



Minutes Banyule Arts & Culture Advisory Committee 1 September 2022

Meeting details

Date of meeting	Thursday, 1 September 2022
Time	6pm – 7.30pm
Venue	Empire Music Studios 9-11 Northern Rd, Heidelberg West, VIC 3081
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
Kate Hansen	YPRL
Genelle Ryan	Community Member
Paul Higgins	Empire Studios
Amy Stephenson	Community Member
June Gassin	Community Member
Janelle Dunstan	Greenhills Neighbourhood House
Caroline Wall	Community Member
June Gassin	Community Member
Cr Elizabeth Nealy	Banyule City Council Councillor
Cr Tom Melican	Banyule City Council Councillor
Cr Alida McKern	Banyule City Council Councillor
Kath Brackett	Director Community Wellbeing
Hannes Berger	Arts & Culture Coordinator, Banyule Council
Cheree Hunter	Manager, Inclusive & Creative Communities
Hiroki Kobayashi	Arts & Cultural Development Officer, Banyule Council

Apologies

Name	Affiliation/Organisation
Cr Peter Dimarelos	Banyule City Council Councillor
Joanne O'Hara	Community Member
Leah Crossman	Bundoora Homestead Arts Centre
Deb Lemcke	Community Member
Craig Eloranta	Community Member
Kevin Ritchie	Community Member

Agenda Items

1. Welcome & Apologies (Cr Nealy)

6.00pm – 6.10pm

- Acknowledgement of Traditional Custodians
- Diversity Statement
- Apologies
- Actions from previous meeting:
 - Hannes to invite committee to join BACAC Teams Group. Also distribute info on using Teams.
 - 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.

2. Tour of Empire Studios (Paul Higgins)

6.10pm – 6.55pm

- Paul Higgins gave a tour and overview of the venue & its programs.
- 3 studios, event space, production suite, photography studio, lounge.
- Moved to Heidelberg West from Collingwood in 2019 after 20 years.
- All tech & production equipment also sold from Empire
- Kool Skools – song writing and recording project for schools run from studios, now in 25th year. Many recognise alumni.

3. Arts & Culture Strategic Planning update (Hannes Berger)

6.55pm – 7.05pm

- Overview of approach and timeline for next strategic planning phase for A&C.
- Consultant Jade Lillie has been contracted to support development through stakeholder and community consultation to set vision and strategy for the next Arts and Culture strategic plan. Aiming to develop a plan lasting until the end of the next council term – i.e. Creative Banyule 2030.
- Information gathering/talking to stakeholders to lead to draft in April 2023, before inclusion in Shaping Banyule for public exhibition. Final plan be approved for June 2023
- There will be a full 90 minute workshop with Jade Lillie at next BACAC meeting to get feedback. There may also be potential opportunity for BACAC members to form a working group for the development of the strategy. Following challenges and disruption of COVID, this is a chance evaluate past programs and consider what's working, what's not working and what can be done differently – so fresh thinking is encouraged.

4. Banyule Art Collection Policy review (Hannes Berger)

7.05pm – 7.10pm

- Art Collection policy dates have expired. Art Collection Working Group have been reviewing in preparation to bring to BACAC for endorsement before taking the revised policy to Council.
- However this work will now be paused until the completion of the Arts and Culture strategic plan, as policy work should be informed by the strategic plan. Work already completed will be incorporated into an ongoing operational policy document to guide decision making until the strategy is complete.

5. Placemaking Discussion

7.10pm – 7.30pm

Banyule's Place-Based Framework Project is about to commence and aims to create more integrated place-based outcomes across the Municipality – Hannes presented on this project's objectives and considerations, including 20 minute neighbourhoods, and how to define 'Place' in Banyule.

Discussion

BACAC's views on arts & culture's role in a place-based planning approach.

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- Arts and Culture needs to be directly acknowledged in State Government's '20 minute neighbourhood' diagram as currently does not mention.
- What are the factors that govern who/what areas gets resourcing as part of this place-based planning approach?
- Important to undertake an arts and culture audit of the local area, including surveying what non-council run events/festivals/cultural activities and infrastructure are already happening.
- Projects like Banyule Open Studios have provided opportunity for Banyule residents to feel connected to local artists/community.
- Important to consider all artistic practices and mediums, not just visual art.
- Need to value and fund artists adequately and not take them for granted, so artists can create sustainable sources of income. How do we support artists and retain them so they continue to practice in the local community (and potentially support other emerging artists)?
- Having arts/music venues in different areas across the municipality would allow artists/performers to gain experience and incentive to stay in the local area.
- Cheap rent attracts artists
- Consideration of the relationship between artistic practice and broader creative sector – what is/isn't council's role?
- How do we provide experiences for broader community? How do we ensure they know what arts experiences/resources are available?
- Consideration of balance between supporting artists directly and funding activities for broader community.
- In what ways can Arts and Culture support other council departments to achieve their outcomes?

6. Close and date of next meeting (Cr Nealy)

7:35pm

- Next meeting – Thursday 3 November at Ivanhoe Library & Cultural Hub