

# Geraldton Regional Art Advisory Committee

## Meeting Agenda

<b>Meeting Name</b>	Geraldton Regional Art Advisory Committee (GRAAC)	<b>Meeting No.</b>	5 – D-22-150592
<b>Meeting Date</b>	Thursday 1 December 2022		
<b>Meeting Time</b>	10.00am-11.30am		
<b>Meeting Location</b>	Randolph Stow Meeting Rooms, Geraldton Regional Library, 37 Marine Terrace, Geraldton		
<b>Attendees</b>	Cr. Steve Cooper (SC) Cr. Michael Reymond (MR) (Proxy Chair) Cr. Kim (Butch) Parker (KP) Cr. Jennifer Critch (JC) Fiona Norling (FN) Susan Smith (SS) Roni Kerley (RK) Mark Lennard (ML) Annalise Fosbery (AF) Sari Jacobsen (SJ) Trudi Cornish (TC) Marina Baker (MB) Rachael Vieraitis (RV) Shauni Norman (Minutes)	<b>By Invitation</b>	
		<b>Apologies</b>	
		<b>Leave of Absence</b>	
		<b>Distribution</b>	
<b>Purpose of Committee</b>	Refer to <a href="#">Committee Book</a>		

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- 1 Welcome & Apologies**
- 2 Disclosure of Interests**
- 3 Amendment to Regulations – Attendance via Electronic Meetings**

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## **Local Government (Administration) Amendment Regulations 2022**

Made by the Governor in Executive Council.

**1. Citation**

These regulations are the *Local Government (Administration) Amendment Regulations 2022*.

**2. Commencement**

These regulations come into operation as follows —

- (a) regulations 1 and 2 — on the day on which these regulations are published in the *Gazette*;
- (b) the rest of the regulations — on the day after that day.

**3. Regulations amended**

These regulations amend the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*.

**4. Regulations 14A and 14B deleted**

Delete regulations 14A and 14B.

**5. Regulation 14C amended**

- (1) In regulation 14C(1) insert in alphabetical order:

***natural disaster*** includes fire, flood, lightning, movement of land and storm;

***relevant period***, in relation to the proposed meeting referred to in subregulation (3), means the period of

12 months ending on the day on which the proposed meeting is to be held.

- (2) In regulation 14C(1) in the definition of **meeting** paragraph (d) delete “government.” and insert:

government;

- (3) Delete regulation 14C(2) and (3) and insert:

- (2) A member of a council or committee may attend a meeting by electronic means —

(a) if —

- (i) a public health emergency or state of emergency exists or a natural disaster has occurred; and
- (ii) because of the public health emergency, state of emergency or natural disaster, the member is unable, or considers it inappropriate, to be present in person at the meeting; and
- (iii) the member is authorised to attend the meeting by electronic means by the mayor, president or council;

or

- (b) if the member is otherwise authorised to attend the meeting by electronic means by the mayor, president or council.

- (3) The mayor, president or council cannot authorise a member to attend a meeting (the **proposed meeting**) under subregulation (2)(b) if the member’s attendance at the proposed meeting under that authorisation would

result in the member attending more than half of the meetings (including the proposed meeting) of the council or committee, in the relevant period, under an authorisation under subregulation (2)(b).

- (4) Subregulation (3) does not apply to a member who is a person with a disability as defined in the *Disability Services Act 1993* section 3.
- (5) In deciding whether to authorise a member to attend a meeting by electronic means under subregulation (2), the mayor, president or council must have regard to whether the location from which the member intends to attend the meeting, and the equipment that the member intends to use to attend the meeting, are suitable for the member to be able to effectively engage in deliberations and communications during the meeting.

Note: The heading to amended regulation 14C is to read:

**Attendance at meetings by electronic means may be authorised  
(Act s. 5.25(1)(ba))**

**6. Regulation 14CA inserted**

After regulation 14C insert:

**14CA. Provisions relating to attendance at meetings by  
electronic means (Act s. 5.25(1)(ba))**

- (1) In this regulation —  
**meeting** has the meaning given in regulation 14C(1).
- (2) The electronic means by which a member may attend a meeting under an authorisation under regulation 14C(2) include telephone, video conference or other means of instantaneous communication, as determined by the mayor, president or council.

- (3) A member who attends a meeting under an authorisation under regulation 14C(2) by electronic means determined under subregulation (2) is, whether or not the member is physically in the State, taken to attend and be present at the meeting for the purposes of the Act and these regulations while the member is in contact by those electronic means with each other member present at the meeting.
- (4) Subregulations (5) to (7) apply if —
  - (a) a member has been authorised to attend a meeting by electronic means under regulation 14C(2); and
  - (b) the meeting, or part of the meeting, is to be closed to members of the public under section 5.23(2).
- (5) The member must not attend the meeting or the closed part of the meeting unless, before the meeting, or the part of the meeting, is closed, the member declares that the member can maintain confidentiality during the meeting or the closed part of the meeting (as the case requires).
- (6) If the member makes the declaration under subregulation (5) and subsequently cannot maintain confidentiality, the member must leave the meeting or the closed part of the meeting.
- (7) A member's declaration under subregulation (5) must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

**7. Regulation 14D amended**

- (1) In regulation 14D(1) insert in alphabetical order:

***relevant period***, in relation to the proposed meeting referred to in subregulation (2A), means the period of 12 months ending on the day on which the proposed meeting is to be held.

- (2) In regulation 14D(1) in the definition of ***meeting*** paragraph (d) delete “government.” and insert:

government;

- (3) In regulation 14D(2):

- (a) delete paragraph (a)(ii) and insert:

- (ii) the mayor, president or council considers it appropriate for the meeting to be held by electronic means because of the public health emergency or state of emergency and having regard to the matters in subregulation (2B);

- (b) in paragraph (b)(ii) delete “means.” and insert:

means;

(c) after paragraph (b) insert:

or

(c) if the council otherwise authorises the meeting to be held by electronic means.

(4) After regulation 14D(2) insert:

(2A) The council cannot authorise a meeting (the **proposed meeting**) to be held under subregulation (2)(c) if holding the proposed meeting under that authorisation would result in more than half of the meetings (including the proposed meeting) of the council or committee, in the relevant period, being held under an authorisation under subregulation (2)(c).

(2B) In considering whether it is appropriate for a meeting to be held by electronic means under subregulation (2)(a) or deciding whether to authorise a meeting to be held by electronic means under subregulation (2)(b) or (c), the mayor, president or council must have regard to whether the location from which each member of the council or committee intends to attend the meeting, and the equipment that each member intends to use to attend the meeting, are suitable for the member to be able to effectively engage in deliberations and communications during the meeting.

(5) After regulation 14D(4) insert:

(5) Subregulations (6) to (8) apply if —

(a) a meeting is to be held by electronic means under this regulation; and

- (b) the meeting, or part of the meeting, is to be closed to members of the public under section 5.23(2).
- (6) A member of the council or committee must not attend the meeting or the closed part of the meeting unless, before the meeting, or the part of the meeting, is closed, the member declares that the member can maintain confidentiality during the meeting or the closed part of the meeting (as the case requires).
- (7) If a member makes the declaration under subregulation (6) and subsequently cannot maintain confidentiality, the member must leave the meeting or the closed part of the meeting.
- (8) A member's declaration under subregulation (6) must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

Note: The heading to amended regulation 14D is to read:

**Meetings held by electronic means (Act s. 5.25(1)(ba))**

**8. Regulation 14E amended**

- (1) In regulation 14E(1) insert in alphabetical order:

***Band 3 or 4 council or committee*** means the council of, or a committee established by, a Band 3 or 4 local government;

***Band 3 or 4 local government*** means a local government that is allocated to Band 3 or Band 4 under Schedule 1 of the *Local Government Chief Executive Officers and Elected Members Determination No. 1 of 2022* published in the *Gazette* on 11 April 2022;



- (2) Delete regulation 14E(3) and insert:
  - (3) If a council or a committee holds an electronic meeting, a member of the council or committee who attends the meeting by electronic means determined under regulation 14D(3) is, whether or not the member is physically in the State, taken to attend and be present at the meeting for the purposes of the Act and these regulations while the member is in contact by those electronic means with each other member present at the meeting.
  - (3A) If a council or a committee holds an electronic meeting, the meeting is open to members of the public under section 5.23(1) if —
    - (a) in the case of a Band 3 or 4 council or committee — the requirement to publish the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting under regulation 13(1)(a) is complied with within the applicable time period set out in regulation 13(2) or (3); or
    - (b) in any case — the council or committee publicly broadcasts the meeting on a website or the meeting or a broadcast of the meeting is otherwise accessible to the public.
- (3) Delete regulation 14E(4)(b) and insert:
  - (b) the council or committee determines at the meeting —
    - (i) in the case of a meeting held by electronic means under regulation 14D(2)(a) or (b) — that, given the public health emergency, state of emergency or direction issued under

the *Public Health Act 2016* or the *Emergency Management Act 2005*, it is not appropriate to respond to the question at the meeting; or

- (ii) in any case — to respond to the question at the meeting in accordance with the procedure determined by the council or committee.

**9. Regulation 29 amended**

Delete regulation 29(1)(bb).

**10. Regulation 31 amended**

In regulation 31(1):

- (a) in paragraph (b) delete “member.” and insert:

member; and

- (b) after paragraph (b) insert:

- (c) child care and travel costs incurred by a council member in completing the training required by section 5.126(1).

Note: The heading to amended regulation 31 is to read:

**Expenses to be reimbursed (Act s. 5.98(2)(a))**

**11. Regulation 36 amended**

In regulation 36(1):

(a) in paragraph (a) delete “either” and insert:

any

(b) after paragraph (a)(ii) insert:

(iii) the course titled *LGA50220 Diploma of Local Government - Elected Member*;

(iv) the course titled *LGASS00007 Elected Member*;

Note: The heading to regulation 32 is to read:

**Expenses that may be approved for reimbursement  
(Act s. 5.98(2)(b))**

Clerk of the Executive Council

**To:** Moana Wilson  
**Subject:** RE: DLGSC: Electronic meetings - Amendment to Regulations - effective today 9 November 2022



Department of  
**Local Government, Sport  
and Cultural Industries**



# LGAlert ))

## Electronic meetings, mandatory training course updates, and reimbursements

Following on from the LG Alert of 4 November 2022, the State Government has today introduced new provisions to enable Western Australian local governments to continue to conduct council meetings electronically.

The regulatory amendments will enable councils to continue to conduct up to half of all council meetings by electronic means from 9 November 2022.

Council members will be able to attend a council meetings or committee meetings by electronic means, with the approval of the mayor, shire president, or majority of the council. There will be a cap on the number of council meetings that a councillor can attend by electronic means, which will not apply to councillors living with a disability (as defined in the Disability Services Act 1993).

The cap applies to in-person meetings conducted from 9 November 2022 onwards. This means that meetings held entirely by electronic means, and meetings that have previously been conducted under the State of Emergency will not be counted towards the cap.

While these provisions have been introduced, and provide flexibility to the sector, local governments should, where practical, make every effort to hold their meetings in person.

The new regulations will be reviewed after a 12-month period. There will be a public consultation process, and members of the public will have the opportunity to provide feedback on how council meetings have operated under these regulations.

In addition to the provision for electronic meetings and other administrative matters, the new amendment also provides for the reimbursement of travel and childcare costs associated with mandatory training.

Local governments with any queries can contact DLGSC at [info@dlgsc.wa.gov.au](mailto:info@dlgsc.wa.gov.au)

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## **4 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

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# Geraldton Regional Art Advisory Committee

## Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name	Geraldton Regional Art Advisory Committee (GRAAC)	Meeting No.	4 – D-22-117993
Meeting Date	Thursday, 15 September 2022		
Meeting Time	10.00am-11.30am		
Meeting Location	Geraldton Regional Library (Randolph Stow Meeting Rooms) 37 Marine Terrace, Geraldton		
Attendees	Cr. Michael Reymond (MR) (Proxy Chair) Cr. Kim (Butch) Parker (KP) Mark Lennard (ML) Susan Smith (SS) Sari Jacobsen (SJ)  Trudi Cornish (TC) Fiona Norling (FN) Rachael Vieraitis (RV)  Moana Wilson (Minutes)	By Invitation	
		Apologies	Cr. Steve Cooper (SC) Cr. Jennifer Critch (JC) Annalise Fosbery (AF) Marina Baker (MB) Roni Kerley (RK)
		Leave of Absence	
		Distribution	
Purpose of Committee	To provide advice to Council on the Geraldton Regional Art Gallery and City public art initiatives, aligning these with the community's desired cultural outcomes, as detailed in the Strategic Community Plan (2031) and the Greater Geraldton Public Art Strategy 2020-2025. Refer to <a href="#">Committee Book</a>		

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### 1. Welcome & Apologies

The Chair welcomed the members and apologies were noted from:

Cr. Steve Cooper (SC)  
Cr. Jennifer Critch (JC)  
Annalise Fosbery (AF)  
Marina Baker (MB)  
Roni Kerley (RK)

### 2. Disclosure of Interests

No disclosures of interest were made.

### 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

**Committee Recommendation:**

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the **Geraldton Regional Art Advisory Committee** held on 16 June 2022 as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

**COMMITTEE DECISION:**

**MOVED Michael Reymond, SECONDED Susan Smith**

**RECOMMEND** that the minutes of the Geraldton Regional Art Advisory Committee held on 16 June 2022 as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

**CARRIED**

**4. Action Log**

The Committee reviewed tabled Action Log and agreed with progress made on completed items and the actions outstanding for those ongoing. No additional actions arising from the Action Log.

**5. Agenda Items**

**5.1. Update on GRAG Garden Development – Trudi Cornish**

**Trudi Cornish provided update and highlights were as follows:**

- Opening will be Sunday, 2 October 2022 which will tie in with the close of Big Sky;
- Time capsule is being interred prior to the Opening, additional items were successfully included to commemorate Queen Elizabeth II's death;
- Project is complete with the exception of finishing off the back door, minor painting and tidy up;
- Fencing will remain in place to ensure the site is not compromised prior to opening;
- The planting is established and healthy;
- Park benches will be installed post opening; and
- No issues were noted during construction, though there were delays due to material availability.

**5.2. City Led-Procurement of Public Art / Gallery Mural (AF/TC)**

Annalise Fosbery submitted the following items for Committee consideration:

1. Committee to consider a budget value for the acquisition of Public Art within the scope of the Public Art Strategy; and
2. Committee to consider a mural for the carpark GRAG wall be identified as a priority opportunity for the next Public Artwork and the GRAAC recommend and commence development of a brief for this artwork.

The Committee discussed budgeting and determined that the request for the mural and the acquisition of Public Art was valid; such recommendations to Council are the responsibility of the Committee.

It was recommended that the Committee also consider an on-going annual application for Public Artworks for the 2023/2024 budget. Annual allocations to be based on community engagement and feedback. Concerns were raised over whether extra money is required for the maintenance of high profile pieces such as a future GRAG mural – it was noted that some artwork maintenance can be costly due to safety requirements (working at heights, scaffolding etc). It was suggested that a percentage be identified of all public art and funds be put aside specific to the value of the entire Public Art collection (similar to how roads are budgeted). Officers confirmed to the Committee that there is already budget item for maintenance and that this should be tabled for further discussion at a meeting closer to the budget. The Committee discussed that Local government is improving whole life cost practices, and that as part of all EOI's maintenance is built into the initial cost. Officers confirmed that a Public Art register has already been built in Word and Excel.

It was also noted that City officers are playing catch up with maintenance on public art after many years of no maintenance being carried out.



**ACTIONS:**

1. Officers to continue to investigate options for a future mural on the rear wall of the GRAG as a priority action;
2. Committee to recommend to Council an annual budget for public art maintenance and procurement be considered as budget items in the next financial year; and
3. Officers to continue managing the public art registry/budget and determine values and new themes annually.

The matter of forming a separate Public Art and Gallery Art Committees was raised, but it was determined that this issue be discussed separately and itemised for a future meeting. Concerns regarding the additional work required for two separate Committees or two separate meetings of one Committee. The benefits of separate Committees was highlighted as being necessary because the needs of Public Art differ considerably to the needs of Gallery Art.

**5.3. Annual Activities Report, 2021-2022 (TC)**

The Committee reviewed tabled Annual Activities Report, 2021-2022 and discussed the achievements of the year past. No actions arising from the Annual Activity Report.

**5.4. Geraldton Regional Art Gallery Strategic Plan 2023-2026 (TC)****Trudi Cornish provided urgent updates as follows:**

- 22/23 GRAG Strategic Plan has been submitted and included extensive summary of the last 12 months achievements;
- Funding opportunities have been opened by the State Government and close 20 October 2022 – this has been flagged as urgent with the Committee as the 2023-2026 GRAG Strategic Plan must accompany any application;
- Suggestions/inclusions will include community trends and feedback; and
- The current 25 page GRAG Strategic Plan also has to be reduced to 20 pages in order to be accepted for funding submissions.

The Committee agreed that the draft GRAG Strategic Plan be drafted by officers as soon as possible and that an annual review of the plan be included to ensure that community feedback is able to be implemented into the plan each year instead of only at the completion of the current plan in 2026. The first review of the GRAG Strategic Plan is to be conducted by the Committee in March 2023.

***Rachael Vieraitis arrived at the meeting 10:51am*****ACTION:**

1. Officers to finalise the drafted 2023-2026 GRAG Strategic Plan and circulate to the Committee for submission with funding applications prior to 20 October 2022.

**6. General Business****6.1. Report from Coordinator Gallery and Public Art (MB)****Recommendation:**

The Committee appreciated the provision of the report prior to meeting particularly in the absence of Coordinator Marina Baker.

See detailed report attached – no actions arising from the report.

**6.2. Report from Community and Public Art Officer (RV)****Rachael Vieraitis provided update and highlights were as follows:**

- Mullewa Mural completed and launch ceremony was great;
- Big Sky and Readers – Wilunyu Words of Wisdom competition completed;

- Laneway Festivities sausage sizzle being arranged for winners to unveil their works;
- Sarah Edgers exhibition is underway at the GRAG;
- Emu egg repairs have been completed by Sara Walker; and
- Next to be repaired are the signs which had some spelling mistakes.

6.3. Business arising from previous Minutes (Councillor Michael Reymond)

- Previous request from Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Advisory Committee (Leonie Taylor): GRAAC has resolved to receive the proposal from Leonie Taylor if presented though it was raised that seal sculptures would be more attractive than the proposed crayfish sculptures
- A Community representative on the Committee raised a question with regard to a public enquiry they had received. The enquirer asked if the recent two minute silence called as part of the Welcome to Country at a recent GRAG Opening Night was common practice. Feedback received was that the silence made the event uncomfortable. The Committee discussed that the content and format of a Welcome to Country is unique to the individual Elder. The feedback is noted for consideration for future City event planning.

***Cr Parker left the meeting 11.02am***

## **7. Date of next meeting**

Trudi Cornish will review calendars for an appropriate next meeting date and present options to the Committee – tentatively set as Thursday 1 December 2022, however will be confirmed in consultation with Councillor Cooper.

## **8. Close**

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 11:07am.

## 5 Action Log

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## Geraldton Regional Art Advisory Committee - Action Log (D-22-029021)

Log #	Meeting Date	Agenda Item #	Action	Resp. Person	Status (Ongoing / Complete / Next Agenda)
GRAAC-01	17/03/2022	5.3 Review of GRAG Strategic Plan 2021-2022	Send relevant documents to Committee via One Drive Share File for collating comments /changes.	Trudi Cornish	<b>Completed</b> emailed 23/3/22, with reminder sent 7/6/22.
GRAAC-02	17/03/2022	5.3 Review of GRAG Strategic Plan 2021-2022	Committee members to feedback online within a specified time period of date of 3 weeks from issue of One Drive Share File	GRAAC members	<b>Completed</b> via discussion at GRAAC Meeting 16 June 2022
GRAAC-03	17/03/2022	5.4 Update on GRAG Garden Development	Time Capsule to be re-opened on 12 Jul 2057 (150 years since the old Geraldton Town Hall was opened). TC welcomed members to be part of the selection of items for the Time Capsule project and to contact her for further details.	GRAAC members	<b>Completed</b> , outcome reported at GRAAC Meeting 16 June 2022
GRAAC-04	17/03/2022	5.5 Chapman Road Critter Trail Video	Email video link to committee.	Trudi Cornish	<b>Completed</b> by email 17/3/22.
GRAAC-05	17/03/2022	5.5 Chapman Road Critter Trail Video	Provide project evaluation update on Critter Trail video at next meeting	Marnie Facchini/Trudi Cornish	<b>Completed</b> , outcome reported at GRAAC Meeting 16 June 2022
GRAAC-06	17/03/2022	5.8 Report from Coordinator Gallery and Public Art	Discuss the Coordinator/Officer update process and reporting structure for future meetings.	Cr Cooper, Trudi Cornish	<b>Completed</b> , with action taken that Coordinator and Public Art Officer Reports will now be sent out by email at the same time as the Agenda Callout to GRAAC members. Sent by email 27/5/2022.

GRAAC-07	17/03/2022	6.1 Review Terms of Reference	MR requested that the TOR be included on the agenda for the next GRAAC Meeting	Devi Avani/Trudi Cornish	<b>Ongoing</b> , discussed at GRAAC Meeting 16 June 2022, that any future revisions should tie in with any updates made to the Strategic Plan 2023-2026
GRAAC-08	17/03/2022	6.5 Public Art Strategy	MR to propose ideas for committee's review and consensus to be achieved whilst reviewing strategy. This helps streamline project development and achievement of goals. MR to provide a draft proposal for committee's consideration.	Cr Raymond	<b>Ongoing</b> , not yet tabled
GRAAC-09	17/03/2022	6.6 GRAG mural on real Wall	Distribute Concept Plan to Committee as approved by Council.	Trudi Cornish	<b>Completed</b> , emailed 17/03/2022.
GRAAC-10	17/03/2022	6.7 Future public art budget	Seek permission from Director to share operational budget information with committee.	Trudi Cornish	<b>Completed</b> , outcome reported at GRAAC Meeting 16 June 2022
GRAAC-11	16/06/2022	6.3 Other General Business	Leonie Taylor (Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee) to prepare agenda item if/when there is a referral to the GRAAC with regard to a crayfish related public art item	CGG Crime Prevention Committee	<b>Ongoing</b> , not yet tabled

## 6 Agenda Items

- 6.1 Advocacy to Minister (FN)  
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Our Ref: D-22-123686  
Your Ref: N/a  
File Ref: GR/11/0017  
Enquiries: Mayor Shane Van Styn

28 September 2022

Hon David Templeman Dip Tchg BEd MLA  
Minister for Culture and the Arts  
10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Dumas House  
2 Havelock Street  
West Perth WA 6005  
By e-mail: Minister.Templeman@dpc.wa.gov.au

Dear Minister

### **FUTURE FUNDING FOR GERALDTON REGIONAL ART GALLERY**

The purpose of this letter is to request additional State funding for the Geraldton Regional Art Gallery (GRAG) at an appropriate level of support for a Class A gallery and in keeping with the funding the State historically provided prior to the significant unanticipated reduction in 2016.

The Geraldton Regional Art Gallery performs a critical function in delivering cultural experiences for the people of the City of Great Geraldton and the Midwest region. The Geraldton Regional Art Gallery is a significant piece of infrastructure for this region that is highly regarded by touring exhibitions, visitors and residents for the opportunities it provides to engage in the arts.

In 2021-2022 alone, over 100 programs and exhibitions held at Geraldton Regional Art Gallery attracted approximately 15,000 attendances and engaged almost 2000 people in skill development, including significant numbers of people living with disabilities and from Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander or CaLD backgrounds. The Gallery also provided ongoing employment to seven people, including a trainee, in addition to regular engagement of casual staff and artists.

Prior to 2016, GRAG was a State Government facility receiving assistance from the City with its operation. At this time, the State Government, without notice, decided to cut its funding for GRAG by fifty (50%). This meant the State funding reduced from \$340,000 to \$170,000. The State originally committed to a three year funding agreement with the Council. Since the conclusion of that initial three year period, the State has only provided one year funding allocations with no indexation. When the State decided to cut its funding, the Council had to decide whether or not to maintain this Class A facility or to see the service to the local creative community reduced. To its credit, the Council decided to increase its funding and continue the GRAG services at a Class A level.

The Geraldton Regional Art Gallery infrastructure is ageing and requires ongoing maintenance and rejuvenation – examples of this are the City's current commitment of \$168,000 to upgrade the water cooling towers to meet DEWR standards and just over \$1.3





million to improve the external GRAG Park area, to enhance the aspect of the building, as well as increasing accessibility and activation.

Further to the City's financial commitment to capital works upgrades, the operating costs incurred by the City for a regionally significant facility that benefits the broader Midwest region are substantial. In 2021-2022, annual operating costs for Geraldton Regional Art Gallery totalled \$503,000, with \$170,000 contributed by the State, smaller income amounts generated from grants, donations and sales, and a significant shortfall in operating costs of \$257,000 met by the City.

In its most recent application the City successfully attracted a further contribution of \$170,000 by the State for the 2022-2023 period for arts programs conducted by Geraldton Regional Art Gallery. Total operational costs for this period have been recalculated to encompass all relevant costs and total \$900,000, for which the City's contribution has increased to \$670,000.

Whilst the City is appreciative of the State's contribution, it is considered a disproportionate burden on the City given the regional and state-wide profile and benefits delivered by GRAG.

The City therefore seeks your consideration of a significant increased financial contribution in the current round of Arts Organisations Investment Program for the funding period July 2023 to June 2036. The City is running significant annual deficit budgets and will need to consider GRAG's future level of service should the State's contribution to the facility not be increased.

The City would once again like to take this opportunity to thank the State for its ongoing support and re-emphasise the importance of the Geraldton Regional Art Gallery to the people of the City of Greater Geraldton. Its activities undoubtedly bring cultural, health and wellbeing, social and economic benefits to the Midwest region.

Should you require any further information on this matter please do not hesitate to contact me on 9956 6001 or [mayor@cgg.wa.gov.au](mailto:mayor@cgg.wa.gov.au) / [council@cgg.wa.gov.au](mailto:council@cgg.wa.gov.au)

Yours sincerely

Shane Van Styn FCPA  
**MAYOR**

c.c. Hon Sandra Carr MLC, Member for the Agricultural Region  
Lara Dalton MLA, Member for Geraldton



- 6.2 Update – Proposed Mural on Rear Wall of Art Gallery (TC)
- 6.3 Other Upcoming/Potential Future Public Art Projects (TC/MB)
- 6.4 Geraldton Regional Art Gallery Strategic Plan 2023-2026 (TC)

## **7 General Business**

- 7.1 Report from Coordinator Gallery and Public Art (MB)  
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**GERALDTON REGIONAL ART GALLERY  
GRAAC CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT**

June - November 2022

Prepared by Marina Baker, Coordinator Gallery and Public Art

In general, the Art Gallery is enjoying steady attendance, good response to workshops and events, with ongoing maintenance concerning the lift, the kitchen hot water service and completion of a new air con tower. With the Art Gallery Park and toilets completed, the workshop door and freight access shifted, staff and visitors are enjoying the facility of the Art gallery and area.

**PAST EXHIBITIONS**

***The Alternative Archive*** 9 July – 7 September 2022

First Floor

The exhibition at GRAG opened the statewide tour of this survey exhibition from AOTM and John Curtin Gallery featuring work by 29 WA artists including 5 Midwest locals. AOTM CEO Theo Constantino and staff attended.

Accompanying the exhibition was a Community weaving project titled 'Weaving Waters' set up throughout the show but we also generated 2 Weaving Workshops as School Holiday activities with Anne-Maree Hopkinson 14-15 July.



Supported by AOTM exhibition funding, GRAG hosted Perth-based artist Ellen Norrish to run 3 Painting Workshops titled 'Painting Tins and Eating Biscuits' at GRAG for students, at Mullewa for local artists and finally again at GRAG for adults, from 2-4 September.



***Open Borders*** 9 July – 7 September 2022

Ground Floor

Led by mentored curator Roxanne Grant, 9 local artists and groups responded to the second 'Creative Grid' themed exhibition '*Open Borders*', making 2 artworks each, sited both in the Gallery and in the Wonthella Bushland.



The exhibition Opening at GRAG enjoyed a live dance performance by the Midwest Chinese Dance Group, with a second performance outdoors on site the next morning, attended by 60 people. Artists stayed by their works while visitors walked the paths, discovering the artworks and discussing with the artists. We hope to continue to engage with this outdoor site in collaboration with FROGGS.



The Geraldton *Open Borders* post with the series of 15 WA exhibitions can be viewed at <https://southernforestarts.com.au/2022/08/27/online-connect-3-open-borders/>

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**CURRENT EXHIBITIONS**

Opening Friday 30 September

***The Town Hall 1907 - 1986*** 1 October 2022 – Extended to 15 January 2023

Both Floors

Generated from the collections of the CGG – Heritage, Civic and Art – this exhibition is co-curated by Marina Baker, Lorin Cox and Ingrid Horn to coincide with the Big Sky Readers & Writers Festival, celebrating the journey of the Geraldton Townhall from 1907 to its' present position as a category A Regional Art Gallery established in 1984.

### **The Banksia Ball 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

1 October 2022 – Extended to 15 January 2023

The Project Gallery/First Floor

Drawn from personal and family archives of the Abdullah family, this exhibition showcases Geraldton's First *Aboriginal Banksia Ball* as part of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. Initiated by a passionate group of volunteers, this significant annual event for the Midwest Aboriginal community has evolved and continues to thrive as the NAIDOC Ball.

Photo: Ingrid Horn with member of the Abdullah Family, and Jill and Lester Abdullah



The Exhibition Opening was quite an event with dancers Niel Bertleson and Whitney Gillard, bringing the original dance floor back to life, followed by the Geraldton Municipal Band, kindly all volunteering their time to commemorate the life of the Town Hall.



As part of the Big Sky program, 4 further events brought large crowds to enjoy the exhibition over the opening weekend – Julie Simpson's 'Mini Painting Workshop' 2/10, Oral History Afternoon 'Memories of the Banksia Ball' with Lester Abdullah and Rosie Sitoris in conversation, and 'Readings in the Garden' with Big Sky poets, pushed inside the Gallery by Geraldton weather, after enjoying the official re-opening of Art Gallery Park and the interment of a Time Capsule.

We have also hosted 2 events for Senior's Week – a Curator's Talk with Lorin Cox, Ingrid Horn and me coordinated by Rachael Vieraitis with the QEII Centre (7/11/22) and an Oral History Morning 'Town Hall Memories' with Lorin Cox speaking with former Mayor Phil Cooper and Historical Society Chair Rita Stinson (8/11/22). We have 2 areas set up for visitor responses, one in the form of colourful bunting, the other for submission to the Heritage Collection and further contact. This continues to be an extremely popular exhibition, for locals and travellers alike.

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### **UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS**

Opening 2 December 5pm – 7pm

Geraldton Library

#### **Genesis 2022**

3 December 2022 – 7 February 2023

Due to extending The Town Hall until February 2023, this year the Geraldton Library is kindly hosting the Genesis exhibition of Secondary School Art student work. There are 6 schools and a few Home Schoolers taking part, with Year Level prizes and People's Choice voting continuing throughout.

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### **2023 Programming**

#### **UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS**

Opening 3 February 2023

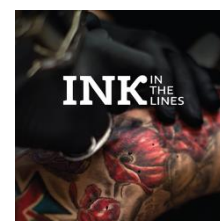
#### **Ink in the Lines**

4 February – 12 March 2023

First Floor

The Australian War Memorial project and touring exhibition documents the stories of servicemen and servicewomen through oral histories and portrait photography, focusing on the enduring meaning found in tattoos in the Australian Armed Forces.

Toured by AWM



***The Visitors***

4 February – 12 March 2023

Ground Floor

By long-time Alice Springs resident Franca Barraclough, this combination of photographs, installation and audio-visual works grapples with the conundrum that living in the desert throws into high relief. Core to Barraclough's enquiry is the quest to make sense of where and how we live, wherever it may be.

Toured by Artback NT



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Opening 24 March 2023

***Stitched and Bound***

25 March – 19 May 2023

First Floor

A competitive application process produces this biennial crafting exhibition of contemporary WA Quilting, touring regional WA for the first time and accompanied by workshops at GRAG, Mullewa and Northampton with a visiting, exhibiting contemporary quilter.

Toured by the Western Australian Quilters' Association

Opening 24 March 2023

***Peregrinations of a Citizen Botanist***

25 March – 19 May 2023

Suzie Vickery

First Floor

This exhibition is an interactive series of installations housed in their own packing crates, each taking the form of a cabinet of curiosities. It charts the journey of 18<sup>th</sup> century French botanist Jacques-Julien Houtou de Labillardière along the WA coast. Suzie Vickery is a master embroiderer and fibre artist based in Perth.

Toured by AOTM

***UPCOMING EXHIBITION EVENT***

To coincide with these exhibitions across the Opening weekend, we plan to have the artists Suzie Vickery for an Artist Talk and the Makers Film Festival 2021, a travelling program of 24 films including Best WA Short Film at 2022 CinefestOz - *Peregrinations of a Citizen Botanist*, kindly supported by maker&smith and Art Collective WA.

## GRAAC Report November 2022

Rachael Vieraitis- Community and Public Arts Officer

### Community and Public Programming:

- Seniors Week Curators Talk for *the Town Hall* Exhibition went ahead on Monday November 7 2022 with lovely participation and engagement from the Community.
- *Sketchy Business*, West Australia's Library touring Sketchbook Program with GRAG's Gallery Officer; William Upchurch returns in January's school Holidays.
- The Gallery will host two all ages, drop in Christmas Card Making sessions in the week leading into Christmas.
- Beginning preparations for a possible Mullewa Youth Week Banner Project in April 2023 with the Mullewa City Youth Centre and Mullewa District Office.

### Big Sky Readers and Writer Festival: Words of Wisdom Workshop and Competition

- Wilunyu Words of Wisdom Language Exhibition Event Opening in Post Office Lane on Thursday 29 September 2022 was a success; a sausage sizzle, face painting and music opened the Exhibition with the announcement of prizes by emerging elder Donna Ronan.



### Public Art Repairs: Emu Eggs and the City Status Fountain

- Final Installation of Tiles for *Ilgarijiri: Things Belonging to the Sky* (Emu Eggs Sculpture) completed on 11 September 2022. Thank you to MB and Artist Sarah Walker.
- Signage renewal is being prepared by the Communications department for the replacement of signs to the Foreshore Sculpture; included are updated sponsorship logos and the names of Aboriginal Language group's names from the Greater Geraldton Region in the Acknowledgement of Country sign.



### Post Office Lane and Library Gallery Space:

- After a few incidences of vandalism to the Post Office Lane Lightboxes, local Emerging Artist Sarah Edge's Exhibition *Flora and Fauna* will now be featured along the Library's meeting room walls along with the opening of the Art Gallery's *Genesis*.



## **8 Date of next meeting**

### 8.1 Proposed Schedule of meetings dates for 2023

---EMBEDDED ATTACHMENT---

**2023 COMMUNITY AND CULTURE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

MEETING	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
GERALDTON REGIONAL ART ADVISORY (RC/8/0011) Minutes: Shauni Norman			16			15			14	*Committees Dissolve in September 2023 for Council Elections for expiring members*		
GREATER GERALDTON CRIME PREVENTION (ES/9/0003) Minutes: Shauni Norman			30			29		28				
HERITAGE ADVISORY (GR/10/0028) Minutes: Annette Burton			9			8		7				
QEII SENIORS AND COMMUNITY CENTRE (CS/6/0014) Minutes: Rosetta Finlay			23			22		21				



**9 Close**