



# Minutes Banyule Arts & Culture Advisory Committee

5 May 2022

## Meeting details

<b>Date of meeting</b>	Thursday, 5 May 2022
<b>Time</b>	6pm – 7.30pm
<b>Venue</b>	Ivanhoe Library & Cultural Hub
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<b>Chair/Facilitator</b>	Cr. Peter Dimarelos
<b>Minutes</b>	Courtney Blackney

## Acknowledgement of the Traditional Custodians

“Our meeting is being held on the Traditional Land of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people and, on behalf of Banyule City Council, I wish to acknowledge them as the Traditional Custodians. I would also like to pay my respects to the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Elders, past, present and emerging, and to acknowledge other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Elders joining us today.”

## 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

<b>Attendee name</b>	<b>Affiliation/Organisation</b>
Kate Hansen	YPRL
Genelle Ryan	Community Member
Joanne O'Hara	Community Member
Leah Crossman	Bundoora Homestead Arts Centre
Paul Higgins	Empire Studios
Deb Lemcke	Community Member
Amy Stephenson	Community Member
June Gassin	Community Member
Craig Eloranta	Community Member
Janelle Dunstan	Greenhills Neighbourhood House
Kevin Ritchie	Community Member
Cr Peter Dimarelos	Banyule City Council Councillor
Kath Brackett	Director Community Wellbeing, Banyule City Council
Hannes Berger	Arts & Culture Coordinator, Banyule Council
Courtney Blackney	Arts & Culture Program Support Officer, Banyule Council

## Apologies

Name	Affiliation/Organisation
Caroline Wall	Community Member
Cr Elizabeth Nealy	Banyule City Council Councillor
Cheree Hunter	Manager Inclusive & Creative Communities, Banyule City Council

## Agenda Items

### 1. Welcome & Apologies (Cr Dimarelos)

6.00pm – 6.05pm

- Acknowledgement of Traditional Custodians
- Diversity Statement
- Apologies
- Actions from previous meeting:
  1. Hannes to invite committee to join BACAC Teams Group. Also distribute info on using Teams.
  2. **Recommendation:** *BACAC endorses the recommendation that Council use its allocated budget to acquire the 11 artworks listed in the 2022 Art Acquisition Report, into the Banyule Art Collection.*  
Action: Hannes to prepare the report & recommendation for next Council meeting. Hannes to distribute Steph's Art Acquisitions Report to BACAC.
  3. Hannes to send links with info on upcoming events.

Actions 2 & 3 have been completed. Congratulations to BACAC was given on their involvement in Action 2. Action 1 still not completed, some hesitancy by committee to use MS Teams, agreement to set the group up.

#### Action

Action Item 1: Hannes to invite committee to join BACAC Teams Group. Also distribute info on using Teams

### 2. Introductions, Food and Networking

6.05pm – 6.30pm

- As this is our first onsite meeting face to face, some unstructured time was dedicated to social activity and networking.

### 3. Ivanhoe Library & Cultural Hub Tour (Hannes & Courtney)

6.30pm – 6.55pm

- Hannes & Courtney gave an overview of the facility, spaces and programming framework
- Visited Yarra-me Djila Theatre, Art Gallery 275, and ground floor public spaces.
- Cr Dimarelos recommended as we were running well overtime, that we save a tour of the upper floor spaces for another meeting.

### 4. Arts & Culture Grants 2022 – Assessment Panel (Hannes)

6.55pm – 7.10pm

- Council recently undertook an independent audit of its Grants Programs. A recommendation was made for improved 'segregation of duties' between officers advising applicants pre-submission and those involved in assessing applications.
- 2022 Arts & Culture Project Grant round will open in July and will need to comply with this recommendation.
- Relevant Officers in the Arts & Culture team will advise applicants and Hannes will put together and lead an external assessment panel.

- BACAC members would be most appropriate in this role on the assessment panel, however there would be quite an amount of work in assessing grants, which is a lot to ask committee members who serve in a voluntary capacity.
- Hannes asked the committee if there would be interest from members of BACAC in volunteering in this capacity. Assessment period would be from late September into October.
- Paul commented that he disagreed with the segregation of duties approach and cited his experiences as a veteran grant applicant to illustrate his point – advice from grant officer potentially contradictory to assessor’s views.
- Cr. Dimarelos pointed out that the recommendation is intended to improve governance & transparency around Banyule’s grant programs and perceived conflict of interest. A commitment has been made to operate the grants this way in 2022.
- Discussion around the need for strict assessors’ guidelines, criteria and briefing to ensure consistency in assessing. Hannes pointed out that his role was to ensure the panel understood the context and guidelines. Potentially clarification for the panel about applications could be provided indirectly via the arts team.
- The committee indicated there would be interest in participating on the grant assessments. Hannes suggested there would be roles for 2-3 BACAC members on the Arts & Culture Grants assessment panel.

### Action

Action Item 2: Hannes to run an EOI process for selecting BACAC members onto a Grants Working Group to assess Arts & Culture Grants this year. EOI and selection to be completed by July.

## 5. Arts & Culture Strategic Plan Update

7.10pm – 7.25pm

- Meeting ran out of time and so this item was not discussed, other than to inform the committee that due to a range of reasons, including an organisational restructure, the process to develop a new plan has not yet commenced. More information will be provided at the next meeting.

## 6. Other Business

7.25pm – 7.29pm

- Meeting ran out of time. No other business was raised.

## 7. What’s On (Hannes Berger)

7.29pm – 7.30pm

- Art in Public Spaces – annual call out for temporary public art activations now open. This year two sites have been nominated for artists to respond to: Main Street Greensborough and the land adjoining Watsonia Station (Western side). Both were chosen in response to ‘Your Ground’ survey which mapped areas in Melb that women and gender diverse people may feel unsafe.
- Olympic Park Public Art Commission – national call out for \$100k commission now open, as part of the redevelopment of Olympic Park in Heidelberg West.
- ILCH programming – much happening. Monitor website for details. Upcoming highlights include: IDAHOBIT Day (17 May) & Reconciliation Week (27 May – 3 June) activities.
- Victorian Museums and Galleries Forum (17-18 May) – hosted by AMaGA Victoria at Deakin Downtown. Forwarded to BACAC by Caroline Wall (apology tonight) who works for AMaGA: Hannes to share link.

## 8. Close and date of next meeting (Cr Dimarelos)

7:30pm

- Next meeting – Thursday 4 August
- Venue: Empire Studios, Heidelberg West – hosted by Paul Higgins