

COMMUNITY ART WORKERS

MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY 6TH JUNE, 1976 AT 3.15 PM

AT 487 LYGON STREET, CARLTON

POLICY:

The policy which was formulated at the initial meeting was presented. It was proposed that the policy be discussed. Primarily it was contended that the nature and terminology of the policy (because it required a high degree of political comprehension) would alienate the community and that those people not politically conscious would tend to reject it. Some of those present stated that they themselves did not agree with various clauses, particularly "under the leadership of the working class" and/or that they believed such a policy was not necessary for the group to function. The Chair stated that it was not our intention to hand the policy out to the community but merely use it as a guideline and framework for the group.

Some present felt that the emphasis in the policy on Australian culture implied that there should be no participation by migrants of various nationalities.

It was asserted by the Chair that this was not the case and that what was meant by the term "Australian" was "all people living in Australia" which included all cultures and national derivatives. The reason for specifically mentioning "Australian" being that it was desired to distinguish between Australian culture and "American cultural and economic domination". After more discussion it was again stressed that the term "Australian" was not meant to be divisive from migrant cultures present in Australia.

It was reiterated that a policy was not necessary but that perhaps, after a period of time, the proposed policy could be re-assessed and a new decision arrived at.

It was resolved that the matter of the policy be discussed again at some time prior to six months after the date of the present meeting.

NAME:

The question of a name for the group was brought up.

The name which appeared on the proposed policy, i.e. Community Art Workers, was proposed and discussion duly followed.

A motion was moved by John that the name of the group be "Australian Art Workers for Cultural Independence"

Seconded by Jeff

A motion was moved by the Chair that the name of the group be "Community Art Workers"

Seconded by Charlotte.

By a show of hands, the motion by the Chair that the group be called "Community Art Workers" was carried.

ACTIVITIES:

1. A list was circulated of topics for illustrations for the "Independent Australian". It was asked that drawings be submitted within the next two weeks, for entry to the next issue.
2. The drawing (to promote 3CR Community Radio) for the billboard at the corner of Wellington Road and Alexander Parade was shown to the meeting. It was stated that work had already been started on the scraping of the billboard and that on Saturday afternoon the painting would begin. A call for volunteers was made.
3. Blinky Bill Posters. It was proposed that the proceeds of two hundred Blinky Bill Posters go towards making the group more solvent. A call for volunteers to help print the posters was made.

POST BOX:

It was stated that a post box had been obtained (financed by six people at the initial meeting - \$15) being P.O. Box 11, North Fitzroy.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

It was resolved that future meetings be held on the first Sunday of every month at 3.15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

It was resolved that the next meeting (Sunday 4th July) be held at 47 Charles Street, North Fitzroy.

CONFIRMED:

CHAIR