

## **MINUTES OF ARTS AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY, 30 APRIL 2024**

Present: Councillor Greg Taylor (Chairperson)  
Councillor, Barbara Ward (Deputy Chairperson) (Attended remotely)  
Councillor Alec Taylor  
James Austen, Community Member (Attended remotely)  
Tony Bates, Community Member  
Wendy Blaxland, Community Member (Attended remotely)  
Michelle Ann Cahill, Community Member (Attended remotely)  
Anne Louise Cahill, Community Member  
Andrea Doney, Community Member  
Mary Faith, Community Member  
Penny Howell, Community Member  
Hong Huang, Community Member  
Dee Jackson, Community Member  
Jonathan Karanikas, Community Member  
Shipra Shah, Community Member  
Tom Sweeney, Community Member

Staff Present: Director Community, Janice Bevan  
Manager Visitor Experience and Events, Melanie Morson  
Manager Library Services, Michelle Swan-Beardmore  
Manager Governance and Corporate Strategy, Christopher M Jones  
Team Leader Sustainability Engagement, Emma Treadgold  
Policy and Administration Officer, Nicky Hammond

Apologies: Lee Johnston, Community Member  
Councillor Kim Wheatley

*The Meeting commenced at 6:00PM*

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest declared.

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

### **NOTING OF MINUTES**

#### **Minutes of Arts and Culture Advisory Committee**

No previous minutes to report.

## Governance

Presentation by Christopher Jones, Manager – Governance and Corporate Strategy, Ku-ring-gai Council

- Code of Conduct PowerPoint Presentation to be circulated to members.
- Code of Conduct and Council Advisory and Reference Committee guidelines can be found on the website:  
<https://www.krg.nsw.gov.au/Council/Policies>
- The full Code of Conduct Training Video can be found here:  
<https://kuringgai.sharefile.com/public/share/web-s06d9a0d9b4ce40f5be63733483487ed2>

The Governance Team can be contacted at [governance@krg.nsw.gov.au](mailto:governance@krg.nsw.gov.au).

## Current Arts and Cultural Initiatives

Introduction by Michelle Swan-Beardmore - Manager Library Services

- Libraries run events through out the year including Author series and small group learnings.
- The Ku-ring-gai Art Centre provides a range of classes during term, public exhibitions and school holiday programs across various disciplines.
- [Sign up to the Ku-ring-gai Library eNewsletter \(confirmsubscription.com\)](https://confirmsubscription.com/h/r/741BF8650C616D33)  
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Introduction by Melanie Morson - Manager Visitor Experience and Events

- Major venues include the Wildflower Gardens, St Ives Showground. Major events are aligned with Council's regional destination profile.
- Australia Day  
Reflect, Respect and Celebrate everything that makes Australia great with family and friends on 26 January.
- Lunar New Year  
Each year we celebrate Lunar New Year with a wide variety of events including food markets, art exhibitions, calligraphy demonstrations and cultural activities celebrating our diverse community.
- Heritage Festival  
Ku-ring-gai's Heritage Festival is a regional celebration of our historic, natural, Indigenous and cultural heritage. Supported by community organisations and businesses the event program runs during the Australian Heritage Festival and will run from 18 April to 19 May.
- Gai-marigal Festival

- Gai-marigal Festival starts on Sorry Day, Sunday 26 May and goes through to the end of NAIDOC Week; the second week in July each year.
- Arts And Cultural Festival  
The festival celebrates our diverse and thriving arts and cultural community from 18 June – 24 July and hosts a program of a variety of events to cater for people of varying ages, interests and abilities.
- Eco Festival  
Ku-ring-gai's Eco Festival is a community and sustainability-focused festival, promoting innovative green living in a fun, family-friendly way. The Festival runs from 1 September through to 30 September.
- Twilight Concert  
Picnic under the stars while watching some of Sydney's finest performers at the Twilight Concert in October.
- The Ku-ring-gai Arts and Cultural Festival link for organisations wishing to partner with Council:  
<https://www.krg.nsw.gov.au/Things-to-do/Events-and-festivals/Arts-and-Cultural-Festival>

Ku-ring-gai Community Grants Program is now open.

- [Ku-ring-gai Community Grants Ku-ring-gai \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.krg.nsw.gov.au/Council/Grants-and-sponsorship/Ku-ring-gai-Community-Grants)  
<https://www.krg.nsw.gov.au/Council/Grants-and-sponsorship/Ku-ring-gai-Community-Grants>

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## GENERAL BUSINESS

### Urban Murals

Emma Treadgold – Team Leader Sustainability Engagement

- Proposed application guidelines for the Lindfield Village Green Bike Rack Mural 2024 to be circulated to members.
- Discussion around Urban Murals Program including a presentation of last year's mural at the Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden/ Ku-ring-gai Showground. This year it has been proposed to feature a Net Zero/active transport themed artwork in a space at the Lindfield Village Green carpark in front of the new bike racks.
- Promotions and online applications will go live in a few weeks and will be shared in the Councils E-News. [Urban Murals Ku-ring-gai \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.krg.nsw.gov.au/Things-to-do/Ku-ring-gai-Wildflower-Garden/Urban-Murals)  
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- The 2025 Urban Murals Program does not have a site/s nor theme at this stage.

### **Proposed action items**

1. It was proposed that Council undertake a member survey to better understand the needs of local arts culture organisations and the greater community. The survey would provide information including:
  - how current facilities meet the needs of the arts/cultural organisations
  - specific needs that the arts/cultural groups have
  - what is on their wish list
  - where are the gaps in the community with regard to arts and culture.
2. Compile a Cultural and Creative Register for the local community to share details of specific artistic and cultural expertise. The register would provide contact details so individuals in the community can be contacted as opportunities arise.
3. The possibility of an open day at the Art Centre in Roseville during the Arts and Culture Festival. Further discussion around a partnership between the Art Centre and the Kuring-gai Art Society for the Heritage Festival next year.

### **Future meeting agenda items and dates**

6pm Tuesday 30 July 2024

6pm Tuesday 29 October 2024

6pm Tuesday 28 January 2025

The Meeting closed at 7:59pm