

Minutes for Kyogle Council Cultural Planning Committee

Date: February 11th 2014

Time: 1.30pm

Place: Kyogle Council Chambers

Present: Janet Wilson, Ruth Tsimbinis, Carol O'Neill, Nicola Mercer, Max Cowgill, Wendy McGain, Michael Brooke, Elaine McLean, Ruth Haig

Guests: Graham Kennett Executive Manager Urban & Assets, Peter Wood CEO Arts Northern Rivers

Apologies: Ross Wallace, Malcolm Wallace, Lynette Zito

Welcome to new practitioners and visitors.

1.Arts Northern Rivers Peter Wood

CEO overview of the organisation and key projects for 2014. Regional Arts Board, 14 in NSW covering a specific region. Represent 7 Local Governments in Northern Rivers. Core activity communication function, website of what is on 5000 people on data base, blog, CASP

Country Arts Support Program managed by ANR who administer funding across the region.

Advice to LGA on Public arts reference groups and cultural strategies, and feed into state government policy development. Apply for project funding outside of core funding to generate projects to heighten the skills of emerging artists in the area.

Indigenous Arts Development, ANR employs Indigenous arts officer , currently Anthony Walker who provides support to local indigenous artists enabling key areas to develop

Bundjalung Project started from the Grafton's regional Gallery purchase of three boondi sticks from this area. Project to assist indigenous artists to reconnect to their past (artefacts) and re-engage with this artifacts.

• Connections to the Encounters Project

The CEO discussed the relationship and connections with the Encounters project. Kyogle plays an important role in this process because of the Bundock collection. The important questions that will be asked in this project are:

- How do you re-engage with these artefacts and the techniques that were used to preserve and use them in a contemporary way?
- What is the contemporary style of Aboriginal culture of our region now?

There will be a Northern Rivers Creative Road Show. The issue for Kyogle is that our space is substandard and won't allow many exhibitions to be held here.

A Brand for the region is being developed . A Website for this exists that helps promote local artists, following on from the 2013 Pop Up shop in Byron Bay.

- NOTE: The Arts Council wants to go in to each 7 LGA to undertake a Pop Up Shop. The hope is to use the council shopfront this year to undertake this exercise.
Recommendation to Council: That council makes the shopfront available to Arts Northern Rivers to undertake a pop up shop to showcase local and regional artists.
- First one to be done in the Clarence Valley in Maclean, which will run in conjunction with a number of workshops. It will engage local businesses and promote local artists.

Task for Committee: Establish a Work Group for the Pop Up Shop project

Action: to establish a working group to work with Peter Wood : agenda for next meeting

Arts Northern Rivers will provide a template for business planning for the creative industries to support the work of the Business planning group.

2.Graham Kennett to discuss the KMI issues.

\$270,000 is available in the council budget this year to refurbish KMI Hall .

Issue: The building has planning approval in two parts. Downstairs is a Public Hall. Upstairs is for Offices. A change of use will require a D.A.

Issue: It is a historical building.

The Manager of urban assets raised the matter of a series of stakeholder meetings .He suggested that a group of interested representatives should be developed to engage in discussions about the future use of the space. The chair of the committee, raised concerns about this approach at this stage given the council resolution which is to refurbish the building around the idea of spaces that will be suitable for public community use by groups and individuals, as well as the need to develop a business plan before proceeding any further. The lack of this process has been the reason previous funding applications failed . This committee is a council committee with the brief to engage in these discussions and to engage with others who currently use the building as part of the business planning. This process would enable an architect to bring together people around the needs and interests developed in the business plan.

There are current plans by the committee to examine current usage data to begin to understand how things currently work and what the income is from those activities.

There is also a need for the oldest photos that can be found.

Action: The Historical Society has agreed to find old photos of Hall.

The Manager of urban assets discussed and walked the committee through the 3 design options for the building so far and including the lift area.

It is estimated that it will be 8 weeks to engage architect with an estimate 6 months for architect to come back with plans.A master plan around the use of the building is imperative.

NOTE: This committee is concerned about the operational use of the whole building and its utilisation of the building, so that a complete business plan will provide council with management, financial, marketing plans

3. Matters to be followed up from the previous meeting.

The people involved in this are yet to meet. Chairperson to follow up.

4. Other matters to be listed on the agenda by committee members not appearing elsewhere on the agenda. (Matter not listed here will not be considered until the next meeting unless urgent)

The matters of:

1. A keeping place for Aboriginal heritage, art and culture: This will be placed on the next agenda
2. A memorial for Elder Aunty Patsy Nagus.

Recommendation to council:

That council meet with the Land council and the reconciliation group to discuss an appropriate course of action in relation to developing a fitting memorial for Elder Aunty Patsy Nagas.

3. Invite Julie Tyson and Ron Randal next meeting
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4. Community Engagement Matters.

- Follow up of current users of KMI, Gallery to collate data
- Use of local content and artists for council work

Recommendation to council.

- Strategies 7,8 and 13. The role of council in providing leadership by ensuring local content in local events and activities and by paying artists for their contribution to local events and activities.

The committee thanked Kyogle Tidy Towns for donating cooking utensils to Gudgen Guddabah for use on Find Your Music project.

Matters to be listed for the next meeting.

1. Invitation to the Land council people
2. Use of community Halls
3. The working group establishment and formal start dates.

Please Note: Community Hall Crown reserve Strategic Plan on Kyogle Council website

It is recommended that committee members read this document.

