

MINUTES FROM THE BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL CULTURAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF BALRANALD ON MONDAY MARCH 23rd 2015 COMMENCING AT 11.05AM.

PRESENT: Doreen Greenham (Chair), Michelle Mannix, Jan Lawler, Margaret Butler and the Director Corporate and Community Development, Elizabeth White, Cherie Murphy (minutes).

APOLOGIES: Cr Elaine Campbell, Mayor Leigh Byron, Cr Steve O'Halloran, Sue Balshaw and General Manager Aaron Drenovski.

The minutes of the Meeting held on Monday February 24th 2015 were read and accepted.

Moved Margaret Butler
Seconded Jan Lawler

BUSINESS ARISING:

Faces of the South West – Exhibition from South West Arts

Jan Lawler advised:

The exhibition (which went well) has now been packed up and collected. Wendy Shorthouse has resigned from her position as Regional Arts Development Officer/Executive Officer for South West Arts. The position will be advertised.

Movies during School holidays

Jan Lawler asked if there was any information regarding movies and/or have movie day for kids in next school holidays at theatre.

Elizabeth White advised that the General Manager has investigated having the movies over the second week of the school holidays for children (and adults), including purchase of bean bags for this (and possibly future) event/s.

There will be advertising sent to the schools for their newsletters and also advertising on social media.

Happenings in the area -

Jan Lawler has been in contact with Arts Mildura and Swan Hill Regional Art Gallery. Arts Mildura has supplied information on the events happening in their region, and Swan Hill Regional Art Gallery has nothing of interest at this time.

Music night –

There are no outcomes (at this time) from this query (Cr Elaine Campbell was an apology).

Invitation to Connie Mallet to join Cultural Committee -

Elizabeth White advised Connie has a large Tourism portfolio and is unable to attend at this stage.

David Eastburn; Independence of New Guinea and display –

The Official opening of this exhibition will be at 2.00pm on Sunday 26 April. Council has printed posters and 'post cards' for promotional materials. Elizabeth advised that Connie will advertise on Councils Facebook page, while Cherie will include on Councils website in the Calendar of events.

Grand Piano for the Theatre Royal –

Margaret Butler is still trying to source funding for a grand piano for the Theatre Royal.

Doreen Greenham queried if Council would have any assistance within the budget.

Elizabeth White advised that there is no available assistance, and the next budget would be very tight.

Margaret Butler commented that she will continue to try to find a possible funding source through grants.

Kapooka Army Band –

The committee agreed that they will need an event to have the possibility of hosting the band.

Elizabeth White suggested that Australia Day parade (if this occurs in 2016), may be a means to secure their services.

Jan Lawler suggested it wouldn't hurt to tentatively book them for this event.

Council will mention the idea to Hutch Lawrie, member of the Australia Day Parade committee for consideration.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jan Lawler advised that she recently attended a South West Arts board meeting. At the meeting they discussed the creation of a Strategic Plan. They advised:

- That they are holding a strategic planning meeting in Deniliquin on 29 April,
- All welcome to attend the meeting and get involved with any ideas for the Strategic Plan,
- The Strategic Plan will be a three year plan (and is funded at three years at a time, with Councils contribution yearly at the present time)
- Having a longer term will strengthen the plan

Also, the Annual General Meeting of South West Arts board will be held on 29 May at Goolgowie.

- They are currently looking for board members.
- There are nine Shires in total involved with South West Arts.
- They are intending to spread the meetings around.

Round Table Discussions

Jan Lawler suggested more travelling exhibitions between Shires, even up to one per year, such as the Bald Archies regarding South West Arts Strategic Plan.

Jan Lawler remarked that the Anzac day / weekend will be a big event for Balranald, with the inclusion of the unveiling of the plaques and additional celebrations for the 100 year anniversary.

Margaret Butler suggested asking the Bendigo Art Gallery to go further afield with their exhibitions, such as have a showing in Bendigo, then move on to Swan Hill and Balranald etc.

NEXT MEETING: 11th May 2015 at the Council Chambers commencing at 11 am.

MEETING CLOSED: There being no further business the discussions was declared closed at 11.23am.