

## Minutes

**ATTENDEES: Committee Members:**

Cr Sara Faraj – Councillor (SF)  
Cr Michelle Govers – Councillor (MG)  
Mrs Nora Hanasy – community member (NH)  
Mr Robert Mackay – community member (RM)  
Mr Shawn Wondunna-Foley – community member (SWF)  
Mr John Andersen – community member (JA)

**Invited Guests:**

Lisa Stephenson – FCRC Manager Cultural Services (LS)  
Tara Webb – FCRC Regional Librarian (TW)  
Sarah Thomson – FCRC Hervey Bay Regional Gallery Director (ST)  
Leah McCormack- FCRC Manager Governance (LM)  
Jodie Clough – FCRC Business Support (Minutes)

**APOLOGIES:** Joyce Chorny – FCRC Executive Manager Community & Culture  
Amanda Kratzmann – FCRC Regional Arts Development Coordinator  
Tracey Genrich – FCRC Manager Community Development & Engagement  
Mrs Tegan Symes – community member  
Ms Jill Byrnes – community member

ITEM	Business	
1	<b>Welcome &amp; Apologies</b> Welcome and apologies provided.	SF
2	<b>Arts &amp; Heritage Collection Update (action item from last meeting).</b> Presentation of Collections Dashboard Report detailing the scope of each of Council's collections. <b>Discussion:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The committee discussed lack of previous policy, trained staff resources and suitable storage as challenges contributing to the high percentage of items in poor condition and low significance within the Heritage Collection.</li><li>Limited collections management capability and suitable collections storage are shared challenges for all of the region's museum/heritage collections community.</li><li>Summary of HBRG and nationally significant items within the collection and methods such as donation and National Art Prize for gradual acquisition and growth.</li></ul>	LS and ST

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The composition of the items in the FCRC Civic Collection, noting they primarily consist of paintings by local artists.</li> </ul>	
3	<p><b>Sharing our Stories</b></p> <p>Presentation ‘Preserving Our Past’ discussing why Council is involved in community storytelling and social history, collection methods, project outcomes and collaboration opportunities.</p> <p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Storytelling builds community connection highlighting the need for inclusive, respectful storytelling. Committee supports continuation of partnerships and collaborations with Council to engage the community through storytelling, e.g. HBRG exhibitions.</li> <li><i>Moments in Time</i> as a youth education tool and <i>Cane and Forest to Fibre</i> as examples of platforming diverse voices and perspectives. Storytelling’s community impact.</li> <li>Overview of the role of local government given.</li> <li>Flood Podcast discussed as case study. Committee supported as contemporary solution. YouTube suggested as another method of publication. Both seen as valuable for engagement and education – noted both are used by Council.</li> <li>CommuniTea Set project discussed as a tool for post-disaster connection; noted emotional impact and community value.</li> </ul> <p>Committee discussed Next Steps and Success Measures and agreed that community engagement is key, with community participation and response rates as a success indicator as well as qualitative measures such as strengthened community identity, pride and cohesion, amplifying underrepresented voices, increased awareness and understanding. Emphasis placed on involving younger demographics, and multiple voices/layers to ensure a rich and inclusive story.</p>	LS and TW
4	<p><b>Flavours presentation</b></p> <p>Presentation of ‘Thinking Big – A Mini Strategy Session’, showcasing strategic lens tool that helps to elevate both Council and Advisory Committees into a strategic space. Advisory Committee’s role is to shape the Why and the How.</p>	LM
5	<p><b>Hervey Bay Regional Gallery initiatives</b></p> <p>Presentation of HBRG Update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Girra: Fraser Coast National Art Prize update- Entries now closed shortlisted from 250 entries. Exhibition on display at HBRG 23 Aug to 16 Nov 2025.</li> <li>Butchulla vinyl artworks designed to enhance HBRG and Brolga as places of creativity, storytelling and community connection.</li> </ul>	ST
6	<p><b>Next meeting and Close – closed 5:50pm</b></p> <p>Next meeting July 22.</p> <p><i>To be tabled for next meeting July 22- Art Trail (as suggested by Nora Hanasy).</i></p>	SF