



# **MINUTES**

## **Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday, 12 February 2025**

**Date: Wednesday, 12 February 2025**

**Time: 3:30 PM**

**Location: Meeting Room Bidjpidji (Meeting Room 1)  
Level 1, Civic Centre  
Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin**

**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, 12 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 3:30 PM**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor Morgan Rickard  
Community Member Kelly Blumberg  
Community Member Alyson Evans  
Community Member Rachael Shanahan - Chairperson  
Multicultural Council of the NT Edwin Joseph  
Arts NT Anja Tinapple  
Darwin Entertainment Centre Melissa White  
Community Member Petrit Abazi  
Community Member Abby Dunn

**OFFICERS:**

Jenelle Saunders (Arts and Cultural Development Officer)  
Angela O'Donnell (Executive Manager Community and Cultural Services)  
Chloe Armitage (Community Development Officer)

**APOLOGY:**

Larrakia Nation David Kurnoth

**Order of Business**

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*Councillor Morgan Rickard was not present at the commencement of the meeting.*

## **1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN**

The Chair declared the meeting open at 3:33 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.*

*Councillor Morgan Rickard joined the meeting 3:36pm*

## **3 APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

### **3.1 Apologies**

Nil

### **3.2 Leave of Absence**

Nil

### **3.3 Leave of Absence Notified**

Arts NT Anja Tinapple will be taking 12 months leave from her role at Arts NT and will be based overseas. Arts NT will advise of an alternative representative.

## **4 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE**

Community Member Kelly Blumberg

Arts NT Anja Tinapple

Councillor Morgan Rickard

Multicultural Council of the NT Edwin Joseph

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

Nil

### **5.1 Declaration of Interest by Members**

Nil

### **5.2 Declaration of Interest by Staff**

Nil

**6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AACDA001/25**

Moved: Community Member Abby Dunn

Seconded: Darwin Entertainment Centre Melissa White

THAT the minutes of the Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee Meeting held on 20 November 2024 be confirmed, with an amendment at item 5.1 Declaration of Interest by Members noting Committee Member Rachael Shanahan sits on the NT Racing and Wagering Commission and the Charles Darwin University Infrastructure and Finance Development Committee.

**CARRIED 9/0****7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Nil

**8 PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

**9 OFFICER REPORTS****9.1 COMMITTEE STRATEGIC SHORT TERM GOALS****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AACDA002/25**

Moved: Community Member Abby Dunn

Seconded: Community Member Alyson Evans

1. THAT the report entitled Committee Strategic Short Term Goals be received and noted.
2. THAT the Arts and Cultural Development Committee set key goals in alignment with the Creative Strategy at a workshop with facilitator, before the next Committee meeting on 21 May 2025.

**CARRIED 9/0**

*Community Member Kelly Blumberg departed the meeting at 3:48 pm.*

**9.2 PROJECT UPDATES****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AACDA003/25**

Moved: Community Member Abby Dunn

Seconded: Darwin Entertainment Centre Melissa White

THAT the report entitled Project Updates be received and noted.

**CARRIED 8/0**

**10 MEMBER REPORTS****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AACDA004/25**

Moved: Community Member Rachael Shanahan

Seconded: Darwin Entertainment Centre Melissa White

THAT the verbal member reports be received and noted, noting the following:

**Darwin Entertainment Centre Melissa White**

Darwin Comedy Festival 6 – 8 March. Laugh lounge will be a relaxed event, local comedians and audience interaction. Visit [yourcentre.com.au](http://yourcentre.com.au)

**Community Member Alyson Evans**

Darwin Community Arts members upcoming exhibition A Little Bit Weird, A Little Bit Rebellious. Visit: [darwincommunityarts.org.au](http://darwincommunityarts.org.au).

Tracks Dance Company has announced new Artistic Leadership Team. Visit: [tracksdance.com.au](http://tracksdance.com.au)

**Community Member Abby Dunn**

Charles Darwin University opened its new Danala Education and Community Precinct in the CBD. Midpul Art Gallery launched new exhibition From the Ground Up. Interested in offering new short courses and artists residencies. Visit: [educationcommunityprecinct.cdu.edu.au](http://educationcommunityprecinct.cdu.edu.au)

**Multicultural Council of the NT Edwin Joseph**

Women's Multicultural Fashion event in celebration 22nd March at Harmony Hall and Citizenship Ceremony. Visit: [mcnt.org.au](http://mcnt.org.au).

**Councillor Morgan Rickard**

Updated Committee members on Creative Strategy goals that Chan Ward Elected Members aim to focus on in 2025/2026.

**Community Member Petrit Abazi**

Northern Centre for Contemporary Art (NCCA), to open first 2025 exhibition on 20 February Bill Davies The Darwin Years. With a curated exhibition with Queer Territory set for May 2025.

Visit: [www.nccart.com.au](http://www.nccart.com.au)

**Chairperson Rachael Shanahan**

The Travelling Suitcase project has begun with a range of workshops across Darwin and rural areas, offering foundation textile skills and creation of shared artwork.

Visit: [atasda.org.au/about-atasda/travelling-suitcase](http://atasda.org.au/about-atasda/travelling-suitcase)

**Arts NT Anja Tinapple**

Sector catch up in November 2024 at the Meeting of Arts Professionals conference and gathering ideas on the NT Arts Strategy to inform the Action Plan. Currently in draft form 2025 – 2029 with aim for release in April 2025. Grants still available including Arts Projects Round 2, (closing 5 March 2025), Arts Equipment Grant and Arts Industry Development Grant.

Visit: [nt.gov.au/leisure/arts-culture-heritage/grants/arts-grants-program](http://nt.gov.au/leisure/arts-culture-heritage/grants/arts-grants-program).

**CARRIED 8/0**

## 11 GENERAL BUSINESS

### 11.1 MEDIA AND ENTERTAINMENT ARTS ALLIANCE MINIMUM FEE FOR MUSICIANS

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AACDA005/25**

Moved: Community Member Abby Dunn

Seconded: Community Member Petrit Abazi

1. THAT the verbal information provided by Angela O'Donnell, Executive Manager Community and Cultural Services be received and noted.
2. THAT further information on this item is provided to the Committee at the next meeting on 21 May 2025.

**CARRIED 8/0**

## 12 NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 21 May 3:30pm

The chair closed the meeting at 5:05pm