

7.1 MONASH GALLERY OF ART - RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MGA COMMUNITY ASSET COMMITTEE CALLED THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEMBER (RH:AP)

Responsible Committee: Monash Gallery of Art Committee of Management

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Appoints Felicia Mariani to the Monash Gallery of Art Committee of Management for a term of three years from 24 August 2021 – 23 August 2024.*
- 2. Notes the appointment of Isobel Crombie as an external advisor to the Collection Committee.*

INTRODUCTION

This report seeks Council's approval of the proposed member to the Monash Gallery of Art (MGA) Committee of Management (COM) and the noting of the appointment of a member to the COM Collections Committee, as an external advisor.

BACKGROUND

The MGA COM is a Community Asset Committee under Section 65 of the *Local Government Act 2020*. The CEO has delegated to the COM a range of strategic, business development and collection development responsibilities that accord with its Section 65 status.

At its meeting on 28 April 2020, Council resolved to establish, under section 65 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, the Monash Gallery of Art Community Asset Committee's Terms of Reference. The recommendations of this report comply with the Terms of Reference.

DISCUSSION

The MGA COM seeks Council's appointment of Felicia Mariani to the Committee of Management. COM identified the need for a new member with tourism skills who could assist with strategic tourism advice, including generating visitation and provide support for the redevelopment, particularly with regard to Cultural Tourism.

Felicia Mariani is currently the CEO of VTIC (Victorian Tourism Industry Council) and has had an accomplished career in senior tourism and marketing leadership roles including CEO, Victoria Tourism Industry Council (VTIC), CEO The Good Foundation and Jamie's Ministry of Food, State Government of Victoria, Strategic Communication and Department of

Premier and Cabinet, Director of Marketing and Managing Director, Australian Tourism Export Council (ATEC).

In addition, she holds other board roles including:

Cultural Attractions of Australia
Appointed October 2018 to Present
Non-Executive Director

Mornington Peninsula Regional Tourism Board
Appointed February 2017 to Present
Non-Executive Director

RSPCA Tasmania
Appointed March 2016 to Present
Deputy Chair and Vice President

To note is that COM approved the appointment of Isobel Crombie to the Collection Committee as an external advisor. She has a depth of knowledge and experience that will greatly benefit the development of the Collection. Crombie has had a long and active career as a Senior Curator of Photography (both the NGA and NGV).

Isobel Crombie was the Assistant Director, Curatorial and Collections Management at the NGV (2012-2019). In this latter role she was, among other duties, jointly responsible with the Director for the approval of all works of art for acquisition, and the direction that the collection took in terms of acquisitions. Crombie has had a long association with MGA, having advised on the collection's establishment as well as previously judging the Bowness Photography Prize.

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The social implications of this report are the appointment of committee members to guide, advocate and support the strategic vision of Monash Gallery of Art. The arts, cultural and community aspirations of MGA will benefit from their appointment and support the achievement of positive social outcomes.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

There are no Human Rights implications inherent to this report.

CONSULTATION

Following discussion at its meeting of the MGA COM on 28 July 2021 endorsed these recommendations.

CONCLUSION

To support the development of the strategic objectives of MGA and the efficacy of its COM, Council's approval is sought for the appointment of Felicia Mariani to the MGA Committee of Management.

The appointment of Isobel Crombie to the Collection Committee as an external advisor is included for noting.