



# **MINUTES**

**Arts and Cultural Development  
Advisory Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, 22 November 2023**

**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN  
ARTS AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE MEETING ROOM BIDJPIDJI (MEETING ROOM 1), LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE,  
HARRY CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN  
ON WEDNESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2023 AT 3:30 PM**

**PRESENT:** Community Member (Chairperson) CJ Fraser Bell  
Councillor Morgan Rickard  
Community Member Kelly Blumberg  
Community Member Derrick Cheong  
Community Member Rachael Shanahan  
Multicultural Council of the NT Edwin Joseph  
Arts NT Michaela Nutt.

**OFFICERS:** Jenelle Saunders (Arts and Cultural Development Officer)  
Jess Ong (Arts and Cultural Development Officer)  
Heather Docker (Community Development Officer)  
Clare Black (Acting Executive Manager Community and Cultural Services)

**APOLOGY:** Larrakia Nation Amber Shepherd  
Community Member Alyson Evans  
Darwin Entertainment Centre Melissa White

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## **1 OPEN MEETING**

### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AACDA004/23**

Moved: Councillor Morgan Rickard

Seconded: Community Member (Chairperson) CJ Fraser Bell

The Chair declared the meeting open at 3.34 pm.

**CARRIED 7/0**

## **1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

*City of Darwin acknowledges that we are living and working on Larrakia Country. We acknowledge the Larrakia people as the Traditional Owners of the Darwin region. We pay our respects to the Larrakia elders past and present and support emerging Larrakia leaders now and into the future. City of Darwin is committed to working together with all Larrakia to care for this land and sea for our shared future.*

## **3 APOLOGIES**

### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AACDA005/23**

Moved: Community Member (Chairperson) CJ Fraser Bell

Seconded: Councillor Morgan Rickard

Larrakia Nation Amber Shepherd, Community Member Alyson Evans, Darwin Entertainment Centre Melissa White

**CARRIED 7/0**

## **1.2 Leave of Absence**

Nil

## **1.3 Leave of Absence Notified**

Nil

## **2 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE**

Community Member Rachael Shanahan,  
Multicultural Council of the NT Edwin Joseph

### **3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF**

#### **3.1 Declaration of Interest by Members**

Standing Declarations:

Kelly Blumberg - Employed by Corrugated Iron Youth Arts

CJ Fraser Bell - Employed by Brown's Mart Theatre

#### **3.2 Declaration of Interest by Staff**

Nil

### **4 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AACDA006/23**

Moved: Community Member (Chairperson) CJ Fraser Bell

Seconded: Councillor Morgan Rickard

That the minutes of the Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee Meeting held on 30 August 2023 be confirmed.

**CARRIED 7/0**

### **5 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Nil

### **6 PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

### **7 OFFICER REPORTS**

#### **9.1 FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS AND REVIEW**

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AACDA007/23**

Moved: Multicultural Council of the NT Edwin Joseph

Seconded: Councillor Morgan Rickard

1. THAT the Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee adopts the following schedule for the holding of meetings in 2024:

- (a) Four (4) meetings to be held in 2024
- (b) Meetings to be held on Wednesdays in February, May, August and November
- (c) Meetings to be held on:
  - (i) 7 February 2024
  - (ii) 8 May 2024
  - (iii) 28 August 2024
  - (iv) 20 November 2024
- (d) Meetings to be held from 3:30pm to 5:00pm

(e) Meetings to be held at the City of Darwin, Civic Centre with the option to meet online when needed.

3. That the Arts and Advisory Committee notes the Review undertaken for 2023 at **Attachment 1**.
4. That the Advisory Committee notes that the Terms of Reference will be reviewed at the first scheduled meeting in 2024.

**CARRIED 7/0**

Attachment 1 refer over page.



## Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee

### Annual Review 2023

Committee Functions	Result
Functions of the Committee achieved	<p>The Committee continues to advocate to and inform Council on arts and cultural matters relevant to the Darwin community.</p> <p>The Committee actively contributed to the development of the Creative Strategy 2024 – 2030, which was endorsed by Council on 31 October 2023.</p>
Committee scheduled their frequency of meetings, times, and locations the calendar year prior	<p>Four meetings were scheduled for 2023 and these meetings were selected around key times of the year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>February (early in the new year)</li> <li>May (commencement of the dry season and prior to relevant events)</li> <li>August (during the major festivals arts and cultural events calendar)</li> <li>November (leading into the end of the year)</li> </ul>
Membership Provisions of the Committee achieved	<p>The Committee has maintained consistent representation from the local sector throughout 2023 with a total of 10 ACDAC members. There are four organisational members representing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Larrakia Nation</li> <li>Arts NT</li> <li>Multicultural Council NT</li> <li>Darwin Entertainment Centre</li> </ul> <p>Six Community Members consist of independent representatives from within the Darwin arts, cultural and creative sectors.</p>
Number of scheduled meetings for the calendar year achieved	<p>All scheduled meetings achieved quorum and went ahead as planned. A combination of online and phone attendance was available at all meetings to ensure quorum and member attendance.</p>
Achievements / Highlights	<p><b>Development of the Creative Strategy 2024 – 2030</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Led by Matrix on Board and the Arts and Cultural Development team, the Committee supported and contributed to extensive engagement and research to develop the Draft Creative Strategy 2024 – 2030. This Strategy was endorsed by Council in October 2023.</li> </ul>



Committee Functions	Result
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two Committee members co-facilitated two Focus Group sessions in collaboration with Matrix on Board and the Arts and Cultural Development Officer. A total of 11 specialty and open Focus Groups involving 133 people were undertaken as part of the consultation process. In addition, 174 people responded via the public survey, 17 City of Darwin staff attended a Focus Group, 16 individual interviews with artists, arts organisations and peak bodies took place, and Elected Members participated in an onsite Focus Group.</li> <li>The Creative Strategy 2024-2030 was endorsed by Council in October 2023.</li> </ul> <p><b>mirragma gunugurr-wa</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ACDAC was instrumental during the three-year planning and process stages of mirragma gunugurr-wa, City of Darwin's major public art commission in collaboration with Larrakia Nation and Garuwa Creative.</li> <li>mirragma gunugurr-wa was launched to the public in July 2023 and was attended by City of Darwin, Larrakia Nation and Garuwa Creative staff, Elected Members, ACDAC members and other invited guests, including media and dignitaries. Dignitaries included His Honour Professor the Honourable Hugh Heggie PSM, the Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis and City of Darwin CEO Simone Saunders.</li> </ul> <p><b>Lightbox Exhibitions Program: EOI Review Panel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A member of ACDAC sat on the assessment panel for City of Darwin's Lightbox Exhibitions Program annual curators EOI call out.</li> </ul> <p><b>Busking in Darwin</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ACDAC advocated for and supported the development of a busking education campaign, resulting in the 'Busking in Darwin' project released early 2023. The project was launched via City of Darwin social media platforms.</li> </ul> <p><b>Promotion of Key Arts and Cultural Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ACDAC members actively shared and promoted relevant arts and cultural activities at all meetings in 2023, including highlighting overall more than 25 Darwin based events, information items and activities.</li> </ul>

*Community Member Rachael Shanahan departed the meeting at 4:33 pm*

## **9.2 UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENT OF CITY OF DARWIN CREATIVE STRATEGY 2024 - 2030**

### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AACDA008/23**

Moved: Community Member (Chairperson) CJ Fraser Bell

Seconded: Councillor Morgan Rickard

THAT the report Update on Development of City of Darwin's Creative Strategy 2024 – 2030 be received and noted.

**CARRIED 6/0**

## **9.3 UPDATE ON PROJECTS**

### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AACDA009/23**

Moved: Community Member (Chairperson) CJ Fraser Bell

Seconded: Councillor Morgan Rickard

THAT the report Update on Projects be received and noted.

**CARRIED 6/0**

## **8 MEMBER REPORTS**

Nil

## **9 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **11.1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF WINNERS AT NT PERFORMING ARTS AWARDS**

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AACDA010/23**

Moved: Community Member (Chairperson) CJ Fraser Bell

Seconded: Councillor Morgan Rickard

The Committee acknowledges the winners and nominees at the NT Performing Arts Awards on Monday 20 November 2023.

**CARRIED 6/0**

## **10 NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 7 February, 2024, 3:30 – 5:00pm.



**13 CLOSE MEETING****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AACDA011/23**

Moved: Community Member (Chairperson) CJ Fraser Bell

Seconded: Councillor Morgan Rickard

The chair declared the meeting closed at 5.02 pm.

**CARRIED 6/0**

Unconfirmed