

Minutes

Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 20 May 2026

Unconfirmed



**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, 20 MAY 2026 AT 3:30 PM**

PRESENT:

Community Member Petrit Abazi
Community Member Kelly Blumberg
Community Member Abby Dunn
Arts NT Anja Tinapple
AANT Centre Melissa White

OFFICERS:

Executive Manager Community and Cultural Services, Angela O'Donnell

APOLOGY:

Community Member Rachael Shanahan
Community Member Alyson Evans
Councillor Patrik Ralph

NOT PRESENT:

Larrakia Nation David Kurnoth

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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.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AACDA001/26

Moved: Member Anja Tinapple
Seconded: Community Member Abby Dunn

THAT Community Member Petrit Abazi is appointed as chair for the meeting.

CARRIED 5/0

2 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AACDA002/26

Moved: Community Member Kelly Blumberg
Seconded: AANT Centre Melissa White

The Chair declared the meeting open at 3:46pm.

CARRIED 5/0

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AACDA003/26

Moved: AANT Centre Melissa White
Seconded: Member Anja Tinapple

THAT an apology from Community Member Alyson Evans and from Councillor Patrik Ralph be received.

CARRIED 5/0

3.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

Nil

3.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED

Nil

4 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

4.1 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE GRANTED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AACDA004/26

Moved: AANT Centre Melissa White

Seconded: Member Anja Tinapple

THAT the Committee note that pursuant to Section 95 (43) of the *Local Government Act 2019*, the following member(s) was granted permission for Electronic Meeting Attendance:

- Community Member Abby Dunn

CARRIED 5/0

4.2 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE REQUESTED

Nil

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

5.1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

STANDING MEMBER DECLARATIONS

- Community Member Rachael Shanahan – is on the Textiles Travelling Suitcase Committee and a member on the NT Liquor Commission, NT Racing and Wagering Commission and the Charles Darwin University Finance and Infrastructure Development Committee.
- Community Member Petrit Abazi – is employed by Northern Centre for Contemporary Art (NCCA) which is funded through the Northern Territory Government and the Australian Government.
- Community Member Alyson Evans – is employed by Darwin Community Arts (DCA). DCA applies for City of Darwin funding and grant opportunities.

5.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY STAFF

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AACDA005/26**

Moved: AANT Centre Melissa White

Seconded: Member Anja Tinapple

THAT the minutes of the Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee Meeting held on 26 November 2025 be confirmed.

CARRIED 5/0

7 MOVING OF ITEMS**7.1 MOVING OF ITEMS INTO CONFIDENTIAL**

Nil

7.2 MOVING OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS INTO OPEN

Nil

7.3 MOVING CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS TO OPEN AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

Nil

8 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS**8.1 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS**

Nil

9 OFFICER REPORTS**9.1 2025 / 2026 CREATIVE STRATEGY REPORTING****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AACDA006/26**

Moved: Community Member Kelly Blumberg

Seconded: AANT Centre Melissa White

THAT the report entitled 2025 / 2026 Creative Strategy Reporting be received and noted.

CARRIED 5/0

9.2 PROJECT UPDATES**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AACDA007/26**

Moved: AANT Centre Melissa White

Seconded: Member Anja Tinapple

THAT the report entitled Project Updates be received and noted.

CARRIED 5/0

9.3 ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN - UPDATES**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AACDA008/26**

Moved: Community Member Petrit Abazi

Seconded: Member Anja Tinapple

THAT the report entitled Advisory Committee Action Plan - Updates be received and noted.

The Committee acknowledged their gratitude for the work of Community Member Alyson Evans in delivering the Sector Connect event.

CARRIED 5/0

10 MEMBER REPORTS**RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT the following Member Reports be received and noted.

Community Member Petrit Abazi

- MARKED - Tracing Modern Murals and Graffiti Culture in the Northern Territory (1 May – 11 July) Darwin Street Art Festival – 10-year celebration.
 - Artist Talk – 6pm, 2 June
 - Book Launch – 6pm, 4 June
 - Podcast – 12pm, 27 June

Community Member Kelly Blumberg

- Nhulunbuy Roadshow tour – TANG.
 - Melanie Mununggurr, MC Shalom Kaa and Laurie May
 - Tour to include workshops with young people
 - Cairns for children's festival two shows, expected attendance 200 – 300 per show
 - Darwin Festival Launch for Thursday 21 May

Arts NT Anja Tinapple

- Next generation grants have been expended. New grants program for next financial year.
- Action Plan is coming, mid-July TBC.
- Sector Connect – great, response.
- MAP – scheduled for November.

AANT Melissa White

- AANT celebrating 40 years, open day with tours. Great feedback from audiences.
- Garmalang Festival – and free gallery of events. Artist talks, mural inside. Production team new.
- New CEO beginning 8 June.

Community Member Abby Dunn

- Week 10 of semester, students busy with assessments.
- New director of Academy of the Arts – Raelke Grimmer (writer / photographic background).
- Plans to activate the gallery space at CDU Danala.
- Short course program development in early stages.

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

12 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

THAT the next Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee meeting is yet to be determined.

13 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT pursuant to Section 99 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

14 CLOSURE OF MEETING

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AACDA009/26

Moved: Community Member Kelly Blumberg

Seconded: AANT Centre Melissa White

THAT the meeting be closed at 4:48pm.

CARRIED 5/0

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee Meeting held on .

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CHAIR