



Minutes Banyule Arts & Culture Advisory Committee

3 August 2023

Meeting details

Date of meeting	Thursday, 3 August 2023
Time	6pm – 7.30pm
Venue	Ivanhoe Library & Cultural Hub (Wilim Ngarrgu Community Meeting Room 2) 275 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe3079 / Hybrid Online
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
Amy Stephenson	Community Member
Janelle Dunstan	Greenhills Neighbourhood House
Caroline Wall	Community Member
Kevin Ritchie	Community Member
Paul Higgins	Empire Studios
Leah Crossman	Bundoora Homestead Arts Centre
Cr Elizabeth Nealy	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
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Cr Peter Dimarelos	Banyule City Council Councillor
June Gassin	Community Member
Deb Lemcke	Community Member
Craig Eloranta	Community Member
Kate Hansen	YPRL

Agenda Items

1. Welcome & Apologies

6.00pm – 6.05pm

- Acknowledgement of Traditional Custodians
- Diversity Statement
- Apologies
- Actions from previous meeting were all completed:
 - EOI for grants assessment panel.
 - Invitation to Barrbunin Beek Joint Committee event, Banyule Volunteer celebration and Resilient Banyule Working group.
 - Email seeking confirmation and agreement that committee members are happy to extend their term until the end of 2023

2. Advisory Committees Term Extension

6.05pm – 6.10pm

- Potential further extension of current term to end 2024 to better align advisory committee terms with four-year Council terms. Council to consider this at General Council Meeting on 7 August.

Action

Advise committee on outcome of Council's decision with any relevant outcome actions.

3. Creative Banyule

6.10pm – 7.00pm

Discussion

First Nations Focus Area:

- Importance of First Nations as the first objective/focus area of the strategy was noted by the committee.
- Strategy does not specifically mention the Wurundjeri Woi-Wurrung Traditional Owners. Suggestion there be more explicit mention/acknowledgment of Banyule's Traditional Owners, or opportunities to engage with Wurundjeri Woi-Wurrung community, artists, etc?

Sustainable and Thriving Creative Sector Focus Area:

- Suggestion that emerging artists should be explicitly referenced in the strategy – across the ages (not just young people).

Social Connection, Health and Wellbeing Focus Area:

- Does public art/visual arts belong here too? Social connection is also about other art forms – not just festivals as mentioned in this focus area.

Equitable Participation Focus Area:

- Support for a commitment of projects led by deaf/disabled artists. Discussion about how is this represented in action plan? What are the outcomes/deliverables? This is often difficult to deliver.

Creative Potential of Spaces and Places Focus Area:

- Support for the importance of this focus area. Questions about how will Council consider the distribution of budget/ resources for public art? (Upcoming Public Art Policy review will provide a framework for this).

General:

- Education /schools not a feature of the strategy. Can this be included? Could there be actions around schools engagement in Year 2 Action Plan?
- Communication about and engagement with strategy – must ensure language, even layout and design are accessible or else general public won't read or engage. Can Council ensure multiple methods of communicating the strategy to the community?
- Integrated Planning section – some confusion about the info graphic used in the document and where / how Creative Banyule fits in with it. Can this be articulated better?

Action Plan:

- Concerns from the committee there are too many actions for one year. Is it realistic? How will it be managed, and be made accountable? Concerns it will get lost internally with so many actions.
- Officers will review the draft strategy with an aim to addressing as many of the issues raised as possible – particularly: reference to Traditional Owners, Education/Schools, Emerging Artists, Public Art, and clarity around integrated planning.
- Based on this, BACAC voted unanimously to recommend the Creative Banyule draft strategy and Year 1 Action Plan to Council for endorsement.
- Next steps:
 - Officers to prepare a report for Council Meeting on 28 August
 - Pending Council endorsement, draft released for public exhibition via Shaping Banyule in September
 - Feedback considered, and a final draft prepared and brought to BACAC in November.
 - Intended adoption of Creative Banyule strategy by Council at the end of the year.

Action

Officers to prepare a report for Council Meeting on 28 August.

Recommendation

That Council note the unanimous BACAC recommendation to endorse the draft strategy for public exhibition.

4. Banyule Heritage Strategy

7.00pm – 7.20pm

- Officers have drafted a new 10 year Heritage Strategy recommending key actions to identify, protect, support and celebrate Banyule's rich and diverse local heritage.
- Some actions within the strategy will be assigned to the Arts and Culture team.
- Draft will be taken to Council for endorsement on 7 August. Once endorsed, it will be available on Shaping Banyule for community feedback.
- As key stakeholders, BACAC members are encouraged to provide feedback via Shaping Banyule and/or attend a community info session.

Action

Hannes to advise BACAC once Heritage Strategy is released for public feedback.

5. Other Business

7.20pm – 7.25pm

- Request by Cr. Nealy for BACAC meetings to be held at locations other than ILCH. This would make it easier for those traveling to meetings from the north of Banyule. (Committee noted the importance of proximity to train station)
- Committee in agreement to try other spaces starting with 1 Flintoff St office for next meeting.

Action

Hannes to arrange for meeting to be held at Council Offices in Greensborough for 2 November meeting.

6. What's On

7.25pm – 7.30pm

- A&C Program July - Dec
- [ILCH programming](#):
 - [Cat-isms](#) – (Cat exhibition, Loft 275)
 - [Murray Griffin](#) – (showcase exhibition, Art Gallery 275)
 - Works on Paper Finalists Exhibition – 16 Sept – 26 Nov

Close and date of next meeting

7:30pm

- Next meeting – scheduled Thursday 2 November 2023 at 1 Flintoff Street, Greensborough