

Arts Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: Tuesday, 02 July, 2024
Location: Jervis Bay Room, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra
Time: 4.00pm

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Membership

Chairperson
Clr Tonia Gray
Clr John Kotlash
Clr Moo D'Ath
Clr Patricia White (Alternate)
Clr Paul Ell (Alternate)
Mr Drew Longbottom
Mr Clive Freeman
Mr Stephen Buzacott
Mr Frank Howarth
Ms Alissar Gazal
Ms Claire Haywood

Quorum – Five provided that a minimum of one Councillor with voting rights and four community representatives are present.

Note: Any non-voting Councillor in attendance at any of the above Committees may act as an alternate voting member in circumstances where achievement of a quorum is required, noting that this doesn't apply when quorum specifies the quorum to require community member attendance.

Purpose

The purpose of the Committee is to support arts, culture and heritage activity in the Shoalhaven Local Government area (LGA) acknowledging the diversity of arts and cultures in the Shoalhaven. Committee members will provide their knowledge and diverse perspectives about creative practice, events, arts and cultural activities to Council.

Role

- To represent the community's aspirations for arts and culture in the Shoalhaven
- To assist Council to advance the value and importance of visual, performing, literary arts, museum and heritage sectors for First Nations, and multi-cultural communities and all residents of the Shoalhaven
- Provide comment on relevant Council Policies and strategies
- To make determination on the awarding of the annual Shoalhaven Arts & Cultural grants
- To collaborate on, and support the delivery of Council strategies that encourage the growth of and participation in the cultural and creative life of the Shoalhaven
- To support and promote the annual program of exhibitions, events and activities developed by the Shoalhaven Regional Gallery, Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre and Shoalhaven Libraries.
- To be guided by the following Council Plans:
 - Community Strategic Plan 2032
 - Resilient, Safe, Accessible & Inclusive Communities
 - 1.2 Preserve, support and develop cultural and creative vitality across our communities
 - 1.3 Support community wellbeing through fostering active and healthy communities

- Shoalhaven Regional Gallery Strategic Plan
- Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre Strategic Business and Marketing Plan
- Shoalhaven Libraries Strategic Plan

Delegations

To make determination on the awarding of the annual Shoalhaven Arts & Cultural grants.

Advisory Committees may make recommendations to Council on all matters within the role outlined above. These recommendations may be submitted via the minutes of each meeting to Council for consideration.

This does not include substantial issues and recommendations (possibly including expenditure) that will be reported to Council by a separate report from the relevant Department Manager.

The Committee does not have the power to incur expenditure (directly or indirectly), or the power to bind Council.

MINUTES OF THE ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: Tuesday, 12 December 2023
Location: Jervis Bay Room, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra
Time: 4.11pm

The following members were present:

Ms Christine Dunstan – Chairperson
Clr Tonia Gray (Remotely)
Clr Patricia White (Remotely)
Clr Christen Evan (Remotely)
Ms Kate Dezarnaulds (Remotely)
Mr Clive Freeman (Joined Remotely at 4.11pm)
Mr Stephen Buzacott (Remotely)

Others present:

Ms Sarah Taylor - Manager - Library Services
Ms Karen Patterson - Manager - Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre
Mr Peter Zanetti

The Arts Advisory Committee heard a presentation from Mr Peter Zanetti. At 4.11pm the Chairperson advised that quorum was reached and the meeting was declared open.

AB23.35 Peter Zanetti - 2022 Arts Practitioners Professional Development Grant Recipient

**HPERM Ref:
D23/403874**

Mr Peter Zanetti, recipient of 2022 Arts Practitioners Professional Development Grant, provided a presentation on his time spent at Megalo Print Studios in Canberra to the Arts Advisory Committee.

Ms Christine Dunstan – Chairperson queried how Mr Zanetti found out about the Arts Grant Program. Mr Zanetti advised the President of the Art Trail had notified him and he also thanked the Committee for their partnership.

Clr Gray queried whether Mr Zanetti would be interested in the Mayor showcasing these prints in the Mayor's Office. Mr Zanetti advised that he would be happy to lend the prints to Council for exhibition.

Mr Zanetti further indicated his desire to donate the prints to Councils Art Collection. Staff advised that this will need to be formally advised to Council staff by Mr Zanetti, and assessed in accordance with Councils Art Collection Policy.

Action: Council staff to discuss the exhibition of Mr Peter Zanetti's prints with the Mayor and contact Mr Zanetti to arrange.

Apologies / Leave of Absence

Apologies were received from Clr D'Ath, Clr Copley and Clr Kotlash.

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Confirmation of the Minutes**RESOLVED** (By consent)

That the Minutes of the Arts Advisory Committee held on Tuesday 19 September 2023 be confirmed.

CARRIED

Declaration of Interests

Nil

PRESENTATIONS**AB23.34 Draft Strategic Plan - South Coast Arts (SCA)****HPERM Ref:
D23/403842**

Note: This item to be deferred to the next meeting in 2024.

AB23.42 Membership Appointment - Louise Croker

The Arts Advisory Committee recommended and subsequently resolved to appoint Ms Louise Croker as a non-voting member representing South Coast Arts (SCA), and to receive a 6-monthly report relating to South Coast Arts.

RESOLVED (Stephen Buzacott / Clr Gray)

That the Arts Advisory Committee appoint Ms Louise Croker as a non-voting member and receive a 6-monthly report from Ms Croker.

CARRIED

REPORTS**AB23.36 Resignation - Bonnie Porter Greene****HPERM Ref:
D23/415561****Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)**

That the Arts Advisory Committee:

1. Receive the resignation of Ms Bonnie Porter Greene and thank her for her contribution and commitment to the Arts Advisory Committee.
2. Note that Council will seek to fill the vacancy created by this resignation through the current EOI open for this Committee.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Arts Advisory Committee:

1. Receive the resignation of Ms Bonnie Porter Greene and thank her for her contribution and commitment to the Arts Advisory Committee.

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2. Note that Council will seek to fill the vacancy created by this resignation through the current EOI open for this Committee.

CARRIED

AB23.32 Update on Actions - September 2023**HPERM Ref:
D23/343128**

AB23.6 – The Arts Advisory Committee discussed this action and agreed to resolve this as completed. Due to the changing of the Terms of Reference, the Committee decided to address this again at the first meeting in 2024.

Post meeting note: Following further discussion, staff decided to retain AB23.6 as an ongoing action, as a report will need to be provided to Council to complete this action.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Arts Advisory Committee

1. Receive the update on Actions report for information.
2. Note the following items as complete and remove from the Action Table:
 - a. AB23.8 - Shoalhaven Arts Board 2022/2023 Grants program - Awarding of Grants
 - b. AB23.9 - Additional Item - Sub-Committee Meeting Review Guidelines - Future Report
 - c. AB23.14 - Terms of Reference Review 2023 - Shoalhaven Arts Board
 - d. AB23.16 - Birkett Weatherhead Gift - Management of works by Artists not Jim Birkett - Endorse Advise Art Acquisition and Collection Subcommittee - Dedicated Council Reserve for Funds Raised
 - e. AB23.17 - Shoalhaven City Art Collection - Acquisition of Works - Accept and Decline Offer of Donations - 2023 2024 Art Acquisition Budget
 - f. AB23.19 - Shoalhaven Arts Board Grants - Accept Acquittals - 2020/21 and 2021/22 Grants - Returned Funds Arts Grant Program 2023/24
 - g. AB23.21 - Additional Item - Public Meeting - Collaborate with South Coast Arts - Invite Lyndel Gray
 - h. AB23.22 - Report Request - Directional Signage - Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre
 - i. AB23.33 - Membership Expiry September 2023 - Call for Expression of Interest
 - j. AB23.29 - Shoalhaven Arts Board - Terms of Reference - Adoption - Name change (Advisory Committee) - Number of meetings - Invite Representative from Bundanon

RESOLVED (By consent)

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- f. AB23.19 - Shoalhaven Arts Board Grants - Accept Acquittals - 2020/21 and 2021/22 Grants - Returned Funds Arts Grant Program 2023/24
- g. AB23.21 - Additional Item - Public Meeting - Collaborate with South Coast Arts - Invite Lyndel Gray
- h. AB23.22 - Report Request - Directional Signage - Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre
- i. AB23.33 - Membership Expiry September 2023 - Call for Expression of Interest
- j. AB23.29 - Shoalhaven Arts Board - Terms of Reference - Adoption - Name change (Advisory Committee) - Number of meetings - Invite Representative from Bundanon

CARRIED

AB23.37 Shoalhaven Regional Gallery - Update - August, September and October 2023

HPERM Ref: D23/470204

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Arts Advisory Committee receive the Shoalhaven Regional Gallery Update report for information.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Arts Advisory Committee receive the Shoalhaven Regional Gallery Update report for information.

CARRIED

AB23.38 Shoalhaven City Art Collection - Acquisition of Works

HPERM Ref: D23/470262

Recommendation

That the Arts Advisory Committee:

1. Accept the offer of donation for the work Untitled watercolour by Samuel Elyard. Donation by Peter Carlisle
2. Accept the offer of donation for the work 'Jonah (and the Whale)' by John Edward. Donation by John Turner.
3. Accept the offer of a donation through the Cultural Gifts Program for the work 'Art and War' by Ahn Do. Donation by Ahn Do.

RECOMMENDATION (By consent)

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1. Accept the offer of donation for the work Untitled watercolour by Samuel Elyard. Donation by Peter Carlisle
2. Accept the offer of donation for the work 'Jonah (and the Whale)' by John Edward. Donation by John Turner.
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CARRIED

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Note: The meeting lost Quorum, the time being 4.58pm. All remaining items will be deferred to the next meeting in 2024.

AB23.39 Shoalhaven Libraries Update**HPERM Ref:
D23/478596**

Note: This item to be deferred to the next meeting in 2024.

**AB23.40 Shoalhaven City Art Collection Preservation Needs
Assessment****HPERM Ref:
D23/479125**

Note: This item to be deferred to the next meeting in 2024.

Ms Christine Dunstan
CHAIRPERSON

AB24.1 Election of Chairperson

HPERM Ref: D24/263698

Department: Business Assurance & Risk
Approver: Jane Lewis, Director - City Lifestyles

Reason for Report

To allow for the election of the Committee Chairperson in accordance with Section 6 of the Committee's Terms of Reference.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Arts Advisory Committee appoint (insert name) as the Chairperson for a two (2) year term from July 2024 to July 2026.

Options

1. As Recommended
2. Should the majority of members vote against the recommendation the matter will be deferred until the next of the meeting of the Committee.

Implications: This will delay the appointment of Chairperson

Background

In accordance with Section 6 of the Terms of Reference (TOR), the Arts Advisory Committee is required to elect a Chairperson every two years.

Chair and Deputy Chair

The Committee appoints one (1) member to be the Chair of the Committee. In the absence of the nominated Chair at a particular meeting, the members shall elect a Chair for that meeting.

Terms of Office

The term of the Chair will be two (2) years which will be reviewed every two years.

The Committee last formally elected Christine Dunstan who is no longer a member of the Committee.

It's noted that two (2) new members (Claire Haywood and Alissar Gazal) were appointed by Council on 24 June 2024 and the position of Chairperson is open to all members.

AB24.2 Resignation - Kate Dezarnaulds

HPERM Ref: D24/11886

Department: Business Assurance & Risk

Approver: Jane Lewis, Director - City Lifestyles

Reason for Report

To inform the Committee of the resignation of Ms Kate Dezarnaulds and of Ms Christine Dunstan's departure after completing two terms on the Committee.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Arts Advisory Committee:

1. Receive the resignation of Ms Kate Dezarnaulds and thank her for her contribution and commitment to the Arts Advisory Committee.
2. Note that Ms Christine Dunstan recently completed her second term on the Committee and thank her for her contribution and commitment to the Arts Advisory Committee.
3. Note that Council will seek to fill the above two vacancies through the current EOI open for this Committee.

Options

1. Adopt the Recommendation

Implications: The Committee is informed of the resignation of Ms Kate Dezarnaulds and departure of Ms Christine Dunstan. Council will continue to advertise all vacancies for this Committee.

2. An alternative Recommendation

Implications: Unknown

Background

Council received a notice of resignation from the Arts Advisory Committee from Ms Kate Dezarnaulds on 13 December 2023, and following this, Ms Christine Dunstan completed her second term on the Committee on 17 December 2023.

The Arts Advisory Committee is asked to receive Ms Kate Dezarnaulds resignation, note the departure of Ms Christine Dunstan and thank both for their contribution and commitment to the Arts Advisory Committee. It is noted that staff have sent a thank you letter to both Ms Dezarnaulds and Ms Dunstan.

At time of preparing this report, Council, at its Ordinary Meeting on Monday 24 June 2024 will be considering a report to appoint 2 community members to the Arts Advisory Committee following the review of applications received through the Expression of Interest (EOI) Process. Subject to adoption by Council, this will enable quorum to be achieved for the Arts Advisory Committee.

There are currently two (2) further vacancies on the Committee, which will be filled via the Expression of Interest (EOI) Process which will remain open until all vacant positions are filled.

Community Engagement

The first EOI was open from 17 October 2023 to 10 November 2023 and advertised in local newspapers, via social media platforms and distributed to relevant City Lifestyles networks.

During this period one application was received from Mr Stephen Buzacott, who was appointed on 4 December 2023.

The EOI has since remained open, during which time an application was received from Mr Frank Howarth, who was appointed on 22 January 2024.

The EOI will remain until all vacant community member positions are filled, and will be re-posted via social media and will continue to be advertised on Council's [Arts Advisory Committee Webpage](#).

AB23.39 Shoalhaven Libraries Update

HPERM Ref: D23/478596

Department: Library Services

Approver: Jane Lewis, Director - City Lifestyles

Reason for Report

To update the Shoalhaven Arts Advisory Committee on activities and services at Shoalhaven Libraries.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Shoalhaven Arts Advisory Committee receive the Shoalhaven Libraries update report for information.

Options

1. Receive the report for information.

Implications: The Shoalhaven Arts Advisory Committee will be informed and updated on activities at Shoalhaven Libraries.

2. Request more information.

Implications: Unknown.

Background

During July, August and September 2023 Shoalhaven Libraries had over 84,800 people visit and over 107,000 items were borrowed. During this time, the library also welcomed 672 new members. We held 168 events with over 2,500 people attending across all our branches.

Library staff answered more than 6,000 requests for general, reference and local studies information and additionally answered over 5,000 requests for help with technology. Our digital library loaned 27,152 items including eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines.

Focus Weeks/Months:

During this quarter we celebrated:

- The Arty Farty Party
- Adult Craft at Ulladulla and Nowra Libraries
- Thrive Together Fair
- National Indigenous Kids Day
- Lyrebird Pre School and Kangaroo Valley Public School visits
- Book Week
- Get Online Week
- Seed Library launch at Sanctuary Point Library
- Grandparents Day Storytime
- Childrens Week

The theme for Book Week this year was *Read, Grow, Inspire*. Our libraries celebrated with colouring, drawing, writing competitions, Storytime sessions, craft and Reader's Theatre sessions at Nowra, Ulladulla and Sanctuary Point Libraries.



Shoalhaven Libraries' Seed Library was launched at Sanctuary Point Library on 1st September. The collection provides a selection of easy to grow vegetables, flowers, and herbs ready for patrons to 'borrow', and they can also 'return' seed donations. The Seed Library has now been rolled out to other Shoalhaven Libraries and is proving extremely popular.

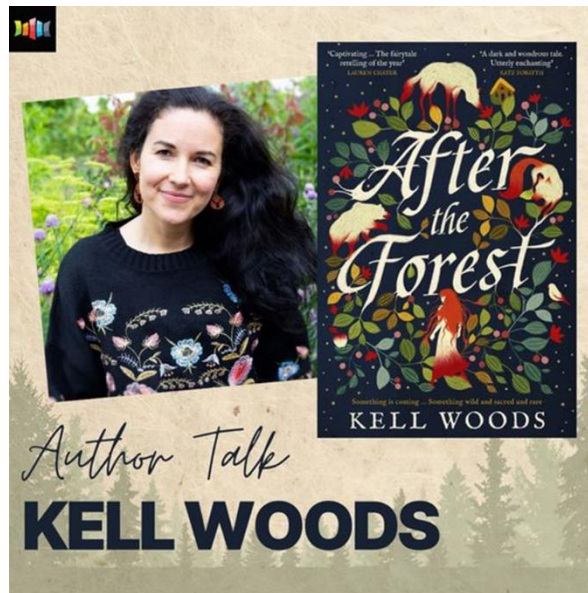
National Indigenous Kids Day was celebrated with a Binji and Boori Storytime, craft session and morning tea, and lots of activities were held for the school holidays, including, DIY play dough, Minecraft craft, Nature art and a Kids' movie.

The theme for Childrens Week this year was 'Children have the right to relax, play and take part in activities they enjoy' and Shoalhaven Libraries wholeheartedly embraced this with a wide range of activities for kids, including a special Creative Crafternoon to celebrate.

Author Talks:

In August, Nowra Library held an engaging talk *'How to write a thriller'* with author of the Charlie Robertson thrillers, Peter Gray.

We were also thrilled to host a book launch for ex-Shoalhaven Librarian, Kell Woods. After the Forest, her stunning historical fantasy, which asks the question, "what happens after Hanssel and Gretel met the witch?"



David Kerr, an author, relationship therapist, educator, radio broadcaster, pastor, traveller and artist, launched his book 'Out of Latvia' at Ulladulla Library. In his book, David tells Peter Jirgens's story of his youth as the son of Arnold Jirgens, a Latvian immigrant, who struggles against discrimination to establish his family in Nowra, Australia. He shares the stories his father told him of the hardship of life under Soviet rule, his escape from Europe after World War Two and the early days of his new life as an immigrant in a land far from home.

Online Assistance:

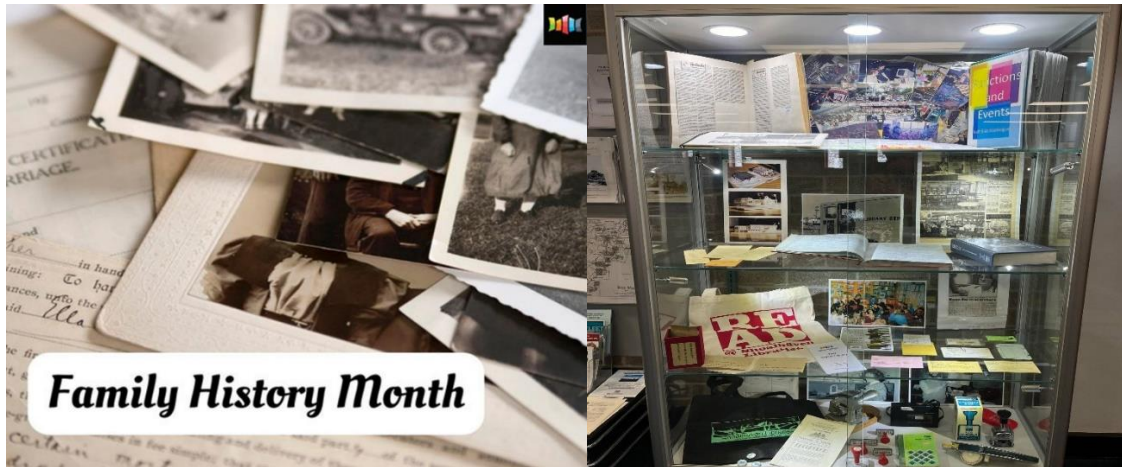
Get Online Week 2023 is a campaign organised by Good Things Foundation aiming to close the digital divide. The Foundation (and Shoalhaven Libraries) believe everyone deserves the opportunity to safely participate in our digital world and no one should be left behind. Events were held at Shoalhaven Libraries from 16-22 October. Trivia & morning tea events were held at Sanctuary Point, Nowra and Ulladulla Libraries to celebrate and educate.

Our Digital Library continues to expand and also make enhancements to its collection as well as access and inclusivity. The BorrowBox collection now has a dyslexic-friendly font available when reading eBooks, eAudio and eMagazines.

Local Heritage:

August was Family History Month. This year we explored the untold stories of women with Ironclad Sisterhood. This was a collaborative research project that looked at the lives of convict women in New South Wales. Using research from Jess Hill, a Society of Australian Genealogists' volunteer, the team behind Ironclad Sisterhood used contemporary digital tools to advance the understanding of convict women.

AB23.39



The History Week theme for 2023, *Voices from the Past*, was an opportunity to engage with the histories of those who were often voiceless in the past such as women, migrants, workers, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Shoalhaven Libraries was successful in receiving a grant from the Ancestry Grant Programs 2023. The grant funding of \$15,000 will allow for the digitisation of Shoalhaven City Council Rate, Water, Sanitary and Street Lighting books currently held, and will allow for online access to these important historical documents.

Other Public Programmes:

Information sessions were held on chronic pain, drugs, alcohol and wellbeing, along with talks on identity theft at Nowra and Ulladulla Libraries. In collaboration with the NBN and Telstra, sessions were held on Scams Awareness and e-safety. Attendees learnt tips on how best to avoid online and phone scams, discover helpful advice on what to do if you are ever a victim of a scam, and find out where you can go for more information.

Services Australia held a session on planning for retirement and understanding aged care. Patrons were able to come along to gain valuable insights, and topics covered included, checking eligibility for government-funded services, making a referral for an aged care assessment, saving and planning for the future, planning for retirement and connecting customers to local support services.

Information sessions were also held on ‘All about Bats’ learning about the environmental importance of megabats and microbats, and what you can do from home and in your garden to protect this incredible species. This fantastic talk was presented by the Flying Fox and Microbat Coordinator of Wildlife Rescue South Coast and operator of the Bat Clinic.

Patrons had the opportunity to attend a ‘*Live Life More Sustainably*’ workshop hosted by Wombat. During the workshop participants were provided the opportunity to learn tips and tricks to live a more sustainable life and ensure they are making choices today that will positively impact the planet tomorrow.

An emergency preparedness workshop ‘*Protect What Matters Most*’ was hosted by the Red Cross. This workshop was an all-hazards program aiming to prepare people for emergencies ranging from heatwave, severe storms, health epidemics, bushfire, or an unexpected trip to hospital. The session looked beyond surviving an emergency and aimed to increase personal resilience when recovering from an emergency.

New Sanctuary Point Library Public Art:

The successful artists selected for the three public art opportunities at the new Sanctuary Point Library continue to work on their submissions with the architects and industrial design

company. All the projects are progressing well and are on track to have their detailed designs completed to fit with the construction tender process.

Shoalhaven Libraries Strategic Plan:

The Shoalhaven Libraries Strategic Plan draft document has been endorsed by Council and staff are currently organising for it to be put on public exhibition for 28 days for community feedback.

AB23.40 Shoalhaven City Art Collection Preservation Needs Assessment

HPERM Ref: D23/479125

Department: Arts & Culture

Approver: Jane Lewis, Director - City Lifestyles

Attachments: 1. Preservation Needs Assessment - Shoalhaven City Art Collection (under separate cover) [⇨](#)

Reason for Report

The purpose of this report is to inform the Arts Advisory Committee of the findings of a Preservation Needs Assessment of the Shoalhaven City Art Collection.

Recommendation

That the Arts Advisory Committee receive the Preservation Needs Assessment for information.

Options

1. Receive the report for information.

Implications: The Shoalhaven Arts Advisory Committee will be informed of the findings of the Preservation Needs Assessment

2. Request more information.

Implications: Unknown

Background

In November 2022 Shoalhaven Regional Gallery was awarded a Community Heritage Grant from the National Library of Australia to conduct a Shoalhaven City Art Collection Preservation Needs Assessment.

In March 2023 Kim Morris, Director of Art and Archival, was selected to conduct the on site assessment. He visited the Gallery later that month and presented his report in October 2023.

Report Focus

A key focus of this report includes a detailed assessment of condition, preservation and treatment recommendations for the Elyard watercolour collection, plus other collection components identified as significant by Gallery management.

This assessment also considers collection sensitivities, environmental risks, and risks associated with current practices relating to collection usage including display, maintenance and storage conditions. This report identifies and addresses four key preservation needs:

1. Dedicated storage space upgrade and expansion
2. Storage space lighting revision
3. Works of art on open storage treatment needs
4. Works of art on paper treatment needs

Key Recommendations

1.1 Short-Term Recommendations: Action within 1-2 Years

1. Continue planning to expand and upgrade the Art Stores.
2. Modify lighting in the Level 2 Art Store to decrease exposure of works on open storage to excessive cumulative light exposure.
3. Develop a preservation project to clean add backing boards to works of art on open rack storage and in temporary storage.
4. Elyard Collection: Develop preservation projects to upgrade mounting systems and undertake conservation works.
5. Other works on paper identified as significant: Develop a preservation project to upgrade mounting systems.

1.2 Medium-Term Recommendations: Action within 3 Years

1. Implement plans to expand and upgrade the Art Stores.
2. Commence preservation project to clean and add backing boards to works of art on open rack storage and in temporary storage.
3. Commence preservation and conservation projects to upgrade mounting systems and undertake conservation works on identified Elyard Collection works.
4. Commence planning a preservation project to upgrade mounting systems of identified significant works on paper.
5. Commence development of a dedicated disaster plan for the building and Collections.

1.3 Long-Term Recommendations: Action within 5 Years

1. Complete expansion and upgrade of Art Stores.
2. Complete preservation project to clean and add backing boards to works of art on open rack storage and in temporary storage.
3. Complete preservation and conservation projects to upgrade mounting systems and undertake conservation works on identified Elyard Collection works.
4. Commence and complete a preservation project to upgrade mounting systems of identified significant works on paper.
5. Complete and implement a dedicated disaster plan for the building and Collections

Policy Implications

Actioning the key recommendations will be in line with Shoalhaven City Art Collection – Acquisition and Management Policy POL2/49, namely:

- 3.1.4. The services of professionals in the field will be obtained for conservation, valuation, restoration, and museum standard pest treatment.

Financial Implications

Critical projects can be funded through the existing collection care budget. No funding is available for improvements to the building and infrastructure.

Funding through Community Heritage Grants for longer term and larger cost projects will be considered. As funding opportunities are identified suitable projects will be assessed. Major investment and improvements to the building and infrastructure will need to be considered and prioritised through Council's Enterprise Project Management Framework (ePMO).

AB24.3 Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre Update - February - May 2024

HPERM Ref: D24/248632

Department: Arts Culture & Entertainment
Approver: Jane Lewis, Director - City Lifestyles

Reason for Report

The purpose of this report is to inform the Shoalhaven Arts Advisory Committee of recent and future programming, events, and community engagement activities at the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Shoalhaven Arts Advisory Committee members receive the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre Update Report – February – May 2024 for information.

Options

1. Receive the report for information

Implications: The Shoalhaven Arts Advisory Committee members are kept updated and apprised of programming, events, memberships, and community engagement activities at the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre.

2. Request for more information.

Implications: Unknown.

Background

Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre's 2024 annual Seasons have been positively received by the community. Memberships are at a record high at more than 530.

Culture Counts social impact surveys continue to provide essential information about how our community and audiences are responding to all Season performances, associated community engagement and Members events.



Lost in Shanghai, February 27 2024

The first performance of the 2024 Season was a sell-out, in the Studio theatre. Lost in Shanghai was written and performed by ABC international journalist Jane Hutcheon.

This biographical work, with accompaniment from musician Terumi Narushima, focused on the life of Jane’s mother Beatrice – a tale of a turbulent childhood in pre-Communist China set against the loss of colonial privilege and impending war.

Community engagement associated with Lost in Shanghai included a post-show Q&A with Jane and Terumi. Members were invited to a curated tea tasting and supper, with the opportunity to meet Jane and Terumi.

Open responses from audience members:

“We both have Eurasian heritage, born and raised in Hong Kong with a mother born in Shanghai and ended up living in Australia - so her story was a very interesting and fascinating one for me....”

“A most amazing uplifting telling of a special story. Musical accompaniment absolutely brilliant”

Culture Counts results, based on 46 responses:

- **Captivation 97%**
- **Presentation 96%**
- **Local Impact 96%**
- **Enthusiasm 95%**



Yuldea, March 6 2024

Bangarra Dance Theatre’s major new work Yuldea attracted a near-capacity audience in the Auditorium of more than 830 patrons who gave a standing ovation.

Choreographed by Frances Rings, Yuldea tells the story of the Anangu people of the Great Victorian Desert, and the moment traditional life collided with the industrial ambition of a growing nation.

One audience member from the United Kingdom planned their trip to Australia around the opportunity to see Bangarra at the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre.

Community engagement included a dance workshop at the Entertainment Centre and a workshop offered exclusively to First Nations students at Nowra High School.

Aboriginal elder, Nowra’s Aunty Ruth Simms Welcomed the Bangarra cast and crew onto Country and performed a Welcome to Country for the audience.

Almost 100 First Nations people accessed affordable tickets thanks to the philanthropic support of the Balnaves Foundation.

Open responses from audience members:

“This was a truly stunning performance. I travelled from Victoria for the sole purpose of attending Bangarra and was so pleased that I did.”

“I have wanted to see Bangarra for years. The performance was emotionally thought provoking with an amazing musical score. The costumes were spectacular, and the dancing was mesmerising. Thank you for this opportunity.”



Yuin elder Aunty Ruth Simms with Bangarra cast and crew.

Culture Counts results, based on 90 responses:

- **Captivation: 96%**
- **Presentation: 95%**
- **Cultural Contribution: 96%**
- **Local Impact: 97%**



The Winner Is.... March 19 2024

Musical theatre stars Ian Stenlake and Michelle Fitzmaurice (pictured) took a century of Academy Award winning songs from the screen to the stage in this first Morning Matinee of the 2024 Season in March.

The audience responded positively to the vocalists who were accompanied by a musical director on the concert grand piano.

The show was attended by more than 370 people, who received a complimentary morning tea prior to the show.

Open responses from audience members:

“I thoroughly enjoyed the concert. The songs brought back many memories. Ian and Michelle were fabulous entertainers.”

“A really great show and a good time!”

Culture Counts results, based on 28 responses:

- **Captivation: 90%**
- **Presentation: 89%**
- **Cultural Contribution: 85%**
- **Local Impact: 91%**



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You Are a Doughnut, April 26 2024

The school holiday crowd of children, parents and grandparents laughed and cheered raucously at You Are a Doughnut, a biological musical comedy that took the Entertainment Centre’s audience on a vaudeville-inspired voyage through the human digestive system.

Open responses from audience members:

“... attended with my 12-year-old foster daughter and we both had a fun morning. Who would have thought that our digestive system could be so entertaining? Well, done to both the presenters.

“Loved it, combo of education and entertainment was just a delight to attend with the kids.”

“It was good, silly, fun, educational and was interesting”.

Culture Counts results, based on 25 responses:

- **Captivation: 90%**
- **Presentation: 92%**
- **Cultural Contribution: 75%**
- **Local Impact: 91%**



Nina Simone, A Musical Life, May 1 2024

Bonnie Lee Galea and her band Jazz in Cheek Quartet paid homage to the consummate storyteller Nina Simone in the second of six Morning Matinees programmed for 2024.

A complimentary morning tea was provided to the audience.

Open response from audience members:

“This event was not to my liking, just not my type of music, normally enjoy the other shows we have been to at SEC.”

Culture Counts results, based on 31 responses:

- **Captivation: 77%**
- **Presentation: 89%**
- **Cultural Contribution: 79%**
- **Local Impact: 89%**



Club 27, May 10 2024

27 Club, a live rockumentary, featuring the music and stories of Janis Joplin, Amy Winehouse, Kurt Cobain, Jim Morrison, and Jimi Hendrix received rave reviews from Entertainment Centre audiences. The featured superstars of rock, grunge and soul are among a curiously long list of musicians who all died at the tragically young age of 27.

In this production the hits of the 27 Club were performed by Sarah McLeod (The Super Jesus), Kevin Mitchell (Jebediah), Carla Lipsis (Mondo Psycho), plus Dusty Lee Stephensen and the Wanderers.

Open response from, an audience member:

“Took two friends. We all enjoyed it and were buzzing afterwards. They’re both considering becoming Members and planning what shows to come to next. Thanks Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre for everything you do to keep community entertained and culturally nourished! So appreciated!”

Culture Counts results, based on 52 responses:

- **Captivation: 90%**
- **Presentation: 90%**
- **Cultural Contribution: 74%**
- **Local Impact: 92%**



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ACO Collective, May 15 2024

Ticket sales were strong for the Entertainment Centre’s first presentation of ACO Collective for the evening performance on May 15 2024. A schools performance programmed for May 16 2024 was withdrawn from sale due to low numbers.

The audience response rapturously to the ACO Collective’s programme The Lark Ascending under the direction of violinist Helena Rathbone. Many stood to applaud.

Open response from audience members:

“The ACO Collective was world class, I went with my 12-year-old son who plays the violin at a local school. It is an absolute privilege and so important to have access to these kinds of performances and artists in our regional area, thank you for coming ACO!”

“It was just incredible! We were privileged to have a performance of that calibre here in Nowra. Thank you to the SEC management and to the ACO Collective. I am still on a high from the concert!”

Culture Counts results, based on 62 responses:

- **Captivation: 96%**
- **Presentation: 93%**
- **Cultural Contribution: 97%**
- **Local Impact: 97%**

AB24.4 Shoalhaven Regional Gallery Update - January - June 2024

HPERM Ref: D24/249967

Department: Arts Culture & Entertainment
Approver: Jane Lewis, Director - City Lifestyles

Reason for Report

To inform the Shoalhaven Arts Advisory Committee of recent exhibitions, events and community engagement programs at Shoalhaven Regional Gallery.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That Shoalhaven Arts Advisory Committee receive the Shoalhaven Regional Gallery Update January – June 2024 report for information.

Options

1. Receive the report for information

Implications: The Committee is updated on the Shoalhaven Regional Gallery's programs and exhibitions.

2. Requestion for more information

Implications: Unknown

Programs update



DEATH LOVE ART, Women in Mourning 1, by Maree Clarke

The **DEATH LOVE ART** group exhibition, curated by Shoalhaven artist Max Dingle, explored the ways artists employ their creative expression to confront and process mortality. The exhibition took visitors on a journey of cultural and historical acts of mourning and remembering. The show included a huge breadth of works ranging from a haunting First Century BC Egyptian funerary portrait to Ned Kelly’s death mask.

Artists represented in the show, from December 9 2023 to February 3 2024, included Tony Albert, Claire Healey and Sean Cordiero, Joy Hester, Sally Morgan, Sidney Nolan, Garry Shead and Salvatore Zofrea.

Total attendance to the exhibitions: 1,071

Opening event attendance: More than 50

Public programs attendance: 127

Comments from Gallery visitors:

“Wish we could have run with you Ned”

“Very interesting. Different perspective.”

“Fascinating exhibition, really makes you think.”



Ocean & Industry artist Donald Keys with Federal Arts Minister Tony Burke

From February 10 to March 2 2024, the Gallery hosted concurrent exhibitions **Oceans & Industry by Donald Keys** and **New Horizons**, visual art works by the region’s 2023 HSC visual arts students.

New Horizons featured works by students from Bomaderry High School, Kiama High School, Nowra Anglican College, Nowra High School, Nowra Christian School, Shoalhaven High School, Shoalhaven River College, St John the Evangelist Catholic High School, Ulladulla High School and Vincentia High School

Total attendance to the exhibitions: 769

Opening event: Attended by 98

Comments from Gallery visitors:

“Donald’s work is amazing”

“Thank-you for this wonderful opportunity for our local students. It means so much to them”

“Brilliant mix of wonderful work throughout”



The Comfort Zone – works by Nicci Bedson

From the 9 March to 4 May 2024 the Gallery hosted three concurrent exhibitions:

Comfort Zone by the Shoalhaven’s Alison Mackay and Illawarra’s Nicci Bedson: These ‘expression of interest’ shows focused on the essence of home and heritage through intricate paintings and eclectic works. Both shows were popular with Gallery visitors.

The Giver by Aidan Gageler – a photographic exploration of abstracted light, time, and chemistry intrigued visitors. Aidan is a Shoalhaven artist.

Desert Jungle by Jeannie Baker: Explored the delicate balance between nature and human intervention through intricate collage works. Jeannie’s work contemplates the dynamic relationship between desert landscapes and urban environments. On loan from Penrith Gallery, this exhibition had a strong following from teachers and primary schools.

Total attendance to the exhibitions: 4,780

Opening event: Attended by 87

Primary school attendance: 230

Sold out public program: Collage Nightclub in response to Desert Jungle

Comments from Gallery visitors:

“Inspiring and breathtaking work by Jeannie Baker.”

“As a local artist, I am inspired by the current exhibitions. Congratulations.”



Shoalhaven Regional Gallery’s Learn Program remains popular with primary schools



Culture Dose

The Gallery has delivered Culture Dose for Kids, a free arts engagement program supporting children with mild anxiety, developed as a collaborative partnerships between the Art Gallery of New South Wales, the Black Dog Institute and established with the support of the Gibb Foundation.

Among the first program of its kind worldwide, Culture Dose for Kids was designed as a calming and engaging eight-week program, which ran on Saturdays from February 10 2024. It provided support to children aged 9-12 who experience mild anxiety and those who had been affected by natural disasters.

The program fostered increased parent-child connections as a significant outcome, facilitated by the interplay of extended time, reflexive activities, and space. In addition, children were empowered through open-ended creative activities to connect to their feelings, thoughts and imagination to build self-confidence and resilience while challenging the need for perfectionism.

Comments from the parents and grandparents who attended with children. suggested the program influenced create positive mental health outcomes which were expected to last beyond the program.

Apart from working on individual art pieces the children and their parents/carers also created a collaborative large-scale canvas.

Broken Obelisk



A major work by internationally acclaimed American sculptor Barnett Newman was installed on the Gallery forecourt in February 2024.

The sculpture, Broken Obelisk, is on long-term loan from the national Gallery of Australia in Kamberrri/Canberra with support from the Australian Government as part of the 'Sharing the National Collection' initiative.

Broken Obelisk will be on exhibition for the next five years and is one of the first loans to be made through this Federal Government program.

Upon launching the Broken Obelisk on February 16 2024 at the Shoalhaven Regional Gallery, Federal Minister for the Arts Tony Burke congratulated Shoalhaven City Council on its bold choice of work. Considered a masterpiece of human

engineering and artistic innovation, the Broken Obelisk attracts visitors to the Gallery on a daily basis who visibly enjoy interacting with the work, taking pictures and selfies.

AB24.5 Report - Shoalhaven Libraries Update - March - May 2024

HPERM Ref: D24/250244

Department: Library Services

Approver: Jane Lewis, Director - City Lifestyles

Reason for Report

The reason for the report is to update the Shoalhaven Arts Advisory Committee on activities and services at Shoalhaven Libraries between March and May 2024.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Shoalhaven Arts Advisory Committee receive the Shoalhaven Libraries update report March – May 2024 for information.

Options

1. Receive the report for information.

Implications: The Shoalhaven Arts Advisory Committee will be informed and updated on activities at Shoalhaven Libraries.

2. Request more information.

Implications: Unknown.

Background

During March, April and May 2024 Shoalhaven Libraries had over 77,000 people visit and over 85,923 items were borrowed. During this time the library welcomed 734 new members. We held 138 events with over 2,584 people attending across our branches.

Library staff answered more than 5,498 requests for general, reference and local studies information and additionally answered over 4,845 requests for help with technology. Our digital library loaned 30,781 items including eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines.

Focus Weeks/Months:

During this quarter we celebrated:

- Seniors Week
- National Reconciliation Week
- National Simultaneous Storytime
- Harmony Week, celebrating our world's diversity
- Shoalhaven Libraries Book Bar celebrated its 1st Birthday
- Happy Shakespeare Day was celebrated on 23rd April 2024
- International Women's Day

- National Volunteers Day

Seniors Week was celebrated from 11-24th March 2024, with events at all libraries. Our older adult community had the opportunity to participate in events including trivia mornings, tech help sessions, movies, book clubs, nature talks, along with sessions on wellbeing and seniors' rights information. The trivia morning was popular with requests being received for making this a more regular activity, this is being explored with the Outreach Team. The nature talks continue to be well received and frequently have a waiting list for the 20 places available.

National Simultaneous Storytime was celebrated at our libraries, with readers theatre, and craft, adding extra enjoyment to the story. The official book for this year's celebration was '*Bowerbird Blues*' by Aura Parker.



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Our Just Craftin' Around sessions are an opportunity for a casual chat whilst creating beautiful works of craft each month. Recently patrons had the opportunity to create Origami Flowers, Paper Mosaics and Dala Horse Felt Ornaments. Sessions are held at all our branches and are a great way for like-minded people to meet, connect and socialise.

Ulladulla Library hosted The Australian National Maritime Museum's **travelling exhibition Bidhiinja**: restoring our oyster reefs exhibition. To celebrate this, a drawing competition was held in conjunction with the exhibition.

Our recently introduced **Seed Library** continues to grow, with new seeds recently added to the collection. Seed swap and information days were held at Sanctuary Point and Nowra Libraries. Jane Mowbray, presenter with Community Gardens Australia, demonstrated techniques for seed collection, showed participants examples of seed viability tests, and discussed storage options. A big thank you to Jane for sharing her knowledge in this way, helping individuals to grow their own food and contribute to local ecosystems. The seed library is growing in popularity and the Outreach team are looking at opportunities to introduce these sessions at Ulladulla Library.

We celebrated **National Reconciliation Week** from 27th May to 3rd June 2024. This year's theme was 'Now More Than Ever'. Shoalhaven Libraries stock a range of books for all ages to immerse themselves in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander storytelling. We are exploring opportunities to further build our relationships with local Aboriginal communities and organisations to provide more outreach services. This has included the mobile library having a regular visit to Cullunghutti Child Care Centres in South Nowra and East Nowra.

Author Talks:

Ulladulla Library held their trip-author extravaganza. Hosted by Meredith Jaffe, Anne Buist and Graeme Simson spoke of their compelling and addictive novel 'The Glass House: A novel of mental health'. We were very excited by their visit which was a great success and enjoyed by a large crowd at the library. It's always exciting when authors like Anne Buist and Graeme Simson visit and share insights about their work. Over 100 people attended this event.

Online Assistance:

Digital Literacy continues to be important as our technology continues to rapidly progress. Our drop-in tech sessions continue to be a crucial service to library patrons with a variety of tech solutions provided. Our 15-minute sessions are held at all our libraries for those wanting to learn something new or resolve something quickly.

Shoalhaven Libraries updated their App, enhancing the user experience by improving usability, security, reading lists, reading tracker, push notifications and right to left languages support.

Local Heritage:

Nowra Library hosted an exhibition and talk on local legend Artie Smith, tagged 'Shoalhaven's Mr Sport' by the local newspapers in the 1950s and early 1960s. The local dairy farmer served on approximately 20 different bodies in his time, working for his community when two World Wars and the Great Depression forced structural change on many of the organisations he worked within. This was well supported, with over 50 people attended this event.



Following the successful receiving of grant funding from the Ancestry Grants Program 2023, the genealogical company Ancestry visited Nowra Library to digitise our rate, water supply, sanitary and street lighting books. This collection dates back to the early 20th century. These images are now being edited and will be available to view online through Ancestry.com for free at the library in the not too distant future.

Other Public Programmes:

Our recently introduced Nature Matters talks have been very popular, proving valuable insights and fostering a deeper appreciation for the environment. Talks have included Corroboree Frogs with Dr. Shannon Kelleher and Backyard Birds with Yolande Cozijn from Birdlife Shoalhaven.

Our annual winter warmers challenge was launched again this year. Members of the community had the opportunity to submit a knitted or crocheted scarf or beanie. On conclusion of the competition, items will be donated to local charities. Knit-in sessions are also being planned enabling community members to come together for a good cause.



Various community talks have been held on a diverse range of topics including, Diabetes, Osteoporosis, from Age-ing to Sage-ing, Photography with Samuel Markham along with an information session at Ulladulla Library ‘What is Art Therapy and how could it help me or my loved ones?’

We continue to work collaboratively with the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre; a collage competition was held celebrating artist and author Jeannie Baker focussing on her book ‘Desert Jungle’. You and Your Donut colouring in competition was also held, promoting the show ‘You are a Donut’, a biological-musical-comedy-adventure exploring the human digestive system.

Our fantastic school holiday program was once again extremely popular, some great activities were held to entertain and create learning, including, Drop in Creative Art and craft; Get your Game On; Pipe Cleaner People Adventure and the previously mentioned Jeannie Baker Collage Competition.

Shoalhaven Libraries Strategic Plan:

Shoalhaven Libraries Strategic Plan 2024-2027 was endorsed by Council at their Ordinary Meeting on 25th March 2024.

<https://doc.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/Displaydoc.aspx?Record=D24/26180>

AB24.6 Shoalhaven City Art Collection - Acquisition of Works - Australian Artist Robert Dickerson - Cultural Gifts Program

HPERM Ref: D24/251760

Department: Arts Culture & Entertainment
Approver: Jane Lewis, Director - City Lifestyles

Reason for Report

The purpose of the report is to enable the Shoalhaven Arts Board to consider the acquisition of two significant paintings by renowned Australian artist Robert Dickerson (b.1924, Hurstville – d. 2015, Nowra).

These works have been offered as a donation under the Cultural Gifts program to be considered for acquisition to the City Art Collection by the artist's widow Mrs Jennifer Dickerson, in line with Shoalhaven City Art Collection – Acquisition and Management Policy POL22/49.

Recommendation

That Council as recommended by the Shoalhaven Arts Advisory Committee:

1. Accept the two works by artist Robert Dickerson offered for donation by Jennifer Dickerson into the Shoalhaven City Art Collection
2. Proceed with an application for a Certificate of Donation via the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program.

Options

1. The Arts Advisory Committee accepts this report.

Implications: The works will be accessioned into the City Art Collection and an application will be made for a Cultural Gifts Program Certificate of Donation.

2. The Arts Advisory Committee Amend or change the Recommendation.

Implications: Acquisition of works may not be in line with Shoalhaven City Art Collection – Acquisition and Management Policy POL22/49

Background

Two significant paintings by renowned Australian artist Robert Dickerson (b.1924, Hurstville – d. 2015, Nowra) have been offered as a donation to Shoalhaven Regional Gallery by the artist's widow Mrs Jennifer Dickerson.

The works are:

- *South Coast Landscape* (1992) acrylic on canvas, 92 x 122 cm, and
- *Children Playing, South Coast* (2013), acrylic on canvas, 92 x 122 cm.

Both are signed 'Dickerson' in the lower right. The works are in excellent condition.

Robert Dickerson is one of Australia's better known figurative painters. He was a founding member of the 'Antipodeans' art movement, and his work was inspired by people and scenes of everyday life.

The Shoalhaven Regional Gallery holds a suite of seven prints by Robert Dickerson dating from the 1990s, acquired into the collection in 2023. The two paintings offered as a gift under the Australian Government’s Cultural Gift Program represent a major acquisition for the Gallery of Dickerson’s painting.

They show one of the artist’s favourite themes, children playing in the landscape and figures in the landscape; both are inspired by the South Coast. They encompass a period from the artist’s mid-career (1992) to his later years; *Children Playing, South Coast* was painted two years before his death.



South Coast Landscape (1992) acrylic on canvas, 92 x 122 cm



Children Playing, South Coast (2013), acrylic on canvas, 92 x 122 cm

Images and information regarding the proposed Dickerson donation were emailed to acquisition subcommittee members Stephen Buzacott, Cllr Moo D’Ath, Clive Freeman, Frank Howarth and Drew Longbottom.

Stephen Buzacott viewed the paintings on Tuesday 11 June 2024 in the Gallery’s Collection storage space and confirmed his agreement to the acquisition. Frank Howarth, who is currently overseas, has written confirming his endorsement.

Acting Gallery Director Judith Blackall who joined the acquisitions subcommittee in its appraisal also endorsed the proposed donation given the works’ relationship to the Shoalhaven.

The sub-committee considered the works in relation to the importance of the artist. Dickerson is represented in all major Australian public Collections.

The proposed acquisition meets the criteria of the Shoalhaven City Council Art Collection under section 3.1.6 under the following considerations:

- Significance of artist
- Local Significance
- Historical / cultural value

The proposed works are also important in relationship to the series of Dickerson prints already in the Collection.

The Arts Acquisition Sub-Committee recommend the donation by Jennifer Dickerson of Robert Dickerson works be accepted into the Collection.

Community Engagement

The City Art Collection is made available to the community through the online collection catalogue, through exhibitions at Shoalhaven Regional Gallery and through placement of suitable works in the Administration building, Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre foyer and other locations as suitable.

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Policy Implications

All offers of donation were reviewed against the Shoalhaven City Art Collection – Acquisition and Management Policy POL22/49.

Financial Implications

The works are offered under the Australian Government’s Cultural Gift Program. The Art Acquisition budget has sufficient funds to cover any incidental costs which have included the appraisal and valuation of the works.

AB24.7 Update on Actions - June 2024

HPERM Ref: D24/262222

Approver: Jane Lewis, Director - City Lifestyles

Attachments: 1. Action Table - June 2024 - Arts Advisory Committee [↓](#)

Reason for Report

The purpose of this report is to provide the Shoalhaven Arts Board with a progress report on outstanding actions.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Shoalhaven Arts Board

1. Receive the update on Actions report for information.
2. Note the following items as complete and remove from the Action Table:
 - a. AB23.6 - Shoalhaven Arts Board - The Way Forward - Project Plan / cost estimates / funding strategy - Report request
 - b. AB23.34 - Draft Strategic Plan - South Coast Arts (SCA) - Deferred
 - c. AB23.36 - Resignation - Bonnie Porter Greene - Thank you Letter
 - d. AB23.38 - Shoalhaven City Art Collection - Acquisition of Works - Untitled Watercolour Samuel Elyard - Jonah (and the Whale) John Edward - Art and War Ahn Do
 - e. AB23.39 - Shoalhaven Libraries Update - Report Deferred
 - f. AB23.40 - Shoalhaven City Art Collection Preservation Needs Assessment - Report Deferred
 - g. AB23.42 - Membership Appointment - Louise Croker - 6 Monthly Report - South Coast Arts

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Options

1. Adopt the recommendation as written.

Implications: The Shoalhaven Arts Board is updated on progress of actions and recommendations made at previous meetings.

2. Request more information.

Implications: Members of the Shoalhaven Arts Board request further information.

Background

This report is to update the Shoalhaven Arts Board on outstanding actions from previous meetings.

Attachment 1 provides information regarding the status of actions and resolutions made at previous meetings, including items which are still works in progress. Staff are able to provide

an update at the meeting, should members have any further questions on the status of actions.

Community Engagement

It is important that the members of the Arts Board are kept informed on progress towards the completion of actions and projects. This report provides a structured approach to facilitate this information exchange.

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Meeting Date: 12/12/2023	Item No: AB23.35	Officer: Patterson, Karen	Completed:
Title: Peter Zanetti - 2022 Arts Practitioners Professional Development Grant Recipient - Exhibition of Prints - Mayors Office			
Action: Council staff to discuss the exhibition of Mr Peter Zanetti's prints with the Mayor and contact Mr Zanetti to arrange.		Notes: 21 Feb 2024 12:09pm Patterson, Karen - Reallocation Action reassigned to Hayes, Rahima Miriam by Patterson, Karen - Reassigning to Rahima Hayes who is acting in the role of Gallery Manager. 17 Jun 2024 2:01pm Martins, Amy - Reallocation Action reassigned to Patterson, Karen by Martins, Amy - Reassigning to Karen Patterson 18 Jun 2024 5:48pm Patterson, Karen Shoalhaven Regional Gallery team are now working with Mr Zanetti regarding the donation and exhibition of prints created during an Arts Advisory Committee funded professional development residency.	

Meeting Date: 03/04/2023	Item No: AB23.6	Officer: Patterson, Karen	Completed: 25/06/2024
Title: Shoalhaven Arts Board - The Way Forward - Project Plan / cost estimates / funding strategy - Report request			
RESOLVED (Clr Butler / Clr Ell) MIN23.171 That staff, in consultation with the Shoalhaven Arts Board (SAB), prepare a report to Council in response to SAB recommendations (AB23.6) providing a project plan, cost estimates, and a funding strategy that would see the requested actions proceed in a timely manner. FOR: Clr Findley, Clr Kotlash, Clr Norris, Clr Butler, Clr Copley, Clr Ell, Clr Christen, Clr White, Clr Watson, Clr Kitchener and Clr Gray AGAINST: Clr Wells CARRIED		Notes: 15 Jun 2023 2:51pm Bowley, Kay "Monday, 24 April 2023 at 9:46:57 AM (GMT+10:00) Taylor, Sarah:", Staff will organise a meeting with SAB members to work on a report for Council 31 Aug 2023 9:48am Taylor, Sarah Following a workshop held with SAB members on 9 August new SAB ToR will be presented at the next SAB Meeting on 6 September 2023 - D23/325506. Once the new ToR have been adopted by Council staff will discuss this report further with SAB members. 20 Sep 2023 1:00pm Taylor, Sarah The new ToR were discussed and recommended to be approved by Council. An initial discussion regarding this report was started at SAB Meeting on 19 September, however quorum was lost during the discussion and a decision was made to continue the discussion at the next SAB meeting in December 2023.	

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	<p>01 Dec 2023 10:09am Taylor, Sarah This report will be discussed at the next Arts Advisory Committee Meeting on 12 December 2023.</p> <p>08 Jan 2024 10:45am Taylor, Sarah This report was discussed at the Arts Advisory Committee Meeting on 12 December 2023 at length. Following this discussion, staff decided to retain AB23.6 as an ongoing action, as a report will need to be provided to Council to complete this action.</p> <p>21 Feb 2024 9:15am Patterson, Karen Senior management met with the former Chair of the Arts Advisory Committee on this matter and advised this request was beyond the Committee's terms of reference, that the committee had no discretionary funds. The February 2024 Committee Meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum. A report addressing this action will be prepared for the next scheduled Arts Advisory Committee Meeting meeting on May 21, 2024.</p> <p>25 June 2024 4:30pm Lewis, Jane Council adopted the Delivery Program Operational Plan (DPOP), Resourcing Strategy and Budget for FY24/25 at its meeting on 24th June 2024. The Budget did not provide funding for the items listed in MIN 23.171, or identify these projects with resourcing in the DPOP for FY24/25. These items are unfunded minutes of Council and are unable to be actioned until such time as funding is allocated and these projects are included in a future DPOP with resourcing.</p>
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Meeting Date: 12/12/2023	Item No: AB23.34	Officer: Fischer, Ben	Completed: 04/01/2024
Title: Draft Strategic Plan - South Coast Arts (SCA) - Deferred			
Note: This item to be deferred to the next meeting in 2024.		Notes: 04 Jan 2024 4:16pm Fischer, Ben - Completion Completed by Fischer, Ben (action officer) on 04 January 2024 at 4:16:29 PM - Report Deferred	

Meeting Date: 12/12/2023	Item No: AB23.36	Officer: Fischer, Ben	Completed: 18/01/2024
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Title: Resignation - Bonnie Porter Greene - Thank you Letter	
RESOLVED (By consent) That the Arts Advisory Committee: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive the resignation of Ms Bonnie Porter Greene and thank her for her contribution and commitment to the Arts Advisory Committee. 2. Note that Council will seek to fill the vacancy created by this resignation through the current EOI open for this Committee. CARRIED	Notes: 18 Jan 2024 10:57am Fischer, Ben Letters sent on 5 January 2024 - see D24/4182 18 Jan 2024 10:57am Fischer, Ben - Completion Completed by Fischer, Ben (action officer) on 18 January 2024 at 10:57:43 AM - Action complete - see prior note

Meeting Date: 22/01/2024	Item No: AB23.38	Officer: Patterson, Karen	Completed: 18/06/2024
Title: Shoalhaven City Art Collection - Acquisition of Works - Untitled Watercolour Samuel Elyard - Jonah (and the Whale) John Edward - Art and War Ahn Do			
RESOLVED* (Clr Wells / Clr White) MIN24.14 That Council, as recommended by the Arts Advisory Committee: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accept the offer of donation for the work Untitled watercolour by Samuel Elyard. Donation by Peter Carlisle. 2. Accept the offer of donation for the work 'Jonah (and the Whale)' by John Edward. Donation by John Turner. 3. Accept the offer of a donation through the Cultural Gifts Program for the work 'Art and War' by Ahn Do. Donation by Ahn Do. FOR: Clr Findley, Clr D'Ath, Clr Boyd, Clr Norris, Clr Kotlash, Clr Copley, Clr Ell, Clr Christen, Clr White, Clr Wells, Clr Watson, Clr Kitchener and Clr Gray AGAINST: Nil CARRIED	Notes: 21 Feb 2024 12:14pm Patterson, Karen - Reallocation Action reassigned to Hayes, Rahima Miriam by Patterson, Karen - Reassigning to Rahima - as acting Gallery Manager 17 Jun 2024 2:01pm Martins, Amy - Reallocation Action reassigned to Patterson, Karen by Martins, Amy - Reassigning to Karen Patterson 18 Jun 2024 5:37pm Patterson, Karen - Completion Completed by Patterson, Karen (action officer) on 18 June 2024 at 5:37:03 PM - All three works have been accepted into the City Art Collection.		

Arts Advisory Committee and Ordinary Meeting Uncompleted as at 24/06/2024 Completed: 01/12/2023 to 25/06/2024	Action Sheets Report
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Meeting Date: 12/12/2023	Item No: AB23.39	Officer: Fischer, Ben	Completed: 04/01/2024
Title: Shoalhaven Libraries Update - Report Deferred			
Note: This item to be deferred to the next meeting in 2024.		Notes: 04 Jan 2024 4:16pm Fischer, Ben - Completion Completed by Fischer, Ben (action officer) on 04 January 2024 at 4:16:38 PM - Report Deferred	

Meeting Date: 12/12/2023	Item No: AB23.40	Officer: Fischer, Ben	Completed: 04/01/2024
Title: Shoalhaven City Art Collection Preservation Needs Assessment - Report Deferred			
Note: This item to be deferred to the next meeting in 2024.		Notes: 04 Jan 2024 4:16pm Fischer, Ben - Completion Completed by Fischer, Ben (action officer) on 04 January 2024 at 4:16:46 PM - report Deferred	

Meeting Date: 12/12/2023	Item No: AB23.42	Officer: Fischer, Ben	Completed: 25/01/2024
Title: Membership Appointment - Louise Croker - 6 Monthly Report - South Coast Arts			
RESOLVED (Stephen Buzacott / Clr Gray) That the Arts Advisory Committee appoint Ms Louise Croker as a non-voting member and receive a 6-monthly report from Ms Croker. CARRIED		Notes: 18 Jan 2024 10:47am Fischer, Ben Invitation email sent to Ms Croker on 18/01/2024 25 Jan 2024 8:23am Fischer, Ben - Completion Completed by Fischer, Ben (action officer) on 25 January 2024 at 8:23:54 AM - Email sent, Committee Folder notes updated and meetings forwarded	