



Minutes of the Meeting of the Art Exhibition Working Party

held on Tuesday 19 November
2019 in the Minlaton Council
Office commencing at 9:30am

(Subject to confirmation)

1 OPEN

1.1 Welcome by Chairperson

Renee Edwards declared the meeting open at 9:30am and thanked everyone for attending.

The Chair also wanted to recognise and thank Carina Congdon and Bobbi Pertini who resigned on 12/11/2019 for their work and commitment to the YP Art Exhibition over the last few years. Whilst they are no longer on the Working Party, they have generously agreed to be available for information and assistance if required.

A thankyou is also minuted for John Sandercock for his work and support in the past. John is being replaced by Stuart Palecek.

1.2 Present – Cr Tania Stock (till 10am), Leanne Cane, Jennifer Robyn, Suz'Anne Warren, Margie Gaisford, Lesley-Anne Swaans, Taylor Gray (by phone), Stuart Palecek, Carolyn Ramsey and Renee Edwards – Chair & Minute Secretary.

1.3 Apologies/leave of absence – Mayor Darren Braund, Cr Roger Johns, Richard Cane, David Harding, John Sandercock (resigned) and Amanda Loechel

1.4 Minutes of previous meeting

Leanne Cane moved

Jennifer Robins seconded

That the Minutes of the Art Exhibition Working Party (AEWP) meeting held on 11 October 2019 and meeting notes from informal meeting held 12 November 2019, as circulated, be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED

2 **BUSINESS ARISING**

The Chair noted that Cr Stock had to leave at 10am, so asked if there was any specific business the Councillor would like to discuss with the AEWP.

2.1 **Art Trail Update**

Cr Stock enquired about the inclusion of Maitland and District Progress Association hosting a small exhibition at the information centre as part of the Arts Trail. She was informed that an email was sent saying the AEWP preference was that they open as a minimum, for a few hours on the Monday (so they are open 'at Easter') but welcomes their Registration even if they are unable to open Easter Monday as part of the 2020 YTP Art Exhibition – Art Trail participant.

Cr Stock also enquired about Warooka registering for the Art Trail and was informed that we are still to receive confirmation from them.

Discussion suggested other Art Trail (commercial) participants –

- Sunnyhill Distillery for oversized artworks

ACTION: Leanne to follow up Sunnyhill Distillery

- Whatsacowie – Rozanne as contact person
- Barley Stacks Winery
- Emoyeni (African for *Place of much Wind*)

Carolyn was able to report to Cr Stock that she has been in touch with Walford Parsons about the Parson family exhibition at Port Vincent and had emailed him the Art Trail information as he had indicated that they would register for the Art Trail. He needed to speak to the family for final confirmation.

ACTION: Carolyn to follow up

2.2 **Sponsorship Plan**

Carolyn is following up this week with all previous sponsors after she contacted them last month.

Carolyn reported that we have exceeded the 2018 Sponsorship results, and since the last Minutes went out we have received notice of Sponsorship from:

Ray Agnew (Silver \$500), Rowan Ramsey MP (donation \$100) and Police Credit Union (Silver \$500).

Independent Schools were suggested for possible Sponsorship. Public Schools are not allowed by law to be sponsors.

ACTION: Carolyn to send out targeted Sponsor list to AEWP

Group raised suggestions regarding other Sponsorship options, including

- Lakeside Dental (Lesley following up and was informed she will hear back this week)
- Geoff Wild Earth-moving
- Jo Forbes – as raised at the Edithburgh Progress Association (president) meeting on 12 November 2019
- John Webb and Associates Insurance Brokers, Yorketown – new Owner Nathan Smith (were major sponsors in years past)

2.3 **Sam Brooks – Mural Art Work**

Carolyn reported that Sam Brooks is still interested and available to do a mural as part of the 2020 YP Art Exhibition art activities over Easter. His work often includes faces of local people, so we can seek suggestions of who the community might like

to be include in the Mural if we wish.

Site visits completed and some potential buildings for murals were identified, either for this year or in the future.

One site identified with potential is:

- Yorketown Caravan park refurbished amenity block (2019 Winner Australian Grey Nomad Best Small Caravan Park)

Working Party also suggested:

- Maitland Town Hall (side /street wall) with some local history references.
- Yorketown Chemist wall – currently there are issues with access to the wall (across a vacant block), even though the owner of the Chemist building is supportive.
- Weaners Flat Reserve – Yorketown. The amenity block has been upgraded and rendered and has a large blank wall facing the reserve and main road and opposite the Oval. It is a very popular park and playground. This site would also provide a great setting for a weekend mural painting ‘event’ as there could be refreshment stalls run by the local Progress Association to attract people to enjoy the experience of seeing a mural being done and do some fundraising.

Action: Carolyn to take some photos and put the Wieners Flat Reserve as the preferred site to Sam for consideration and then prepare a report to Council for funding consideration and approval

Action: Council to consider and look at the feasibility of a Mural program over the next few years at other suggested or potential sites.

Unfortunately there are no Grants open at the moment that would be able to provide funding in time for March 2020. Grants are needed to be applied for 18 months ahead of an art project.

Council workshopped the idea of local Murals earlier this year and they received in-principle support. A proposal with the site and a Mural concept plan will need to go to Council for endorsement/funding.

3 2020 EXHIBITION

3.1 Update on Progress Association involvement - Covered in Business Arising, 2.1

3.2 Progress to Date – Next Steps

- Key Dates – as included in 12/11/2019 Agenda were confirmed by the AEWP as correct and able to be published.
- Sponsorship – Covered in Business Arising, 2.2
- School Participation – Carolyn has contacted the schools that have registered to date and they were extremely supportive and pleased with the offer and opportunity for their students to be able to exhibit alongside artists in the ‘Open’ categories for Fine Art / Painting (at Ardrossan) Photography (at Yorketown) and Sculpture (at Edithburgh).
- The AEWP group discussed the scenario of a student’s work being selected (judged blind) for an ‘Open’ Category prize. The WP agreed that students can be eligible along with everyone else exhibiting for a main Prize.

MOTION: That students selected by the participating schools are eligible and will be included in the main exhibitions of Fine Art / Painting (Ardrossan) Photography (Yorketown) and Sculpture (Edithburgh) and Judging process for an equal opportunity to be selected (through blind judging) for an 'Open' Category prize.

Suzanne Warren moved

Margie Gaisford seconded

CARRIED

- 3.3 Judges** - Edward James was endorsed a Sculpture Judge. Ed is currently the Newmarch (Prospect) Gallery Coordinator and has extensive art judging experience.

Action: Carolyn to follow-up Sandy Burt to join Ed as a Sculpture Judge.

Merv Simmonds has confirmed again as a Photography Judge and is likely to be joined again by Pete Dobre (Carolyn waiting final confirmation). It is also anticipated that the Photography Workshop will go ahead as in 2018.

NOTE for information only – not part of minutes: Photography Judge – Pete Dobre and Fine Art / Painting Judges Andrea Przygonski and Sandra Starkey have just confirmed their availability to judge.

- 3.4 Rates Notice DL** - promoting the Exhibition and Website links went out to 10,500 Rate Payers in October – left over DL flyers to be distributed once received by staff.

- 3.5 Website** - The <https://www.yorkepeninsulaartexhibition.com.au/> website has been updated with new application forms (artists, schools, Sponsors and Art Trail) and an online payment function for artists. It's a one stop shop for all 2020 exhibition information.

Council's website - YP Art Exhibition look and feel will be refreshed this week, currently it just provides an access portal for all the forms and information.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 Working Party Meeting going forward – Terms of Reference

At the informal WP meeting held on 12 November 2019, a Working Party Executive and a Working Party (biennial exhibition) Member Group was discussed. In the main, this was because there is the need for a 'YP Art Group' to meet during the art exhibitions in-between years for continuity and overall ongoing responsibility. The key role of the wider Working Party Member (exhibition) Group, including Progress Association Members can then be focused on the planning and delivery of the biennial exhibition program. The aim is to respect people's time through specific, targeted involvement and increase more direct volunteer engagement for the exhibitions (Fine Art/Painting, Photography and Sculpture) as held in the different locations.

Action: Renee and Carolyn Ramsey to amend the Working Party Terms of Reference to reflect the above changes for comment, feedback and endorsement by the YP Art Working Party.

- 4.2 Arts Screens** – Carolyn viewed the art screens stored at Ardrossan Art Shed. The role of hiring out, storage and looking after the maintenance of the art screens falls to the

Ardrossan Progress Association whilst Council does the bookings and administration. It was agreed by the Working Party that as Ardrossan do all the work making the art screens available that they can keep the small amount earned in hire fees (as set by Council) for their time and effort.

- Leanne offered that the Maitland Music and Art Club has 24 'safety' (art style) screens with feet (as usually hired for exhibitions) available for use / hire at a negotiable rate.
- Sue Hancock has offered to assist the install and hang of the photography exhibition at Yorketown.

4.3 MC for Opening Exhibition Launch – in 2018 Brooke Liebelt from (YP Tourism) MC'd the event and did a good job. Key attributes for MC's were discussed and included the ability to 'keep formalities moving'. Suggestions were sought and Amber Joy Poulton was suggested.

Action: Carolyn to contact her and see if she is available and interested and what her fees may be.

Action: WP members were asked to come up with suggestions and forward to Carolyn.

4.4 Donations for Art Raffle Prizes – contacting artists to donate artworks to be raffled was discussed. So far we have Terry Braund donating a painting (as in the past).

Action: Jennifer to approach Rick Hutchinson and Antoinette McLean to donate art.

Action: Carolyn to email all (except Rick and Antoinette) 2018 Prize Winners to see if they will donate to the 'Art' raffle.

Action: Local Progress Associations are welcome to approach local businesses to donate to a general raffle that they organise to raise money that assists their local area of Ardrossan, Edithburgh and/or Yorketown.

Art Raffle to be drawn at the end of the Exhibition – to allow for as many ticket sales as possible over the Easter long weekend.

4.5 Working Party Member Photos – new photos were taken of Suz'Anne Warren, Stuart Palecek and Carolyn Ramsey for the webpage and 2020 catalogue. 2018 photos will be used for continuing members. A photo is still required for Amanda Loechel.

Action: Carolyn to contact Amanda and get her to send a 'head shot' photo or drop by the office so one can be taken.

5. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 10 December 2019, 9.30am, Maitland Council Office.

6. MEETING CLOSE

The meeting closed at 10.46am

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Chairperson – Renee Edwards