay – Bherwerre Wetland Mural Project – Stage 3

Completion of 12 painted panels installed Larmer Ave Sanctuary Point – documenting birds and orchids of the wetlands.

CARRIED

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**AB17.22 Additional Item - Presentation of Far Meadow Blues (Video)**

Clr Wells invited Joe from Dos Enos (a local band) and Lachlan from Somethings Wild

(Videograher) to present their Video presenting Far Meadow Blues and congratulated Joe and Lachlan for their work.

This Video was premiered at the Tea Club and has been viewed on YouTube almost 10,000 times. Joe and Lachlan thanked the Shoalhaven Arts Board for their support.

It was noted by Alison Chiam that Bridget Macleod – Gallery Officer had interviewed Rick Amor and had written an article in Issue 39 of the Artist Profile Magazine.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 1.59pm.

Clr John Wells  
CHAIRPERSON