

Minutes of the Cultural and Creative Committee - 4 March 2024

Members Lord Mayor - Councillor Clover Moore AO (Chair), Deputy Lord Mayor - Councillor Robert Kok, Councillor HY William Chan, Councillor (Waskam) Emelda Davis, Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore, Councillor Lyndon Gannon (Deputy Chair), Councillor Shauna Jarrett, Councillor Linda Scott, Councillor Yvonne Weldon AM and Councillor Adam Worling.

At the commencement of business at 3.51pm, those present were –

The Lord Mayor, Councillors Chan, Davis, Ellsmore, Gannon, Jarrett, Kok, Scott, Weldon and Worling.

The meeting of the Cultural and Creative Committee concluded at 4.05pm.

Item 1

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Gannon, seconded by Councillor Worling –

That the minutes of the meeting of the Cultural and Creative Committee of Monday 6 November 2024, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 2

Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest

No Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda for this meeting of the Cultural and Creative Committee.

The Cultural and Creative Committee recommended the following:

Item 3

Grants and Sponsorship - Accommodation Grant Program - Museum of Chinese in Australia

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve a new subsidy level for Museum of Chinese in Australia Limited at 744 George Street, Haymarket for Option Year 1 and Option Year 2 of its current lease (which commenced 21 April 2021) on the following rental subsidy:

Lease year	Period	Market Rent	Subsidy Level	Subsidy Amount	Rent payable
Option Year 1	April 2024	\$639,729	100%	\$639,729	\$0
Option Year 2	April 2025	\$658,921	100%	\$658,921	\$0

- (B) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into any documentation required to vary the lease for Option Year 1 and Option Year 2 to reflect the new rental subsidy;
- (C) Council approve an Accommodation Grant for Museum of Chinese in Australia Limited at 744 George Street Haymarket for five years from April 2026 to April 2030 with an option for a further term of five years;
- (D) Council note that the rent and subsidy level of the lease term and option commencing in April 2026 cannot be calculated now, but the amount of the Accommodation Grant in the form of a rental subsidy will be a maximum of:

	Maximum subsidy
Year 1	\$658,328
Year 2	\$678,078
Year 3	\$698,420
Year 4	\$719,373
Year 5	\$740,954
Year 6	\$763,182
Year 7	\$786,078
Year 8	\$809,660

	Maximum subsidy
Year 9	\$833,950
Year 10	\$858,969

- (E) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise the Accommodation Grant to Museum of Chinese in Australia Limited provided that the maximum subsidy is no more than the amounts set out at (D);
- (F) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer the lease agreement for years 2026 to 2030 with an option for a further five-year term with the Museum of Chinese in Australia Limited for 744 George Street, Haymarket;
- (G) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to correct minor errors to the matters set out in this report, noting that the identity of the recipients will not change, and a CEO Update will be provided to Council advising of any changes made in accordance with this resolution; and
- (H) Council note that at expiry of option term, there is opportunity for future renewal according to the usual Accommodation Grants program process.

(Note – At the meeting of the Cultural and Creative Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Gannon, seconded by Councillor Davis, and carried unanimously.)

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Speaker

Daphne Lowe Kelley (Museum of Chinese in Australia) addressed the meeting of the Cultural and Creative Committee on Item 3.