

## SUMMARY OF OPTIONS

### **OPTION 1: Gordon Hub & Marian Street Theatre**

#### **Findings**

- Option 1 would continue to provide spaces for the existing Visual Arts activities currently delivered at the Ku-ring-gai Art Centre in relocated facilities at the Gordon Hub. There would be some design and management challenges in making this relocation work;
- The Visual Arts community would also greatly benefit from the provision of a new professional standard Art Gallery/s at the Gordon Hub;
- Overall the Visual Arts facilities would be centralised in the LGA close to public transport and the services available in Gordon;
- The Performing Arts would greatly benefit from the refurbishment of the Marian Street Theatre and the construction of a multi-purpose auditorium and associated spaces at the Gordon Hub;
- From a financial perspective closing the Art Centre and relocating to Gordon can be seen to deliver cost benefits in terms of centralised services, management and ongoing maintenance;
- The negative impacts would include the loss of a much-loved local facility in Roseville and challenges of integrating creative activities into a new civic centre, as these activities are essentially 'dirty', such as paint and clay, and require the management of environmental hazards generated by chemicals, dust and fumes from pottery glazes and kiln firings.

#### **Conclusion**

Option 1 would serve both the Visual and Performing Arts to an adequate standard while not necessarily covering all the potential Creative Arts activities into the future. There are a number of challenges in integrating the creative and teaching aspects of the Visual Arts which in reality do not need to be in an expensive new build.

### **OPTION 2: Gordon Hub, Marian Street Theatre and Ku-ring-gai Art Centre**

#### **Findings**

- Option 2 would continue to provide spaces for the existing Visual Arts activities currently delivered at the Ku-ring-gai Art Centre although not providing an opportunity to expand those activities or increase the number of people taking advantage of the facility;
- As with Option 1:
  - The Visual Arts community would also greatly benefit from the provision of a new professional standard Art Gallery/s at the Gordon Hub; and
  - The Performing Arts would greatly benefit from the redevelopment of the Marian Street Theatre and the construction of a multi-purpose auditorium and associated spaces at the Gordon Hub.

#### **Conclusion**

As with Option 1, Option 2 would serve both the Visual and Performing Arts to an adequate standard while not necessarily covering all the potential Creative Arts activities into the future. The Visual Arts community would most likely prefer to retain the Ku-ring-gai Art Centre for the creative and teaching activities rather than see it integrated into the Gordon Hub.

### **OPTION 3: Gordon Hub, Marian Street Theatre and Ku-ring-gai Art Centre Plus...**

#### **Findings**

- As with Option 2:
  - The Visual Arts community would retain the existing Ku-ring-gai Art Centre and would gain a new professional standard Art Gallery/s at the Gordon Hub; and
  - The Performing Arts would greatly benefit from the redevelopment of the Marian Street Theatre and the construction of a multi-purpose auditorium and associated spaces at the Gordon Hub;
- In addition, this option would bring additional benefits:
  - The LGA would gain a second art centre with expanded facilities for artist residencies and more space for activities such as ceramics and sculpture.
  - The area would gain expanded music rehearsal and recording spaces.
  - New Creative Industry spaces are proposed in Option 3 to meet the opportunities of this growing sector of creativity and innovation.

#### **Conclusion**

Option 3 proposes the expansion of Creative Arts Facilities beyond the primary three venues in order to create greater flexibility and to capture activities that are not necessarily a good fit in the Gordon Hub. The extra facilities proposed in this option could be developed in the short to medium term prior to the construction of the Gordon Hub and would assist with some dispersal of facilities across the LGA.