

## 7.2 MONASH GALLERY OF ART: COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT DEPARTING MEMBERS AND APPROVAL OF NEW MEMBERS

(JR:ARTS12)

Responsible Committee: Monash Gallery of Art Committee of Management

### **RECOMMENDATION**

*That Council:*

- 1. Approves the appointment of Ms Val Brown to the Monash Gallery of Art Committee of Management in accordance with its Terms of Reference.*
- 2. Formally thanks and acknowledges Dr David Rosenthal for his nine years on the MGA Committee of Management and the MGA Collections Subcommittee, concluding in May 2018.*
- 3. Formally thanks and acknowledges Mr Phil Virgo for his four year term on the MGA Committee of Management.*
- 4. Approves the appointment of Ms Kirsty Grant to the MGA Committee of Management on the departure of Dr Rosenthal in May 2018.*

### **INTRODUCTION**

This report seeks Council's approval for two proposed new members of the Monash Gallery of Art (MGA) Committee of Management (COM) and seeks Council's endorsement to formally thank and acknowledge the contribution of departing COM members.

### **BACKGROUND**

The MGA COM is a Special Committee of Council in accordance with Section 86 of the Local Government Act 1989. Council has delegated to the COM a range of strategic, business development and collection development responsibilities that accord with its Section 86 status. In October 2016, Council approved a review of the MGA COM on the advice that the tenure of some sitting members had expired. Due to changes at Director and COM Chair level, in May 2017 Council approved a further an extension of tenure. This period is now drawing to a close, with the departure of Mr Phil Virgo and Dr David Rosenthal in May 2018.

### **DISCUSSION**

The MGA COM seeks Council to formally thank and acknowledge the highly significant contribution, advocacy and expertise of Dr David Rosenthal to the MGA and the development of its outstanding collection of Australian photography during his tenure of nine years on the COM. Dr Rosenthal will continue to be an advisor to the MGA COM, thereby retaining his connection and important contribution to the benefit of MGA's development for the community.

The MGA COM seeks Council to formally thank and acknowledge the contribution of Mr Phil Virgo to the MGA COM for his valued contribution to MGA during his tenure from July 2014 to April 2018. Mr Virgo has brought sponsorship support and a high level of industry advice to the COM during his tenure.

On the departure of these two sitting COM members in May 2018, MGA seeks Council's approval of the appointment of two new COM members to fill vacancies. A vacancy will remain to be filled. The proposed members are:

Ms Val Brown, currently Executive General Manager Consumer Experience at REA Group, the global online real estate advertising company. At REA, she has also held the roles of Executive Manager Mobile Applications & Personalisation, Group Manager Product Development & Pricing, Online Operations Manager and Marketing Specialist. She is a highly experienced executive across key areas that have previously been identified by the COM to support strategic and business development, including digital marketing and digital product design, development and delivery, as well as strategy development, implementation and commercialization of products. It is proposed that Ms Brown will join the COM in April on the departure of Mr Virgo.

Ms Kirsty Grant is an independent art consultant, independent curator and writer. She was the Director of Heide Museum of Modern Art from January 2015 to December 2016 and was Senior Curator of Australian Art at the National Gallery of Victoria from April 2007 to December 2014. This extensive and significant record of curatorial, research and industry achievement will benefit the strategic direction and industry knowledge to inform MGA's development. It is proposed that Ms Grant will join the COM on the departure of Dr Rosenthal in May 2018.

#### ***SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS***

There are no social implications inherent to this report.

#### ***HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS***

There are no Human Rights implications inherent to this report.

#### ***CONSULTATION***

At its meeting of 21 March 2018, the MGA COM endorsed the recommendations of this report in accordance with its Terms of Reference.

#### ***CONCLUSION***

To support the development of the strategic objectives of MGA and the efficacy of its COM, Council's approval is sought for the proposed appointments and to appropriately acknowledge the contribution of valued departing COM members.