

## 7.1 MONASH GALLERY OF ART: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MGA COMMUNITY ASSET COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEMBERS

(RH:AP)

Responsible Committee: Monash Gallery of Art Committee of Management

### **RECOMMENDATION**

*That Council:*

1. Approves the appointment of Tony Peake to the Monash Gallery of Art Committee of Management for a term of three years from 1 September 2022 to 1 September 2025.
2. Approves to extend Kathy Hendy-Ekers' appointment to the Monash Gallery of Art Committee of Management from 27 October 2021 to 27 October 2022

### **INTRODUCTION**

This report seeks Council's approval for proposed members of the Monash Gallery of Art (MGA) Committee of Management (COM).

### **BACKGROUND**

The MGA COM is now a Community Asset Committee under Section 65 of the 2020 Local Government Act. The CEO has delegated to the COM a range of strategic, business development and collection development responsibilities that accord with its Section 65 status. At its meeting on 28 April 2020, Council resolved to establish, under section 65 of the Local Government Act 2020, the Monash Gallery of Art Community Asset Committee's Terms and Reference. The recommendations of this report comply with the Terms of Reference.

### **DISCUSSION**

The MGA COM seeks Council's approval to appoint Tony Peake to the Committee of Management. In the interests of considered succession planning and with a goal of continuing to build the strategic leadership and networks of MGA, the current Chair will not be seeking reappointment for a further term. In response COM identified the need for a new member with the requisite level of experience and skillset. Tony Peake is a highly experienced non-executive Director. He brings a raft of highly relevant commercial and professional skills, together with new networks and a strong personal interest in the arts.

There are no immediate vacancies on COM. The appointment is to take effect upon the current Chair's retirement on 31 August 2022 for a three-year term.

The MGA COM seeks Council's approval to reappoint and extend Kathy Hendy-Ekers term for an additional year. She is a highly experienced and valued member of the Committee. Her expertise within the education and arts sector is significant and impressive. She is the Curriculum Manager Visual Arts and Media at the Victorian Curriculum & Assessment Authority and her research into enacting the curriculum in the museum sector is of vital importance as MGA undertakes the development of its next strategic plan and initiatives that respond to the changing needs of the education sector in the wake of the pandemic.

***SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS***

The social implications of this report are the appointment of committee members to guide, advocate and support the strategic vision of Monash Gallery of Art. The arts, cultural and community aspirations of MGA will benefit from their appointment and support the achievement of positive social outcomes.

***HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS***

There are no Human Rights implications inherent to this report.

***CONSULTATION***

Following discussion at its meeting of the MGA COM on 28 July 2021 endorsed these recommendations.

***CONCLUSION***

To support the development of the strategic objectives of MGA and the efficacy of its COM, Council's approval is sought for the appointment of Tony Peake to the MGA Committee of Management and to extend Kathy Hendy Ekers' appointment by an additional year.