



SHIRE OF NORTHAM

**NOTICE FOR AN
ART COLLECTION COMMITTEE MEETING
COMMENCING AT
4:00 PM
THURSDAY
14 MARCH 2013**

Please be advised that the next Audit Committee Meeting will be held as above.

**D R Gobbart
EXECUTIVE MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES
14 March 2013**

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SUMMARY OF AGENDA TO BE PRESENTED TO THE ART COLLECTION COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON 14 MARCH 2013 AT 4:00 PM

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SHIRE OF NORTHAM

Notice and Agenda of an Art Collection Committee Meeting to be held in the in the committee room on THURSDAY, 14 March 2013 at 4.00 pm

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING AND WELCOME

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

COUNCIL

Chairman
Councillors

AVAS
Community Representatives
Shire of Northam

Cr T M Letch
Cr Denis Beresford
Cr U Rumjantsev
Ms Carol-Anne Wescombe
Ms Ann Ashman
Ms Denise Gobbart
Alysha Maxwell

4. APOLOGIES

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the Minutes of the Art Collection Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 27 September 2012 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

6. AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 PLACEMENT OF HUGO THROSSSELL VC AND SIR JAMES MITCHELL PORTRAIT

BACKGROUND

The Art Collection committee made recommendations to Council regarding the placement and location of the Hugo Throssell VC and Sir James Mitchell portraits. The committee made the recommendation for the portraits to be hung in its original home of Northam Town Hall, providing it is placed in its original position, so as to ensure it is kept in a secure place that is also available for public viewing.

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 17/10/2012, Council made the amendment that the issue relating to the location of the portraits Hugo Throssell VC and Sir James Mitchell be referred back to the committee for its consideration of alternative location of display.

Mr Letch suggests the Northam Library as a suitable location for the Hugo Throssell portrait.

Council's Resolution

Minute No C.1872

Moved: Cr R Head

Seconded: Cr U Rumjantsev

That point 4 of the Committee's recommendation be amended as follows:

4. That the issue regarding the portraits of Hugo Throssell VC and Sir James Mitchell be referred back to the Committee for its consideration of alternative location of display.

CARRIED 8/1

6.2 LETTER FROM NORTHAM RSL

BACKGROUND

A letter was received from Northam Sub Branch Returned and Services League regarding a number of issues concerning the Hugo Throssell VC portrait and its location. Northam RSL suggested until a prominent but safe location can be decided the Northam Shire could commission a professional photographer to take a good quality image of the actual painting and to present copies of that image to local groups such as the Northam RSL, A.V.A.S., The Historical Society and the Museum at the Old Railway Station, to display at their locations.

Another item was the idea to have made a life sized brass statue of Throssell to be displayed in Northam. Reg Stevens from Northam RSL will be contacting Hon Max Trenorden to see if a committee should be formed to initiate this project. Reg has asked if the Shire would be interested in having membership to this committee if it was formed, and if the Shire would support by committing funds to the project.

6.3 LETTER FROM NORTHAM MEMORIAL HALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

BACKGROUND

Members from the Northam Memorial Hall Advisory Committee have requested that arrangements be made for the pictures that were removed from the hall are returned. They believe there were 7 pictures in total, however from memory they can only recall;

- Air Force Association
- A Couple of Landscapes
- Katrine Church – Dulcie Armstrong

OFFICER'S COMMENT

In the "Artworks Catalogue 2006" it demonstrates that the following artwork was kept at the Memorial Hall;

- ST. SAVIOURS A.D. 1862 - Peter Rohan
- LIGHT AND SHADOW - James Goatcher
- GREEN VALLEY - George Benson
- KARRI FOREST - Peter Rohan
- AUTUMN MORNING - Gordon Esling
- GOLDEN VALLEY - Robert Johnson
- BELLKRACANA FLINDERS RANGE - Travis Webber
- INDUSTRIAL EXTRACTS - Peter Rohan
- WITTENOOM GORGE - Peter Rohan

6.4 NEW ART PRIZE ARTWORK

BACKGROUND

The following pieces of artwork have been received following the 2012 art prize;

- Into the Unknown – Elizabeth Rihul
- Hidden Secrets – Vicki Sangster

OFFICER'S COMMENT

The artworks need to be photographed and catalogued

6.5 COPIES MADE AND FRAMED OF HUGO THROSSELL VC PORTRAIT

BACKGROUND

Mr Letch suggested the consideration of making two copies of the Hugo Throssell VC portrait which would be framed and displayed at the Northam R.S.L and the railway museum. The approximate cost to undertake these works would be approximately \$450.00 each.

It was decided at the Art Collection committee meeting held on 27 September 2012 that quotes would be obtained before making a recommendation to Council. This was questioned by Cr Beresford whether copying the works would reduce the value of the original, and Ms Ashman also raised questions regarding copyright.

Cr Rumjantsev requested the consideration for the high quality reproduction of two copies (costs from Churchill galleries as suggested by Ann Ashman) e.g. RSL hall, Visitor Centre.

At Council meeting held on 17 October 2012 Council endorsed the recommendation to Council for the inspection and photography work for the water colour paintings. This work would be undertaken at a cost of \$2,082.00 which would be deducted from the general ledger account 11362022. This account was allocated a sum of \$2,714.00 for the 2012/2013 financial year with a variance of \$413.10. There is a remaining sum of \$218.90.

With regards to the reproduction of these artworks, Council resolved on the 18 April 2012 the following;

Minute No C.1761

Moved: Cr S Pollard

Seconded: Cr U Rumjantsev

That Council,

- 1. receive the minutes of the Shire of Northam Art Collection Committee of 08 March 2012.**
- 2. does not endorse a reproduction of the Mr Hugo Throssell VC portrait.**
- 3. endorse the Art Collection Committee recommendation in accepting the request from the Northam Sub Branch Returned and Services League, to display the portrait of Mr Hugo Throssell VC in April 2015.**
- 4. endorse the Art Collection Committee recommendation in accepting the request from the Northam and Districts Historical Society to display the portrait of Mr Hugo Throssell VC and Sir James Mitchell in the Northam and Districts Historical Society's room upstairs in the Northam Town Hall, for a term specified by Council officers.**

CARRIED 9/0

OFFICER'S COMMENT

The work is unable to be completed as there are insufficient funds available in the general ledger account for the 2012/2013 annual budget.

6.6 PROVENANCE PLAQUES FOR HUGO THROSSELL PORTRAIT

BACKGROUND

Mr Letch suggested advising Council to commission three provenance plaques for the Hugo Throssell Portrait and approximately 40 plaques for paintings ready for display.

Mr Letch is hoping to obtain a sample and cost.

6.7 SUITABLE PROCEDURE TO COMMENCE THE REVOLVING DISPLAY

6.8 CONDITION OF HUGO THROSSELL PAINTING

BACKGROUND

Cr Rumjantsev made comments regarding the state and condition of Hugo Throssell painting. This is in regards to any damage; it's been quoted in the press that the frame has damage which may require attention.

OFFICER COMMENTS

In the 'Valuation Database October 2010' it demonstrates that the Captain Hugo Throssell VC painting is in excellent condition.

7. CLOSURE OF MEETING