

# Arts, Culture and Creativity Advisory Committee Meeting

## MINUTES

Tuesday 11 November 2025

Assembly Room, Level 1, Boot Factory, Spring Street Bondi Junction

### Attendees

Aleema Ash, Joanne Been, Alexandra Bowen, Rachael Coopes, Susan Freeman, Sam Marshall, Clare Sawyer, Josephine Skinner

Cr Michelle Stephenson (Chair), Cr Katherine Westwood, Cr Keri Spooner (Deputy Mayor), Cr Margaret Merten, Cr Ludovico Fabiano, Ben Thompson, Tanya Goldberg, Jacqui Cowell

### Guests

Elizabeth Reidy, Senior Curator

### Apologies

Cr Will Nemesh (Mayor), Cr Dominic Wy Kanak, Cr Paula Masselos

Item	Discussion	When	Who
1	Welcome and apologies	7.30pm	Chair
2	Brief introductions of all attending, around the table. New committee members shared their outside impression of Arts and Culture at Waverley Council with positive feedback regarding the quality of programming generally,	7.33pm	Chair

volume of activation, events for families, and talks and ideas programming. Interest in additional contemporary public art was also noted as well as the observation that programming and community engagement had increased significantly since Bondi Pavilion reopened in 2022.

3	Committee housekeeping	Key committee routines and rhythms were shared with the team regarding the running of the committee and what new members can expect.	7.45pm	Tanya Goldberg Executive Manager, Arts, Culture and Events
4	Waverley Council arts and culture program	<p>Information shared about the team structure, as well as recent Arts and Culture activity including current priorities stemming from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Create NSW multi-year funding received</li> <li>○ Placemaking priorities and grants received for Open Streets and Permit Plug Play programs</li> <li>○ Local Creative Collaboration and local creative development initiatives.</li> </ul> <p>Committee discussion centred on place activation including the success of the recent Glenayr Ave Street Party, and the benefit of how place activation is delivered at Waverley, with Events, Place and Arts and Culture all working collaboratively. Noted that Waverley’s approach is effective and delivering positive outcomes.</p> <p>Discussion on the Local Creative Collaborations program, small Artist Studio at Bondi Pavilion and range of timeframes for creative development residencies.</p>	7.50pm	Jacqui Cowell, Manager Arts and Culture / Tanya Goldberg
5	Waverley Artist Studio Appointments	<p>Presentation of the Waverley Artist Studio program and peer assessment process.</p> <p>Committee discussion on the robust nature of this established process, including exploration of the assessment criteria. Discussion extended to the breadth of artists applying annually, the range of career stages represented in the applicant cohort and the extent to which artists are encouraged to reapply if unsuccessful.</p>	8.10	Liz Reidy

Committee reviewed the peer assessment panel's top ten artist recommendations for studio placements and noted the proposed list of artists represents a good combination of established, mid-career and emerging artists.

OUTCOME: Committee endorsed the 10 artists as per the peer assessment to be recommended to Council for appointment to Waverley Artist Studio residences for the 2026-2027 studio intake.

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6	Renewal of Waverley Arts and Culture Plan 2021 – 2026	Presentation of an overview of the Waverley Arts and Culture Plan renewal process including advisory committee and community engagement during the drafting stage, including the importance of youth engagement and the value in considering the Bondi Junction Masterplan vision alongside this work.	8.30	Jacqui Cowell
	General Business	None.	8:40pm	Chair

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Meeting closed: 8.45pm

## Links

1. [Arts, Culture and Creativity Advisory Committee Terms of Reference](#)
2. [Waverley Council Code of Meeting Practice](#)
3. [Waverley Arts and Culture Plan 2021-2026](#)
4. [Waverley Public Art Policy](#)
5. [Waverley Art Collection Acquisition and Deaccessioning Guidelines](#)
6. [Waverley Public Art in the Private Domain Guidelines](#)