

**TWEED RIVER ART GALLERY FOUNDATION LTD.
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2012**

Venue: Tweed River Art Gallery

Time: 5.00pm

Present: Warren Polglase (Chair), Allan Macnaughton, Ron Sutton, Penny Hall, Ashby Utting, Susi Muddiman, Anne Schardin.

Apologies: Doug Anthony, Margot Anthony, Mayor Cllr Barry Longland

Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting 19 September be accepted as correct.

Moved: Penny Hall

Seconded: Allan Macnaughton

Correspondence In:

Form from ASIC dated 26 October to be completed.

Correspondence Out:

Form dated 26 October returned to ASIC completed by Penny Hall.

RESOLVED that applications for membership as listed below are accepted.

Moved: Ashby Utting

Seconded: Allan Macnaughton

Sally Macnaughton

Sally A Wilkinson

Brian Fitzpatrick

Margaret Olley Art Trust – platinum (\$1,000,000)

Graeme Conley

Rosalind and Bruce Steel

Memberships pending:

Roger Marks

Mary Peabody

Richard Cowan

Trish Budd

Treasurer's Report

RESOLVED that the Statement of Cash Receipts and Payments of 1 September to 30 November tabled showing total Funds of \$1,482,853.58 be accepted.

Moved Ashby Utting

Seconded Allan Macnaughton

Director's Report

MOAC update

Susi Muddiman advised that the tenders have been advertised for the MOAC. There is a compulsory site visit for the proposed tenderers at the Margaret Olley home in Duxford Street on Monday 17 December.

There is also a Gallery site visit organised for Wednesday 19 December. The closing date for the tenders is 23 January which will allow TSC staff to present the information for the Council meeting of 14 February 2013.

Once again further information has to be resubmitted to the Federal Government for the Community Infrastructure Grant.

Susi Muddiman reported that she had been to Brisbane and met with Philip Bacon to discuss a number of issues. A 'walk through' area of the Hat Factory for the Margaret Olley studio re-creation was discussed.

The Margaret Olley Art Trust has also offered a number of posters owned by Margaret Olley that can be auctioned to raise funds.

Susi Muddiman outlined the spiralling cost of the Margaret Olley exhibition *It's all about the light* to be shown in January 2013 during the fund raising campaign and requested a contribution towards the cost of publishing an exhibition catalogue.

RESOLVED that the Foundation contribute \$5,000 towards the publication of the Margaret Olley catalogue *It's all about the light*.

Moved Ron Sutton

Seconded Penny Hall

Gallery Café upgrade

Ashby Utting and Doug Anthony offered funding of \$100,000 each (\$200,000) to build a Café pavilion. Following discussion, the Board decided that the Café pavilion needs to be built, as a matter of priority, concurrently as a complimentary project with the MOAC, thereby setting aside the enclosing of the Café verandah project for a later date.

Susi Muddiman added that this was a very generous offer, but stated that this could be problematic due to the fact that the pavilion is not included in the Development Approval or the tender documents, which have now been issued.

RESOLVED that the offer of private funding of \$200,000 be accepted to build a Café pavilion as a matter of priority in conjunction with the Margaret Olley Art Centre. The Café pavilion will facilitate the expected increase in demand for Café services and provide additional employment and economic opportunities.

The project is vital in providing a much needed facility to complement the expansion of the Gallery and the anticipated rise in visitor numbers for the Margaret Olley Art Centre. The Café pavilion and its attendant benefits will provide additional income in lease payments and will add an additional economic component to the MOAC project.

Moved Ron Sutton

Seconded Ashby Utting

The meeting closed at 6.50pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday 16 January at 5.30pm DST