

Item 9

Report of the Cultural and Creative Committee - 19 June 2023

Item 9.1

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Gannon, seconded by Councillor Kok –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Cultural and Creative Committee of Monday 14 November 2022, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 9.2

Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest

Councillor HY William Chan disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.3 on the agenda, in that he has been involved in the following organisations: University of Technology Sydney (UTS) as a guest lecturer in 2022; NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet as an Australia Day Ambassador since 2021; Destination NSW's Vivid Sydney as a speaker for Vivid Ideas in 2023; NSW Architects Registration Board as a registered architect since 2020; and TEDxSydney Limited as a speaker in 2019.

Councillor Chan considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because his involvement in the NSW Department Premier and Cabinet, Vivid Sydney and TEDxSydney are and were on a voluntary basis. Councillor Chan's registration with NSW Architects Registration Board is a professional membership and he is not currently a contractor with UTS.

Councillor (Waskam) Emelda Davis made the following disclosures:

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.3 on the agenda, in that she has known and worked with people from the following organisations:
 - 107 Projects Incorporated, having used the venue previously for Silver Siren's event;
 - Antenna Documentary Institute Limited, having worked with staff in the past in the film and television industry;
 - Redfern Women: Our Stories of the Black Movement (Elizabeth Margaret Muldoon), personally knows four of the co-authors such as Bronwyn Penrith (Mudgin-Gal), Dulcie Fowler, Linda Coe and Ann Weldon through community, cultural and social activities;
 - K'AINGA the CommonWealth, is an acquaintance of Michael Dagostino, Director Museums and Cultural Engagement, Chau Chak Wing Museum, who wrote the support letter for the grant;
 - Glebe Public School, having volunteered at the school over the past years; and
 - Gadigal Information Service Aboriginal Corporation Yabun Festival, as a member and chaired one of their general meetings.

Councillor Davis considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because her past grass-roots community work and within the organisation of the Australian South Sea Islanders Port Jackson (ASSIPJ), which she chairs.

- a pecuniary interest in Item 9.3 on the agenda, in that as Chairwoman for ASSIPJ, she received a scholarship in 2020 to continue to engage in volunteer, cultural and community events with Tranby Aboriginal Co-Operative Limited and The United Church in Australia Property Trust (NSW) as the auspice for The Wayside Chapel Foundation. She is currently a long-term resident living in Uniting Church housing care on Bowman Street, Pyrmont. She also completed her master's degree and thesis at University of Technology Sydney under the scholarship program in 2020.

Councillor Davis stated that she would not be voting on this matter.

Councillor Robert Kok disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.3 on the agenda, where Malaysia Fest, and K.W Cheng & H Wong Wing Kee were recommended for a grant.

Councillor Kok considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because he was not aware of their application for the grant and the recommendations until the committee paper became available and he has not discussed these grants with the recipients. He has not had any contact with the applicants, nor have they contacted him about their grant application.

Councillor Linda Scott made the following disclosures:

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.3 on the agenda, in that she is a member of Mardi Gras.

Councillor Scott considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because she does not hold any executive or government positions.

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.4 on the agenda, in that she is acquainted with the CEO of the Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation who will be the charity partner for Sydney Christmas 2023.

Councillor Scott considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because she has not had any conversations or engagements on this matter.

Councillor Yvonne Weldon disclosed a pecuniary interest in Item 9.3 on the agenda, in relation to the Tier 2: Major Festivals and Events grants. She was most recently Deputy Chair of the NSW Australia Day Council, and reporting to the Department of Premier and Cabinet specifically.

Councillor Weldon stated that she would leave the meeting and would not be voting on this item.

Councillor Adam Worling made the following disclosures:

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.3 on the agenda, in that IMG is recommended for a grant. In the past, due to his business AWPR and the fashion clients he represents, he has communicated with IMG with regards to their Annual Australian Fashion Week. Councillor Worling considers that his non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because he was unaware up until receiving the papers that they were receiving a grant and has not spoken with IMG about the grants process.
- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.4 on the agenda, in that Settlement Services International is recommended for a grant. In the past, due to his ongoing work with the not-for-profit Thread Together, he has communicated regularly with Settlement Services International. Councillor Worling considers that his non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because he was unaware up until receiving the papers that they were receiving a grant and has not spoken with Settlement Services International about the grants process.

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

The Cultural and Creative Committee recommended the following:

Item 9.3

Grants and Sponsorship – Cultural Grants

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the cash and value-in-kind recommendations for the Creative Grant program as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council note the applicants who were not recommended in obtaining a cash grant or value-in-kind for the Creative Grant program as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) Council approve the cash and value-in-kind recommendations for the Festivals and Events Sponsorship program as shown at Attachment C to the subject report;
- (D) Council note the applicants who were not recommended in obtaining a cash grant or value-in-kind for the Festivals and Events Sponsorship program as shown at Attachment D to the subject report;
- (E) Council note that all grant amounts are exclusive of GST;
- (F) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer agreements with any organisation approved for a grant or sponsorship under terms consistent with this resolution and the Grants and Sponsorship Policy; and
- (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 recipient will not change, and a CEO Update will be provided to Council advising of any changes made in accordance with this resolution.

(Note – at the meeting of the Cultural and Creative Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Gannon, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), and carried on the following show of hands:

Ayes (7) The Chair (the Lord Mayor), Councillors Chan, Gannon, Jarrett, Kok, Scott and Worling

Noes (1) Councillor Ellsmore*.

Carried.

*Note – Councillor Ellsmore abstained from voting on this matter. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 10.4 of the Code of Meeting Practice, Councillor Ellsmore is taken to have voted against the motion.)

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The Cultural and Creative Committee recommended the following:

Item 9.4

Major Events and Festivals Charity Partners - 2023/2024

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the appointment of Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation Limited (ABN: ABN 72 003 073 185) as the charity partner for Sydney Christmas 2023, with the option to extend to 2024;
- (B) Council approve the appointment of National Breast Cancer Foundation, (ABN: 37 144 841 707) as the charity partner for Sydney New Year's Eve 2023, with the option to extend to 2024;
- (C) Council approve the appointment of Settlement Services International Limited (SSI) (ABN: 38 031 375 761) as the charity partner for Sydney Lunar Festival 2024, with the option to extend to 2025; and
- (D) authority to be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into agreements with Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation Limited, National Breast Cancer Foundation and Settlement Services International Limited to establish their charity partner status for the respective events.

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

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