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# CAMPBELLTOWN CITY COUNCIL

## Minutes Summary

Campbelltown Arts Centre Strategic Committee Meeting held at 6.30pm on Wednesday, 9 October 2019.

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**Minutes of the Campbelltown Arts Centre Strategic Committee Meeting held on 09 October 2019**

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**Present**

Councillor Meg Oates	Chairperson, Campbelltown City Council
Councillor Masood Chowdhury	Chairperson, Campbelltown City Council
Councillor Ben Moroney	Committee Member, Campbelltown City Council
Mr Steven Donaghey	Committee Member, Business Sector/Community
Ms Lorna Gear	Committee Member, Education Sector
Mrs Joan Long	Committee Member, Friends of Campbelltown Arts Centre
Mr Andrew Christie	Committee Member, Arts Community
Mrs Rebecca Grasso	Nominee for Campbelltown City Council General Manager

**Also Present**

Mr Michael Dagostino	Executive Manager Creative Life, Campbelltown City Council
Mrs Kelly Wooden	Executive Support, Campbelltown City Council

**1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND**

An Acknowledgement of Land was presented by the Chairperson Councillor Meg Oates.

**2. APOLOGIES**

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It was **Moved** Councillor Oates, **Seconded** Councillor Moroney:

That the following apologies from Campbelltown Arts Centre Strategic Committee members and representatives be received and accepted:

Councillor Michael Banasik	Committee Member, Wollondilly Shire Council
Dr Cheryle Yin –Lo	Committee Member, Camden Council
Mr Rudi Kolkman	Committee Member, Business Sector/Community
Ms Mariah Calman	Committee Member, Education Sector
Ms Alison Derrett	Committee Member, Business Sector/Community
General Manager Ms Lindy Deitz	Committee Member, Campbelltown City Council
Ms Lucy Stackpool	Committee Member, Business Sector/Community
Ms Dorothy Heatley	Committee Member, Friends of Campbelltown Arts Centre

The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

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**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest made at this meeting.

#### **4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS CAMPBELLTOWN ARTS CENTRE STRATEGIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 26 JUNE 2019**

##### **Reporting Officer**

Executive Manager Creative Life

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##### **Officer's Recommendation**

That the information be noted.

It was **Moved** Mr Donaghey, **Seconded** Councillor Moroney:

That the information be noted.

The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

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##### **Report**

The minutes of the Campbelltown Arts Centre Strategic Committee Meeting held 26 June 2019, copies of which have been circulated to each Sub Committee member, were adopted by Council at its meeting held 6 August 2019.

##### **Attachments**

Nil

## 5. REPORTS

### 5.1 Campbelltown City Council Collection - New Acquisitions

#### Reporting Officer

Executive Manager Creative Life  
City Growth

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#### Officer's Recommendation

That the proposed donation by Athena Thebus by endorsed by the Campbelltown Arts Centre Strategic Committee for further consideration by Council to be acquired as a part of the Campbelltown City Council collection.

It was **Moved** Councillor Oates, **Seconded** Ms Gear:

That the proposed donation by Athena Thebus by endorsed by the Campbelltown Arts Centre Strategic Committee for further consideration by Council to be acquired as a part of the Campbelltown City Council collection.

The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

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#### Purpose

To seek the endorsement of the Campbelltown Arts Centre Strategic Committee for the acquisition of the donation to the Campbelltown City Council collection.

#### Report

Campbelltown City Council's Collection Policy provides a framework for the management of Council's permanent collection by Campbelltown Arts Centre. Listed below is the proposed donated work by Athena Thebus to be acquired for Council's collection in line with the policy objectives.

Athena Thebus is a contemporary artist whose practice tells stories of Desire and Pleasure. Using several mediums in chorus, her works have incorporated tattoo, studded leather, neon lights, holes in walls, and burning blankets. These are held together by impressions of a celestial Catholicism as influenced by her Filipina heritage, but from the position of the damned. Athena is guided by the force of Desire, pursuing a path of pleasure that is often of an unrecognisable shape. Her works therefore focuses on experiences close to the body of those who must move through the shadows to find radical modes of kinship and joy. Her practice offers to light a way, with an intentionality that is Filipina, oceanic, and diasporic within the neo-colonial context of Australia.

This work was presented at Darren Knight Gallery and at ACE Open in an exhibition titled Into My Arms (2018). The work is being offered from a private collector and is an opportunity to collect a tangible work from this emerging artist.

In 2018, she presented a new solo work at Next Wave Festival and collaborative works at Sugar Mountain Festival with musician Marcus Whale; and as part of Campbelltown Arts Centre's live streamed performance series Real Real with Akil Ahamat and Ainslie Templeton. In 2019 she will be presenting work at Melbourne's Midsumma Festival, developing an installation with musician Chloe Corkran, guest editing Runway Experimental Art magazine's 39th issue on the theme of oceans, and fulfilling her role as a Firstdraft Co-director.

**Donation**

POWER FUCK

2017

Cowhide and studs

Dimensions variable

Images: Stephen Oxenbury

**Attachments**

Nil

## 5.2 Overview of the 2020 Artistic Program

### Reporting Officer

Executive Manager Creative Life  
City Growth

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### Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

It was **Moved** Mr Christie, **Seconded** Councillor Chowdhury:

That the information be noted.

The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

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### Purpose

To provide the Campbelltown Arts Centre Strategic Committee with an overview of the Arts Centre's 2020 artistic program.

### Report

The Executive Manager Creative Life will provide the Committee with an overview of the Arts Centre's 2020 artistic program.

### Attachments

Nil

### **5.3 2021-2024 Campbelltown Arts Centre Strategic Plan**

#### **Reporting Officer**

Executive Manager Creative Life  
City Growth

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#### **Officer's Recommendation**

That the information be noted.

It was **Moved** Councillor Oates, **Seconded** Councillor Moroney:

That the information be noted.

The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

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#### **Purpose**

To provide the Campbelltown Arts Centre Strategic Committee with an overview of the proposed 2021-2024 Campbelltown Arts Centre Strategic Plan which will form the application to Australia Council for the Arts multi-year funding.

#### **Report**

The Executive Manager Creative Life will provide the Committee with an overview of the proposed 2021-2024 Campbelltown Arts Centre Strategic Plan.

#### **Attachments**

Nil

## 5.4 Revised Campbelltown City Council Collection Policy

### Reporting Officer

Executive Manager Creative Life  
City Growth

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### Officer's Recommendation

That the Campbelltown Arts Centre Strategic Committee note and endorse the proposed changes to the Campbelltown City Council Collection Policy.

It was **Moved** Mr Donaghey, **Seconded** Councillor Chowdhury:

That the Campbelltown Arts Centre Strategic Committee note and endorse the proposed changes to the Campbelltown City Council Collection Policy.

The Motion on being Put was **CARRIED**.

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### Purpose

To provide the Campbelltown Arts Centre Strategic Committee with proposed changes to the Campbelltown City Council Collection Policy.

### Report

The Campbelltown City Council Collection Policy was adopted by Council at its meeting on 28 November 2017.

In late 2018 Campbelltown Arts Centre engaged The Countess Report to review the Campbelltown City Council Collection as part of the 2019 Collections exhibition 'Borrowed Scenery'. As part of this process, The Countess Report discovered that there was a gender disparity in the Collection and advised the Campbelltown City Council Collection policy be reviewed to address this inequality.

In view of the above, it is proposed that the following additions be made to the Policy:

Under 'Objectives'

10. To commit to a diverse and equal gender representation within the Campbelltown City Council Art Collection and curation of exhibitions.

Under 'Collection Management'

- 3.2 The collection is to be periodically audited and maintained to reflect and strive for a representation of gender equality through new acquisitions and deaccession of artworks



It is also proposed that the name of the Policy be changed to:

Campbelltown City Council Art Collection Policy

### **Attachments**

1. Campbelltown City Collection - Existing Policy (contained within this report)

## **6. GENERAL BUSINESS**

The next meeting of the Campbelltown Arts Centre Strategic Committee will be held at 6.30pm on Wednesday 20 November 2019 at the Campbelltown Arts Centre.

**Councillor Meg Oates**

**Chairperson**

Meeting Concluded: 8.10pm