

## 7.2 MONASH GALLERY OF ART: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEMBER (CR:AP)

Responsible Committee: Monash Gallery of Art Committee of Management

### **RECOMMENDATION**

*That Council:*

1. Approves the appointment of David Rosetzky to the Monash Gallery of Art Committee of Management for a term of three years from 31 March 2020 – 31 March 2023; and
2. Notes that Les Walkling's tenure on the Monash Gallery of Art Committee of Management concludes on 31 March 2020.

### **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 a Special Committee of Council in accordance with Section 86 of the Local Government Act 1989. Council has delegated to the COM a range of strategic, business development and collection development responsibilities that accord with its Section 86 status. The MGA COM Terms of Reference were revised and approved by Council at its meeting of 26 September 2017. The recommendations of this report comply with the Terms of Reference.

### **DISCUSSION**

The MGA COM seeks Council's approval of the appointment of Dr David Rosetzky for a term of 3 years from 31 March 2020. He will replace retiring member Dr Les Walkling on the Committee.

David Rosetzky (1970 – ) is a leading Melbourne-based artist who has been exhibiting his work since the early 1990s. He studied painting at Victoria College in Prahran and completed a PhD in Fine Art at Monash University in Caulfield. He currently lectures on photography at leading tertiary institutions including RMIT and Photography Studies College (PSC).

Rosetzky's video work has been exhibited widely both nationally and internationally, resulting in major commissions for the leading state institutions including the National Portrait Gallery. Rosetzky's practice extensively encompasses media, including photography and installation and typically explores themes of identity and interpersonal relationships. Rosetzky has been working in portraiture since the early 1990s to explore ideas relating to the 'self and identity' and has a sustained interest in experimental photographic processes. His work is held within the MGA Collection and has been exhibited at MGA, and was a judge for the Bowness Photography Prize in 2018. Most recently he has been commissioned by MGA to work with the Monash Community to explore the LGBTQI+ experience, which will be on exhibit February – April 2020.

Dr Les Walkling has been a longstanding member of the MGA Committee of Management since 26 March 2013 and his current tenure expires on 31 March 2020.

Dr Walkling has been a significant member and contributor to COM, and a member of the Collections Subcommittee. His expert guidance and recommendations for collection acquisitions has supported the development of the City of Monash, MGA Collection, which is a valuable cultural asset for the community. He has been generous supporter through his time, treasure and talent, in particular supporting the *Bill Henson: The light fades but the gods remain* commissioning exhibition and accompanying Thames & Hudson publication, as well as providing significant support and expertise for the Peter Dombrovskis exhibition in 2019. These recent contributions are representative of the significant contribution Dr Walkling has made to the life of the gallery and on the community.

### **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 27 November 2019 the MGA COM 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 tenure David Rosetzky to the MGA Committee of Management and the retirement of Dr Les Walkling from the MGA Committee of Management.