



Minutes of the Meeting of the Art Exhibition Working Party

held on Tuesday 17 March (rescheduled from 10 March) 2020
in the Minlaton Council Office commencing at 9:30am

(Subject to confirmation)

1 OPEN

1.1 Welcome by Chairperson

Richard Cane declared the meeting open at 9:31am and thanked everyone for attending.

1.2 Present – Richard Cane (Chair), Taylor Gray (Vice Chair by phone), Suz'Anne Warren, Carolyn Ramsey (Minute Secretary), Jennifer Robyn and Stuart Palecek.

1.3 Apologies/leave of absence – Mayor Darren Braund, Cr Tania Stock, Cr Roger Johns, , David Harding, Leanne Cane, Amanda Loechel, Lesley- Anne Swaans

1.4 Minutes of previous meeting

The reference to the pop-up Coffee Van location was for Ardrossan and not Yorketown.

Stuart Palecek, moved

Jennifer Robyn, seconded

That the Minutes of the Art Exhibition Working Party (AEWP) meeting held on 11 February 2020 be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED

2 BUSINESS ARISING

2.1 Move - 'Next meeting' to the end of today's Agenda

2.2 Add - COVID 19 as first Agenda item

The impact of the COVID 19 Virus was discussed as to the growing number of Govt guidelines and restrictions. The discussion was informed, measured and focused on doing 'the right thing' for locals, visitors, artists and the YP Art Exhibition brand. The Working Party were reminded and supported that the final call as to cancelling and / or postponing the

2020 art exhibition rests with the CEO, Andrew Cameron and Council.

Key points / comments

- Opening Night is a crowded event, indoors for over 200 people
- the people (volunteers) who welcome the public and sit the exhibitions come into contact with many people each day, and hundreds over the course of the weekend
- fewer people visiting the Peninsula will see people numbers down overall, and will not 'look good' or provide the best positive experience for the exhibition/artists efforts
- do not want to risk causing anyone contracting the Virus (many people from outside YP coming together with our community)
- information states that the Virus has not peaked in SA as yet
- our viewing / attendance demographic tends to be 'older'
- it is anticipated that sales and exhibition visitation will be well down due to fewer people holidaying and people self-isolating
- a lot of effort (and cost) for a much reduced outcome
- Federally, the rules around social events are tightening every few days
- need to give people (artists, locals and visitors) plenty of notice of an intention to Cancel – next week it is too late as artwork deliveries are pending
- October long weekend offers a number of other complimentary, local activities ie the Kite Festival in Yorketown that will attract new people that we can promote to
- October is an early buying time in the lead up to Christmas giving

The Working Party did not support the Yorketown Photography Workshop going ahead on Thursday 8 April 2020, but recommend that this is postponed as well – to keep it as a value-add opportunity and part of the YP Art Exhibition

The Working Party supported the Yorketown / Weaners Flat Mural still going ahead – a controllable, non-contact space that is outdoors with small, adhoc viewing numbers.

It will provide the community with something positive to promote and celebrate and will be supported by Yorketown Progress.

Logistics still to be worked through re artist registrations and payments ie to hold them over in trust or refund them (both were considered viable options)

We will reuse road and event signage completed.

Online artwork sales were also considered a possibility from now to ie October as we have all the artwork and artist information and images – near 300 artworks in total across the three categories (Fine Art / Painting, Sculpture and Photography)

MOTION: The 2020 YP Art Exhibition Working Party move that the YP Art Exhibition planned for Easter 2020, be in the first place considered postponed and now be held on the October Long Weekend, 3 to 5 October 2020 or be rescheduled to Easter 2021 (Friday 2 to Monday 5 April 2021).

Moved by Jennifer Robyn

Seconded by Suz'Anne Warren

CARRIED

2.3 Communication – pending today’s decision by the CEO, information to go our as soon as practical to artists, sponsors and contractors etc.

- **ACTION:** Jennifer to let Edithburgh Market group know of changes and decision of Council regarding our exhibition dates and the holding of public events as required

2.4 2020 Art Exhibition Registration Fee Refunds – confirm process to either offer refunds or hold artist registration fees over to next exhibition

2.5 Jack Fran – Weaners Flat Mural Art Work

The concept design was emailed out to the Working Party for consideration. The design concept captures the five main roads coming together in the centre of the town, causing a five part segmentation of the design and wall. Each colourful segment represents a key images/icons as raised at the community meetings. These five are stone wall / salt lake / children and sport / sheep / sunset with a silhouette of a windmill.

Feedback received also included that perhaps the artist could consider another sport instead of boy’s football. Also support for Soxy to be included was still important to some members of the Working Party.

ACTION: the feedback and information about boys sport and ‘Soxy; to be relayed to the artist.

ACTION: create a sandwich board with information about the mural to be onsite at the amenity block when Jack is painting

ACTION: Yorketown Progress Assoc will support Jack for the time he is onsite painting as they will still do their fundraising catering - coffee and donuts etc.

2.6 Raffle Books – if the 2020 exhibition is likely to be postponed, all Working Party members were asked to collect Raffle Books they have of are out in the community and return the to Carolyn. They can be restamped with the new date when decided.

2.7 ACTION: WP Members to bring Raffle Books back to Council at the next meeting.

2.8 Signage – has been ordered and the design can be reused for future exhibitions. A sticker can be put over the five event signs that have the 2020 date on them if required. The ten signs designed for the roadside do not need to be changed.

2.9 Exhibition Sales – the Council’s Cash Handling training was held and was attended by trainers Chloe Brown and Carina Congdon and Richard Cane, Stuart Palecek, Jennifer Robyn, Terry Braund and John Franke who are now trained, signed-on and Inducted as a Council Volunteers for insurance and procedural purposes.

3 2020 EXHIBITION

3.1 Lanyards, aprons – quotes only received as \$8.50 each for fifty lanyards and \$25.50 each for nine aprons.

Street signage – from Easy signs, total \$599.31 for ten corrugated plastic road signs (1698mm W x 1200mm H) Single Sided, 6 x eyelets are \$33.43 each plus GST and five event signs (1200mm H x 1698mm W) single sided, 6 x eyelets are \$39.56 each Plus GST.

3.2 Registrations -

At the end of the extended closing date we had

- 109 Artists Registered (this is approx. as not all artists entered into the spreadsheet as yet and some have Registered twice due to the extended closing date) Number of artworks will be known once all data is entered.
 - Seven (7) Photography Workshop Registrations
- 3.3 MC for Opening Night** – Dean Errington (Ardrossan local) was suggested
- 3.4 Art Award** – on hold
- 3.5 Update on Progress to date** – as per attachments to today’s Agenda.
- 3.6 Perpetual Working Party Action List (Att 1.)** Members and staff need to still ensure these are completed as they will form the basis of any future Exhibitions.
- 3.7 Project Coordinator Role over Exhibition Long Weekend** – to be revisited on final decision regarding postponement and/ or new dates
- 3.8 Opening Night, Caterer and Photographer** – Sarah Oster from Ardrossan came back with a quote for \$1,400 to cater for 200 people which has been accepted.
- Merv Simmonds has offered to be our official photographer at no charge, we are already covering his fuel as per his Judging Agreement
- 3.9 Sunny Hill Distillery**
ACTION: Carolyn to contact them about the situation and their involvement once a decision has been made as to any changes to 2020 Exhibition dates
- option for screens to be supplied from the Maitland Town Hall
- 3.10 Indigenous Art opportunity** – we have had entries from indigenous artists working at Red Poles Gallery, McLaren Vale and Salisbury Indigenous Arts and Crafts Cultural Centre, Marra Dreaming
- 3.11 Website Updates** - ongoing

4. GENERAL BUSINESS including ANY OTHER BUSINESS (AOB)

- 4.1** If the Exhibition is postponed, the WP supports that Council quarantine all sponsorship, budget and funds from Easter 2020 exhibition for the next Exhibition as it’s likely a decision will not see the Exhibition occur in this financial year.
- 4.2 ACTION:** Working Group to draft a ‘next steps’ action list once a decision is made to postpone or not. To wrap up Easter 2020 and get ready for the next exhibition.
- ‘next steps’ plan to include an Exhibition Evaluation session or survey with WP, artist, sponsors, staff and supporters.
- 4.3 ACTION:** Set first meeting date for next exhibition Working Party once a decision is made ie as to a new date.

5. NEXT MEETING – c/- Email

Tuesday 31 March 2020, 9.30am **online**.

It was agreed by the WP members at the meeting, that no participation and/or email response will be taken as support/in agreement of action, decision or task.

6. MEETING CLOSE

The meeting closed at 10.26am

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Chairperson – Richard Cane

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Vice Chairperson – Taylor Gray