# SHIRE OF NORTHAM

## Minutes of the Shire of Northam Art Collection Committee Meeting held in the 3% Meeting Room, Council Administration Office Thursday, 21 July 2011 at 4:00 pm

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## 1. OPENING AND WELCOME

The Meeting was declared open at 4:00pm.

## 2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Parts of Division 6 Subdivision 1 of the Local Government Act 1995 requires Council members and employees to disclose any direct or indirect financial interest or general interest in any matter listed in this agenda.

The Act also requires the nature of the interest to be disclosed in writing before the meeting or immediately before the matter being discussed.

NB A Committee member who makes a disclosure must not preside or participate in, or be present during, any discussion or decision making procedure relating to the disclosed matter unless the procedures set out in Sections 5.68 or 5.69 of the Act have been complied with.

### 3. ATTENDANCE

Councillors

AVAS Northam Chamber of Commerce Community Representatives

Shire of Northam

## 4. APOLOGIES

Nil

## 5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved: Ms Trish Hamilton Seconded: Mr Ulo Rumjantsev

That the Minutes of the Shire of Northam Art Collection Committee Meeting held on Thursday 25 May 2011, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that Meeting. Carried 5/0

#### 6 AGENDA ITEMS

## 6.1 NORTHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY – REQUEST FOR A REPRESENTATIVE

Ms Anne Ashman made a request to contact the Northam Historical Society for a representative to join the Shire of Northam Art Collection Committee. Due to the level of historical facts required on local artists.

## <u>ACTION</u>

The current members are making progress with discussion to stay with present committee at this stage, once the committee is fully established the possibility to expand the committee members may be considered in the future.

#### ONGOING

## 6.2 ART WORK / PHOTOGRAPHS

Art work to be moved to Avon Valley Arts Society, a sticker to be placed on the back of art work to control and track pieces of the collection. Photographs to be taken at the time of moving

## <u>ACTION</u>

Mr Bruce Gilbert to liaise with committee members to help with the moving of the art collection to the Old Music Room at Avon Valley Arts Society.

Mr Bruce Gilbert to liaise with Ms Melissa Harpley (Historical Curator) from the Western Australian Art Gallery, regarding storage arrangements (ie; racks) and possibilities to

T M Letch U Rumjantsev Mr Bruce Gilbert Ms Pat French Ms Ann Ashman – 4.35pm Ms Trish Hamilton Ms Denise Gobbart promote the current collection. Mr Michael Letch enquired about inviting Ms Harpley to view the collection.

Ms Pat French to investigate about portable humidifier, for climate control of the room, also discussed as to insulating the window to help protect the art collection.

Cr Michael Letch spoke about the possible storage of art work at the Shire of Northam Engineering Services depot, the committee to investigate about the storage arrangements and racks required.

#### ONGOING

## 6.3 SPACE TO WORK ON COLLECTION

To provide a secure location to store and restore art work. Discussion was had regarding utilising the Old Fire Station.

Cr Michael Letch received an email from Mr Phil Steven Shire of Northam, Executive Manager Development Services, in regards to the lease arrangement at the Old Fire Station advising there is no space available.

Avon Valley Arts Society has offered to provide the Old Music Room to the Shire of Northam for the purpose of storage and restoration of the Art Collection.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Ms Pat French Seconded: Mr Ulo Rumjantsev

That the committee accept the offer from Avon Valley Arts Society of utilising the Old Music Room, for the purpose of storage and restoration.

A letter of appreciation be sent to Avon Valley Arts Society in recognition of their offer to provide a secure location for the Art Collection.

CARRIED 5/0

## 6.4 MATTERS RAISED BY STAFF

Nil

#### 7. OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE

Mr Bruce Gilbert enquired about the legal ownership of the pieces of the collection, does the Shire of Northam have in place a policy or procedure for the ownership of the pieces.

Discussion was held about the possibilities of displaying pieces of the collection in the Shire of Northam, secure venue needs to be found. It was mentioned that the ANZ bank, Northam Region Library, Wundowie Community Resource Centre as possible venues for display.

## 8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting of the Shire of Northam Art Collection Committee will be held on Thursday, 25 August 2011, at 4:00pm. Venue Committee Meeting Room, Shire of Northam Administration Office.

## 9. DECLARATION OF CLOSURE

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There being no further business the Presiding Officer declared the Meeting closed at 5:05pm.

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