

PRESENT: Sui-Linn White (Chair), Leeroy Chapman (Vice Chair), Keryl Collard (MRAG Interim Caretaker), Andrea Pugh (Events Co-Ordinator), Councillor Ben Whiting, Sally Denmead (ARTEL Secretary), Holly Fisher-Bidwell (MRAG Member), Kattie Bugeja (MRAG Arts Administrator)

APOLOGIES: Olivia Sophia (Secretary), Alasdair Smart (Treasurer)

ITEM 1 Acknowledgement of Country

The Chairperson acknowledged the Wonnarua people, the traditional custodians of the land on which the MRAG Members Committee meets, and acknowledged indigenous leaders of the past, present and emerging.

ITEM 2 Social Cost Benefit Analysis

The Chairperson introduced James Marshall, member and MRAG advocate who was present to share his expertise in community development and social cost benefit analysis. James delivered a workshop based on the participative method of integrating social impacts into cost benefit studies by Ziller and Phibbs. James offered his support with any necessary follow-up.

The Chairperson expressed thanks to James for his generosity in preparing and delivering the workshop.

The Committee continued post-workshop to record costs and benefits to individuals and groups that are non-financial and financial.

ITEM 3 Minutes of the previous meeting:

The minutes of the meeting 13 February 2019 were accepted with an amendment to the MRAGM report Item 5 acknowledging sponsorship.

Moved: BW | Seconded: HFB | Carried

ITEM 4 Business arising from the minutes

- ◆ ARTEL fee: KC advises this cannot be applied until approved by Council in early July. In the interim ARTEL is to be provided by donation with monies collected going to gallery funds.
- ◆ Advertising fee: KC advises the fee of \$250 for advertising in ARTEL will be submitted to Council in draft budget for consideration with other fees.
- ◆ Online floorsheet produced for Art Sale: feedback from gallery staff is that the hours required to produce this outweighed the benefit.

ITEM 5 Correspondence

Out: None

In: SLW reported on the 10 year anniversary event hosted by Ray Wilson in Sydney as an excellent opportunity to see MRAG the focus of the meeting of influential arts supporters and decision makers, and thanked the gallery staff for including member representation in the guest list.

ITEM 6 Update from MRAG Interim Caretaker

Interim caretaker of the Gallery Keryl Collard reported that the recent exhibition opening was her first as caretaker, and a learning process. There were over 200 people in attendance with music energetic, talks engaging and positive comments received.

Moved: KC | Seconded: SLW | Carried

ITEM 7 Financial Report

SLW tabled the Statement of Receipts and Payments received from AS indicating that the current members position is \$93,490.72 following a year to date where excess of receipts over payments is \$22,070. KB supplemented the report highlighting journal adjustments.

Moved: SLW | Seconded: AP | Carried

ITEM 7.1 Business Papers

2018-14 Christmas Party Acquittal was tabled. Action: an incident report will be submitted to Council containing learnings and process improvements needed to prevent risk of cash handling errors at future events.

2018-08 Free Art January Acquittal. KB reports that FAJ came in under budget due to reduction in some parts of the program due to the Learning and Audience Development review.

ITEM 8 ARTEL Magazine Secretary's Report

ARTEL new look edition has been released. Work is ongoing for mobile device optimisation. The online platform provides more opportunities for social media to be used to support membership drives. 80 copies were hand delivered to reduce postage costs. Approval process in progress before we can promote advertising for \$250.

Moved: SD | Seconded: AP | Carried

SD moved allocation of \$50 for push on membership.
Seconded SLW. Carried.

ITEM 9 Membership Report

Current financial membership sits at 754 end of Feb.
Moved: LC | Seconded: SD | Carried

ITEM 10 Event Coordinator's Report

AP has distributed the Marketing and Communications plan she has developed. Committee members are asked to read this and provide feedback at April meeting. KB and KC suggested commencement of rollout as start of financial year.

KB to find dates for Sculpture on the Farm for possible inclusion in the events calendar.
Moved: AP | Seconded: BW | Carried

ITEM 11 Announcements

Next Meeting: Wednesday 10 April 2018, 5pm

Meeting finished at 7.30pm