

SHIRE OF NORTHAM

**Minutes of the Shire of Northam Art Collection Committee Meeting held in the 3% Meeting Room, Council Administration Office
Thursday, 26 May 2011 at 4:00 pm**

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1. OPENING AND WELCOME

The Meeting was declared open at 4:00pm.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Parts of Division 6 Subdivision 1 of the Local Government Act 1995 requires Council members and employees to disclose any direct or indirect financial interest or general interest in any matter listed in this agenda.

The Act also requires the nature of the interest to be disclosed in writing before the meeting or immediately before the matter being discussed.

NB A Committee member who makes a disclosure must not preside or participate in, or be present during, any discussion or decision making procedure relating to the disclosed matter unless the procedures set out in Sections 5.68 or 5.69 of the Act have been complied with.

3. ATTENDANCE

Councillors

T M Letch

U Rumjantsev

AVAS

Mr Bruce Gilbert

Community Representatives

Ms Ann Ashman

Ms Trish Hamilton

4. APOLOGIES

Ms Pat French – Northam Chamber of Commerce

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved: Trish Hamilton

Seconded: Anne Ashman

That the Minutes of the Shire of Northam Art Collection Committee Meeting held on Thursday 24 March 2011, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that Meeting.

Carried 5/0

6 AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 PROVENANCE CARDS

Provenance cards are to display details of each piece of Art Work, information Title, Artist, Dates of artist, Précis of the artist's life and work.

ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Anne Ashman has compiled two substantial lists of information. Committee members to liaise with Anne Ashman in the compilation of information. Photographs are to accompany Provenance information is to create a living document.

ONGOING

6.2 PHOTOGRAPHS

All art work to be digitally recorded and catalogued, including all repairs and restoration to be digitally recorded.

RECOMMENDATION FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD

Cr Rumjantsev volunteered to take quality photographs of the works as these repairs are done. The works are to have the basic descriptions (Title and Artist) on the back.

Cr Rumjantsev to liaise with Anne Ashman in collating photographs of art work and provenance list information.

ONGOING

6.3 FUTURE POLICY DIRECTION OF COLLECTION

Committee awaiting the outcome of the Shire of Northam budget, in allocation of funds to the committee for the perseverance of the art work.

MOTION

Moved: Anne Ashman
Seconded: Trish Hamilton

That the Committee approach Council with the intention of having an accumulating reserve budget, this will allow any unspent money to be utilised at a later date.

Recommend Council to initially provide five thousand (\$5,000) for the first year and subsequent amounts in later years to provide for the ongoing restoration and storage of art work.

That Council allocate an amount of \$1,500 to be released in the near future to allow the committee to purchase items.

CARRIED 5 / 0

6.4 SPACE TO WORK ON COLLECTION

To provide a secure location to store and restore art work.

MOTION

Moved: Cr Ulo Rumjantsev
Seconded: Anne Ashman

That the committee propose to utilise the upstairs of the Old Fire Station as a place of restoration and storage. Cr Michael Letch to liaise with Shire of Northam, Executive Manager Regulatory Services, Mr Phil Steven in regards to the lease arrangement at the Old Fire Station and to also liaise with the Northam Toy Library in utilising the upstairs portion of the building.

CARRIED 5 / 0

6.5 DISPLAY OF COLLECTION

Develop a list of suitable places (buildings) / events to display art work.

ACTION

Committee to approach Shire of Northam to collaborate with the 175yr celebrations in displaying art work.

Art work requiring restoration to be taken to AVAS (Avon Valley Arts Society).

Committee to enquire about possible funding through Lottery West for the purchase of a suitable climate control air conditioning unit. Mr Bruce Gilbert to contact Telstra as to the availability of any unused air conditioning units.

ONGOING

6.6 MATTERS RAISED BY STAFF

Nil

7. OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE

Nil

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting of the Shire of Northam Art Collection Committee will be held on Thursday, 7 July 2011, at 4:00pm. Venue Committee Meeting Room, Shire of Northam Administration Office.

9. DECLARATION OF CLOSURE

There being no further business the Presiding Officer declared the Meeting closed at 4:50pm.

“I certify that the Minutes of the Shire of Northam Art Collection Committee Meeting held on Thursday 26 May 2011, have been confirmed as a true and correct record.”

_____ Chairman
_____ Date