



**MINUTES FOR GLEN EIRA
ARTS AND CULTURE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday 18 April 2023
5pm-6pm**

Rippon Lea Room - Glen Eira Town Hall

Purpose:

To assist and advise Council regarding key issues relating to arts and culture; to contribute views on the cultural needs of the community; and to collaborate on strategies to encourage participation in the cultural life of Glen Eira.

Assembly of Councillors Record

The meeting commenced at 5:05pm with an Acknowledgement of Country.

Present:

<i>Councillors:</i>	Cr Margaret Esakoff (Chair) Cr Li Zhang Cr Anne-Marie Cade	Glen Eira Councillor Committee Member Glen Eira Councillor Committee Member Glen Eira Councillor Committee Member
<i>Community Representatives:</i>	Jytte Holmqvist Louis Balis Kathleen Plastow	Community Committee Member Community Committee Member Community Committee Member
<i>Council Staff:</i>	Mark Saunders Deidre Pellizzer Tori Hayat Siân Clark	Director Community Wellbeing Manager Libraries, Arts & Culture Team Leader Arts & Culture Business Support Officer Libraries, Arts & Culture

1. Apologies: Cr Sam Parasol Glen Eira Councillor Committee Member

2. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

3. Action Items Update from last Committee Meeting

Mark Saunders

Title/Item	Action	Update	Responsible Officer	Active/Closed
Arts and Culture Marketing Strategies (Action Item 1 at the last Committee Meeting)	Officers will also include use of the Council branded trailer when it becomes available.	Trailer will be delivered in May.	Tori Hayat	Active
Forward Meeting Schedule (Item 5.6 at the last Committee Meeting)	Committee Meeting Schedule for 2023 is to be confirmed.	2023 meeting dates to be decided.	Mark Saunders	Active
Carols by Candlelight 2023 (Item 5.1 at the last Committee Meeting)	Officers will prepare the Carols proposal for the June meeting of the Committee.	Proposal in progress, to be presented at the June meeting of the Committee.	Tori Hayat	Active
Events Schedule July – December 2023 (Item 5.2 at the last Committee meeting)	Officers will present the finalised schedule at the next Committee meeting for approval. A location map of the events will accompany the schedule.	Events Schedule for July 2023-July 2024, along with location map, to be presented at the June meeting of the Committee.	Tori Hayat	Active
Gallery sound system and televisions (Item 5.3 at the last Committee meeting)	Officers will test the televisions used in exhibitions to ensure high quality audio.	Officers will ensure the audio and visual equipment is working properly for each exhibition.	Deidre Pellizzer	Closed
Event bookings (Item 5.4 at the last Committee meeting)	Officers will investigate the possibility of sending confirmation text messages through the booking system.	Officers have investigated and found that there is no capability to send SMS confirmations through our booking system.	Tori Hayat	Closed

Note: Any items still active to be carried over to next meeting

4. Summary of meeting minutes from previous meeting

Mark Saunders

At the Advisory Committee Meeting held on 21 March 2023, the following items were addressed:

- Officers presented an update on the events held between December 2022 and March 2023, sharing the successes and areas for improvement for future events.
- Members of the Committee shared feedback and ideas for future events.
- Officers tabled the draft Events Schedule until December 2023 for discussion.
- Officers provided a summary of recent activities taking place in the Gallery with the aim of improving community awareness and activation of the space.
- Officers advised about the process for booking events moving forward, which has been improved to ensure community members do not miss out on events.

- Members of the Committee recommended that Council accepts donations of three artworks by three donors.
- Members of the Committee discussed the forward meeting schedule and identified Tuesdays in June, August and October which may be suitable.

Noted by the Committee.

Question from Committee Member Louis Balis taken on notice – what percentage of the Arts and Culture budget goes to each event?

5. Items for Discussion:

5.1 Recent Events Update

Tori Hayat

Groove and Graze – Saturday 1 April 2023, 10am-7pm

Groove and Graze was back for 2023 after a hiatus during the COVID-19 pandemic. This popular event was held at Halley Park in Bentleigh and attracted approximately 7,500-8,000 patrons across the day.

A diverse musical line-up featured young and emerging local bands as part of the stage program including popular emerging artists *Hot Glue* and *Sophisticated Dingo*. Some of Melbourne's best food trucks offered a wide range of cuisines for all attendees to enjoy.

Families with young children had the run of the playground and were entertained with lawn games including tic-tac-toe and connect-4, along with groovy roving stilt walkers providing entertainment for all.

Improvements to the event included a traffic managed pedestrian crossing in front of the park for safe crossing across Jasper Road.

A different date may be considered for next year (March) when the weather might be slightly warmer and so as not to clash with other events such as the Grand Prix or Melbourne Garden Show. This clash creates difficulties in securing equipment, contractors and food vendors.

Another improvement to the event being considered is the introduction of an art and craft activities for children such as pasta jewellery making or musical instrument making.

Customer feedback included comments such as:

- Music and food truck variety and wine!! Simple kid's games on the lawn. Lots of toilets. Crates and Beanbags!!!! Playground nearby - it's perfect! High quality event - in all aspects and activities for all ages nailed!!!
- We enjoyed the live music, relaxed vibe, friendly staff.
- Enjoyed being able to enjoy live music while kids were entertained at the playground and all the food offerings.
- I love that there was a food truck that had gluten free options as I am coeliac. Also loved the seats and small tables. Perfect for eating and enjoying the music. I loved that it was held at Halley Park. Perfect venue for it.

Noted by the Committee.

10,000 Kazoos – Sunday 16 April 2023, 11am-12pm

Melbourne's International Arts Festival, RISING is hosting a series of exciting community workshops for participation in the *10,000 Kazoos* program and Glen Eira has been invited to participate. The *10,000 Kazoos* program is centred around community building, social enrichment and learning a fun new skill.

The workshop was free for Glen Eira community members who learnt to play music together on the kazoo, led by RISING festival musicians.

This workshop will culminate in a mass participation event in June 2023 as part of the RISING festival, taking place at Federation Square, with 10,000 people coming together to perform, including our Glen Eira participants!

Images from workshops across Victoria, including Glen Eira Gallery, will surround the interactive performance.

Feedback that posts from Glen Eira Arts Facebook are not showing up on people's feeds and that there were very few GE News left at Bentleigh Library and Youth Hub.

Action: Officers will check the number of GE News delivered to Bentleigh Library and Youth Hub.

Noted by the Committee.

5.2 Upcoming Events

Glen Eira Storytelling Festival: proposed new date

Deidre Pellizzer

The Glen Eira Storytelling Festival is now in its 11th year and has traditionally been scheduled to take place in Winter (June/July). The Festival celebrates storytelling in all its forms and includes a series of events and programs for all ages and interests from exhibitions and concerts, theatre, comedy and film - to live discussion, talks, poetry and book readings.

Currently the Festival takes place in the middle of Winter, a time that can be a challenge in attracting an audience – particularly to evening events – because of the colder weather and shorter days.

Officers have been reviewing the timing of the Festival and exploring alternative time periods to work within the new Events Schedule.

Discussion with the Committee included the following points:

- Programming the Gallery during summer has proven to be successful not only in activating the Gallery itself but taking advantage of the Town Hall precinct.
- The Festival may be better placed in late January toward the end of the school holidays when families and community members may be looking for opportunities to attend local activities and entertainment before the recommencement of the school year.
- Late January proved to be very popular for the *Paper Planet* workshops held in the Gallery over the course of five days this year.
- The usually more clement weather in January would also allow opportunities to activate the outdoor spaces of the Town Hall, including the car park and Japanese Garden with food trucks and a pop-up bar.
- Programming would also include locations such as the Caulfield Library and the central courtyard at the Bentleigh Youth and Library Hub.
- Members of the Committee were also interested in the dates for the annual My Brother Jack Awards.
- The current Events Schedule includes *Live Sunday Sessions* in the Gallery held on the second Sunday of the month.
- These popular events are held in the afternoon and will continue throughout Winter providing residents with the opportunity to access entertainment during the cooler months
- The festival will be replaced with events such as the *Live Sunday Sessions* in the Gallery and pop up activities so that the community continues to be able to enjoy events throughout the year

Discussion of the proposal concluded that the Storytelling Festival be held in January 2024 as proposed, initially as a trial, and that Officers bring further detail on the programming to a future meeting. Committee members requested further information about the timing of the *My Brother Jack* literary program with the view to ensuring the community have access to literary events and program over Winter/Spring.

Action: Officers will bring further detail about the Summer Storytelling Festival to the next Committee meeting.

Action: Officers will confirm details of the *My Brother Jack* awards at the next Committee meeting.

Approved by the Committee.

6. General Business

Cr Margaret Esakoff (Chair)

An enquiry was raised about a discussion from a previous Committee meeting around vacant shopfronts, which was part of a presentation on the draft Placemaking Framework.

Action: Officers to provide an update from the City Futures Placemaking team on progress of this project at the next Committee meeting.

7. Forward Meeting Schedule

Dates to be confirmed.

Meeting Frequency: Up to a maximum of five (5) meetings per calendar year.

8. Next Meeting

Tuesday 13 June 2023, 5pm-6pm.

9. Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 6:03pm.

Running Recommendation List

For Reference: Recommendations adopted so far during this Advisory Committee Term

Note: This is a running table of the Council adopted recommendations for the duration of this current Advisory Committee to be ongoing at the end of this Agenda as a reference point for members.

Recommendation	Committee Meeting Date	Adopted (Y/N)	Confirmed at OCM Date
'Council accepts the donations from Judy Glick for inclusion in the Glen Eira City Council Art Collection and formally thanks Ms Glick for her generous gift'.	23 June 2022	Yes	9 August 2022
'Council endorses the Glen Eira Events and Festivals Schedule 2022-2023'.	25 August 2022	Yes	12 October 2022
'Council accepts the donations from Jenny Zhe Chang, Inge Ruben, and Hedley Potts for inclusion in the Glen Eira City Council Art Collection and	21 March 2023		

formally thanks the donors for their generous gifts.'			
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