

Geraldton Regional Art Management Committee

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name	Geraldton Regional Art Management Committee (GRAMC)	Meeting No.	D-20-110917
Meeting Date	Tuesday 8 September 2020		
Meeting Time	4:00pm – 5:00pm		
Meeting Location	Randolph Stow Meeting Rooms, Geraldton Regional Library		
Attendees	Cr. Tarleah Thomas (TT) (Chair) Cr. Jennifer Critch (JC) Cr. Sally Elphick (SE) Trudi Cornish (TC) Marina Baker (MB) Michael Reymond (MR) Skype Marianne Penberthy (MP) Jaye Allan (JA) Susan Smith (SS) Shauni Norman (Minutes)	By Invitation	
		Apologies	Cr. Steve Douglas (SD) (Deputy Chair) Sari Jacobsen (SJ) Roni Jones (RJ) Phil Melling (PM)
		Distribution	As Listed

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed the members of the Committee and apologies noted from SD, PM, RJ and SJ.

2. Previous Minutes and Action Log

2.1 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting held 17 June 2020.

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Geraldton Regional Art Management Committee held on 17 June 2020 as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

MOVED: MR SECOND: SS

2.2 Action Log

GRAMC-05: TC did research on where the naming of “Regional Art Gallery” came from. An article in the *Geraldton Guardian*, 5 August 1998 was found which held small clues. MB noted that a lot of Art Galleries are renaming back to Gallery of the Town/City name.

ACTION: JA, MD and TC to meet regarding how other regional towns can get their art into the Gallery for a Local Exhibition.

GRAMC-06: On going.

GRAMC-07: TC has been in contact with the developer of the Metro Site. However, the Mural is not yet completed and therefore not yet fully invoiced. Will continue to follow up. Advice received by MB that the power pole adjacent to the mural had been painted.

GRAMC-08: Ongoing.

3. Agenda Items

3.1 Entry Fence, Fourth Street Federation Park, Wonthella – Wonthella Progress Association (WPA) SE

WPA has \$9,000 of funds remaining after the Federation Park upgrade which they plan to put towards an entry fence with a mural by Phil Doncan with images of Wonthella's history. A concept of the design will be circulated to the Committee for feedback, with the immediate area receiving a mail drop to inform residents and gain feedback.

3.2 Art Gallery/Geraldton Visitor Centre Co-location – Value of advice from GRAMC (SJ)

Item deferred due to SJ being an apology.

TC updated on progress of relocation works, one week until colocation is complete. UDLA has been working on the Master Plans with proposed upgrades to parking, the gardens, toilets and a mural on the back wall of the Gallery.

3.3 Community Public Art (2020-21) Project Discussion (MR)

Enquired if there are any planned Community Art Projects for the remainder of 2020.

TC noted now that the vacancies have been filled at the Gallery, their focus will be finalising the Public Art Strategy which has actions for Community art. Suggestion for an artwork or sculptures of wild flowers in the area to assist in getting travellers to stop and stay in Geraldton.

3.4 Public Art Strategy (TC)

TC thanked the members for their feedback, the draft has been reviewed at EMT and given endorsement and will now go to Council Concept Forum in October 2020.

In summary the Strategy highlights areas of priority, key locations, and best practice for funding with clear policies and procedures. The action plan also provides a clear processes around curation and now includes the Greenough and Walkaway community.

3.5 State Funding Agreement, 2021 and beyond (TC)

Funding has been confirmed for 21/22 but the amount won't be confirmed until March 2021. Noted the current funding agreement runs until June 2021.
ACTION: TC to formally write a request for the amount to be released.

4. General Business

4.1 Report from Coordinator Gallery and Public Art (MB) (Attached)

Highlights from report:

New exhibitions have been held according the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions and worked well.

The Big Sky Writers Festival and the Arthur Boyd Exhibition of the Sky will start in October.

Art Talk Ian Hardy Warden of UWA College to coincide with Big Sky.

Annual program has not changed and are now negotiating with the exhibitions that had been postponed during the height of COVID-19 to reschedule.

The main focus event for 2021 will be on the Mid West Art Prize.

Indian Ocean Textile Triannual will combine with local Multicultural Arts and Artist.

4.2 Public Art Report

Highlights from report:

The Post Office Laneway Light Box Gallery Exhibition will run from 03 October – 01 December.

GRAMS reserve upgrade is in the EOI process for a qualified artist to work with the Elders Group and School groups to curate the art work in the area. Erin O'Connor from the City has been working on the consultation process. Submissions are due 18 September 2020.

Splash of Colour public art series with Water Corp has been working to find one of their assets for the location of a mural. Currently looking at Batavia Park, in collaboration with Batavia Coast Maritime Heritage Association.

The Knit Wits Group are planning on a yarn bombing challenge in mid-September. While this is not a City led project, the Gallery is assisting them to source approval to "bomb" various City assets in the CBD.

4.3 NAIDOC Week Schools Collaborative Mural project – Maitland Park (TC)

Design has been approved with feedback from RJ considered and provided back to the School. The works have now commenced and will be completed soon.

4.4 "The Places We Go" by the children of Geraldton and Briony Stewart – Shortlisted for MAPDA 2020 Awards (TC)

The book was one of four that were short listed across Australia. The children created the pictures and Briony photo-shopped all the images and wording together.

4.5 Big Sky Festival 2020 (TC)

The program is now live via the Library website and hard copies distributed to all City locations. The artwork for brochures was created in house by Tully Clayton in the Communications Team. Planning on live streaming for those who don't get tickets but still want to view the presentation and then attend for signing.

5. Next Meeting Date

Tuesday, 08 December 2020 at 4:00pm. Location to be confirmed.

6. Close

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5:01pm

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Cr Tarleah Thomas (Chair)

Gallery

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 Gallery Officer – advertised internally, in process to interview and appoint

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Upstairs ceiling repairs

Funding for refurb

Visitors Centre relocation - interior automatic glass doors, Coordinator's office, floor polishing, new desks, seating reupholstered, computer refit, Public Art Officer office new furniture, blinds & security mesh, co-location of VC storage upstairs.

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Project Summary

Post Office Lane Lightbox Gallery Exhibition

Next exhibition dates: 1 October – 3 December (9 weeks)

The evaluation process for the latest round of the Post Office Lane Lightbox Gallery Exhibition is now complete. This round attracted applications by 7 artists, and applications were assessed by an evaluation panel comprising:

- Marina Baker – Coordinator Gallery and Public Art
- Jane Bardon – Previous Lightbox Gallery exhibiting artists
- Marianne Penberthy – Member of the GRAMC

Ahead of the City's formal media release the successful applicant was Zac Bruce for his concept proposal "**Simulacrum**".



Artwork Description:

Screens dominate our everyday existence. They are ubiquitous in every aspect of modern life. *Simulacrum* aims to engage viewers with their own screen-centric existence. This work will prompt the viewer to reflect on how they experience reality in a screen based world.

Artwork Mock-up by successful applicant, Zac Bruce

GRAMS Reserve Park Upgrade Project

The City of Greater Geraldton has received funding from Lotterywest for a major facilities upgrade at GRAMS Reserve in Rangeway, Geraldton. Public Art forms a significant part of the project. To further this part of the project, the City is seeking a suitably qualified and experienced Artist to work with selected high school students, the landscape architects, and Elders' reference group to develop concepts and designs.

- 1st Community Reference Group meeting was held at GRAMS - this meeting informed the approach adopted to procure the public art.
- An EOI for a Public Artist to work with selected Champion Bay SHS students has been issued. Submissions are due on the 18 September 2020.
- Champion Bay SHS has selected students with strength and passion in the arts, who are also resident in the area around GRAMS Reserve.

NAIDOC Mural

Schools NAIDOC Week collaborative Mural Project for the tank at Maitland Park.

- Combined Schools NAIDOC Week Mural design proposal forwarded to the GRAMC for their feedback: 26 August 2020.
- Students have begun painting and aim to have the mural completed on or before the end of this school term.
- The design has been created by Aboriginal staff and students at both Nagle and GSHS. The mural will be painted by Aboriginal staff and students from the two schools.



Approved design

Note: As per feedback received from Roni Jones, the use of the 'Blue Whale' will be changed to the 'whale shark' for authenticity purposes.

Splash of Colour

The City entered into a partnership agreement with the Water Corp back in September 2019 for the Splash of Colour Project. Splash of Colour is a public art series that celebrates water and the important role it plays for our communities. Through this program, Water Corporation aims to improve the liveability and aesthetics of their highly visible assets for residents and the local community.

- Originally this mural was to be installed on the Ackland Road Pump Station. Plans were moving along, and then the Pump Station had to have some maintenance work done, and so the mural project was put on hold.
- Water Corp - Senior Advisor, Veronique Thomas, advised the City in early July 2020 that the alternative site they are looking at installing the mural on is their Utilities Station in Batavia Park.
- The Batavia Coast Maritime History Association, led by historian Dr Howard Gray, was invited to join in with the preliminary discussions and design process and do not support the location of the mural.
- The BCMHA future plan is to erect interpretive panels depicting the Batavia story and other significant shipwreck events around the Water Corp's asset. The Water Corp will not approve the BCHMA proposal to

install the retractable display panels in front of the WC facility until the design plans have been submitted for thorough assessment.

- The Water Corp would like to progress with the Splash of Colour initiative and invite the BCMHA to provide input which could weave the Batavia story into the artwork.
- The BCMHA does not see attempting to integrate the Batavia story into the mural worthwhile and has suggested that Water Corp direct the substantial funds allocated to the project towards elements in the Batavia Park overall plan.

Update: Consultation between all parties still ongoing.

Mahomet's Mural

Mural nearly complete. Phil Doncon back on-site this week to add the finishing touches.

The City's Communications Team will be on-site on Wednesday morning to film a short interview with Phil.

Knit Wits Geraldton

Knit Wits Coordinator, Joy Reinhardt, obtained approval from Ross McKim for Geraldton to challenge Bridgetown in Yarn Bombing. The goal is to beat Bridgetown's total number of 29,600!!

Proposed Locations: Knit bomb trees, poles, fencing etc.

1. Marine Tce
2. Foreshore Dr
3. Civic Centre and QPT
4. Marina fence line (between Skeetas restaurant and Museum) location TBC

Important Dates:

Installing: 15 September – 29 September

Announcement of numbers: 30 September at Joys

Kids School Holiday Activities: 3 October – 6 October at Fitzgerald Hall *to be added in the City's School Holiday Program.



Glendenning Park

Request received from community (via Phil Doncon) regarding idea of painting mural on concrete water tank at Glendenning Park. Trudi Cornish, Manager Libraries, Heritage and Gallery, has had preliminary meeting and is proposing this could be an excellent school holiday activity (Art in the Park), over the Christmas school holidays.