

**7.1 MGA COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT DEPARTING MEMBER AND APPROVAL OF MEMBER TENURE EXTENSION**

(JR:ARTS12)

Responsible Committee: Monash Gallery of Art Committee of Management

**RECOMMENDATION***That Council:*

1. *Formally thanks and acknowledges the contribution of Mr Godfrey Clay for his nine year term on the MGA Committee of Management, which concludes on 31 May 2018.*
2. *Approves the MGA COM term extension of Mr Les Walkling to 31 March 2019.*
3. *Approves the MGA COM term extension of Dr Milton Harris, Deputy Chair of the COM, for a further three years to 31 May 2021.*

**INTRODUCTION**

This report seeks Council's approval of proposed term extensions of the Monash Gallery of Art (MGA) Committee of Management (COM) members Mr Les Walkling and Dr. Milton Harris. It seeks Council's approval to formally thank and acknowledge the contribution of departing COM member Godfrey Clay.

**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 extension of tenure. As this period is now concluding, changes to the COM membership are occurring progressively.

**DISCUSSION**

The MGA COM seeks approval from Council to formally thank and acknowledge the significant contribution, advocacy and advice of Mr. Godfrey Clay to the MGA as a member of the COM for over nine years. His contribution as a member of the MGA Collections Sub-Committee and continuing work as President of the Friends of MGA is highly valued. Mr Clay's important work will continue through the Friends of MGA.

The MGA COM seeks Council to formally approve the tenure of Mr. Les Walkling and Dr. Milton Harris. Mr. Walkling continues to contribute his superior skills and knowledge as a respected photographic artist and teacher. An extension to 31

March 2019 is sought, bringing his term to a period of six years. Dr. Harris is the current Deputy Chair of the COM. A notable collector and advocate, a three year extension is sought to support COM tenure stability and draw on Dr Harris' expertise.

***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 2 May 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 tenure extensions and to appropriately acknowledge the contribution of its valued departing COM member.