

Clarence Valley Council

Clarence Valley Community & Cultural Committee – Minutes

28 June 2023 COMMENCING 3:20pm – Grafton Regional Gallery, Fitzroy Street, Grafton

Attendance:

CVC - Justin Putze: Manager Cultural, Community and Industry, Sarah Gurich: Gallery Director, CR Jeff Smith, CR Allison Whaites
Community - James Cameron, Steve Tranter, Aneika Kapeen (a technical issue at Gallery loc and was unable to connect)

Item	Description/Discussion/ Comments	Action	Recommendation
1	Acknowledgment of country	We acknowledge the Bundjalung, Gumbaynggirr and Yaegl people as the Traditional Owners of the land on which we live and work. We honour the First Nations people's culture and connection to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.	
2	Apologies	Kate Begbie, Bree Hiatt	
3	Declarations of Interest	Nil	
4.1	Guest Speaker	Nil	
5	Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting held on 18 February 2023 Moved: Jeff Smith Second: James Cameron		
6	Business Arising from the Minutes		
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6.01	Nil		
6.02			
6.03			
6.04			

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6.05	Meeting chaired by CR Allison Whaites		
6.06	<p>CR Allison Whaites welcomed and acknowledged Gallery Director Sarah Gurich. Sarah gave a brief overview of her professional background and noted that:</p> <p>The importance of pushing programs outside the gallery into the wider community</p> <p>The committee plays and an important role in advising how CVC can best support the gallery and wider community.</p> <p>Justin spoke enthusiastically about Sarah's appointment and is liaising with her on the gallery staffing structure</p>		
6.07	Justin acknowledged gallery staff efforts during the transition period between Gallery Directors.		
6.08	<p>Committee members introduced themselves and spoke of their respective community roles.</p> <p>CR Smith – former business owner and was involved with the Jacaranda Committee</p> <p>CR Whaites – Real Estate Business owner with a background in social housing and welfare.</p> <p>James Cameron – 'Grumpys' café owner, has introduced regular live music sessions and is passionate about the future of the South Grafton community.</p> <p>Steve Tranter – Clarence River Historical Society, talked about his discussion with the Mayor regarding a producing a small book to commemorate past events, and it is 80 years since the Cub Scouts tragedy.</p>		
6.09			
6.10			
7	General Business		

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7.01	James – South Grafton Chamber of Commerce, looking at commencing around July. Jacaranda Festival Carnival Capers recommencing in South Grafton this year as part of the Festival.	Nil	
7.02	Skinner Street South Grafton Public Art Cr Whaites queried an update on sculptural chairs in Skinner St. Justin responded – the original artist has been located; a conversation has been held with Peter Birch of CVC Open Spaces. It will cost approx. \$15,000 - \$25,000 to update the mosaiced seats in repairs, and to renew or refresh artworks.	A conversation needs to take place as to how funding can be generated, James suggested that the SG Chamber of Commerce could get involved when up and running.	
7.03	Old Grafton Gaol CR Smith and Steve discussed the future of the Grafton Gaol, as there are various opportunities to create something with this to turn it into a cultural space. Areas have been granted to the hospital and a local Aboriginal Corporation. The Gaol has been divided into four areas, which wasn't finalised before the state election. CR Smith noted that Councillors believe that the future of the Gaol is community and culturally related and proposed a motion CVC is lobbying for State to clarify the future situation of the Gaol and to take responsibility as its state owned. If CVC supports the proposed motion, the outcome would be a letter of support from the Mayor.	Proposed motion – That Council engage with the NSW State Government in regard to the future of the residual part of the Old Grafton Gaol not already assigned to other groups. That Council Lobby the State Government to provide community consultation in regard to the Gaol and its future repurposing and community expectations.	Committee recommended that CVC considers lobbying as per CR Smiths proposed motion. Passed and moved by CR Smith, seconded by CR Whaites.

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8.01	Committee member Aneika Kapeen	<p>Aneika sent the following message:</p> <p><i>I just feel this isn't fair. It was sent in an email saying there would be a link. And we are close to NAIDOC.</i></p> <p><i>Can it be noted that I am disappointed this has happened. As someone who lives down river. I always find it hard to make time, but I made time for this and I just feel a bit let down in the running of this.</i></p> <p><i>I miss out on having my say and voicing things that may impede on our cultural protocol. I know it's just a slip up. But this committee doesn't meet frequently enough to allow for weekly conversations around this.</i></p> <p><i>Sorry for the long message and if I sound blunt. Just upset this has happened. Sent from my iPhone</i></p>	
9	Next Meeting		
	Chair:	Sarah Gurich	Minutes: Avron Thompson
	Date / Time:	23 August 2023 from 3:30 – 4:30pm	Location: Grafton Regional Gallery, Meeting Room 1
10	Meeting close	4:29pm	