



## **PUBLIC ART STEERING GROUP MEETING**

# **MINUTES**

**The Public Art Steering Group meeting was held at the  
City of Karratha Offices, Welcome Road, on Monday 23  
March 2015 at 11.00am.**

# AGENDA

## 1. OPENING AND WELCOME

The Public Art Steering Group Meeting will be held in at the City of Karratha Offices, Welcome Road, on Monday 23 March 2015 and will be declared open at 11am.

Welcome – I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we are gathered, and pay my respects to their elders past and present.

## 2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCES / APOLOGIES

### Steering Group

#### Members:

Cr John Lally  
Cr Evette Smeathers

#### Staff:

Andrew Ward Director Community Services (Chairperson)  
Leigh Cover Manager Leisure Services  
Jenni Brown Project Manager Strategic Projects  
Vanessa Subramoney (A/Manager Community and Engagement)

#### Apologies:

Nil

## 3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

## 4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

No previous meeting minutes.

## 5. ISSUES ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

## 6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

### a) Bulgarra Public Open Space Development

The Bulgarra Public Open Space Stage 2 project was awarded to Environmental Industries in December 2014 following the November Ordinary Council Meeting. The project provides a district level play space, particularly for the eastern community of Karratha with incremental positive change to the look and useability of the Bulgarra Sporting Precinct.

The project has an estimated budget of \$1,250,000 ex GST.  
Public Art allocation set at \$21,528 as per the Public Art Policy CS12.

The best public art outcome for the project and community, based on the value of the public art allocation, would be to appoint an artist to design and install urban art on the skate ramps as part of the wider Bulgarra POS Stage 2 project scope.

Expected timeframes for the Bulgarra POS Public Art Project

Call for submissions	25 March 2015
Submissions close	15 April 2015
Submission evaluation	16 – 22 April 2015
Artist appointment	23 April 2015
Submit concept designs	7 May 2015
Installation of artworks	8 – 25 May 2015
Practical Completion of Artworks	26 May 2015

***The Public Art Steering group have acknowledged the public art allocation and process for the Bulgarra Public Open Space stage 2 project.***

#### **b) Dampier Community Hub (DCH)**

A multipurpose community facility for the town of Dampier with a project budget of \$18 million. The facility includes a new early learning centre, public library, coffee hut and multipurpose rooms as well as refurbished community hall, landscaped entrance and parking areas.

The total public art budget is \$85,000 with an amount allocated to artist of \$70,000. The \$15, 000 difference has been allocated for aspects such as travel and concept development. The scope of works for the Public Art brief makes provisions for:

- Public art incorporated into the Dampier Community Hub will be contemporary, engaging and interactive.
- It is hoped that the artwork(s) will be a key feature of the Dampier Community Hub, acting as a welcoming gesture to patrons. The artwork(s) will be of excellent quality and will create a lasting impression in the minds of visitors. The public art will be external to the buildings and be located in centralised community landscaped garden area. It is envisaged that the artwork will be interactive and provide for sensory play opportunities, specifically 'Individual or Quiet Play' and 'Cognitive and Creative Play' as outlined in the City of Karratha Play Space Standards 2013.
- A budget has been made available for the public art commission(s) for the Dampier Community Hub, being up to \$70,000. Final approval will be granted by the public art selection panel.
- Artists may only complete one submission for one or two artworks.

It was anticipate that the project art brief was to be released late March 2015. It is envisaged that the public art will be installed during the development of or at the completion of the landscaped area for the DCH, dependent on the public art selected and the requirements to incorporate into the area.

***The Public Art Steering Group have acknowledged the public art allocation and process for the Dampier Community Hub. It is envisaged that should the brief be released on 27 March 2015, the group will reconvene in 6 to 8 weeks to discuss the applications received.***

**c) Karratha Arts and Community Precinct**

The purpose of the project is to provide innovative, contemporary community facilities commensurate with the Karratha's future City of the North status and that reflect community needs both now and into the future. The facility makes provisions for a 450 seat indoor theatre (performing arts), entry foyer, Outdoor Event Space (Amphitheatre), Staff Administration Office accommodation, Library (incorporating Local History). The project is currently in the schematic design phase.

The budget for the Karratha Arts and Community Precinct public art provision is approximately \$430,000.

The Public Art Steering Group have agreed that the public art form should be aesthetically pleasing and value add to the building where possible. Specific sites within the precinct that the committee would like to explore further as opportunities for public art options include:

- External façade with particular focus on etching style design for roof panels facing Dampier Hwy and Sharp Ave intersection.
- Internal main staircase in foyer.
- The "Reading Tree" in the Library.
- Inclusion of "Art wall" recessed display with lighting and appropriate hanging structures in the first floor foyer. Providing main display space for City works and transitory exhibitions.

**ACTION:** Shade diagrams for the shade structures to be presented at the next available meeting.

**d) War Memorial (Cenotaph) – Karratha Arts and Community Precinct**

The funds allocated towards the public art component of the Karratha Arts and Community Precinct does not include the war memorial. Commemorative number plates are being sold, with proceeds to be put towards a new war memorial to be located at the Karratha Arts and Community Precinct. In addition, the new initiatives list for consideration in the 2015/16 budget includes an allocation of \$50,000 to scope and design the public art component of the Precincts war memorial.

**7. GENERAL BUSINESS****8. CLOSURE & DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Meeting closed at 12pm and the date of the next meeting will be scheduled in the next 6 to 8 weeks.