



Arts and Culture Advisory Committee
UNCONFIRMED NOTES
Tuesday, 16 August 2022
9.36 AM
Civic Theatre

Opening of Meeting and Announcement of Visitors

The Chair, Councillor Ann-Maree Greaney opened the meeting at 9.36 am.

Present

Members

Councillor Ann-Maree Greaney	Chair, Townsville City Council
Sandra Guy	TAFE Visual Arts
Christina Pappadimitriou	Community Representative
Judith Margaret Hunter	Community Representative
Dr Mark Smith	Townsville Community Music Centre
Rosalind Sailor	Big Eye Theatre (proxy for Corrine Sheppard)
Robert Crispe	Vetta Creative

Guest

Vicki Saylor

TCC Staff

Donna Jackson	Meeting Facilitator / Principal - Inclusive Communities, Townsville City Council
Jacqui Cowell	General Manager Community and Lifestyle, Townsville City Council
Jane Scott	Galleries Director, Townsville City Council
Emily Molloy	Coordinator Performing Arts, Townsville City Council
Lachlan Welsh	Coordinator NAFA, Townsville City Council
Sarah Berwick	Coordinator Grants and Partnerships, Townsville City Council
Tanya Edwards	Council Secretariat
Sheree Anderson	Council Secretariat

Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair acknowledged the Wulgurukaba of Gurambilbarra and Yunbenun, Bindal, GuguBadhun and Nywaigi as the Traditional Owners of this land. We pay our respects to their cultures, their ancestors and their Elders – past and present – and all future generations.

Apologies

Councillor Liam Mooney	Townsville City Council
Eloise Grace	Dancenorth Australia Ltd
Terri Brabon	TheatreINQ
Sonia Warrell	Community Representative

Not in attendance

Dr Ricardo Peach	Australian Festival of Chamber Music (AFCM)
Rachel Cook	Shed 3
Kate O'Hara	Umbrella Studios Contemporary Arts

Rosalind Sailor took a seat at the meeting.

Confirm Quorum

A quorum was not present at the meeting.

Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Advisory Committee Meeting

It was MOVED by Christina Pappadimitriou, SECONDED by Sandra Guy:

"that the minutes of the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee meeting of 21 June 2022 be confirmed."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Disclosure of Interests - Statement by Coordinator Performing Arts

The Coordinator Performing Arts reminded councillors and committee members of their obligations for disclosing declarable conflicts of interest and prescribed conflicts of interest for items on the agenda.

Disclosure of Interests

There were no declarable conflicts of interest or prescribed conflicts of interest declared.

Agenda Submissions and Meeting Action Register Update

The Meeting Facilitator provided an update on the ACAC Agenda Submission and Meeting Action Register (refer to Attachment 1). Of the 11 items on the list, 7 have been closed.

Vicki Saylor took a seat at the meeting during the following item.

Agenda Items

The Committee considered agenda item 2 as the first item of business.

Item 2 Introduction: Jane Scott, Galleries Director, Townsville City Council

Jane Scott gave a brief description of her previous experience and her current focus with the galleries in Townsville.

Vicki Saylor vacated the meeting during item 1.

Item 1 Introduction: Jacqui Cowell, General Manager Community and Lifestyle, Townsville City Council

Jacqui Cowell gave a brief description of her previous experience and asked other members of the Advisory Committee to introduce themselves and their organisations.

General Manager Community and Lifestyle and Coordinator Grants and Partnerships noted that Council's grants program is currently being reviewed, and asked members their views and feedback on the grants program.

Members of the Advisory Committee provided feedback on the needs of arts and cultural organisations in the city including the following:

- There is a need for suitable equipment and archival storage space.
- Concern was expressed about the availability of rehearsal and performing facilities. Members of the committee noted that two performing spaces had recently closed or would be closing shortly – Riverway Performing Space and PIMPAC at the Pimlico State High School.
- There is a need for operational grants funding for organisations catering to grassroots-type activities. Committee members noted that many arts and cultural groups in the city operated as more of a community service and are unlikely to be able to develop operational self-sufficiency.
- The grants application process can be difficult and more support from Council Officers would be welcome, including helping to identify suitable grants, providing constructive feedback on the proposed activity (e.g. how to improve the likelihood of success) and providing guidance around the best way to describe the activity in the application.

General Manager Community and Lifestyle and Coordinator Grants and Partnerships

General Business

(i) December meeting

The Chair, Councillor Ann-Maree Greaney, asked Advisory Committee members to consider if they would be available for a meeting in December 2022. Nil objections were noted. A decision about this will be made at the next meeting in October.

(ii) Arts Qld Peer Assessor opportunity

The Meeting Facilitator noted that information about the Arts Queensland Peer Assessor opportunity was distributed through Council's social media platforms.

(iii) Arts Queensland representative

It was noted that the appointment of a Townsville-based Arts Queensland representative will be announced in the near future.

(iv) Transition to success

The Advisory Committee briefly discussed the Queensland Government's Transition to Success program.

(v) Performing arts workers

The Coordinator Performing Arts noted that there was a shortage of experienced theatre/performance workers, as many people formerly employed in the industry have found work elsewhere following the disruption caused by COVID-19 restrictions.

(vi) NAFA update

Coordinator NAFA noted that an update on the Northern Australia Festival of Arts program will be provided to the Advisory Committee at the next meeting.

Confirmation of Next Meeting

The next committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 18 October 2022.

Close of Meeting

The Chair closed the meeting at 10.47 am.

**COUNCILLOR ANN-MAREE GREANEY
CHAIR**

Attachments

Attachment 1 - ACAC Agenda Submissions and Meeting Action Register

Attachment 2 - ACAC 2022 Meeting Schedule

ARTS AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Agenda Submissions and Meeting Action Items Register - 2021 - 2024

Action Item No.	Agenda Submission / Meeting Action	Item	Action to be taken	Advisory Committee Meeting date	Responsible Officer	Completed Date	Outcome
2	Meeting Action	Membership opportunities	Committee Recommendation 1. That Council seek two Indigenous representatives to be members of this Committee. 2. That Council invite Robert Crisp, Vetta Creative, to be a member of this Committee.	1/03/2022	Meeting Facilitator		In-progress: Vetta Creative endorsed at April Ordinary Council Meeting. Big Eye Theatre endorsed at June Ordinary Council Meeting. Two member recommendations being presented to Council in August (both connected to Indigenous Arts) - upon endorsement ACAC membership is full.
7	Agenda Submission	Community Organisation Support- seeking status update on Councils Community Organisation support grant stream.		21/06/2022			Waiting Council Operational update.
9	Meeting Action	ACAC membership - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representation	Recommendation for Councils Consideration - that the membership of the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee be extended by one (15 to 16), to enable a third Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts representative	21/06/2022	Meeting Facilitator		In-progress: Being represented through August Council meeting process, along with two membership endorsement considerations
11	Agenda Submission	TCC Grants	Seeking a Q&A and discussion around transparency and comprehension of the Grants process in relation to Arts Organisations in Townsville.				Waiting Council Operational update. New General Manager Community & Lifestyle will be in attendance at the August ACAC meeting.

Attachment 2 - ACAC Meeting Schedule 2022

Month	Date	Time	Location
March	Tues, 1 March	9.30am-11.00am	Civic Theatre
April	Tues, 19 Apr	9.30am-11.00am	Civic Theatre
June	Tues, 21 June	9.30am-11.00am	Civic Theatre
August	Tues, 16 Aug	9.30am-11.00am	Civic Theatre
October	Tues 18 Oct	9.30am-11.00am	Civic Theatre
December	tbc	9.30am-11.00am	Civic Theatre