# Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize Committee Minutes



Woollahra Council, Thornton Room Tuesday 7 May, 5.00pm

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### Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 7 May, 5.00pm Woollahra Council, Council Chambers

# **1 PRESENT & APOLOGIES**

Present:	Councillor Anthony Marano Professor Ian Howard Elizabeth Hastings Christopher Dawson	Chair Arts Industry Representative Arts Industry Representative Community Representative
Staff:	Jo Jansyn	Cultural Development Coordinator
Apologies:	Councillor Mary-Lou Jarvis Councillor Nick Maxwell Lynn Garlick Alison Renwick Stella Downer Ali Yeldham Karin Olah Bernard Curran	Director Community Services Arts Industry Representative Arts Industry Representative Arts Industry Representative Community Representative Community Representative

Councillor Marano welcomed new Committee Member Elizabeth Hastings.

#### 2 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

No matters arising from previous minutes. Moved: Jo Jansyn, Seconded: Cr Anthony Marano

# **3 PROGRESS REPORTS**

### 3.1 Judges

The Cultural Development Coordinator has been liaising with judges regarding a suitable time for the preselection component of the Prize. It is anticipated that this will occur in mid to late July.

Action: Cultural Development Coordinator to circulate the date of preselection once this is confirmed.

# 3.2 General Project Update

The Call for Entries commenced on 1 April and 47 entries have already been received. This is above average for this period. We have continued to utilise the online awards platform which makes the preselection process simpler for judges.

Intern positions have been advertised via ArtsHub and there have been a number of applicants. Some thought has been given to community programs during the exhibition and whether we can tie in workshops with Sydney Craft Week. The Committee were mindful of not promoting the Prize itself as craft.

Action: Committee Members to forward any ideas for attracting new groups to tour the Prize through to the Cultural Development Coordinator for further research.

## 3.3 Sponsorship

The process to secure 2019 sponsorship is continuing. Beverage sponsorship for the launch secured through Chris Dawson.

Action: Cultural Development Coordinator to follow up with beverage sponsor.

## 3.4 **Publicity Development**

The Cultural Development Coordinator reported that Articulate have issued the Call for Entries/Judges Announcement Media Release. The Media Release was circulated to Committee Members. Articulate have produced a small teaser video for Call for Entries. The Cultural Development Coordinator is finalising the social media strategy.

Action: Committee Members to forward the Cultural Development Coordinator publicity and social media contacts as discussed.

#### 4 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Next year in 2020, the Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize will celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> year. To mark this significant anniversary, Council has already adopted an increase in Prize money from \$20,000 to \$25,000 (with an increase in entry fees). At this stage, the exhibition component will be held in the new St Brigid's Community Art Gallery. The new gallery space will have the capacity for wall hangings and is overall a large area than the Thornton Room, where the current exhibition is stage. The Committee will have a role in advising on what criteria for the Prize are reviewed, including number of finalists and wall hanging and multi-media pieces.

Action: Committee Members to consider what criteria for the 2020 Prize are to be reviewed, given that the exhibition component will be hosted in the new gallery space.

Next meeting: at Preselection Judging Lunch, date tbc 12.00pm, Council Chambers (upstairs).