

**Central Highlands Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee (CHACAC)
Planning Meeting - Record of Proceedings**

Date:	Friday 12 May 2023
Venue:	Emerald Gallery Meeting Room, Emerald council offices
Chair:	Cr Charles Brimblecombe
Minute takers:	Karen Newman - Arts and Cultural Officer (ACO) and Ruth Haydon – Arts and Cultural Officer Galleries (ACOG).
Present:	CHACAC Members: Maureen Burns, Teagan Arnold, Helen Chivers, Mellissa Chick. CHRC: Cr Charles Brimblecombe, Katerina Hatzipanagiotis - Coordinator Arts and Engagement (CAE), Karen Newman - Arts and Cultural Officer (ACO), Ruth Haydon – Arts and Cultural Officer Galleries (ACOG), Hayley Sullivan - Arts and Cultural Trainee.
Apologies:	CHACAC members: Lou Petho, Ben Robertson, Barb Beazley. CHRC: Cr Joseph Burns, Suzanne Poulter – Manager Connected Communities (MCC)
Meeting time:	11.30am – 1.15pm
Preparation documents distributed for this meeting:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHACAC Planning Meeting Agenda – 12 May 2023 • CHACAC Record of Proceedings – 10 March 2022 • Update - Meeting actions – 12 May 2023 • Update - Galleries – 12 May 2023 • Update - Council projects – 12 May 2023 • Update - RADF 2022-23 projects – 12 May 2023 • RADF outcome report – Lions Club of Emerald • RADF outcome report – Noosa Film Academy

	Subject	Discussion
1.	Opening of meeting	Cr Charles Brimblecombe opened the meeting at 11.30 am. Apologies were noted.
2.	Conflict of Interest Register	Nil
3.	Written updates circulated	<p>Previous meeting actions update - as recorded at the end of these minutes.</p> <p>Galleries update Emerald Art Gallery <u>Previous Exhibition</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Easter Sunflower Exhibition was on display in the Gallery from 5 April – 5 May 2023. This was a community exhibition with 77 artworks supplied by artists of all ages across the Central Highlands. Schools that participated included Denison State School, Capella State School and Lochington School. The opening night was held in conjunction with the Easter Sunflower Festival entrant’s presentation night with over 80 people attending, including the visiting Canadian Sunflower Queens and their families. During the exhibition, there were two interactive activities on offer for visitors to collaborate and participate. The Sunflower Wall activity invited visitors to colour in the sunflowers provided and add their flowers to the wall. The second was a Still Life activity provided by Loretta Horn with bits of nick-knacks set up for people to stop and draw, then add their drawings to the wall. <p><u>Current Exhibition</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening on 12 May 2023 at 6.00pm is “Rapt in Rubyvale”, an exhibition by Gemfields artists Maxine Wild and Gaye Steele. As two very accomplished and established artists who have exhibited in the gallery previously over the years, it’s exciting to have them back in 2023. All are welcome to the opening tonight with Max and Gaye. <p><u>Upcoming Exhibitions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From 26 June 2023, entrants to the Youth Award 2023 will be exhibited. Entrant adjustments were made by the committee to increase the age categories to include entrants aged 5 years to 25 years. Entries close on Friday 2 June at 5.00pm. Entry forms and more information are available on the council website. The CHRC Annual Art Awards Emerald 2023 have now launched. This year celebrates the 30th anniversary of the awards and plans are under way for this event. Entries close on Friday 14 July 2023 at 5.00pm. Entry forms and more information are available on the council website.

- Exhibitions for remainder of 2023 are
 - June/July – CHRC Annual Youth Awards
 - Aug/Sept – CHRC Annual Art Awards Emerald
 - Sep/Oct – CQ Contemporary Artists group
 - Oct/Nov – Sue Smith
 - Nov to Jan 2024 – Artback NT “Some Like it Hot” (touring exhibition)

Bauhinia Bicentennial Art Gallery in Springsure

Previous exhibition

- CHRC Annual Art Awards Springsure closed on 13 April 2023 with approximately 500 people visiting the exhibition, including the opening night. Special visitors were recorded in the visitor book – the Governor of Queensland, The Honourable Jeanette Young and her husband Professor Graham Nimmo, who were both very impressed with the exhibition and the talent of the artists.

Current exhibition

- Geoffrey Head’s exhibition “Over the Fence” was previously on display in Emerald and is now on display in Springsure until 26 May 2023. An artist talk with Geoff and the Springsure Schools will be held if possible.

Upcoming Exhibition

- Nanette Balchin and Veronika Zeil’s exhibition “Hybrid Greening” will be next with the opening to be held on 1 June 2023 at 6.00pm. Hybrid Greening has been touring galleries across Queensland and it’s a great opportunity to share this touring exhibition at Springsure. The exhibition will remain on display until 8 July 2023.
- Exhibitions for remainder of 2023 are
 - June/July – Veronika Zeil and Nanette Balchin “Hybrid Greening”
 - July/Aug – Leena Westerberg
 - Aug/Sep – Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School
 - Oct/Nov – Springsure State School
 - Nov to Jan 2025 – William De Bois “Sacrifice” (photographic exhibition)

Arts & Cultural Trainee

- On 2 May 2023, new Arts and Cultural Trainee Hayley Sullivan started a two-year traineeship for a qualification in event management after Meisha Greentree decided to pursue other avenues. Hayley will be working predominantly with gallery events, as well as assisting the Connected Communities team with other council events.

Council projects update

Capital projects

Emerald Arts Precinct Facelift

- Electrical works now completed and garden works are underway.
- Works are expected to be complete by early June 2023.
- Updated signage for the Borilla St entrance is also being designed.
- A pamphlet is being designed including information about the arts groups working in the precinct space.

Springsure Hospital Museum

- Scoping is in progress to release the hazard clean works to market.
- Storage options for the collection continue to be investigated.

Operational Projects

Gallery hanging systems

- Blackwater – installation complete. Artworks from council's collection are being reviewed for display while internal processes and an exhibition program are developed.

Art collection conservation

- Three works on paper have been returned from the conservator in Brisbane.

Community Training

- Options and ideas for community training opportunities are being investigated.
- If members have any suggestions, please send through to Co-ordinator Arts & Engagement, Katerina Hatzipanagiotis.

Heritage projects

- Oral histories
 - The oral histories project is being reviewed to develop the complete scope of works towards seeking a contractor.
 - Oral history internal procedures are being updated for future interviews.
- Lone graves
 - The internal procedure to register lone graves is being updated.

Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) program update

2021-2022 projects

Projects complete, outcome report pending

Noosa Film Academy – Red Carpet Event	Provided to committee for review
Emerald Lions Club – 75th Anniversary Mosaic Emblem	Provided to committee for review
Emerald Art Group – International Year of Glass Workshops	Draft received, finalisation in progress
Blackwater Patchwork Group – Deerfield Embroidery	Draft received, finalisation in progress
Council Initiated Project (CIP) - Happy Africa Rhythm Workshops	Draft received, finalisation in progress
CIP - Arts and Cultural website	Project complete, report pending

- Members agreed to accept outcome reports circulated for the Emerald Lion's 75th Anniversary Mosaic and Noosa Film Academy Red Carpet Event projects.

Ongoing projects

Council-initiated projects

Creative Connections Videography project	Finalisation in progress
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2022-23 projects

Projects complete, outcome report pending

The Rolleston Rag Inc – Stephanie Coombes Photography Workshop	Outcome report in progress
Mountain Magic Arts Inc – Mountain Magic Creative Muster 2023	Outcome report due 3/7/2023
Central Highlands Music Festival – Festival of Bands 2023	Outcome report due 3/7/2023
Capella State School P & C – Josh Arnold Small Town Culture workshop	Outcome report due 18/5/2023

Ongoing projects

Individual

Amanda Fernie	15 December 2023 - Outcome report due 9/2/2024
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Group

Blackwater Art Society	31 July 2023 - Outcome report due 9/9/2023
Bogantungan Historical Society (auspice by Gayle Donaldson)	Date TBC
RAVA Productions	3-6 June 2023 - Outcome report due 2/8/2023

Melissa Chick left the meeting at 12.00pm

<p>4.</p>	<p>Project discussions</p>	<p>Annual Art Awards Emerald - 30 Year Anniversary Event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 30th anniversary of the Annual Art Awards in Emerald occurs this year. The Inaugural Emerald Art Awards 1993 coincided with the opening of the Emerald Library and Art Gallery, with Premier Wayne Goss as the special guest. • ACOG has collated data from previous exhibition catalogues to track the frequency of artists entering the competition, which was shared with the group. • Five artists have been identified who have entered for over 20 years: Carmen Beezley-Drake, Leonie Hopgood, James Laws, Susan Harmer, and Carol Forster. • Another 22 artists have supported the art awards for between 7 and 16 years. • The committee discussed a number of ideas to commemorate the anniversary and acknowledge the five identified artists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An invite-only preview event before the official opening to acknowledge those artists who have contributed significantly over the years. The invite list could include frequently entering artists, previous Mayors/CEOs/judges, and/or MPs. ○ Artist in the Spotlight videos – top five most frequent entrants to the awards (20+ years). ○ Digitising old records including previous catalogues and photos where available. ○ Display at the exhibition – sign board with information, slideshow with old photos and/or iPad with digitised records. ○ A gift for each of the five most frequent entrants – a design suggestion was to contact local artist Lawrie Stanton to make woodwork awards with cabochons and personalised engraving on each. ○ Use of previous winning entries that are in the council collection to advertise the event. ○ Large paper prints pasted to walls, pylons, etc. ○ It was decided to hold the event on the Saturday, rather than Friday night to allow for travel and preparations. ○ Anniversary catalogue/booklet – catalogue sized booklet with information and profiles on frequent entrants. A draft design was shared with members. <p>Arts Around August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members discussed priority opportunities for council events during the Arts around August program for 2023: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Emerald Arts Precinct Open Day - showcasing the existing arts groups at the precinct in their newly refreshed space, including potential for acoustic performers, artisan market, library activities, community fundraising barbecue. ○ Queensland Ballet workshops in Blackwater, Capella, Emerald and Springsure. ○ Polymer Clay Earring workshops in the Gemfields, Capella and Tieri. • Community events including RADF activities over the period will also be included in the calendar and promotion. <p>RADF Local Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts Queensland have requested that Local Priorities be reviewed and prepared ahead of potential 2023-24 funding programs.
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Priorities are intended to serve as a guide for the types of projects that would meet community interests and needs. The RADF assessment process currently uses the RADF Local Priorities for the assessment of applications. It was noted that applicants are not expected to meet all local priorities. The following documents were noted and viewed on screen, highlighting the strategic alignment of the RADF program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creative Together 2020-2030 – state government 10-year roadmap for arts, culture and creativity in Queensland Grow Together 2022-2026 – state government 4-year action plan progressing the Creative Together roadmap Creative Cultural Futures Strategy 2016-2026 – council 10-year strategy for arts, culture and heritage Creative Cultural Futures and Heritage Action Plan 2022-2024 FY – council 2-year action plan progressing the strategy Members reviewed the current list of Local Priorities as published in the RADF Guidelines 2022-23 and draft priorities were written. These will be circulated to the whole committee for review, to be finalised at the next meeting on 15 July 2023. <p>Action: ACO to share draft Local Priorities for 2023-24 with committee, for committee review before 15 July 2023.</p>
5.	Member updates	<p>Maureen Burns – Capella Pioneer Village (CPV)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CPV is open for tourist season on Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday mornings from 9am – 1pm. CPV would like to open more if they can get additional volunteers. Exhibits that have been recently upgraded or refurbished are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> blacksmithing tools a horseshoe display radio/record players exhibit large 1930's Comet stationary engine from 'Lyre Park'. 'Lyre Park' was once part of the large 'Jellibah' sheep station. The Comet engine was manufactured by a Rockhampton company. A Year 2 class from Tieri recently visited. They had very good questions and left tired but happy. They were a joy to host. The annual Capella Pioneer Village Heritage Day will be held on Saturday, 9 September 2023. <p>Teagan Arnold</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teagan has reached out to the Emerald Historical Association to consider possible future projects. Recommendations from the Our Collections Matter project are a starting point.
6.	Upcoming Meeting Dates	CHACAC Planning meeting - Friday 15 July 2023 at 9am
7.	Close of meeting	1.15 pm

Meeting Actions

Items/Projects	Action	Responsible	Status	Notes
Annual Art Award Emerald 30-year Anniversary	26-08-22 ACOG to compile list of previous entrants and known committee members, for consideration by the committee.	ACOG	Completed	12-5-23 Discussion at CHACAC planning meeting
Creative Cultural Futures and Heritage – Aspirations Document	03-09-21 Aspirations document to be reformatted to improve readability.	ACO	Ongoing	13-01-2023 CCFH Aspirations document is being reviewed and reformatted.
RADF CIP Outcome Report - Creative Connections	25-06-21 Barbara Beazley to complete the outcome report for Creative Connections project.	ACO	Ongoing	03-09-21 Payment has been made, receipt has been provided to the ACO and the report is to be finalised and submitted by Barbara Beazley.
RADF 2023-24 Local Priorities	12-05-23 ACO to share draft Local Priorities for 2023-24 with committee, for committee review before 15 July 2023.	ACO		
Screen Queensland	10-03-23 Lou Petho and Barbara Beazley are to develop project plan	ACO	Ongoing	