

# Arts and Culture Advisory Committee Meeting

## Wednesday 10 April 2024 6pm

**Present:** Naomi Bower (Inner West Council), Michael Daly (Inner West Council), John Bell, Ross Fenton, Adam Herron, Rhiannon Hopley, Vuli Mkwanzani, Kathy Petrakis, Jan Preston, Tim Stackpool, Mark Williamson

**Apologies:** Happy Feraren, Hellen Morgan-Harris

Minutes from last meeting were confirmed: raised by Ross, seconded by Tim.

### Running Order

Time	Items for discussion
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Manager Creative Communities, Michael Daly, Introduction<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Michael introduced himself and summarised the new Creative Communities team</li><li>- Questions were asked about EDGE Sydenham. Michael said that EDGE was responsive and designed to move. It was in White Bay and Petersham this year. Michael said he would be happy to speak further to people with questions about Sydenham activations</li></ul></li></ol>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2. Special Entertainment Precincts and speed dating update<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Naomi summarised the 6 new proposed Special Entertainment Precincts</li><li>- Naomi shared a draft 'speed dating' flyer noting that the initiative would be held back whilst the Special Entertainment Precincts were still being finalised</li></ul></li></ol>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>3. Grants and Fee Scale Policy amendment (creatives)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Naomi outlined the proposed Fee Scale amendment for creatives on Have Your Say Inner West</li></ul></li></ol>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Committee supported more access for creatives and the change. They were keen to see further clarity on definitions of a “creative” and also “fundraising”</li> <li>- Naomi said that the Creative Spaces Framework in development may be able to assist in the implementation of the Policy</li> <li>- Naomi noted Council’s commitment to new AV equipment in the Town Halls and a more comprehensive fit-out of the Marrickville Town Hall Basement</li> <li>- Some committee members raised concerns about how the AV equipment would work, noting how difficult it was to make it work for a range of people</li> <li>- A concern was also raised about how to make use of the venue when often Council officers were not working weekends when most arts events happen</li> </ul>
	<p>4. A.O.B.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Questions were asked about the nature of EDGE Inner West, with one member saying the communications were not clear</li> <li>- Naomi shared a summary of the 3-weekend event and photos of the Power Station with the Committee</li> <li>- Questions were asked about the future use of the White Bay Power Station, with Michael noting that discussions were continuing with Placemaking NSW</li> <li>- A committee member shared his passion for supporting youth in the arts and Michael noted the GENERATE youth festival Council is supporting on 2 June</li> <li>- Questions were asked about de-amalgamation, with Michael providing advice on the state government’s decision not to de-amalgamate</li> <li>- A question was asked about Leichhardt Oval and media attention. It was raised that the Oval could also be an arts and cultural venue should there be further investment/ upgrades</li> <li>- Naomi said that the Committee should be able to provide feedback during consultation/ a Plan of Management process if the upgrades and funding go ahead</li> </ul>
	<p>Meeting closes</p>

Wed 12 June

Wed 7 August