



MEETING MINUTES	
CREATIVE COMMUNITIES ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE	TIME
TUESDAY 29 APRIL 2025	9.10 AM

Minutes of a meeting of the Creative Communities Assessment Committee held on Tuesday 29 April 2025, which commenced at 9.10am at Te Āhuru Mōwai, Manawatu Community Hub Libraries, Stafford Street, Feilding.

PRESENT: Ben Caldwell Chairperson  
Sue James  
Kim Savage Deputy Chair  
Karis Evans  
Michelle Thompson  
Cr Colin McFadzean  
Cr Alison Short

IN ATTENDANCE: Janine Hawthorn Community Wellbeing Manager  
Helen King Community Services Coordinator  
Steph Skinner Governance & Strategy Officer

CCA 22-25/069

#### MEETING OPENING

Chair Ben Caldwell opened the meeting, and welcomed Michelle Thompson, our new community representative to her first meeting for the Creative Communities Committee. Michelle gave the meeting a little background history.

Ben Caldwell gave a brief Health and Safety overview for members while meetings are at Te Āhuru Mōwai.

CCA 22-25/070

#### APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

CCA 22-25/071

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

#### RESOLVED

**That the minutes of the Creative Communities Assessment Committee meeting held 30 September 2024 be adopted as a true and correct record.**

**Moved by: Karis Evans**

**Seconded by: Sue James**

**CARRIED (7-0)**

CCA 22-25/072

#### NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items of business notified for consideration.

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#### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

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#### PRESENTATION - APPLICATION 2 – DIWALI FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS CELEBRATION IN MANAWATŪ 2025 - MRS RAVINDER KAUR - via **ZOOM**

- Ravinder Kaur shared a presentation and thanked the meeting for the opportunity to speak to their application.
- The festival was delivered for the first time in 2023. Celebrating cultures within our region, and they have a large group of volunteers who support running the festival.
- The 2024 festival had 20 business stalls, approx. 4500 people attending, and 150 performers.
- This year they want to reach wider to incorporate more groups into the festival, bringing the community together. The numbers are growing annually.

CCA 22-25/075

#### PRESENTATION - APPLICATION 3 – SHE SHINES ON DANCE TOUR - MISS GRACE MITCHELL

- Grace is a Year 11 Feilding High School student and excited about her trip to Australia and being able to bring back and share her learnings with others in the Manawatu. Looking forward to experiencing different dance styles and has studied under Dean McKerras. Grace is currently fundraising herself in the community.
- She started dancing at 3 doing ballet, then moved into Jazz. She really enjoys the style called Commercial. Now a hip hop and jazz teacher, with nine classes. 4 – 12 years old.
- The music is her escape, a chance to step back and take a breath of fresh air. She wants to share this with others.
- Going on the tour, she will be exposed to auditions and agents and be able to prepare her students to go through this process.
- The opportunity came along through Dean McKerras attending a seminar. She completed an audition tape and explained her hopeful achievement, gaining admission to the tour.

CCA 22-25/076

#### PRESENTATION - APPLICATION 5 – KIDS AFFORDABLE ARTS CLASSES - ERIS NEWSON

- Eris brought their art class philosophy and values to share with the meeting and explained what they are doing at the Art Centre. She said the art classes fill the

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gap for students between other art classes, what's happening at home and school.

- They try and give different experiences and it gets messy. It's about introducing concepts and developing ideas.
- Eris is the teacher this term, and they have full classes waiting to go on Tuesdays and Thursdays, holding two classes for the 8–10-year-olds.
- Cost is \$75 per student per term, or \$50 for multiple family members.
- Numbers are not confirmed until funding is available and there is a roll-over of students waiting to return.

CCA 22-25/077

**PRESENTATION - APPLICATION 1 – ART TRAIL MANAWATŪ 2025 - ROSE BOURKE**

- Rose is the Art Director at Square Edge, starting at the end of 2024. This will be the 9<sup>th</sup> year of the Art Trail.
- They have stopped using Cacia Birch as an art hub in Palmerston North, to concentrate on the trail rather than large central centres.
- She was looking forward to a shift and taking some risks, doing things differently so its more a hands-on experience for the visitors.
- This year the Art Trail will be split into two events, giving those without a studio the opportunity to present on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of May. They have also aligned the timing to miss school holidays and other events in the region. The reach of locations will depend on applications.

CCA 22-25/078

**PRESENTATION - APPLICATION 4 - ADHESIVE VINYL MOSAIC ART WORKSHOP - MR MAURICIO BENEGA - VIA ZOOM**

- Mauricio is based in Te Awanga. The workshop is for children and adults, who can take home their final results.
- The venue has been changed to the Manawatu Community Hub Libraries.
- People come with their own ideas. He shows them what they can create these with the Vinyl and helps them produce something meaningful.

*The meeting adjourned at 10.11am and resumed at 10.20am*

CCA 22-25/079

**ROUND 2 2025 CREATIVE COMMUNITIES SCHEME**

Report of the General Manager – Community dated 08 April 2024 asking the committee to assess and determine five applications which have been received for Round 2 of the 2024/25 Creative Communities Funding Scheme. Seven were received in total. Two have been automatically declined due to not meeting the criteria of starting after the Assessment Committee has met which was noted as being 30 April 2025.

Application 1- Art Trail Manawatū 2025



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Application 2- Diwali Festival of Lights Celebration in Manawatū 2025

Application 3- She Shines On Dance Tour

Application 4- Adhesive Vinyl Mosaic Art Workshop

Application 5- Kids Affordable Arts Classes

**RESOLVED**

**That the Creative Communities Assessment Committee grants \$4,000.00 (exclusive of GST) to Application 1- Art Trail Manawatū 2025, to be funded by Round 2 of the 2024/25 Creative Communities Funding Scheme**

**Moved by: Ben Caldwell**

**Seconded by: Karis Evans**

**CARRIED (7-0)**

**RESOLVED**

**That the Creative Communities Assessment Committee grants \$7,000.00 (exclusive of GST) to Application 2- Diwali Festival of Lights Celebration in Manawatū 2025 to be funded by Round 2 of the 2024/25 Creative Communities Funding Scheme.**

**Moved by: Ben Caldwell**

**Seconded by: Colin McFadzean**

**CARRIED (7-0)**

**RESOLVED**

**That the Creative Communities Assessment Committee grants \$4,000.00 (exclusive of GST) to Application 5- Kids Affordable Arts Classes to be funded by Round 2 of the 2024/25 Creative Communities Funding Scheme.**

**Moved by: Ben Caldwell**

**Seconded by: Sue James**

**CARRIED (7-0)**

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**RESOLVED**

That the Creative Communities Assessment Committee grants \$1,724.50 (exclusive of GST) to Application 4- Adhesive Vinyl Mosaic Art Workshop to be funded by Round 2 of the 2024/25 Creative Communities Funding Scheme.

Moved by: Ben Caldwell

Seconded by: Alison Short

**CARRIED (7-0)**

**RESOLVED**

That the Creative Communities Assessment Committee grants \$500.00 (inclusive of GST) to Application 3- She Shines On Dance Tour, to be funded by Round 2 of the 2024/25 Creative Communities Funding Scheme.

Moved by: Ben Caldwell

Seconded by: Michelle Thompson

**CARRIED (7-0)**

CCA 22-25/080

**CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS**

There were no late items notified for consideration.

CCA 22-25/081

**PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS**

**RESOLVED**

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

1. Confirmation of Minutes – 30 September 2024

That the general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Grounds under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution

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10.1 Confirmation of Minutes, 30 September 2024	<p><i>To consider the accuracy of the minutes of the public excluded Creative Communities Assessment Committee meeting 30 September 2024.</i></p> <p><i>Any changes to previous minutes may require members to discuss the content of the public excluded session.</i></p>	s48(1)(a)
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**This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of the Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as specified above.**

**Moved by: Ben Caldwell**

**Seconded by: Kim Savage**

**CARRIED (7-0)**

*The meeting went into public excluded session at 10.46am. For items CCA 22-25/082 to CCA 22-25/083 refer to public excluded proceedings. The meeting returned to open session at 10.47am.*

CCA 22-25/084

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 10.47am

### Meeting Video

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