

Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday 26 April 2023 6pm

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

Attendees: Naomi Bower (Inner West Council), John Bell, Ross Fenton, Adam Herron, Rhiannon Hopley, Jan Preston, Tim Stackpool, Mark Williamson

Apologies: Happy Feraren, Vuli Mkwanzani, Hellen Morgan-Harris, Kathy Petrakis

Running Order

- Acknowledgement of Country
- Introductions, apologies
- Disclosure of interest
- Confirmation of previous minutes and actions

Minutes from the 15 February 2023 Arts and Culture Advisory Committee Meeting were accepted. Moved by Adam, seconded by Mark.

Time	Items for discussion
6pm	<p>1. Invitation to EDGE Greenway</p> <p>Kate Matthews from the Living Arts team invited the Committee to Council's EDGE Greenway launch and outlined the program for 2023.</p>
6.20pm	<p>2. Arts Recovery Plan, focus areas for Committee</p> <p>The Committee focused on point 7 from the <i>Draft Arts Recovery Plan</i>: "Make it easier to navigate planning systems for creatives to perform and exhibit in new ways", including speed dating for creatives and a user guide for creatives wanting to hold events.</p> <p>User Guide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keep it simple, "how to hire a venue for dummies"• Include a flow chart and remove lingo

- What regulations and needs are triggered at different scales, including public liability
- Think about steps - where do people start?
- Categorised information for a) venues, and b) public areas (eg. parks and streets)
- Ease of online interaction, something like the online tool at ATO, or Council Busking application

Ideas for support from Council

- Concierge will be important starting point for venues, with knowledge on availability and price
- Reconsider venue deposits - deposits for venues can be high even if hire fees are low, may be prohibitive for hirers
- Could there be a specialist team at Council that enables local events - noting the economic contribution of the event (like Gold Coast films)
- Could Council provide partial infrastructure/ set up? Anchor points and power supply. Does Council have a trailer/ infrastructure for road closures?
- Pathways and mentoring from for those completely starting out
- Bring businesses and artists together in speed dating

Council engagement to enable

- People's first point of engagement is often looking for venues
- QR codes at venues to find out more (eg. Town Halls, parks)
- Council's posture should be "how can we help?"
- Create case studies (videos) of people who have held events, and made it work

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3. Updates on Marrickville Town Hall and Committee Submissions

- An update was provided by Rhiannon on Marrickville Town Hall. The EOI is open, Rhiannon to send through EOI.
- Committee submission to Rozelle Masterplan was submitted to Council's officers and thanks given to the Committee.

4. Current opportunities for input

Blue-Green Grid, Marrickville and Dulwich Hill Plans, Operational Plans and Budgets were mentioned and links sent by email by Naomi.

5. Information sharing

It was discussed that email trails (rather than google docs) should be used for collaboration online by the Committee.

6. General business

- The idea of hearing more from the Living Arts team/ meeting the team at a future meeting was discussed. Naomi to come back with further information.
- The Committee extended its compliments to Council's Events team for its excellent delivery of the Balmain Food and Art Fair.

Next meetings:

Wed 14 June 2023

Wed August 2023

Wed October 2023

Wed November 2023