

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SHOALHAVEN ARTS BOARD

Meeting Date: Wednesday, 5 April 2023
Location: Jervis Bay Room, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra
Time: 4.42pm

The following members were present:

Ms Christine Dunstan - Chairperson
Clr Tonia Gray
Clr Patricia White
Dr Lynda Kelly (Remote)
Mr Stephen Buzacott
Ms Bonnie Porter-Green
Ms Kate Dezarnaulds (Remote)
Mr Clive Freeman (Remote)

Others Present:

Ms Bronwyn Coulston – Manager – Arts & Culture
Ms Karen Patterson – Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre
Ms Sarah Taylor – Manager – Library Services

Apologies / Leave of Absence

Apologies were received from Clr John Kotlash, Mr Frank Howarth and Ms Jane Lewis

Declaration of Interests

Nil

REPORTS

AB23.8 Shoalhaven Arts Board 2022/2023 Grants program - Awarding of Grants

HPERM Ref: D23/114383

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

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2. Sense of Place Grants

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 - b. Blue Prints – resilience project including storytelling, installations and workshops - \$10,000.
 - c. Shoalhaven Songwriters Collective – song writing, recording and album release - \$10,000.
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GENERAL BUSINESS

AB23.9 Additional Item - Sub-Committee Meeting Review Guidelines

Kate Dezarnaulds raised a concern regarding the current grants application process, which she felt was quite onerous for applicants, and perhaps unduly complicated. It was suggested that The Arts Board Grants Sub Committee review the guidelines and timeframe prior to the grants being advertised next year to see if this could be simplified and best practice applied.

Christine Dunstan appreciated Kate's concerns however she felt that the grant process for applicants could be reviewed as professional development for artists, as this was a regular requirement for practising artists to access funding.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Arts Board Grants Sub-Committee

1. Meet to review the program guidelines with the understanding of best practice regarding grants programs
2. Following the review, present the updated guidelines at the September Arts Board meeting scheduled for 6 September 2023.

CARRIED

AB23.10 Additional Item - Invitation South Coast RADO Chair Request Update

Clr Tonia Gray suggested a recommendation to invite the Chair of the South Coast RADO to the upcoming meeting in June for a 10 minute presentation on who they are and what they are currently working on.

Christine Dunstan sought the Boards agreement to invite Rachel Kent or a representative from Bundanon to attend future meetings as an observer.

RESOLVED (Clr Gray / Stephen Buzacott)

That the Shoalhaven Arts Board invite

1. The Chair of the South Coast RADO, and Executive Director Louise Croker to the June meeting to present an update to the Board.
2. Rachel Kent or a representative from Bundanon to attend future meetings as an observer.

CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 5:02pm.

Ms Christine Dunstan
CHAIRPERSON