



Minutes Banyule Arts & Culture Advisory Committee

4 May 2023

Meeting details

Date of meeting	Thursday, 4 May 2023
Time	6pm – 7.30pm
Venue	Ivanhoe Library & Cultural Hub (Wilim Ngarrgu Community Meeting Room 2) 275 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe3079
Chair/Facilitator	Cr. Elizabeth Nealy
Minutes	Hiroki Kobayashi

Acknowledgement of the Traditional Custodians

“Banyule City Council is proud to acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people as Traditional Custodians of the land and we pay respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders, past, present and emerging, who have resided in the area and have been an integral part of the region’s history.”

Diversity Statement

“Our community is made up of diverse cultures, beliefs, abilities, bodies, sexualities, ages and genders. We are committed to access, equity, participation and rights for everyone: principles which empower, foster harmony and increase the wellbeing of an inclusive community.”

Attendee

Attendee name	Affiliation/Organisation
Joanne O'Hara	Community Member
Genelle Ryan	Community Member
June Gassin	Community Member
Janelle Dunstan	Greenhills Neighbourhood House
Caroline Wall	Community Member
Deb Lemcke	Community Member
Craig Eloranta	Community Member
Kevin Ritchie	Community Member
Paul Higgins	Empire Studios
Kate Hansen	YPRL
Leah Crossman	Bundoora Homestead Arts Centre
Cr Elizabeth Nealy	Banyule City Council Councillor & Mayor
Cr Peter Dimarelos	Banyule City Council Councillor
Kath Brackett	Director Community Wellbeing
Hannes Berger	Arts & Culture Coordinator, Banyule Council
Georgie Meyer	Manager, Inclusive & Creative Communities
Hiroki Kobayashi	Arts & Cultural Development Officer, Banyule Council

Apologies

Name	Affiliation/Organisation
Amy Stephenson	Community Member
Peter Dimarelos	
Kevin Ritchie	
Janelle Dunstan	

Agenda Items

1. Welcome & Apologies (Cr Nealy)

6.00pm – 6.05pm

- Acknowledgement of Traditional Custodians
- Diversity Statement
- Apologies
- Welcome Georgie Meyer
- Actions from previous meeting:
 - Hannes to send Census data to Committee.

2. Advisory Committees Term Extension

6.05pm – 6.10pm

- Extension of term to end 2023 – interest from committee
- Two year terms - aligned to councillor mayoral election. As this committee formed in the middle of 2021 started, the term technically finished in July, but proposal to invite members to stay on until end of the year.

Action

Hannes to send out email seeking confirmation and agreement that committee members are happy to extend their term until the end of 2023

3. Banyule Art Collection New Acquisitions (Hannes)

6.10pm – 6.30pm

- Background & context
- Art Collection Working Group - recent activity
- Recommended art works to be acquired into Banyule Art Collection
- Recommendation needs to be formalised by BACAC
- Leah and Caroline formed working group. Steph Neoh (art curator) recommended 8 artworks for acquisition which the working group assessed and made decisions based on Art Collection acquisition criteria.
 - BACAC were issued the working group report detailing the selected artworks, artists and working group meeting minutes.
 - Total of \$27,000 worth of new artwork has been recommended for acquisition + \$3,000 in framing
 - Interesting mix of works, collage people's choice works on paper, ceramics,
 - Local artists, representing local landscapes, environmental sustainability and focus on community, tied in well with acquisition policy.
 - Two works are commissions which are being created in collaboration with Wurundjeri council, for Reconciliation week 2024

Recommendation

That Council note the unanimous BACAC recommendation to endorse proposed acquisition of 8 new artworks

4. Creative Banyule 2030 (Hannes Berger)

6.30pm – 7.15pm

- Discussion - Strategy at a Glance
- Discussion in groups – potential actions
- Consolidate & next steps
- Workshops with community, internal workshops, councillors – lots of consultation

Discussion

Feedback on Strategy at a glance:

Some key points raised:

- 7 Year strategy is ambitious – importance of considering how this will be broken up (short/medium/long term outcomes) and ensuring relevance in the lifespan of the strategy.
- Possibilities/opportunities around digitation – e.g. Youtube, multimedia platforms to showcase collections/archives/what artists are doing in Banyule
- Strategy touches on increasing participation but does not explicitly state accessibility directly.
- Need for cultural ecology audit – where are the spaces? Whose are they? Where is the public art? What's happening/what's missing?
- How can council be more of an enabler and support what is already going on by strengthening links/connections within the community.
- Overall response by BACAC to the direction the strategy is taking is positive.
- Timeline next steps:
 - Mid-July – draft strategy document to be sent out to BACAC which will be followed by a meeting to endorse draft strategy.
 - Draft will then go to EMT to provide feedback. Followed by Council to endorse.
 - Draft will then be published on Shaping Banyule to receive community feedback (6 weeks).
 - Following analysis of feedback and final edits, strategy will then go to council for final approval with adoption anticipated for November 2023.

5. Arts & Culture Grants 2023 – Working Group (Hannes)

7.15pm – 7.20pm

- EOI process for 2023 working group.

Action

Hannes to send around email for EOI for interest in being part of grants assessment panel

6. Other Business (Cr. Nealy)

7.20pm – 7.25pm

- Joint Advisory Committee Event – 7pm – 8.30pm, 8 June at Barrbunin Beek
- Banyule Volunteer Celebration – Wed 17 May, 5.40pm -10pm. Great Hall, Centre Ivanhoe.
- Resilient Banyule Working Group – May (details tbc)

Action

Hannes to send out details for Barrbunin Beek event, Banyule Volunteer celebration and Resilient Banyule Working group.

7. What's On (Hannes Berger)

7.25pm – 7.30pm

- Chillin' in Banyule - 18 May – 4 June
- ILCH programming:

- [A Gift of Fire](#) (ceramics exhibition)
- [Going Deeper](#) (Grant recipient)
- Walk the River (Uncle Jim Berg)
- Artists in Residence – Claire Ellis, Hollie Nair (Going Deeper)
- BACAC member highlights/events:
 - [YPRL IDAHOBIT and Reconciliation Week event](#)
 - [Live Music at Empire Studios](#)
 - [Yirramboi Festival](#)

Close and date of next meeting (Cr Nealy) 7:30pm

- Next meeting – scheduled Thursday 3 August 2023 at Ivanhoe Library & Cultural Hub.

This may be rescheduled – or additional meeting added – to week of 10-14 July, to align with Council meeting timelines around adoption of Creative Banyule Draft