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Minutes of the Shire of Northam Art Collection Committee held in the Committee Room on THURSDAY, 30 January 2014 at 4.02 pm

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1. **DECLARATION OF OPENING AND WELCOME**

Denise Gobbart, Executive Manager Corporate Services declared the meeting open at 4.02pm.

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.

3. ATTENDANCE

Chairman	Mr TM (Michael) Letch
Councillor	Cr Ulo Rumjantsev
	Cr Denis Beresford
Community Representative	Ms Anne Ashman
AVAS	Ms Stephanie Corcoran
Executive Manager Corporate Services	Ms Denise Gobbart
PA to Executive Manager Corporate Services	Ms Alysha Maxwell

4. APOLOGIES

Nil

5. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON

At 4:02 pm the Executive Manager Corporate Services, Ms Denise Gobbart called for nominations for the position of Chairperson of the Shire of Northam Art Collection Committee.

Cr Denis Beresford nominated Mr Letch, Ms Anne Ashman seconded.

With no further nominations Mr TM (Michael) Letch accepted the position and took the Chair.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minute: AR.040

Moved: Ms Anne Ashman

Seconded: Cr Ulo Rumjantsev

That the Minutes of the Art Collection Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 26 September 2013 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED 5/0

7. AGENDA ITEMS

7.1 PROGRESS OF STORAGE UNIT AT NORTHAM RECREATION CENTRE

The Storage unit has now been completed at the Northam Recreation Centre and all artwork that was stored in the Avon Valley Arts Society Building and Administration Centre have been transported and are now hanging in this unit.

AGREED: That the committee inspect the storage unit after the meeting is closed.

7.2 ARTWORK AT THE NORTHAM PICTURE FRMAERS

The committee has noted that artworks 37, 39, 40, 41, 43, 46 & 47 were transported to Douglas Firth from Biblio Folio for repairs. Since the last committee meeting these pieces have been returned and have been delivered to Phil Mayne at Northam Picture Framers for remounting and photographing, these works have now been completed.

In relation to the artworks which were not restored by Douglas Firth, Mr Mayne has said that as these pieces are stuck to the acidic backing, he cannot complete the work which was quoted for the artwork. If we wish to have these works photographed this can be completed by Mr Mayne however we already have photographic records of this artwork which was taken when valued in 2010.

The committee discussed having these works photographed unframed as the images taken from the 2010 valuation are of the artwork framed.

RECOMMENDATION

Minute: AR.041

**Moved: Cr Ulo Rumjantsev
Seconded: Ms Anne Ashman**

That the remaining unrestored artwork being numbers 42, 44, 45, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52 & 53 be photographed and reframed as originally contracted by Northam Picture Framers.

CARRIED 5/0

7.3 PIECES LOCATED IN RECORDS BUILDING

A number of pieces have been identified which have been stored in the Records building at the Shire of Northam Administration Centre. It must be decided whether a catalogue number should be allocated for these pieces.

The below list outlines a number of pieces located in the records building;

- 1. Photos Taken in Egypt 1914-1918 by Walter James Spence, Not Dated**
 - *This could possibly be gifted/donated to the Northam RSL (Agreed)*
- 2. Roll of Honour - Northam and Districts - Volunteers in the Service of Australia 1939-1945. Framed by Phil Mayne – Northam Picture Framers, Not Dated**
 - *To be discussed*
- 3. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Artist Unknown, Not Dated**
 - *To be discussed*
- 4. Towns Cricket Club - N.C.A Premiers 1951-1952, Photographer Unknown, Not Dated**
 - *This could be gifted/donated to the Northam Cricket Club or Northam Historical Society.*
- 5. Northam Town Council 2005, Photographer Unknown**
 - *To be discussed*
- 6. X4 Northam Town Council 2007, Photographer Unknown**
 - *Only one of these should be kept, the remainder could possibly be gifted to members within the photograph.*
- 7. Herbert William Hancock esq by C.M. Nixon (Northam), Not Dated**
 - *To be discussed*
- 8. Charles Edward Dempster esq by C.M. Nixon (Northam), Not Dated**
 - *To be discussed*
- 9. David Thomas Morrell esq 1900-1907 C.M. Nixon (Northam)**
 - *To be discussed*
- 10. Patrick O'Driscoll esq 1921-1924 by C.M. Nixon (Northam)**
 - *To be discussed*
- 11. John Michael Carroll esq 1913-1921 by C.M. Nixon (Northam)**
 - *To be discussed*
- 12. John Taylor Cooke esq by C.M. Nixon (Northam), Not Dated**
 - *To be discussed*
- 13. James Wilkerson esq 1877-1900 by C.M. Nixon (Northam)**
 - *To be discussed*
- 14. William Simon Dempster esq 1876-1892 by C.M. Nixon (Northam)**
 - *To be discussed*
- 15. Jacob Delmage esq 1873-1876 by C.M. Nixon (Northam)**
 - *To be discussed*
- 16. I.J. (Jenny) Sheehan – President – 1996-2001, Artist Unknown**

- *To be discussed*

17. David Ross Antonio – President – 1978-1996, Artist Unknown

- *To be discussed*

18. A.W. (Bert) Llewellyn – Shire of Northam President – 2001-?, Artist Unknown

- *To be discussed*

19. A.J. Antonio esq – Chairman – 1959-1976, Framed by Chris Brown at The Works in Northam

- *To be discussed*

20. Edward Alfred Letch – Chairman – 1924-1940, Framed by Chris Brown at The Works in Northam

- *To be discussed*

21. C.W. Martin – Chairman – 1940-1946, Framed by Chris Brown at The Works in Northam

- *To be discussed*

22. Sketch of TAE Letch, Not dated, by Anne Ashman

- *To be discussed*

23. Shire of Northam Council and Senior Staff, Photographer Unknown, Not Dated

- *To be discussed*

24. Bakers Hill Gateway to the Past Sign, Artist Unknown, Not Dated

- *To be discussed*

25. Spirit of Freedom Piloted by Steve Fossett – Bud Light – World Record by Wheatbelt Photography, Not Dated

- *To be discussed*

26. Reproduction of the WA Syndicate who Discovered the Eastern Goldfields October 1887 by Elizabeth Studies

- *To be discussed.*

Cr Beresford requested clarification on what was item 6. It was advised that this is not the image which is displayed in the Council Chambers. Cr Beresford stated that there is one which contains the Queens signature on it; this also raised the question as to whether the image in the Council Chambers is catalogued. Staff is to investigate whether the Chambers image is catalogued and identify which image is signed.

It was suggested that points 7 to 22 could have a photographic record taken of these images, which can then be displayed in another form such as being used to create a collage. The originals may then possibly be gifted to the families of the members within the portraits.

RECOMMENDATION

Minute: AR.042

Moved: Cr Denis Beresford
Seconded: Cr Ulo Rumjantsev

The Art Committee recommend to Council the following actions;

- 1. Endorse staff investigating the cost involved to have a photographic image taken of items 7 to 22;**
- 2. Gift items 1 and 2 to the Northam Returned Services League;**
- 3. Gift items 4, one of point 6 and 25 to the Northam Historical Society;**
- 4. Gift the remaining 2 images from item 6 to members within the photograph;**
- 5. Gift item 24 to the Bakers Hill Progress Association;**
- 6. Catalogue;**
 - Photographic image containing Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Artist Unknown, Not Dated;**
 - Photograph containing the Northam Town Council 2005, Photographer Unknown;**
 - Photograph containing the Northam Town Council 2007, Photographer Unknown;**
 - Photograph containing the Shire of Northam Council and Senior Staff, Photographer Unknown, Not Dated; and**
 - Framed image of the reproduction of the WA Syndicate who Discovered the Eastern Goldfields October 1887 by Elizabeth Studies.**

CARRIED 5/0

7.4 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPRESENTATIVE

Now that the 2013 Local Government Elections have been completed, all Council committees and committee representatives needed to be endorsed by Council. The Shire of Northam Art Collection Committee was endorsed and now consists of the following members;

Council	Cr Ulo Rumjantsev
	Cr Denis Beresford
AVAS	Ms Stephanie Corcoran
Community	Ms Anne Ashman
	Mr Michael Letch

The Chamber of Commerce has nominated Cr Denis Beresford as their representative, however as he is already a Council representative and a member of this committee he is unable to be the Chamber representative. The Chamber has been notified of this and has advised that they will discuss this at their next meeting. Currently there is no representative appointed from the Northam Chamber of Commerce.

7.5 PROGRESS WITH PROVENANCE CARDS

A purchase order has been raised for Mrs Letch to complete the works required for the making of the provenance cards, Mrs Letch has advised that she has commenced these works.

Mr Letch advised that these have been completed and an invoice will be dropped off along with a USB containing the cards. The paper will be purchased from Country Copiers and the cards will be printed once received.

7.6 MENIN GATE AT MIDNIGHT

At a previous Annual Electors Meeting, Ms James questioned the whereabouts of this painting as 400 copies were given to the Commonwealth, one of which was to Northam. Mr Letch responded stating that it is not on our current list of artworks, but that we will make every effort to find it.

At the recent Electors Meeting Cr Des Hughes raised this topic as it was believed that the Northam RSL had a copy of this painting.

AGREED: Mr Letch will investigate whether the painting is located at the Northam RSL Hall.

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

8.1 DISPLAY OF COUNCIL'S ARTWORK – LAUNCHING THE COLLECTION

Now that the storage unit has been completed we can begin to display some of the artworks. Ms Ashman suggested starting at Council owned locations.

It was suggested that we could set up a display at the Northam Lesser Hall for a couple of weeks to display the collection. Schools could then be invited to come and view the collection.

If this was operational during business hours a Shire of Northam staff member may be able to man the setup however if we looked at having a function on a Friday evening and continued to run the display over the weekend we would need to look at sourcing volunteers.

Ms Corcoran and Ms Maxwell are to investigate the cost and bring back to the next meeting for hiring/sourcing stands which can be used to display the collection. These can be used in conjunction with the display unit which is already implemented in the Lesser Hall.

8.2 NAME MISPRINT – CATALOGUE NUMBERS 33 AND 34

Mr Letch raised the possibility of an error occurring in the recording of 33 and 34 as he believes they are by the same artist however it has been recorded as the first name being differently. The signature on the two paintings can be checked to confirm whether they are both completed by the same artist.

9. DECLARATION OF CLOSURE

There being no further business the Presiding Officer declared the meeting closed at 4:52pm.

“I certify that the Minutes of the Shire of Northam Art Collection Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 30 January 2014, have been confirmed as a true and correct record.”

_____President

_____Date