
MOTIONS ON NOTICE**AO126-19 MOTION ON NOTICE - STREET ART**

FILE NO: 15/5/2
PREVIOUS MIN:

Councillor Ken Dorsey has given notice that he would move the following motion at this meeting:-

“THAT Council Include in “street art” deliberations the following locations:

- 1) Burnie Plumbing highway facing wall (previous attempt to have wall painted failed)***
- 2) Retainer wall at Ocean Vista.”***

COUNCILLOR’S COMMENTS

The retainer wall at Ocean Vista has for years been vandalised on a semi-regular basis. The retainer wall still shows the scars of former vandalism. In our vandalism prevention document; graffiti and art are means to decrease incidences. Creating an iconic wall of colour adds to the vibrancy of the city and, according to research, will reduce the incidences of vandalism.

Street art is a worldwide phenomenon, it is an art form about expression, creativity, freedom, asking and raising questions, protesting, analysing and even beautifying.

We previously budgeted funds towards the Burnie Plumbing site that met with resistance and we instead got 2 posters and a tubular music piece – now missing hammers.

Art in the street makes people happy and can cheer them up. Art makes their day and their commute more interesting and adds character to what would otherwise just be grey and boring. Art reminds people to feel alive. It’s there to beautify a space. It wakes people up, inspires and motivates them. And sometimes it can make people think.

It is a very cost-effective way both to keep surfaces free from vandalism and to create visual cues to residents that the place they call home is desirable.

The council should act. We have an art committee, we have an art budget, we have some forward thinkers on Council. If not now, when, if not by us - then by whom?





GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

At the Council Meeting of 16 April 2019, Councillor Dorsey moved the following Motion:

THAT Council resolve:

- 1) To work closely with the Burnie Youth Council to develop a conceptual plan of street art to enhance the CBD and image of Burnie.***
- 2) To establish locations that would be suitable for street art.***
- 3) To approach property owners with the view to enhancing their property.***
- 4) To establish a budget based on information gleaned.***

The Motion was deferred.

The General Manager's comments to the previous Motion were:

It was understood that Council was seeking to explore the concept of a street art festival to facilitate street art activities, based on the Vibrance Festival in Hobart.

Council officers have been developing a concept for such a Festival and while this Motion could complement existing work, there is a need for Council to clarify its direction regarding street art.

The most recent revision of Council's Public Art policy notes that Street Art is not included as public art. Therefore the Youth Council could be the group responsible to overseeing street art projects.

No funds have been allocated during discussions on the capital works budget for street art. Should this motion be successful, it is recommended that an amount of \$10,000 be allocated in the 2019/20 budget to provide for some street art projects to be completed, once concepts and locations have been identified.

Since this meeting \$10,000 has been allocated in the 2019/20 budget to a street art project.

Any street art on the proposed buildings will require input from the state highway manager, and significant traffic management. It would be expected that this would be a major expense if Council was permitted to carry out a street art project in these two locations.

It would be difficult to hold a street art festival in either of the two locations.