

Minutes of Mercury Bay Art Escape Trust Meeting, Saturday 10 September at 10.30am, The Common Room, Whitianga

1. **Present:** Stuart Christie, Peter Hogg, Stephan Bosman, Jane Parson. Marion Manson via Zoom. Warwick Lidgard (observer)

2. **Apology:** Lynne Kingsbury

3. Confirmation of previous Minutes

Moved that Minutes of 16 July 2022 be confirmed. MM/PH

4. **Correspondence:** Emails Lynda Walters, resignation (no further action on Lynda Walters email as it was dealt with in March, and Raewyn Hildreth, resignation and thanks.

5. Finance Report

Accounts as at 30 June 2022 had been circulated. Peter has sent these eoy accounts to Auditor.

Accounts for approval

The Mercury Bay Informer	415.16	New artists ad
Peter Hogg	225.24	Reimburse Dropbox
MB Boating Club	190.00	Meeting Room Hire
Jane Parson	271.40	Flags
SHG and LI Christie	374.45	Tools Billboards
The Printworks	160.00	Flyers Street Art

Noted that the budget includes \$7500 for website

Moved that Finance report be received and accounts be approved for payment PH/SC

6. Steering Group Report

New members

8 applications. 7 accepted.

Whitianga:

Carmen Tayler – Jewellery

Dave Fowell – Painter and Sculptor

Maria Balan – Painter

Emma Gustafson – Painter

Whitianga Art Group – 8 Members only

Cooks Beach

Jane Walsh – painter

Tairua

Jennifer Panther – painter

Re-joined after 2 years – Colin Verner. Kuaotunu. sculptor/mixed media

Member renewals

Has been major confusion at back end with uploads to Dropbox. Marion and Lynette have changed upload platform to WeTransfer and advised all members by Mail Chimp, txt and FB members group. Working ok now. All due in by 23 September, will no doubt have to chase up a few! Payment due by 30 Sept, Peter has invoiced all current and new members.

Resignations include Raewyn Hildreth, Leeanne Litherland, Lynda Walters, Claire Elliott, Wendy Walls, Tim Aldrich, Trevor Bayly, Printmakers. Already resigned Ian Preece, Debbie Lim, Reina Cottier and Leanne Adams.

Guide

On track at this very early stage. All materials need to be with us and the designer by 1 October. We are awaiting confirmation of sponsors which will be included in either or both of road signs and the guide. Lynette is designer of Guide assisted by the Steering and Design Committees. The format will be as per the Waiheke Art Gallery long fold....a departure from the last 3 years but easier to read and handle.

Flags

additional 10 spikes and 10 bags received and paid. Some artists updated as per findings on inventory. Still no response from Ian on stock returned to him but missing from his bulk return – including his own flag. **Warwick Lidgard offered to follow up with Ian Preece.**

Jane will get new members kits sorted and to the area reps and then hand over the inventory for management by Sarah Gordon.

Signs

concept for new signs with blue background. Quote from Coastal signs. 13 in storage 1800 x 1200. Only 5 have not already been reskinned.

Quotes for new signs from:

Coastal Signs Darren Whitianga

1800 x 1200 prints only (for remaining clear backs in storage) x5 @120.00 each

\$600.00 xcl

1800 x 1200 prints on 5mmm coreflute x9 @ 170 each

1,530.00 xcl

1800 x 1200 short term prints on ACM board 1 @ 250

250.00 xcl

ACM board lasts longer, **Jane to ask Darren about weight of ACM board.**

Suggested locations

Totara Vineyard – double 1200 x 1800
SH25 Jury farm- double 1200 x 1800
Paunau road single 900 x 1200
Susan Dunsters entrance single 1200 x 1800
Sh25 Coroglen McNeill farm double 1200 x 1800
Whitianga somewhere at entrance or Joan Gaskell ??
Simpsons beach end – single 1200 x 1800
Hahei Link/Purangi corner single 900 x 1200

Marion to ask Colin Verner and Ian Webster who owns land near their studios in Kuaotunu as they would be an ideal location.

Stuart to review and confirm locations.

Burns Nevin membership

In the hopes of avoiding a potential conflict of membership at the Potters House we offered Gary and Julies daughter Cassandra the option of a contract to do video work for Art Escape social media to the value of \$325. The offer was rejected by Cassandra. Gary and Julie were made aware of the rule that Cassandras work could not be on display during Open Studios.

Whitianga Art Walk

200 brochures printed and distributed to Info and Library. Jane has a few in reserve. Printed by Printworks in Thames who I use regularly and his quote was better than the new one in Whitianga. Have yet to put info on to a USB for Petra to have a look at the redesign

Speaker at Opening

Options as recommended by the Steering group

Flox	Aerosol and stencil artist	Auckland
James Wright	Sculptor	Clevedon
Dame Robin White 76	Print/paint)	Masterton
Jo Morgan	Traveller/adventurer	Wellington Lives next to Joe and Jackie Pope
Megan Dunn	Writer artist	Wellington
Shane Hansen	Designer, graphics, furniture	Tutukaka
John Parker	Ceramics, theatre designer.	Auckland
Kirsten Lacey	Director of Auckland Art Gallery	Auckland
Sarah Hillary 66	Principal conservator	Auckland

There was a discussion on options and it was decided on Sarah Hilary (a 'name' and good presenter) as first option and Flox as second.

Stuart to approach Sarah and Flox.

Hot Waves

Jane had a look through the window last week. Garden and the café interior have been renovated – white paint with dusty aqua panel above fireplace and on long wall where timber shelves were in back room. Sign outside and on social media looking for staff.

Sales for Showcase exhibition

Commission rate also needs to be confirmed. Previously it was 10% to Hot Waves and 20% to Art Escape. *Not discussed but will also need to check if Michelle is still comfortable with putting through the sales on her EFTPOS terminal - HW commission to be considered in this charge. If our account at BNZ is a business account we would be able to hire a mobile EFTPOS...you need a business account for the set up and it would have to be applied for in December to allow credit card set up.*

Curator for Showcase Exhibition

Sally has confirmed that Annie Wilson of Miranda Farm Gallery has agreed to curate the Showcase exhibition. **Sally to ask what she will charge. If nothing offer her 2 tickets to opening and Jane can accommodate her for the night.**

Mosaic

Closing in 6 weeks. New owners rumoured to be opening a gallery??

Scholarship

Anne has finally received Sebastian's report with photos, and Alex's report, no photos. Sebastian saw Claire and Paula McNeill and Alex only saw Paula McNeil. Anne has requested artworks for exhibition before the end of the year. Anne to send copy of their report and thank you note to Paula and Claire.

Website

It was decided not to proceed with Creative Communities Grant application.

Confirmed that **Marion will accept quote from Jen Jacobsen of Solute Design subject to new membership and renewals ability. Marion to spend one on one time with Jen to confirm this.** Aim for December Go Live date.

Branding Document

This is nearly complete. Lynette has done an excellent job compiling this document which is not only needed as part of the design for the new website but also for our files. Print colour definitions are being checked and this should be completed by meeting time.

Members get together 11 September

All organised for Mercury Bay Boat Club, 11am – 2pm, shared lunch.

Good response from members approx. 20 attending. Lynette available to help with renewals.

Social Media expert Chloe Watts presenting at 1pm. Fee \$200, notes available to email to members.

7. Sponsorship

Stephan will finalise letters and email address lists, addressees etc and forward to Lynette via Stuart. SC and SB to provide electronic signatures for Lynette to paste in dual signed letters.

Major Sponsors logos needed for road signs and front of Guide.

8. General Business

A Media release was circulated concerning Whitianga Arts Centre Feasibility Steering Group, copy attached.

Stuart - Add to next agenda – 5 year plan, employ an administrator.

9. Trustees away

Stuart Australia Oct 12-26

Peter 28 September – 24 October

Stephan 1-24 October

Marion 2-17 November

10. Next Meeting

AGM on 29 October 1pm followed by usual Trust meeting.

Meeting closed at 12.30pm.