

Geraldton Regional Art Gallery Committee

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name	Geraldton Regional Art Gallery Committee	Meeting No.	3 (D-15-40498)	
Meeting Date	Wednesday, 8 July 2015			
Meeting Time	3.30pm to 5.00pm			
Meeting Location	Committee Meeting Room City of Greater Geraldton			
Attendees	Cr Tarleah Thomas (Chair)	TT	By Invitation	
	Brian Stewart	BS	Apologies	
James Davies	JD	Cr Neil Mcilwaine		
	Chris Budhan	CB	Cr Steve Douglas	
	Andrea Selvey	AS	Distribution	
	Gary Martin	GM		As above
	Anthea da Silva	AD		
	Raina Savage	RS		
	Shauni Downes (minute taker)	SD		

1. Welcome & Apologies

All welcomed and apologies noted from Cr Mcilwaine.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting & Action Log

AG002: Refer to Directors report.

AG004: Refer to item 4 & Directors report.

AG006: CB noted there has been a \$77,000 drop which is equivalent to 38.2% reduction in running costs since installation.

AG009: Refer to Directors report.

AG010: Remain in action log until next meeting. CB noted electronic signage has been accepted into 2015/16 budget which will be on display out the front of the Civic Centre.

AG011: Complete.

AG012: Complete.

GM moved with BS seconding the motion to pass the minutes.

3. Painting Donation (AS)

AS advised the City was approached from the Cramer family to accept a donation of a painting by Australian artist, Arthur Wakefield Bassett. JD has liaised with the Cramer family and viewed the oil painting on canvas. JD advised the committee that the artist is reasonably well known having been born in Victoria and moved to WA as a young man in the early part of the 20th century. The work has also been restored, the painter is well known and the artwork has since been restored. JD has also been in contact with the Museum who doesn't house a collection in Geraldton but the art work could possibly be put on loan to the Museum or stored at the art gallery. JD recommends the Gallery accept the work and will liaise with the Museum.

The Committee recommends the City accept the donation of the Art work from the Cramer family "The Wreck of the Batavia" with the Gallery Director to progress negotiations with the Museum and ensure the donors are aware of its location. AS to draft a letter of acceptance for the Mayor to sign.

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4. Gallery Director's Report (March to May 2015 attached)

Midwest Art Prize has concluded the event has received Very favourable and positive feedback and well received by the viewing public. The Post code survey revealed very close comparison with the local members being at 398 and nonlocal at 279 JD also provided feedback on the Estimated Economic Impact derived from the MWAP based upon the average spend per night. The equation was based upon Austrade: Tourism Research Australia; Tourism in Local Government Areas 2013: Greater Geraldton. This economic impact equaled \$125,664.00.

The art work American Dream will not be travelling to the Geraldton Gallery due to the gallery temperature and environmental condition not been stable, the time frame to resolve the cooling system cannot be confirmed but is currently being worked on.

The MOU is still being negotiated with consideration on the Bunbury model or progress the current MOU with removal of any specific items relating to funding. AS and CB will have an item for review by the City's Executive Management Team (EMT) for further direction.

Works for deaccession have been viewed by GM and provided feedback with similar views to JD's previous notes. AS advised these works will need to comply with the City's "Disposal of Assets Policy". JD suggested the works be donated to the hospitals or offered back to the donor, AS to gain direction on the best process to follow before the September meeting. AD & RS would like to view the works prior to any decision to provide feedback. AD & RS to arrange a time with JD.

The Art Gallery are working to establish a "dementia friendly" program in partnership with the National Gallery of Australia and Alzheimers WA to conduct workshops during August for community members with disabilities and dementia. AD noted they can assist with a workshop space for use if needed. JD to ensure ACDC are kept in the loop of the program.

Repositioning reception area in the Art Gallery from the entry point, to the left where the souvenir shop had once been. JD has received notes from community members saying the desk is confronting when they first walk in. Any changes will require a full cost analysis prior to any movement.

JD reported on the 33 works acquired from the first four Mid West Art Prizes and the prices applicable should these works have been purchased commercially.

Commercial Value of the works acquired = \$86 106

Price Paid by CGG: \$68 882 (due to commission being waived)

Saving to the City via purchasing works from the Art Prize = \$17 224

4. Financial Reports

4.1 Financial statement – Art Gallery of Western Australia 2015
Small surplus of a 2% saving.

4.2 Financial statement – City of Greater Geraldton 2015
Over spend by 1 ½%.

5. Art Gallery Confirmed Exhibition Schedule 2015 & 2016

See attached schedule.

6. Attendance Figures (includes comparisons)

Modest increase over the 3 month period with 250 more visits.

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

Defer until next meeting, main focus on art prize and Preservation of Race.

8. Mid West Art Prize Bi-Annual

The Mid West Art Prize will begin a bi-annual cycle as adopted by the City into the 2015/16 budget beginning in 2016 and will start again 2017. Discussions held regarding

communication about the budget. Noted that \$85,000 reduction in Gallery budget without consideration for an alternative exhibition during the time when the Midwest Art Prize would be on display. JD suggested consideration during the mid-year review.

BS suggested during the alternate year display previous acquisitions from Art Prizes. RS would like to see a local focus on excellence in the arts during the 3 month period with collaboration with ACDC. JD to research options and present back to the Committee during the next meeting.

9. Correspondence

Refer to attachments.

10. General Business

JD referred to the previous item of business relating to Christian Watters expressing his interest in joining the Committee and would like to know how the Committee and the City would like to progress. CB noted as per the terms of reference the Committee will need to advertise publicly but in the interim a suggestion would be to have him attend the next meeting as an invitee. JD to progress with advertising the position with applications for review next meeting.

Chair advised the Public Art Strategy has gone out for feedback as per Council recommendation and suggested all members review by 18 August 2015.

11. Close & Next Meeting

Meeting closed at 4.50pm.

Next meeting to be held on 09 September 2015 at the City of Greater Geraldton Offices Committee Meeting Room.