

Confirmed Meeting Minutes

Date: 2 November 2020	Time: 5.30pm – 7.30pm	Venue: via Zoom
Meeting Objective: To provide advice and guidance on the development of strategies, and identification of challenges and opportunities, in relation to cultural planning, arts and cultural opportunities, community pride and local identity, and community involvement which encourages a sense of belonging within the LGA.		

1 Welcome and Introductions

1.1 Committee Members present:

- Cr Carol Duncan – Chairperson
- Alissa Jones – Committee Facilitator
- Helen Payne – Committee Secretary
- Chris Dunstan – Community Representative

1.2 Apologies

- Nick Rendell - Office of Sport
- Matt Endacott - Senior Consultant
- Cr Kath Elliott - Councillor
- Cr Andrea Rufo – Deputy Chairperson
- Jenny Moody – Department of Education
- Dr Ann Hardy – University of Newcastle (UoN)
- Michelle Frazer – Community Representative
- Katherine McLean – Community Representative

1.3 Attendees

- Kate Britton – Project Manager Cultural Event
- Leah Fawthrop - Newcastle Art Space
- Zephie Cerny – Octapod
- Julie Baird - Director Museum
- Suzie Gately – Manager Libraries and Learning
- Lauretta Morton - Director Newcastle Art Gallery

2 Acknowledgement of Country

- 2.1 Councillor Duncan acknowledged the Awabakal and Worimi peoples and welcomed attendees to the meeting.

3 Confirmation of Previous Minutes and Actions arising

- 3.1 Minutes of the meeting held 29 September 2020 confirmed.

3.2 Action updates

Meeting Date	Item	Action	Update	Status
7 July 2020	Cultural Strategy 2016-2019	Seek further advice on programs and objectives and seek more advice to be ascertained for input.	A significant review of objectives and discussions have occurred with Community Strategy and Innovation (CSI) on incorporating the elements on the Cultural Strategy.	Ongoing. This work is related to the cultural precinct scoping study status update below.
7 July 2020	Discuss the development a new Public Art Policy	A report from the Public Art Reference Group was tabled at Council on 27/10/2020.	Unanimous support was received by Council.	Development of Policy and Framework to be actioned by Public Art Reference Group (PARG)
29 September 2020	Broader cultural precinct in the CBD	Establish a Working Party to discuss broader cultural precinct in the CBD.	Work has commenced on scoping study for cultural precinct. Presentation to be made by consultant to next CCAC on 2 February 2021	Ongoing
2 November 2020	Newcastle Art Space Programming	See advice re advocacy and the Task Force response for the Arts	Discussion held with CN's Economic Strategy & Government Relations (ESGR) Manager regarding further advocacy on this matter.	Invite ESGR Manager to present to CCAC 2 February 2021

4 Newcastle Art Space Programming

4.1 Leah Fawthrop from Newcastle Art Space attended to provide an overview on Newcastle Art Space Programming. It was noted that:

- Leah joined Newcastle Art Space (NAS) in March 2020. When COVID imploded and lockdowns commenced many workshops and exhibitions had to be cancelled. A successful mentorship program has recently been introduced NAS advertised, received applications from mentors and mentees and went through a review process. Interns have been incredible and the importance of spaces like NAS was noted.
- Alissa Jones to speak with CN's Economic Strategy & Government Relations Manager (ESGR Manager), Simon Massey regarding advocacy and the Task Force response for the Arts with an invitation to attend a future Committee meeting.

Action: AJ

5 Newcastle Museum

5.1 The Committee received a presentation from Museum Director and noted the following:

- Current and upcoming exhibitions for the Museum
- The reopening of Fort Scratchley, the Memorandum of Understanding, new technology and media.
- Engagement and collaboration highlights of 2020 were presented.
- Create NSW Triennial grant funding was awarded of \$135,000 per year for three years along with other recognition and media.
- COVID-19 learnings and innovations were discussed.

6 Public Art Reference Group (PARG)

6.1 On 27 October 2020 a report was tabled to Council regarding Public Art in the City driven by CN's Director of Governance and Manager Regulatory Planning & Assessment (Councillor Duncan Chairs the PARG). Public Art has a vital role to play with existing assets in the city and more recently the success of the Big Picture Fest has evidenced this being so well received from the community. Council unanimously resolved to receive the Annual Report presented (**Attachment A**) and endorsed continuation of the PARG as a 'standing committee' of Council to continue outside the term of the elected Council. Council also endorsed expansion of the membership of the PARG in 2021 to include up to five external experts with three positions for persons with a strong demonstrated relationship to Newcastle who have acclaimed reputations for excellence in the field/s or visual art, architecture, landscape architecture, cultural leadership and/or design; one specific position for a cultural knowledge holder from the indigenous community; and one specific position for a heritage expert. The Libraries team were acknowledged for Pin the City's Street Art project.

7 Libraries Satisfaction and Infrastructure Survey

7.1 The Committee received a presentation from Manager Libraries and Learning and noted that:

- A key priority of the Library Strategy 2019-2029 is to inform the Contemporary Libraries Infrastructure Plan for IT and Facilities.
- Aims of the satisfaction and infrastructure survey has been supported by the development of library customer personas which aim to:
 - Understand the needs, experiences and behaviours of those who currently use or might use the services,
 - Determine the service models that best align and best satisfy the different personas;
 - Improve our customer centred design strength.

8 Flagship Cultural Event – the 'New Annual' 12-21 February 2021

8.1 The Committee received a presentation from the Program Manager Cultural Event on the 'New Annual' and noted that:

- A program preview event was held across the October long weekend with 250 attending the Civic Theatre. The event was also live streamed and recorded on the website showcasing the performances. Work will be undertaken with web designers to launch the program early in January 2021. A recent tender was undertaken to outsource marketing and media with engagements occurring by the end of week. Work continues on the licencing and COVID Safe plans. 24 September to 3 October 2021 has been tabled as dates for the 2nd 'New Annual' event. The festival is looking to be a vehicle to push boundaries of what everyone is doing and showcase the creativity of the City.

9 General Business

- 9.1 On 14 November “WE CAN BE HEROES: a backstage pass” opens at the Newcastle Art Gallery until 14 February 2021.

10 Closing – the meeting closed at 7.00pm

10.1 Future Meeting dates:

Tuesday 2 February 2021

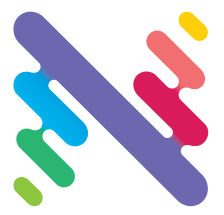
Tuesday 2 March 2021

Attachment A: Public Art Reference Group Annual Report 2020

Annual Report

Public Art Reference Group

2018/19 - 2019/20



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Lyrique Lane Light Chandelier
147 Hunter Street Newcastle

Acknowledgment

City of Newcastle (CN) acknowledges that we operate on the grounds of the traditional country of the Awabakal and Worimi peoples.

We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and continuing relationship with the land, and that they are the proud survivors of more than two hundred years of dispossession.

CN reiterates its commitment to address disadvantages and attain justice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of this community.

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Foreword from the Chair



I am pleased to introduce the first City of Newcastle Public Art Reference Group (PARG) Annual Report. This first reporting period has been one of consolidating the Terms of Reference of PARG, testing the boundaries of it and of working with developers whose projects have triggered the conditions of the Newcastle DCP to contribute public artwork.

Some of the items that have arisen for consideration have included:

- helping applicants meet the 1% public art contribution and ensuring the funds are spent on the artwork
- encouraging developers to work with public art consultants and artists in planning and commissioning public artworks
- planning an ongoing strategy to ensure a healthy funding stream for the commissioning and maintenance of public art in the City of Newcastle

It's encouraging to note that many of the developers, representatives and artists that have met with PARG have appreciated the opportunity to understand and clarify their public art commitments.

Public art humanises our urban spaces and built environment. It contributes to our wellbeing in public spaces, reflects our values as a community, and gives our spaces meaning and the opportunity to be unique. It provides opportunities for artists to

create, for visitors and residents to enjoy, and to build an even greater economic contribution to the city by way of the value of our arts and cultural organisations.

In order for the City of Newcastle (CN) to further pursue excellence in public art, PARG has developed new procedures for developers – Public Art in the Private Domain. My sincere thanks to everyone who has worked on this document, shared ideas and chased the 'art of the possible'.

My gratitude is extended to all members of PARG for their enthusiasm and contributions to our work, and my deepest thanks for an exceptional level of support from CN staff including David Clarke, Michelle Bisson, Priscilla Emmett, Tracey Webb and numerous others.

Councillor Carol Duncan

Chair
Public Art Reference Group

October 2020



Waterline, Jade Oakley in collaboration with Richard Briggs and Caroline Comino

Role of the Public Art Reference Group

The Public Art Reference Group (PARG) acts as an Advisory Committee to the City of Newcastle on Public Art.

Advising on the commissioning and development of new Public Art works in the public and private domain, ensuring transparent commissioning processes that result in art works reflective of Newcastle's history, culture and community, and advocating for City of Newcastle, the PARG provide leadership and ongoing support on all aspects of Public Art.

Membership and Attendance

During the period, the PARG met seven times.

PARG membership and meeting attendance is shown below:

Name	Title	Number of Meetings Attended
Councillor Carol Duncan	Chair	6
Councillor Peta Winney-Baartz	Member	7
Councillor John Mackenzie	Member	6

PARG intends to expand its membership in 2021 to strengthen the capabilities to oversee public art in the Newcastle Local Government Area (LGA), in both the public and private domains. To achieve this, it is proposed to appoint up to five external experts to PARG, of which:



Three positions

For persons with a strong demonstrated relationship to Newcastle who have acclaimed reputations for excellence in the field/s of visual art, architecture, landscaped architecture, cultural leadership and/or design.



One specific position

For a cultural knowledge holder from the Indigenous community



One specific position

For a heritage expert

PARG Meetings

The focus of PARG during the period has been on public art associated with development applications. As such, PARG meetings have been scheduled on an as required basis.

Three meetings were held in the second half of 2019 (June, July & October 2019) and four meetings have been held to date in 2020 (February, April, August & September 2020).

On average, public art proposals are presented to the PARG at three separate meetings prior to the proposals being deemed to have satisfied the PARG's requirements and approval being granted for the Public Art component of the development. Noting that this varies based on the maturity of the proposal and the level of engagement with relevant external agencies or groups.



Public Art in Private Domain Procedures

To provide guidance to PARG, developers and the broader community regarding public art in the private domain, PARG oversaw the development of the Public Art in the Private Domain Procedure 2020.

Clause B.5 of the Newcastle Development Control Plan (2012) provides the planning trigger for public art to be included in certain development applications in the private domain.

B.5 Public artwork

Public art is a defining quality of dynamic interesting and successful cities. More public artworks are needed in private developments and in the public domain.

Performance Criteria

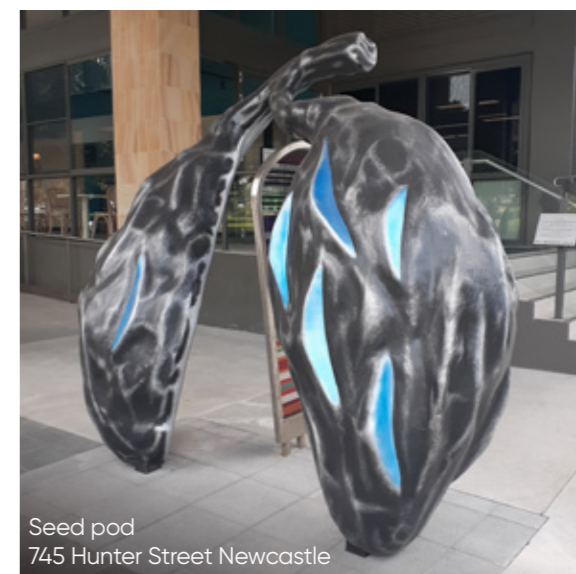
B5.1 Significant development incorporates public artwork

Acceptable solutions

1. Public and civic buildings, developments on key sites and development over 45m in height are to allocate 1% of the capital cost of development towards public artwork for development
2. Council is consulted on the location and proposal for public art

The Public Art in the Private Domain Procedures outline the process to enable a public art proposal to be considered by PARG, including the requirements for documentation, consultation and record keeping.

The Procedures also outline a Principle Framework for Public Art in Newcastle, to ensure high standards of public art are delivered in the private domain, by outlining requirements relating to artistic excellence, local character, heritage and culture, invigoration of the public domain, sustainability and materiality and maintenance.



Seed pod
745 Hunter Street Newcastle

Public Art considered by PARG

Since 2018, PARG has considered a number of public art proposals for the private domain which are related to development applications in the Newcastle CBD.

The map below shows the locations of these proposals, with examples explained in the following pages.



3 proposals approved



5 proposals currently under review





147 Hunter Street Newcastle

Lyrique Lane Light Chandelier

The design intent of the Public Artworks is to create a three dimensional interpretation of the arches that feature in the façade of the Lyrique Theatre. A series of light infused rods (or similar) and proposes to define the new public space through a sculptural light, similar to a grand chandelier.

Address	DA	Proponent/ Applicant	Description of proposal	Cost of works (1%)	Date approved by PARG
147 Hunter Street, Newcastle	DA2018/00354	East End Stage 2 Pty Ltd/ SJB Planning	Light Chandelier	\$501,590.00	February 2020



745 Hunter Street Newcastle

Seed pod and facade treatment

The sculpture is a stainless steel construction in the form of a giant seed capsule and a glass seed. The seed capsule is constructed to a height of 2550mm. It is an open form in two parts, each side being a domed shape approximately 2040mm high. The two domed forms are linked at the top with a 170mm diameter tube section. The insides of each half of the seed capsule is a polished mirror finish plane. The outside of the seed capsules will have a matt black painted finish with some stainless steel silver colour showing in areas and a bright metallic blue surface in select zones. The final coat will be a clear 2 pack polyurethane paint.

The seed which sits in between the two domed shapes is made of laminated glass with a coloured film inside. The glass is housed in a stainless steel frame which also contains the LED lighting. The glass and frame are approximately 1785mm high x 640mm wide.

Newcastle triptych

The three screens for the two carpark levels are comprised of a series of steel panels to be bolted to the building and to one another to stabilise. The three screens will each be divided into 10 panels of approximately 1.5m wide x 3m high to each screen. Each panel will be 3mm mild steel plate with a laser cut design. Each panel will be etch primed and painted in a basecoat of black powdercoat paint before rendered with colour to create the 3 landscape scenes. The panels are to be bolted at one side to the building. The other panels will be interconnected with bolts on strips of painted steel behind the panels.



Address	DA	Proponent/ Applicant	Description of proposal	Cost of works (1%)	Date approved by PARG
745 King Street, Newcastle	DA2016/00654	Core Project Group/ RSL Lifecare Limited	Seed pod statue, screening of façade & 3 large screens	\$430,126.00	May 2019



38 Hannell Street Wickham

Indigenous mural and native artworks

Item 1 - This mural will be informed by the areas indigenous history and acknowledge the stories and traditions of the original custodians of the land. Discussion between Adnate and the Awabakal people is currently ongoing. An elevated presence will provide an opportunity for greater social engagement from within the surrounding neighbourhood as well as an interesting aspect from the Transport Interchange. A prominent position will allow for an enduring impression and an evolution of the original mural.

Item 2 - Adnate has been commissioned for a series of murals for the purpose of providing cohesion to Item 1. Local artists will be asked to collaborate with Adnate to bring originality to each piece. These murals will be informed by the area's indigenous flora and fauna.



Address	DA	Proponent/ Applicant	Description of proposal	Cost of works (1%)	Date approved by PARG
38 Hannell Street, Wickham	DA2017/01399	Thirdi 38 Hannell Pty Ltd	Kangaroo statues, painting & indigenous mural on facade	\$387,663.00	May 2019



Public Art proposals

currently under review by the PARG

A number of public art proposals in the private domain remain under consideration by PARG.

Address	DA	Proponent/ Applicant	Description of proposal	Cost of works (1%)	Date approved by PARG
10 Dangar Street, Wickham	DA2018/01197	Dangar Street Wickham Pty Limited / KDC Pty Ltd	Indigenous Illumination display on building	\$528,004.48	April, August & Sept 2020
6 Stewart Avenue, Newcastle	DA2018/01107	Doma Interchange Development Pty Ltd / KDC Pty Ltd	Decorative component attached to the façade of the building including illumination	\$547,662.00	August & Sept 2020
309 King Street, Newcastle West	DA2019/01169 (under assessment)	Western Suburbs (N'cle) Leagues Club Limited / Wpp Pty Ltd	Structures and water features within the internal laneway within the development	\$1,608,992.00	February 2020
1 National Park Street, Newcastle	DA2019/00711	Exp No 1 National Park Street Pty Ltd / KDC Pty Ltd	Bronze oval structure suspended within the development site	\$695,420.00	February 2020
The Store 854 Hunter Street, Newcastle	DA2018/01109	Doma Interchange Development Pty Ltd / KDC Pty Ltd	Messaging though ground displays, pavement inlays, Street blades and street furniture.	\$2,000,000.00	March 2019

Additional items discussed at PARG Meeting

In addition to public art in the private domain, during the period PARG has also provided public art advice relating to several other proposals in the Newcastle Local Government Area.

Address	Description of proposal
426 King Street Newcastle	Facade treatment of the site featuring a wave and boat sculpture
Fernleigh Track Indigenous Artwork	Indigenous mural located along the Fernleigh Track

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