

# Community & Cultural Committee AGENDA



**Members** Crs K Mack (Chairperson), D Betteridge, D Cameron, G Docksey, A Glachan, P Gould, R Jackson, D Thurley and H van de Ven.

**Staff** Acting General Manager.

## **Guest**

Members are advised that the next **Community & Cultural Committee Meeting** will be held in the **Council Chambers**, AlburyCity Administration Building, 553 Kiewa Street, Albury on **Monday 15 October 2012**, at **6.00pm**.

## **CCC 1 – CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS RECEIVED BY THE CHAIR**

- 1A Conflict of Interest Declarations
- 1B Chairperson to advise that the meeting is being recorded

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**Note** *A light meal will be served at 5.15pm, at ‘Charlies on Kiewa’, for Councillors and staff required to attend the meeting.*

Michael Keys

**Acting General Manager**

11 October 2012

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### CCC 3 – CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

#### 3A Minutes of the Community & Cultural Committee Meeting held on Monday 20 August 2012 at 6.55pm

<b>Present</b>	Crs D Betteridge (Chairperson), R Angus, A Glachan (Ex Officio), P Gould, N Hull, P Sawyer, and H van de Ven.
<b>Apologies</b>	Nil.
<b>In Attendance</b>	Nil.
<b>Staff</b>	Acting General Manager, Director Community & Recreation, Director Engineering, Acting Director Planning & Environment, Governance Team Leader, IT Officer and Governance Officer.

#### CCC 1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS RECEIVED BY THE CHAIR

##### 1A Conflict of Interest Declarations

*No Conflict of Interest Declarations were received by the Chairperson.*

##### 1B Recording of Meeting

*The Chairperson advised those present that the meeting is being recorded.*

#### CCC 2 APOLOGIES

##### 2A Apologies of Committee Members

*There were no Apologies of Committee Members.*

##### 2B Apologies of Non-Committee Members

*There were no Apologies of Non-Committee Members.*

#### CCC 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

##### 3A Minutes from the Community & Cultural Committee Meeting held on Monday 9 July 2012 at 7.11pm

##### **Cr Sawyer Moved, Cr Gould Seconded**

That the Committee recommends to Council that the Minutes of the Community & Cultural Committee Meeting held on Monday 9 July 2012, at 7.11pm, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

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### **CCC 4 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

*There were no Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes.*

### **CCC 5 MINUTES OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES**

#### **5A Minutes of the Sports Albury Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 15 August 2012 at 7.00pm (FIL12/00253)**

##### **Cr van de Ven Moved, Cr Sawyer Seconded**

That the Committee recommends to Council that the Minutes of the Sports Albury Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 15 August 2012 at 7.00pm be received, noted and accepted.

**CARRIED**

### **CCC 6 REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION**

*There were no Reports for Discussion.*

### **CCC 7 GENERAL BUSINESS**

**GB 1** The Mayor and Acting General Manager met with Minister for Arts, regarding the Regional Art Gallery Redevelopment Project.

The Minister advised that they do not have any funding in their program for capital works.

Cr Glachan further advised that Council will continue to pursue further funding in relation to this project.

*Meeting closed at 7.02 pm.*

**CCC 4 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**CCC 5 – MINUTES OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES & WORKING PARTIES**

**Recommendation**

That the Committee recommends to Council that the Minutes/Recommendations of the following Committees be **received, noted and accepted**:

- A. Minutes of the Cultural Precinct Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 29 August 2012 at 4.00pm.

**Note** The Minutes of Advisory Committees and Working Parties may come to Council for noting prior to the adoption of the Minutes by the relevant Committee or Working Party. This is to ensure timely information to the Council. Should an Advisory Committee or Working Party subsequently agree that the Minutes should be changed, this will be noted in the next set of Minutes.

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### 5A Minutes of the Cultural Precinct Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 29 August 2012 at 4.00pm

**Present** Cr Robert Angus (Chair), Arthur Castley, Dorothy Simmons, Rob Scott, Stephen O'Connell, and Dr Bruce Pennay.

**Apologies** Karen Gardner and Jacqui Hemsley.

**Staff** James Jenkins, Carina Clement, Kira Juneke and Brendan Maher (*arrived 4.30pm*).

**Guest** Tymeeka Albers (Youth Cafe Work placement student).

#### CPAC1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS RECEIVED BY THE CHAIR

There were no Conflict of Interest Declarations received by the Chair.

#### CPAC2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

##### **Dr Bruce Pennay Moved, Rob Scott Seconded**

That the Minutes of the Cultural Precinct Working Party Meeting held on Tuesday 8 May 2012 at 4.00pm, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

#### CPAC3 ALBURY ART GALLERY REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE

James Jenkins passed on an email from Karen Gardner requesting the following be minuted: Congratulations to all involved in the successful AlburyCity RDA funding application for the redevelopment of the Albury Art Gallery.

James Jenkins provided an Art Gallery redevelopment update. AlburyCity has received \$3.5million through the Regional Development Australia Fund. The draft funding agreement requires the building works to be completed by December 2014. The Art Gallery redevelopment is a \$10.5million project, with funding of \$3.5million from the Federal Government (RDA) funding, \$3.5million through AlburyCity (Special Rates Variation) and an additional \$3.5million is required. AlburyCity is continuing to explore options with the NSW State Government re this additional \$3.5million. Alternate funding strategies, including exploring philanthropic opportunities, are also being developed.

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To meet the draft funding agreement deadlines an EOI and tender application process for Architectural Services for the Albury Regional Art Gallery Redevelopment is open until 4 September 2012. An internal working party has been developed and this group will provide regular updates to the Cultural Precinct Advisory Committee. The Art Gallery is likely to close in March / April 2013 to allow the redevelopment to commence. This will provide staff with the opportunity to document the collection and develop an exciting schedule of exhibitions and programs for the new facility. The visual arts collection will be stored offsite during the building phase.

Rob Scott requested information for progress on the relocation of the Youth Café and bus stop. James Jenkins outlined the process for both. A Community engagement strategy has been developed to review youth services within the Albury CBD. This includes surveying young people, youth service providers and the general community, appointing a consultant to conduct three community forums, develop service provision models and undertake a cost benefit analysis of the various options. It is anticipated that a report to Council will be generated by December 2012.

Alternative sites for the QE2 Square bus stop are currently being investigated by the AlburyCity Traffic Engineer. It needs to fit in with the traffic movements around the CBD. The movement of the bus stop shouldn't affect the development of QE2 Square.

### **CPAC 4      UPDATE ON CULTURAL SERVICES AND BUSINESS ARISING**

#### **Albury Entertainment Centre**

Brendan Maher responded to a question from Rob Scott regarding the ongoing dialogue with The Cube, Wodonga in relation to respective strengths. Brendan Maher stated that representatives of Hothouse, The Cube and AEC are constantly talking to avoid program clashes. The seating capacity of The Cube means they will rarely compete directly for the same product. Both Rob and Brendan stated that the opening of The Cube enhances the offering to the community and in 2012 attendance and sales have been much stronger at both AEC and Hothouse. The AEC, The Cube and Hothouse Theatre are involved in the Black Lines consortium that will ensure two Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander programs for the year across the venues.

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### LibraryMuseum

Carina Clement provided an overview of highlights from the past three months including the launch of the *Wiradjuri Talkback* exhibition as part of *Crossing Place: a story of Albury* exhibition during Naidoc Week, the extremely popular Questacon interactive exhibition *Our Water* and the current exhibition *Price of Life*, which tells the story of kidnapped photojournalist Nigel Brennan as well as the story of current Somalia. This exhibition was curated by AlburyCity Visual Arts Coordinator Bianca Acimovic and has had national TV coverage through the ABC 7.30 Report and news reports. The LibraryMuseum celebrated five years in July 2012 and Carina drew the Committees attention to the Cultural Services Annual Report and the LibraryMuseum's excellent community usage compared to other regional centres. Upcoming priorities and programs include Somali Cultural Day, Write around the Murray Festival and planning for the new Lavington Library.

### Art Gallery

Covered under Art Gallery redevelopment.

### QE11 and Cultural Outreach

Brendan Maher and Carina Clement provided an overview of the Bundy Festival, currently being planned with the Aboriginal community for 22 – 25 November 2012. The Festival will incorporate a wide range of events in and around QE11 Square over the five days.

Twilight markets will recommence in QE11 Square in October, with the commencement of daylight savings. The Botanic Gardens music series, to occur on the third Sunday of each month, commencing on 16 September.

### 2011 2012 Annual Report

The Annual Report provides an overview of highlights, key projects and key statistics across Cultural Services.

### CPAC 5

### General Business

James Jenkins recommended the movie *Sapphires* to the Committee. The movie was filmed locally using many locals as extras and had strong partnership support from AlburyCity. Dr Bruce Pennay made mention of the International Film Festival and how it added to the cultural mix available to our community.

*Meeting closed at 5.00pm.*



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### CCC 6 – REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION

#### 6A Election of Deputy Chairperson 2012-2013 (FIL12/00011)

DATE 2 October 2012

CONFIDENTIAL

YES ☐

NO ☒

If yes please tick one of the following reasons

Personnel Matters ☐

Commercial ☐

Legal ☐

Security ☐

Personal Hardship ☐

MEETING DATE Monday 15 October 2012

FURTHER ENQUIRIES TO Judy Charlton  
Corporate Services

PHONE 6023 8150

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#### Background

At the Council Meeting held on Monday 24 September 2012, Council elected Committee Members and a Chairperson to the Community & Cultural Committee, but determined that the election of the Deputy Chairperson would take place at the Community & Cultural Committee Meeting scheduled for Monday 15 October 2012.

#### Issues

##### *The Regulations*

Section 267 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 does not require the Council or a Committee of the Council to elect a Deputy Chairperson.

If the Committee chooses not to elect a Deputy Chairperson, and the Chairperson is not available to preside at a future meeting, the Committee must elect a member of the Committee to be Acting Chairperson of the Committee on the night.

##### *Voting/Election Process*

Should nominations be called for Deputy Chairperson of a Committee, and if more than one nomination is received an election is required to determine the membership. The options for voting are below.

#### **Option 1 – Ordinary Ballot**

The following procedures apply:

1. The ballot is a secret one.
2. The Returning Officer decides the manner in which votes are to be marked on the ballot papers, that is; for preferred candidate.
3. If there are only two candidates, the candidate with the higher number of votes is elected.

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4. If there are only two candidates and the votes are tied, the person elected is chosen by lot. In this case the name of the candidate drawn at random by the Returning Officer is declared elected.
5. If there are three or more candidates, the one with the lowest number of votes is excluded. In this regard if two or more candidates are tied for the lowest number, the Returning Officer draws one at random by lot, and that person is deemed to be the excluded candidate.
6. This procedure continues until there are only two candidates remaining, at which time the procedures set out in 3. and 4. above will apply.

### ***Option 2 – Open Voting***

The ballot is by show of hands, but the counting process is the same as for an Ordinary Ballot.

### ***Option 3 – Preferential Voting***

The following procedures apply:

1. The ballot is a secret one.
2. Ballot papers contain the names of all the candidates.
3. To be a formal vote, Councillors must mark their votes by placing the numbers “1”, “2”, “3”, and so on, so as to indicate the order of their preferences. Councillors must indicate a preference for all of the candidates (i.e. all of the boxes must be numbered).
4. If one candidate has an absolute majority of first preference formal votes, that candidate is elected.
5. If there is no absolute majority, the candidate with the lowest number of first preference votes is excluded. In this regard, if two or more candidates are tied for the lowest number, the Returning Officer draws one at random by lot, and that person is deemed to be the excluded candidate.
6. The votes of the excluded candidate are then transferred to the candidates with second preferences on those ballot papers.
7. A candidate who then has an absolute majority is elected, if no candidate has an absolute majority the process of excluding the lowest candidate continues until one candidate has received an absolute majority of votes, who is then declared elected. In this process, if the remaining two candidates have an equal number of votes, the Returning Officer draws by lot and the candidate whose name is first chosen is taken to be elected.

### **Conclusion**

It would provide more certainty for the Committee if it elects a Deputy Chairperson for 2012-2013.

The Returning Officer will be the Acting General Manager, with the assistance of the Governance Team Leader.

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### **Recommendation**

That the Committee recommends to Council that Council:

- a. let the Committee determine that the method of voting for the election of the Deputy Chairperson in the event of a ballot being required, will be by open voting;
- b. invite nominations for the position of Deputy Chairperson for the next twelve months; and
- c. hold an election for the Deputy Chairperson in the event of a ballot being required.

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#### **6B Presentation – Youth Council End of Term (FIL12/00831)**

*Youth Development Officer, Amanda Wilson and members of the Youth Council will be in attendance to give a PowerPoint presentation in relation to challenges, achievements and projects undertaken by the Youth Council during their term.*

- **Attachment**
  1. Copy of PowerPoint Presentation.

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### 6C Albury – A Dog Friendly City (FIL12/01790)

DATE 9 October 2012

CONFIDENTIAL YES ☐ NO ☒ If yes please tick one of the following reasons  
Personnel Matters ☐ Commercial ☐ Legal ☐ Security ☐ Personal Hardship ☐

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FURTHER ENQUIRIES TO Brad Gill PHONE 6023 8750  
Parks and Recreation

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#### Background

On Monday 22 June 2009, Council adopted the Companion Animals Management Plan (*Attachment 1*) which included a range of strategic actions integral to the effective management of companion animals.

The development of Albury – A Dog Friendly City (*Attachment 2*) provides further detail and direction in relation to a number of the strategic actions within the Companion Animal Management Plan.

This strategy aims to develop an accessible, affordable, inviting and sustainable framework for providing open space for the residents of Albury that have companion animals. Providing these spaces will encourage residents to actively exercise with their dogs providing health benefits whilst also promoting social interaction between dog owners. There is documented evidence that pet ownership and social interaction in parks has identified community health benefits.

The provision of basic, undeveloped parkland as an off-leash area no longer meets the demands of the community. This strategy proposes to increase the standard of off-leash areas to satisfy the needs of residents and to target the growing tourist market travelling with their companion animals.

#### Issues

AlburyCity has a legislated obligation to provide at least one off-leash area within the community. There are currently five designated off-leash areas throughout Albury and this strategy proposes an additional three off-leash areas.

Over the last two years a number of issues have been raised in relation to the management of dogs in open space areas, these include:

- The current standard of facilities at off-leash areas is inadequate and negatively impacts on usage of these areas. Strategic Action 3 identifies an increase in standard at off-leash parks; a works program will be developed to meet these standards.
- How to best manage the perceived conflict between dogs and children at the Oddies Creek Park Adventure Playspace. Strategic Action 4 identifies an upgrade of the off-leash area at

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Oddies Creek Park including investigation and implementation of additional informal barriers near the playground.

- How to reduce the impact of dogs being exercised on sporting grounds. Strategic Action 5 identifies a review of issues at on-leash areas including sporting grounds. It is anticipated that an improvement of facilities at off-leash areas will reduce the desire to use sporting grounds for off-leash exercise.
- The provision of an off-leash area at Mungabareena Reserve. Strategic Action 2 identifies an area at Mungabareena Reserve to be a dedicated off-leash area. This area will see the extension of the maintained Mungabareena Foreshore to include an off-leash area while reducing the potential future conflict with the highly popular swimming area currently on the Foreshore.
- Conflicting and inadequate signage at a number of open space areas including Noreuil Park Foreshore, sporting grounds and existing off-leash areas. Strategic Actions 3 and 5 deal with upgrading signage at off-leash and on-leash areas.

The key elements of this strategy are the five strategic actions. These include the development of design guidelines to increase the standard of off-leash parks, the establishment of a suitability assessment checklist to assess the suitability of off-leash parks and the creation of an additional three off-leash areas within Albury.

### Albury 2030

The actions within this strategy link to the following outcomes in Albury 2030:

- Increase tourism to Albury – development of a destination off-leash area at Oddies Creek Park.
- Improve visitor and resident experiences – ensure off-leash areas are of a high standard.
- Plan and cater for population growth – development of off-leash areas in growth areas.
- Increased usage of pedestrian trails – further develop facilities along pedestrian trails.
- Enhance, protect and promote natural assets – guidelines to identify areas of conflicting use.
- Community facilities in Thurgoona – establish an off-leash area in Thurgoona.
- Murray River Experience – the continued development of Oddies Creek Park.

### Risk

- *Business Risk*

The *draft* strategy is consistent with the current 2012-2013 Operational Plan and the 2012-2016 Four Year Delivery Program.

The implementation of the actions within the strategy will be achieved over a number of years. It is expected that initial works will be achieved within existing operating budgets whilst further planning will be undertaken for larger capital expenditure items.

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Concept landscape plans will be developed for each of the existing and proposed off-leash areas. This will provide an opportunity for AlburyCity to work with interested parties in the development of the off-leash areas and will also open up funding opportunities.

- *Corporate Risk*

The endorsement of the draft strategy and progression to the community engagement stage will ensure the views and opinions of key stakeholders are reflected in the final strategy. This will ensure that the identified strategic objectives and actions do not have a negative impact on our corporate image.

The strategy has been developed in consultation with the Parks and Recreation and Compliance teams and it is anticipated that there will be no negative impacts for either team.

- *WHS and Public Risk*

There are no known WHS or public risks associated with the strategy.

### **Community Engagement**

Community involvement in the development of the strategy has primarily been conducted through the Companion Animal Management Panel whose members represent key stakeholders of companion animal industry in Albury.

Throughout the development of the strategy, the Team Leader Compliance has been involved along with a number of AlburyCity Compliance Officers.

In addition, consultation has been undertaken with interested residents including those involved in the submission of a 1,000 signature petition regarding the establishment of an off-leash area at Mungabareena Reserve.

It is proposed that Albury – A Dog Friendly City be placed on public display for a period of at least 28 days in accordance with the standard AlburyCity procedure including:

- Providing information at the Albury Library/Museum, Lavington Library and Council Administration Building.
- Advertising in the local media.
- Providing information on the AlburyCity website.

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In addition, working in conjunction with AlburyCity's compliance staff and the Companion Animal Management Panel, the draft strategy will be distributed to all key stakeholders with an interest in responsible pet ownership and dogs in open spaces. Information will also be distributed in the following ways:

- Providing information about the strategy at AlburyCity's Pets Day Out in November 2012
- Providing information at AlburyCity Community Centres
- Information being provided at the AlburyCity Animal Management Centre
- Distribution to residents directly adjacent to the sites identified in the strategy.

### Options

1. Endorse the *Draft Albury – A Dog Friendly City Strategy* and recommend that the strategy be placed on public display for a period of at least 28 days.  
OR
2. Not endorse the *Draft Albury – A Dog Friendly City Strategy* and seek amendments.

### Conclusion

The *Draft Albury – A Dog Friendly City Strategy* aims to further progress a number of strategic actions identified in the Companion Animals Management Plan which was endorsed by Council in 2009.

The strategy will provide an effective framework for providing open spaces for dogs and their owners. This will encourage residents to actively exercise with their dogs whilst also promoting social interaction between dog owners.

### Recommendation

That the Committee recommends to Council that Council:

- a. receive and note the *Draft Albury – A Dog Friendly City Strategy*; and
- b. place the *Draft Albury – A Dog Friendly City Strategy* on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

- **Attachments**

1. Companion Animal Management Plan 2009.
2. *Draft Albury – A Dog Friendly City Strategy*.



**CCC 7 – GENERAL BUSINESS**