



## Minutes

### Ainslie Arts Centres Resident Advisory Group

#### Meeting #G-23-001-A

**Date:** Thursday, 28 April 2023 **Venue:** Function Room, Ainslie Arts Centre  
**Start time:** 10:07 am **End time:** 10:41 am  
**Meeting Chair:** Adelin Chin, A+G Business Mentor

#### Residents attending:

Olivia Hobbs (Musica Viva)

#### Arts Capital board/staff attending:

Adelin Chin, A+G Business Mentor  
Andreo Esguerra, A+G Marketing and Partnerships Manager  
Isabelle Sheppard, A+G Business Administration Assistant  
Jenni Curry, A+G Partnerships and Communications Liaison  
Lachlan Johnson, A+G Governance and Major Projects Manager

#### Apologies:

Angela Hannan (Canberra International Music Festival)  
Carly Davenport Acker (CEO Arts Capital, Director A+G)  
Phoebe O'Leary (Girls Rock!)

#### # **Agenda Item**

##### **Item 1** Welcome and apologies

Adelin Chin (AC) began the meeting by introducing herself, stating apologies and welcoming everyone to the meeting, passing to Jenni Curry (JC) to acknowledge the Traditional Owners, the Ngunnawal and Ngambri Peoples in an Acknowledgement of Country.

##### **Item 2** Arts Capital Operational Updates

AC informed the group of various updates within Arts Capital's operations. Arts Capital has welcomed three new Board Members and has farewelled two two long-standing Board Members. Internally, Arts Capital have also welcomed two new staff members into the team.

Moving on, AC provided a summary of Arts Capital's 2022 Annual Report which will be published by early June 2023.



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AC reflected on 2022, the impacts the pandemic and changing of pandemic related restrictions have had on both Arts Capital, residents and the ACT arts sector. Noting that despite the continuous challenges Arts Capital reported a \$67K loss and was able to generate \$1.70 back for every \$1 of artsACT Key Arts Organisation Funding. Alongside this, Arts Capital continued to provide a little over \$20K of in-kind support to our Resident artists and organisations programs.

Continuing on, a larger loss than expected was reported within venue hire at the Centres. Following up that one of the initiatives Arts Capital is focussing on this year is regarding fundraising and philanthropy.

Olivia Hobbs (OH) raised if there was possibility to generate income through broadening the scope of venue hire audiences. AC acknowledged that is always a possibility with positive potential outcomes, Arts Capital is continuing to advocate for the broadening of the allowed categories within the artsACT Head License. To allow support of other venue hires alongside supporting the arts and community sector.

### **Item 3** Resident Portal

Andreo Esguerra (AE) introduced himself to the group and explained one of the recent initiatives that has arisen from Resident feedback, the online Resident Portal. The portal is one of the ways Arts Capital is aiming to streamline Resident communications and make integral information more accessible. Passing to Jenni Curry (JC) who presented the portal, providing a tour of the site and explaining how to access the information. AE emphasised that this portal is able to be changed and any feedback is encouraged and welcomed, the intention of this site is to be as beneficial for Residents as possible. Feedback can be provided by emailing [enquiry@ainslieandgorman.com.au](mailto:enquiry@ainslieandgorman.com.au).

### **Item 4** Future Vision of Resident Advisory Groups

Moving onto the last agenda item, Lachlan Johnson (LJ) raised Arts Capital is asking all Residents for feedback regarding the Resident Advisory Group meetings and how they can be improved to ensure and their consent to review the processes. Explaining that their original design is not as beneficial as it once was and therefore asking how these meetings can be improved to benefit and cater to the needs of Residents.

Any feedback is welcomed and encouraged, feedback can be provided by emailing [enquiry@ainslieandgorman.com.au](mailto:enquiry@ainslieandgorman.com.au).



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AC asked the group if there was anything further they would like to raise, and with no further contributions, thanked the group for their time, suggestions and contributions.

Meeting ended at 10:41am.