



Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee Thursday 8 December 2022

Meeting Room 1, Level 5, Ashfield Civic Centre, 260 Liverpool Road, Ashfield 2131

Present: Naomi Bower (Inner West Council), John Bell, Ross Fenton, Happy Feraren, Kathy Petrarkis, Jan Preston, Tim Stackpool, Mark Williamson

Apologies: Rhiannon Hopley, Vuli Mkwanzani, Hellen Morgan-Harris, Adam Herron

Running Order

- Acknowledgement of Country
- Introductions, apologies: It was reported Jane Pollard resigned from the Committee due to moving out of Sydney.

#	Agenda Item	Discussion/ Actions	Responsible
1	Policy Challenge Discussion	<p>John Bell gave a presentation to introduce Policy Challenge 1: <i>How do we cut red tape from the arts sector to better enable creativity in the Inner West including Town Halls activities and creative spaces?</i></p> <p>The committee discussed a number of ideas:</p> <p>a) Council develops checklists/ infosheets for people putting on events in venues, public spaces and parks – what do they need and what are the steps? The busking applications were noted as an example of an easy to use process</p> <p>b) Venues are an “add on” model, Council can provide production at a cost, but sometimes this is subsidized through grants/ partnerships. Mentoring and support could also be provided.</p> <p>The idea of an intermediary organisation providing this support (eg. auspice/ Brand X) was also discussed</p>	John Bell

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		<p>c) Open days for venues, where prospective performers can do “pitches” for support</p> <p>d) “Speed dating” for local businesses and performers/ exhibitors with planning and regulatory advice from Council in the room</p> <p>e) Vacant properties were discussed but it was noted these were largely out of Council’s control</p> <p>f) It was noted insurance costs and noise issues were also concerns. Could insurance in venues be covered by Council?</p> <p>Naomi noted that many of these ideas had alignment with Arts Summit actions and also the UTS Creative Intelligence students working with Council last year.</p> <p>Naomi suggested these ideas could be fed into broader Council discussions on venue activations and plans for Cultural Strategy implementation in 2023.</p>	
2	Information Sharing	The committee wants to share information. Naomi noted that a Teams platform for committees is being developed but it is not complete yet.	Naomi Bower
3	Public exhibition	Naomi explained that the Committee could do collective feedback on important strategies and documents on exhibition, or comment individually as residents. She mentioned the <i>Cycling Strategy</i> and <i>Disability Inclusion Action Plan</i> on exhibition	Naomi Bower
4	General Business	The Committee requested all meeting dates to be sent as outlook meeting requests,	
	Meeting closed	7.30pm	



Next meeting dates:

Wed February 15

Wed April 26

Wed June 14

Wed August 16

Wed October 18

Wed November 22