

7.1 MONASH GALLERY OF ART: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEMBERS

(AP: File No. D19-231444)

Responsible Committee: Monash Gallery of Art Committee of Management

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Approves the tenure extension of Ms Natasha Bowness to the Monash Gallery of Art Committee of Management for a further three years from 31 August 2019 to 31 August 2022.*
- 2. Approves the tenure extension of Mr Nick Fletcher to the Monash Gallery of Art Committee of Management for a further three years from 31 August 2019 to 31 August 2022.*

INTRODUCTION

This report seeks Council's approval for proposed members of the Monash Gallery of Art (MGA) Committee of Management (COM). The tenure of Natasha Bowness and Nick Fletcher is recommended for an extension of three years in accordance with the COM Terms of Reference.

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 tenure extension of two sitting Committee member. The proposed members are:

Natasha Bowness has been a member of MGA COM since August 2016. Natasha is an Executive Director of Wilbow Group, a private family investment business operating in Australia and the US. Its activities include property development and financing, listed and unlisted investments and private equity. She holds a Bachelor of Economics from Monash University and is a Chartered Accountant formerly with PricewaterhouseCoopers. She has extensive experience in property development, governance, strategy, risk, business management, audit and finance.

Natasha has had a long association with philanthropy. She is Chair of the Bowness Family Foundation which supports arts and culture, education and disability and includes a focus on providing access and opportunity to the broader community. Natasha is a member of The Australian Ballet Foundation Board and President of the Australian Ballet Annual Giving Program. She is a Director of Zoos Victoria and Chair of the Monash Gallery of Art Committee of Management.

Nick Fletcher has been a member of MGA COM since August 2016. Nick is a partner with Russell Reynolds Associates, a leading global Leadership Advisory and Executive Search firm. Nick leads their Australian Digital and Technology practice and works extensively in their Board and CEO practice. In his role Nick supports the Boards and CEOs of some of Australia's largest companies as they assess, develop and find new talent for their business.

Nick joined Russell Reynolds Associates from Telstra, where he was General Manager Corporate Strategy. Prior to this, Nick was a Manager with A.T. Kearney, a leading management consultancy. In his four years at A.T. Kearney, in both Australia and the United Kingdom, he completed a wide range of strategy, change management and procurement projects with a particular focus on the telecommunications industry.

Nick served for seven years as an Officer in the British Army, where his responsibilities included leading the professional training of all Officers joining the Royal Engineers. Nick received his bachelor's degree in engineering from Sheffield University and graduated first in his M.B.A. class from Warwick Business School. He is also a graduate of the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, Staff College.

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 6 February 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 extension of Natasha Bowness and Nick Fletcher.