

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

Date:	Friday 9 February 2024
Venue:	Executive Meeting Room 2 - Emerald council offices, and online via Microsoft Teams.
Chair:	Cr Charles Brimblecombe
Minute taker:	Ruth Haydon – Arts and Cultural Officer Galleries (ACOG)
Present:	CHACAC Members: Teagan Arnold Barb Beazley (online via Teams). CHRC: Cr Charles Brimblecombe, Cr Joseph Burns, Suzanne Poulter – Manager Connected Communities (MCC) (arrived at 10.30am), Katerina Hatzipanagiotis - Coordinator Arts and Engagement (CAE), Ruth Haydon – Arts and Cultural Officer Galleries, Hayley Sullivan - Arts and Cultural Trainee, Karen Newman - Arts and Cultural Officer (ACO) (online via Teams).
Apologies:	CHACAC members: Mellissa Chick, Helen Chivers, Ben Robertson.
Meeting time:	10.23am – 11.10am
Preparation documents distributed for this meeting:	<i>Sent 2 February 2024</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda CHACAC 9 February 2024 Planning meeting • CHACAC - Record of Proceedings – 10 November 2023 • Update – Meeting Actions – 9 February 2024 • Update – Galleries – 9 February 2024 • Update - Council projects – 9 February 2024

	Subject	Discussion
1.	Opening of meeting	Cr Charles Brimblecombe welcomed members to the meeting and 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 final exhibition for 2023, was a touring exhibition from Artback NT, “Some Like it Hot” which exhibited from 8 December 2023 and closed on 25 January 2024. <p><u>Current Exhibition</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Central Highlands artist, Ros Burns’ “Exploration of Creation” is the first exhibition for 2024. Exploration of Creation opened on Friday 2 March. The Exhibition will remain on display in the gallery until 15 March 2024. <p><u>Upcoming exhibitions 2024</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> March to April - Shelley Engwirda “We Rise” May to June - Verqelle Fisher Ghungalu artist exhibition June to July - 2024 Youth Art Awards August to September - 2024 Emerald Art Awards September to October - Bill Gannon & Dieter Irving October to November - Blackwater Art Society November to January 2025 - Emerald State High School <p>Bauhinia Bicentennial Art Gallery in Springsure <u>Previous exhibition</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The remarkable William Debois exhibition “Sacrifice” was in the Springsure Art Gallery from the Opening Night of Friday 17 November 2023 until 20 January 2024. There was an artist’s talk on Saturday morning 18 November with William himself.

Current exhibition

- The Springsure Gallery is currently closed for maintenance – the back wall and brown plinths will be painted in mid-February.
- The gallery will re-open with the Annual Art Awards Exhibition opening night and awards presentation on Friday 1 March 2024 at 6.00pm. Entries for the awards are closing today at 5.00pm.

Upcoming Exhibitions 2024

- April to May – Sharon Kirk exhibition
- June to July – Springsure Quilters Group
- July to October – International Textile Biennale (touring exhibition)
- October to November – Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School
- November to Jan 2025 – Bill Gannon

More information is available on the council website's [upcoming exhibitions](#) page.

Council Projects Update

Capital Projects

Emerald Art Gallery acoustic treatment

- The Emerald Art Gallery acoustic treatment is scheduled to be installed the week of 18-22nd of March 2024 in between exhibitions.

Springsure Hospital Museum

- Cleaning of the building, and collection cleaning and relocation has progressed under the supervision of heritage specialist Gail Lipke. Other works have been scoped to be undertaken in early 2024.

Community Christmas Tree

- Based on further investigations on the complex logistics and limitations involved in the Community Christmas Tree project, it has been determined that we will not be able to proceed with the project. This decision was not taken lightly, however we are unable to find a solution to the challenges of erecting the tree in a safe and practical way.

Operational Projects

Metal in March

- The program of Metal in March events and activities have been published and advertising has begun. The final events that are going ahead are:

- Quirky Garden Art Workshops with Raelene Bock. Raelene will be hosting 4 workshops for children and adults in Emerald on 17 February and in Springsure on 2 March. Tickets are available from [Eventbrite](#) and workshops are advertised on the [Central Highlands Regional Galleries Facebook page](#).
- Jemica Ostrofski of Meekz Contemporary Jewellery in Brisbane is delivering multiple workshops in Blackwater on 16 and 17 March, Sapphire Gemfields on 22 March, and Emerald on 23 and 24 March. Tickets are available from [Eventbrite](#) and workshops are advertised on the [Central Highlands Regional Galleries Facebook page](#).
- Jazz in the Park has been confirmed for Sunday 10 March with Emerald State High School Swing Doctors and the Emerald Town Jazz band performing at the Emerald Botanic Gardens from 4.30pm. This is a free event for all of community.
- Reuse, Recycle, RE-INVENT Metal Art competition is now open and calling for entries. Central Highlands communities are invited to submit their metal-based artworks for display on Saturday 23 March at Morton Park. The display will be open to the public for viewing from 9.00am to 12.00pm, with prizes awarded on the day. People's Choice voting will also be available online via the Have Your Say Central Highlands website.
- To be confirmed - Jase Moore to present an artist's talk morning at the metal art competition event at Morton Park.

Community Training

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

Heritage projects

- Oral histories
 - Equipment has been made available for loan through the library service, including handheld recorders and microphones, that empower community members to record their own oral history interviews. The equipment is available at Blackwater, Capella, Dingo, Duaringa, Emerald, Gemfields, Rolleston, Springsure, and Tieri Libraries.
- Lone graves
 - The internal procedure to register lone graves has been updated.
 - Equipment has been purchased and made available for loan through the library service. These are handheld GPS devices, that community members can borrow to help report Lone Graves in the region. Equipment is available at Blackwater, Capella, Dingo, Duaringa, Emerald, Gemfields, Rolleston, Springsure, and Tieri Libraries.
 - The CHRC Libraries Engagement Hub has been launched. This is a Have Your Say webpage specifically to house all library engagements, including a map to support community members in reporting Lone Graves. Simply drop a pin on the map, provide a comment, upload a photo of the grave, note what is written on the headstone/marker and provide the GPS coordinates. This hub can be found on the [library catalogue, Montage](#).

5.	Project discussions	<p>Metal in March 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As provided in the earlier update, there will be an exciting month of events to celebrate Metal in March 2024. • The Public Metal Art Trail brochure is being printed and an interactive website is currently under construction. The brochure will be available at Tourist Information Centres around the Central Highlands, and the website has capacity to be built upon with additional public artworks in the future. The website will be accessible on the council website. <p>Have Your Say – annual Arts, Culture and Heritage online engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A draft Have Your Say project for Arts, Culture and Heritage feedback is under development and will be shared with members for feedback. <p>Annual Art Awards Springsure 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entries close today for the Springsure Art Awards. Numbers are looking promising. The judge for this year is Claire Sournges, Director of the Ipswich Art Gallery, who is eager to visit Springsure as she has a connection to the town. <p>CHACAC Membership Drive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radio advertising and a media release are being produced to share with the community to encourage new CHACAC members, with the current term ending in June this year.
7.	Member updates	<p>Teagan Arnold</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In approximately six months, Teagan will be available to volunteer her time to run some oral history workshops across the region aimed at teenagers, elderly, family history and local history. This is something that could possibly be tied in with the libraries Local History Month. • History is a popular hobby and some councils are finding ways to monetise their history resources. This type of fee-based research service requires a dedicated team to staff it. • Rosemary McLeod of Comet was recognised at the recent Australia Day Awards with an OAM for her contribution to history and heritage for the region. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Members acknowledged Rosemary’s longstanding involvement in the preservation and sharing of local history, and congratulate her on this well-deserved honour. • The Gemfields will be showcased on ABC’s Backroads program on 20 February 2024. <p>Heritage update from the MCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council is excited to announce that Lauren Roberts, currently the Youth Development Officer, has accepted the role of Senior Library Officer beginning 26 February 2024. An invitation will be extended to Lauren to attend future CHACAC meetings this role includes heritage related responsibilities. <p>Action: ACO to include Lauren to the CHACAC mailing list for future CHACAC meetings and correspondence.</p>

8.	Next meeting	3 May 2024 at 9.00am (TBC after new council's first meeting). RADF 2023-24 Round 2 Assessment, followed by CHACAC planning meeting.
9.	Meeting close	11.10am

Meeting Actions

Items/Projects	Action	Responsible	Status	Notes
Creative Cultural Futures and Heritage – Aspirations Document	03-09-21 Aspirations document to be reformatted to improve readability.	ACO	Ongoing	10-11-23 To be reviewed as part of creating the new CCFHAP 2024-26. 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. 09-02-24 – Outcome report will be emailed at the end of the meeting today.
Screen Queensland	10-03-23 Lou Petho and Barbara Beazley are to develop a project plan	ACO	Closed	Barb & Lou met with Peter Dowling at CHDC who was supportive, but they will not be moving forward with anything at this stage
RADF 2023-2024 application form	21-07-23 RADF 2023-2024 application form changes will be presented at the next meeting.	ACO	Complete	10-11-23 Form will be shared with members via email. 21-07-23 RADF 2023-2024 application form changes will be presented at the next meeting.
Letters of Thanks	10-11-23 ACO to send Letters of Thanks to Maureen Burns and Lou Petho for their service to the committee.	ACO	Complete	
Arts around August rebranding	10-11-23 CHACAC members to offer suggestions for a potential Arts around August rebrand.	ACO	In Progress	CHACAC members will bring new ideas to the next meeting in May. A couple of suggestions so far: Community Canvas Festival, or Spring Into Art CH
Have Your Say Brainstorming	10-11-23 ACO to add brainstorming session ideas to engagement plans and aspirations document.	ACO	Complete	10-11-23 ACO to add brainstorming session ideas to HYS plans and refresh of Creative Cultural Futures (CCF) aspirations document
Invite Lauren Roberts to all future CHACAC Meetings	09-02-24 – ACO to include Lauren to the CHACAC mailing list for future CHACAC meetings and correspondence.	ACO		