

# Geraldton Regional Art Gallery Committee

## Meeting Minutes

<b>Meeting Name</b>	Geraldton Regional Art Gallery Committee	<b>Meeting No.</b>	5 D-15-02705
<b>Meeting Date</b>	Wednesday, 28 January 2015		
<b>Meeting Time</b>	3.30pm to 5.00pm		
<b>Meeting Location</b>	Geraldton Regional Art Gallery		
<b>Attendees</b>	Cr Tarleah Thomas (Chair)	TT	<b>By Invitation</b>
	Cr Neil McIlwaine	NM	<b>Apologies</b>
	Brian Stewart	BS	
	James Davies	JD	
Chris Budhan	CB	Anthea Da Silva	AD
Andrea Selvey	AS	Raina Savage	RS
Gary Martin	GM	Nichola Smith	NS
Shauni Downes (minute taker)	SD	<b>Distribution</b>	As above Cr Steve Douglas (Proxy)

### 1. Welcome & Apologies

Chair welcomed all and noted apologies.

### 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting & Action Log

Committee carried previous minutes by consensus.

### 3. Gallery Director's Report (Sept to Nov 2014 attached)

The Mid West Art Prize entries were assessed last week in Perth with respected arts workers and curators, Allison Archer and Paola Anselmi. 247 entries were received and these were narrowed to 61 for exhibition. JD noted he would like to see more indigenous and youth entries but was pleased over all with consistency, quality and spread across the State.

NM enquired about the status of the MOU. AS noted there has been agreement at officer level from the City Executive Management Team with further alterations to now be considered by the State.

The City Collection has now been valued; Refer to Directors Report highlighting the value of the Lindsay and Durack Collections that have been fully restored over the past 5 years. The first level collection space (formerly the City Gallery) is now a high risk area with occasional leaking from the aircon in roof space. JD indicated a need to move these works and reinstate the Gallery space as this also affects maximum public access as part of public safety. JD also suggested that consideration needs to be given to works to be deaccessioned and the "value" of keeping those works. JD to provide list of works for possible deaccessioning.

JD

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JD put forward to defer Gallery Membership due to minimum staff available for flow on of duties as well as ever diminishing budgets and therefore no short of midterm prospect of employing a Public Programmes Coordinator who would take on much of these membership duties. GM suggested reviews on promotional mail outs to minimise wastage.

NW proposed the collation of membership with the Friends of the QPT to maximise promotion and have a further outreach. AS noted the volunteer groups had been approached previously with hesitation to merge but would be something to revisit with the groups. AS

### **4. Financial Reports**

#### **4.1 Financial statement – Art Gallery of Western Australia 2014**

JD noted that whilst the AGWA budget was running \$15,000 over the preferred target for the year, an income of \$12,000 from the City will alleviate much of this concern. Also, JD noted that there has been a financial impact with casual staff moving to Part Time status in 2014/15, as required by DCA.

#### **4.2 Financial statement – City of Greater Geraldton 2014**

All key items are exhibitions which are pre-paid. NM made note of the building and maintenance budget and the fact that it is currently running at 22% (annually adjusted) as compared to previous years. CB noted the refurbishment is a capital gain which subsequently will improve efficiency. CB to raise the matter with building team for engineers prospective. CB

### **5. Art Gallery Confirmed Exhibition Schedule 2014, 2015 &2016**

Refer to director's report. AS suggested to collaborate with the library and QPT. JD to discuss with Susan Smith and CB to make arrangements. JD/CB

### **6. Attendance Figures** (includes comparisons)

Refer to attachment; figures are well up on same period in 2013/14 which is positive.

### **7. Marketing & Publicity** (article copies available to view at the meeting)

Refer to attachments.

### **8. Schedule of Public Programs** (see Director's report)

Refer to Directors report for statistics. There has been a greater interest from Schools and university groups taking part in planned tours with presenter. JD noted the improvement on establishing stronger relationships within those groups has been a positive result.

### **9. Collection Acquisitions**

Refer to Directors report. AS to contact Paul Radalj to ensure the collection reserves are still available for use. Pending a confirmation of \$18,000 to still in reserve, plus the \$20,000 in current financial year, the decision to acquire the JD recommended works of Doris Gingingara for \$6,000 prior to the art prize will be put on hold. If the reserve is not available the Committee recommendation is to delay until after the Midwest Art Prize purchase the works. If the reserve is available the purchase can proceed. The recommendation was passed by NW and seconded by GM with the Committee carrying the decision by consensus pending the confirmation of funds. JD  
JD

### **10. Gallery Membership**

Refer to item 3 and Director's report.

## **11. Correspondence**

### 11.1 Letter to Roy Baker – Baker Williamson Studios

Attached

### 11.2 Certificate of Appreciation – Nagle

The certificate was presented from the student attending every Thursday for 10 weeks on work experience.

## **12. General Business**

NM put forward a proposal to capture suggestions and feedback from the public. JD to investigate options for a suggestion box.

AS advised the Committee of a recent comparison between another regional community art prize, the Art Gallery presents the award in a professional and refined manner with congratulations to JD, his team and the Committee for their efforts. JD noted all arrangements are booked with plans for a bigger and better turn out at this year's Art Prize.

AS informed the Committee of the newly endorsed Everlasting Partnership Sponsor program which has now put structure around approaching all current and potential sponsors.

The City will also be carrying out a community engagement forum to review the range and level of services to find savings, all items that are not essential will be reduced and in conjunction with this process all data will be reviewed by Council with the addition of the "Your City Your Say" online forum to ensure the community is kept informed.

## **13. Close**

The Meeting closed at 4.40pm. Next meeting scheduled for 18 March 2015 but may be moved due to a variety of people being unavailable at that time. SD to investigate availability.