

Geraldton Regional Art Gallery Committee

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name	Geraldton Regional Art Gallery Committee	Meeting No.	D-15-18235
Meeting Date	Wednesday, 25 March 2015		
Meeting Time	3.30pm to 5.00pm		
Meeting Location	Geraldton Regional Art Gallery		
Attendees	Cr Tarleah Thomas (Chair)	TT	By Invitation
	Cr Neil McIlwaine	NM	Apologies
	James Davies	JD	
	Chris Budhan	CB	
Gary Martin	GM	Anthea Da Silva	
Shauni Downes (minute taker)	SD	Brian Stewart	
			Raina Savage
			Andrea Selvey
			Distribution
			As above
			Cr Steve Douglas (Proxy)

1. Welcome & Apologies

All welcomed and apologies noted.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting & Action Log

AG002: Cannot be progressed until the budget is set.

AG004: JD has drafted a recommendation about the various works for the Committee to consider for acquisition. All recommendations were purchased.

AG005: CB noted the QPT club don't wish to change their brand or constitution at this time but would be happy to raise at their next AGM. In the meantime the group is willing to engage with the Art Gallery by sending flyers. Unfortunately the library group have reached their capacity with their operations and cannot assist.

AG006: CB advised the best guide is from previous years, in 2013 compared to what the figures are now is significantly less with a 50% reduction in running cost. Chair noted would be great to publicise after the financial year. CB to action after the end of the financial year, once the total annual reduction is known.

AG007: Progressing.

AG008: Complete.

The minutes were carried by consensus.

3. Gallery Director's Report (Dec 2014 to February 2015 attached)

JD recapped the Mid-West Art Prize and noted it was a spectacular event, the opening worked very well with 480 people in attendance with approx. 50% from the metropolitan area. Responses from all judges and members of the public were of high praise. Furthermore JD advised the catalogue will be ready within the next two weeks and distributed across the nation. The closing event to be held on May 15.

NW noted it would be beneficial to capture the economic benefit for both the City and community, and then asked CB to chase up the City's calculations on visitor dollars spent per day per capita.

JD has proposed an electronic sign for for next year which in comparison to regularly painting signs would be more economic. CB and JD to liaise further to align with other signage planned for the City.

The MOU is still being negotiated, CB has since forwarded a revised version to the Art Gallery of WA with feedback around the document reading more as a funding agreement rather than a MOU.

Suggested improvement for promotion is to include the Art Gallery on the heritage trail. Action for the Chair relay information back to the Heritage Committee. GM noted the trail didn't originally go along Chapman Road, with Birdwood house creating their own sign on the trail for that reason, he suggested it would be option for the Gallery to look at.

JD encouraged Articles in Talk about Greater Geraldton. Better information and signage around the City and street banners created for Marine Terrace. Provide information about Gallery exhibitions and activities in the CGG web Calendar of events. Information about the Gallery and in the City Administration foyer so ratepayers see more about how the City is supporting cultural activities.

JD presented as requested a list of works to consider for de-accession. With the recommendation to have the Committee view the 69 works prior to a final decision. Each work is in a state of disrepair or holds little or no value. Chair agrees with the recommendation from JD with request to email the list along with a condition report feedback before next meeting.

4. Financial Reports

JD to clarify points within the budget relating to the art prize due to changes in the accounting process from previous years, along with a need to clearly state the total cost of the event, including the contribution from AGWA. Overall the Gallery is operating within the approved parameters and is on target.

4.1 Financial statement – Art Gallery of Western Australia 2015

Refer to Directors report.

4.2 Financial statement – City of Greater Geraldton 2015

Refer to Directors report

5. Art Gallery Confirmed Exhibition Schedule 2015 & 2016

Refer to director report for upcoming exhibitions.

6. Attendance Figures (includes comparisons)

A 10% monthly increase on attendance figures. GM questioned systems are in place to gauge local vs non-local visitors. JD to action for the volunteers to take post codes on those who visit.

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

No points raised

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

Refer to Directors report

9. Collection Acquisitions

Kelly Dawson – Book of Anonymous Memories \$900.00 less 25% Commission \$675.00

Olga Cironis – Take All That Belongs To You \$2400.00 less 25% Commission \$1800.00

Susanna Castleden in collaboration with Bruce Slatter, Bevan Honey & Nicole Slatter – Outcrop \$1800.00 less 25% Commission \$1350.00

Kieran Ingram – The Old Lie \$3200.00 less 25% Commission \$2400.00

Kieran Ingram – Drift \$2950.00 less 25% Commission \$2212.50

Elisa Markes-Young – The Original Place #13 \$1500.00 less 25% Commission \$1125.00
Elisa Markes Young – The Original Place – Jarzebina \$2300.00 less 25% Commission \$1725.00
Geoff Overheu – Minus/0 \$4500.00 less 25% Commission \$3375.00
Penny Coss – On My Radar \$9200.00 less 25% Commission \$6900.00
Total: \$21,562.50 for 9 artworks.

10. Gallery Membership

JD has recommended that this issue not be pursued further until such time that a Public Programs Coordinator is funded and employed who will then take on this responsibility. At present the small Gallery staff is too busy to take on any more projects.

10.1 Mid West Art Prize Bi-Annual

The Gallery has secured sponsorship from Rio Tinto for the next 3 years which will lapse after 2018. To be reviewed at that stage for a bi-annual event.

11. Correspondence

11.1 Letter to Nichola Smith regarding committee – no reply

JD noted Nicola advised she will not be coming back onto the committee. Once the City's internal review on Committees is complete new members can be sought.

11.2 Email from Christian Watters – interest in Committee position

11.3 Email from Jeremy Blank – Thank you MWAP

11.4 Email from Jenine Holder-Campbell – Thank you MWAP

11.5 Since then thanks from other artist and number of others after the four minute documentary posted on the Gallery website.

11.6 Email regarding visitors from the Power House Museum – regarding the excellent gallery space and MWAP exhibition.

12. General Business

GM enquired about the disjointed works on display in the front section and how to include them into the rest of the exhibition. JD noted the best way to improve that situation would be to move reception desk into that area which would need to be investigated and costed.

The Chair indicated concern about members not attending and only just achieving a quorum each meeting, and suggested reviewing the dates and times of meetings. CB proposed the possibility of moving the meetings to the City for the use of the video and teleconference. JD and GM both agreed with the suggestion. CB and SD action by holding the next meeting at the City office and to review the day and time with members for feedback.

13. Close

The meeting closed at 4.30pm