

6.3 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION ON NAMING OF GALLERY AT MOUNT WAVERLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Submitting Councillor: Cr Rebecca Paterson

MOTION

That Council endorse the proposal to seek community feedback on a possible name for the new community gallery at Mount Waverley Community Centre, with an iPad offered as an incentive to participate in the feedback process.

INTRODUCTION

Council has introduced an exciting new community gallery at the Mount Waverley Community Centre. As the gallery is yet to be named, an opportunity exists to invite community feedback to name the gallery.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION

In the past year, Council has undertaken a major redevelopment of the Mount Waverley Community Centre. The Centre now features a new community gallery space to exhibit local artists and arts groups. To date, the gallery has not been named. I seek the support of my colleagues to ask the community to help us identify a name for the new gallery.

During the construction period, the new gallery has been known colloquially as 'Monash Community Arts' (MoCA). An opportunity for the community to offer ideas for the gallery name will potentially increase awareness and ownership of the new gallery, as well as a fun, participatory event.

I'm proposing that we conduct a feedback period of six weeks, seeking people's ideas about a name for the gallery, which will subsequently be presented to Council for consideration. It is proposed that one iPad is offered as an incentive for community participation.

Council will review the proposals submitted, retaining full responsibility for the decision on naming of the gallery, which will accord with:

- City of Monash Guidelines for Community Request for the Naming of Council Facilities; and
- City of Monash Plaques and Memorials Policy.

CONCLUSION

The introduction of a new creative space gives Council an occasion for participation and inspiration, a creative way to name its newest space. I warmly encourage my colleagues to spark some inspiration in the community by seeking ideas for the name of this new gallery. I recommend that a community feedback period is conducted to support identification of

a suitable name for the new gallery at Mount Waverley Community Centre for Council's consideration.