
MR25/002 DONATIONS OFFER OF MAJOR PUBLIC ART SCULPTURE AND PAINTINGS

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Attachments: 1. Donations Offer of Major Public Sculpture and Paintings

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Over recent years, the Eurobodalla Shire has been benefitting from a number of cultural gifts, in particular public art. Of note sculptural gifts of high value have been received from the annual Sculpture for Clyde event to develop the Batemans Bay sculpture walk and the Terrence Plowright sculptures in Moruya from Mr Basil Sellers.

In early April 2025 an email was received offering Council yet another opportunity to consider gifts of sculptures and artwork.

The offer has been given by Gillie and Marc who have offices in Sydney, New York and London and are best known for their beloved characters, Rabbitwoman and Dogman. The internationally celebrated Australian artists are known for their iconic public sculptures exhibited in some of the world's most prestigious locations. Their mission is to spread more public art that inspires conservation and hope for the future of wildlife, especially in Australia, their home country.

In line with this mission, Gillie and Marc are offering to donate a major public art exhibition with a range of pieces, including 2D artworks.

This is an opportunity to create a world-class public art experience, to educate and inspire communities about the importance of wildlife, enrich our cultural offerings and support our quest to establish ourselves as a cultural destination.

Eurobodalla Shire Council was selected for this offer as it is developing its reputation for public art and the Moruya Library and Arts Centre has Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status. Any donation would need to be facilitated through the Australian Cultural Gift Program where works are valued and required information is submitted to the Australian government tax office by Council.

This is an offer worth investigating and I propose that we support the General Manager with following up the offer to explore possibilities and any other legal or risk issues to take best advantage of the proposition.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. Council supports the General Manager with delegated authority to negotiate with the artists in respect of location, donations, selection and context to determine, via the cultural gifting process, if a selection of artworks can be acquired.

ATTACHMENT

EXAMPLES OF GILLIE AND MARC SCULPTURES

