



AGENDA

Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday, 30 August 2023

**I hereby give notice that a Arts and Cultural Development Advisory
Committee Meeting will be held on:**

Date: Wednesday, 30 August 2023

Time: 3:30 PM

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

**Simone Saunders
Chief Executive Officer**

ARTS AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Community Member CJ Fraser Bell - Chairperson

Councillor Morgan Rickard

Community Member Kelly Blumberg

Community Member Derrick Cheong

Community Member Alyson Evans

Community Member Teghan Hughes

Community Member Rachael Shanahan

Larrakia Nation David Kurnoth

Multicultural Council of the NT Edwin Joseph

Darwin Entertainment Centre Melissa White

Arts NT Gail Carnes

OFFICERS

Arts and Cultural Development Officer, Jenelle Saunders

Arts and Cultural Development Officer, Jess Ong

Executive Manager Community and Cultural Services, Angela O'Donnell

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1 Meeting Declared Open

2 Acknowledgement of Country

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3.1 Apologies

3.2 Leave of Absence

3.3 Leave of Absence Notified

4 Electronic Attendance

4.1 Electronic Attendance

4.2 Electronic Attendance Notified

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9.1 UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENT OF CITY OF DARWINS CREATIVE STRATEGY 2024 - 2030

Author: Arts and Cultural Development Officer
Authoriser: Executive Manager Community and Cultural Services
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to update the Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee on the development of the draft Creative Strategy 2024 – 2030.

KEY ISSUES

Executive Manager of Community and Cultural Services Angela O'Donnell to present on the following:

- Update on key priority areas and proposed action plans
- Meetings with key stakeholders
- Summary and timeframe of next steps for the draft strategy

DISCUSSION	
The Committee will be updated on the current stage of the development of the Creative Strategy 2024 – 2030 and will provide feedback on the key areas. Committee to add any further recommendations for consideration in relation to the draft finalisation period and prior to submission to Council.	
PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION	
STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	5 A Vibrant and Creative City 5.2 By 2030, Darwin will be a more connected community and have pride in our cultural identity
BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	Nil
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	Revive National Cultural Policy for Australia 0084 Public Art Cultural Development Policy City of Darwin Strategic Plan
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	Engagement Level: Receive and discuss.
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).

9.2 UPDATE ON PROJECTS

Author: Arts and Cultural Development Officer
Authoriser: Executive Manager Community and Cultural Services
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the report Update on Projects be received and noted.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on current and upcoming arts projects within the City of Darwin Arts and Cultural Development portfolio.

KEY ISSUES

Arts and Cultural Development Officer Jess Ong to provide an update on:

- Completion of the installation and launch of mirragma gunugurr-wa, major artwork for the Bicentennial Park Public Art commission.
- Nightcliff Village Public Art Expressions of Interest.

Arts and Cultural Development Officer Jenelle Saunders to provide an update on:

- City of Darwin Lightbox Exhibitions Program next series curators.
- Happy Place 2.0 (East Point Reserve Tables Artworks)

DISCUSSION**mirragma gunugurr-wa**

Bicentennial Park is now home to mirragma gunugurr-wa (bamboo raft), the City of Darwin's most significant investment in Larrakia art to date. mirragma gunugurr-wa refers to the bamboo raft the Larrakia used to cross the ocean from Cox Peninsula to Darwin.

Consisting of a 4m steel mermaid tail and a bamboo raft, mirragma gunugurr-wa tells a Mermaid story, complete with tidal markings and Larrakia language inscribed on the base of the work.

A QR code at the base of the work gives access to two short films where Larrakia artists Uncle Roque and Trent Lee share the story and language behind mirragma gunugurr-wa.

mirragma gunugurr-wa was officially launched by the Lord Mayor of Darwin the Honourable Kon Vatskalis on Monday 31 July, and was attended by His Honour Professor The Honourable Hugh Heggie, Administrator of the Northern Territory, Elected Members and staff, stakeholders and the general public.

Aunty Bilawara Lee welcomed everyone to country, while Trent Lee performed a smoking ceremony for those in attendance, and over the artwork.

Local media outlets attended the launch, which was also documented by local photographer Charlie Bliss. The launch was featured on ABC Radio Darwin's mornings program, ABC News, Channel 9 News, along with an article in the NT News.

Larrakia artists Uncle Roque and Trent Lee developed the concept for mirragma gunugurr-wa, with public art consultants GARUWA Creative helping to bring it to life.

mirragma gunugurr-wa was funded by City of Darwin in collaboration with Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation and GARUWA Creative. Additional support for the digital assets was provided by Northern Territory Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade, and Regional Arts Fund Cultural Tourism Accelerator.

mirragma gunugurr-wa launch 31 July 2023, Bicentennial Park, The Esplanade, Darwin.



Image Credits: Charlie Bliss

Nightcliff Village Public Art Expressions Of Interest

City of Darwin is calling for expressions of interest (EOI) from Darwin-based artists for an exciting public art opportunity in Nightcliff Village.

The successful artwork may be used in a variety of applications including but not limited to footpath designs, waste storage screens, drainage grates, lighting frames, deck risers, concrete seats and back rests.

EOI submissions will need to respond to the location and themes of place, community and the culture of Nightcliff Village.

This activity is part of the short-term initiatives identified and as a result of the Nightcliff Village Masterplan consultation process.

The information about the EOI is available on the City of Darwin website www.darwin.nt.gov.au/community/programs/arts-and-cultural-development/nightcliffvillage

Expressions of interest open on Monday 21 August and close on Monday 25 September at 5pm.

The Arts and Cultural Development team encourage ACDAC members to share with their networks.

City of Darwin Lightbox Exhibitions Program next series curators

Expressions of interests closed in May for City of Darwin's Lightbox Exhibitions program, calling for local curators or lead artists to apply for the next two 6-monthly exhibition series taking place between September 2023 – September 2024. The submissions went to panel made up of City of Darwin staff and an ACDAC member.

The successful curators for the next two 6 – month series are Carla Russo from The Artful Room in Nightcliff and Amina McConvell from the Free Space Studio Collective in Coconut Grove.

The Artful Room will launch their series *Bird Story* in early September, and it will be exhibited within the lightboxes until the end of February 2024. All the works featured in *Bird Story* are by local Darwin based artists from a range of visual arts training and backgrounds, and include established, mid-career and emerging artists in the mix. This series will feature physical artworks that have been professionally photographed and digitised for the purposes of printing and installing in the lightboxes.

The Free Space Studio series will follow *Bird Story* and will be exhibited from March – August 2024.

The Lightbox Exhibitions Program offers an opportunity to showcase local works based on a shared and relevant theme and curated by a local creative. The program considers applications including traditional visual art forms, photography, graphic and digital artforms and printmaking. Visual artists of all ages, backgrounds, and stages in their career are encouraged to apply.

City of Darwin is committed to supporting local creatives and providing a professional and public platform to showcase original works.

The current series *Born to be Wild* was curated by Wild North Arts Inc and features 10 Darwin based graphic and comic artists. *Born to Be Wild* will remain on display until the end of August 2023.

Happy Place 2.0 (East Point Reserve Tables Artworks Project)

Gloria Richards' series Happy Place 2.0 will be extended to include 4 more artworks, which will be painted onto 4 aged concrete picnic table and seating infrastructure within East Point Reserve. Her works, concepts, and designs for this project draw inspiration from local built and human made every day constructs as well as elements and hues from the surrounding natural environment and biodiversity. Gloria infuses tones from the local ocean and bush landscape and embeds them into the design concepts, responding to where Larrakia land meets the Arafura Sea and the associated human activities and ways of being that take place in this location.

Celebrating the intrinsic connection between humanity and the natural world *Happy Place 2.0* - aims to provide more moments of delight around East Point. Each table will be a site-specific construct of intricate patterns and interlocking forms that evoke the essence and energy of Darwin's vibrant tropical life and draw from a bold and varied colour palette.

Colour is the space where the geometry of minimalism and the ornamental engage, and *Happy Place 2.0* will draw on each artworks distinct environment to inform and infuse the aged, utilitarian urban furniture with a burst of energy and playfulness. As site-specific geometric abstraction art installations, the tables aim to prompt contemplation, and foster an appreciation for the power of art in transforming and revitalising public areas. Happy Place 2.0 continues to ignite a sense of collective identity, unity, and joy, strengthening Darwin as a dynamic city that celebrates art, culture, and nature.

Gloria is a local visual artist and graphic designer. City of Darwin is committed to supporting and growing the local creative, arts and cultural communities for the benefit of all who live, work, visit and study here.



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The Happy Place Project: An Urban Furniture Intervention 🎨🔨

Graphic designer and visual artist Gloria Richards has been commissioned by City of Darwin to transform weathered concrete tables and benches in Darwin with her trademark geometric abstraction and lively colour palette.

The Happy Place project is about reinventing weathered, urban outdoor public furniture into moments of delight to enliven our communal spaces. 😊

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PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION	
STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	<p>5 A Vibrant and Creative City</p> <p>5.2 By 2030, Darwin will be a more connected community and have pride in our cultural identity</p>
BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	Nil
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	Nil
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	Engagement Level: for discussion
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	<p>The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).</p>

10 MEMBER REPORTS

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

12 Next Meeting

Wednesday 22 November 2023, 3:30pm – 5:00pm.

13 Closure of Meeting



MINUTES

Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday, 10 May 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, 10 MAY 2023 AT 3:30 PM**

- PRESENT:** Councillor Morgan Rickard (Chairperson), 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, Darwin Entertainment Centre Melissa White.
- OFFICERS:** Jenelle Saunders (Arts and Cultural Development Officer),
Jess Ong (Arts and Cultural Development Officer),
Heather Docker (Community Development Officer)
- APOLOGY:** Community Member CJ Fraser Bell
- GUESTS:** Sally Clifford, Matrix on Board Consultants
Jude Ellen, Matrix on Board Consultants
Angela O'Donnell, Executive Manager of Community and Cultural Services.
Simone Saunders, Chief Executive Officer City of Darwin
Jane Bland, Councillor and Committees Support Officer.

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1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

The 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

3.2 Leave of Absence

Nil

3.3 Leave of Absence Notified

Nil

4 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE

Community Member Alyson Evans

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

5.1 Declaration of Interest by Members

Nil

5.2 Declaration of Interest by Staff

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AACDA004/23

Moved: Community Member Rachael Shanahan

Seconded: Larrakia Nation David Kurnoth

That the minutes of the Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee Meeting held on 8 February 2023 be confirmed.

CARRIED 10/0

7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

8 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

3.45pm Community Member Teghan Hughes joined the meeting

3.46pm Community Member Derrick Cheong joined the meeting

9 OFFICER REPORTS

9.1 UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENT OF CITY OF DARWIN'S CREATIVE STRATEGY 2023 - 2030

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AACDA005/23

Moved: Multicultural Council of the NT Edwin Joseph

Seconded: Community Member Teghan Hughes

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

CARRIED 10/0

Sally Clifford, Lead Consultant from Matrix on Board, provided an update on the development of the Creative Strategy 2023 – 2030 and key findings from the now completed consultation period. 325 individuals were engaged in the process which included the online survey, public and stakeholder focus group sessions, workshops with City of Darwin staff and Elected Members and targeted phone interviews.

Next steps are for Matrix on Board to formulate a draft document based on the extensive consultation data for Arts and Cultural Development staff to review with consultants and the ACDAC Working Group before the end of June. The presentation included opportunity for the Committee to provide input, query and discussion and included the following notes:

A key feature moving forward is to celebrate and collaborate with Larrakia and Larrakia organisations. A range of aspects were discussed including some distinctive aspects of local knowledge and culture such as combination of salt water and freshwater perspectives, sense of place, vital histories and stories, the importance of local foods, and seasons unique to Larrakia along with arts and creative practises.

Multicultural voices and identities in Darwin was discussed as inclusion the draft strategy and how this will fit across the priorities and key goals.

The role and importance of partnerships between the City of Darwin, community and sector. What is already here, what is being done well, what can be built further upon.

Focus on the whole of the municipality in regards to arts, culture and creative practises. Discussion included measurement tools against implementation plan and how the future Creative Strategy will be reviewed within the seven year timeframe.

9.2 UPDATE ON PROJECTS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AACDA006/23

Moved: Community Member Teghan Hughes

Seconded: Councillor Morgan Rickard

THAT the report Update on Projects be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/0

4:45pm Community Member Alyson Evans left meeting

9.3 UPDATE ON ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ARTS AND CULTURAL OFFICERS.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AACDA007/23

Moved: Community Member Kelly Blumberg

Seconded: Larrakia Nation David Kurnoth

THAT the report entitled Update on Advisory Committee Members and Arts and Cultural Officers be received and noted.

CARRIED 100

10 MEMBER REPORTS

Teghan Hughes

The Happy Yess AGM is taking place this evening, 10 May at 7:00pm.

Derrick Cheong

The K-Pop dance troupe is performing over three nights at 6:30pm on the dance stage at the Nightcliff Seabreeze Festival, 12th – 4th of May. Derrick is in the process of applying to incorporate his dance business and to enable expansion into more mainstream forms and also multicultural dance styles.

Rachel Shanahan

The Archie 100 exhibition at the Museum and Art Gallery of the NT has received a deluge of volunteers and upped the guided tours to 6 a week. They are looking to run a similar program to be trialed the new art gallery at State Square once completed and running.

Melissa White

The Garrmalang Festival is set to take place at the Darwin Entertainment Centre, 26th to 28th May and the program was launched in April. This year's event has had a focus on furthering the accessibility for First Nations agencies and the community as a whole.

Vicktor Petroff

The 2023-24 NT Arts Grants Program will launch in July, with the opening of the Professional Development and Quick Response categories.

Edwin Joseph

The Bangladeshi Student Association at Charles Darwin University, has organised a tribute concert in memory of Sifat for Saturday 13 May. This event is supported by the Multicultural Council of the Northern Territory (MCNT). The Harmony Soiree will take place again at The Waterfront on 27 May.

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

12 NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 30th August, 2023, 3:30pm.

MEETING CLOSED: 5.11PM