

MINUTES OF ARTS AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY, 30 JULY 2024

- Present: Councillor Greg Taylor (Chairperson)
Councillor Alec Taylor
James Austen, Community Member (Attended remotely)
Tony Bates, Community Member
Wendy Blaxland, Community Member
Mary Faith, Community Member
Hong Huang, Community Member
Dee Jackson, 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
Team Leader Urban Design, Bill Royal
Coordinator Community Development, Jacqueline Nguyen,
Policy and Administration Officer, Nicky Hammond
- Apologies: Councillor Barbara Ward (Deputy Chairperson)
Lee Johnston, Community Member
Michelle Ann Cahill, Community Member
Anne Louise Cahill, Community Member
Andrea Doney, Community Member
Penny Howell, Community Member
Jonathan Karanikas, Community Member
Shipra Shah, Community Member

The Meeting commenced at 6:00PM

Minutes of Arts and Culture Advisory Committee

Accepted. No changes to previous minutes reported.

Cultural Infrastructure

- Presentation by Bill Royal, Team Leader Urban Design, Ku-ring-gai Council.
- Cultural Infrastructure PowerPoint Presentation to be circulated to members. The following points were highlighted in the presentation and discussion:
 - Council's role is to provide facilities program and services, encourage the professional creative sector, support local cultural organisations.

- Ku-ring-gai LGA is dominated by creative and cultural consumers with 46% of the population participating in cultural activities and 28% volunteering.
 - Wellbeing, resulting from community cultural experience, is one of the most important outcomes
 - Upgrading deteriorating existing facilities is a priority.
 - After Covid, local venues have become less amenable for external users to hire/use.
 - There are a number of potentially untapped local venues including public schools (NSW Public Infrastructure team), private schools such as Knox, St Ives Showground renovated pavilions, Cerebral Palsy Alliance venue in St Ives, national parks and crown lands.
 - The committee members desire to communicate a collective message, see Proposed Action Items.
- The following Council infrastructure reports to be circulated to members:
- Ku-ring-gai Community Facilities Strategy available on the website: https://www.krg.nsw.gov.au/files/assets/public/v/1/hptrim/information-management-publications-public-website-ku-ring-gai-council-website-planning-and-development/ku-ring-gai_community_facilities_strategy_part_1_adopted_4_december_2018.pdf
 - Ku-ring-gai Creative Arts Facilities Options Report available on the website https://www.krg.nsw.gov.au/files/assets/public/v/1/hptrim/information-management-publications-public-website-ku-ring-gai-council-website-planning-and-development/ku-ring-gai_creative_arts_facilities_options_report_-_as_reported_to_council.pdf

BUSINESS ARISING

Member Survey results presentation and discussion

Facilitated by

- Jacqueline Nguyen, Project Coordinator, Ku-ring-gai Council
- Nicky Hammond, Policy and Administration Officer, Ku-ring-gai Council
- Jacqueline provided a brief overview of the results of the member survey.
- Discussion focused on which themes members considered most important, both current and future focus areas for the Council in the short and longer term.
- Survey results showed members' top three ranked themes which identified priority areas for the Council to focus on in the future.
- Cultural Infrastructure and facilities were identified as a priority focus area for this committee.

- Facilitated conversation on how the Council can best engage the community and ensure arts and culture is prioritised in the next Council Strategic Plan.
- Pages of importance noted by attending members were:
 - Areas Council Could Improve (slide 7)
 - Priority Areas for focus (slide 9)

The Committee Recommends:

That the presentation be circulated for further consideration and the discussion be continued at a future meeting.
That Council develops a plan for cultural venues in the local government area along with a delivery strategy for these venues.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cultural and Creative Register research presentation and discussion

Facilitated by

- Nicky Hammond, Policy and Administration Officer, Ku-ring-gai Council
- Jacqueline Nguyen, Project Coordinator, Ku-ring-gai Council.
- Nicky provided an overview of the research undertaken, including examples of different models of artist register in other jurisdictions.
- Discussion on objectives and desired outcomes from a register to inform the preferred model.
- Members to reflect on the research presented and articulate the objective for a Creative Cultural register, to decide what action could be taken.
- Council to reflect on ways to streamline current internal practices to communicate, share creative opportunities and expand reach.

The Committee Recommends:

The PowerPoint presentation to be circulated to members and revisited at a future meeting. Further discussion on purpose and intent is required with the new Council.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Penny Howell has resigned from the Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee.
- There are currently two vacant positions for community members. The Terms of Reference state that up to 16 members can join this advisory committee.

Proposed action items

1. Publicly available reports that Bill Royal discussed be forwarded to the members of the Advisory Committee.
2. Presentation to be provided at the next committee meeting on the proposed function and purpose of the Cultural Environmental Education Centre to be established at the St Ives Showground, highlighting opportunities of relevance to the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee.
3. The committee resolved that: Council develop a plan for cultural venues in the local government area along with a delivery strategy for these venues.
Background: A recent survey of committee members reflected that the highest priority for the members was a need for cultural venues.
4. Review structure and Terms of Reference for the Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee to include 20 members, the ability to deputise members and recruit up to 10 reserves.
5. Presentations on the Member Survey and the Cultural and Creative Register to be deferred for consideration at a later meeting.

Future meeting dates

6pm Thursday 7th November 2024.

The Meeting closed at 8:02pm