

**LOCATION | TIME:** Maitland Regional Art Gallery | 14 November 2018, 5.10pm

**PRESENT:** Sui-Linn White, Clr Ben Whiting, Leeroy Chapman, Sally Denmead, Holly Fisher-Bidwell, Brigitte Uren

**APOLOGIES:** Olivia Sophia, Andrea Pugh, Alasdair Smart  
Moved: Sui-Linn White / Second: Ben Whiting.  
CARRIED unanimously

**ITEM 1** Acknowledgement of Country  
Sui-Linn White acknowledgement of Country

**ITEM 2** **Minutes of the previous meeting: 11 October 2018**  
It was RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record subject to the following amendment:  
That the design quotation accepted be acknowledged as the most competitive quotation received

Moved: Sally Denmead / Sui-Linn White  
Carried Unanimously

**ITEM 3** **Business arising from the minutes**  
OUTSTANDING: Business membership: Brigitte to develop a protocol statement for adoption at the next meeting, suggesting free business membership for businesses who give \$1000+ to the Gallery, and to vote on this at the next meeting

**ITEM 4** **Correspondence**  
Out: NIL  
In: Front reception team have received verbal complaints regarding senior cardholders not having access to membership concession rates  
Action: The committee notes consistent comments received by members over many years. MRAGM policy is consistent with policies of other regional galleries

**ITEM 5** **MRAG Update from the Gallery Director**

1. Fundraising efforts the last 5 months have been successful, raising c. \$75,550 including the MRAGM Art Sale which is profiting an estimated \$15k (final invoices still to be received) and will ensure the MRAG Member activities Free Art Sunday and Free Art January programs are funded without needing to access reserves. Other efforts included Corrigan Memorabilia online auction for

air-conditioning the Collection Store, and the Arts in Health Fundraiser which raised \$25,550 and the best event yet staged.

2. Council reports to be presented at November meeting include the AGM Ratification and in December the Artistic Program 2019 and fundraising efforts.
3. There are 2 new exhibitions yet to be installed ready for the 1<sup>st</sup> December opening. That will conclude all 25 exhibitions staged this year
4. Free Art January has been offered support from the Rotary Club of Maitland, via a Santa Photo fundraiser at Greencross Vets.

**It was RESOLVED that the Director's Report be accepted**

Moved: Brigitte Uren / Seconded: Holly Fisher-Bidwell

**ITEM 6**

**Financial Report**

**October** MRAGMC position is \$97,166

**It was RESOLVED to note the report, rather than ratify due to sales and expenses of artworks being inconsistent with MYOB reports.**

Moved: Brigitte Uren/ Seconded: Holly Fisher-Bidwell

Carried unanimously

**6.1**

**Business Papers**

2018.11 Artel – Members' competition

**It was moved that the Business Paper be endorsed**

Moved: Sally Denmead/ Seconded: Ben Whiting. CARRIED

2018.12 Artel – March 2019 mail out

**It was moved that the Business Paper be endorsed**

Moved: Sally Denmead/ Seconded: Brigitte Uren. CARRIED

2018.13 Artel – External redesign "extras"

**It was moved that the Business Paper be endorsed**

Moved: Sally Denmead/ Seconded: Ben Whiting. CARRIED

**ITEM 7**

**MAGAZINE SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Secretary provided an update on the rebranding of Artel magazine.

Action: **It was RESOLVED that the Magazine Secretary seek clarification on the scope of outsourcing a bank of images**

**(ie quantity, copyright and distribution) and will detail the cover with Sui-Linn and Brigitte**

Moved: Sally Denmead / Seconded: Sui-Linn White

Carried unanimously

**ITEM 8 Membership Report**

708 members (21 new members / 19 renewals)

Expired membership year on year is decreasing; proving MRAGM is able to retain members better than in previous years.

**It was MOVED that the Membership report be accepted**

Moved: Leeroy Chapman/ Seconded: Ben Whiting

Carried unanimously

**ITEM 9 Event Coordinator's Report**

In the absence of the Event Coordinator no formal report was tabled. The Director mentioned the following items:

- Following the Art Sale and limited response to Nell's artwork as donated, it was resolved to ask Nell her interest in extending the exhibition period, install the work on the front foyer welcome wall with final responses to close at the Members' Christmas Party
- Huge thanks to all MRAGM volunteers current and past for support of the Art Sale – a great effort by all
- Final financial results still be resolved Beer consumed at the Art Sale to be paid for by Members, rather than through sponsorship through The Pourhouse
- The Director and Events Coordinator have considered events for 2019. An events and marketing plan will likely be tabled for consideration at the next meeting

**It was RESOLVED that the Director's comments be noted**

Moved: Brigitte Uren / Seconded: Alasdair Smart

**ITEM 10 Announcements: NIL**

Next ordinary meeting: Thursday 12 July 2018 at 5pm.

Leeroy Chapman and Brigitte Uren will be apologies

Meeting closed at 6.30pm