

SHIRE OF NORTHAM

Minutes of the Shire of Northam Art Collection Committee Meeting held in the 3% Meeting Room, Council Administration Office Thursday, 24 March 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

Northam Chambers of Commerce
AVAS
Community Representatives

T M Letch
U Rumjantsev
Ms Pat French
Mr Bruce Gilbert
Ms Ann Ashman
Ms Trish Hamilton

4. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Nominations were called for the position of Chairman, and Cr T M Letch was nominated. There being no further nominations, Cr T M Letch was elected Chair of the Committee.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

5.1 SCOPE & RESPONSIBILITY OF COMMITTEE

The Chairman gave a brief outline on the working of a Shire Advisory Committee, and the general intention of Council as per the Resolution of Council of its Ordinary Meeting of 19 January 2011, when forming this Committee.

MOTION

Moved: Ms Ann Ashman
Seconded: Mr Bruce Gilbert

That the responsibilities of the Committee should include the following:

- (a) Care of the collection;**
- (b) To recommend display of the collection including all necessary research and maintenance of records;**
- (c) To make recommendation to Council regarding the acquisition and disposal of works;**
- (d) To make recommendation to Council regarding acceptance and/or refusal of artworks donated to the Shire;**
- (e) Recommend Policy changes relating to the future of the collection.**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTIONS ARISING FROM MOTION

MOTION

Moved: Ms Trish Hamilton
Seconded: Ms Pat French

That the Committee

1. Care of the Collection:

- (a) The committee noted that Bruce Gilbert has commenced work on repair to the backs of paintings and that the work is funded.**
- (b) Cr Rumjantsev volunteered to take quality digital photographs of the works as these repairs are done. The works are to have the basic descriptions (Title and Artist) on the back.**

- 2. That the Committee compile a list of suitable persons to advise on the future policy direction and content of the collection for consideration by the CEO should a fee for service be required.**

RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL:

1. Display of the Collection:

That Council endorse altering the small hanging tags below the frames and these be progressively removed and replaced with A5 sized provenance cards to be printed on a suitable grey background to accompany each picture – the format to be Title, Artist, Dates of artist, Précis of the artist’s life and work.

2. Acquisition and Disposal:

That Council consider setting aside, as from 2011//12 Financial Year, an accumulating reserve year to year, to provide for care and maintenance costs of the Shire’s Art Collection.

3. Recommending Policy:

That Council consider the long term need for a secure climate controlled storage area in some Shire building fitted with vertical sliding racks (Space required approximately 4 metres x 3 metres x 3 metres high).

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Each member of the committee agreed to research sixteen (16) works, so that the provenance cards needed for display can be commenced.

6. NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting of the Shire of Northam Art Collection Committee will be held on Thursday 28 April 2011, at 4:00pm. Venue Committee Meeting Room, Shire of Northam Administration Office.

7. DECLARATION OF CLOSURE

There being no further business the Presiding Officer declared the Meeting closed at 5:00pm.

"I certify that the Minutes of the Shire of Northam Art Collection Committee Meeting held on Thursday 24 March 2011, have been confirmed as a true and correct record."	
_____	Chairman
_____	Date