



MINUTES

**Arts and Cultural Development
Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 8 February 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, 8 FEBRUARY 2023 AT 3.30PM**

- PRESENT:** Councillor Morgan Rickard, Community Member Kelly Blumberg, Community Member Derrick Cheong, Community Member Alyson Evans, Community Member Teghan Hughes, Community Member Rachael Shanahan, Arts NT Vicktor Petroff, Larrakia Nation David Kurnoth, Multicultural Council of the NT Edwin Joseph
- OFFICERS:** Jenelle Saunders (Arts and Cultural Development Officer), Carmen Ansaldo (Arts and Cultural Development Officer), Heather Docker (Community Development Officer), Angela O'Donnell (Executive Manager, Community and Cultural Services).
- APOLOGIES:** Community Member CJ Fraser Bell, Darwin Entertainment Centre Jati Wixted, Community Member Abelito Langbid
- GUESTS:** Sally Clifford (Matrix on Board), Jude Ellen (Matrix on Board), Melissa White (Darwin Entertainment Centre).

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1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

The Acting Chair declared the meeting open at 3.35 pm.

2 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 & LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 Apologies

Community Member CJ Fraser Bell,
Darwin Entertainment Centre Jati Wixted
Community Member Abelito Langbid

3.2 Leave of Absence

Nil

3.3 Leave of Absence Notified

Nil

4 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE

Carmen Ansaldo

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

5.1 Declaration of Interest by Members

Nil

5.2 Declaration of Interest by Staff

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AACDA001/23

Moved: Community Member Kelly Blumberg
Seconded: Community Member Alyson Evans

That the minutes of the Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee Meeting held on 23 November 2022 be confirmed.

CARRIED 13/0**7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Nil

8 PRESENTATIONS**SEE 9.1****9 OFFICER REPORTS****9.1 DEVELOPMENT OF CITY OF DARWIN'S CREATIVE STRATEGY 2023 - 2030****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AACDA002/23**

Moved: Community Member Teghan Hughes

Seconded: Councillor Morgan Rickard

THAT the report Development of City of Darwin's Creative Strategy 2023 – 2030 be received and noted.

CARRIED 13/0

Sally Clifford Jude Ellen from Matrix on Board provided an update on the consultation plan for the development of the Creative Strategy 2023 – 2030.

The presentation included Committee input and discussion around the following topics:

- Presentation of the draft consultation plan to the Committee, including the Public Survey, going live February 20th for 7 weeks, with testing needed by ACDAC before public release.
- Outlining of the stakeholder and community Focus Group sessions to take place February – April.
- Structured phone interviews to be undertaken with other key arts, independent and organisational members of the public, including those with established connections to City of Darwin programs and partnerships.
- Update on the working group and meeting held on 31 January with 5 members from ACDAC who will be undertaking a roles such as co-facilitation of focus group sessions, reviews of draft documents, feedback on key survey questions for the public survey and test run of the survey and webpage created for community consultation via the Engage Darwin platform.
- Advice was sought from the Committee with regards to consulting with key stakeholder and community groups in the Darwin municipality and best avenues to undertake a range of in person and online focus group sessions.
- Information gathered from the public surveys, public focus groups, invited focus groups with key stakeholders and phone interviews will be vital in articulating and building the 7 year Creative Strategy.
- Other policies and strategies including the City of Darwin's strategic plan (City for People, City of Colour), City of Darwin Reconciliation Action Plan, the Creative Industries Strategy NT 2020-2024 and Revive, the new National Cultural Policy, will inform the development of the Creative Strategy 2023 – 2030. In particular, the 5 key pillars of Revive are noted as guiding factors.

- Clarification of a what a strategy is and it's purpose. Including; embedding creative allocation in City of Darwin projects and programs, centring of Darwin as a creative place, continued and improved opportunities for the local creative sectors, supporting arts and cultural practises, and as a roadmap to make, engage with and consume creativity in the Darwin municipality.
- Replacing the expired City of Darwin Arts Plan 2015 – 2020, and now with a strategic focus.
- Priority to establish consultations with local First Nations peoples first also in line with the National Cultural Policy. Some discussion with regard to best way to approach around access to and the small amount of First Nations led creative and business organisations in the municipality. Further discussion on how best to inform via Larrakia cultural consultants.
- Include performing and visual arts educators in the invites to focus groups.
- Note other recent Council creative strategies and approaches, including public survey examples, including City of Melbourne, City of Byron Bay, City of Geelong, City of Gold Coast, City of Ipswich - arts policy and plan. And connection with Tourism NT as a stakeholder.
- Consideration of Darwin's mature age population as a stakeholder group for consultation.

As an advisory committee, what else is important to include in the strategy?

- Night time economy and commercialisation for artists,
- Increase in suburban based involvement ie. public art, mural works, creative work within hospitality businesses.
- Liveability and the importance for health and well being,
- Provide ways to engage with Council with an accessible and usable document.
- Clear review process during life of strategy, including timeline and tangible achievements and what does success look like.
- Streamline processes to make working with City of Darwin easier, for example, works permit assistance, fees waivers, assistance with traffic management plans.
- Include case studies of what has been funded, supported, partnered with or facilitated by City of Darwin as clear examples for the public.

9.2 UPDATE ON PROJECTS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AACDA003/23

Moved: Community Member Teghan Hughes

Seconded: Councillor Morgan Rickard

THAT the report Update on Projects be received and noted.

CARRIED 13/0

10 MEMBER REPORTS

Rachel Shanahan

The Museum and Art Gallery of the NT and the MAGNT Foundation volunteer guide program to be launched on 9 February. Guides are being sought for the Archie100 exhibition which runs at MAGNT from 15 April – 25 June 2023. Contact the MAGNT Foundation via Facebook for more information.

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11 GENERAL BUSINESS

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12 NEXT MEETING

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 5.03pm.