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ART COLLECTION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD
THURSDAY
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Minutes of the Shire of Northam Art Collection Committee held in the Committee Room on THURSDAY, 26 September 2013 at 4.06 pm

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1. **DECLARATION OF OPENING AND WELCOME**

The meeting was declared open at 4.06pm.

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 Council 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.

Mr Thomas Michael Letch declared a "Financial" interest in item 6.5 – Consideration/Approval of Provenance Card Format – Wife is undertaking work.

3. ATTENDANCE

Chairman
Councillor

Mr TM (Michael) Letch
Cr Ulo Rumjantsev
Cr Denis Beresford
Ms Anne Ashman
Ms Denise Gobbart
Ms Alysha Maxwell

Community Representative
Shire of Northam

4. APOLOGIES

Northam Chamber of Commerce
AVAS

Mr Alan Jelly
Ms Stephanie Corcoran

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minute: AR.038

**Moved: Cr Denis Beresford
Seconded: Ms Anne Ashman**

That the Minutes of the Art Collection Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 1 August 2013 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED 4/0

6. AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 ADOPTION OF 2013/2014 BUDGET

The Shire of Northam Art Collection Committee noted that the 2013/2014 budget has been adopted and a sum of \$20,000.00 has been allocated for art collection expenses.

6.2 RESIGNATION - MR ALAN JELLY

Correspondence has been received from Mr Alan Jelly stating that he wishes to withdraw from his appointment to the Shire of Northam Art Collection Committee due to other conflicting schedules. A letter will be written to the Northam Chamber of Commerce asking if there is someone from the Chamber of Commerce who can fill the position.

RECOMMENDATION

Minute: AR.039

**Moved: Cr Denis Beresford
Seconded: Ms Anne Ashman**

That Mr Allan Jelly from the Northam Chamber of Commerce be removed as a member of the Shire of Northam Art Collection Committee.

CARRIED 4/0

6.3 WATER COLOURS PROGRESS – CLAUDE HOTCHKIN BEQUEST

The committee has noted that artworks 37, 39, 40, 41, 43, 46 & 47 have been transported to Douglas Firth from Biblio Folio for repairs.

6.4 CATALOGUE NUMBER FOR NORTHAM ART PRIZE ARTWORK

As in previous years the Shire of Northam acquires the winning piece of artwork from the Northam Art Prize. The winning piece for the Oils/Acrylic section which was sponsored by the Shire of Northam was won by T. Brian Aylward for his work called “Country Road”.

The Shire of Northam Art Collection Committee has allocated catalogue number 108 this piece of artwork.



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July 2013

Mr Steve Pollard
President
Shire of Northam
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Dear Steve,

Avon Valley Arts would like to thank you and the Shire for your support and sponsorship of the 2013 Northam Art Prize.

This year's event was once again well supported by artists from the local area as well as further afield and a good crowd turned out for the Opening night.

Your sponsorship of \$2000 provided the prize for the Oils/Acrylic section which was won by T. Brian Aylward of Wooroloo with his work called, "Country Road." As in previous years, the Northam Shire acquires the winning artwork to add to the Shire Collection. The Highly Commended Award was given to Paul O'Sullivan of Toodyay for his work called, "Irish."

Thank you again for your continued support.

Kind regards,

President
Avon Valley Arts Inc

AVAS proudly acknowledges the support of the Shire of Northam

Mr Thomas Michael Letch declared a “Financial” interest in item 6.5 – Consideration/Approval of Provenance Card Format – Wife is undertaking work.

Mr Letch departed the meeting room at 4.14pm

6.5 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF PROVENANCE CARD FORMAT

The committee noted that Council has endorsed the design of the provenance cards and made a provision of \$500.00 in the 2013/2014 budget for the cards to be prepared and laminated. It was also noted that Council endorsed that Mrs Letch complete the works quoted once the 2013/2014 budget has been adopted.

Now that the budget has been adopted Mrs Letch can be contacted to arrange a time frame and the necessary paperwork can be completed.

Mr Letch returned to the meeting room at 4.16pm.

Mr Letch suggested that we could contact the Northam RSL in regards to the description for the Hugo Throssell provenance card. Ms Gobbart suggested that we could use pamphlets to create the card and ask the Northam RSL to review and provide any suggestions in regards to the cards improvement.

6.6 ART STORAGE DESIGN

The committee noted that building services have been advised that these works can proceed now that the 2013/2014 Budget has been adopted.

6.7 REPRODUCTION'S OF HUGO THROSSELL PORTRAIT

The committee has acknowledged that the Australian Was Memorial will not pursue acquiring a reproduction of the Hugo Throssell portrait as per their letter received on 6 August 2013.

It was brought the committee attention that at this stage there is no hanging area for the Council's reproduction of the Hugo Throssell portrait. It was suggested that this copy could be displayed in other buildings and lent to community groups.

It was raised that now the painting is on display, as part of Council's decision to display the painting at the Northam Visitor Centre, it was decided that a shield should be placed over the painting for protection, Cr Beresford asked the question if it needed a protective barrier as it is located quite high on the wall. It was raised that if the committee felt that the portrait did not require a protective barrier they would need to make a recommendation to Council.

Cr Beresford suggested that a Perspex shield could be placed over the painting which would stand off from the wall.

RECOMMENDATION

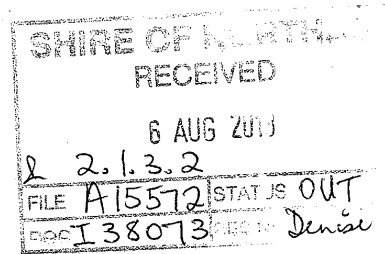
Minute: AR.040

Moved: Cr Denis Beresford

Seconded: Cr Ulo Rumjantsev

That staff investigate the details of installing a perspex shield over the Hugo Throssell VC portrait.

CARRIED 4/0



31 July 2013

Ms Denise R Gobbart
Executive Manager Corporate Services
Shire of Northam
Po Box 613
Northam WA 6401

Dear Ms Gobbart

Thank you for bringing the opportunity for the reproduction of a portrait of *Captain Hugo Throssell* VC by Duncan McGregor Whyte to our attention.

After careful consideration, the Memorial will not pursue acquiring this work for the National Collection.

I have assessed the work against our collection development plan and unfortunately it does not fit within the parameters of our collecting policy. The Memorial collects only original works of art for the National Collection.

I would very much like to thank you for the offer and thinking of the Australian War Memorial as a suitable repository. If you would like to discuss this letter in further detail, please do not hesitate to contact me on **02 6243 4306**, our postal address below, or Cherie.Prosser@awm.gov.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cherie Prosser".

Cherie Prosser
Assistant Curator of Art

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

7.1 AVAS ROOF – ITEMS FOUND

Ms Ashman said that whilst AVAS have been shifting building, an old signature of Prince Charles was found along with an old pair of shoes in the AVAS roof. Ms Ashman asked the question of who these would belong to as it was found in AVAS building. It was stated that this would be the property of AVAS who would need to be contacted to find out what their intentions were with the two items that were found.

7.2 DISPLAY OF ARTWORK

Ms Ashman presented a list of suitable places where the artwork could be displayed. It was outlined that there is a form which must be completed in order for the borrowing of any artwork.

It was suggested that we could create an expressions of interest form and advertise that the collection is available for borrowing. This could be advertised through the Shire of Northam Newsletter, the Shire's Facebook page and the website. It was decided that this idea should be held off until the storage at the Recreation Centre has been built as this will provide a more efficient management system.

The following places were suggested as suitable location to display the collection;

- Member of Parliament Office
- Police Station
- Court House
- FESA
- Water Corporation
- Main Roads
- Western Power
- Doctors Surgeries
- Killara
- Department of Agriculture
- Mclver House
- Visitor Centre
- Hospice
- Recreation Centre
- St John Ambulance
- Library
- Funeral Directors
- Dentist
- Morby Cottage
- Agricultural Society
- Historical Society
- Share & Care
- Post Office
- Wundowie Share & Care
- Northam Picture Framers
- Business Centre
- Country Copiers
- Directions
- Max Employment
- No.90 Gallery
- Advocate
- Optometrist
- Northam Travel
- C Y O'Connor Tafe
- Northam Primary School
- West Northam Primary School
- Avon Vale
- Doctor's
- Vets
- Real Estate
- Physio Therapy
- Northam Chamber of Commerce
- Old Northam Railway Station
- Bridgely Community Centre

7.3 FUNCTION TO LAUNCH COLLECTION

It was discussed that this function may not occur until November. It was stated that this should be arranged once the Visitor Centre renovations have been fully completed.

8. DECLARATION OF CLOSURE

There being no further business the Presiding Officer declared the meeting closed at 4.58pm.

“I certify that the Minutes of the Shire of Northam Art Collection Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 26 September 2013, have been confirmed as a true and correct record.”

_____ President

_____ Date