



# **Business Papers**

## **Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, 23 May 2017  
1.00pm**



## **Notice of Meeting**

To the Lord Mayor and Aldermen

You are invited to attend a Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting to be held in Meeting Room 1, Level 1, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin, on Tuesday, 23 May 2017, commencing at 1.00pm.

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**B P DOWD**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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## CITY OF DARWIN

### COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

**TUESDAY, 23 MAY 2017**

MEMBERS: Member R M Knox (Chair); The Right Worshipful, The Lord Mayor, Katrina Fong Lim; Member J A Glover; Member S J Niblock.

OFFICERS: Chief Executive Officer, Mr B Dowd; General Manager Community & Cultural Services, Ms A Malgorzewicz; Manager Recreation, Events and Customer Services, Mr M Grassmayr; Library Services Manager, Mrs K Conway; Manager Community Development, Ms K Hearn; Manager Regulatory Services, Ms B Rankmore; Executive Assistant, Ms K Long.

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### ***Committee's Responsibilities***

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| • Recreation & Leisure         | • Cultural Services |
| • Family and Children Services | • Liquor Licences   |
| • Sister Cities                | • Youth Services    |
| • Libraries                    | • Customer Services |

*THAT effective as of 16 April 2012 Council, pursuant to Section 32 (2)(b) of the Local Government Act 2008, hereby delegates to the Community & Cultural Services Committee the power to make recommendations to Council and decisions relating to Community & Cultural Services matters within the approved budget.*

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### **6. WITHDRAWAL OF ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority that all Information Items and Officers Reports to the Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 23 May 2017 be received and considered individually.

### **7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES PERTAINING TO THE PREVIOUS COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**

THAT the Committee resolve that the minutes of the previous Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 21 March 2017, tabled by the Chair, be received and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

### **8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES PERTAINING TO THE PREVIOUS COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**

#### **8.1 Business Arising**

### **9. DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS**

Nil

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## 10.1 OFFICERS REPORTS (ACTION REQUIRED)



**ENCL: COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES  
YES COMMITTEE/OPEN**

**AGENDA ITEM: 10.1.1**

### **WALKWAY 81 AMSTERDAM CIRCUIT TO TROWER ROAD**

**REPORT No.: 17C0031 MG:kl**

**COMMON No.: 3525788**

**DATE: 23/05/2017**

**Presenter: Manager Recreation, Events & Customer Services,  
Matt Grassmayr**

**Approved: General Manager Community & Cultural Services,  
Anna Malgorzewicz**

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to give consideration to extending the closing time from 7pm to 9pm each night for Walkway 81 (Amsterdam Circuit and Trower Road, Wagaman).

### **LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies as outlined in the 'Evolving Darwin Towards 2020 Strategic Plan':-

#### **Goal**

1. Collaborative, Inclusive and Connected Community

#### **Outcome**

- 1.2 Desirable places and open spaces for people

#### **Key Strategies**

- 1.2.2 Provide secure and clean public places and open spaces

### **KEY ISSUES**

- Walkway 81 is currently closed at 7pm each night and reopened at 5am. It was requested that Council consider extending the closing time from 7pm to 9pm.
- A Neighbourhood Level 2 community consultation was undertaken commencing on Friday 31 March 2017 and concluding on Friday 21 April 2017.
- The consultation was designed to provide the local residents with information about the walkway and seek their views on the closing time.
- The majority of the respondents (67%) support extending the closure time from 7pm to 9pm. However, there are four residents in particular, who adjoin Walkway 81 who are strongly opposed to the later closing time.

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 17C0031 MG:kl entitled Walkway 81 Amsterdam Circuit To Trower Road, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council conduct a six month trial to extend the closing time of Walkway 81 from 7pm to 9pm each night.
- C. THAT a further report be presented to Council at the conclusion of the trial to assess the outcomes and the impacts on the local residents.

## **BACKGROUND**

### **PREVIOUS DECISION**

*DECISION NO. 20/2771 (11/05/10)*

#### **Walkway Policy Review**

*Report No. 10A0017 (14/04/10) Common No. 1735820*

- B. That Council adopt the Walkway Policy in Attachment A to report Number 10A0017 entitled 'Walkway Policy' as amended.*
- C. THAT Council rescind Policy No. 052 'Walkways'.*

## **DISCUSSION**

Council was requested by the Member for Sanderson, on behalf of constituents, to review the closing time for Walkway 81 between Amsterdam Circuit and Trower Road. The Walkway is between 29 and 31 Amsterdam Circuit and 244 and 246 Trower Road.

Currently, the walkway is on a lock schedule and is closed at 7pm each night and reopened at 5am the following day. It was requested that Council consider extending the closing time from 7pm to 9pm.

The proximity of Walkway 81 to the Casuarina Shopping Centre makes it a heavily used thoroughfare for Wagaman residents. The request for a later closing time has been triggered by the new Entertainment Quarter area at Casuarina Shopping Centre. Extending the closing time would provide later access to the shopping centre and restaurant precinct.

Council has previously received numerous reports regarding incidents of property damage, nuisance and anti-social behaviour, and other criminal behaviours occurring at Walkway 81. Due to these previous issues, City of Darwin has implemented strategies to alleviate anti-social behaviour at Walkway 81, including

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the installation of lighting, commissioning of a mural and instituting the night time closure.

A Neighbourhood Level 2 community consultation was undertaken commencing on Friday 31 March 2017 and concluding on Friday 21 April 2017. The consultation was designed to provide the local residents with information about the walkway and seek their views on the closing time. Consultation activities included mail outs, fact sheets, a survey and door knocking with residents. Full details of the consultation process and results are provided at **Attachment A**.

Residents were asked how often they used the walkway and whether they supported extending the opening hours to either 9pm as requested or to 8pm. In total 14 residents responded to the survey: 36% of the survey respondents use the walkway weekly, 29% daily, 14% monthly, 7% a few times a year, and 14% reported that they never use it. The majority of the respondents (67%) supported extending the closure time from 7pm to 9pm.

However, there are ten residences (two houses and eight units) that adjoin Walkway 81. These residents are directly impacted by any anti-social behaviour in the walkway and their concerns should be weighted accordingly. Feedback was received from seven residences; four of them were strongly opposed to the later closing time and were quite concerned about the impact it would have and increased anti-social behaviour.

Regarding the other three residences adjoining the walkway that provided feedback, one of the residents supports the 9pm closure due to wanting to help provide the convenience of access for elderly people in the area, while the other two didn't mind if it was 7pm or 9pm. In addition, adjoining residents reported that the walkway is utilised by people jumping the gate after 7pm.

Given the results of the community consultation are ambiguous with only a small response, and that there is a need in the community to access the new Entertainment Quarter, this report recommends that a six month trial be implemented to extend the closing time of Walkway 81 from 7pm to 9pm each night. A further report should be presented to Council at the conclusion of the trial to assess the outcomes and the impacts on the local residents to determine if the extension should remain.

### **CONSULTATION PROCESS**

A Neighbourhood Level 2 community consultation was undertaken commencing on Friday 31 March and concluding on Friday 21 April in accordance with the City of Darwin's Community Consultation Policy 025. Details of the consultation are provided in **Attachment A**.

In preparing this report, the following City of Darwin officers were consulted:

- Senior Community Engagement Officer

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- Property Officer

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

In accordance with Policy No. 056 – Walkways Policy:

Council is committed to providing and maintaining a walkway network as part of a wider network that facilitates active travel across the municipality.

### **BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

Council continues to close ten walkways at night. In the 2016/17 financial year \$15,230 including GST is to be expended on walkway closures. Costs associated with night time closures are through existing operational budget.

### **RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

In accordance with Section 187 of the Local Government Act, and Regulation 20(3) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations, the Council may, of its own volition, temporarily close a laneway under its care, control and management.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

### **COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION**

We the Author and Approving Officers declare that we do not have a Conflict of Interest in relation to this matter.

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### **Attachments:**

**Attachment A: Community Consultation Report – Walkway 81**





## **Community Consultation Report**

### **Level 2 Neighbourhood Consult**

## **Walkway 81 – Amsterdam Circuit / Trower Road**

## 1. BACKGROUND

Member for Sanderson Kate Worden requested, on behalf of constituents, that Council review the closing time for Walkway 81 between Amsterdam Circuit and Trower Road. The Walkway is between 29 and 31 Amsterdam Circuit and 244 and 246 Trower Road.

The City of Darwin Policy No. 056 – Walkways provides guidance in relation to the management of Darwin's walkways. The policy states: Council will maintain and improve the existing network of walkways across the municipality to ensure accessibility and amenity for the community. Issues arising from behaviours in and around a walkway will be investigated in a case-by-case basis. Council will work with residents, relevant authorities and other stakeholders to consider appropriate options and determine a response.

Walkway 81 is currently closed at 7pm each night and reopened at 5am. It was requested that Council consider extending the closing time from 7pm to 9pm.

## 2. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this consultation program were:

- To provide the local residents with information about the request, as well as the background information and previous issues at the site.
- To seek feedback from the local residents on their preferred closing time for the walkway.

## 3. APPROACH

This consultation was delivered in accordance with the City of Darwin's Community Consultation Policy 025. It is a Neighbourhood Level 2 consultation designed to provide the local residents with information about the walkway, the background to the night-time closure, and the benefits and issues of the proposed change to the closing time. The consultation sought their views on the closing time, and will provide feedback back on how public input influenced the outcome. The consultation period was for 3 weeks commencing on Friday 31 March and concluding on Friday 21 April. This consultation report provides an analysis of the feedback received to inform a decision on the walkway closure time.

## 4. ISSUES

- While walkways provide a convenience for residents, they have historically been a source of nuisance, and disruption to the peace and comfort of the residents of properties that adjoin them.
- Records show that residents near Walkway 81 have reported to Council numerous incidences of property damage, nuisance and anti-social behaviour, and other criminal behaviours, which occur during the day and night.
- Due to previous reported issues, City of Darwin has implemented strategies to reduce the incidence and effect of negative behavior at Walkway 81, including the

installation of lighting, commissioning of a mural to promote the walkway and the night time closure.

## 5. BENEFITS

- The proximity of Walkway 81 to the Casuarina Shopping Centre makes it a vital and heavily used thoroughfare for Wagaman residents.
- The new night time dining area at Casuarina Shopping Centre has been a trigger for the request for a later closing time.
- Extending the closing time provides later access to the shopping centre.
- Council is working with the local residents to decide the best option for their local neighbourhood.

## 6. STAKEHOLDERS

Stakeholder	Interest	Engagement
Residents	Connectivity and accessibility Antisocial behavior Amenity	Letter and fact sheet Door knock
Property owners	Connectivity and accessibility Antisocial behavior Amenity	Letter and fact sheet

## 7. METHODS AND MATERIAL

Information was made available via:

- Mail out to residents, property owners and businesses shown in **Appendix A**
- Fact sheet (**Appendix B**)
- Survey (**Appendix C**)
- Door knocking

## 8. CONSULTATION RESULTS

There were a total of 33 submissions received, including 14 survey responses, 15 residents spoken to via door knocking or phone conversations and 4 email responses received. A full copy of all submissions received is provided at **Appendix D**.

The focus of the consultation was on the proposal to extend the closing time from 7pm to 9pm. Therefore all 33 submissions provided a response to this question:

67% of respondents support extending the closing time to 9pm

21% of respondents do not support extending the closing time to 9pm

12% of respondents don't mind if it is 7pm or 9pm

Two people suggested that it be implemented as a trial to assess the impact.

Some comments received include:

*We are worried about people drinking there, antisocial behaviour and juvenile crime. This has been a very big problem for us in the past and we do not want to have these problems again. Now I feel safe in my house but I did not feel safe before the laneways were closed.*

*After dark is when we had the anti-social behaviour in the past and this has mainly stopped since it was closed between 7pm and 5am.*

*I support a 9pm closure as it will provide benefits to those who need to walk through. However I don't want it to create issues for the people who live next door, so I think it should be a trial for six months and at the end check that it hasn't created any problems.*

*I have lived here since 1982, I support a 9pm closure to be able to access the shops. There used to be a lot of troublesome youth in the area that caused trouble in the walkway, but they have moved on now so it shouldn't have the same problems with anti-social behaviours.*

*It should be open 24/7, as should all the walkways.*

*To allow residents of the area to access Casuarina "the Quarter" and also the movies. I don't believe that a laneway closing time that is extended to 9pm will increase antisocial behaviour. Please note that I do not currently live in Wagaman, but have an investment house in Macassar St Wagaman.*

*I have small children and I like to take them out to dinner and Timezone a bit. Having it open for longer means we don't need to rush so we don't have to walk all the way around.*

*We have walked through to casurina for dinner then had to walk around the long way, we now have a newborn so bit annoying as we have to rush back by 7pm*

*I am 76 year old lady and don't drive. Continuously need the shortcut to go places.*

### **Residents directly adjoining Walkway 81**

There are ten residences (two houses and eight units) that adjoin Walkway 81 and are therefore greatly impacted by any anti-social behavior at the site. Feedback was received from seven of those ten residences; their feedback in full is shown in Appendix D. Four of the seven residents are opposed to extending the closing time, raising concerns with anti-social behavior in the walkway. A number of these residents stated that even with the walkway closed people still jump the gate to access the walkway and therefore the anti-social behavior still occurs after 7pm, they also commented that it occurs in the day time as well. One of the residents supports the 9pm closure due to wanting to help provide the convenience of access for elderly people in the area. Two of the residents didn't mind if it was 7pm or 9pm.

Some comments received from the adjoining residents include:

*Happy with 9pm. The anti-social behaviour happens in the day as well as at night so it doesn't really matter if the gate is closed later or not. I am happy for it to be opened later because I have seen a lot of elderly people who use it and I don't want them to have to walk too far if they can't get through the Walkway.*

*I strongly support the 7pm close. I live right next to the walkway and have owned this place for 10 years. It would be unsafe to leave it open until 9pm. It would be unsafe for people to walk through there after dark. There are a lot of issues with people drinking and fighting in the walkway. I have had to put additional security around my unit for protection (**Appendix E**) I would prefer for the walkway to be closed permanently.*

*I want it kept closed at 7pm. There is often people in there drinking. People still jump the gate and drink in there. It is often noisy and I often feel unsafe. I think it will make it worse if it is opened later.*

### **SURVEY RESULTS SUMMARY**

36% of the survey respondents use the Walkway weekly, 29% daily, 14% monthly, 7% a few times a year and 14% never use it. 50% of the survey respondents lived on Amsterdam Circuit, 43% on Macassar Street and 7% on Wagaman Terrace.

### **Closing time extended from 7pm to 8pm**

53% of respondents support extending the closing time from 7pm to 8pm

23% of respondents do not support extending the closing time from 7pm to 8pm

23% of respondents were unsure of the extension from 7pm to 8pm

Some comments received include:

*This makes the laneway more accessible for everyone.*

*Prefer the later time of 9.*

*7PM is too early to close. Need go shopping later to Casuarina and for emergencies. Chemist etc.*

### **Which nights do you support a later closing time?**

71% of survey respondents support extending the closing time every night

7% of survey respondents support extending the closing time Friday to Sunday night

7% of survey respondents support extending it to 8pm on Monday to Friday and closing at 7pm on weekends

7% support Monday to Thursday at 8pm and Friday to Sunday at 9pm

### **Other Matters**

- There were four respondents that commented that they would like to see the other walkways in the area opened (Walkway 80 and Walkway 83 are currently closed).
- It was stated that people are accessing the walkway after it is closed.

## **9. CONCLUSION**

This consultation report provides the feedback received from the three week local neighbourhood consultation on the closure time of Walkway 81.

A majority of the respondents (67%) support extending the closure time from 7pm to 9pm. This was supported by more respondents than the 8pm option (53%). However, there are 21% of respondents, and four residents in particular who adjoin Walkway 81, strongly opposed to any later closing time and are quite concerned about the impact it would have on increasing anti-social behaviour at the site. The issues with anti-social behaviour have had such an impact on these residents that additional security measures have been undertaken as shown in Appendix E.

If the closing time is extended to 9pm it is recommended that Council officers engage with these residents further to identify any additional actions that can be undertaken to address their concerns and the issues they are experiencing. It is also recommended that if the closing time is extended that it be for a trial period with a review after six months to assess the outcomes and the impacts on the local residents. The closure time should be trialled at 9pm every night, with 71% of respondents in support of this. Council has previously installed a light in this walkway which will allow for use of the walkway at night time.

31 March 2017

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Mr

Dear Sir / Madam

**Walkway 81 – Amsterdam Circuit / Trower Road**

City of Darwin maintains walkways across the Darwin municipality to ensure accessibility and connectivity of public spaces. Some of these walkways are closed at night due to issues with anti-social behaviour and disruption to neighbours.

Walkway 81, between Amsterdam Circuit and Trower Road, is closed at 7pm and opened at 5am each day. City of Darwin has received a request to extend the closing time from 7pm to 9pm. We want to know the views of the local community on the closing time. Please find enclosed a fact sheet with further details including how to provide your feedback.

Your feedback will be included in a consultation report that will be prepared for Council to inform a decision on the closing time.

If you have any queries please contact me on 8930 0197 or [s.jeeves@darwin.nt.gov.au](mailto:s.jeeves@darwin.nt.gov.au)

Yours sincerely



**SHEREE JEEVES**  
**SENIOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER**

Encl. Walkway 81 Fact Sheet









# FACTSHEET

## Walkway 81 - Amsterdam Circuit / Trower Road



City of Darwin maintains walkways across the municipality to ensure accessibility and connectivity of public spaces.

Walkway 81 provides a connection between Amsterdam Circuit and Trower Road. City of Darwin has received a request to review the closing time of the walkway and **we want to hear your views.**

**Walkway  
81 is currently  
closed at 7pm and  
opened at 5am  
every day**



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## Where is Walkway 81?

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Walkway 81 connects Amsterdam Circuit to Trower Road in Wagaman. It is located between number 29 and 31 Amsterdam Circuit and 244 and 246 Trower Road.

## Why is the walkway important?

Walkway 81 provides a thoroughfare for residents to access services on Trower Road including Casuarina Shopping Centre and public transport.

## Why is Walkway 81 closed at night?

The walkway is closed at night due to previous issues with anti-social behaviour at the site, including property damage and vandalism. There are still some instances of anti-social behaviour at the site, however closing the walkway at night has assisted to reduce the issues.

## What is the proposal?

City of Darwin has recieved a request to consider a later closing time for Walkway 81.

Current Walkway 81 closure time: **7pm to 5am**

Requested Walkway 81 closure time: **9pm to 5am**

The later closing time is to provide later access to the shopping centre and in particular the new late night eating precinct at Casuarina Shopping Centre.

## What do you think?

City of Darwin recognises the benefits of a later closing time to provide extended access to the shopping precinct, however it is also recognised there are concerns that it could recreate issues with anti-social behaviour at the site.

City of Darwin wants to talk to the local community to find out what you think.....

**Do you support extending the closing time from 7pm to 9pm?**

**Do you support extending the closing time from 7pm to 8pm?**

**Do you support it for weekdays, weekends or all week?**

To provide your feedback:

**Survey:** [www.surveymonkey.com/r/walkway81](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/walkway81)

**Email:** [haveyoursay@darwin.nt.gov.au](mailto:haveyoursay@darwin.nt.gov.au)

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**Walkway 81 - Amsterdam Circuit / Trower Road**

**Walkway 81 is currently closed at 7pm and opened at 5am each day. City of Darwin has received a request to extend the closing time of Walkway 81 from 7pm to 9pm. The request for a later closing time is to provide later access to the shopping centre and in particular the new late night eating precinct at Casuarina Shopping Centre.**

**The walkway is closed at night due to previous issues with anti-social behaviour at the site, including property damage and vandalism. There are still some instances of anti-social behaviour at the site, however closing the walkway at night has assisted to reduce the issues.**

**Please complete this survey to tell us what you think**

1. How often do you use Walkway 81?

- ☐ Daily
- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ Monthly
- ☐ Rarely (a few times a year)
- ☐ Never

2. Do you support extending the closing time of Walkway 81 from 7pm to 9pm?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

3. Please provide a comment to help us understand the reasons for your preference

4. Do you support extending the closing time of Walkway 81 from 7pm to 8pm?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

5. Please provide a comment to help us understand your preference

6. Do you support extending the closing time:

- ☐ Every night
- ☐ Monday to Thursday night
- ☐ Friday to Sunday night
- ☐ Never
- ☐ Other

7. What street do you live on?

- ☐ Amsterdam Circuit
- ☐ Trower Road
- ☐ Vanderlin Drive
- ☐ Macassar Street
- ☐ Hessel Street
- ☐ Wagaman Terrace
- ☐ Limmen Street
- ☐ Klein Street

8. To be kept informed of the outcome of Walkway 81 closing time please provide your email address.

9. To register to be informed of all City of Darwin consultations please provide your email address.

## WALKWAY 81 FEEDBACK

Feedback received via email, phone and door knocking

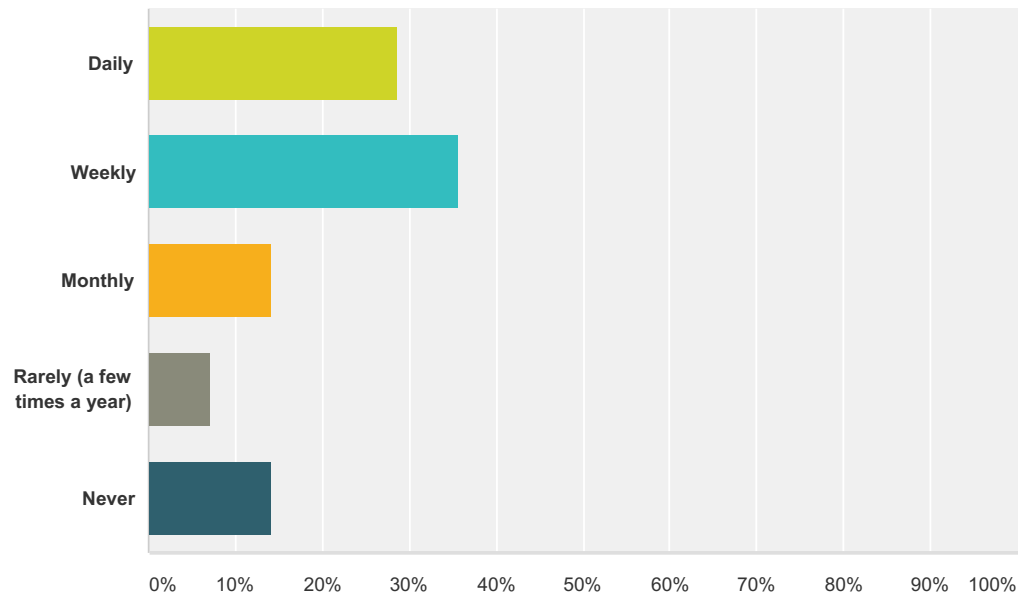
Properties adjoining Walkway 81	
Amsterdam Circuit	Don't mind which option
Amsterdam Circuit	<p>As laneway 81 has no effect on anyone but me I will always be out voted. The time that it closes has not been a problem and no need to extend it. The ones that climb the fence are late at night and we don't want it open all night. I would like it closed. The lights are good. However to improve what we have I used to call 131444 anytime there was anyone sitting in the laneway. The police had problems if they were not drinking as there is no law stopping them sitting there. So you need a no loitering sign and pass a law about loitering in the laneway. I have seen drug deals go down and one couple having sex so a camera would be interesting. (this was in the middle of the day.) I was told not to point my camera into the laneway. The police were good in coming and did keep an eye on it in the past but it is up to users to call 13144 if they see loitering or drinking there. I use the laneway all the time. Leave the closing at 7:00 or they will want it open all night. Remember the parties and drinking when it was open all night. Horrible.</p>
Trower Road	Whatever everyone else wants, I don't really mind.
Trower Road	<p>Happy with 9pm. The anti-social behaviour happens in the day as well as at night so it doesn't really matter if the gate is closed later or not. I am happy for it to be opened later because I have seen a lot of elderly people who use it and I don't want them to have to walk too far if they can't get through the Walkway.</p>
Trower Road	I would prefer a 7pm closure for security reasons. There are sometimes issues even before 7pm with people drinking in the walkway so I don't want it to get worse.
Trower Road	<p>I strongly support the 7pm close. I live right next to the walkway and have owned this place for 10 years. It would be unsafe to leave it open until 9pm. It would be unsafe for people to walk through there after dark. There are a lot of issues with people drinking and fighting in the walkway. I have had to put additional security around my unit for protection (<b>Appendix E</b>)</p> <p>I would prefer for the walkway to be closed permanently.</p>
Trower Road	<p>I want it kept closed at 7pm. There is often people in there drinking. People still jump the gate and drink in there. It is often noisy and I often feel unsafe. I think it will make it worse if it is opened later.</p>
Other properties	
Amsterdam Circuit	I don't mind either way, I have lived here 43 years and only used it once so it doesn't affect me.
Amsterdam Circuit	I support a 9pm closure as it will provide benefits to those who need to walk through. However I don't want it to create issues for the people who live next door, so I think it should be a trial for six months and at the end check that it hasn't created any problems.
Wagaman Terrace	I have lived here since 1982, I support a 9pm closure to be able to access the shops. There used to be a lot of troublesome youth in the area that caused trouble in the walkway, but they have moved on now

	so it shouldn't have the same problems with anti-social behaviours. I would actually prefer to see Walkway 80 opened.
Amsterdam Circuit	9pm should be ok. It will be convenient for people to get through to the shops.
Amsterdam Circuit	I support 9pm, but I would prefer it to be a trial. I have lived here a long time and I was here when there was a lot of trouble in the area, I think that the people who used to cause the trouble have moved on but I would prefer a trial to see if it creates problems.
Amsterdam Circuit	I support a 9pm closure to be able to get through to the shops.
Amsterdam Circuit	I support a 9pm closing time
Amsterdam Circuit	I don't mind what the closing time is
Amsterdam Circuit	I supports a 9pm closure
	<p>I have completed your survey online, just wanted to add some additional comments.</p> <p>I do support extending the open hours of the walkway, as my family and I do use this thoroughfare and there have been occasions when we have walked/cycled the long way around as it had already closed.</p> <p>Do you have any plans to open the walkway between Amsterdam Park and Vanderlin Dr? We would also use this walkway if it was open daily. This would also allow more kids to use the park, as the kids in the units on Vanderlin Dr, could come through.</p> <p>We do have an issue with all the dogs barking every time someone walks around the suburb, not sure what can be done about this. So would make it more noisy, but not really much you can do about this.</p>
	<p>I received a letter regarding extending opening hour for walkway 81- Amsterdam Circuit/Tower road, I don't believe it should be extended for safety reason at night. I believe 7pm gives enough time for it to be open and plus since it have been close during the night the neighbourhood has been fairly quiet and no young kids hanging around there. Although there are a few houses in that area that accommodate backpacks one particular, there are so many backpackers living in that house and this could be the reason why people have request it to be open longer hour as some backpacker may not have transport and need to have the walk way open. But I would still prefer it the way it is now.</p> <p>While we are discussing about walkways would you be able to tell me when would the walkway -Amsterdam Circuit/Vanderlin Drive be open?</p> <p>It's has been close for a few years now, my children goes to Wanguri primary school and having the walkway open even just in the morning until 6pm would really help my kids. Instead of them walking around toward Klien Street and to Vanderlin Drive with the walkway open they can just walk straight through the walkway to Vanderlin drive and towards Wanguri Primary School. Special now that it's toward the dry season.</p>
22 Amsterdam Circuit	<p>I have been made aware that the Council will be consulting with local residents re extending the opening hours of Walkway 81 until 9.00 pm.</p> <p>As a local resident and rate payer I am very much IN FAVOUR of extending the opening of Walkway 81 from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm.</p> <p>This would allow my husband and I to walk to the shopping centre, cinema, eating area during the early evening rather than having to</p>

	<p>drive. Reducing vehicle use is an environmentally important goal. I am also aware that some residents work shifts at the shopping centre, and its surrounds, and this would also assist them as well as the numerous elderly residents of this area.</p> <p>As the signage on the walkways state that these are TEMPORARY closure, I am disappointed that the other walkways in this street are to remain closed, especially Walkway 83 which allows access to the Medical Precinct.</p> <p>These walkways were included in the suburb design to allow for pedestrian access to shopping centres, major roads and bus stops. Closure of these walkways impinge on all local residents and is an inappropriate and lazy way of dealing with the so called anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>Please re-consider your decision and re-consult on these closures</p>
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Q1 How often do you use Walkway 81?

Answered: 14 Skipped: 0

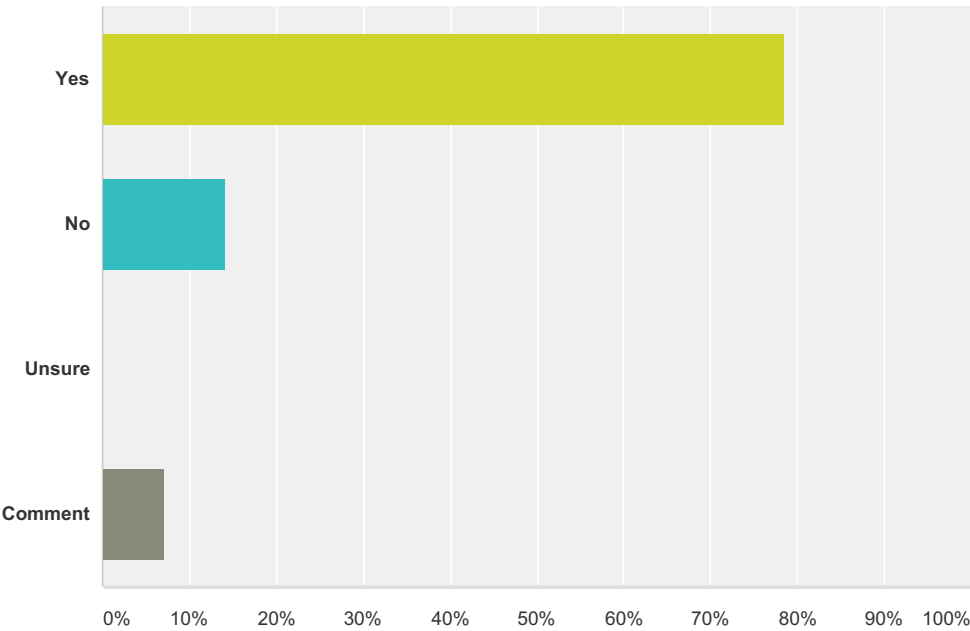


Answer Choices	Responses	
Daily	28.57%	4
Weekly	35.71%	5
Monthly	14.29%	2
Rarely (a few times a year)	7.14%	1
Never	14.29%	2
Total		14



Q2 Do you support extending the closing time of Walkway 81 from 7pm to 9pm?

Answered: 14 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	78.57%	11
No	14.29%	2
Unsure	0.00%	0
Comment	7.14%	1
Total		14

#	Comment	Date
1	Yes. Easier walking access to Cas late night shopping and the Quarter restaurants.	4/5/2017 1:53 PM

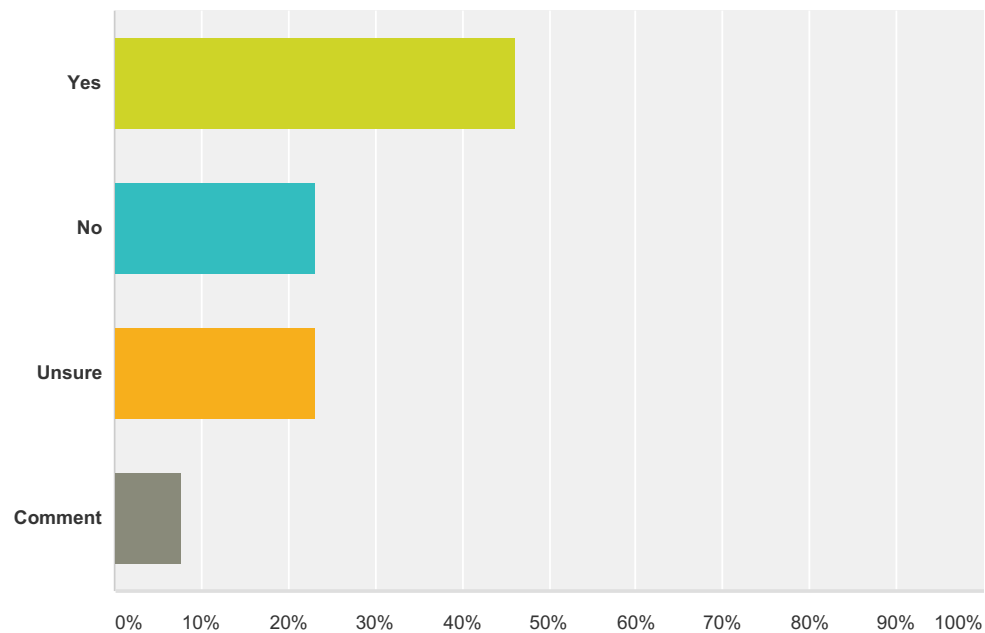
### Q3 Please provide a comment to help us understand the reasons for your preference

Answered: 12 Skipped: 2

#	Responses	Date
1	We are worried about people drinking there, antisocial behaviour and juvenile crime. This has been a very big problem for us in the past and we do not want to have these problems again. Now I feel safe in my house but I did not feel safe before the laneways were closed.	4/27/2017 7:47 PM
2	Because people need access to the doctor and pharmacy easily can walk through the alleyway or late night shopping nights easy access.	4/22/2017 10:10 PM
3	It should be open 24/7, as should all the walkways.	4/16/2017 5:51 PM
4	after dark is when we had the anti social behaviour in the past and this has mainly stopped since it was closed between 7pm and 5am.	4/14/2017 2:02 PM
5	Easier to shop without having to be on a schedule	4/13/2017 11:13 AM
6	To allow residents of the area to access Casuarina "the Quarter" and also the movies. I dont believe that a laneway closing time that is extended to 9pm will increase antisocial behaviour. Please note that I do not currently live in Wagaman, but have an investment house in Macassar St Wagaman .	4/10/2017 5:06 PM
7	I have small children and I like to take them out to dinner and Timezone a bit. Having it open for longer means we don't need to rush so we don't have to walk all the way around.	4/9/2017 11:06 AM
8	we have walked through to casurina for dinner then had to walk around the long way, we now have a newborn so bit annoying as we have to rush back by 7pm	4/6/2017 9:03 PM
9	access to casuarina shops and the bus depot	4/6/2017 6:53 PM
10	I am 76 year old lady and don't drive. Continuously need the shortcut to go places	4/6/2017 4:55 PM
11	It is still light at 7.00p.m. and to close the walkway later would give locals more time to access the shops e.g Kmart and the new food precinct area. Also take advantage of Friday night late night shopping.	4/5/2017 8:03 PM
12	After dinner access back home from the precinct	4/5/2017 7:15 PM

### Q4 Do you support extending the closing time of Walkway 81 from 7pm to 8pm?

Answered: 13 Skipped: 1



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	46.15% 6
No	23.08% 3
Unsure	23.08% 3
Comment	7.69% 1
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>

#	Comment	Date
1	Yes. But 9pm till 5am would be better	4/5/2017 1:53 PM

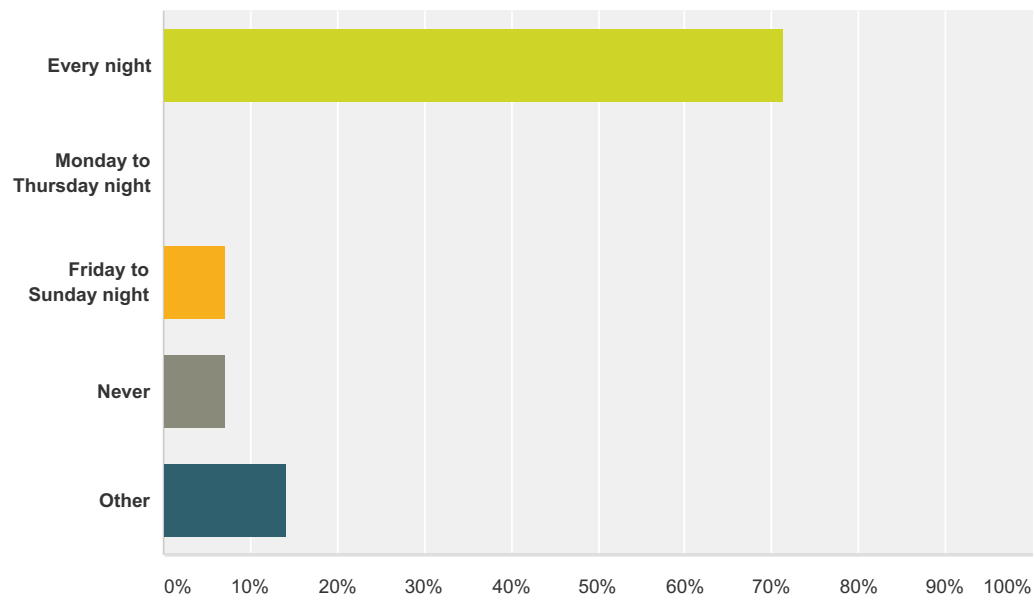
### Q5 Please provide a comment to help us understand your preference

Answered: 10 Skipped: 4

#	Responses	Date
1	This makes the laneway more accessible for everyone.	4/27/2017 7:47 PM
2	Prefer the later time of 9.	4/22/2017 10:10 PM
3	after dark is when we had the anti social behaviour in the past and this has mainly stopped since it was closed between 7pm and 5am.	4/14/2017 2:02 PM
4	Would prefer 7pm to 9pm	4/13/2017 11:13 AM
5	To allow residents of the area to access Casuarina "the Quarter" and also the movies. I dont believe that a laneway closing time that is extended to 9pm will increase antisocial behaviour. Please note that I do not currently live in Wagaman, but have an investment house in Macassar St Wagaman .	4/10/2017 5:06 PM
6	we have walked through to casuarina for dinner then had to walk around the long way, we now have a newborn so bit annoying as we have to rush back by 7pm	4/6/2017 9:03 PM
7	8pm is too early	4/6/2017 6:53 PM
8	7PM is to early to close. Need go shopping later to Casuarina and for emergencies. Quemist, etc.	4/6/2017 4:55 PM
9	It is still light at 7.00p.m. and to close the walkway later would give locals more time to access the shops e.g Kmart and the new food precinct area. Also take advantage of Friday night late night shopping.	4/5/2017 8:03 PM
10	After dinner access back home from the precinct	4/5/2017 7:15 PM

### Q6 Do you support extending the closing time:

Answered: 14 Skipped: 0

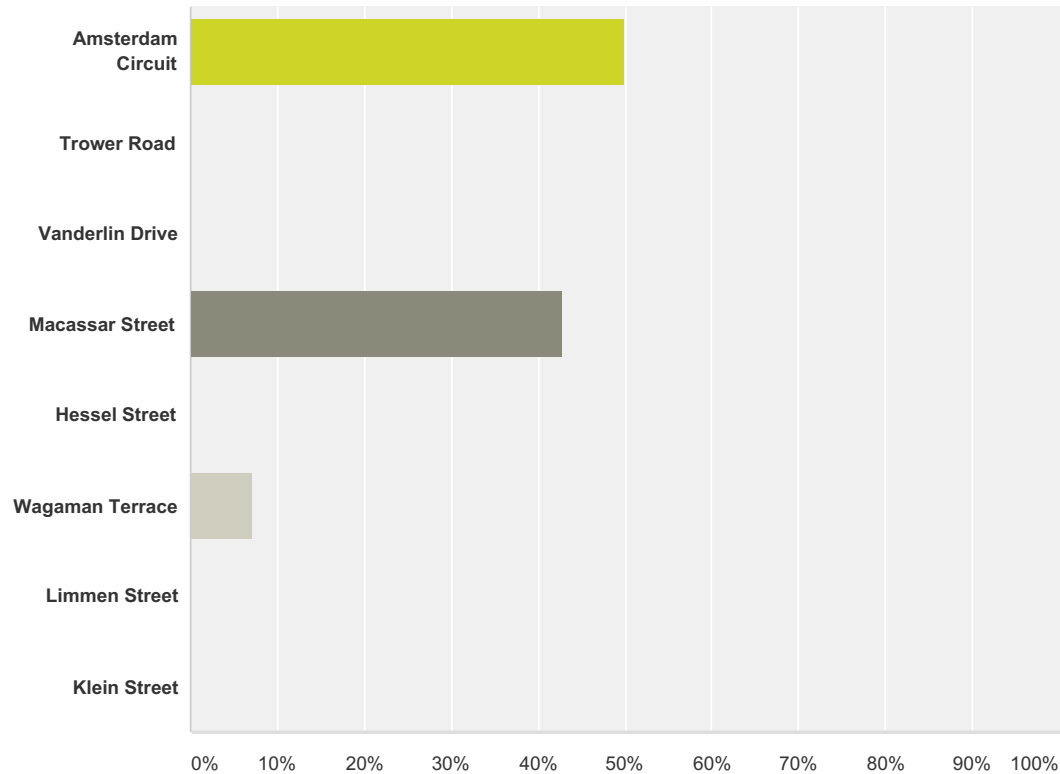


Answer Choices	Responses
Every night	71.43% 10
Monday to Thursday night	0.00% 0
Friday to Sunday night	7.14% 1
Never	7.14% 1
Other	14.29% 2
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>

#	Other	Date
1	Extend to 8pm on Monday to Friday only and closed at 7pm on the weekend.	4/27/2017 7:47 PM
2	Monday to Thursday night 8.00p.m. and Friday to Sunday night till 9.00p.m.	4/5/2017 8:03 PM

Q7 What street do you live on?

Answered: 14 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses	
Amsterdam Circuit	50.00%	7
Trower Road	0.00%	0
Vanderlin Drive	0.00%	0
Macassar Street	42.86%	6
Hessel Street	0.00%	0
Wagaman Terrace	7.14%	1
Limmen Street	0.00%	0
Klein Street	0.00%	0
Total		14



ENCL: COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES  
YES COMMITTEE/OPEN

AGENDA ITEM: 10.1.2

### REVIEW OF NIGHTCLIFF JETTY CAR PARK OPENING HOURS

REPORT No.: 17C0032 AM:kl

COMMON No.: 2255268

DATE: 22/05/2017

**Presenter:** General Manager Community & Cultural Services,  
Anna Malgorzewicz

**Approved:** Chief Executive Officer, Brendan Dowd

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to present the outcomes of consultation with the community and stakeholders regarding the Nightcliff Jetty Car Parks closing time.

#### **LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies as outlined in the 'Evolving Darwin Towards 2020 Strategic Plan':-

#### **Goal**

5 Effective and Responsible Governance

#### **Outcome**

5.3 Good governance

#### **Key Strategies**

5.3.4 Encourage community participation by engaging, communicating and working in partnership with the community

#### **KEY ISSUES**

- The Nightcliff Jetty car park and the car park at Lot 8694 Casuarina Drive currently closes daily between 11.00pm and 4.00am.
- Council received a request to consider closing the Nightcliff Jerry car park earlier due to concerns with 'excessive noise and public disturbance' and that in the evening there is 'continual noise, drinking and safety concerns from the vehicles parking within the Nightcliff Jetty car park'.
- A Community Wide Level 2 consultation was undertaken providing the community and stakeholders with information about the proposal and seeking their views.
- The consultation period commenced on 5 April 2017 and closed on 5 May 2017.
- The consultation received 217 survey responses, two written submissions and fourteen email responses **Attachment A**.



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- The consultation process identified strong opposition to an earlier closing time and additional suggestions regarding management of anti-social behaviour and car parking behaviours in general were provided.
- As a result of the extensive consultation it is recommended that closing times remain unchanged.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- THAT Report Number 17C0032 AM:kl entitled Review of Nightcliff Jetty Car Park Opening Hours, be received and noted.
- THAT Council continue with the current closing regime of the Nightcliff Jetty Car Park between the hours of 11.00pm and 4.00am daily.
- THAT Council advise all stakeholders and consultation contributors of Council's decision to continue with existing closing times at the Nightcliff Jetty Car Park.

## **BACKGROUND**

### **PREVIOUS DECISIONS**

*DECISION NO. 18\3624 (25/06/2002)*

#### **Partial Closure of a Public Place – Nightcliff Boat Ramp Carpark and Lot 8694 Casuarina Drive**

*Report No. 02TS0226*

- THAT Council close the carpark adjacent to the Nightcliff Boat Ramp and the Indented carpark at Lot 8694 Casuarina Drive daily between the hours of 11.00pm and 4.00am for a period of 1 year commencing June 2002.*
- THAT Council reassess public reaction, cost and demand in July 2003.*

*DECISION NO. 18\2002 (26/05/2001)*

#### **Partial Closure of a Public Place – Nightcliff Boat Ramp Carpark and Lot 8694 Casuarina Drive**

*Report 01TS0106*

- THAT Council close the carpark adjacent to the Nightcliff Boat Ramp and the Indented carpark at Lot 8694 Casuarina Drive daily between the hours of 11.00pm and 4.00 am for a period of 1 year commencing June 2001.*
- THAT Council reassess public reaction, cost and demand in July 2002.*

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DECISION NO. 18\754 (31/10/2000)

**Partial Closure of a Public Place – Lot 8694 Casuarina Drive**

Report 00TS0221

- B. *THAT Council agree to close the car park adjacent to the Nightcliff Boat Ramp and the indented car park at Lot 8694 Casuarina Drive, daily between the hours 11.00 pm – 4.00 am on a 6 months trial basis, commencing on Friday, 10 November 2000 for the purpose of assessing public reaction.*

(31/07/2000)

- A. *THAT subject to Council being able to legally do so, the indented car park opposite 226 Casuarina Drive, be closed on a temporary basis, from 10.00pm each day to 5.00am the following day, for a four week period, during which time, consultation will be undertaken with the Northern Territory Police in relation to a comprehensive approach to control the anti-social behaviour in the area and the Director Technical Services provide a report on previous resolutions on this matter.*
- B. *THAT the Director Technical Services enter into discussions with the Northern Territory Government over the issue of noise regulations and seek to include aspects of noise that intrudes into and from public air space, and following this, that a report be presented to the Council.*

**DISCUSSION**

In late 2016, City of Darwin officers received a resident complaint regarding incidents of excessive noise, public disturbance and anti-social behaviour occurring at the Nightcliff Jetty Car Park. Complaints revolved around public drinking, vehicle noise and safety concerns for legitimate users of the area. City of Darwin officers investigated these complaints, undertook resident interviews, CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) assessments, and in partnership with Northern Territory Police, negotiated the deployment of a mobile cctv unit to monitor and counteract these activities. Regular monitoring activities by the Northern Territory Police did not identify instances of behaviours that required action.

Council continued to receive complaints from the local member and residents regarding anti-social behaviour and was approached to consider closing the Nightcliff Jetty Car Park earlier than the current 11.00pm closing time. A community consultation process was implemented to ascertain the views of the community regarding the proposed amendments to the closing time and in parallel to this process, City of Darwin also monitored any further complaint activity regarding the area.

The facility has been in place for approximately fifty years, is a popular boat ramp in Darwin and is the only structure protected from onshore wave action by a rock groyne. It is a popular launch spot for commercial and recreational fishers, and

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tourism operators and is utilised as an access point for search and rescue operations. The Northern Territory Government has invested in infrastructure improvements over many years and further enhancements are currently planned, such as dredging and possible installation of security cctv cameras.

The consultation period commenced on 5 April 2017 and closed on 5 May 2017. A total of 217 survey responses, two written submissions and fourteen email responses were received. A full copy of the consultation report is at **Attachment A**.

Community engagement in the process was at a high level with positive participation rates in the online survey, and the Amateur Fisherman's Association of the Northern Territory (AFANT) provided a written submission, conducted a face to face meeting with City of Darwin officers and arranged for the organisation's own survey which attracted a further 149 responses. The proposal also drew comprehensive social media interaction, including being featured in a popular radio fishing program. The Northern Territory Government, through its Department of Primary Industry and Resources also provided a formal written submission.

There was strong opposition to the car park closing earlier than the current 11.00pm closing time. A number of respondents argued a case for the car park to be accessible 24 hours per day. Major arguments for not changing the 11.00pm closing time included:

- Further restrictions to already perceived or real limited access hours;
- The impacts further closure would have on search and rescue operations;
- The negative impact on the fishing/boating community and industry, including tourism;
- Car parking congestion on street; and
- The impact on popular street food operations and community amenity.

The Northern Territory Police and the Northern Territory Government also recommended that incidents of anti-social behaviour, when this occurs, are better addressed through means other than closure of the car park. AFANT also advised that it has made recommendations for available Northern Territory Government funding to enhance infrastructure and provide improved security at boat ramps be considered for the installation of cctv cameras at the Nightcliff Jetty Car Park. City of Darwin officers will further these discussions.

Through the consultation process other issues arose, including improved delineation and signage in the car park to support availability of boat trailer car parking. This matter will be dealt with operationally.

In conclusion, there was a strong objection to earlier closure of the car park and for Council to support the continued access to the car park, with closure limited to the hours between 11.00pm and 4.00am and that alternative methods to address anti-social behaviour are explored and implemented with relevant stakeholders.

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As a result, it is the recommendation of this report that the current closing times at the Nightcliff Jetty Car Park remain unchanged.

### **CONSULTATION PROCESS**

A Community Wide Level 2 consultation was undertaken commencing on 5 April 2017 and concluding on the 5 May 2017 in accordance with the City of Darwin's Community Consultation Policy 025. Details of the consultation are provided in **Attachment A**.

In preparing this report, the following City of Darwin officers were consulted:

- Senior Community Engagement Officer

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

The consultation process was conducted within the framework as described in City of Darwin's Community Consultation Policy 025.

### **BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

As there are no changes recommended to the current closing regime or existing infrastructure, there will be no budget implications resulting from this recommendation.

### **RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

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### **COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION**

We the Author and Approving Officers declare that we do not have a Conflict of Interest in relation to this matter.

**ANNA MALGORZEWICZ**  
**GENERAL MANAGER**  
**COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL**  
**SERVICES**

**BRENDAN DOWD**  
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#### **Attachments:**

**Attachment A:** Community Consultation Report



## **Community Consultation Report**

### **Level 2 Consult**

## **Nightcliff Jetty Car Parks**

## 1. BACKGROUND

The Nightcliff Jetty Car Parks are closed between 11pm and 4am daily. The car park was first closed in August 2000 due to issues with anti-social behaviour and disruption to local residents.

Council has received a request to consider closing the Nightcliff Jetty Car Park earlier. The request stated concerns with 'excessive noise and public disturbance' and that in the evening there is 'continual noise, drinking and safety concerns from the vehicles parking within the Jetty Carpark.'

The background records on the car parks show:

- Temporary trial closure of the car park from 10 August 2000 to 29 September 2000. The car park was locked between 10pm and 5am each day.
- Continued trial closure daily between the hours 11pm - 4am on a 6 months trial basis, commencing on Friday 10 November 2000
- Continued closure of the carpark between the hours of 11pm and 4am for a period of 1 year commencing June 2001.
- Continued closure of the carpark between the hours of 11pm and 4am for a period of 1 year commencing June 2002.
- Continued closure of the car parks between 11pm and 4am from this time.

Council Decisions:

*At its Special Meeting held on 31 July 2000 Council resolved;*

- A. *THAT subject to Council being able to legally do so, the indented car park opposite 226 Casuarina Drive, be closed on a temporary basis, from 10.00pm each day to 5.00am the following day, for a four week period, during which time, consultation will be undertaken with the Northern Territory Police in relation to a comprehensive approach to control the anti-social behaviour in the area and the Director Technical Services provide a report on previous resolutions on this matter.*
- B. *THAT the Director Technical Services enter into discussions with the Northern Territory Government over the issue of noise regulations and seek to include aspects of noise that intrudes into and from public air space, and following this, that a report be presented to the Council.*

## 8 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### 8.3 TECHNICAL SERVICES (23/10/00)

#### 3. Partial Closure of Public Place – Lot 8694 Casuarina Drive External Ref No.00TS0221 (16/10/00) Internal Ref No.208511

(Ald Tilley/Elix)

- A. THAT Report Number 00TS0221 RDM:in entitled Partial Closure of Public Place - Lot 8694 Casuarina Drive, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council agree to close the car park adjacent to the Nightcliff Boat Ramp and the indented car park at Lot 8694 Casuarina Drive, daily between the hours 11.00 p.m. - 4.00 a.m. on a 6 months trial basis, commencing on Friday, 10 November, 2000, for the purpose of assessing public reaction.

DECISION NO.18\754 (31/10/00)

Carried

ACTION: DTECH B

## 8 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### 8.3 ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE (18/06/01)

#### 10. Partial Closure of a Public Place - Nightcliff Boat Ramp Carpark and Lot 8694 Casuarina Drive External Ref No.01TS0106 (07/06/01) Internal Ref No.208511

*With the consent of the Council, the decisions arising from this item were moved from the Confidential Section into the Open Section of the Minutes.*

(Ald Tilley/Fox)

- A. THAT Report Number 01TS0106 BPD:in entitled Partial Closure of a Public Place – Nightcliff Boat Ramp Carpark and Lot 8694 Casuarina Drive, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council close the carpark adjacent to the Nightcliff Boat Ramp and the indented carpark at Lot 8694 Casuarina Drive daily between the hours of 11.00 p.m. and 4.00 a.m. for a period of 1 year commencing June 2001.
- C. THAT Council reassess public reaction, cost and demand in July 2002.

DECISION NO.18\2002 (26/06/01)

Carried

ACTION: DTECH



## 9 MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL

### 9.1 Partial Closure Of A Public Place - Nightcliff Boat Ramp Carpark And Lot 8694 Casuarina Drive External Ref No.02TS0226 DB:md (06/02/02)

*The Environment & Infrastructure Committee resolved at its meeting on 17 June, 2002, to refer this Report to Council for consideration.*

(Ald Elix/Burridge)

- A. THAT Report Number 02TS0222 entitled Partial Closure Of A Public Place - Nightcliff Boat Ramp Carpark And Lot 8694 Casuarina Drive, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council close the carpark adjacent to the Nightcliff Boat Ramp and the indented carpark at Lot 8694 Casuarina Drive daily between the hours of 11.00 p.m. and 4.00 a.m. for a period of 1 year commencing June 2002.
- C. THAT Council reassess public reaction, cost and demand in June 2003.

DECISION NO.1813624 (25/06/02)

Carried

ACTION: DTECH  
NOTE: DCORP

## 2. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this consultation program are:

- To inform the community of the request to close the car parks earlier, including the reasoning for the request
- To provide information on the community use of the Nightcliff Jetty Car Park
- To seek the views of the community regarding the closing time of Nightcliff Jetty Car Parks
- To inform a decision on the closing time of the car parks.

## 3. APPROACH

The consultation is consistent with the City of Darwin's Community Consultation Policy 025. It is a Community Wide Level 2 plan designed to provide the community and stakeholders with information about the proposal, seek their views, and provide feedback on how public input influenced the outcome. The consultation period commenced on the 5 April and closed on the 5 May 2017.

## 4. STAKEHOLDERS

Stakeholder	Interest	Engagement
Local residents and property owners	Noise disturbance/amenity Access to the car park and foreshore area	Mail out letter and fact sheet to area in <b>Appendix A</b>

General public	Access to Nightcliff foreshore	website, social media, eNewsletter, email distribution list, flyers on cars in car park
Community interest groups		
Food Vans	Patronage	Email
Peak bodies/associations		
Amateur Fishermen's Association of the NT	Represents fishing community Access to boat ramp and jetty	Email with fact sheet Meeting
Northern Territory Guided Fishing Industry Association	Represents fishing community Access to boat ramp and jetty	Email with fact sheet
Public Place Services Collaboration Group	Public places Anti-social behavior	Email
Government		
City of Darwin staff	Impact on contract for locking gates Any other factors not considered	Email with fact sheet
Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics	Access to infrastructure	Email with fact Sheet
Department of Primary Industry and Resources	Access to infrastructure Impact on fishing industry	Email with fact sheet
Tourism Top End	Impacts on tourists to close earlier	Email with fact sheet
Member for Nightcliff Natasha Fyles	Raised request Representing constituents	Email/Letter

## 5. METHODS AND MATERIAL

Information was made available to the community via:

- Letter to residents and owners
- Fact sheet
- City of Darwin website
- Survey
- Social media
- eNewsletter
- A number of local radio stations ran segments discussing the issue

Copies of the methods and material is provided at **Appendix A**

## 6. CONSULTATION RESULTS

There were 217 survey responses received, two written submissions and fourteen email responses.

### SURVEY RESULTS SUMMARY

A full copy of the survey responses can be found at **Appendix B**

The survey results show that 41% of respondents use the car parks weekly, 24% monthly and 13% daily. The respondents use the car parks for the jetty (51%), food vans (50%), exercise (47%), boat ramp (46%) and to access Sunset Park (42%).

Majority of the respondents do not support changing the closing time of the car parks from 11pm to 9pm, with 80% not in support of it. There were 15% of respondents who did support the earlier closing time, and 5% who were unsure.

Some comments received include:

*Have been attending sunset park for 32 years with family and friends for picnic dinners. Closing at 9pm will greatly impact on our regular attendance at a well-kept, local facility that is designed for families.*

*This is a policing issue. Why should majority of the community be impacted by the actions of a few. I live in an apartment in the city, motorbikes, 3 wheel trikes blaring music etc... urban environments occasional have noise. 11pm is not an unreasonable time to close the carpark.*

*Food vans are there until after 9pm. Exemption periods allow for drinking in that area until 9.30pm.*

*I use the carpark to access my favourite fishing spots, closing it at 9 pm will not trouble me at all. In fact, it would be good to quieten down the area and keep Nightcliff safe at night.*

*We regularly hear car noise from the car park all nights of the week, and are confronted with the rubbish that is left in the morning in the car park.*

*We need access to the ramp and car park to be able to respond in emergency situations - we use the ramp regularly, and call outs occur at all hours of the day*

*It is a public boat ramp, it should not be shut at all!!! What other boat ramps around Darwin are shut overnight? This is an important access point for Northern Suburbs residents to launch their boats to access right around the coast, it is considered to be a "safe" car park from vandals unlike Buffalo Creek.*

*The carpark is not needed after 9 pm by the community as come 8 pm the sun is down and people head home. After most people depart it becomes full of cars and people wanting to party, drive fast and cause trouble. Closing the carpark at 9 pm will allow access for the community but reduce antisocial behaviour and deter this from being a hang out for those looking for trouble.*

*I use that ramp very often and we must come home when there is enough water at the ramp which means using it late at night. I would suggest having it open 24/7 and having some patrols at night if there is still a problem. Or install CCTV cameras and better lighting.*

Majority of respondents did not support changing the closure time from 11pm to 10pm, with 74% indicating they did not support it, 16% did support the 10pm closure, and 10% were unsure.

Some comments received include:

*10pm is way too early. The jetty and surrounding area is still visited by people at this time.*

*Noise complaints should be handled by police. Council represents all rate payers, they should not be enacting laws that impact majority, to please a tiny minority. Especially if public nuisance laws already exist.*

*The anti-social behaviour is a concern to everyone not just the residents. This needs to be addressed instead of closing the carpark.*

*10pm - should be ok for the fishermen but still clear out the very loud groups who drive there to drink and party*

*Preference is for 9pm closure, but this would be better than current arrangements.*

*Using Nightcliff ramp is tide dependant, it is also the closest and easiest ramp to coastal reef fishing areas which can provide a fast retrieval in emergency situations*

*Earlier the better! So the sensible members of community can still use the car park facilities but closing before it becomes an after dark hang out.*

## WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

### NT Government Department of Primary Industry and Resource

A submission was received from DPIR as shown in **Appendix C**, this includes the Territory Labor Party Policy Paper on Recreational Fishing. DPIR states a number of reasons why they do not support an earlier closing time of the car parks including access to the boat ramp for fishing as well as search and rescue operations. They recommend alternative

ways of addressing the anti-social behaviour issues are considered in conjunction with NT Police.

### **Amateur Fisherman's Association of the Northern Territory**

AFANT submitted a response on behalf of recreational fishers of the NT as shown in **Appendix D**. AFANT is strongly opposed to any moves to further restrict access to the Nightcliff jetty and boat ramp car parks. Their view is that the current arrangements are already overly restrictive and unsatisfactory. They have suggested Council consult with the community regarding opening the car park access 24 hours a day. AFANT has also raised an issue with the current car parking arrangement, with cars taking up the trailer parking area, and suggested that these bays be marked specifically for trailer parking. AFANT's written submission includes details of a survey they ran themselves which received 149 responses.

## **EMAIL SUBMISSIONS**

A full copy of email submissions is provided at **Appendix E**.

There were 13 email submissions with 9 supporting the closure time remaining as 11pm to 4am, with reasons including:

- I would like to propose the current closures are removed entirely and new tools are found & put in place to deal with any issues for residents.
- The suggested change brings forward the closure time significantly this will have a significant effect on the useability of this ramp.
- If you live near the beach you have to accept people will mingle along the Jetty and beach during the night.
- Closing the carpark earlier is unlikely to improve either of these issues, indeed closing it early will very likely facilitate antisocial individuals to move into the area earlier in the evening.

There were 4 email submissions supporting an earlier closing time, with reasons including:

- By my observation there is little if any legitimate use of the car park by the general public, including fishermen after 10 pm.
- I support an earlier closing time of 10pm. I believe that social activity should be allowed up to that time. 9pm seems overly restrictive

### **Northern Territory Police**

An email from the NT Police stated:

Police do not support an earlier close time, with a preference for addressing behavioural issues.

## **7. CONSLUSION**

This report provides the feedback received from the consultation on the Nightcliff Jetty Car Parks closing time.

There has been strong opposition to the car parks closing any earlier than 11pm, with 80% of survey respondents plus the Department of Primary Industry and Resources, the Amateur Fisherman's Association of the NT, and the NT Policy opposing the proposal.

The key reasons being:

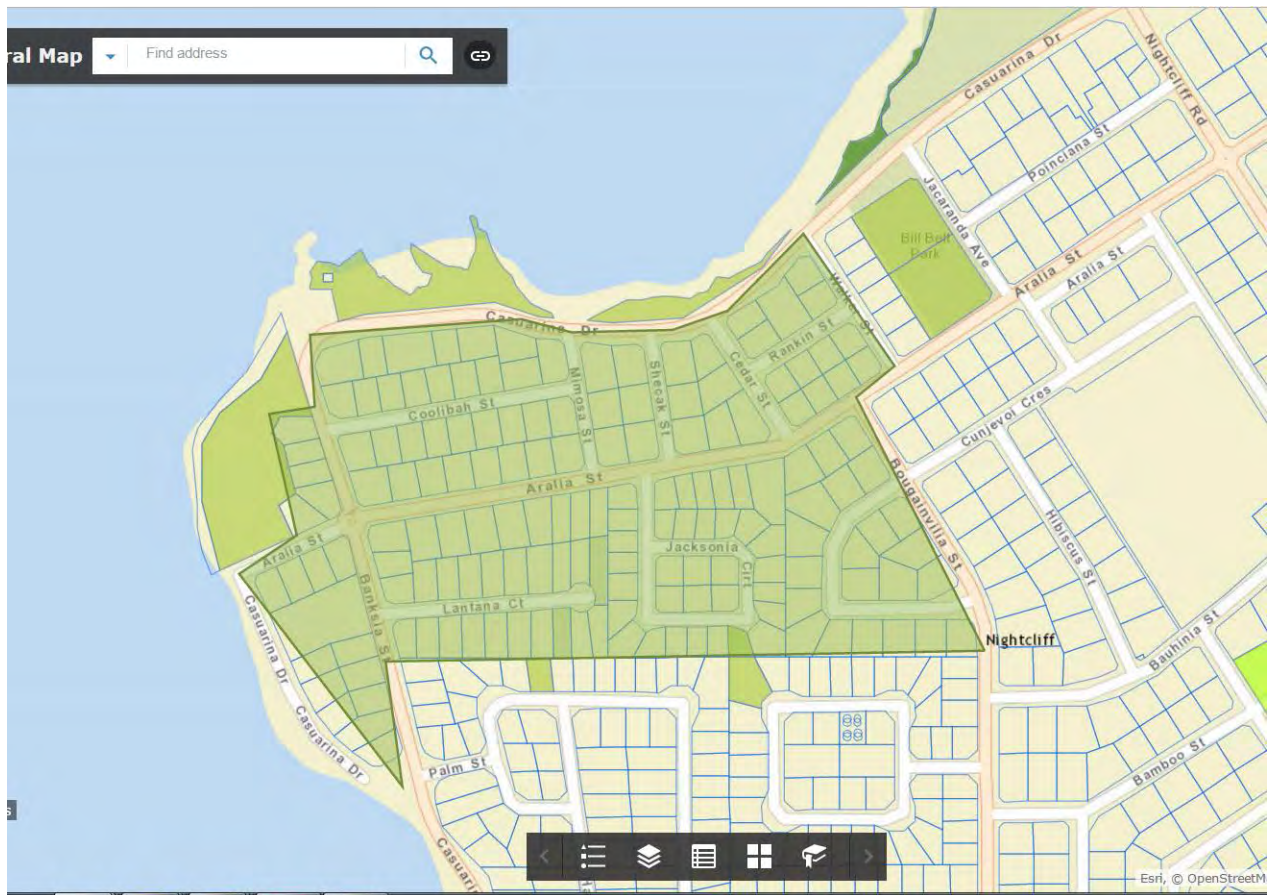
- It restricts community access to public facilities
- Negative impact on the fishing/boating community and industry
- Restricts search and rescue operations
- The anti-social behaviour should be addressed rather than locking the car parks
- Locking the car parks earlier could create issues elsewhere as cars could park on the verge or nearby streets, or move to another area

There were a small percentage of respondents (15%) who supported the earlier closing time, with key reasons being:

- Anti-social behaviour, in particular noise impacts on surrounding residents
- Safety and security concerns

A message that came through the feedback is that a lot of community members would like the car parks open 24 hours a day. This was predominantly to provide 24 hour access to the boat ramp. The feedback suggested that the anti-social behaviour should be dealt with so that access to these public facilities is not restricted to community members.

It is recommended that the car park closure times remain at 11pm to 4am to continue to provide access to these public facilities for the community and that alternative methods for addressing the anti-social behaviour are explored and implemented with relevant stakeholders.



**Mail out area**



10 April 2017

Please quote: 2255268 SJ:kl

Mr

Dear Sir / Madam

**Nightcliff Jetty Car Parks**

The Nightcliff Jetty Car Parks provide community access to the Nightcliff Foreshore and in particular the boat ramp, jetty, food vans and Sunset Park. These car parks are currently closed between 11pm and 4am each day. They were first closed in 2000 due to issues with anti-social behaviour and disruption to local residents.

City of Darwin has received a request to close the car parks earlier. We want to know the views of the community on the closing time. Please find enclosed a fact sheet with further details including how to provide your feedback.

Your feedback will be included in a consultation report that will be prepared for Council to inform a decision on the closing time.

If you have any queries please contact me on 8930 0197 or [s.jeeves@darwin.nt.gov.au](mailto:s.jeeves@darwin.nt.gov.au)

Yours sincerely



**SHEREE JEEVES**  
**SENIOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER**

Encl. Nightcliff Jetty Car Parks Fact Sheet





# FACTSHEET

## Nightcliff Jetty Car Parks

Nightcliff Jetty Car Parks provide community access to the Nightcliff Foreshore, boat ramp, jetty, food vans and Sunset Park.

City of Darwin has received a request to review the closing time of the car parks and **we want to hear your views.**

***Nightcliff  
Jetty Car Parks are  
closed at 11pm and  
opened at 4am each  
day***



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## Which car parks are being reviewed?

The large car park that connects to the Nightcliff Jetty and the smaller car park next to it, opposite 226 Casuarina Drive.

## Why are the car parks closed at night?

The car parks were first closed at night in 2000. This was due to issues with antisocial behaviour and disruption to local residents.

## Why is the closure time being reviewed?

There has continued to be some issues with excessive noise and public disturbance from the site at night time.

## What is the request?

City of Darwin has received a request to consider an earlier closing time for the car parks.

Current car park closure time: **11pm to 4am**

Requested car park closure time: **9pm to 4am**

## What do you think?

City of Darwin wants to hear from the community to find out what you think about the closing time of the car parks.

**Do you support changing the closing time from 11pm to 9pm?**

**Do you support changing the closing time from 11pm to 10pm?**

To provide your feedback:

**Survey:** [www.darwin.nt.gov.au/nightcliffjetty](http://www.darwin.nt.gov.au/nightcliffjetty)

**Email:** [haveyoursay@darwin.nt.gov.au](mailto:haveyoursay@darwin.nt.gov.au)

**Phone:** 8930 0197

*Have your  
say by 5 May  
2017*

## Nightcliff Jetty Car Parks

**Nightcliff Jetty Car Parks are currently closed at 11pm and opened at 4am each day. The night time closures started in 2000 due to anti-social behaviour issues at the site.**

**City of Darwin has received a request to consider closing the car parks earlier. This request is driven by some continued issues with noise and public disturbance at the site. Please complete this survey to tell us what you think**

1. How often do you use the Nightcliff Jetty Car Parks?

- ☐ Daily
- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ Monthly
- ☐ Rarely (a few times a year)
- ☐ Never
- ☐ Other (please specify)

2. What do you use the Nightcliff Jetty car parks for?

- ☐ Boat ramp
- ☐ Jetty
- ☐ Food vans
- ☐ Exercise at Nightcliff Foreshore
- ☐ Sunset Park
- ☐ Other

3. Do you support changing the car park closing time from 11pm to 9pm?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

4. Please provide a comment to help us understand your preference

5. Do you support changing the closing time from 11pm to 10pm?


- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

6. Please provide a comment to help us understand your preference

7. Do you have any other comments?


8. To be kept informed of the outcome of this consultation please provide your email address

9. To register to be informed of all City of Darwin consultations please provide your email address

**City of Darwin**


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We shore do need your say about the Nightcliff Jetty car parks!  
There's been some debait about the opening hours of the car parks, and  
we're currently seeking feedback from the community.  
Do you think the carpark should close earlier? Do you think the hours  
should stay the same? Let us know today!  
<http://www.darwin.nt.gov.au/nightcliffjetty>





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## **Have your say on the Jetty car parks**

The Nightcliff Jetty Car Parks provide community access to Nightcliff Foreshore and in particular the boat ramp, jetty, food vans and Sunset Park.

We received requests to review the closing time of the car park and we want to hear your views. Any feedback is greatly appreciated.

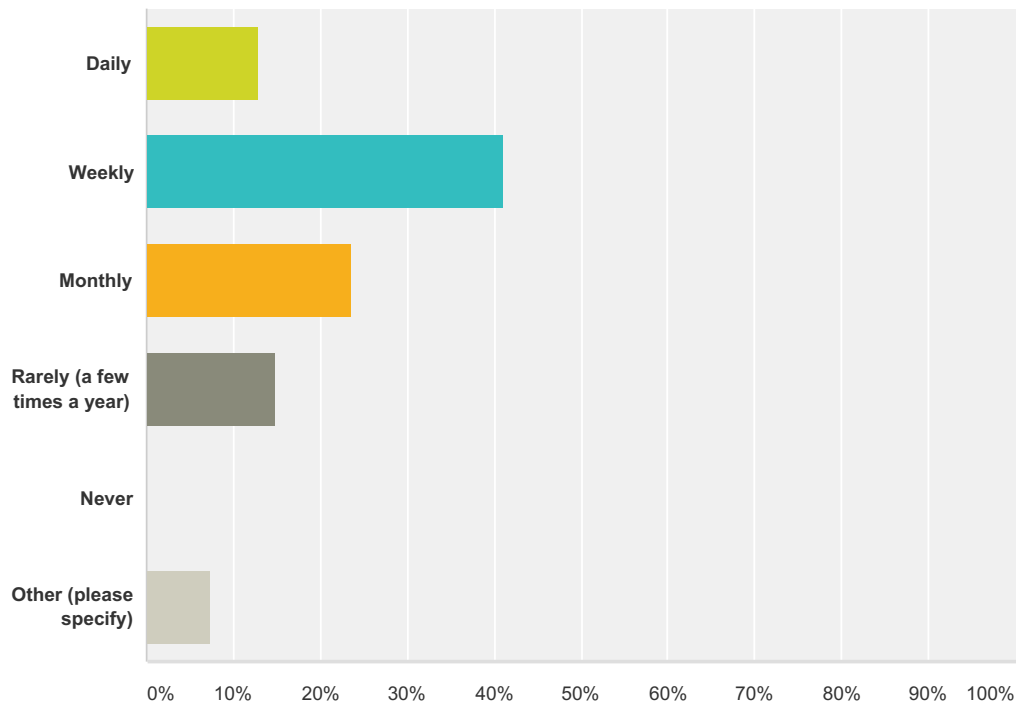
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## Q1 How often do you use the Nightcliff Jetty Car Parks?

Answered: 216 Skipped: 1



Answer Choices	Responses
Daily	12.96% 28
Weekly	41.20% 89
Monthly	23.61% 51
Rarely (a few times a year)	14.81% 32
Never	0.00% 0
Other (please specify)	7.41% 16
<b>Total</b>	<b>216</b>

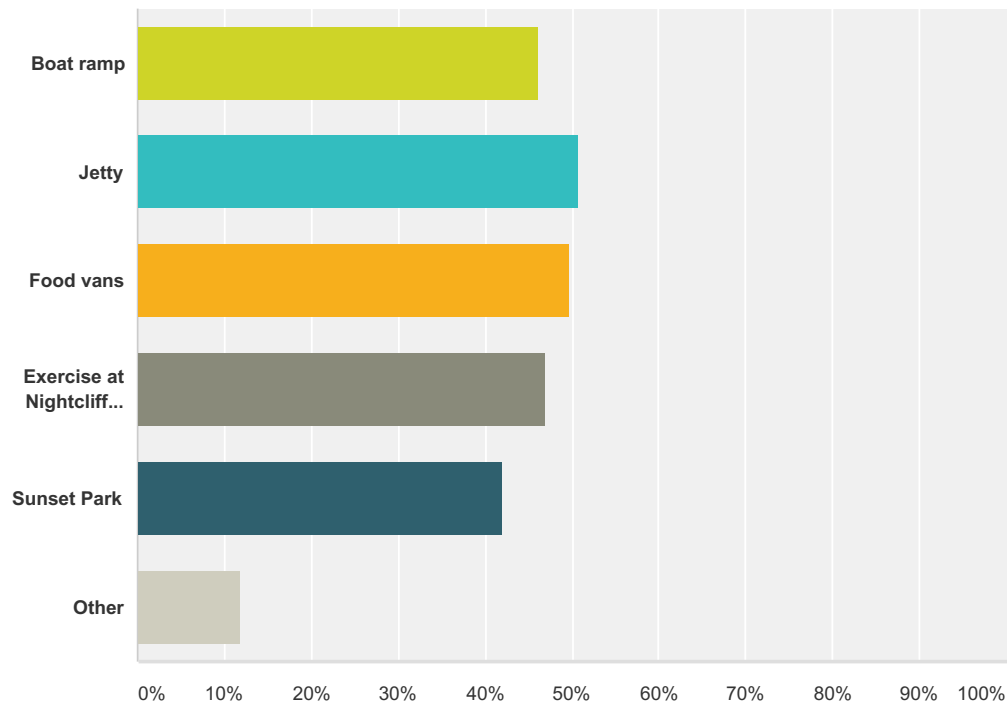
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	I walk past most days	4/29/2017 12:54 PM
2	I do not use them for car parking as i live nearby and just walk past them a lot	4/20/2017 11:45 PM
3	I live opposite so only use the car park for the boat ramp but use the area every day	4/14/2017 1:58 PM
4	Rarely now but I used to live nearby and jog there every night.	4/14/2017 11:15 AM
5	walk to carpark daily but drive there once a month	4/13/2017 6:21 PM
6	I live in the area.	4/13/2017 5:13 PM
7	Live in close proximity.	4/12/2017 10:38 PM
8	At least 3 times each week	4/11/2017 9:39 PM

9	We use depending on the tide. We also use this particular one at Nightcliff as it's closer to us to access . I'm sorry that we can state a certain time that we use the boat ramp as you can clearly see that the tide doesn't go on a (particular time, that you have stated).	4/11/2017 8:11 PM
10	When fishing at night at night	4/11/2017 7:10 PM
11	I live next to it	4/7/2017 3:53 PM
12	Walk past it every day	4/6/2017 11:35 PM
13	2 or 3 times a week	4/6/2017 10:04 PM
14	Twice monthly on average	4/6/2017 9:23 PM
15	I would use it more often but the closing times make it hopeless to use for fishing.	4/6/2017 5:49 PM
16	N	4/5/2017 3:25 PM



## Q2 What do you use the Nightcliff Jetty car parks for?

Answered: 217 Skipped: 0



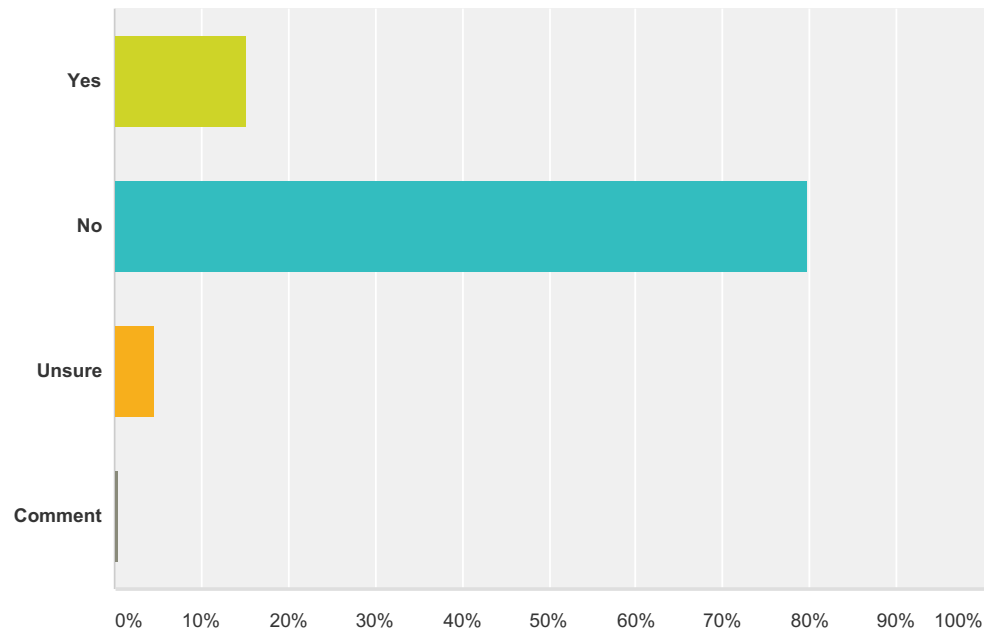
Answer Choices	Responses
Boat ramp	46.08% 100
Jetty	50.69% 110
Food vans	49.77% 108
Exercise at Nightcliff Foreshore	47.00% 102
Sunset Park	41.94% 91
Other	11.98% 26
Total Respondents: 217	

#	Other	Date
1	Walking Dogs	5/2/2017 1:13 PM
2	Fishing	4/27/2017 1:36 PM
3	Meet with family and friends	4/24/2017 3:04 PM
4	Get together with friends	4/24/2017 2:57 PM
5	enjoying the ambience of the Darwin evenings	4/22/2017 9:55 PM
6	I walk through and around most days; I live nearby. Meet friends who drive there twice every week.	4/18/2017 9:52 AM
7	I live near the jetty so we rarely use the carparks	4/17/2017 9:47 AM
8	Occasional meals	4/14/2017 11:15 AM

9	functions on the esplanade	4/13/2017 10:43 PM
10	Many things. Meeting, socializing, watching the sunsets.	4/13/2017 5:13 PM
11	I run along the foreshore a few times a week.	4/12/2017 11:10 PM
12	Walk past them	4/12/2017 3:24 PM
13	To relax and watch the sunset	4/11/2017 9:39 PM
14	relaxing. enjoying the coastal greenbelt and catching the breeze. Meeting up with friends and famz. Taking the doggies out. swimming. Enjoying and spending my council rates. Child rearing. etc etc. C.O.M.M.U.N.I.T.Y.	4/11/2017 12:55 PM
15	Fishing	4/11/2017 12:37 PM
16	Photography	4/8/2017 12:57 AM
17	It's a public car park. It should be accessible 24/7.	4/7/2017 9:37 PM
18	leave it open for boats, its a boat ramp	4/7/2017 8:04 PM
19	picnic areas, walk on jetty	4/7/2017 7:19 PM
20	I live next to it.	4/7/2017 3:53 PM
21	Don't use them, just live near the car park	4/7/2017 12:43 PM
22	Going for a walk, then getting food	4/7/2017 12:30 AM
23	Various reasons.	4/6/2017 10:24 PM
24	Enjoy night relaxation on the rocks	4/6/2017 10:20 PM
25	Photography	4/6/2017 6:33 PM
26	Fireworks	4/5/2017 2:09 PM

### Q3 Do you support changing the car park closing time from 11pm to 9pm?

Answered: 217 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	15.21%	33
No	79.72%	173
Unsure	4.61%	10
Comment	0.46%	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>217</b>

#	Comment	Date
1	9pm is too early	4/5/2017 2:36 PM

## Q4 Please provide a comment to help us understand your preference

Answered: 184 Skipped: 33

#	Responses	Date
1	privileges are being abused	5/5/2017 5:43 PM
2	Public access to Shoal Bay is very important. Boat ramp access is quite limited in this area and reducing access to this ramp will put pressure on other ramps and cause boat users to run from further afield.	5/4/2017 8:58 PM
3	Good vans don't close until 8pm, some people may like to stay a little longer. I would support a 10pm closing	5/4/2017 7:32 PM
4	9pm is way too early. The jetty and surrounding area is still visited by people at this time.	5/4/2017 6:09 PM
5	Have been attending sunset park for 32 years with family and friends for picnic dinners. Closing at 9pm will greatly impact on our regular attendance at a well-kept, local facility that is designed for families.	5/4/2017 3:08 PM
6	It's a dumb idea	5/4/2017 12:43 PM
7	9pm is too early!	5/4/2017 12:26 PM
8	It should be open 24hrs, tides and weather don't change to suit open hours	5/4/2017 6:10 AM
9	9pm is much to early. As the sun often sets after 7pm, people are still on the water or using the foreshore after these times.	5/3/2017 10:04 PM
10	This is a policing issue. Why should majority of the community be impacted by the actions of a few. I live in an apartment in the city, motorbikes, 3 wheel trikes blaring music etc... urban environments occasional have noise. 11pm is not an unreasonable time to close the carpark.	5/3/2017 9:51 PM
11	Encouraging commercial and community activity that attracts people to these spaces assists to make them not only more vibrant and interesting for local residents and visitors, but also safer in the form of passive surveillance by the people using these areas. They play an important role in Darwin's ecosystem of shared social spaces and are accessible to a wide variety of people. 9pm is extremely early and would diminish the lively and convivial nature and decrease the safety benefits gleaned from the activity and people frequenting the area.	5/3/2017 4:16 PM
12	Too early	5/3/2017 4:03 PM
13	9 pm is to early	5/2/2017 10:49 PM
14	I think 10pm would be a more reasonable closing time so that if you are parked to have dinner with friends/family there is no need to rush	5/2/2017 10:11 PM
15	My husband works until 7pm. By the time he gets home, changed and off for to the foreshore for his run it's often past 9pm. Not everyone has a nice 9-5 job.	5/2/2017 8:49 PM
16	Doesn't work with tides	5/2/2017 5:41 PM
17	The issues of anti social behaviour should be dealt with rather than just locking the car park. They will just park somewhere else.	5/2/2017 4:56 PM
18	It's dark by then and 9pm is late enough	5/2/2017 4:54 PM
19	Fishing is judged by the tides. Its already hard enough for a late return at 11	5/2/2017 3:40 PM
20	why is it necessary - cars may get stuck there	5/2/2017 3:12 PM
21	closing the car parks ALL day would make enjoying the Nightcliff foreshore unbearable and unsafe.	5/2/2017 2:25 PM
22	During weekdays I think it should close at 9pm but stay open until 11pm on weekends.	5/2/2017 1:46 PM
23	Food vans are there until after 9pm. Exemption periods allow for drinking in that area until 9.30pm.	5/2/2017 1:13 PM
24	Boat ramp?	5/2/2017 1:04 PM
25	Why pander to a few whingers that live in the vicinity. I have to put up with the neighbours until midnight. 11pm is a reasonable time.	5/2/2017 12:41 PM
26	It is unfair to the public.	4/30/2017 2:46 PM

27	These car parks are an important facility for the community. If anti-social behaviour is occurring this should be dealt with directly by police or other relevant bodies, not by punishing the well behaved majority	4/29/2017 1:34 PM
28	I have not had a problem and I live close by and I think it would be bad for the food vendors	4/29/2017 12:54 PM
29	I use the carpark to access my favourite fishing spots, closing it at 9 pm will not trouble me at all. in fact, it would be good to quieten down the area and keep nightcliff safe at night.	4/27/2017 1:36 PM
30	the foreshore is for the public to enjoy	4/25/2017 2:36 PM
31	Sometimes we go after dinner and stay. This would restrict how long can stay.	4/24/2017 3:04 PM
32	It is too early some people cannot go early because they work.	4/24/2017 2:57 PM
33	this is far too early for such an outdoors lifestyle as Darwin	4/22/2017 9:55 PM
34	Access to boat ramp	4/21/2017 2:51 PM
35	I do not think that closing the car park will change antisocial behaviour. Are we talking about boat owners partying on after fishing, food carts washing dishes or homeless people who are not generally driving cars camping near by. a change to the car park hours does not to me seem to be addressing the issues. If there is disturbance I would increase the police drive by and have a public education campaign around appropriate use of public spaces. I also think that 11pm is not an unreasonable hour for people to be able to picnic and party in Sunset park. if we were changing it from 2am to 11pm then there might be a case.	4/21/2017 11:04 AM
36	Council does not say if the request to change the time comes from multiple residents or just one? Why is this not made clear?	4/20/2017 11:45 PM
37	To limit noise and antisocial behaviour	4/20/2017 10:09 PM
38	9pm is too early for fishing access and general access as well	4/20/2017 1:49 PM
39	I understand the issues involved.	4/18/2017 9:19 PM
40	Should be open 24 hours. Has more passive surveillance than any other ramp in darwin yet its the only one that shuts. Very difficult to get out after work and home by 9.	4/18/2017 9:08 PM
41	Car park is needed for access to the NT Government owned Boat Ramp	4/18/2017 7:20 PM
42	there must be a problem for the council to be asking this question	4/18/2017 12:45 PM
43	9pm - is too early for the fishermen with boats and trailers	4/18/2017 9:52 AM
44	Too late a time for anyone to be loitering	4/18/2017 9:13 AM
45	Concerned that access activity will shift to sunset park	4/17/2017 8:17 PM
46	We regularly hear car noise from the car park all nights of the week, and are confronted with the rubbish that is left in the morning in the car park.	4/17/2017 2:59 PM
47	This would impact on those using the boat ramp. Fishing is based on tides and this varies and fishermen/women need to be able to access the carpark when starting/ending their fishing trips.	4/17/2017 10:43 AM
48	I live in Nightcliff and see/hear the issues that can go on in the car parks however I do think 9pm is too early as some responsible citizens may be enjoying a late dinner etc around that area.	4/17/2017 9:47 AM
49	I like it to be open. Especially don't like it when the gate to the jetty is closed and I'm not able to walk out on jetty.	4/17/2017 9:12 AM
50	I live in Kurrajong crescent and hear the revving of cars which is disturbing. These cars after leaving jetty also drive through the local streets waking everyone up.	4/16/2017 8:16 PM
51	Consider different hours On Different days.	4/15/2017 1:26 PM
52	the anti-social behaviour could be more actively managed- instead of curtailing the activities of so many locals	4/15/2017 12:06 PM
53	Too early	4/15/2017 11:15 AM
54	The revving of engines late at night disrupts up and is inappropriate for suburban neighbourhood. The earlier closing would stop this disruption.	4/14/2017 2:32 PM
55	I definitely support an earlier closure time but am unsure if 9pm is a little early for people using the car park for legitimate purposes	4/14/2017 1:58 PM
56	I would support closing the car park at 10pm through the week and 11pm on Friday, and Saturday nights	4/14/2017 12:14 PM
57	Not fair for anti-social behaviour to disproportionately affect those who live near the car park	4/14/2017 11:15 AM

58	decrease gatherings for excessive drinking	4/13/2017 10:43 PM
59	9pm only provides 2hrs of night fishing including travel time	4/13/2017 6:21 PM
60	At 9pm it's time to go home! Dark. Residential area!!	4/13/2017 5:13 PM
61	Car performing "burn outs" on weekend nights	4/13/2017 4:06 PM
62	When I do visit the Jetty, I am sometimes there quite late, well after 9pm	4/13/2017 3:44 PM
63	Too early during dry season	4/13/2017 10:07 AM
64	I don't use the car park as a driver	4/12/2017 11:10 PM
65	Too early support from 10 pm	4/12/2017 3:43 PM
66	Current time allows for fishing	4/12/2017 3:24 PM
67	9pm is far too early	4/12/2017 3:21 PM
68	it is for the people to use not lock it up for the few	4/12/2017 1:05 PM
69	11pm for returning boats is an absolute necessity. These people are not noise makers.	4/12/2017 10:42 AM
70	Many people are still sitting quietly enjoying the fabulous outdoor environment that is the foreshore. It will just lead to people not going and indirectly the closure of food cans in the long run. In the short term people will still go and just park on the street which will be annoying for residents.	4/12/2017 12:53 AM
71	This is public space	4/11/2017 11:36 PM
72	No, it is a great sport to launch from and retrieve a boat from at night, especially if the weather turns bad	4/11/2017 11:18 PM
73	Time and tide wait for no man ( or woman ) . If the low tide is at 7pm there's no way I'll be able to get back in by 9 pm.	4/11/2017 11:01 PM
74	Anti social behavior is a policing issue	4/11/2017 10:22 PM
75	We need access to the ramp and car park to be able to respond in emergency situations - we use the ramp regularly, and call outs occur at all hours of the day	4/11/2017 10:17 PM
76	I frequently spend time along th foreshore and think that 9 pm is too early, I personally don't make any noise, clean up,after myself and respect the area, and therefore shouldn't but punished by a select few.	4/11/2017 9:39 PM
77	So if I'm down there for sunset I have to move my car by 9 otherwise it is locked in? What a joke, why do we have to cater	4/11/2017 9:35 PM
78	Tides don,t change for locked gates	4/11/2017 9:19 PM
79	I did in the first question. Tides DON'T wait for anybody or abide by any council times.	4/11/2017 8:11 PM
80	You're penalising the many responsible users because of the few	4/11/2017 8:05 PM
81	The issue should be thrown out as a non issue as a local resident I use the ramp to retrieve my boat a various hours up to 2300 as well as enjoying a meal on the foreshore with friends every weekend. My boat ramp use is any time or day of week as I am retired the antisocial behaviour is generally young people with cars generally young Greek origin kids close this and the next election will be at the councils cost staff take note	4/11/2017 7:51 PM
82	Because 9pm is far to early to close often good people are down there enjoying the breeze and ambiance well beyond that time and certainly diesnt cater for the boating population	4/11/2017 7:48 PM
83	This would largely preclude using the boat ramp for night fishing	4/11/2017 7:38 PM
84	The fishing industry is Darwins biggest tourist attraction, I moved states because of all the new proposed fishing restrictions	4/11/2017 7:10 PM
85	the carpark needs to stay open because the jetty car park is a highly used car park and if closed will cause large amounts of trouble for the food venders in that area	4/11/2017 6:19 PM
86	I park there to access the jetty for recreational fishing. I have health issues and cant walk long distances.	4/11/2017 6:12 PM
87	it limits access to the ramp by fishos but still allows people to park on the road and utilise the jetty, seems like a pointless exercise that will have a negative impact on those who contribute the least to the issues surrounding why they're locked in the first place	4/11/2017 4:31 PM
88	I think they are a public resource and should be left open. However I don't live opposite and am not subject to hooning and other anti social behaviour	4/11/2017 4:28 PM
89	Antisocialists can still park outside and hang out in the carpark and make noise	4/11/2017 3:46 PM

90	The tide	4/11/2017 2:50 PM
91	As a local resident in Nightcliff I think it's appalling that the foreshore residents are concerned about closing car parks.. They live on the esplanade there is going to be traffic.. Cant have the best views and keep abiding citizens from using a public boat ramp! Install cameras and arrest the idiots!!	4/11/2017 2:09 PM
92	It can be tide dependant for fisherman	4/11/2017 2:05 PM
93	Tides change for access to boat ramp	4/11/2017 1:36 PM
94	Why close it at all us fisherman use this ramp and drunks are everywhere why should we suffer	4/11/2017 1:29 PM
95	Myself and others love enjoying the jetty and the foreshore at night, if anything it should be open longer not shorter! Please do not punish us all for the actions of a few. Instead get the police to do their jobs and keep the dropkicks away!	4/11/2017 1:23 PM
96	The car park should not close so the ramp can be accessible at anytime	4/11/2017 1:20 PM
97	This is a public asset.locknit up at your peril.	4/11/2017 1:20 PM
98	Nightcliff is pretty much the drunken assault, violent attacks and murder capital of Darwin. I live near Nightcliff shops / carparks - it's a violent, aggressive, yelling, screaming, abusive, psychotic, volatile bloodbath WAR ZONE day and night all year around !!	4/11/2017 12:55 PM
99	Closing the car park is not going to solve the problem that currently exists.	4/11/2017 12:43 PM
100	Why should the few spoil it for the many? My taxes pay for Police....maybe they should do their job. Coming from Victoria where policing anti social behaviour is strict, I am bewildered at some of the behaviour I see here in Darwin that goes totally unnoticed.	4/11/2017 12:37 PM
101	Tides do not work as per the sun and time. Oftentimes you would be unable to use the ramp and carp park at all if it did not coincide with closure times.	4/11/2017 12:35 PM
102	best fishing after dark	4/11/2017 12:35 PM
103	We eat dinner and have dessert there and leave at 10pm. We also use he boat ramp for fishing. If you close it early what use is the boat ramp being there then?	4/11/2017 12:15 PM
104	It is a public boat ramp, it should not be shut at all!!! What other boat ramps around Darwin are shut overnight? This is an important access point for Northern Suburbs residents to launch their boats to access right around the coast, it is considered to be a "safe" car park from vandals unlike Buffalo Creek.	4/11/2017 12:10 PM
105	There is anti-social activity around this area which deters families from using the park. An earlier closing time would help reduce this element in the area.	4/11/2017 11:21 AM
106	As you arrive at the Carpark later in the evening once the sun has set there is often large groups of cats arriving to hang out there. We live at the other end of the foreshore- but I would imagine these groups dont leave until the Carpark closes. The make me feel uncomfortable at 8pm as the sun is setting- I wouldn't go there any later.	4/10/2017 7:16 PM
107	We fish late. How do we get our boat out. By the way. Ramp area needs dredging	4/9/2017 6:33 PM
108	Anti Social behaviour and petty crime is just as common at all boat ramp sin the Darwin area.there is no point of difference for nightcliff. This is a police issue and not about closing the ramp and car park to the public for a 1/2 dozen local. The ramp has been there for a long time.	4/9/2017 10:56 AM
109	Work long irregular hours and if tides mean late fish - great and in my opinion should be 24/7 anti social behavior is fixed by shutting a gate even a gate you can step around	4/8/2017 8:52 PM
110	To improve local safety and minimise noise	4/8/2017 6:50 PM
111	too early	4/8/2017 3:45 PM
112	Should remain open at all hours for everyone to enjoy	4/8/2017 1:01 PM
113	9:00pm just too early	4/8/2017 12:13 PM
114	I work on the tides. Put in a boom gate for boat trailers.	4/8/2017 8:55 AM
115	i do not support limiting the car park hours, it should be 24/7	4/8/2017 2:33 AM
116	How can I get my boat out if you lock the gate?	4/8/2017 12:57 AM
117	I regularly fish on the jetty between 9 and 11pm	4/8/2017 12:09 AM
118	9pm may be too early for friends enjoying seaside breezes	4/7/2017 9:38 PM

119	It's a public car park. It should be accessible 24/7.	4/7/2017 9:37 PM
120	closing the carpark earlier than 11pm would be a good idea to keep the nightcliff area safe and reduce noe for the locals at nightlosing the carpark earlier will NOT impact on myself or other fishermen. as we return with the fading light.	4/7/2017 8:38 PM
121	leave it open for boats, its a boat ramp	4/7/2017 8:04 PM
122	The number of people who get out and enjoy the foreshore is what makes the area so special. Local residents already have such a beautiful place to live, they should not be allowed to prevent others from enjoying it fully as well.	4/7/2017 7:19 PM
123	open 24 hours	4/7/2017 7:10 PM
124	I am often out in my boat after 9pm. Currently I have to race to be back by 11. 9pm closing will see me having to use another ramp a long way away.	4/7/2017 6:51 PM
125	There is hardly enough boat ramps in Darwin as it is. Should be open longer not less	4/7/2017 6:44 PM
126	It must be noisey if you lived across the street and had people and cars coming and going all night. I am a Nightcliff resident and believe the car park could also be smaller	4/7/2017 6:39 PM
127	It is important to have non alcohol based venues to catch up. Also concerned what appears by your wording to be one request to close the car park.	4/7/2017 6:25 PM
128	I am in full support of the closing time to be set earlier. I have been disturbed as a resident on numerous times due to anti social/language issues down at the park. Thank you	4/7/2017 5:36 PM
129	Darwin is a really expensive place still. Why are you cutting off an area for young people to meet that is still free?	4/7/2017 3:55 PM
130	I live next to it, and we really have trouble with the loud noises late at night.	4/7/2017 3:53 PM
131	Given that it is dark before 9pm I dont see the need for the carpark to be open past 9pm especially with the ongoing antisocial behaviour.	4/7/2017 3:03 PM
132	it is to noisy	4/7/2017 2:18 PM
133	Will have too many people at the foreshore earlier	4/7/2017 2:05 PM
134	The carpark is not needed after 9 pm by the community as come 8 pm the sun is down and people head home. After most people depart it becomes full of cars and people wanting to party, drive fast and cause trouble. Closing the carpark at 9 pm will allow access for the community but reduce antisocial behaviour and deter this from being a hang out for those looking for trouble.	4/7/2017 1:27 PM
135	I am so glad council is working in this. Thankyou. This has been a concern of mine and my family's for years. We live near the car park and are so sick of the carry on in this car park every night. We have been verbally abused and threatened by these men when we have asked them to move on. They are very loud and inconsiderate, drinking alcohol and swearing and sledding in their cars. We feel unsafe and closing the car park earlier would move these people on earlier instead of closer to midnight.	4/7/2017 12:43 PM
136	An earlier closure time would mean a safer neighbourhood for people of the Norther Territory. After 9 pm this car park is not being used for its intended purposes - it is being used as a hang out for people, whereby public nusience and distraction occurs most nights of the week. I feel unsafe going near the car park after dark due to the antisocial behaviour that is occurring	4/7/2017 12:31 PM
137	Once it is dark, what purpose does it serve to have them open?	4/7/2017 11:23 AM
138	Just police the area, we will end up with no where to go for good residents soon	4/7/2017 11:14 AM
139	As a fisherman that boat ramp provides the best access to some of darwins best Bluewater fishing and even as the closing times are now it makes it very hard to plan trips especially since the ramp is tidal.	4/7/2017 10:16 AM
140	I return from fishing after 9pm on occasions	4/7/2017 9:15 AM
141	The residents that live near by knew the facility was there when they decided to live there. If they want quiet then move. They can afford it.	4/7/2017 7:49 AM
142	Tide times vary so using the car park and ramp varies with the tides	4/7/2017 12:42 AM
143	Don't see great benefit, but it would stress people to leave. 9pm is too early	4/7/2017 12:30 AM
144	Doesn't impact me. I'm there during sunlight	4/6/2017 11:35 PM
145	As a place with a public boatramp, this would severely restrict the use of the same.	4/6/2017 10:24 PM

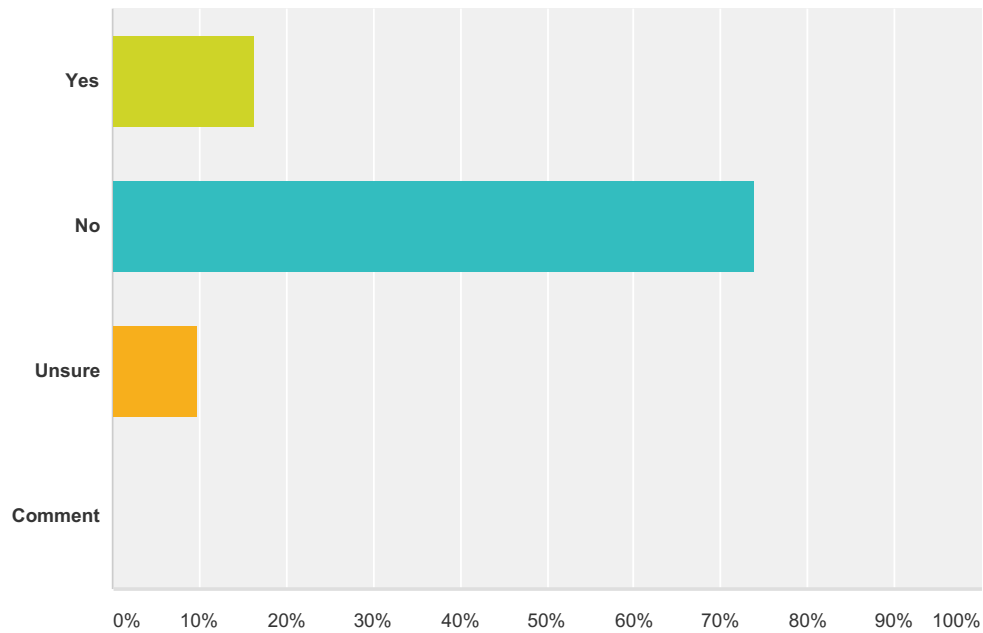


146	To lock them at all limits access to yet another point that can one bring in tourists at all hours and 2 locals to fish and relax	4/6/2017 10:20 PM
147	It is a very popular, valued and well used area for people of all ages! am not sure how bad this problem is as im not there late at night But surely fishermen need to be able to access the ramp according to the tides	4/6/2017 10:04 PM
148	Security for the residents. People don't need to be in dark places like that so late.	4/6/2017 10:03 PM
149	Impact on local residents	4/6/2017 9:43 PM
150	The beautiful foreshore is for all to use and unfortunately there are a few that cause noise and disturbance but the vast majority do the right thing and go there to enjoy it, even late at night. Some unfortunate disturbance is a small price to pay by the very few local residents who are effected but can enjoy it every day. 11.00pm should remain especially Friday Saturday and Sunday nights	4/6/2017 9:28 PM
151	It is a boat ramp and access should be 24 hours a day.	4/6/2017 9:23 PM
152	Public places should be open for the public to enjoy as they see fit providing that they are not creating excessive noise.	4/6/2017 6:33 PM
153	It reduces access to the boat ramp which is already silted up and poorly maintained. The jetty and ramp have been there for longer than most of the residents. I've had my car locked in at night and had to sit with my gear until it opened.	4/6/2017 6:24 PM
154	9am is too early. Our family often takes dinner down to the park and sometimes we don't leave until 9.30pm...	4/6/2017 5:54 PM
155	If it is antisocial behavior that causes the problem, police it better do your jobs better and stop punishing decent people because of a few irresponsible people.	4/6/2017 5:49 PM
156	That will force shut the boat ramp after 9pm. That won't work.	4/6/2017 4:39 PM
157	Need to return to the ramp depending on tides often after proposed closing time.	4/6/2017 3:49 PM
158	Because its open for 2 hours	4/6/2017 3:25 PM
159	the issues will be deplaced somewhere else. It s way bigger than closing down a place. Why not consider a curfew for the whole town then... moreover Mitchell Street... Darwin is a wild place with too many uneducated people from abroad states, a poor schooling and a huge racism issue ... best way for you would be to read: how australian are the nicest racists I ve ever met written by a south african...	4/6/2017 3:12 PM
160	I would rather have 24 hour access to the boat ramp	4/6/2017 3:11 PM
161	The foreshore is a family friendly place where locals live. Closing the car park earlier means that people have to go home and allows locals to enjoy the area while also allowing the area to remain quite.	4/6/2017 3:06 PM
162	Have walked along there at night but not time we have left	4/6/2017 2:41 PM
163	When fishing the tides dont always suit to return before the park closes.	4/6/2017 2:33 PM
164	The carpark should have 24 hour access as it is along other carparks along Progress Drive. This would cater for amateur fishermen in particular who number in their thousands as compared to a few home owners.	4/6/2017 1:49 PM
165	We need access to the boat ramp at all times. Also when having a evening picnic on the weekend need to stay later then 9pm	4/6/2017 1:47 PM
166	The Nightcliff Boat ramp is already a facility that has very restricted use due to our tidal ranges. Reducing the access will negatively effect the fishing trips that recreational fishos take because they will have to come in early or stay out until the next time it's open.	4/6/2017 1:40 PM
167	It is cooler to exercise later at night, a 9pm closure would restrict this	4/6/2017 1:31 PM
168	It's lovely to sit there and listen to the ocean in the evenings	4/6/2017 1:05 PM
169	Per email provided seperately	4/6/2017 12:45 PM
170	The boat ramp needs to remain open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If there are issues with anti social behaviour, these issues need yo be adressed by the NT Police.	4/6/2017 12:39 PM
171	No need to change what is working based on a complaint. Majority use it appropriately	4/6/2017 12:32 PM
172	I use that ramp very often and we must come home when there is enough water at the ramp. Which means using it late at nite. I would suggest having it open 24/7 am having some patrols at nite if there is still a problem. Or install CCTV cameras and better Lighting.	4/6/2017 12:24 PM
173	9pm seems too early especially if we are there as a family in the eveninh	4/6/2017 12:14 PM

174	The behaviour should be dealt with, rather than restricting all users due to the faults and complaints of a few.	4/6/2017 12:09 PM
175	Will limit access to boat ramp depending on tide times	4/6/2017 12:09 PM
176	Night time fishing is very popular and this boat ramp is convenient for many users. The restrictions in place are already a hindrance.	4/6/2017 11:09 AM
177	Often return from fishing later than 9pm	4/6/2017 8:58 AM
178	I like to be there into the evenings sometimes and I like accessing the car park to do this - it is cooler in the evenings and I wouldn't like to have to get back before 9pm to get my car out	4/6/2017 12:09 AM
179	unsavory behavior is never addressed by baring or closing gates	4/5/2017 6:58 PM
180	It might be a bit too early	4/5/2017 6:58 PM
181	Not appropriate for people fishing at the jetty	4/5/2017 5:52 PM
182	11.00pm is still early. I wouldn't want it closed any early then 11.00pm.	4/5/2017 4:16 PM
183	Closing them earlier will result in cars parking in surrounding streets.	4/5/2017 3:25 PM
184	Access should stay open, police should patrol to stop anti-social behaviour not lock up public space as a response	4/5/2017 3:23 PM

### Q5 Do you support changing the closing time from 11pm to 10pm?

Answered: 214 Skipped: 3



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	16.36%	35
No	73.83%	158
Unsure	9.81%	21
Comment	0.00%	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>214</b>

#	Comment	Date
	There are no responses.	

## Q6 Please provide a comment to help us understand your preference

Answered: 146 Skipped: 71

#	Responses	Date
1	1 hr will make no difference to antisocial behaviour but the extra hour will greatly help anglers fishing the tides.	5/4/2017 8:58 PM
2	Enough time after vans close to enjoy company	5/4/2017 7:32 PM
3	10pm is way too early. The jetty and surrounding area is still visited by people at this time.	5/4/2017 6:09 PM
4	This one is a stupid idea	5/4/2017 12:43 PM
5	Make it 24 hr and get the cops to sort out the people who cause all the problems	5/4/2017 6:10 AM
6	Again not late enough. 11pm is fair.	5/3/2017 10:04 PM
7	Noise complaints should be handled by police. Council represents all rate payers, they should not be enacting laws that impact majority, to please a tiny minority. Especially if public nuisance laws already exist.	5/3/2017 9:51 PM
8	Encouraging commercial and community activity that attracts people to these spaces assists to make them not only more vibrant and interesting for local residents and visitors, but also safer in the form of passive surveillance by the people using these areas. They play an important role in Darwin's ecosystem of shared social spaces and are accessible to a wide variety of people. 10pm, while better than 9pm, is still not that early, especially during a weekend. It would still have a negative impact on the vibrancy of these spaces and the benefits gained from having a diverse group of people use them.	5/3/2017 4:16 PM
9	This seems a reasonable closing time	5/2/2017 10:11 PM
10	As above. Earliest should be 10.30pm.	5/2/2017 8:49 PM
11	This is caving into anti social behaviour.	5/2/2017 5:41 PM
12	As above	5/2/2017 4:56 PM
13	Same as above	5/2/2017 3:40 PM
14	see previous comment	5/2/2017 2:25 PM
15	Please leave it at 11pm	5/2/2017 1:13 PM
16	10pm not so bad but 11pm is fine.	5/2/2017 12:41 PM
17	It is unfair to the public.	4/30/2017 2:46 PM
18	As above	4/29/2017 12:54 PM
19	9 pm would be better, fishermen like myself dont need to access the carpark after 9 pm as it is dark!	4/27/2017 1:36 PM
20	This is still early especially on the weekend	4/24/2017 3:04 PM
21	The anti-social behaviour is a concern to everyone not just the residents. This needs to be addressed instead of closing the carpark.	4/24/2017 2:57 PM
22	11pm is perfect timing; any earlier is restrictive	4/22/2017 9:55 PM
23	Access to boat ramp	4/21/2017 2:51 PM
24	it will not make any difference and 11pm is not an unreasonable time for people to be picnicing too.	4/21/2017 11:04 AM
25	I an a local resident, but it does not affect me, but I am unsure haw many residents it does affect	4/20/2017 11:45 PM
26	As above	4/20/2017 10:09 PM
27	Only if residents closer than I are truly having issues	4/20/2017 1:49 PM
28	9pm sounds good to my family	4/18/2017 9:19 PM
29	Should be open 24 hours. Has more passive surveillance than any other ramp in darwin yet its the only one that shuts. Very difficult to get out after work and home by 10	4/18/2017 9:08 PM

30	Should be 24hr access. Tidal access to boat ramp is limited, closing car park may leave boat owners locked in.	4/18/2017 7:20 PM
31	10pm - should be ok for the fishermen but still clear out the very loud groups who drive there to drink and party	4/18/2017 9:52 AM
32	Prefer it to be earlier	4/18/2017 9:13 AM
33	Preference is for 9pm closure, but this would be better than current arrangements.	4/17/2017 2:59 PM
34	10pm seems more reasonable than 9pm.	4/17/2017 10:43 AM
35	I think 10pm is a much better option. I think 11pm is too late and that's when the mischief starts	4/17/2017 9:47 AM
36	I think public access is important. People need to be able to catch tides etc	4/17/2017 9:12 AM
37	I prefer closing it a 9pm but if that's not possible then 10pm is still ok	4/16/2017 8:16 PM
38	Reasonable and a compromise	4/15/2017 11:15 AM
39	I would prefer 9pm but 10 is better than nothing.	4/14/2017 2:32 PM
40	I live opposite the nightcliff jetty car park and there is frequently anti-social Behaviour in the car park at night. People play very loud music, do 'burn outs' etc until late at night waking myself, my husband and my 2 children. If an earlier closure time will help reduce this I strongly support it.	4/14/2017 1:58 PM
41	Yes except for Friday and Saturday nights	4/14/2017 12:14 PM
42	0814	4/13/2017 10:43 PM
43	I feel 10pm is too late. 9pm is better. NO to 11pm.	4/13/2017 5:13 PM
44	9.00pm is a reasonable time for cars to leave in a residential area	4/13/2017 4:06 PM
45	Again, way too early. I have been stuck at the Jetty before when I didn't realise the carpark closed at 11pm	4/13/2017 3:44 PM
46	Allows people time to eat, chat, enjoy, then pack up and leave without rushing ie would need to be out by 845pm otherwise	4/13/2017 10:07 AM
47	I don't use the car park as a driver	4/12/2017 11:10 PM
48	Reduce noise and litter.	4/12/2017 10:38 PM
49	Stop excessive noise and drinking of alcohol	4/12/2017 3:43 PM
50	Current time allows for fishing	4/12/2017 3:24 PM
51	10pm is still too early	4/12/2017 3:21 PM
52	you have to pay a ranger either way why one hour change	4/12/2017 1:05 PM
53	same as above	4/12/2017 10:42 AM
54	The ramp and the pathway should be lit, and accessible for all.	4/11/2017 11:01 PM
55	It is a public access area	4/11/2017 10:22 PM
56	For us to continue providing fast response times this ramp and car park is vital for us	4/11/2017 10:17 PM
57	Why do we have to cater to the minority when most of us do the right thing?	4/11/2017 9:35 PM
58	One hour makes no difference	4/11/2017 8:05 PM
59	Do not do this on a complaint	4/11/2017 7:51 PM
60	As per earlier comment	4/11/2017 7:48 PM
61	As above	4/11/2017 7:38 PM
62	It is unfair to restrict fisherman from accessing more fishing locations	4/11/2017 7:10 PM
63	this will still cause trouble for a range of people and venders in the area	4/11/2017 6:19 PM
64	I often fish later than 10pm in accordance with the tide.	4/11/2017 6:12 PM
65	Should be open until midnight each night	4/11/2017 4:31 PM
66	I don't live opposite so not aware of antisocial issues. If people are being antisocial and or vandalising the area, then close it sooner	4/11/2017 4:28 PM
67	Better than 9pm but not fair on boaters who come back with the tides	4/11/2017 3:46 PM

68	The tide	4/11/2017 2:50 PM
69	No we fish at anytime and to have access to our local ramp when the fishing it right and the tides are is a reason we live in Nightcliff! No other public ramps have closure times	4/11/2017 2:09 PM
70	Later the better	4/11/2017 2:05 PM
71	Please leave open for boat ramp access.	4/11/2017 1:36 PM
72	Same as above	4/11/2017 1:23 PM
73	The car park should not close so the ramp can be accessible at anytime	4/11/2017 1:20 PM
74	This is a public asset. Close it at your peril.	4/11/2017 1:20 PM
75	As above	4/11/2017 12:55 PM
76	Closing the car park is not going to solve the problem that currently exists.	4/11/2017 12:43 PM
77	Tides do not work as per the sun and time. Oftentimes you would be unable to use the ramp and carp park at all if it did not coincide with closure times.	4/11/2017 12:35 PM
78	need as much time on the jetty as possible after dark	4/11/2017 12:35 PM
79	Don't change it.	4/11/2017 12:15 PM
80	I understand there are houses that are opposite the ramp that have to endure the constant noise from the boat ramp and anti-social behaviour but anti-social behaviour extends from Rpaid Creek Bridge right around to Progress Drive. Do all the other residents along Casuarina Drive/Progress Drive complain? Why penalise boat users for the whim of three or four residents.	4/11/2017 12:10 PM
81	Not early enough. It still encourages people to gather with alcohol and encourages antisocial activity esp for local residence.	4/11/2017 11:21 AM
82	As you arrive at the Carpark later in the evening once the sun has set there is often large groups of cats arriving to hang out there. We live at the other end of the foreshore- but I would imagine these groups dont leave until the Carpark closes. The make me feel uncomfortable at 8pm as the sun is setting- I wouldn't go there any later.	4/10/2017 7:16 PM
83	It's a boat ramp. 24 he access required	4/9/2017 6:33 PM
84	Using nightcliff ramp is tide dependant, it is also the closest and easiest ramp to costal reef fishing areas which can provide a fast retrieval in emergency situations	4/9/2017 10:56 AM
85	Same as above should be 24/7	4/8/2017 8:52 PM
86	The sunset is over and people should be finished dinner by then.	4/8/2017 3:45 PM
87	as above	4/8/2017 1:01 PM
88	10pm most sociable types gone anyway	4/8/2017 12:13 PM
89	Needs to b 24hr access.	4/8/2017 8:55 AM
90	i do not support limiting the car park hours, it should be 24/7	4/8/2017 2:33 AM
91	As above	4/8/2017 12:09 AM
92	dont believe they should be closed at all its a public place	4/7/2017 9:38 PM
93	It's a public car park. It should be accessible 24/7.	4/7/2017 9:37 PM
94	any change would be an improvement	4/7/2017 8:38 PM
95	leave it open for boats, its a boat ramp	4/7/2017 8:04 PM
96	Way too much noise for the local community. Community safety issues. People are congregating and causing issues.	4/7/2017 7:26 PM
97	Same as above. I do however support bans on alcohol consumption in the area.	4/7/2017 7:19 PM
98	open 24 hours	4/7/2017 7:10 PM
99	As above	4/7/2017 6:51 PM
100	It depends what the exact nature of the anti social behaviour is and can it be affected some other way	4/7/2017 6:25 PM
101	I would prefer it be changed to 9pm. Thank you	4/7/2017 5:36 PM
102	Darwin is a really expensive place still. Why are you cutting off an area for young people to meet that is still free?	4/7/2017 3:55 PM

103	I prefer the 9PM more than the 10PM but if 10pm will be the only option than I'll go with that.	4/7/2017 3:53 PM
104	it needs to be closed at 9pm	4/7/2017 2:18 PM
105	10pm still pushes people to leave too early	4/7/2017 2:05 PM
106	9 pm closure is a good time, 10 pm will still allow for a hang out spot for these people. And not fix the problem	4/7/2017 1:27 PM
107	Earlier the better! So the sensible members of community can still use the car park facilities but closing before it becomes an after dares hang out.	4/7/2017 12:43 PM
108	No one with legitimate car parking needs is using this car park for its intended purposes once it is dark. After 8 pm at night, it is overrun by people with cars who use the space to party, play loud music, do burnouts with their cars and races and drink alcohol. Shutting the car park earlier would allow for a reeducation in this unsafe behaviour and a safer community space.	4/7/2017 12:31 PM
109	As a fisherman that boat ramp provides the best access to some of darwins best Bluewater fishing and even as the closing times are now it makes it very hard to plan trips especially since the ramp is tidal.	4/7/2017 10:16 AM
110	I return from fishing after 10pm on occasions	4/7/2017 9:15 AM
111	Planning a fishing trip to fit with tides and closing time often means not using the ramp	4/7/2017 7:49 AM
112	As above	4/7/2017 12:42 AM
113	10pm would be an ok time. Honestly I didn't even know it gets closed!	4/7/2017 12:30 AM
114	As above	4/6/2017 11:35 PM
115	As above - who wrote this survey??	4/6/2017 10:24 PM
116	This option may be a good compromise position	4/6/2017 10:04 PM
117	Any earlier would do but 9 is a preference.	4/6/2017 10:03 PM
118	It is a boat ramp and access should be 24 hours a day.	4/6/2017 9:23 PM
119	Neds to be open at all times ... excep when severe wheather condition apply	4/6/2017 7:38 PM
120	Public places should be open for the public to enjoy as they see fit providing that they are not creating excessive noise.	4/6/2017 6:33 PM
121	As above, I need 24h access to the ramp	4/6/2017 6:24 PM
122	It it a public boat ramp that should be available to the public at all times	4/6/2017 5:49 PM
123	Because its only open for an hour	4/6/2017 3:25 PM
124	Emoloy some teacher with some decent increntive for them to stay a carreer 1/2 or at least a 1/4 to understand the popuation issues, adjust their practices and be efficient. recognise and empower any of these worker from the childcare centre to social worker teachers.... and trained them. It s umberable to see uneducated bogan raising up our youngest ones! It s a real worry. The issue is not about clonsing down a place but wondering why is that happening?	4/6/2017 3:12 PM
125	I would rather have 24 hour access to the boat ramp	4/6/2017 3:11 PM
126	10pm is also an acceptable time to close the car parks particularly on Friday and Saturday evenings.	4/6/2017 3:06 PM
127	9pm just seems a bit early	4/6/2017 2:41 PM
128	Same as given previously.	4/6/2017 2:33 PM
129	As above.	4/6/2017 1:49 PM
130	See question 4	4/6/2017 1:47 PM
131	The Nightcliff Boat ramp is already a facility that has very restricted use due to our tidal ranges. Reducing the access will negatively effect the fishing trips that recreational fishos take because they will have to come in early or stay out until the next time it's open.	4/6/2017 1:40 PM
132	What about fishermen who want to fish at night? This is ridiculous	4/6/2017 1:31 PM
133	Per email provided seperately	4/6/2017 12:45 PM
134	The boat ramp needs to remain open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If there are issues with anti social behaviour, these issues need yo be adressed by the NT Police.	4/6/2017 12:39 PM
135	Same as previous	4/6/2017 12:32 PM

136	I want this ramp open longer hours not less.	4/6/2017 12:24 PM
137	10pm seems reasonable and I will have finished using the area by then	4/6/2017 12:14 PM
138	As above	4/6/2017 12:09 PM
139	Nlght time fishing is very popular and this boat ramp is convenient for many users	4/6/2017 11:09 AM
140	Return from fishing later than 10pm.	4/6/2017 8:58 AM
141	As above - I love the evenings and I have never felt unsafe - I like a lengthy time along the Foreshore - it is hot and sun burny during the day and much nicer at night.	4/6/2017 12:09 AM
142	For the houses nearby	4/5/2017 6:58 PM
143	same as above	4/5/2017 5:52 PM
144	as above	4/5/2017 4:16 PM
145	Prefer it to stay as is. Local residents need to get a grip, live near a car park on a popular beach - what do you expect	4/5/2017 3:25 PM
146	have strategies and action sto change behaviour not restrict public open space	4/5/2017 3:23 PM



## Q7 Do you have any other comments?

Answered: 115 Skipped: 102

#	Responses	Date
1	NO	5/5/2017 5:43 PM
2	I have spent many years on many committees fighting for greater access for the fishing and boating community. This is a very important ramp and reducing its hours of use would be a regressive step. I understand that there is an inconvenience to the locals living in the area but there would be a greater inconvenience to the greater community.	5/4/2017 8:58 PM
3	11 pm is early enough, perhaps you could look at extending this time to midnight	5/4/2017 6:09 PM
4	I disagree with the majority of the population being punished for the behaviour of a few.	5/4/2017 3:08 PM
5	Please don't change the times	5/4/2017 12:43 PM
6	Stop trying to block fishos from the ramp	5/4/2017 6:10 AM
7	The answer to harmonious city living is not to curtail activities in order to pander to the complaints of a select few. In my experience this area is used responsibly by the public and provides a much-needed, accessible social space for local residents and visitors to enjoy a beautiful part of Darwin, with the associated food van amenities. It is an important and well-loved place for the community to come together.	5/3/2017 4:16 PM
8	Not sure about all the food vans there as it is quite congested with the car park and food vans.	5/3/2017 4:03 PM
9	Proper policing of the car parks would deter behavior issues	5/2/2017 4:48 PM
10	Why be a council that sweys to the minority. Fix the issues not lock out the people that do the right thing.	5/2/2017 3:40 PM
11	I think closing the car parks is necessary but maybe from 9:30-10pm until 6am or something to suit those that use the carparks for exercise and enjoying the foreshore.	5/2/2017 2:25 PM
12	The public has a right to access this appealing area and should not be excluded. If there is a problem with anti-social behaviour, this should be addressed by other methods, such as more frequent police patrols.	4/30/2017 2:46 PM
13	Thankyou council, i have been waiting for this change for years. as i said, the people that use the carpark late at night are only there to cause trouble, drinking and speeding their cars around. people who have a real reason to access th car park are not there after 9 pm. by keeping it opne, you are allowing these people a place to hang out - they should go home!	4/27/2017 1:36 PM
14	This lovely area is used by a lot of people and they should be able to stay until late. The trouble makers should be punished for doing the wrong thing.	4/24/2017 3:04 PM
15	The nightcliff jetty is enjoyed by alot of people and they should not be punished because of the behaviour of a few.	4/24/2017 2:57 PM
16	yes, I really don't see why the car parks need closing at all; but if it has to be, then 11pm is fine	4/22/2017 9:55 PM
17	My comments in question 4 are reasonable clear I think and apply to each comment section	4/21/2017 11:04 AM
18	I heard Bob Elix on the radio recently talking about this and he too just said that council had a request, but it was not revealed how many people it came from? I would hate to think that this is being considered because of just one person's request? Will we be told how many people it affects?	4/20/2017 11:45 PM
19	Council does a great job looking after the foreshore	4/20/2017 10:09 PM
20	Can you also stop bikers using the walkway as a raceway.	4/18/2017 9:19 PM
21	Ramp should be open 24 hours or st least extended to midnight or 1 am.	4/18/2017 9:08 PM
22	For the past 20 years I have never seen evidence of hooning in the car park	4/18/2017 7:20 PM
23	no	4/18/2017 12:45 PM
24	Council will need to block the paath to the playground and the big gap beside the gate or everyonewill do what they do now - just drive out when they feel like it.	4/18/2017 9:52 AM
25	Closing at 10pm, seems more reasonable than 9pm. Ideally it would be open 24 hours so that those using the boat ramp have access at all hours. I understand there is antisocial behaviour and this should be dealt with by the police. Fishermen should not be disadvantaged.	4/17/2017 10:43 AM

26	Please don't lock the jetty gate. That matters more than the car park for me. Also, now that it's getting busier up there in the evenings, it feels much safer for me to walk there alone in the evening than it ever used to be.	4/17/2017 9:12 AM
27	Is any police also involved? I'm sure most problem cars have illegal exhausts, the noise can't possibly be legal.	4/16/2017 8:16 PM
28	no	4/13/2017 10:43 PM
29	No restrictions on Friday and Sat nights would be preferred.	4/13/2017 6:21 PM
30	Anti social behaviour is a real issue along the whole of the foreshore area. Undesirables loitering, racially abusing other folks walking past, littering. It's an embarrassment when interstate visitors witness this.	4/13/2017 5:13 PM
31	The Nightcliff foreshore and car parks are for everyone, not just teenage males with their cars	4/13/2017 4:06 PM
32	I have not noticed any anti social behaviour during the many times I have visited the Jetty (I am a born and raised local resident). I do not feel that any anti-social behaviour would be discouraged through closing the carpark earlier, as most of the anti-social people in Nightcliff do not have cars. I have visited the Jetty well after 9pm on several occasions, for a number of reasons, e.g. chatting with friends after eating dinner/dessert at the food vans, star gazing in sunset park	4/13/2017 3:44 PM
33	If you're doing the car park area, could the footpath go around the car park, rather than across the driveway?	4/12/2017 11:10 PM
34	More lighting along the foreshore	4/12/2017 3:43 PM
35	If anti social behavior is an issue, might i suggest that discussion be held with NTG and police be held about patrolling the area rather than closing earlier	4/12/2017 3:24 PM
36	stop making adhoc decisions eg Smith street round about	4/12/2017 1:05 PM
37	could a system of restricting entry after 9pm but allowing exit before 11pm be developed. Surely we have the personnel or technology to do this.	4/12/2017 10:42 AM
38	why does the council strive to limit the options available to its rate payers	4/11/2017 11:18 PM
39	The car park and ramp should be accessible to the public. Install lights.	4/11/2017 11:01 PM
40	It's already a slight disadvantage closing at 11 due to nightcliff being limited for tide access	4/11/2017 10:46 PM
41	Nimby locals Who would like their own private reserve	4/11/2017 10:22 PM
42	No	4/11/2017 10:17 PM
43	Focus on the crime rate breaking into businesses rather than keeping people out of car parks	4/11/2017 9:35 PM
44	Please don't stipulate a time surrounding our boat ramp.	4/11/2017 8:11 PM
45	I will stand for council if this is closed on a policy to dismiss all council staff with support from the fishing and boating community. Staff will have to reapply for all positions from CEO down and justify their positions	4/11/2017 7:51 PM
46	Very ignorant stupid idea knee jerk reaction due to minority group complaining	4/11/2017 7:48 PM
47	More policing and installation of security cameras would be a better option than early closure	4/11/2017 7:38 PM
48	Have you considered CCTV cameras which could also be funded by fisheries and police? This would assist with anti social behaviour issues in Darwin	4/11/2017 7:10 PM
49	Leave it alone.	4/11/2017 6:12 PM
50	Already said	4/11/2017 4:28 PM
51	Control the undesirables, don't inhibit grateful users of services	4/11/2017 2:05 PM
52	Leave it open put a camera up its not rocket science	4/11/2017 1:29 PM
53	Same as above	4/11/2017 1:23 PM
54	Closing the car park affects the majority who are law abiding citizens because of a few who did the wrong thing. We shouldn't be punished, the council needs to come up with a better solution than closing the car park	4/11/2017 1:20 PM
55	Sell your house and move if you don't like it. Put in some double glazed windows if you don't like the noise.	4/11/2017 1:20 PM
56	As above. Seems to me day-patrol is not supported so grog-face addicts can still service the rivers of grog. Quadruple the o/night spin dries and get drugEG:Grog people out of residential areas and BEFORE they kill and mame themselves.	4/11/2017 12:55 PM
57	Should be open 24/7 to allow boaters to use the ramp	4/11/2017 12:46 PM

58	It is not up to Council to do a job the Police should be doing.	4/11/2017 12:37 PM
59	The are other means to controlling antisocial behaviours. The greater majority of youths in the area do not drive there to begin with.	4/11/2017 12:35 PM
60	Don't change it.	4/11/2017 12:15 PM
61	People buy their homes knowing they live opposite a boat ramp, noise is expected just like if people buy near a pub or a shopping centre. Noise comes with that choice of where to live.	4/11/2017 12:10 PM
62	I thought the foreshore was an alcohol free zone for ALL users.	4/11/2017 11:21 AM
63	I rarely see people using the boat ramp late at night.	4/10/2017 7:16 PM
64	Aerial views show that only a few properties are in the immediate vicinity of the jetty. Closing it appears to be in the interest of an absolute minority.	4/9/2017 10:56 AM
65	See above and 24/7	4/8/2017 8:52 PM
66	10 pm seems like a good compromise	4/8/2017 3:45 PM
67	Put in a boom gate for boaties and keep the hoons out. No boat trailer, no entry.	4/8/2017 8:55 AM
68	house owners moved in understanding the local area, they should not complain for something that was there before their occupancy.	4/8/2017 2:33 AM
69	Police need to deal with anti social behaviour. My use of the boat ramp which is a PUBLIC boat ramp should not be curtailed because somebody bought a house in a noisy area.	4/8/2017 12:57 AM
70	No	4/8/2017 12:09 AM
71	lack of toilets should be solved	4/7/2017 9:38 PM
72	It's a public car park. It should be accessible 24/7.	4/7/2017 9:37 PM
73	One evening i returned to my car at about 8pm, it was in the nightcliff carpark. anyway, it was damaged by those yong blokes in the cars that hang out there. i did tell the police. also, Nightcliff house prices are decreasing due to this carreyon at night - people are moving to quieter neighbourhoods - this is concening. i am glad that council is making this change	4/7/2017 8:38 PM
74	leave it open for boats, its a boat ramp	4/7/2017 8:04 PM
75	I support bans on alcohol consumption in the area. this might go some way to reducing the noise.	4/7/2017 7:19 PM
76	open 24 hours	4/7/2017 7:10 PM
77	Install CCTV at all boat ramps.	4/7/2017 6:51 PM
78	Closure time should be removed altogether as it is a public boat ramp that is very tide dependant	4/7/2017 6:44 PM
79	Keeping this public space open and active later at night keeps it safe for people to use into the night. Has anyone been down and professionally interview those that are causing the problem	4/7/2017 6:25 PM
80	I appreciated on seeing this survey. I am looking forward to the closing time be changed to 9pm.	4/7/2017 5:36 PM
81	You can't just cater for people in expensive houses. you need to provide options for all people, including young people. An Indigenous woman was murdered last year on the foreshore, what are you doing about this? Get your priorities right.	4/7/2017 3:55 PM
82	The area is a great social spot for all, not just residents. Closing earlier means that the carpark (that is often full) would not be able to cater for many. This will reduce business and encourage illegal parking in the area.	4/7/2017 2:05 PM
83	Please help, the ambience of the foreshore is reduced by this carpark and the people that socialise it it after dark.!	4/7/2017 1:27 PM
84	I feel scared by the car park behaviour and look forward to feeling safe again!	4/7/2017 12:43 PM
85	ckosing the car park earlier will address this safety concern and restore peace to our beautiful forshore and family spaces. The antisocial behaviour at this car park has been on the agenda for years, please listen and act on our concerns. This not a reactive policing issue, this is a council issue that can be solved by a simple step of closing the car park earlier! Thankyou	4/7/2017 12:31 PM
86	If we have a problem with behaviour in the area why don't we organise the police who seem to be driving around giving people tickets to do a lap past when they are in the area.	4/7/2017 10:16 AM
87	Why does the DCC close all public parks at night to prevent itinerents living in the parks!	4/7/2017 9:15 AM

88	The boat/trailer section is often full of non boat users, so no place to park with a trailer. If you want to put your boat in Sat or Sun evening forget it, no where to park your trailer. Old greek bloke has a personal car park at the top of the ramp. Every Sunday eve.	4/7/2017 7:49 AM
89	There should be a salt water lagoon built somewhere on the foreshore. Free access to the public	4/6/2017 11:35 PM
90	No	4/6/2017 10:24 PM
91	If there is antisocial behaviout late at night maybe more lighting or regular police patrols would be of benefit	4/6/2017 10:04 PM
92	Those fishing and planning on returning late could be able to register for a fob key to open and get out?	4/6/2017 10:03 PM
93	Please help local residents who are impacted by this car park noise.	4/6/2017 9:43 PM
94	It is a boat ramp and access should be 24 hours a day. What about the safety considerations, ie poor weather forcing trips to be cut short.	4/6/2017 9:23 PM
95	No	4/6/2017 7:38 PM
96	Residents of the area shouldn't be allowed to have public areas closed because they don't like the fact there is some noise. The vast majority of people who utilise public spaces especially late at night are doing so in a very quiet manner. If there is unruly persons than the relative authorities can be called as per any other residential area.	4/6/2017 6:33 PM
97	Please open it 24h, if there are social issues, the police can drive by once an hour	4/6/2017 6:24 PM
98	The people of Darwin are constantly oppressed by the actions of a few	4/6/2017 5:49 PM
99	24/7 access required	4/6/2017 3:49 PM
100	I prefer it being available 24 hours	4/6/2017 3:25 PM
101	I would rather have 24 hour access to the boat ramp	4/6/2017 3:11 PM
102	Instead of closing how about regular patrols by police to move people on, cctv is another idea.	4/6/2017 2:33 PM
103	On the list of priorities for DCC to address in Darwin, this issue is not even worthy of debate, nor the expense to the public. The mere fact that DCC is expending public funds to pander to the complaints of some 'well to do' home owners that live adjacent to the jetty is a joke in itself.	4/6/2017 1:49 PM
104	The sand on the boat ramp should be removed and the channel dredged to allow use of the boat ramp for longer.	4/6/2017 1:47 PM
105	It is councils job to provide these facilities to our community and if you continue to reduce the access to areas such as this you are failing in your core function. I'd love to know how many complaints you have received in relation to this as there are only a few hours directly around the area. The fact is that these people purchased homes adjacent to a public area and some noise is to be expected. I have had major issues with the laneway next to my house for the past 10 years and Council have failed to assist me in any way, I dont see how this is any different.	4/6/2017 1:40 PM
106	More police patrols through this location would assist with any inappropriate behaviour	4/6/2017 12:32 PM
107	Removed the closing hours altogether and install better lighting and cameras. Or/and night patrols	4/6/2017 12:24 PM
108	Maybe better lighting and regular security drive bys might limit anti social behaviour	4/6/2017 12:09 PM
109	Has the City of Darwin undertaken any studies of carpark usage/volume looking at the night time period? Consultants? Have you placed information notices on cars parked in there late at night as i know most fisherman are not the most internet savvy following the COD website or the notices in the NT news. What would the cost of a boom similar to whats at the dump? therefore fisherman could use an access tag to enter/exit and reduce anti social behaviour but still allow functionality. Also by closing the gate earlier/because of antisocial behaviour wont you only push the problem some place nearby and then be forced to add another gate after complaints by new residents?	4/6/2017 11:09 AM
110	Advocate for increased police presence if anti-social behaviour a problem, or provide support to Larrakia Night Patrol	4/6/2017 8:58 AM
111	The behaviour just needs to be delt with. It just gets moved on to other areas.	4/5/2017 4:16 PM
112	no	4/5/2017 2:36 PM
113	Instead of a complete closure - installing a one way traffic device, such as tyre spikes, would allow fisherman returning after 11pm to be able to leave the carpark, but other vehicles would be unable to enter. Punishing the entire community for the actions of the few seems harsh.	4/5/2017 2:33 PM
114	No thanks	4/5/2017 2:10 PM
115	9:00pm is too early for those who enjoy a relaxed evening by the foreshore	4/5/2017 9:46 AM

Dear Darwin City Council

Please note the following comments on the proposal to change the closure time from 11 pm to 9 or 10 pm from the Department of Primary Industry and Resources (DPIR):

**Background:**

- The facility is primarily/originally a boat ramp. The boat ramp and original car park east of the jetty were built first and followed by the rock groyne and jetty.
- The NT Government funded the boat ramp's widening, car park expansion and jetty construction/repairs/maintenance and so has a significant investment in the facility.
- The boat ramp is the only Darwin foreshore public ramp protected from onshore wave action by a rock groyne. This increases its popularity with trailer boat operators, recreational and commercial fishers and fishing tour operators.
- This rock protection and the facility's proximity to popular offshore fishing grounds should also be considered in context of search and rescue operations.

**Current:**

- The NT Government has an interest in increasing fishing access opportunities to ensure that the social and economic benefits of fishing are widely distributed together with any impacts of fishing on fishery resources. To support this position Government has committed \$50 million to improve recreational fishing access and infrastructure in the current term. See pages 9 and 10 of the attachment.
- On 17 February 2017, the Member for Nightcliff wrote to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL) requesting that some of this funding is used to address ongoing siltation issues at the Nightcliff boat ramp.
- Government is taking advice on priorities for expenditure of the \$50 million commitment from its Recreational Fishing Advisory Committee (RFAC). At its most recent meeting on 22 February 2017, RFAC considered the Member for Nightcliff's request and recommended that engineering advice is requested in conjunction with Darwin City Council to determine whether a permanent solution to the siltation issue, such as dredging, is possible. DIPL officers are likely to contact Council personnel to discuss this matter in the near future.

**Recommendation:**

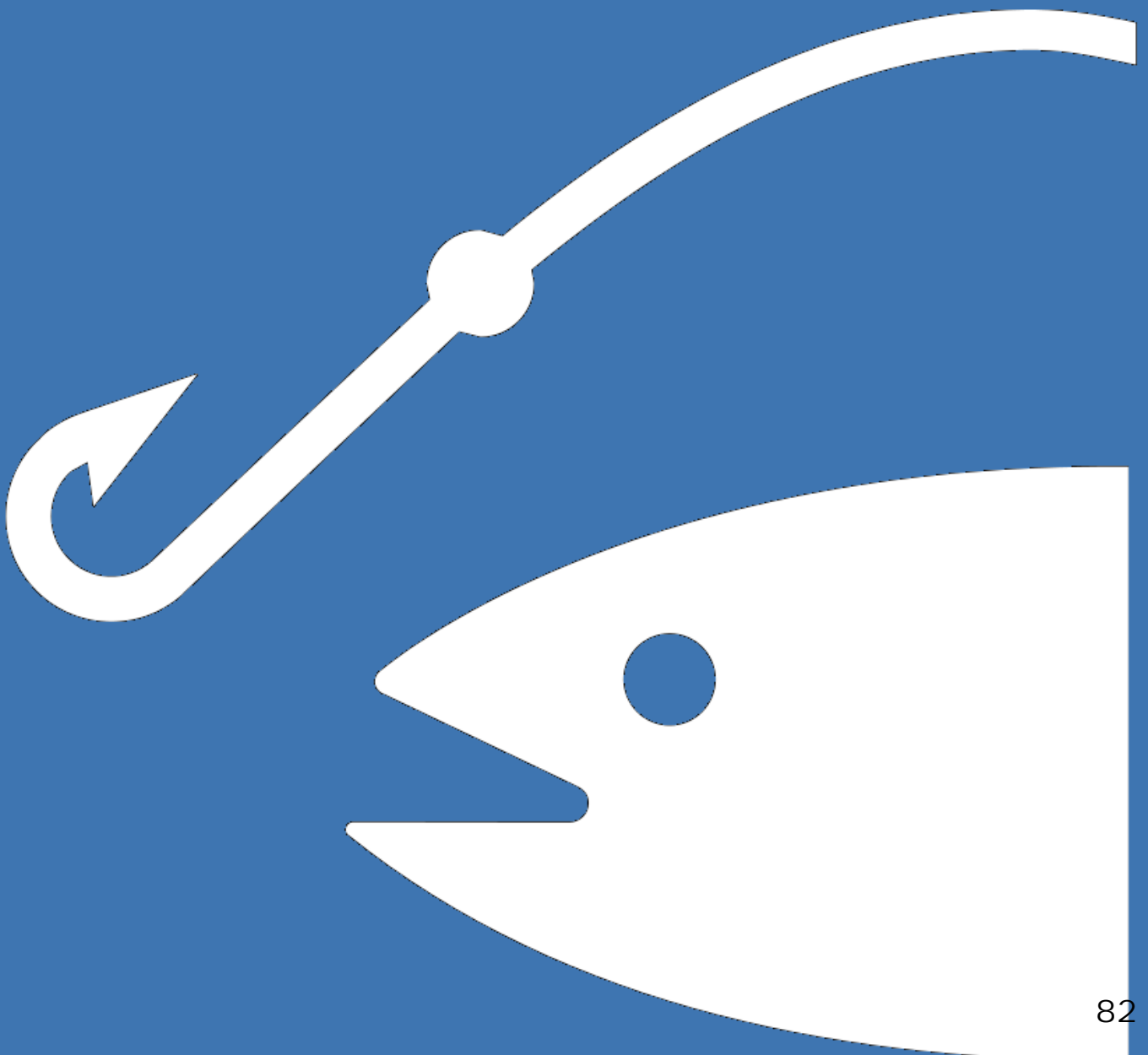
- The proposal to further restrict access to these facilities does not complement the points above and is not likely to be supported by this Department's stakeholders.
- DPIR does not support the proposal to change the closure time due to reports of antisocial behaviour and recommends that alternative ways of addressing that problem are considered in conjunction with NT Police. Why should legitimate users be penalised for the actions of a minority group who don't even use the facilities?

Regards

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# Recreational Fishing

A Territory Labor Policy Paper



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# Introduction

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The Northern Territory lifestyle is important to all Territorians. Each and every one of us has our own reason for living here and staying here.

For many thousands of Territorians one of those reasons is recreational fishing.

Nowhere in the country can you experience the great fishing life that you can in the Territory.

And for many Indigenous Territorians fishing, and the management of fishery resources, continues to be a central and important part of their history, culture and day-to-day life.

But that lifestyle will not protect itself. Government and Territorians have a responsibility to look after and foster a healthy environment and healthy fish resources.

That's why a Territory Labor Government will work with the Amateur Fisherman's Association, recreational fishing clubs and all Territorians to continue to make our fishing the best in the country.

Yes, recreational fishing is an important magnet for tourists, and it does play an important economic role that helps create jobs for Territorians, but first and foremost it is something that needs to be looked after for Territorians.

*Michael Gunner*

Territory Labor Leader



# Taking advice and consulting

Labor is committed to consulting the community on the implementation of our policy program.

Labor will ensure that an active Ministerial Advisory Council is in place that can advise on both the direction and implementation of recreational fishing policy and future recreational fishing infrastructure requirements.

The Ministerial Advisory Committee will also provide advice on promotion and sustainable development of the industry.

Labor will continue financial support for the Amateur Fisherman's Association.

## Protecting Recreational Fishing means Protecting the Environment

The future of recreational fishing will be determined by the way governments protect our environment.

Based on their record it is clear that the CLP cannot be trusted to protect the environment and therefore cannot be trusted to protect recreational fishing.

### ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS

Labor will ensure that:

- science and evidence will be at the centre of all environmental decision making. We need to gather more information, share more information and not ignore data that might be inconvenient;
- our processes will be transparent and accountable to the community;
- we will transfer all environmental approval, assessment, oversight and enforcement powers to the Department of the Environment and the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) and properly fund these enforcement bodies to do their jobs

## WATER

Protection of the Territory's water resources is of paramount importance in protecting recreational fishing. The CLP's water allocation processes are of major concern to recreational fishing.

Labor will

- Be guided by science when approving water allocations, including a return to the 80/20 rule for environmental/extractive allocations;
- Invest in more research, information and water modelling;
- Return to the consultative approach to water planning - water advisory committees, open water planning process, listening to stakeholders;
- Ensuring water requirements for mining are formally incorporated in the consumptive pool for water allocation plans rather than the current approach which sees these uses sit outside of the system with risks of over allocation;
- Ensure that mining and petroleum operations will be subject to the Water Act, this means they are dealt with like all other uses and must apply for a water licence;
- Install a "water for purpose" principle within the allocation and licensing provisions to stop over claiming of water for profit only
- Reinstate Strategic Indigenous Reserves and ensure specific consultative structures for are in place to guarantee indigenous Territorians a real say in water allocation that affects their interests. This will include the establishment of an Indigenous Water Unit within Government to oversee these processes and to also capitalise on the economic opportunities sustainable water use presents for Indigenous Territorians;
- Make all water decisions accessible under a new public portal;
- Conduct an independent review, at arm's length from government, of all water licenses granted since August 2012 to see that proper process was followed; and
- Conduct an independent scientific review of all water modelling for allocation plans.

## FRACKING

Considering all factors associated with the development of an onshore shale gas industry and the timeframe needed to comprehensively review the science Territory Labor will implement a moratorium covering all unconventional gas prospecting exploration and extraction activities that will continue until the expiration of or the completion of:-

- a. an independent expert advisory panel who will undertake a scientific inquiry which will include a peer review of all work done on the unconventional gas industry in the Territory and will review recent science and its reported environmental impacts. The inquiry will include critical baseline groundwater and surface water studies to be undertaken; baseline fugitive emissions data collection; fault line mapping; baseline health impact assessment; and the identification of priority areas for protection in no go zones. The panel will consist of reputable independent experts from fields such as environmental and biological science, water resources, eco toxicology, workforce planning, petroleum regulation and public health. Labor will set into place world leading environmental protection policies, regulations and processes that will be properly funded to do their job.
- b. a thorough community consultation process during and following the panel report. The consultation would include relevant stakeholder and community groups and is to be transparent, genuine and will include regional and remote consultation such as landholders, traditional owners and their representatives and unions
- c. development of the regulatory framework ensuring appropriate environmental protections and safeguards

At the end of this process labor in government will decide to either:-

1. Ban hydraulic fracturing;
2. Allow hydraulic fracturing in highly regulated and tightly prescribed areas.

# Recreational Fishing and Economic Development

Labor understands the economic potential of recreational fishing.

We will support the business of recreational fishing.

Labor will:

- Work with Indigenous representative organisations and Indigenous communities to develop a Fishing NT Remote Community Prospectus of potential fishing tourism investments.
- Establish a grants program aimed at backing the Fishing NT Remote Community Prospectus.
- Continue one-off tourism attraction programs such as the “Million Dollar Barra” promotion where there are demonstrable benefits to the local economy and the fishing sector.

Labor recognises the enormous potential to leverage the expertise of Top End Indigenous ranger groups in caring for land and sea country and monitoring recreational fishing on Aboriginal land.

Properly supported, there is more potential to provide access to more unique tourism/fishing opportunities in remote areas providing employment for local people, ranger groups and economic opportunities for Traditional Owners, while safe guarding cultural heritage and values.

# Taking the pressure off our resources

Labor is concerned that the popularity of recreational fishing is now placing increasing pressure on the resource. Government must act to ease this pressure by improving access to other fishing areas.

This requires careful planning and sensible investment.

Labor will also ensure that there is a logical connection between the management of both the commercial and recreational fisheries sectors. Decisions will be guided by science and solid advice on the future of fish stocks, as well as benefit to the community.

All decisions will be made in an honest and open way, reflecting our commitment to restoring integrity in government.

Labor will work with the Amateur Fisherman's Association to create a recreational fishing access plan and, more importantly, an implementation schedule.

Labor will also build on the framework we established in government to continue long term access for recreational fishing to areas affected by the Blue Mud Bay decision. The CLP has yet to conclude that work and we will focus on working in partnership with relevant Land Councils to refresh interim access agreements as they come under review.

Labor will work with all partners seeking to negotiate new access agreements on freehold, pastoral and Aboriginal lands and improvements to supporting infrastructure; such as roads, cattle grids on access roads, boat ramps and other facilities,

Further announcements will be made by Labor on the issue of access and easing the pressure on recreational fishing prior to the election.

## \$50 MILLION IN INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORTING RECREATIONAL FISHING DURING OUR FIRST TERM

Labor will invest in the infrastructure requirements of recreational fishing across the Territory. In our first term Labor will commit \$50 million in funds to the development of needed recreational fishing infrastructure.

Recreational fishers will be engaged in drawing up key projects against this expenditure if Labor is elected to government. However Labor believes there is an immediate need for some projects to get underway.

In Government Labor will:

### Upgrade the Channel Island boat ramp

The Channel Island boat ramp needs upgrading. Labor will improve this facility by lengthening and broadening the ramp and increasing car parking spaces.

### Upgrade the Middle Arm boat ramp car park

Middle Arm boat ramp is popular but needs to be upgraded to cope with the demands on it. Labor will increase the parking spaces and upgrade the amenities at the Middle Arm boat ramp.

### Implement a long term program of building artificial reefs and installing Fish Attraction Devices

Putting into place artificial reefs and Fish Attraction Devices to enhance and improve fishing stocks, particularly in the Darwin area. Labor will ensure that these programs are based on appropriate evidence and scientific advice.

### Increase land based fishing platforms in residential areas providing for improved facilities for disabled anglers and children

Fishing in the urban areas of Darwin, Palmerston and surrounding areas is popular but often people do not own boats and are hampered in their enjoyment of this recreation.

Labor will deliver a program of land based fishing platforms to be installed at appropriate locations. These platforms will be in easily accessible locations, wheelchair accessible and with adequate lighting and crocodile protection barriers in place.

# Supporting a growing interest in Recreational Fishing

## Labor will stock residential lakes with barramundi fingerlings

Labor will stock the residential lakes around Darwin and Palmerston with Barramundi fingerlings. Such a program will improve the lifestyle and recreational opportunities of residents as well as providing a safe and easily accessible opportunity for children and families to go fishing.

## Provide grant funding for fishing clubs to run children's fishing clinics

Labor will establish a grants program available for fishing clubs to promote recreational fishing in their areas, and encourage families, especially children, to participate in this wonderful recreation.

# Safety for Recreational Fishers

## The installation of CCTV cameras and toilets at the Dinah Beach boat ramp

In Government Labor extended and grew the Dinah Beach Boat Ramp. It is now one of the most popular and easy to launch boat ramps in the Top End.

To support usage of this ramp more facilities need to be in place, especially toilets and wash down facilities. Most importantly Labor will address the problems of crime at this boat ramp which has been ignored by the CLP. Labor will install CCTV cameras and will install appropriate other safety facilities to protect fishers and their investment.

## Funding for the installation of a marine radio repeater system for recreational boating safety and communication

The Northern Territory does not have an emergency system of communication for maritime recreational boat traffic. Labor will undertake a cost benefit analysis on the installation of a marine radio repeater system in the most trafficked areas of the Territory coast.

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Dear Sheree,

### **Re: Nightcliff Jetty & Boat Ramp Car Park: Proposed earlier closing times**

I thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission in response to the proposal to close the Nightcliff jetty and boat ramp car park earlier each night (from 11pm to 9pm). We also thank the City of Darwin for agreeing to meet with AFANT next week to further discuss this important matter. Please accept this submission from AFANT on behalf of the recreational fishers in the Northern Territory, particularly those in the Darwin area.

AFANT and the recreational fishing community are strongly opposed to any moves to further restrict access to the Nightcliff jetty and boat ramp car parks. It is our substantiated view (see Appendix A) that the current arrangements (being closed from 11pm - 4am) are already overly restrictive and unsatisfactory. While we understand the intention behind closing the car park at night is to balance the amenity of facility users with the peace of local residents, we contend that restricting access to legitimate users of taxpayer funded recreational fishing infrastructure, is neither a suitable or sustainable solution.

AFANT have consulted with our members and constituents, namely recreational fishers with an interest in the Nightcliff facilities. It should be noted that many of these people reside in the City of Darwin council area. In this submission to the official community consultation process, we will outline the rationale behind our strong objections to the proposal and provide results of our own community engagement on this matter.

### **Common ground – recreational fishers are not part of the problem**

AFANT notes that the official reason given by the City of Darwin for the consideration of a more restrictive access regime is as follows; *(the) City of Darwin has received a request to consider closing the car parks earlier. This request is driven by some continued issues with noise and public disturbance at the site impacting on local residents.* Follow up by AFANT, and media reports on this matter have clarified that a small number of people in cars playing music and using their vehicles inappropriately appear be the major concerns of the residents cited. AFANT has spoken with City of Darwin staff and at no point has anyone suggested that fishers using the ramp or jetty are to be blamed for the noise or public disturbance.

There is common ground here between the residents and fishing infrastructure users, in that both groups believe that the issue of noise and public disturbance at night should be able to be dealt with. Legitimate users of this specialised infrastructure, do not want the actions of non-users to impact on local support or access, nor do they want the experience of their own legitimate activities to be impacted by excessive noise or public disturbance. AFANT and the recreational fishing community firmly believe that calling the police is the best way for residents and infrastructure users to have matters of public disturbance addressed.

### **Legitimate and necessary use – it is inappropriate to restrict access to these facilities**

It is AFANT's position that restricting access to publicly funded recreational fishing infrastructure is not an appropriate course of action. In the case of Nightcliff jetty and especially the boat ramp, we do not believe that any night time restriction on the use of the car park is appropriate for the following reasons:



- a) The facility was originally a boat ramp. With the boat ramp and original (east) car park first built, followed by the rock groyne and jetty; for the purposes of providing recreational fishing opportunity.
- b) The boat ramp has been in place for over 50 years and it is therefore reasonable to suggest that current local residents have always known that they have chosen to reside in proximity to a significant piece of public infrastructure, often used during the day and night.
- c) The Northern Territory Government has in recent years funded upgrades to boat ramp, car park and jetty. The investment in these facilities has been significant and over a period of time.
- d) The ramp requires around a 3.5 - 4m tide height to be serviceable. Therefore, depending on the tide cycle, time restrictions on access to the carpark can be exacerbated, meaning that there are even longer periods when the ramp facility does not meet boat launching or retrieval demands.
- e) The Nightcliff boat ramp is a highly unique asset as it is the only public boat ramp along the Darwin foreshore with a rock groyne providing protection to the ramp from onshore wave action.
- f) The Nightcliff jetty is a unique asset in that it provides safe (Crocwise) access to land based fishers. This is of particular significance at night when the dangers of beach or rock fishing are increased. Furthermore, given that fishing on the jetty is dependent on tides, this factor drives demand for the jetty and can coincide with the late evening/early morning. Restricting reasonable access to the jetty may result in people choosing to fish in less safe locations.

#### **The proposal to close the car parks at 9pm is not supported by legitimate users of the infrastructure**

AFANT does not support the proposal to further restrict access to the Nightcliff jetty and boat ramp by closing the carpark earlier and for a longer period. Our primary objections are based upon this access regime being unsuitable and unfair for the legitimate users of the publicly funded infrastructure.

AFANT has evidence of community sentiment, revealing significant community opposition to the proposal being considered by the Council. This evidence came to light through a survey ran by AFANT and made available to our members and supporters via our newsletter and on our Facebook page. We received 149 individual responses to our survey. Of this sample 73% identified as Nightcliff boat ramp users, 50% as Nightcliff jetty fishers, with 20% saying they intend to use either fishing facility. This suggests that the AFANT sample strongly represents legitimate infrastructure users.

Of those surveyed 96% did not support the proposal to close the car park earlier. Only 17% agreed that the current opening times were sufficient, with 76% of respondents saying the car parks should be open 24 hours a day. Fifty-eight percent of respondents also believed that having legitimate users present deterred antisocial behaviour of others in the area. The full survey results are provided in Appendix A.

#### **Current access arrangements are not satisfactory for a major user group – recreational fishers**

As by-product of the consultation on this proposal, it has come to AFANT's attention that the majority of recreational fishers who use the Nightcliff facilities are not satisfied with the current access and car parking arrangements. This has been substantiated by the calls, comments and survey responses received by AFANT. Many users have reported that the current closed period from 11pm - 4am has limited their legitimate use of the boat ramp. Furthermore, it has been revealed that fishing users, especially boat ramp users have regular trouble being able to park their boats exacerbated by cars without trailers, parking in the specifically marked boat car parks in the eastern car park.

The above sentiments have been captured in our online survey where 73% of respondents said that the car parks should be open 24 hours a day. Of particular concern to AFANT was the revelation that 47% of respondents reported issues with finding a parking spot to park their boat trailer, with 13% saying that not being able to park their boat trailer was usual. Parking issues were also cited by jetty fishers (see Appendix A).

### **Recommendations**

1. The Council reject the proposal to close the car parks at the earlier time of 9pm
2. The Council consult with the community about opening at least the boat ramp car park, 24 hours a day
3. The City of Darwin introduce and enforce controls to ensure that only cars with boat trailers park in specifically marked parks in the eastern section of the car park (it may be sufficient to enforce this only on Friday, Saturday and Sunday).

We thank you for taking the time to consider AFANT's submission. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any more information about the views presented here, or anything further about recreational fishing at Nightcliff.

Yours Sincerely,



David Ciaravolo  
 Executive Officer

5 May 2017

## Appendix A

### **AFANT Your Say: Proposal to close Nightcliff Jetty and Boat Ramp Car parks at 9pm** **Summary Report (149 responses)**

**Q1. Do you use the Jetty or Boat Ramp for fishing?** (you can select more than one)

	%
I use the Jetty	50
I use the Boat Ramp	73
I intend to use the Jetty or Ramp	20
I do not use these facilities	4

**Q2. Did you know that the car parks are currently closed between 11pm and 4am?**

	%
Yes	63
No	37

**Q3. Do you support the current proposal to close the car parks 2 hours earlier at 9pm?**

	%
No	96
Yes	4

**Q4. Do you think the current opening hours 4am - 11pm offer reasonable access to these publicly funded fishing facilities?** (can select up to 2)

	%
Yes, the current opening hours are sufficient	17
No, the car parks should be open later	17
No, the car parks should re-open earlier	5
No, the car parks should be open 24 hours	76

**Q5. Which of the following best fits your experiences of using the car parks when fishing from the Boat Ramp or Jetty?** (can choose up to 2)

	%
Usually there are enough parks when I visit to fish from the jetty	19
Usually there are enough parks when I visit to use the boat ramp	31
It is sometimes not possible to find a park for my boat trailer	47
It is usually not possible to find a park for my boat trailer	13
It is sometimes not possible to find a park when I go fishing on the Jetty	12
It is usually not possible to find a park when I go fishing on the jetty	0
I don't go fishing here	6

**Q6. Aside from fishing, when you visit the Jetty or Ramp what do you value?** (choose as many as you like)

	%
I like the convenience of the location	74
I like the fish and chips	24
I like the food trucks	37
I only go here to go fishing	35

**Q7. Please share your thoughts on noisy or anti-social behaviour in the car parks** (can select multiple)

	%
I have not noticed noisy or anti-social behaviour in the car parks	45
I often observe noisy or anti-social behaviour in the car parks	3
I occasionally observe noisy or anti-social behaviour in the car parks	28
I think having legitimate users (like fishers) present deters poor behaviour	58

Local resident – Aralia St	<p>Dear City of Darwin,</p> <p>I refer to your post on Facebook today regarding the Nightcliff Jetty car park and suggested new closure times. Could I first ask specifically by who (how many people have complained?) and why has this debate come about so I can understand what might be driving the City of Darwin to consider changes to the current arrangement?</p> <p>As a long term resident of Nightcliff and frequent user of this space I would like to propose the current closures are removed entirely and new tools are found &amp; put in place to deal with any issues for residents. It is 2017 and I'm sure we have more tools at our disposal now compared to when these closures were put in place in 2000. Perhaps something mutually beneficial to users of this space.</p> <p>A major issue across the Northern Territory at the moment is access to areas for the launch and retrieve of boats.</p> <p>Nightcliff Boat ramp (and attached car park by association) is already a facility that has very restricted use due to our tidal ranges.</p> <p>As an aside - this has been more recently exaggerated by an apparent lack of maintenance with the significant build-up of sand on the bottom 1/3 of this ramp. The sand needs to be removed from the location, not moved a couple of meters to the side like last time. While I understand this is an on-going maintenance issue I seek to understand what your schedule of works for this is?</p> <p>On the topic of closure times, the suggested change brings forward the closure time significantly this will have a significant effect on the useability of this ramp. People will be needing to make the decision to either cut trips short or stay out until the next tidal movement that coincides with an open time for the car park – which could be up to +14 hours away as the ramp only has a half tide access most of our tidal cycles combined with a closed time of 7hours a day (9pm – 4am suggested). An additional 2hours in a 6 hour tidal cycle can have a much larger effect than intended.</p>
Local resident – Aralia St	Please leave open/close times as they are now.
Local resident – Casuarina Drive	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the review of the closing time for the Nightcliff jetty car parks.</p> <p>I support an earlier closing time of 10pm. I believe that social activity should be allowed up to that time. 9pm seems overly restrictive</p> <p>I would like the same to apply to the picnic area opposite the Bill Bell Park at the foreshore and the Bill Bell park itself. We live directly adjacent to the park and opposite the picnic area which attracts itinerants displaying rather disturbing behaviour such as:</p> <p>Yelling Urinating (against the fence at our property) Hiding of grog Littering Fighting Obscenities Etc</p>

	<p>This behaviour goes on at all hours at times.</p> <p>We have small children and are contemplating relocating due to the disturbances.</p>
Local resident – Kurrajong Crescent	<p>If you live near the beach you have to accept people will mingle along the Jetty and beach during the night. We love going for a walk at night and yes it can be noisy but that can be watched to see how bad it is. Perhaps some police patrols if we have enough police on duty. I think 9pm is a ridiculous time to lock the car park, I support 11pm to 4 am .</p>
Darwin resident	<p>Following are my comments / consultation feedback :-</p> <p>I was at the jetty sometime earlier this week, but did not take photos. It was on a weekday night.</p> <p>I was at the jetty again last night at 10 pm and took some photos for records. It's currently the Easter Holidays.</p> <p>I observed the following :-</p> <p>1) On the weekday night, not many people and activities were seen at the carpark.</p> <p>Last night at 10 pm, the following were observed :-</p> <p>2) A car passed-by with loud music and the car did not park nor stop at the carpark.</p> <p>3) There was a couple talking at the ramp.</p> <p>4) There was a man tending to his boat with which he could have used to go boating with earlier when the day was brighter.</p> <p>5) The carpark was lighted nicely and there were few vehicles parked there (refer to photos taken).</p> <p>I would say for whatever anti-social behaviour that could have taken place earlier, such incidents would still take place if the car parks were closed, for noise could come from cars passing-by.</p> <p>On weekday nights, there is less activity.</p> <p>Opinions :-</p> <p>1) The car parks can be closed from 9 pm on Weekdays, and for which the following day is a Working Day.</p> <p>2) It is preferable that the car parks be closed at 10.30 pm on Public Holidays and on Nights for which the following day is a Non-Work Day !</p>

	<p>Missed one important point :-</p> <p>Noticed there are many signboards there informing on numerous matters.</p> <p>There can be one more signboard informing visitors not to indulge in unwelcoming and anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>From here, we can hope for Voluntary Compliance to be practised by the visitors to the jetty carparks.</p>
	Suggest leave as is --- 11pm until 0400
Local resident – Hakae St	<p>Thank you I really appreciate your consultation, and the opportunity to comment on the proposed earlier closing of the Nightcliff jetty.</p> <p>I strongly oppose the proposal.</p> <p>The area is much more than just a jetty and boat ramp, it is a recreational precinct for people from Nightcliff and a favourite spot for many more people from <b>all over the northern suburbs</b> who do not have easy access to the shoreline.</p> <p>As you know it has the most wonderful spots for picnics and BBQs for 500 meters either side of the jetty; a large grassed recreational area with fantastic playground equipment for the children (thankyou DCC from our granddaughter).</p> <p>The current parking status is a reasonable antisocial behaviour control with a neighbour noise curfew of 11pm. Closing the carpark earlier <b>is unlikely to improve either of these issues</b>, indeed closing it early will <b>very likely facilitate antisocial</b> individuals to move into the area <b>earlier</b> in the evening.</p> <p>While the area is great to enjoy during the day <b>it is especially popular</b> in our balmy Darwin evenings, with its gentle sea breezes and rolling tides onto the rocks, lights glistening across the water. It sounds like an exotic overseas location but it is for me better than most places I have seen and experienced around the world and I have experienced a few.</p> <p>Most users enjoy a BBQ or picnic, watch the sunset and then enjoy this most relaxing and calming place to have a drink with their friends on into the evening. They do this without having to keep thinking about rushing off to get out of the carpark. Many people arrive at 6.30 or 7 pm, <b>and it is reasonable for them to be able to stay there for more that 2-3 hours.</b></p> <p>Well done DCC you have the current arrangements just right, they provide the opportunity for large numbers of families and individuals to spread out without crowding and enjoy the best Darwin has to offer,</p>

	and to do it at their leisure.
Local resident	<p>I am a resident of Nightcliff and have been for the past 13 years.</p> <p>I don't support changing the closure times as it will reduce use of the boat ramp.</p> <p>Similarly, I don't support spending rate payers money on boom gates or swipe cards to control access.</p> <p>In addition, the Council's approach to consultation appears that the outcome has already been pre-determined by having a "requested" closure time and not disclosing who the requester was.</p>
Local resident, Kurrajong Crescent	Received your correspondence dated 10/4/17 re the above, we as owners of a unit in Kurrajong Crescent Nightcliff and regular users of the area for social functions etc support the request of closure of the Car Park Area from 9pm to 4am. Thank you
Local resident, Casuarina Drive	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We are long standing residents of xxx Casuarina drive and regularly woken or disturbed by noisy revellers visiting the foreshore and it's car parks most nights between 11pm to 4am. Any decision to change the times of closure of the foreshore car parks will be ineffective unless considered in conjunction with improvements in the management of the foreshore by local authorities.</li> <li>2. The car park opposite our property has a defective bollard that has been broken for at many months, so this car park is open all night. Car loads of mostly young inconsiderate people regularly come and go in the car park throughout the night and their obscene, rowdy behaviour is offensive and disturbing to my family.</li> <li>3. large groups of mostly young adults regularly park late at night and well into the early morning along Casuarina Drive between the jetty and Mimosa Street, where their antisocial behaviour and lack of regard for residents and the law goes unchecked causing great distress to nearby residents. To say I and my family are fed up with the noise of revving motors, burnouts, loud rude and offensive language, fights and arguments we are subjected to is an understatement. My attempts to remonstrate with hooligans entering and defecating in my property is usually confrontational and always met with derision, threats and abuse. It is obvious the excessive high intensity of the abundant street and bike path lighting between the jetty car park and the small car park opposite my house encourages the congregation of late night revellers to this particular area.</li> <li>4. Outrageous behaviour is rarely caused by people using the foreshore and parks for legitimate activities before 10pm. By my</li> </ol>

	<p>observation there is little if any legitimate use of the car park by the general public, including fishermen after 10 pm.</p> <p>5. We are aware that noisy disturbances on the street and on the foreshore is a police matter; however, unless there is strong violence the police rarely respond to our numerous well documented calls for help.</p> <p>6. There is a house under construction next to mine, when this is finished and occupied I expect complaints of noise will increase.</p> <p>7. We are conscious the rights of fishermen, legitimate foreshore visitors and food suppliers are relevant, but these groups do not usually affect the car park opposite 226 Casuarina Drive.</p> <p>8. Recommendations: Close the car parks at 10 pm and monitor the effects, fix the defective bollard in car park, set the bike path lighting in the area to switch off at 10.pm, and reschedule the adjacent sprinklers to turn on at 12pm.</p>
Local resident	<p>As rate payers in nightcliff close by to carpark we vote to have the time unchanged.</p> <p>why should it be restricted even further for just a few who live right near there. if they dont like it they should move! we pay for that ramp and already are restricted in when we can use it! im sure any incidents there have been few and if people are going to cause trouble there they will regardless if car park is closed! theyll just park on the street!</p> <p>stops us using the boat ramp! not fair!</p> <p>thank you Nightcliff ratepayer</p>
	<p>Understandably, the residents don't want antisocial behaviour, but also they have purchased their properties there knowing full well it is a public access space. I think the rights of many should not be suppressed for the wishes of a few.</p> <p>I don't know that earlier carpark closure will inhibit that much antisocial behaviour as no doubt sometimes the noise comes from itinerants or those that have consumed too much alcohol, not just hooning youths. (Which is about the only antisocial behaviour that will be stopped by early closure).</p> <p>I think the most significant issue re a decision are the statistics on how many times police are called to that area to deal with 'the hoons'.. if it is frequent &amp; constant then only then should such a decision be considered.</p>
	<p>I hope its not too late to put my say in, but was quite annoyed at the carpark being closed at night. I was looking forward to the boat in</p>



	<p>Saturday morning and getting a head start going out past Charles point.</p> <p>I arrived at 4.30 am only to find the carpark closed. We had to drive all the way out to east arm.</p> <p>Nightcliff boat ramp is a good ramp to use at night especially when tides are good. Disappointing to see it closed.</p>
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<b>ENCL: NO</b>	<b>COMMUNITY &amp; CULTURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE/OPEN</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM: 10.1.3</b>
<b>60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF DARWIN</b>		
<b>REPORT No.: 17C0021 AM:kl</b>	<b>COMMON No.: 3536918</b>	<b>DATE: 21/03/2017</b>

**Presenter:** General Manager Community & Cultural Services,  
Anna Malgorzewicz

**Approved:** Chief Executive Officer, Brendan Dowd

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to brief Council on planned community activities to mark the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the City of Darwin.

### **LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies of the City of Darwin 2012 – 2016 as outlined in the 'Evolving Darwin Towards 2020 Strategic Plan':-

#### **Goal**

4 Historic and Culturally Rich City

#### **Outcome**

4.1 Recognised key activities and events

#### **Key Strategies**

4.1.1 Promote and support activities that celebrate our Indigenous culture, local history and cultural diversity

### **KEY ISSUES**

- The 1 July 2017 marks the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the City of Darwin.
- The 2017 – 2018 financial year will be branded as Council's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary year and will underpin marketing and communications of major deliverables, program and service highlights throughout the year.
- To mark the significant anniversary on 1 July 2017, a series of community activities will be programmed in the week leading up to the anniversary date, commencing with the official opening celebration of the Bicentennial Park Play Space.

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 17C0021 AM:kl entitled 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations Of The City Of Darwin, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council endorse the draft direction for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the City of Darwin Program as contained in Report Number 17C0021 AM:kl entitled 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the City of Darwin.

## **BACKGROUND**

### **PREVIOUS DECISIONS**

DECISION NO. 19\4237 (27/03/07)

**Darwin City Council 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations Update**  
 Report No. 07TC0032 (19/03/07) Common No. 1037465

- B. *THAT Ward Aldermen advise the Public Affairs Manager of the preferred date for community celebrations and contents of the time capsule.*

DECISION NO. 19\3692 (31/10/06)

**Darwin City Council 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations 20017**  
 Report No. 06TC0076 (09/10/06) Common No. 1037465

- B. *THAT Council adopt Option B as incorporated in Report Number 06TC0076 for the planning of the Darwin City Council 50th Anniversary Celebrations.*
- C. *THAT Council refer an amount of approximately \$34,500 to the 2nd Quarter Budget Review 2006/07, to enable activities, events and displays as per Option B, to be implemented to mark Council's 50th Anniversary.*

The Palmerston District Council was formed in 1874 and its successor, the Darwin Town Council was created in 1915. In 1930 the Mayor and Councillors all resigned and five councillors were appointed to act until amending legislation could be passed. By 1937 the proposed legislation had not been introduced and Council was abolished at its own request.

Council's work and functions were taken over by the Commonwealth and distributed among branches of the Northern Territory Administration. In 1939 a Town Management Board was formed which was never constituted with WWII intervening.

It was not until 1955 the Legislative Council passed the Local Government Ordinance to provide for the constitution of municipalities for the election of self-governing authorities to control municipalities and for other purposes.

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On the 29th June 1957, the people of Darwin elected for the first time a Mayor and 12 Aldermen. There was much enthusiasm at the time for granting of self-governance with a voter turnout of more than 85 per cent on Election Day, 29 June 1957. Council's first elected Mayor was Lucius (Bill) Richardson. The new Council took office on the 1st July 1957.

## **DISCUSSION**

The City of Darwin will mark 60 years of service and program provision to the community on 1 July 2017. At its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary milestone a series of events and publications were produced including a series of articles published in The Sun Newspapers. **Attachment A.**

To mark the first 25 years of Council a historical chronicle was commissioned in 1986, written by Alistair Heatley. **Attachment B.** (An extract is provided and a full copy is available on Council's intranet site).

The 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary occurs at the cusp of the 21<sup>st</sup> Council and presents an opportunity to engage the community in marking its achievements and celebrating community milestones over the past six decades. A week long program is proposed in the lead up to the anniversary, commencing on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2017 with the official community launch and opening of the Bicentennial Park Play Space. This significant social infrastructure project is one of many key service and program milestones that will be delivered during the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary year by Council to the community it serves. The week-long activities will include a Citizenship Ceremony, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Council Meeting, activities in The Mall and conclude with an event on the actual anniversary itself, which is also Territory Day.

Subsequent programs such as Council's annual Darwin Show program of events and public activities throughout the year will also be branded as part of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary program. The program will arc across the 2017 – 2018 years to involve the 22<sup>nd</sup> Council. Initiatives to share 60 stories and celebrate 60 citizens will feature during the anniversary year. The official opening of the Parap Pool Redevelopment in early 2018 will also be badged as a significant anniversary event during the diamond jubilee year.

A branding device is currently under development and will be utilised to badge all activities, promotional materials and email signature blocks. An active community awareness program will be delivered throughout the anniversary year regarding Council services and programs and social media will also be utilised to promote and engage the community actively in events and campaigns.

The draft program of activities will engage the community, celebrate the varied and important work of Council and celebrate the City's history and identity. Council endorsement of this direction is sought.

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A preliminary outline of program activities include:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Timing</b>
Bicentennial Park Play Space Opening	Saturday, 24 June 2017
Citizenship Ceremony	Monday, 26 June 2017
2 <sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Council Meeting – Anniversary Speeches	Tuesday, 27 June 2017
Family Fun School Holiday Program	Monday – Friday 24 – 30 June 2017
Mall Moments	Monday – Friday 24 – 30 June 2017
Anniversary Day – including cake cutting and Brass Band, Civic Park	Saturday 1 July 2017
<b>2017-2018 Anniversary Moments</b>	
Royal Darwin Show	July 2017
Young Territory Author Awards	31 August 2017
Inauguration of 22 <sup>nd</sup> Council	September 2017
Christmas in the City Program	December 2017
Parap Pool Opening	tba Early 2018

## **CONSULTATION PROCESS**

In preparing this report, the following City of Darwin officers were consulted:

- Community Events Producer
- Media and Communications Unit

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

The recommendations in this report are consistent with City of Darwin Policy No 008 – Community Participation, Access and Inclusion.

## **BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

An amount of \$25,000 has been allocated from within the Community & Cultural Services annual operating budget to meet all program associated with the anniversary community activities.

## **RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

## **COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION**

We the Author and Approving Officers declare that we do not have a Conflict of Interest in relation to this matter.

**ANNA MALGORZEWICZ**  
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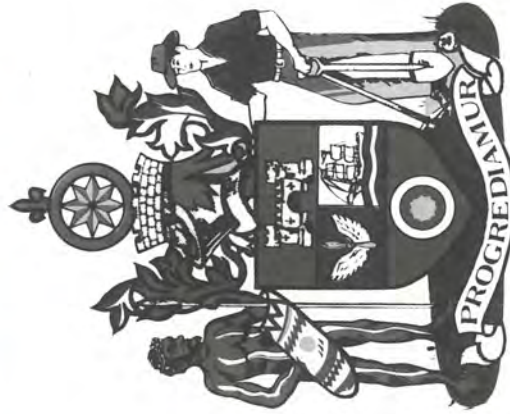
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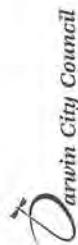
# People, Places & Projects

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**This is the first in a series of weekly columns depicting people, places & projects over the past 50 years of Darwin City Council in celebration of Council's 50th Anniversary, July, 2007**



**50 years**  
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The path toward local government in Darwin was a long and often complex one to attain what most of Australia took for granted, a voice in local matters.

The history of local government in the Territory began in 1874 when the Palmerston (then Darwin) District Council was established. In 1915 the Palmerston District Council was replaced by the Darwin Town Council, and existed until 1930 when the Mayor and Councillors resigned in protest against the Commonwealth's proposal to reintroduce a fully elected Council rather than an appointed one. A caretaker Council was appointed until 1937, when it was abolished at its own request. Council's work and functions were taken over by the Commonwealth.

In 1939 a Darwin Town Management Board was



Smith Street, Cnr Bennett Street, Darwin, circa 1950s

formed consisting of three Commonwealth Government officers and a Citizens' Advisory Committee. However it did not exist for long as World War II soon intervened with Darwin being bombed heavily by the Japanese in 1942. When Darwin returned to civilian control after the war, a new Town Management Board was formed consisting of officials and a representative group of residents.

During the period from 1947 to the early 1950s, the move towards local government gained momentum. There were public meetings, recommendations made by district associations and reports compiled on how local government should be set up.

In September 1953 the Local Government Bill was introduced into the NT Legislative Council. Its progress was delayed by extended debate and an election. The Bill was passed in November 1954 and finally the Local Government Ordinance was given assent in November 1955 providing for a Darwin Municipal Council. The Northern Territory News on 18 November 1954 reported a street poll of Darwin locals concluded most were in favour of local government but "many though don't agree with the newly-passed bill." Some reported comments were:

"I agree with the Administrator that the people of Darwin and Alice Springs should be ready to accept responsibility but we don't want this thing thrust on us." - MR JACK WHITE, BATCHELOR

"We should be able to control all our own affairs right here." - MR A.W. OSBORNE.

"It is definitely a step towards Statehood."

- MRS H. SARGENT, KNUCKEY'S LAGOON.

Debate continued and the period between mid 1955 and early 1957 was marked by negotiations

around how local government would be implemented. A further committee was formed to work out operational details and scope. Final proposals were sent to Canberra in late 1955 for consideration by Paul Hasluck, Commonwealth Minister for Territory Affairs.

Almost a year went by before a response was received from the Commonwealth. The response was submitted to a public meeting in Darwin on 18 September 1956 at which it was accepted by a majority vote.

Arrangements were soon made for an election on 29 June 1957 with the new Darwin Municipal Council to take office on 1 July 1957. The provisions allowed for a directly elected Mayor and two Councillors from each of six Wards - Temira, Port Darwin, Paraparap, Stuart, Fannie Bay and Nightcliff.

On election day on 29 June there was a turnout of more than 85 per cent reflecting the enthusiasm for granting of local government.

Darwin's first Mayor was Lucius Lawrence D'Arcy Richardson (known as Bill), a construction engineer originally from Queensland, who was elected with 62 per cent of the vote. Richardson's Deputy Mayor was Darwin lawyer John Lyons.



*Darwin's First Mayor,  
Bill Richardson*

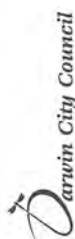
On 26 January 1959 Acting Administrator Marsh handed a proclamation granting Darwin City status to then Mayor John Lyons. Darwin was officially a city.



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# Mayor makes history



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**This week we look at the life of Darwin City Council's first Chinese Mayor as part of a series of weekly columns depicting the people, places and projects from our first 50 years.**



Harry Chan was mayor from 1966, the first man of Chinese descent to hold the position.  
BELOW: Mayor Chan with Town Clerk Bill Sullivan.



**With the election of Harry Chan in 1966, Darwin achieved the distinction of having the first Chinese Mayor in Australia.**

Born in Darwin on 14 June 1918, Harry Chan (Chan Tien Fook) was the third of five children of Chin Yepp Gree (Chan Fon Yuen), a tailor from Hong Kong, and his Darwin-born wife (Wong) Quee She (Shee).

Educated at a Darwin public school and at Oriental College, Hong Kong, Harry completed an accountancy qualification by correspondence.

In 1968 he became a fellow of the Australian Society of Accountants - the first Territorian to do so.

Chan married Lilyan Yuen on 18 January 1941 in Darwin. He worked as a tailor, then in the retail and timber industries, and participated in the affairs of the Chinese community.

After the bombing of Darwin in 1942 he was evacuated to Sydney where he worked for the Bank of China.

Chan returned to Darwin after World War II, established a successful grocery business, invested in real estate, and extended his involvement in welfare, social and sporting organisations.

His efforts made him a popular figure in what was then a small and close-knit town. It was said that he knew the names of almost all Darwin's residents and those of their domestic pets!

Chan's cheerful and courteous nature, together with his generosity and helpfulness, served him well in seeking public office. In July 1959 he was elected to Darwin City Council as the representative for Fannie Bay Ward.

Not long after, in December 1962, he also entered the Northern Territory Legislative Council as member for Fannie Bay. In 1965

Chan achieved another milestone when he became the first elected President of the Legislative Council; an office he was to hold until his death.

Chan continued as a city Councillor until 1966 when he was elected Mayor. Believing that his loyalty was to his constituents, he sat as an Independent on both Darwin City Council and the Legislative Council.

His holding of the two most prestigious, elected positions in the Northern Territory was a tribute both to his standing in the community and to the racial tolerance of postwar Darwin (at a time when the White Australia policy still existed).

Chan was returned as Mayor with a resounding majority in 1969. Later that year he was awarded an OBE for service to the city.

Chan has been described as a quietly spoken, diligent and constructive person under whose leadership a sense of harmony and a corporate approach were developed in Council.

His character and style suited the roles of Mayor and President, both of which he filled with distinction. While he favoured restricted immigration, he hoped to see a multi-racial university established in Darwin.

A keen advocate of the Territory's constitutional development, he delivered a paper, Problems of an Anachronistic House, to the 1968 conference in Darwin of presiding officers and clerks from Australian Parliaments.

He succumbed to cancer on 5 August 1969 in Darwin and was buried in a local cemetery. His wife, daughter and three sons survived him.

Today a nursing home, the old Legislative Assembly building and the avenue on which the Darwin Civic Centre resides, are named in his honour.

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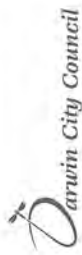


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# City builds heart

Even before the start of Council in 1957, there was discussion about the need for an appropriate Darwin Civic Centre.

Part of the 1957 agreement forming Council was a government commitment to provide Council with office and workshop accommodation when it decided its requirements for permanent buildings.

As a temporary arrangement, two elevated government houses in Cavenagh Street were given to the Council for its administration headquarters.

They soon proved too small and their relative distance from the city centre was seen as a disadvantage in dealing with government and the public.

Some relief was obtained in 1959 when the old Transport and Works Department building in Mitchell Street was handed over to Council use but, even with that extension, the office situation remained critical.

The Town Hall in Mitchell Street had also been transferred to Council control in 1957, but the Council was not enthusiastic about its asset.

Mayor Richardson described it as "an oversized Sidney Williams hut" (Northern Territory News, 5 September 1957). It was never seen by Council as a substitute for an appropriate Civic Centre.

However, it was used for a number of Council functions and the major venue for meetings of Council in the 1950s and 1960s.

In October and November 1957 the location for the Civic Centre was discussed. After considering and rejecting a three acre plot in the Smith-Bennett Street area (close to the present Civic Centre site), a decision was reached to use the site originally allocated in the 1940s town plan, bounded by the Esplanade, Daly Street, Mitchell Street and McLachlan Street.

The Council pressed for a multipurpose large scale design to cater for future needs.

Negotiations on the Civic Centre location turned out to be complicated and drawn out.

The chosen site was not yet totally available. In October 1962 Council made a formal request for a new site (Darwin Oval on the Esplanade) but the government rejected the proposal in April 1963.

Negotiations about the site began again and the current location was finally decided upon in December 1963.

The project was originally estimated to cost \$0.5 million but Council's plans for the ultimate centre included areas for commercial use, an exhibition hall, library, art gallery, museum and car parking.

A high-rise structure of six storeys was to be the centrepiece. When costings were done again, the

Nice to have met you ...



Northern Territory News 19 August 1969

project was estimated at over \$1 million.

In 1967, after more negotiations with government, Council scrapped the high-rise design and decided on a two-storey building to which the government contributed approximately \$265,000. The design chosen allowed for the historic "Tree of Knowledge" to be retained.

Of the 4426 square metres of space, approximately one third was allotted for keeping the old banyan tree (estimated to be more than 100 years old). It was decided to name the garden and surrounds of the development Civic Square.

The title 'Goyder Square' was proposed as an alternative but was rejected.

The construction contract was awarded to the lowest of 10 tenderers, at a cost of nearly \$1 million. The completion date was set for September 1969.

The first of the Centre's celebratory events took place on 20 December 1968 when the Mayor, Harry Chan, unveiled a memorial in the grounds of the partly erected building.

A second 'opening' was on 18 August 1969 with His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent officiating.

In his speech he noted that he had seldom opened a building which was literally so "open".

Council Works Manager, Hans Sachse, later wrote about the occasion and his involvement in it:

"Prior to the date the surrounds of the building were cleaned up and 400 invitations were sent out for a civic reception, given in honour of the Duke of Kent. The last day before the ceremony I noticed that no toilet facilities were available for our honoured guest and the 400 invited citizens."

"In passing I mentioned this to the Town Clerk. He was taken back by my remarks and in a mad rush a plumber was called to install toilet facilities in the proposed ladies and gents toilets. Only an hour before the arrival of the Duke were the toilets ready."

"When the Duke arrived and gave his opening address, he remarked that he had officially opened many buildings but not as new as this Civic Centre."

"All it was, was a concrete shell without doors, windows or floor coverings. But due to Darwin style the function went very well and the drinks were handed out freely and fast."

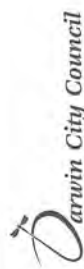
"The remark the Duke made about the newest building ever to be opened was soon forgotten."

By mid 1969 the prime contractors were in financial trouble and in September they went into liquidation; their contract was terminated.

The building was completed by Council staff and subcontractors supervised by Town Clerk Bill Sullivan. In April 1970 staff moved into the building which was finally completed in June.

A third and official opening was held on 24 July 1970 with the Governor General Paul Hasluck officiating.





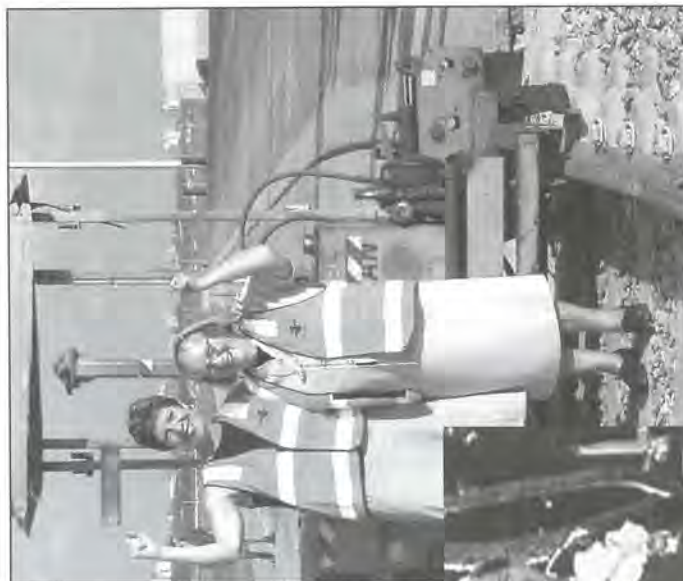
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# Lady becomes first Lord Mayor

**This week we look at how Darwin's first lady mayor's achievements as part of a series of weekly columns depicting the people, places and projects from our first 50 years.**

**RIGHT:** Clare Martin and Ella Stack place final railway clips for Darwin to Adelaide railway on September 25, 2003.

**BELOW:** Lord Mayor Ella Stack. Photos NT Library and Information Service.



**With the election of Dr Ella Stack on 3 May 1975, Darwin had its first female Mayor, later to become Darwin's very first Lord Mayor.**

Dr Ellen (Ella) Mary Stack was a general medical practitioner who had been living in Darwin since 1961, after starting her career in New South Wales. She had served on Council since 1969 and had reportedly established a reputation as a hardworking and effective Alderman.

In 1975, Dr Stack was persuaded to stand for the Mayorship by colourful former Mayor Harold 'Tiger' Brennan.

Brennan had decided not to re-stand for Mayor in view of his declining health and the increasing demands of the position, particularly after the destruction of Darwin by Cyclone Tracy in December 1974.

Dr Stack stood against two male candidates and won easily with more than 52 per cent of the valid primary vote. In 1978 she was re-elected with 43 per cent of the vote in a six-way contest.

Her time as Mayor, covering the reconstruction after Cyclone Tracy and the first years of Northern Territory self government, was a period of expansion for the Council. In that process, Dr Stack's role was substantial.

As the effectively first full-time Mayor, Stack was able to devote more time to the position and promote the role of Mayor.

She was also a key member of the Darwin Reconstruction Commission and other cyclone relief organisations through which she strengthened her authority within and outside of Council.

Dr Stack used the mayoral role to be

an advocate and ambassador for Darwin and its people.

She was an active and vocal supporter of projects such as the Darwin to Adelaide railway and Darwin Performing Arts Centre.

On her watch, the Smith Street Mall was also completed, in an attempt to revitalise the CBD and help traders compete against suburban shopping centres.

In November 1979, Darwin was given capital city status and Dr Stack as Mayor was proclaimed Lord Mayor by Her Majesty the Queen.

In May 1980 Dr Stack stood down from Council to unsuccessfully contest a seat in the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly. After this she returned to medical practice.

She remained active in a number of health and community organisations such as St John Ambulance, the Menzies School of Health Research and the Australia Day Council. Eventually, she and her husband retired interstate. In 2003, Dr Stack returned to Darwin to celebrate the completion of the Darwin to Adelaide railway.

She joined Northern Territory Chief Minister Clare Martin in placing the final rail clips into position.

She used a railway clip presented to her in Kulgera in 1979 which she promised would be used if the line ever made it to Darwin.

At the ceremony Dr Stack recalled: "I went to every television and radio station in the southern states trying to push the concept and get people excited about it."

"It was my 'magnificent obsession', she said. And now an obsession that has been fulfilled."



***This week we look at how the mall in Smith Street was developed as part of a series of weekly columns depicting the people, places and projects from our first 50 years.***

# Mall meets city's growing needs

**By the early 1970s, the CBD's status as Darwin's major commercial area and the economic viability of some of its businesses were under serious threat.**

Although the city centre remained the most important employment area, the development of retail outlets in the rapidly growing northern suburbs was eroding its share of trade. Stiff competition was being given by suburban shopping centres, particularly Casuarina Shopping Centre.

Around Australia, there was a growing recognition that for inner city businesses to survive, attractive pedestrian malls were a key strategy. In Darwin, Council had been considering mall proposals for a while. In 1961 Mayor Harold Cooper had considered closing the street on Friday nights.

Similar suggestions were made in following years but business owners opposed the idea for fear of the street closure harming trading.

In 1974, with the support of the Chamber of Commerce, Council set up a committee of Alderman to look at the problems and needs of the city centre.

The committee consisted of Tiger Brennan, Cec Black, Royce Fitzgerald and Bert Sinclair.

The committee called for public submissions on the mall concept and got several responses, most in favour of the idea.

Before much more could be done Cyclone Tracy intervened.



**Lord Mayor Ella Stack opening the Mall.**



After the cyclone, the Darwin Reconstruction Commission (DRC) took up the mall proposal and compiled an extensive report. In November 1976, Council undertook to consider the DRC report. Another committee was formed with members including Alderman Cec Black (Chairman) and DRC representative Gary Hunt (Project Coordinator).

In early 1977, Black and Hunt



went interstate to investigate malls in other cities and returned confident of success of a mall project in Darwin.

Not long after, a design plan for The Mall in Smith Street was drawn up by Council's Engineering Department with the assistance of consultants and input from the general public.

The mall design was presented to and adopted by the Chamber of

Commerce and city traders. Council was successful in obtaining a \$400,000 grant from the NT Government, with the project eventually costing around \$800,000. Construction began in April 1979 and was completed by November 1979.

To help with management and promotion of The Mall, a City Centre Manager was appointed.

Nine days of festivities were arranged to celebrate opening of The Mall including theatrical performances, bands, art and craft displays, a merry-go round and hot-air balloon.

Free buses were provided to carry people from the northern suburbs to the city and most city circle traders held sales.

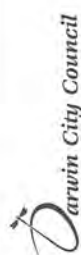
In a newspaper article just prior to the opening The Mall, Lord Mayor Ella Stack said that after Cyclone Tracy many believed the city centre would not recover.

"But it has, and with a bold new concept established what is without any doubt Australia's most attractive mall." (Northern Territory News, 14 November 1979)

On the day of opening Lord Mayor Stack thanked all who had been involved with the project - and the man who was eventually to succeed her.

"The Lord Mayor thanked the council staff and in particular parks and gardens director, Mr George Brown and his team for successful transplanting of mature trees." (Northern Territory News, 17 November 1979)





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# City starts to build parking solutions

**This week we look at how CBD parking problems have been addressed as part of a series of weekly columns depicting the people, places and projects from our first 50 years.**

## Almost from the time of its establishment, Council has been confronted with parking problems in the CBD.

Discussion of meters as a device to control and facilitate parking first arose in 1960 and continued to be a key issue right up to the 1980s.

Strategies such as adequate off-street parking areas, tighter parking restrictions, more supervision and multi-storey car parks were also debated.

During the 1960s, the installation of parking meters was often recommended but was opposed by residents, shopkeepers and the media.

Owing to lack of finance Council did not proceed.

After the police objected to being expected to supervise parking a municipal inspector was appointed in 1965 to oversee by-laws introduced in that year.

There was a large turnover until Judy Howard "the Green Ant" held the job from 1966 to 1969.

In 1969 the Council commissioned Pak Poy Consultants to report on traffic and parking problems in the CBD.

Although there had been many in-house reports by both government and Council, the Pak Poy report was the first major external investigation of what was becoming a serious problem in the context of booming CBD development, increasing population and traffic.

The Pak Poy report, published in 1970 and debated extensively in Council between 1970 and 1974, produced figures on current and future parking needs which graphically exposed the situation's gravity.

Its recommendations, most of which were accepted by Council, included installing about 700 meters, street widening, toll machines in off-street parks, greater time restrictions and more off-street parking.

Despite this, meters remained controversial and weren't implemented.

There was expansion in off-street parking in the Cavenagh, Bennett, Civic Centre and Esplanade areas. Further efforts were made to police parking restrictions and increasingly the need for a multi-storey carpark was being accepted by Aldermen.

The cyclone provided a brief break, but by 1976-77 the problems were reappearing. In Council the familiar debate on meters continued, and with planning for the Smith Street Mall under way, greater emphasis was being given to the providing a multi-storey carpark.



**The West Lane carpark taking shape and in use for the first time.**

*Courtesy NT News, Dec 5 1981*

## Lord Mayor is first over line

Darwin's new multi-million dollar car park was officially opened yesterday afternoon by Chief



million together with land worth \$510,000 and a decision to construct was made.

After negotiations on the Cavenagh Street site fell through, the West Lane property was bought.

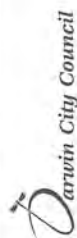
Tenders were called in September 1980 and construction began in November.

Construction occurred throughout 1981.

In December the 440-bay facility with six levels, eventually costing \$4.2 million, was opened. It included a retail complex on the ground floor and two lifts. In 2004 Council gave the West Lane shopping arcade a \$150,000 facelift.

The same year the traffic light sequencing at the intersection of Knuckey and Mitchell Street was altered to improve the traffic flow of cars exiting West Lane onto Knuckey Street.





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# City partners with Greek sister

KALYMNOS DRIVE  
Karama  
Shopping Centre

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**Darwin City Council has been involved in the Sister City movement since establishing its first partnership with Kalymnos, Greece, in 1982.**

Sister City affiliations began after World War II when US President Dwight Eisenhower proposed the 'People-to-People' program at a White House conference in 1956.

His intention was to involve individuals and organised groups at all levels in 'citizen diplomacy', with the hope that personal relationships, fostered through sister city, country and state affiliations, would lessen the chance of future world conflicts.

Darwin's other sister cities are Anchorage, Alaska, 1982; Ambon, Indonesia, 1988; Haikou, China, 1990; Milikapiti, Tiwi Islands, 1999 and Dili, East Timor, 2003.

The relationship between Kalymnos and Darwin grew largely because of the significant number of Kalymnians resident in Darwin (around 5000 at the time of forming a Sister City relationship).

Moves to formally recognise the links between the communities were strongly supported by the then Chief Minister Paul Everingham and the NT Government.

The present Kalymnian community of Darwin has its origins mainly in Broome and the pearling industry in North Western Australia.

Eventually many Kalymnians made their way north to Darwin to work in the construction industry.

The Kalymnians were not only experienced divers but also experienced builders since six

months of the year when there was no sponge diving they were involved in housing construction at their island.

They encouraged their relatives to join them here and there are now an estimated 7000 people of Kalymnian descent living in Darwin.

Since 1982 a number of exchanges between Darwin and Kalymnos have taken place, both at a community level and by official Mayoral and Territory Government delegations.

In 2003 the Kalymnos Sister City Community Committee facilitated a project to donate a computer to a school in Kalymnos in preparation for Darwin and Kalymnian students to establish on-line collaborative projects and 'virtual' exchanges.

The many links between the two cities are evident around Darwin (and Kalymnos) today.

Darwin streets have been named after places in Kalymnos including Kalymnos Drive, Canaris Street, Maria Liveris Drive and Salonika Street.

In Kalymnos there is a Darwin Street, Café Gove and a Darwin Greek Association.

It is often said that Darwin has the largest population of expatriate Kalymnians in the world - and that when times are hard in Kalymnos - Darwin is the biggest Kalymnian city in the world!

The Sister Cities Program has been a vital part of Darwin City Council for 25 years and this year Council is proud to host the annual Australian Sister Cities Association Conference at the Darwin Entertainment Centre



**Council and NT Government delegation meet the Mayor of Kalymnos, Dimitris Diakomihalis, in May 1999.**

from Sunday 30 September to Wednesday 3 October 2007.

It is expected delegates from all over Australia and our international Sister Cities will attend.

The theme for the 2007 Conference is "Making the Connection" with a special focus upon our connections with Asia, developing innovative funding strategies for Sister Cities projects and building positive Sister Cities relationships for maximum community benefit.

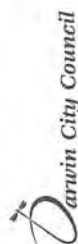
There will also be a Sister Cities Youth Program - titled "Tune In to your world" - running concurrently.

For more details, see Council's conference website at <http://www.darwin.nt.gov.au/asca2007.htm>

**To commemorate the signing of the partnership, the people of Kalymnos donated a statue of a Kalymnian Lady Water Carrier. The statue, which has been erected in Darwin's Smith Street Mall, symbolises the hard work of the Kalymnian mother in supporting her family.**







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# Town cries out for entertainment hub

**In Darwin in the 1970s calls to provide the city with a major all-weather performing arts centre became increasingly vocal.**

The old Town Hall had served its purpose but was seen as inadequate for a rapidly growing population.

With growing community pressure, a performing arts centre committee was formed in 1973 to lobby Council and the NT Government.

It was sponsored by the Arts Council and its main purpose was to spearhead a campaign to build a performing arts centre.

In December 1974, Cyclone Tracy put a stop to any progress on the proposed centre.

The project was resurrected in March 1976. Mayor Ella Stack saw an opportunity and presented a submission to the Darwin Reconstruction Commission (DRC) calling for the construction of a Darwin Performing Arts Centre with money from cyclone relief contributions (about \$600,000 had been earmarked for community purposes).

The proposal was endorsed by several community groups.

Supported by the DRC, Darwin City Council decided in late 1976 to proceed with the project.

The area of the Town Hall (which had been virtually demolished by the cyclone) was chosen as the site.

By mid 1978 Council was able to purchase an adjoining plot of land.

The projected cost of the complex was \$3.5 million.

It was to include an auditorium, library facilities, meeting and convention space, offices, shops and a restaurant.



Darwin Entertainment Centre today



The Darwin Entertainment Centre being built and (right) Town Hall in the 1950s. Photographs courtesy NT Library



Construction of the complex began in 1982.

The hotel (the Beaufort) was opened in April 1986 and the Darwin Performing Arts Centre in May 1986.

NT Administrator Eric Johnston opened the Performing Arts Centre "on behalf of the people of Darwin".

It housed two theatres - one 1050 capacity and one 290 capacity - as well as a rehearsal room, dressing rooms, exhibition gallery, box office facilities, bar and foyer.

The Centre itself, now known as the Darwin Entertainment Centre (DEC), is owned by the Darwin City Council who share responsibility for maintaining and funding the facility with the NT Government.

Since 1986 hundreds of thousands of Territorians and visitors have enjoyed an enormous variety of productions at the DEC. Performers have included the Australian Ballet, OzOpera, Clive James, Marcel Marceau, the Bell Shakespeare Company as well as home-grown talent such as the Darwin Symphony Orchestra, Darwin Theatre Company and MusicNT.

Last year Council in conjunction with BG Hotels Pty Ltd, began an upgrade of the DEC and hotel precinct.

Works include constructing a timber raft over the water feature to create a multi-purpose performance and function space, a retractable awning to provide shade or open up at night.

Stage two will add a grand verandah on the first floor level across the front of the building.

Works are expected to be complete at the end of July this year.

In October 1980, the NT Government and Council decided the best option for the project was as part of a larger hotel complex.

The parties decided to enter into an agreement with Sabah-based Burgundy Royale Investments to incorporate the Performing Arts Centre into a hotel complex costing around \$40 million.

Design of the project was done during 1979 - 1980, initially by the Department of Transport and Works and then by private consultants. The design report was made public in May 1980.

For this design, the projected costs had risen to \$8 million. Discussions with the NT Government on funding began in August 1980.

**This week we look at the Darwin Entertainment Centre as part of a series of weekly columns depicting the people, places and projects from our first 50 years.**



# More than a dump

**From 'dump' to fully integrated waste management site, Darwin's original dump was located in the Mindil Beach hinterland.**

At this time it was quite a distance from most of the population. In the late 1960s, as Darwin spread further out, locations in Frances Bay and Ludmilla were used. After Cyclone Tracy in 1974 the dump moved to Leanyer. However with expanding subdivisions in the Northern suburbs, planning started in 1984 on moving the dump to its existing site at Shoal Bay.

When Council first began in 1957, garbage collection was carried out by its own staff. It was soon found that this was a costly exercise in terms of both time and money.

In 1959 Council decided to contract out the service.

A contributing factor in the decision was a staff strike in early 1959 which saw the Mayor, councillors and senior staff collecting garbage.

Since then garbage collection - and later recycling collection - has been contracted out.

The new Shoal Bay Waste Disposal Facility was opened on the 1st of April 1987 by Lord Mayor Alec Fong Lim who threw the first bag of rubbish into the disposal containers.

In 1992 the Shoal Bay Regional Recycling Facility was opened allowing residents to drop off any recyclables which may be salvaged for reuse instead of going into landfill. Council introduced a kerbside recycling service 1997.

In a major upgrade to the Shoal Bay facility in December last year, Council opened the \$1.2 million Recycling and Resource Recovery Centre - the Territory's first all-weather, drive through recycling and resale facility. It allows residents to deposit

recyclables quickly and conveniently before continuing through to the green and household waste areas.

A new undercover recycling shop sells items that have been salvaged

**This week we look at the practical issue of waste management as part of a series of weekly columns depicting the people, places and projects from our first 50 years.**



**\$1.5 m Vanderlin dump starts work**

Northern Territory News 2 April 1987

and are still usable such as washing machines, computers, bicycles and building materials.

It is anticipated use of the new centre will increase Darwin's recycling rate by more than 40 per cent and greatly reduce the amount of packaging disposed to landfill.

But Shoal Bay is not only a waste disposal and recycling facility.

In 2005, the Territory's first landfill gas fed power station, the Shoal Bay Renewable Energy Facility, was constructed on the site.

The facility - built and operated by Landfill Management Services in partnership with Council - converts landfill gases to energy which is fed back into the power grid. Enough

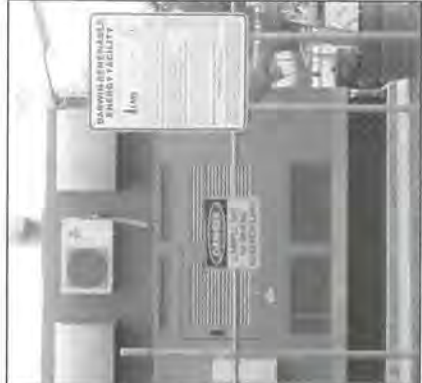
power is generated to supply approximately 1000 homes.

In its first year of operation the plant has reduced Darwin's greenhouse emissions by 46,400 tonnes.

This is equivalent to removing 9000 cars from the road or using 101,500 fewer barrels of oil.

In November last year Darwin City Council was proud to receive the National Local Government Award for Greenhouse Action for its work in work in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, primarily through the power station.

Another initiative under consideration by Council is Australia's first green waste mineral oil plant.



Renewable Energy Plant



Shoal Bay Waste Disposal Facility

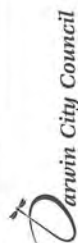
Council is in negotiations with Melbourne-based Renewable Oil Corporation to construct a \$70 million greenwaste renewable energy project at Shoal Bay.

The plant will produce sufficient fuel to replace 15 million litres of diesel each year and does not produce any damaging carbon dioxide gases.

Darwin is seen as an ideal site for the plant given the strong environmental policies already in place and its high green waste production - the highest per capita of Australian cities.

If negotiations are successful, contracts for construction of the Shoal Bay plant are expected to be let this year with a target of having the plant fully operational by October 2008.





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# City opens its arms

**The tradition of granting Freedom of Entry dates back to medieval times in Europe when citizens were wary about who they allowed within their walled cities, bearing arms.**

In the ancient city of London, the practice of notifying the Lord Mayor when detachments entered the city was observed for several centuries.

This ceremony is still practiced in cities in the UK and Australia today.

While the custom of granting the Freedom of Entry bestows no legal right or privilege, it is accepted that the conferring of Freedom of Entry or the right to exercise Freedom of Entry is the most honourable distinction a city can bestow upon the defence forces.

The ceremony involves the city's Town Clerk challenging the approaching contingent with "Halt, who comes here?"

After they identify themselves, the Town Clerk will ask the contingent's leader to prove their right of entry.

The leader will then present a ceremonial scroll stating that the city's Lord Mayor and Council have granted the privilege of Freedom of Entry.

After sighting this scroll, the Town Clerk will reply with: "I acknowledge your right and privilege, pass with the Lord Mayor's and the Council's authority."

The contingent will then march through the city, acknowledging the Lord Mayor and other dignitaries, "with swords drawn, bayonets fixed, drums beating, band playing and colours flying".

The Lord Mayor will often host a civic reception for the contingent after the parade.

Darwin's namesake, the Royal Australian Navy frigate HMAS Darwin, was first given Freedom of Entry to the city of Darwin on October 25th 1985.

Since then it has exercised its right of Freedom of Entry to Darwin in 2001 and 2005.

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**Darwin Town Clerk Allan McGill challenges the HMAS Darwin detachment with "Halt, who comes here?"**

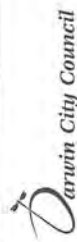


**HMAS Darwin detachment approaches.**

**Beside HMAS Darwin, Freedom of Entry to Darwin city has been granted to:**

- \* Royal Australian Airforce, June 1966
- \* 121 Light Anti Aircraft Battery Royal Regiment of Australia Artillery, 22 May 1967
- \* Her Majesty's Australia Ship Melville, 26 September 1969
- \* Royal Australian Navy, 30 April 1975
- \* 7th Independent Rifle Company of the Royal Australian Infantry Corp, 7 July 1979
- \* North West Mobile Force Darwin, 3 July 1982
- \* No 13 Squad Royal Australian Airforce, 22 April 1994
- \* 2nd Cavalry Regiment, 6 May 1995
- \* Northern Command Australian Defence Force, 17 July 1998
- \* 5th/7th Battalion Royal Aust Regiment, 30 November 2001
- \* Australian Army Band, 13 September 2003
- Royal Australian Navy, 12 August 2006





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# Bigger than books

**Darwin is home to the Northern Territory's largest public library service. Darwin City Council operates four public libraries - Casuarina, Nightcliff, City and Karama.**

Today the libraries have 37,000 registered members who borrow over 537,000 items each year from a total stock of 128,000.

Darwin's first library - the Palmerston Institute - was established way back in 1874. Named after Palmerston town (later Darwin), it initially had a membership fee of five shillings per quarter and had a collection of around 500 books.

It was located in a tin shed adjacent to the Town Hall.

After surviving severe damage in the bombing of Darwin by the Japanese in 1942, the Library re-opened in 1951 on Cavanagh Street West.

By this stage library use was free except for a one pound refundable deposit for adult borrowers.

In 1960, Darwin Public Library moved again - this time into a converted residence on The Esplanade.

Due to the growth in the Nightcliff and

Rapid Creek districts, a second library opened in Nightcliff's Dragon Arcade in 1965.

In 1967, Nightcliff Library had outgrown this building and moved to its current site in Pavonia place.

In July this year it will celebrate 40 years in the premises.

Both libraries sustained severe damage after Cyclone Tracy in 1974, however were reopened in 1975.

After being under Commonwealth and then Northern Territory Government control, Darwin Public Libraries were formally handed over to Darwin City Council in July 1980.

At the time, Town Clerk Greg Hoffman was reported as saying that Local Government's policy was to "make libraries real focal points of community activities" (*Northern Territory News* 12/07/80).

Also in 1980, Casuarina Public Library was opened. It was a very popular facility from the start with a reported 12,000 books being borrowed in its first three weeks of operation.

In March 1981, Darwin City Public

Library moved from its Esplanade site to a new premises in Paspallis Centrepoint, The Mall.

The libraries moved into the computer age in 1984 with an automated loan system replacing the manual card system. All users got coded library cards.

With the growth of the northern suburbs, a fourth library in Karama was opened in 1991.

In 1995 Darwin City Library moved to its current home in the Darwin Civic Centre on Harry Chan Avenue.

Darwin Public Libraries were renamed Darwin City Council Libraries in 2004.

Borrowing hit 500,000 items for the first time in a year.

Darwin's libraries have come a long way since 1874.

Today Darwin City Council Libraries are a thriving and popular community service with 53 per cent of Darwin's population as registered borrowers.

As well as the loaning of books, the libraries offer CDs, DVDs, toys and games, spoken word tapes, storytime sessions, holiday programs, public internet use and more!

**Darwin City Council  
libraries at a  
glance 2005/06**

**Items borrowed**

adult books:

**256,863**

youth books:

**26,284**

children's books:

**141,372**

magazines:

**26,815**

DVDs and Videos:

**43,622**

newspapers:

**10,894**

music CDs:

**21,622**

toys and games:

**2,627**

CD ROMs:

**733**

spoken word tapes:

**7,115**

**Storytime**

395 sessions were

held attracting

13,896 kids and

parents

**Holiday**

**programs**

2,352 kids attended

holiday programs

**Internet use**

29,633 hours were

booked on the public

PCs for

Internet/E-mail

usage.



Storytime session at Casuarina Library.



Community Development Minister Ian Tuxworth at the libraries handover to Deputy Lord Mayor Don Dale circa 1980. Photos courtesy NT Library



# Marvellous markets

**Last Thursday marked the 2007 opening of Darwin's famous Mindil Beach Sunset Markets and its 21st birthday.**

The Market site, owned by Darwin City Council, was established as a camping area back in 1959.

Soon after, Council won approval to convert the site to a serviced caravan park which opened in 1963 with 12 sites. By 1979, it had grown to 120 sites.

Eventually some of the land was acquired by developers of the Casino and the Mindil Caravan Park was shut down. Council established an alternative caravan park at Tracy Village in Wanguri.

In the early 1980s, a group of individuals who had travelled extensively in South East Asia approached Council with the idea of setting up an Asian-style night market in Darwin.

The group's first idea was to hold the Market in The Mall, Smith Street, but this idea was abandoned due to opposition from traders.

The Botanic Gardens were put forward as a location, but this was also not possible as it was in conflict with gardens' charter. Eventually Botanic Gardens curator and future Lord Mayor George Brown suggested Mindil Beach as an ideal spot to hold a night market.

Council permission was granted, and the Markets haven't looked back since.

Beginning in 1987 with 40 stalls, the Mindil Beach Sunset Markets are now a thriving local industry with 200 craft stalls and 60 food stalls, employing around 1000 people.

The Markets are now a huge tourist attraction, with about 500,000 visitors each year - more than Kakadu.

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**Darwin's Mindil Beach Sunset Markets are so popular with visitors to the Territory and locals that they have been recognised as a National Trust Icon.**



## **Parap Village Markets (LEFT)**

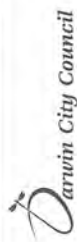
Kicking off in 1982, the Parap Village Market is one of Darwin's longest running markets, and is considered by many as the ideal Saturday morning meeting place.

This vibrant and colourful market place has diverse food stalls, arts and crafts and a busy but relaxed atmosphere.

In 2003, Council and the NT Government funded a \$470,000 upgrade to the Parap market facilities

including surface re-leveling, a new toilet block, new trees, extra public seating and underground cable and pipe works.





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**This week we look at the first two people awarded the title of Freeman of Darwin as part of a series of weekly columns depicting the people, places and projects from our first 50 years.**

# First freemen of city

**In the 50 year history of Council only five people have been awarded with the title Honorary Freeman of the City of Darwin.**

Each has served the city in a distinctive way and earned the respect and esteem of the people.

It is generally accepted as the highest acclamation a city can bestow upon one of its citizens.

The status of Freeman dates back to medieval times when cities drew a distinction between free men and servants of a feudal Lord.

Early Freeman were bestowed with privileges such as the right to earn money and own land, and have protection within the town.

Today the award is generally granted to recognise those who have served the city or town in some exceptional capacity.

The first person granted Freeman of the City was **entertainer and frequent visitor to Darwin, Rolf Harris**.

Rolf was invited by Mayor Dr Ella Stack and Chair of the Bougainvillea Festival Committee, Dr Charles Gurd, to be the festival patron in its first year (1979).

At that time Rolf had been a frequent visitor to Darwin over the past decade.

Lord Mayor Stack particularly commended him for his concerts after Cyclone Tracy in 1974/75 when he performed at the Garden's Amphitheatre, Darwin High School and gave an impromptu performance in the Darwin Hospital grounds for patients who remained there.

Rolf also performed in the "Concert for Darwin" fundraising event at the Sydney Opera House in 1975.

The title of Honorary Freeman was conferred by Lord Mayor Stack at a ceremony at the Darwin Civic Centre on 7 July 1979 after Rolf had participated in the inaugural Bougainvillea Festival earlier in the week.

Rolf returned to Darwin several times during the 1980s.

Now settled in the UK, Rolf was last seen on Australian television on the BBC's Star Portraits with Rolf Harris

broadcast on the ABC.

The second person awarded Honorary Freeman was former naval officer and **NT Administrator Commodore Eric Johnston**.

During a distinguished naval career, he became Officer Commanding the North Australia Area in the 1970s. After Cyclone Tracy in 1974, Commodore Johnston had responsibility for controlling the port and for drafting an Emergency Plan.

After the cyclone the navy put into place its largest peacetime disaster relief operation involving 13 ships, 11 aircraft and 3000 personnel.

In the clean-up after Cyclone Tracy, he also assisted with the coordination of accommodation, food provisions and emergency naval assistance. For this he received the Military OBE and Order of Australia.

After being posted interstate he returned to Darwin in January 1981 when appointed NT Administrator. It was a position he held for 8 1/2 years.

Commodore Johnston was a popular Administrator. So much so that when in 1986 the Federal Government ruled that Johnston's five year term had expired, more than 5000 Territorians signed a petition calling to retain him in the position.

The Federal Government eventually bowed to the pressure and his term was extended until 1989.

On his retirement in July 1989 he was applauded as opening the position of Administrator to the people.

NT Chief Minister Marshall Perron described Commodore Johnston as "... an Administrator with whom the people of the Territory could identify." (*Northern Territory News* 30 June 1989)

NT Opposition Leader Terry Mills said: "Commodore Johnston and his wife made access to the community a primary goal of their term." (*Northern Territory News* 30 June 1989)

Commodore Johnston was made an Honorary Freeman of the City of Darwin on 29 June 1989.



Lord Mayor Ella Stack confers Rolf Harris with the title.



NT Administrator Commodore Eric Johnston arrives in Darwin.

Photos courtesy NT Library





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# City honours great three



**The third person to be awarded the title Honorary Freeman of Darwin (after Rolf Harris and Commodore Eric Johnston) was medical practitioner and former Lord Mayor, Dr Ella Stack CBE.**

Dr Stack, who became an Honorary Freeman on 20 October 1989, was elected to Council on 3 May 1975.

She was Darwin's first female Mayor, and in 1979 became the city's first Lord Mayor when Darwin was given capital city status. She also became a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) in 1979 for her work in local government and health.

Her time as Mayor covered the reconstruction of Darwin after Cyclone Tracy and the first years of Northern Territory self government.

She was a key member of the Darwin Reconstruction Commission and other cyclone relief organisations.

Dr Stack used the mayoral role to be an advocate and ambassador for Darwin and its people.

She was an active and vocal supporter of projects such as the Darwin to Adelaide railway and Darwin Performing Arts Centre. She was also instrumental in the construction of the Smith Street Mall which aimed to revitalise the CBD and help traders compete against suburban shopping centres.

In May 1980 Dr Stack stood down from Council to unsuccessfully contest a seat in the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly.

After this she returned to medical practice. She remained active in a number of health and community organisations such as St John Ambulance, the Menzies School of Health Research and the Australia Day Council. After retiring interstate, Dr Stack returned briefly to Darwin in 2003 to celebrate the completion of the Darwin to Adelaide railway.



**The fourth Honorary Freeman of the city of Darwin was former Lord Mayor, Alec Fong Lim AM.**

Alec was born in Katherine in 1931, the sixth of nine children.

His grandfather had arrived in the Northern Territory in the 1880s from Canton.

After schooling in Alice Springs and Adelaide, Alec returned to Darwin in 1946 when his family bought the Victoria Hotel. Alec worked at the hotel for many years and also had a sideline as a bookmaker.

After Cyclone Tracy in 1974 Alec Fong Lim began his career in public life as a trustee of the Cyclone Tracy Trust Fund which eventually distributed eight million dollars to relieve distress caused by the cyclone. In 1980 he became the inaugural chairman of the Northern Territory Australia Day Committee and was always focused on the positive aspects of Australia and being Australian.

He was elected Lord Mayor of Darwin in 1984 and again in 1988 and made an enormous contribution to the city. Known as the "smiling Lord Mayor", he was a familiar sight around Darwin whether it be cooking at a community barbeque or entertaining dignitaries. He resigned due to ill health in August 1990.

Alec Fong Lim was an ardent worker for many other organisations including St John's Ambulance, NT Spastics Association, the Australia Indonesia Institute, Research in Cancer and the Apex Club. In 1986 Alec Fong Lim was awarded the Order of Australia for service to local government and community.

Two other key achievements he oversaw while Lord Mayor were the signing of a Sister Cities Agreement with Ambon in 1988 and the construction of a recreational lake at East Point Reserve. Sadly he did not get to see the lake completed as he passed away in September 1990.

However his memory was honoured in 1991 with the naming of Lake Alexander and Alec Fong Lim Drive at East Point.



**The most recent recipient of the title of Honorary Freeman of Darwin is Austin Asche AC, QC.**

Keith John Austin Asche was born in Melbourne on 28 November 1925, and spent his childhood in Darwin and Melbourne. He served with the RAAF for two years from 1944 to 1946, mostly in the Northern Territory and Northwest Australia.

After the war he practised as a barrister in Queensland and Melbourne and was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1972.

In 1976 he became a Judge of the Family Court of Australia. In 1986, he returned to Darwin as a Judge of the NT Supreme Court and in 1987 was appointed Chief Justice.

Mr Asche was appointed as the fifteenth Administrator of the Northern Territory on 1 March 1993, a position he held until 16 February 1997.

In addition, he held appointments as Chief Scout in the Northern Territory, Honorary Colonel of the North West Mobile Force, and Deputy Prior in the Northern Territory of Order of St John.

On Australia Day 1994 he was appointed a Companion of the Order of Australia (AC) for service to law, tertiary education and the community.

On 29 January 2007, Mr Asche was conferred an Honorary Freeman of the City of Darwin.



# Heritage in stone at city's cemeteries

**Darwin's cemeteries provide a tangible reminder of the lives and exploits of many who have contributed to the development of the Territory.**

Each contributes to the interpretation of the Territory's historical, social and cultural background. Darwin's cemeteries include land containing the resting places of Darwin's earliest pioneers as well as the larger landscaped grounds being used today. The older facilities include the heritage listed Gardens Road Cemetery in the city; the heritage listed Pioneer Cemetery on Goyder Road and a Chinese Cemetery in Stuart Park.

The more recent Darwin General Cemetery in McMillans Road at Marrara, is now closed except for interments into reserved gravesites. Most burials now take place at Thorak Regional Cemetery on Deloraine Road near Berrimah. This facility is jointly managed by Darwin and Litchfield Councils.

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in the development of a plan showing the locations of graves and the names of their occupants.

Some of the more significant occupants are John George Knight, the architect who designed many of our early buildings; Tom Crush, the Territory's first Labor member of Parliament in South Australia; and Paul Foelsche, Darwin's first Inspector of Police.

Foelsche was also a noted recorder of the Territory through his writings and photographs.

He died in 1914 and is buried next to his wife Charlotte, their graves marked by matching monuments.

## Chinese cemetery

The only specifically Chinese cemetery is to be found on Tiger Brennan Drive in Stuart Park. It is a very old cemetery and is no longer used. It is administered by the Chung Wah Society.

## Darwin General Cemetery

The Darwin General Cemetery opened in 1954 and closed in September 2003.

It is maintained by Darwin City Council. Many Cyclone Tracy victims are buried at the cemetery as well as past Council Aldermen and dignitaries.

These include Aldermen Roy Barden, William (Bill) Bell, James Creber, Don Dale, Charles See Kee, Kenneth Waters as well as former Mayors Harry Chan and Bill Richardson (Darwin's first Mayor) and Alec Fong Lim - former Lord Mayor.

## Thorak Regional Cemetery

This cemetery was named after Klaus Thorak, a distinguished veterinarian with the Primary Industries Branch who, together with his wife and son, was killed in an aeroplane accident whilst on his way to Timor. The nearby forestry area, Thorak Reserve, was also named in his honour.

The Thorak Regional Cemetery opened in 1988 and in 1990, the crematorium facility was added to the site.

Today, Thorak Cemetery is the only cemetery for the greater Darwin area and will provide a burial facility for the residents of Darwin, Palmerston and Litchfield Shire well into the twenty second century.



**Gardens Road Cemetery (above)**

The Gardens Road Cemetery was opened in April 1919.

The cemetery served as Darwin's official cemetery until December 1970.

Its service to the Darwin community encompassed two world wars and a fast growing multicultural society including Greek, Japanese, Chinese, Malay, Northern European, Anglo and Celt peoples.

The cemetery exists as a microcosm of Darwin's history and social associations.

One of the more prominent people buried at Gardens Cemetery was Territory policeman Constable Stewart McColl.

McColl was killed by spear attack when tracking down a group of Aboriginals accused of killing five Japanese fishermen.

The Depression years saw many members of old Darwin families buried there including those from the Kailis, Ah Mat, Chin, Cubillo, Nudi and Paspalis families.

From the outbreak of war in 1939 a number of servicemen both Australian and American were buried at the cemetery, and were later relocated to the Adelaide River War Cemetery.

During its years in use, 848 adults and 83 children were recorded as being buried at the cemetery.

The cemetery was heritage listed in 1999.



**Pioneer Cemetery (above)**

The Pioneer Cemetery on Goyder Road was originally called Palmerston Cemetery and is Darwin's first official cemetery.

Among the gravestones and unmarked graves, lie buried the stories of hundreds of the Territory's pioneer men, women and children.

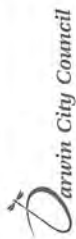
The Pioneer Cemetery was opened in 1865 and closed in 1919.

The site of the cemetery was selected by surveyor George Woodroffe Goyder when he laid out plans for the new town of Palmerston (later called Darwin).

There are 1,200 people recorded as being buried in the cemetery, but only 146 headstones can be seen today.

An upgrade program by Council in 1983 resulted





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## Mayoral ghosts and Hawaiian shirts? Long-serving staff share

# Colourful memories

**This week we look at three of Darwin City Council's long-serving staff as part of a series of weekly columns depicting the people, places and projects from our first 50 years.**



**Bernadett Howison, Communications Equipment Officer**

Bernadett, or "Bern" as she's widely known, has clocked up almost 25 years with Darwin City Council.

Bern has worked mostly in Records and Information Management and has much of Council's corporate history in her memory.

"I walked up the ramp on the 29th of November 1982 and I've been here ever since," she said.

Bern and Sally (aka The Terrible Twins) are known for having a sense of humour and not even senior staff have escaped their practical jokes. There was the Town Clerk who found the wheels of his

**Sally Grahame, Regulatory Services Administration Officer**

Sally was working in administration at a Darwin plumbing business when she met several staff from Council who would come in to get supplies.

Eventually the Council's City Inspector asked her to come in for an interview. Sally was asked four questions, did a typing test and got the job.

Sally started the following Monday in the Inspector's area (now Regulatory Services).

Apart from 10 months in "the computer room" - now IT - Sally has been there ever since and knows Council by-laws inside out.

She has seen many changes in technology and personnel at Council over the years.

"Way before computers we used to use the old manual typewriters," she said.

"We thought we were really modern when we got new electronic typewriters."

One of the people that stood out for Sally was former Lord Mayor Alec Fong Lim.

"He would wander down the corridor in his bright Hawaiian shirt and say hello. He knew every staff member's name."

On the 23rd of this month, Sally celebrated 30 years with Council. She has outlasted six Lord Mayors, five Town Clerks and dozens of Aldermen.

"Council is a good place. I love coming to work, particularly for the people. I've been to workmates weddings, christenings and I'm Godmother to my ex-boss's child."

Sally doesn't think she will be leaving Council in the near future saying: "I will most probably retire from here. It is a great place to work."



**Nigel Lee, Communications Officer Operations**

Nigel is the interface to Council's Operations area and receives dozens of calls every day from the public, businesses and other agencies.

Calls can range from an overflowing bin to potholes to major damage to or problems with city assets.

A sheet metal worker by trade, Nigel joined Council in April 1979.

His first job was to fence off access to Smith Street where The Mall was being constructed.

He then worked in various outdoor roles including line marking, truck driving and on the city garbage run.

He believes his years of experience in Council's outside operations have stood him in good stead in his current position, which he has been in since 1999.

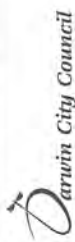
"I know who does what and how to get it done. I make a point of getting to know everybody."

Nigel thinks he will be at Council for a while yet. "I've enjoyed it and still enjoy it. I like the human side of the job and talking to people."

"I have my regular callers that I hear from about once a week."

"They often ring on small matters but I think it's mostly just to say hello and have a chat."





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Lake Alexander finally allows Darwin to

# Swim stinger-free

**All year seawater swimming in Darwin has always been a problem due to the presence of potentially fatal box jellyfish at city beaches during the months of the Wet season, generally September to May.**

Up until the 1960s Lamerloo Baths were available but after the construction of the freshwater Parap swimming pool, their use declined and they became dilapidated and run-down. In 1986 a stinger net was installed at Nightcliff Beach as a joint Lions Club and Council project.

Unfortunately by 1988 the net had suffered vandalism, storm and sand damage and had to be removed as it was costing too much to maintain.

Council, under Lord Mayor Alec Fong Lim in the late 1980s, made the decision to construct what is now known as Lake Alexander as a solution to all-year salt water swimming.

The 3.5 hectare lake, containing around 70 million litres of salt water, was officially opened in July 1991 and provides a body of water that is safe for swimming throughout the year. Water in the lake has a maximum depth of 2.8 metres and is pumped in from Fannie Bay and filtered before entering.

Originally an area of low-lying coastal marsh, Lake Alexander is now one of the main features of East Point Reserve and what sets it apart from other picnic areas in Darwin.

About 3000 people attended the official opening day on 21 July 1991. Activities included a Darwin Aero Club flyover, water polo match and displays by the newly formed Lake Alexander Life Saving Club.

Former Lord Mayor Alec Fong Lim, who passed away just before the lake

opened, was closely involved in developing the lake and recreation area.

The lake and major access road into East Point Reserve, Alec Fong Lim Drive, were named in his memory.

At the opening, then Lord Mayor Alan Markham unveiled a plaque dedicated to his predecessor.

The opening was attended by Mrs Norma Fong Lim and members of the Fong Lim family.

Opening the lake, Lord Mayor Markham described the facility as "... a significant step forward for safe all-year swimming and is a project all Darwinians should be proud of." (Northern Territory News, 22 July 1991)

Since 1991, Council has upgraded the lake and recreation area with bike paths, landscaping, barbecues and a regional playground.

In the next financial year Council will replace the lake's ageing inlet pipe and pump.

As one of Darwin's three regional playgrounds, Lake Alexander provides a range of equipment to cater for a variety of age groups, including access for children with disabilities.

The regional playgrounds have full shade cover and are close to toilet facilities.

The other regional playgrounds are at the Water Gardens, Jingili and on Yanyula Drive, Anula.

Lake Alexander and the Water Gardens regional playgrounds also have BBQ facilities.

Lake Alexander and East Point Reserve are now some of the most popular recreation areas for both locals and visitors.

The Reserve, managed by Council



Amy-Lee, 4, pitches a ride with Jane Melvin to tour the new Lake Alexander yesterday. Picture: CHERYL LYNN CAINES.

## Public jumps into new lake

Plaque and ceremony were kept to a minimum at Darwin's newest outdoor recreation venue yesterday.

The official opening, 'was complete and open for a number of months since the pump and

Story Northern Territory News July 22, 1991

since 1984, is easily accessible from both the city and suburbs, and it is by far the largest park area in or near the city.

East Point Reserve covers almost 200 hectares, of which 30 hectares includes natural forest land.

As well as Lake Alexander, East

Point Reserve offers a range of barbecue and picnic facilities in a landscaped environment, a military history that goes back to 1932 and a range of community and tourist facilities including the Royal Australian Artillery Association Museum and the gun turret precinct.





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# From market plot to gorgeous garden

**The Darwin Botanic Gardens were established on their present site in June 1886.**

At that time, the town of Darwin was 16 years old and the establishment of the gardens was the third attempt to select a site suitable to grow plants that would provide an economic benefit.

The area where the gardens are today was once very swampy.

The site was chosen after several Chinese gardeners had achieved success with crops in the area.

The emphasis then was on economic gardening.

The ornamental plantings which are a feature of the gardens today, came much later in the 1900s.

For the first 30 years, the gardens thrived under curator Maurice Holtze and then son Nicholas.

For many years, labour was supplied by prisoners, mainly Aboriginal, with occasional Europeans and Chinese.

As well as market gardening, over the years the area has been used for experimental crop farming, cattle grazing and as a garbage dump.

During World War II, the gardens were used for military purposes and contained an anti-aircraft battery.

By 1944, the gardens were in total disrepair. Curator Jack Agostini, who worked at the gardens before the war, had the unenviable task of restoration.

His efforts were successful so much so that when the gardens came under the control of Darwin City Council in 1957, they were described as the city's most attractive feature.

Severe tropical storms and cyclones in 1897, 1937 and Tracy in 1974 have wreaked havoc in the gardens.

After Cyclone Tracy, Darwin Botanic Gardens lost 89 per cent of its trees, the fern house, nursery and the original Holtze Cottage.

After "Tracy" the opportunity was taken to begin a program of establishing collections of

plant families, particularly of fig and palm varieties.

It was very successful and by 1979 the gardens had 20 per cent more plants than before the cyclone.

Much of the restoration work after Cyclone Tracy was carried out by George Brown, under the management of Darwin City Council.

After arriving in the Northern Territory on a golfing holiday in the late 1960s, George decided that this part of the world was where his future lay.

Brown started work for Council in 1969 as a foreman at the Botanic Gardens and was appointed Curator in 1971.

He remained Curator until the gardens came under control of the Parks Northern Territory Government in 1990.

In 1992 George Brown was elected as Lord Mayor of Darwin in a landslide victory.

He remained Lord Mayor up until his death in January 2002.

Right up until this time, George continued to walk through his beloved gardens nearly every day.

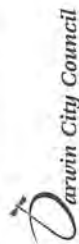
In recognition of George Brown's contribution and 32 years service to the development of Darwin and the gardens, the Northern Territory Government changed the name of the "Darwin Botanic Gardens" to "George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens" in 2002.

Today the gardens contain a varied collection of some 800 individual Australian and exotic cycads; 450 species of palm; eight species of Baobab tree; a plant display house and a remarkable collection of tropical gingers and heliconias.

They are an important part of Darwin for locals and tourists alike and are used for picnics, barbecues, weddings as well as community events such as the Darwin Festival, Teddy Bears' Picnic and Tropical Garden Spectacular.



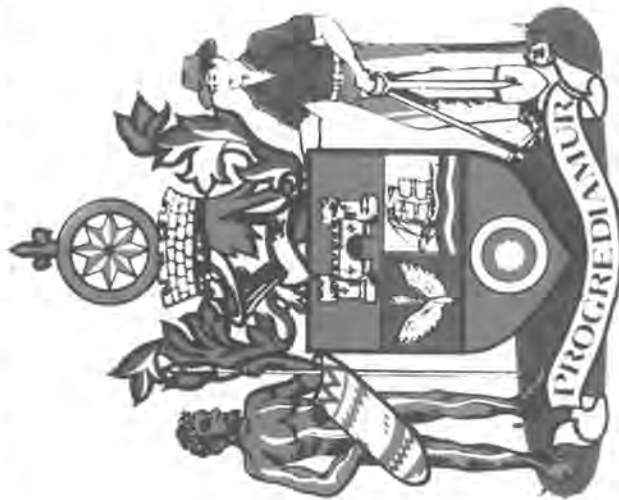
**George Brown in the Botanic Garden's orchid house in 1976 - pic courtesy NT Library**



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# Our elected representatives: 50 years of Darwin aldermen

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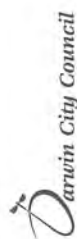
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The 19th City Council invites you to ...

# Celebrate with us!

**This week, in our final column of the series, we look at the events leading to the formation of local government - and invite you to celebrate our milestone on Sunday**

This Sunday 1 July is Darwin City Council's 50th birthday and the Acting Lord Mayor, Aldermen and staff invite all Darwin residents to help celebrate!

Anniversary celebrations including placement of a time capsule, cutting of a birthday cake, FREEPS, the Darwin Dance Drama Academy, Chantel the Fairy, One Mob Different Country dancers and the Lea Flannighan Band will take place from 3pm to 6pm, Civic Park, in the city.

It was on 1 July 1957 that the people of Darwin elected for the first time a Mayor and 12 Councillors. There was much enthusiasm at the time for granting of local government with a voter turnout of more than 85 per cent on election day on 29 June 1957.

However the path toward local government in Darwin was a long and complex one to attain what most of Australia took for granted - a voice in local matters.

Prior to 1937 when local government functions were taken over by the Commonwealth, there were attempts at introducing local government to Darwin but none succeeded in the long term. In 1939 a Darwin Town Management Board was formed consisting of three Commonwealth Government officers and a Citizens' Advisory Committee. However it was short-lived as World War II soon intervened with Darwin bombed heavily by the Japanese in 1942. When Darwin returned to civilian control after the war, a new Town Management Board was formed consisting of officials and a representative group of residents. In September 1953, the Local Government Bill was introduced into the NT Legislative Council. Its progress was delayed by extended debate and an election. The Bill was finally passed in



*The 19th Darwin City Council (2004 - 2008)*

November 1954 and the Local Government Ordinance was given assent in November 1955 providing for a Darwin Municipal Council.

The Local Government Ordinance provided for a directly elected Mayor and two Councillors from each of six Wards - Temira, Port Darwin, Parapara, Stuart, Fannie Bay and Nightcliff - to take office from 1 July 1957. Council's first elected Mayor was Lucius (Bill) Richardson. Since then, Darwin's Local Government experience has had many ups and downs and also notched up some firsts. In 1966, Darwin elected Australia's first Chinese Mayor in Harry Chan, reflecting the high esteem in which Darwin's Chinese community was held. Local government was again disrupted in

1974 when Cyclone Tracy destroyed Darwin. After the cyclone the Darwin Reconstruction Commission (DRC), consisting of Federal, Territory and local government representatives, initially took over much of the running as well as the rebuilding of Darwin.

In May 1975, Darwin elected its first female Mayor in Dr Ella Stack, who was also to play a strong role on the DRC. Dr Stack became Darwin's first Lord Mayor when Darwin received capital city status in November 1979. Since then many Darwin City Council people, places and projects of have helped shape the city of Darwin into what it is today - a thriving and cosmopolitan modern city.

## 50th birthday party Sunday July 1 3pm-6pm Civic Park

**3pm** Darwin City Brass Band  
**3.15pm** Welcome speech - Chief Executive Officer, Allan McGill

**3.20pm** Birthday cake cutting  
• Speech from Acting Lord Mayor

• Blessing of DCC for next 50 years with Lion Dance

**3.25pm** Placement of Time Capsule

**3.35pm** Darwin Dance Drama Academy

**3.50pm** Chantel the Fairy

**4.20pm** One Mob different Country dancers

**4.30pm** Lea Flannighan Band  
**6pm** Close

**Birthday cake and balloons will be given out throughout the afternoon.**

**Also enjoy FREEPS activities: dancers, bands, face painting, fun in the parks, cake & balloons, merry go-round, jumping castle, bungee run, disco dome, Life Be In It, food & refreshments, displays & more**



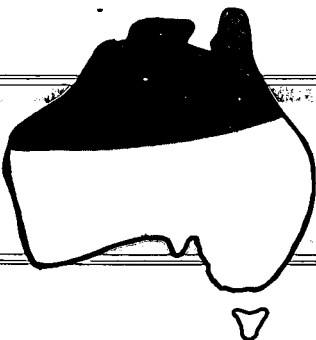
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**Approved:**       **General Manager Community & Cultural Services,  
Anna Malgorzewicz**

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to present the findings from a community survey into the adequacy of existing shade at Nightcliff Pool.

### **LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies as outlined in the 'Evolving Darwin Towards 2020 Strategic Plan':-

#### **Goal**

2       Vibrant, Flexible and Tropical Lifestyle

#### **Outcome**

2.3     Increased sport, recreation and leisure experiences

#### **Key Strategies**

2.3.5   Enhance and improve services and facilities which encourage healthy lifestyle choices

### **KEY ISSUES**

- Recreation Services conducted a survey at Nightcliff Pool to establish community and stakeholder views on the adequacy of existing shade at the facility.
- The results indicated that more shade is required and that natural shade is preferred.
- The report recommends proposed planting locations and species to deliver additional natural shade.

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority:-

- A. THAT Report Number 17C0029 MG:kl entitled Nightcliff Pool Shade, be received and noted.
- B. THAT three additional Syzigium nervosum (Satinash) shade trees be planted at Nightcliff Pool at the locations detailed in **Attachment C** to Report Number 17C0029 MG:kl entitled Nightcliff Pool Shade.

## **BACKGROUND**

At the Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting on 22 November 2016, during General Business there was a Question by an Elected Member on the shade and amenity at Nightcliff Pool. Five pop-up umbrellas were trialled as a short-term measure so that existing trees could mature. The umbrellas, while popular, were not sturdy enough for the foreshore location. It was determined an evidence-based approach be undertaken to establish shade requirements at the facility.

## **DISCUSSION**

Recreation Services conducted a survey at Nightcliff Pool during April 2017 to establish if there was a requirement for additional shade at the facility. The survey was available online and in hardcopy at the pool. The survey (**Attachment A**) asked patrons whether there was adequate shade; and, if further shade was required, the type and location of shade.

Regarding type of shade, patrons were asked their preference on natural shade (trees) or artificial shade (man-made items such as shade structures and umbrellas).

### *Survey Results*

There were a total of 74 submissions received. A full copy of the survey results is provided at **Attachment B**.

Many respondents selected both natural and artificial shade and within their comments suggested locations for each type of shade.

- 93% of respondents did not think there was adequate shade at Nightcliff Pool
- 81% of respondents selected natural shade as a preference
- 53% of respondents selected artificial shade as a preference
- There were 63 suggestions on where additional shade could be located

### *Conclusion*

The majority of patrons thought the existing shade was not adequate at Nightcliff Pool. Their preference was for natural shade on the grassed pool surrounds and for artificial shade over and close to the pool and pool concourse.

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Council's Parks and Reserves team conducted an inspection at Nightcliff Pool to determine suitable locations and the type of species that could improve natural shade at the facility.

Three locations on the grassed area of the pool were determined (**Attachment C**). Only three locations were chosen so that on maturity the spacing would allow adequate shade and preserve the amenity and unimpeded view of the harbour for the patrons of the facility. The species selection of shade trees is difficult so close to the ocean with damaging winds and salt spray, and consideration is required in terms of leaf litter with locations next to a swimming pool. Given those parameters, the top three considered species in order of preference are:

- 1 – Syzigium nervosum (Satinash)
- 2 – Corymbia bella (Ghost gum)
- 3 – Alstonia actinophylla (Northern Milkwood)

This report recommends the planting of three Syzigium nervosum (Satinash). The mature tree grows to a height of approximately 18 metres and supplies a large canopy area, information about the species and an image of the mature tree is available at **Attachment D**. The planting of three additional shade trees, as per the recommendation of Council's Parks and Reserves Team, will improve amenity at Nightcliff Pool.

### **CONSULTATION PROCESS**

This report was considered by the Executive Leadership Team on 15 May 2017.

Recreation Services conducted a survey at Nightcliff Pool throughout April 2017 to establish if there was a requirement for additional shade at the facility. The survey was available online and in hardcopy at the pool.

In preparing this report, the following City of Darwin officers were consulted:

- Recreation and Healthy Lifestyle Coordinator
- Recreation Services Officer
- Manager Infrastructure Maintenance
- Acting Coordinator Parks & Reserves
- Technical Officer, Infrastructure Services

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Policy No. 46 – Recreation and Healthy Lifestyle provides a framework to support actions that guide Council's commitment to providing community spaces, facilities and programs that encourage a healthy and connected community.

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### **BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

The planting of the additional three proposed shade trees at Nightcliff Pool will be delivered through existing operational budget. There is no budget allocation or plan to install further artificial shade at Nightcliff Pool at present.

### **RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

Natural shade provides the best environmental and sustainable outcomes. The addition of shade trees will enhance the amenity of the facility and provide members of the community with areas to relax and enjoy within the pool surrounds.

### **COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION**

We the Author and Approving Officers declare that we do not have a Conflict of Interest in relation to this matter.

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### **Attachments:**

- Attachment A:** Nightcliff Pool Survey
- Attachment B:** Nightcliff Pool Survey Results
- Attachment C:** Proposed Tree Locations
- Attachment D:** Information and image of a Syzigium nervosum (Satinash)



# SURVEY

## NIGHTCLIFF POOL SHADE



City of Darwin is always looking to improve its recreation facilities and would like to hear from you about shade at Nightcliff Pool.

Nightcliff Pool offers a friendly, safe environment to enjoy a range of water-based activities. In 2015-16, Council upgraded the Nightcliff Pool grounds, including relocating the plant room and landscaping the pool surrounds so that patrons could enjoy uninterrupted vistas of Darwin Harbour. The new pool surrounds offer a beautiful space to enjoy, whether you are swimming or enjoying the view.

We would like to hear if you think there is enough shade at Nightcliff Pool, and if not, what type of shade you prefer.

### What types of shade are there?

**Natural shade** – by this, we mean trees

**Artificial shade** – by this, we mean man-made items such as shade structures, permanent umbrellas, mobile umbrellas



# SURVEY

## NIGHTCLIFF POOL SHADE

Q1. Do you think there is adequate shade for patrons at Nightcliff Pool?

Yes ☐ (go to Q4)

No ☐ (go to Q2)

Q2. If you answered no to Question 1, what type of additional shade do you think is required?

Natural Shade ☐

Artificial Shade ☐

Q3. Where do you think additional shade should be provided in Nightcliff Pool grounds? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Q4. If you wish to be kept informed of the outcome of the Nightcliff Pool Shade survey, please provide your email address:

You can also go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NcPoolShade> to complete this survey online by Monday 17 April.

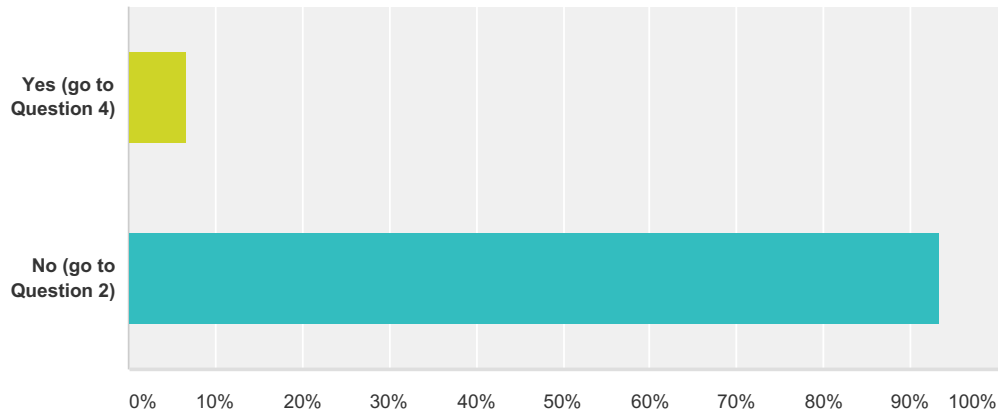


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**Q1 Do you think there is adequate shade for patrons at Nightcliff Pool?**

Answered: 74 Skipped: 0

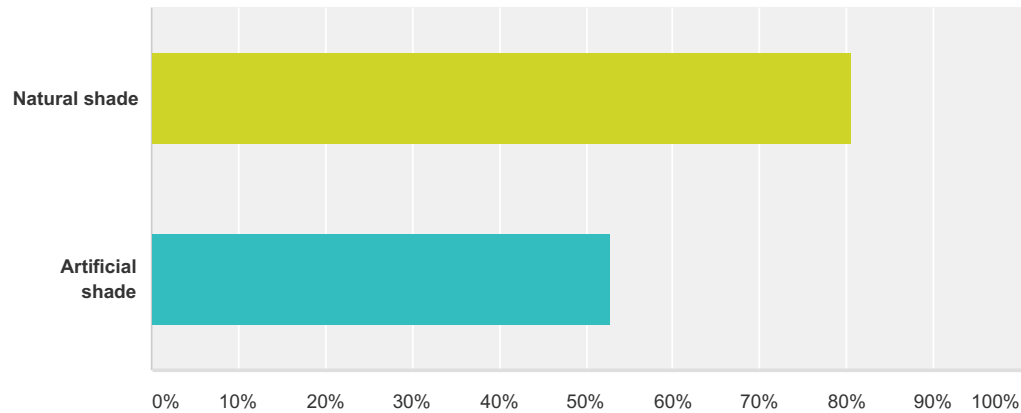


Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes (go to Question 4)	6.76%	5
No (go to Question 2)	93.24%	69
Total		74



Q2 If you answered no to Question 1, what type of additional shade do you think is required?

Answered: 72 Skipped: 2



Answer Choices	Responses	
Natural shade	80.56%	58
Artificial shade	52.78%	38
Total Respondents: 72		

### Q3 Where do you think additional shade should be provided in Nightcliff Pool grounds?

Answered: 63 Skipped: 11

#	Responses	Date
1	in various places both concreted and grassed area. parents supervising chn need seats that are shaded - trees in grassed area can move groups resting away from water areas. Shaded picnics a wonderful way to enjoy this tropical paradise.	5/8/2017 10:42 AM
2	scattered throughout the pool area but also outside the pool - in front and around the café especially. as many trees as possible.	5/8/2017 10:36 AM
3	all around the grass area. Also shade needs to be provided outside the Foreshore Café.	5/8/2017 10:35 AM
4	all around pool - grassed areas etc	5/8/2017 10:34 AM
5	in various and numerous areas on the grass. plant fast growing trees that will quickly provide canopies of shade	4/19/2017 11:23 AM
6	lawn near bbq overlooking ocean	4/19/2017 11:22 AM
7	I would like to see the pool completely covered by shade and some more shade trees on the sea side lawn area	4/19/2017 11:21 AM
8	at various spots on grassed areas	4/19/2017 11:20 AM
9	either end of the pool	4/19/2017 11:15 AM
10	BOTH! ANY!	4/19/2017 11:14 AM
11	over the whole pool and the pool concourse trees over parts of the lawn	4/19/2017 11:14 AM
12	so whole pool is covered more over grass area on the ocean side.	4/19/2017 11:12 AM
13	We need a mix of both to enable immediate shade while the trees you plant to provide plentiful shade on the grassed area have time to grow up and out to create a lovely cool area canopy	4/19/2017 11:11 AM
14	I use the pool regularly (5x a week on average) and I always leave it after my laps because there is no lovely trees creating generous shade.	4/19/2017 11:07 AM
15	at pool ends for more protection of swimmers More shade trees for families	4/19/2017 11:06 AM
16	Natural - more trees around the grounds Artificial where the stand is at the end of the pool	4/19/2017 11:05 AM
17	Liberal transplant some established trees to immediately address the lack of shade (what a pity you didn't do this *before* the Wet Season!!)	4/19/2017 11:02 AM
18	Front of the pool on the grassy area Between pool and foreshore PS most people lie down at the pool, not sit at hot metal shaded benches; don't add seating to shaded areas	4/19/2017 11:01 AM
19	Everywhere! The situation is appalling. Now Parap Pool is closed, I go to the pool on average once a fortnight. I used to go 3-4 times a week. This is because it is too sunny to read or rest!	4/19/2017 10:11 AM
20	shelter from storm and sun	4/19/2017 10:07 AM
21	Artificial over pool Natural around the grounds	4/19/2017 10:06 AM
22	Over the pools ends	4/19/2017 10:05 AM
23	grassed area adjacent to bbqs towards where the old pump room used to be. Suggest look at several pergolas with creepers and one longer one closer to pool. Can get trees shaped as pergolas now too!	4/13/2017 6:44 PM
24	nice big shade tree near pump room ands artificial shade over picnic tables and hard cover over BBQ	4/13/2017 12:50 PM
25	bbq area and end of pool	4/13/2017 12:49 PM
26	at the back fence stop perverts	4/13/2017 12:48 PM
27	along the café wall	4/13/2017 12:48 PM
28	on the lawn area	4/13/2017 12:48 PM

29	near the fence closest to beach	4/13/2017 12:47 PM
30	along fence line keep perverts out	4/13/2017 12:47 PM
31	at tables	4/13/2017 12:46 PM
32	near kids pool	4/13/2017 12:46 PM
33	back fence line and BBQ area	4/13/2017 12:45 PM
34	near car park	4/13/2017 12:44 PM
35	over the end of pool	4/13/2017 12:43 PM
36	Grass area	4/12/2017 6:16 PM
37	Over the pool, and surrounding area.	4/12/2017 4:35 PM
38	Grass areas	4/12/2017 12:55 PM
39	Over the full length of the swimming pool, plus over the adjacent structure at the north end of the pool where many people change and leave their gear.	4/12/2017 11:09 AM
40	over the grandstand artificial shade that can be removed once there is enough natural shade	4/11/2017 11:12 AM
41	not sure, but some trees and a high simple sturdy breezary would be great. Keep area ma open, plant shade trees	4/11/2017 11:12 AM
42	open areas shade over area at end of pool deck artificial very damaging for swimmers	4/11/2017 11:09 AM
43	on lawns plant trees	4/11/2017 11:08 AM
44	to cast shade on the grass, next to plant room and on back fence line	4/11/2017 11:07 AM
45	back fence line & BBQ area and over the grandstand	4/11/2017 11:06 AM
46	Either end of the pool as its really hot to walk on. Grassed areas as well	4/11/2017 11:05 AM
47	Grassed area and stands	4/10/2017 8:54 PM
48	In the grassed area away from the pool so people can spread out	4/10/2017 6:40 PM
49	In the sunny locations	4/10/2017 4:27 PM
50	Not near the seaward side in order to maintain the views and breezes. Also needs to be aesthetically in keeping with the surrounds and natural environment and not too heavy or clunky.	4/10/2017 2:15 PM
51	NE side	4/10/2017 1:59 PM
52	Over the end of the pool closest to the cafe, where the little kids have swimming lessons	4/10/2017 10:46 AM
53	A few more trees (ideally native trees) in the grassy area towards the fence would let people relax in the shade while enjoying the pool. Artificial structures would take away from the amazing view and natural setting unless they were very carefully chosen and made of natural materials	4/9/2017 9:47 PM
54	over the sunny end of the pool	4/9/2017 3:02 PM
55	not too close to the pool - closer to the fence on the side.	4/9/2017 12:52 PM
56	Yes, and a few outside the fence and around the Foreshore Cafe too, NOT Casuarina trees though. The trees need to be ones that can be trimmed, or have a branch structure, to provide shade nor block sea views once established.	4/9/2017 11:02 AM
57	On the perimeter with large shade trees that people can sit or lie under	4/9/2017 9:01 AM
58	on the lawns so that people can sit on the grass in the shade but making sure that the view of the sea is not completely blocked	4/9/2017 8:39 AM
59	A few trees on the big grassed area on the far side of the pool, also near the eastern and western ends of the pool.	4/8/2017 11:23 PM
60	In the grassy lawn area between the pool the fence which faces the ocean side	4/6/2017 5:54 PM
61	on the grassed area closest to the sea.	4/6/2017 4:55 PM
62	More shade around the grounds so during the day there is somewhere to sit out of the sun. Shade over the pool is great.	4/6/2017 12:21 PM
63	To cover the entire pool.	4/5/2017 9:39 AM





# Syzygium nervosum

'nervosum' means 'veined' in reference to the prominent leaf veins

<b>Family:</b> MYRTACEAE	<b>Other common names:</b> Cleistocalyx, Forest Apple, River Apple, Red Bush Apple		
<b>Growth rate:</b> Moderate	<b>Lifespan:</b> Long	<b>Flowers:</b> September to December	<b>Fruiting:</b> December to January
<b>Uses:</b> Screening, shade and windbreak tree for avenues, monsoon forest plantings, parkscapes, rural properties, streetscapes and large urban gardens			

## Main Features

A handsome tree with dense spreading crown of attractive shiny leaves and a profusion of white flowers followed by masses of pendulous clusters of dark purple fruits. The leaves have a distinctively pleasant smell when crushed.

**Natural occurrence:** Distributed across the wet/dry tropics from Groote Eylandt to the Kimberley (NT, WA). Also known from tropical Asia. Grows in monsoon forests and wetland habitats.



**Soils:** Prefers deep well drained organic sandy loams and loams.

**Propagation:** From fresh seed with no special pre-treatment required. The flesh around the seed can be left on or taken off. Sow in a mix of 1:1 river sand and sieved peat moss or coco peat. Half bury the seed and cover with a layer of the mix. Keep moist at all times during germination with regular watering. Germination rates of over 70% are normally obtained in a period of 1-3 months.

**Growing hints and maintenance:** Relatively pest and disease free. Benefits from deep mulching and regular moderate applications of organic fertiliser. Some early pruning may be required to create a tall straight trunk.

**For the budding botanist:** An evergreen large sized tree 15 - 20 m high with a broad dense crown and often a buttressed trunk. Bark grey, smooth, flaking in plates. Leaves opposite, widest about the middle, 9 - 19 cm long, 4 - 7 cm wide, smooth, shiny dark green above paler below, oil gland dotted, very aromatic when crushed, distinctly veined, margins wavy, tip pointed. Flowers white, stamens showy, about 7 cm long, sweetly scented, in dense branched clusters to the leaves. Fruit fleshy, flattened globular, about 1 cm diameter, shiny dark purple, smooth, with a depressed apex, 1-seeded.

## Notes:

- Previously known as: *Cleistocalyx operculatus*, *Eugenia operculata*, *Syzygium operculatum*.
- Will grow in full sun in sheltered sites however fastest growth rate are obtained in shaded sites.
- Has attractive timber.

**References:** 5, 16, 31, 50, 56, 54.



15 - 20 m



8 m



8 m







<b>ENCL:</b> <b>YES</b>	<b>COMMUNITY &amp; CULTURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE/OPEN</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	<b>10.1.5</b>
<b>REVIEW OF CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 2016</b>			
<b>REPORT No.:</b>	<b>17C0015 KS:kl</b>	<b>COMMON No.:</b>	<b>2946123</b>
			<b>DATE:</b> 23/05/2017

**Presenter:** Community Events Producer,  
Kylie Salisbury

**Approved:** General Manager Community & Cultural Services,  
Anna Malgorzewicz

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide a review of the 2016 Christmas Program and seek Council endorsement for the 2017 Draft Christmas Program.

### **LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies of the City of Darwin 2012 – 2016 as outlined in the 'Evolving Darwin Towards 2020 Strategic Plan':-

#### **Goal**

1. Collaborative, Inclusive and Connected Community

#### **Outcome**

- 1.1 Community inclusion supported

#### **Key Strategies**

- 1.1.1 Develop and support programs, services and facilities, and provide information that promotes community spirit, engagement, cohesion and safety

### **KEY ISSUES**

- The 2016 Christmas Program included City Centre decorations, Santa in The Mall, a Christmas Water Fun Afternoon and sponsorship of Carols by Candlelight.
- Council provides an annual budget for the City of Darwin Christmas program.
- Council has made further budget allocation in the 2017/18 financial year for the provision of enhanced Christmas decorations.
- The contract to provide Christmas decorations for the City of Darwin has expired and the contract will go to tender for the provision of services for Christmas 2017 - 2019.
- The Expression of Interest will request options for enhanced City Centre decorations, lighting solutions, modification or replacement of the existing Christmas tree and storage for all City of Darwin decorations.
- The 2017 Draft Christmas Program has been prepared for endorsement by Council.



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## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority:-

- A. THAT Report Number 17C0015 KS:kl entitled Review Of Christmas Program 2016, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council endorse the 2017 Draft Christmas Program at **Attachment C** to Report Number 17C0015 KS:kl entitled Review Of Christmas Program 2016.

## **BACKGROUND**

### **PREVIOUS DECISION**

*DECISION NO. 21\3555 (28/07/15)*

#### **2015 Christmas Tree Proposal**

*Report No. 15C0092 KS:kl (20/07/15) Common No. 2946123*

- C. *THAT Council refer the commission of a new Christmas Tree and Lighting installation to the 2016/17 budget process.*

## **DISCUSSION**

Each year, Council provides a range of activities to celebrate Christmas in Darwin.

### **2016 Christmas Program**

The 2016 Christmas Program consisted of:

- CBD decorations
- Santa's Cave in The Mall
- Fun in the Parks Christmas in The Mall
- Christmas Water Fun Afternoon
- Sponsorship of Carols by Candlelight.

All activities were advertised on Council's website and social media networks and through flyers on Council notice boards, **Attachment A**.

#### *CBD Decorations*

City of Darwin holds an inventory of Christmas decorations including hanging decorations, lights, street pole banners and a Christmas tree which is installed in The Mall each year.

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### *Santa's Cave in The Mall*

Santa's Cave was open from Saturday 10 to Saturday 24 December 2016 from 9.30am to 11.00am and 11.30am to 1.00pm, excluding Sundays. The official opening included Fun in the Parks, balloon artists, face painting, giveaways and the City of Darwin Libraries mascots, Dewey and Paige.

### *Fun in the Parks Christmas in The Mall*

Fun in the Parks provided activities including art and craft, ball games, large gym shapes and face painting. The activities were supervised, and cold drinking water and sunscreen were provided.

### *Christmas Water Fun Afternoon*

Held on Sunday 18 December 2016 at Casuarina Pool from 3.00pm to 7.00pm, this was a new activity trialled during the 2016 program. Participants received free entry from 12.00pm and the afternoon featured inflatable water slides and obstacle course, large pool toys and the Fun Bus for smaller children.

### *Sponsorship of Carols by Candlelight*

Each year, Council sponsors the Christmas in Darwin Association to conduct Carols by Candlelight at the Amphitheatre.

In addition to these events, a Santa at the Wave Lagoon event was held by the Darwin Waterfront Corporation. Council liaises with the Darwin Waterfront Corporation when scheduling events, as all Christmas activities share the one Santa talent resource.

## **Review of 2016 Christmas Program**

While overall the Christmas Program was successful there are a number of improvements that could be made in order for Council to provide an even better community celebration.

Santa's Cave again exceeded expectations with over 200 visitors per day, and generated positive feedback for Council on social media. Adults and children were delighted with the air-conditioned wonderland. Fun in the Parks activities complemented Santa's Cave and were well attended and appreciated by the community. These elements will form the basis of activities in The Mall for the 2017 Program.

While the Christmas Water Fun Afternoon was enjoyed by patrons on the day, participation was low with approximately 400 attendees compared to 1000 attendees for the Parap Pool event held in July 2016. The low attendance was attributed to the weather conditions and the busy nature of that time of year, with families often having other commitments on the weekend before Christmas.

Unfortunately the weather on the day was problematic, with the event almost cancelled due to storms. During the Wet Season, there is always high chance of closure due to lightning. While the Water Fun Afternoon was trialled in 2016, considering safety concerns and the priority for Council to enhance activation in the

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CBD, it is not recommended that this element continues to form part of the Christmas Program.

The review process identifies those components that are most effective and establishes where significant improvements in the Program can be made. CBD activation is a priority issue for Council. The delivery of an effective Christmas Program centred on The Mall provides an excellent opportunity to enhance activation and provide additional retail and economic opportunities for existing business owners, especially during December where tourist numbers are lower. The 2017 Draft Christmas Program has been developed to enhance CBD activation.

### **Expression of Interest for 2017-2019 CBD Decorations**

The contract to provide Christmas decorations for the City of Darwin has expired and an Expressions of Interest (EOI) will be advertised in June 2017 for the provision of services for the period 2017 to 2019.

An audit was conducted on the condition of the existing Christmas tree and decorations, **Attachment B**. The majority of existing decorations are in poor condition and would require repairs and maintenance for re-use. Electrical components require testing and certification.

In particular, the Christmas tree will require significant repairs due to its condition, age and damage sustained from people climbing on the structure. The replacement cost for a new Christmas tree is in the range of \$49,000 for a LED crystal tree to \$64,000 for a traditional artificial foliage tree.

In 2016, the Darwin City & Waterfront Retailers Association proposed a Christmas lighting project to link The Mall to the Waterfront. City of Darwin is currently upgrading lighting to Civic Park and further consultation is required to see if the light linkage proposal can be achieved in 2017. Light installations and digital projections are already used around Australia for Christmas decorations and should be a key component within the EOI.

The EOI will request options for enhanced CBD decorations, lighting solutions, digital projections and modification or replacement of the existing Christmas tree. Tenderers will be requested to consult with the Darwin City & Waterfront Retailers Association on proposed designs.

### **2017 Draft Christmas Program**

The 2017 Draft Christmas Program was developed following consultation with other stakeholders and in consideration of their proposed programs. In particular, the Events and Communications Co-ordinator (Darwin Waterfront Corporation) and the Darwin City & Waterfront Retailers Association provided draft programs to ensure the schedule of events could be coordinated between stakeholders without conflict. The City of Darwin 2017 Draft Christmas Program will consist of the following items:



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- Street Light Banner Decoration
- Santa's Cave
- Fun in the Parks Christmas Activities
- Christmas Art & Craft Workshops
- CBD Christmas Tree and Decorations
- City of Darwin Brass Band Christmas Performance
- City of Darwin Library Activities
- Sponsorship of Carols by Candlelight

Details of the 2017 Draft Christmas Program are outlined in **Attachment C**. The majority of activities will be scheduled to occur in The Mall. Library activities will still occur at each library and will be advertised as part of the Christmas Program.

### **CONSULTATION PROCESS**

In preparing this report, the following City of Darwin officers were consulted:

- Manager Recreation, Events & Customer Services
- Recreation & Healthy Lifestyle Coordinator
- Recreation Services Officer
- Management Accountant
- Manager Business Services
- Manager Community Development
- Team Leader Capital Works
- Project Officer, City of Darwin Libraries

In preparing this report, the following External Parties were consulted:

- President – Darwin City & Waterfront Retailers Association
- Events and Communications Co-ordinator – Darwin Waterfront Corporation
- Managing Director – Dreamedia

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

### **BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

Christmas activities and events are part of the City of Darwin annual events program. In 2016, the operational budget was \$135,177 to provide for all decorations, services and events regarding Christmas.

The Christmas Water Fun Afternoon at Casuarina Pool had an expenditure of \$4,754 with budget allocation from Special Projects General Manager of Community & Cultural Services.

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In addition to the annual Christmas operational budget, Council has made further allocations in the 2016/17 and the 2017/18 financial years for the provision of new Christmas decorations. These funds will be allocated in the Expression of Interest for the provision of CBD Christmas decorations for the City of Darwin for 2017-2019.

- 2016/17 \$20,000 for the scoping of Christmas decoration designs
- 2017/18 \$100,000 allocated in the Long Term Capital Works Program for the procurement and installation of Christmas decorations.

### **RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

### **COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION**

We the Author and Approving Officers declare that we do not have a Conflict of Interest in relation to this matter.

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### **Attachments:**

**Attachment A:** 2016 Christmas Program Flyers

**Attachment B:** City of Darwin Christmas Decorations Condition Report

# SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN



From Saturday 10 December, Santa Claus takes up residence in the Magic Cave in Shop 1, Anthony Plaza, The Mall.

You are invited to visit him - bring your camera and tell him all your Christmas wishes.

## Meet Santa at the Magic Cave

Saturday 10 December  
Monday 12 December - Saturday 17 December  
Monday 19 December - Saturday 24 December

Shop 1, Anthony Plaza  
9.30am - 11.00am & 11.30am - 1.00pm  
9.30am - 11.00am & 11.30am - 1.00pm  
9.30am - 11.00am & 11.30am - 1.00pm

## Christmas in The Mall

Join the Fun in the Parks team for fun, interactive children's activities

Saturday 10 December 9.00am - 12.00pm  
Monday 12 December - Friday 16 December 9.00am - 12.00pm  
Monday 19 December - Friday 23 December 9.00am - 12.00pm

## Christmas in the Galleria

Monday 12 December - Friday 16 December  
Monday 19 December - Friday 23 December

Christmas craft activities  
9.00am - 12.00pm  
9.00am - 12.00pm

## Darwin City Brass Band Christmas Songs in The Mall

Saturday 17 December & Saturday 24 December 10.00am - 12.00pm

## Find Santa at the Darwin Waterfront

Sunday 11 December  
Sunday 18 December

Loads of fun activities on the day  
11.00am - 2.00pm  
11.00am - 2.00pm

Check City of Darwin's  
Facebook page and website for  
the daily program



[darwin.nt.gov.au](http://darwin.nt.gov.au)

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# SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN



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## Fun in the Parks Christmas Program - 9.00am to 12.00pm

### Christmas in the Mall

Saturday 10 December	• Christmas Decorations & Cards
Monday 12 December	• Christmas Wrapping Paper - Stamping
Tuesday 13 December	• Christmas Stars & Tree Toppers
Wednesday 14 December	• Christmas Chains & Wands
Thursday 15 December	• Christmas Balls
Friday 16 December	• Angels Decorations
Monday 19 December	• Christmas Decoration Foam Ornaments
Tuesday 20 December	• Scratching Christmas Shapes
Wednesday 21 December	• Reindeer Hats
Thursday 22 December	• Calendars 2017
Friday 23 December	• Notebooks

### Christmas in the Galleria

- Balloon Modelling & Christmas Face Painting
- Santa Faces
- Christmas Trees - weaving
- Christmas Badges
- Chinese Lanterns
- Christmas Sand Cards by *Sand Card NT*
- Christmas Jewellery
- Recycled Wreaths by *Aly de Groot*
- Christmas Sand Cards by *Sand Card NT*
- Button Baubles by *Aly de Groot*
- Christmas Badges & Magnets

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Fun Bus

Food & Drinks

Jumping Castle

**FREE ENTRY**  
from 12pm

Fish and Chips

Coffee Van

Popcorn Machine

Paddle Pops

# CHRISTMAS WATER FUN AFTERNOON



CASUARINA POOL

SUNDAY 18 DECEMBER 2016

3.00PM TO 7.00PM



Inflatable Obstacle Course

Boof the Barra

Fun and Games



## SANTA VISIT



[www.darwin.nt.gov.au](http://www.darwin.nt.gov.au)



# Condition Report of Darwin City Council Xmas Decorations

Please see attached images of Xmas decorations.









## Main Xmas tree

The current frame is in need of repairs. It has evidence of people probably trying to climb on the structure and in some parts the welds have given way and broken. Im not sure how safe it would be to erect without investing time into repairing the broken welds. It is our assumption that this steel frame looks 20-25 years old. It would be important to ensure that an engineer has signed off on the structural integrity of the frame after repairs. There is no doubt that the structure is very heavy and is probably going to be OK but we are now living in different times and our advise would be to get an engineer to sign off on any repairs or modifications.



## Estimate to repair

We would estimate approx. 2-3 days of fixing up the frame \$3000 approx  
Then you will have to buy an entirely new skin and decorations for the tree. This would be a large expense. The current green fauna is falling apart it is that old and is rotten. Approx \$8000-\$10000 to replace complete tree fauna and then to replace all the decorations again this would be around the \$2000-\$2500 mark.





## Conclusion

You could easily spend up to \$15,000- \$18,000 bringing this tree up to looking like it's a current brand new Xmas tree and that is just an estimate.

It is our advise to consider re-purposing the frame of the Xmas into another decoration and consider updating the current Xmas tree to a new and current tree. We understand that it is expensive but better in the long run than trying to update the older frame.





## Xmas Decorations

The decoration again need some love and attention and the majority look tired especially the 'Darwin Festival' looking lanterns. Mostly all of these 1st generation decorations are needing repair and maintenance, repainting and bring back to life.

Most of the items that we viewed will need to be tagged and tested and all electric's reviewed.





The santa set is in very good shape and is in good condition. Its is in really good condition and the goal would be to have all the City of Darwin Xmas Decorations to this standard.



## Storage

Its our recomendation that much more care and detial is put into the way the deco-  
rations are stored and cared for. Currently 50% of the wear and tear could be due  
to the way the items are stored. This is only an opinion and very quick observation.



## CITY OF DARWIN

### 2017 DRAFT CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

#### *Council Organised Activities*

The 2017 Draft Christmas Program will consist of the following items; all activities will be scheduled to occur in The Mall:

- Street Light Banner Decoration
- Santa's Cave
- Fun in the Parks Christmas Activities
- Christmas Art & Craft Workshops
- CBD Christmas Tree and Decorations
- City of Darwin Brass Band Christmas Performance
- City of Darwin Library Activities
- Sponsorship of Carols By Candlelight

#### *Street Light Banner Decoration*

120 Street Light Banners to be displayed at locations in CBD and major arterial roads

#### *Santa's Cave*

A suitable shopfront in the Mall will be leased from 27 November 2017 – 5 January 2018 for the creation of a magical Santa Cave for families to come and experience the magic of Christmas, meet Santa and have their photo taken.

Date	Days	Times
9 December	Saturday	9.30am -11am 11.30am – 1pm
10 December	Sunday	Closed, Santa will be at the Waterfront
11-16 December	Monday to Saturday	9.30am -11am 11.30am – 1pm
17 December	Sunday	Closed, Santa will be at the Waterfront
18-23 December	Monday to Saturday	9.30am -11am 11.30am – 1pm

#### *Fun in the Parks Christmas Activities*

Activities including art and craft, ball games, large gym shapes, and face painting are just a few of the fun things available through the program. Activities are supervised and cold drinking water and sunscreen are provided.

Date	Days	Times
9 December	Saturday	9.00am – 12pm
10 December	Sunday	Closed
11-15 December	Monday to Friday	9.00am – 12pm
17 December	Sunday	Closed
18-22 December	Monday to Friday	9.00am – 12pm

#### *Christmas Art & Craft Workshops*

Working in conjunction with the Fun in the Parks activities, a variety of local artists will be engaged to present specific Christmas art and craft workshops for children to create and take home Christmas decorations.

***CBD Christmas Tree and Decorations***

Installation of the Christmas tree and decorations will commence on Friday 17 November to be completed by Friday 24 November. The removal of Christmas tree and decorations will commence on Friday 5 January with all decorations to be removed no later than Wednesday 10 January. These dates will allow for any adverse weather conditions.

***City of Darwin Brass Band Christmas Performance***

The City of Darwin Brass Band will entertain with a variety of Christmas songs with the opportunity to play in Raintree Park and the centre of The Mall to be determined by weather conditions.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Days</b>	<b>Times</b>
16 December	Saturday	10.00am – 1pm
23 December	Saturday	10.00am – 1pm

***City of Darwin Library Activities***

Traditional and Contemporary Christmas Carols at the libraries

<b>Venue</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Days</b>	<b>Times</b>
Karama Library	9 December	Saturday	10.00am
Nightcliff Library	16 December	Saturday	10.00am
Casuarina Library	23 December	Saturday	10.00am

Santa and his Reindeer story time

<b>Venue</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Days</b>	<b>Times</b>
Karama Library	11 December	Monday	10.00am
Nightcliff Library	12 December	Tuesday	10.00am
Casuarina Library	13 December	Wednesday	10.00am
City Library	14 December	Thursday	10.00am

***Sponsorship of Carols by Candlelight***

Each year Council sponsors the Christmas in Darwin Association to conduct Carols by Candlelight at the Amphitheatre.



# OPEN SECTION

C&CS/9

Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting – Tuesday, 23 May 2017

## 10.2 OFFICERS REPORTS (RECEIVE & NOTE)



**ENCL: COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES**  
**YES COMMITTEE/OPEN**

**AGENDA ITEM: 10.2.1**

**GUIDELINES, STANDARDS AND OUTCOME MEASURES FOR AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC LIBRARIES 2016**

**REPORT No.: 17P0001 KC:md**

**COMMON No.: 1943023**

**DATE: 23/05/2017**

**Presenter: Manager Library Services, Karen Conway**

**Approved: General Manager Community & Cultural Services,  
 Anna Malgorzewicz**

**PURPOSE**

This report presents the Australian Public Library Guidelines, Standards and Outcomes measures for Australian public libraries 2016, which provides benchmarks for library managers, Councils and State Government.

**LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies of the City of Darwin 2012 – 2016 as outlined in the 'Evolving Darwin Towards 2020 Strategic Plan':-

**Goal**

2 Vibrant, Flexible and Tropical Lifestyle

**Outcome**

2.3 Increased sport, recreation and leisure experiences

**Key Strategies**

2.3.1 Enhance library and information services

**KEY ISSUES**

- The Australian Public Library Alliance recently published the Australian Public Library Guidelines, Standards and Outcomes Measures for Australian Public Libraries 2016.
- Australian Public Library Guidelines, Standards and Outcomes Measures for Australian Public Libraries 2016, documents best practice and are intended as operational suggestions for improving library performance.
- The benchmarking calculator has been used to provide a snapshot of the City of Darwin libraries standings against the national standards.
- City of Darwin libraries are performing well against expenditure per capita, staffing levels, visitation and access to computer technology. Additional investment needs to be made in collections and library materials to achieve above baseline standards.

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority:-

- A. THAT Report Number 17P0001 KC:md entitled Guidelines, Standards and Outcome Measures for Australian Public Libraries 2016, be received and noted.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Australian Public Library Alliance recently published the Australian Public Library Guidelines, Standards and Outcomes Measures for Australian Public Libraries 2016 (**Attachment A** - an extract is provided and a full copy is available on Council's intranet site). The Guidelines, Standards and Outcome Measures provide benchmarks for library managers, Councils and State Governments. These are accompanied by a benchmarking calculator to enable libraries to assess their performance against the guidelines and standards. Guidelines, standards and outcome measures for Australian public libraries support the work of Australia's 1500 public libraries and leaders by providing an evidence-based guide for the development of public library services in Australia. The guidelines were last reviewed and published in 2012.

## **DISCUSSION**

The revised Guidelines, Standards and Outcome Measures for Australian Public Libraries have been developed in close consultation with public library managers and staff across Australia. City of Darwin libraries staff provided feedback to the project during the consultation stage. The revised guidelines have improved upon the 2012 standards and guidelines in several ways. These present a framework for Australian public libraries that brings together and illustrates the essential components of a public library indicating five key areas where guidelines should be developed to enhance the smooth and consistent operation of public libraries. These explain the strategic and community context for the work of public libraries, describing not just what libraries should be doing but why it is important to provide a set of standard outcome indicators for public library services that enable consistent reporting, evaluation and demonstration of the real impact of libraries on people's lives.

There are 16 guidelines, 15 standards and 6 areas of outcome measurement.

The 16 guidelines are focussed on four key areas

- Strategic Community Focus
- Service Management
- Service Offering
- Service Delivery

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The guidelines ensure universal access to library services within the community and reflect community needs and aspirations and engage the community in shaping library services. Council's libraries are very focussed on providing library services that meet community needs and staff regularly engage with the community through a variety of ways to provide feedback on Council library programs and services.

The Standards focus on 4 key areas

1. Service provision, which uses statistical information such as library expenditure per capita per annum (excluding library materials), the number of staff, number of qualified staff, library materials expenditure per capita per annum, collection items per capita, age of collection and Internet enabled computers per capita.
2. Service reach, indicating the membership as a percentage of the population.
3. Service participation and use, a record of the number of visits to physical libraries as well as the number of online visitors who use libraries. It also counts loans per capita and loans per collection item to gauge how well the library resources are used and the turnover of stock. Attendance at programs is also an indicator of service reach.
4. Customer satisfaction is also measured and visits per capita per annum.

Outcome measures provide more rigorous arguments for library funding and to guide future strategy development, data is required to provide evidence of the impact that these services have on people's lives and the value that this adds to personal, community and economic wellbeing. A set of standard outcome indicators for commonly provided public library services is detailed in the document to ensure consistent measuring and reporting. Previously libraries have relied on quantitative measures such as visitor numbers, attendance counts and anecdotal stories to measure the success and effectiveness of these services.

City of Darwin Libraries have used the benchmarking calculator provided, available data to provide a snapshot of the City of Darwin Libraries standings against the national standards.

The standards have been categorised into two levels, baseline standard, which is an average across Australia and an enhanced standard, which represents the arithmetic average of the three states/territories with the 'best' performance for each measure.

- Expenditure – City of Darwin library expenditure per capita per annum (excluding materials) currently meets the base line standard, the enhanced standard could be reached with a further \$700,000 dollars per year.
- Staffing levels – City of Darwin is meeting the standards for both total number of staff and number of qualified staff. As pointed out in the notes many libraries, particularly those serving populations including significant numbers of people from culturally diverse or low SES backgrounds, require a higher proportion of qualified staff because the range of library programs and special services offered is both more varied and greater in number.



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- Collections – City of Darwin collection items per capita are lower than the baseline standard. Council needs another 37,000 items to meet baseline standard, or 54,000 items to meet the enhanced standard. This would require an investment of \$1,295,000 in additional funding to achieve the baseline standard.
- Collections – City of Darwin our loans per capita are low compared to the standard but have improved on the Northern Territory statistics for 2013/14. Council meets the standard for turnover of stock (loans per collection item) comfortably.
- Library materials expenditure per capita per annum – City of Darwin is currently sitting below the baseline standard. An additional \$70,000 per year in materials budget would be required to meet the baseline standard or \$135,000 to meet the enhanced standard.
- Computer access – City of Darwin comfortably meets the enhanced standard with the extensive availability of internet enabled devices.
- Visits to libraries – City of Darwin is well above the enhanced standard for visits per capita per annum figure, consequently all libraries are well used by the community.

These public library standards are a useful tool in understanding the relative performance of Council's library service and are only used as a guide. Understanding of the local geographic and demographic context in which Council's library service operates is also a very important consideration in assessing performance against other library services in Australia. Meeting national standards of service delivery provides a framework for City of Darwin to benchmark against other public libraries in Australia.

### **CONSULTATION PROCESS**

In preparing this report, the following City of Darwin officers were consulted:

- Library Managers

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Policy No 044 – Public Library Service provides the framework for the provision of free public library services to the community

### **BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

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### **RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

### **COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION**

We the Author and Approving Officers declare that we do not have a Conflict of Interest in relation to this matter.

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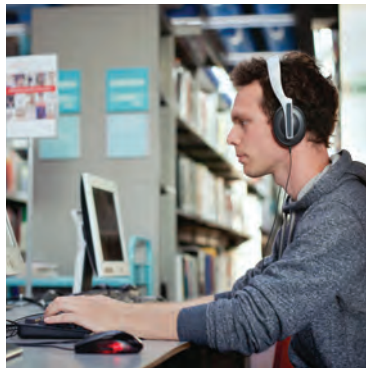
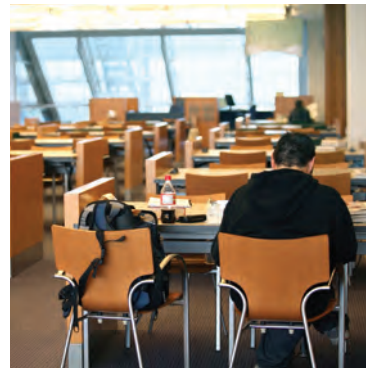
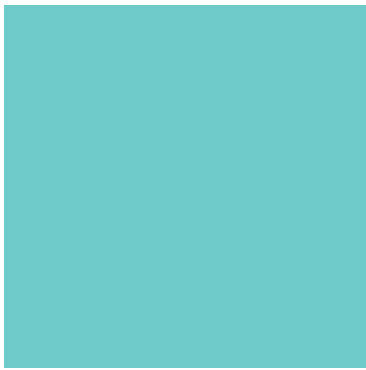
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**Attachment A:** Guidelines, Standards and Outcome Measures for Australian  
 Public Libraries July 2016  
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<https://www.alia.org.au/node/184/public-libraries>)



# GUIDELINES, STANDARDS AND OUTCOME MEASURES FOR AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC LIBRARIES

JULY 2016



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In January 2016 the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) Australian Public Library Alliance (APLA) and National and State Libraries Australasia (NSLA) commissioned I & J Management Services Pty. Ltd. to update the guidelines for Australian Public Libraries – *Beyond a Quality Service: Strengthening the Social Fabric, Standards and Guidelines for Australian Public Libraries*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 2012, produced by Libraries Alive! Pty Ltd.

The purpose of the project was to establish national standards and guidelines for public libraries that reflect the role and expectations of contemporary public libraries and recognise the different circumstances in the eight states and territories, allowing for appropriate local interpretation. The current national standards and guidelines were last updated in 2012 and were seen to be in need of a refresh if they were to remain relevant and useful. In particular, the project sought to update and review library guidelines and standards in relation to:

- library collections (physical and digital resources and content)
- staffing numbers and levels
- library building standards
- budget (operational, salary and capital)
- technology and other web based services.

The project also aimed to enable Library Managers to report on key performance indicators (KPIs) about the library service's contribution to community outcomes, feeding into overall measures for local, state and territory governments. The project sought a set of standard outcome indicators for public library services to enable consistent reporting and evaluation of impacts such as:

- life-long learning (non-formal learning)
- community engagement
- early childhood development
- technology/digital inclusion.
- economic and workforce development.

A Project Steering Committee was established to provide advice, guidance and support to the I & J Management Services' project team of Ian Phillips and Carol Oxley. Steering Committee members included Marian Morgan-Bindon (Chairperson – City of Gold Coast), Patrick Gregory, (Northern Territory Library), Vanessa Little (Libraries ACT), Cameron Morley (State Library of NSW), Geoff Stempel (State Library of SA), Debra Summers (Public Libraries WA) and Karen Ward-Smith (Public Libraries Victoria Network).

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July 2016

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## PREAMBLE

### Change is a constant for library and information professionals

Public libraries in Australia are evolving – responding to formidable challenges in terms of demographic shifts, technological growth and social change, and creating opportunities to better contribute to the individuals and communities they serve.

Public libraries are adapting and expanding beyond perceptions of their traditional roles, delivering genuinely new services to the public through substantial growth in programs and personalised information services, leveraging technology to ensure user access to a broader range of content and resources, and adopting distinctive local definitions of purpose – such as being the guardians of community stories, culture and history.

This transformation in public libraries is not about ‘flipping a switch’. It is about evolving purposefully, and figuring out how to leverage what already works well in our libraries as significant community institutions to steer users through a world of constant change.

For libraries to thrive in this new environment, Library Managers and staff have to step outside of their comfort zone. They need to stay on top of innovation in the sector, identify ways to maximise community engagement, and make the library experience even more interactive and influential. The knowledge, skill base and practices that have been developed over many years provide a solid platform for growth and provision of guidance to the next generation of Library Managers and leaders.

### Guidelines, standards and outcome measures for Australian public libraries

For a number of years, ALIA APLA have co-funded the development of public library standards and guidelines, supporting the work of Australia’s 1500 public libraries and leaders by providing an evidence-based guide for the development of library services in Australia. Australia is one of the few countries to have developed national public library standards. These industry standards are held up internationally as an example of best practice in the public library environment. They serve to cement Australian public libraries as a network – offering opportunities for efficiencies – and providing a means for advocacy and communication with funding bodies and other stakeholders.

The current guidelines and standards – *Beyond a Quality Service: Strengthening the Social Fabric; Standards and Guidelines for Australian Public Libraries*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 2012 – informed service planning and assessment and continuous improvement, and have been a practical tool for comparison among library services. In 2016 it was decided that these standards and guidelines were in need of a review and updating if they were to remain relevant and useful.

The revised *Guidelines, Standards and Outcome Measures for Australian Public Libraries* have been developed in close consultation with public Library Managers and staff across Australia and a project steering committee consisting of executive leaders from each state and territory. The revised guidelines have improved upon the 2012 standards and guidelines in several ways. They:

- present a framework for Australian public libraries that brings together and illustrates the essential components of a public library, indicating five key areas where guidelines should be developed to enhance the smooth and consistent operation of public libraries
- explain the strategic and community context for the work of public libraries, describing not just WHAT libraries should be doing but WHY this is important
- provide a set of standard outcome indicators for public library services to enable consistent reporting, evaluation and demonstration of the real impact of libraries on people’s lives.

## SUMMARY

This document presents evidence-based guidelines, standards and outcome measures for the planning, development, delivery and review of public library services in Australia.

Guidelines document best practice and are intended as operational suggestions for improving library performance.

Standards are quality levels for benchmarking, comparison and attainment.

Outcome measures indicate the type of impact that provision and use of public library services can have on individuals and communities.

The guidelines, standards and outcome measures presented here recognise current international and Australian trends in provision of public library services and the views of many Australian public Library Managers. The guidelines and standards draw heavily on the 2012 edition *Beyond a Quality Service*, with other major sources including Finland's *Quality recommendation for public libraries*, the *Ontario Public Library Guidelines - For Municipal and County Libraries*, *Standards for New Zealand Public Libraries*, and the latest NSW and Queensland public library guidelines and standards.

There are 16 guidelines, 15 standards and six areas of outcome measurement.

### Guidelines

#### Strategic Community Focus

- G1 Ensure universal access to library services within the community
- G2 Reflect community needs and aspirations and engage the community in shaping library services
- G3 Champion cultural identity
- G4 Create partnerships to build community and individual resilience and capacity

#### Service Management

- G5 Governance
- G6 Management

#### Service Offering

- G7 Content and collections
- G8 Information and Reference services
- G9 Programs
- G10 Technology access
- G11 Places (physical and digital)

#### Service Delivery

- G12 Service points
- G13 Staffing
- G14 Funding
- G15 Partnership and collaboration
- G16 Customer service

## Standards

### Service provision

- S1 Library expenditure per capita per annum (excluding library materials)
- S2 Number of staff
- S3 Number of qualified staff
- S4 Library materials expenditure per capita per annum
- S5 Collection items per capita
- S6 Age of collection
- S7 Internet computers per capita

### Service reach

- S8 Membership as a percentage of the population

### Service participation and use

- S9 Visits per capita per annum
- S10 Website visits per capita per annum\*
- S11 Circulation (loans per capita per annum)
- S12 Turnover of stock (loans per collection item)
- S13 Program attendance per capita per annum\*
- S14 Internet downloads per capita per annum\*

### Customer satisfaction

- S15 Customer satisfaction

\* New standards in 2016.

## Outcome measures

- O1 Literacy and life-long learning, including early childhood development
- O2 Informed and connected citizens
- O3 Digital inclusion
- O4 Personal development and wellbeing
- O5 Stronger and more creative communities
- O6 Economic and workforce development

## INTRODUCTION

### The Australian public library sector

The Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) is the national professional organisation for the Australian library and information services sector. ALIA seeks to empower the profession through leadership, advocacy and mutual professional support that underpins the development, promotion and delivery of quality library and information services to the nation.

The ALIA Australian Public Library Alliance (APLA) is the peak body for public libraries in Australia. APLA was formed in 2009 when library leaders at the ALIA Public Libraries Summit called for an alliance to bring together 'Australia's public libraries, united behind common goals and ambitions, sharing best practice, contributing to strong communities, valued by people and government, continuing to provide universal free access to information, knowledge and ideas, and confirming the importance of their role for future generations.' APLA is auspiced by ALIA and comprises the chair of every state-based public library association, a senior representative from the ACT, Northern Territory and Tasmanian library services, and expert members. APLA represents 94% of the 1,500 public libraries across Australia.

National and State Libraries Australasia (NSLA) is the peak body for active collaboration between the ten national, state and territory libraries across Australia and New Zealand. Each of the ten NSLA member libraries works within different government jurisdictions. The libraries collaborate on a number of projects and support working groups addressing issues including: literacy, collection development, marketing and services focusing on Indigenous Australians.

### Why have guidelines and standards?

Libraries in any country, state or territory and at any stage of development have both strengths and weaknesses, and all are capable of improvement. Therefore, guidelines and standards are relevant to every public library at some point in its development.<sup>1</sup>

Guidelines and standards suggest what might be possible. Drawing on the collective knowledge and experience of library practitioners, guidelines and standards provide assistance to librarians to develop an effective public library service that recognises and responds to the requirements of their local community. Guidelines and standards:

- provide a philosophical context for quality public library service
- serve as a tool to identify strengths and select areas for strategic and operational improvement
- assist in planning, design and development of library services
- provide an evaluation mechanism and benchmarking tool for public accountability
- assist in determining whether resources are sufficient.<sup>2</sup>

Guidelines and standards outline what is achievable and what is aspirational. While some libraries may operate at the most basic level of service, all libraries should be striving towards the highest levels of service that they can deliver. Ultimately, while public library guidelines and standards describe possibilities, local conditions will dictate what is feasible, with regard to both service scope and quality and organisational capability.

<sup>1</sup> *The Public Library Service: IFLA/UNESCO guidelines for development*, Philip Gill et. al., 2001.

<sup>2</sup> *Public Library Standards: A Review of Standards and Guidelines from the 50 States of the US*, Christine Hamilton-Pennell, Mosaic Knowledge Works, April 2003.



## The origins of the guidelines and standards

Australia is one of the few countries to have national public library guidelines and standards.

*Towards a quality service: goals, objectives and standards for public libraries in Australia*, published by ALIA in 1990, was the first single document to guide public library development in Australia at a national level.

More than 20 years later the first edition of *Beyond a Quality Service: Strengthening the Social Fabric; Standards and Guidelines for Australian Public Libraries* was published in 2011, with a second edition released the following year. These publications were evidence-based guides for the development of library services in Australia, providing a framework for equitable service delivery, assessment and improvement, and a means of comparison among library services highlighting what standards were already being achieved by leading libraries. *Beyond a Quality Service* drew on earlier work on guidelines and standards carried out by the State Libraries of NSW (Living learning libraries<sup>3</sup>) and Queensland (Queensland public library standards and guidelines<sup>4</sup>).

The national standards and guidelines were intended to be used in conjunction with other more detailed state and territory standards and guidelines developed to suit local needs and conditions. For example, the NSW and Queensland guidelines, *People places: Guide for NSW public library buildings* (3rd ed. 2012), Victoria's 2011 *Being The Best We Can* self-evaluation framework and toolkit, and the 2010 WA *Standards of Measure and Performance* Report.

In parallel with the national guidelines and standards, NSLA has published annual statistics on Australian public library usage, activities and service offerings since 1996-97.

Collectively, these standards, guidelines and statistics have enabled local governments to benchmark their library services and to plan more effectively. They provide a platform for continuous improvement that underpins this 2016 update, refresh and expansion of the guidelines and standards.

## The need to measure outcomes

In the past, libraries have relied on quantitative measures such as visitor numbers, attendance counts and anecdotal stories to measure the success and effectiveness of these services. To provide more rigorous arguments for library funding and to guide future strategy development, data is required to provide evidence of the impact that these services have on people's lives and the value that this adds to personal, community and economic wellbeing. A set of standard outcome indicators for commonly provided public library services is required to ensure consistent measuring and reporting.

## Methodology

*Guidelines, Standards and Outcome Measures for Australian Public Libraries, 2016* is an evidence-based guide for improving and benchmarking library services in Australia. It builds on and extends existing Australian guidelines and related work and recognises standards already achieved by leading libraries.

<sup>3</sup> Living Learning Libraries; standards and guidelines for NSW public libraries, 3rd ed. 2011, published by the State Library of NSW for the Library Council of NSW: <http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/services/public-libraries/living-learning-libraries/index.html>.

<sup>4</sup> Queensland public library standards and guidelines, State Library of Queensland: <http://www.plconnect.slg.qld.gov.au/services/collection-management/policies/guidelines>.

## Guidelines

The guidelines presented here recognise international and Australian trends in provision of public library services, drawing on an extensive review of local and international literature. It has been shaped by the views of many Australian public Library Managers who participated in a national survey of public libraries on the use and value of guidelines and standards and a series of consultation workshops held around the nation.

The guidelines draw heavily on the current guidelines for Australian public libraries – *Beyond a Quality Service*, with additional references and resources listed within each guideline. Other major sources include Finland's *Quality recommendation for public libraries*, the *Ontario Public Library Guidelines - For Municipal and County Libraries*, *Standards for New Zealand Public Libraries*, and the latest NSW and Queensland public library guidelines and standards.

## Standards

The agreed evidence base for public library standards is the annual collation of national-level library statistics reported through NSLA. The NSLA data has some shortcomings for comparisons between libraries<sup>5</sup>, but it is the only available national data set on public library performance.

NSLA data is used to set targets for each of the standards included in the national guidelines and standards. Base targets are set as NSLA averages. This allows for a simple updating process to be triggered by the release of successive annual NSLA statistics. The first edition of the standards was based on NSLA statistics for 2008-09, with the second edition (2012) using the NSLA 2009-10 data.

This 2016 edition uses the NSLA averages from 2013-14, with some adjustments made to financial indicators to account for inflationary factors.

## Structure of this document

This document references recent work on guidelines and standards from Australia and overseas, and is firmly grounded in contemporary Australian practice. It blends the reality of public library service provision with what might be, and what might need to be, in the coming years.

This **Introduction** section describes the rationale for, origins of and methodology in development of national public library guidelines and standards. The next section (**Public Libraries in Australia**) presents brief background information on public libraries in Australia, their funding and administration, the environment in which they operate, and societal trends which may affect them in the future. There is then a **Framework** which brings together and illustrates the essential components of a public library, highlighting the five key areas where guidelines, standards and/or outcome measures should be developed to enhance the smooth and consistent operation of public libraries.

The main body of the document presents principles that have governed the development of the **Guidelines**, **Standards** (where appropriate) and **Outcome measures**. Reference is made to related resources and tools that provide specialised guidance and support (e.g. in collection of outcomes data). These sections draw on the experience and judgment of many public Library Managers, and acknowledge that application of the guidelines and standards needs to be tempered by local context, conditions, challenges and opportunities. It is expected that Library Managers will use the standards and guidelines in conjunction with more detailed state and territory based information (if and where

<sup>5</sup> NSLA says of its annual statistical data that "it is difficult to use this data to compare library services with each other due to the significant variations in social and geographic criteria applying from State to State and within each State. These conditions create differing demands and needs which affect the type and scope of public library services provided. Further difficulties in comparing data are caused by the diverse service delivery methods used to provide public library services."

they exist). Definitions are given with each standard, and are the definitions used in the annual NSLA statistical reports, unless otherwise noted. Other factors to consider are presented in the Notes sections. Related standards and documents are listed in the Additional resources section.

The **Bibliography** is a select list of relevant works, including those referenced throughout the text. The **Contents** page and **Index** assist with navigation.

## Maintenance and future developments

The guidelines presented in this document comprehensively cover the range of activities involved in managing, planning and delivering public library services. Being firmly grounded in contemporary and leading Australian practice they should be robust enough to remain relevant for at least the next four to five years. However, it is clearly evident that in some cases the guidelines, and to an even greater degree the standards, need to be reviewed and refreshed on a more frequent basis.

This is particularly true of standards with a financial component (which are influenced by inflation), although all standards could be updated on an annual basis in line with the release of the annual national public library statistics.

It is also true of any guidance related to technology management and provision (e.g. remote access and use, digital content), where the exponential pace of change in ICT means that technologies that will be mainstream in five years' time have not yet been conceived.

It is also likely that the outcome measures articulated for the first time in these guidelines would benefit from review and refinement following an initial period of implementation.

ALIA, APLA and NSLA are committed to updating relevant standards and guidelines and these will appear on the ALIA website ([www.alia.org.au](http://www.alia.org.au)) as the evidence base evolves.

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YES COMMITTEE/OPEN**

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### **QUARTER 2 AND QUARTER 3 PERFORMANCE REPORT**

**REPORT No.: 17TC0027 VG:ph COMMON No.: 1230662**

**DATE: 23/05/2017**

**Presenter: Manager Strategy & Outcomes, Vanessa Green**

**Approved: Executive Manager, Mark Blackburn**

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide the Council with the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Performance Reports 2016/17 relating to Council's Community & Cultural Services areas.

#### **LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies as outlined in the 'Evolving Darwin Towards 2020 Strategic Plan':-

#### **Goal**

5 Effective and Responsible Governance

#### **Outcome**

5.3 Good governance

#### **Key Strategies**

5.3.3 Understand and manage Council's risk exposure

#### **KEY ISSUES**

- Performance in this report measures progress towards achieving Council's Strategic Plan and 2016/17 Municipal Plan
- The performance of community & cultural areas are tracking positively as expected for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters.
- Financial performance is as per the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Budget Reviews, **Attachments A and B**, which have already been presented to Council.
- Action performance for quarter 2 (October – December 2016) and quarter 3 (January – March 2017) will generally be reported as 50% and 75% complete respectively, unless there is exception
- Key performance indicators are reported on as they fall due. For example some annual KPIs are not reported until they are due at the end of the financial year, quarter 4.

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority:-

- A. THAT Report Number 17TC0027 VG:ph entitled Quarter 2 and Quarter 3 Performance Report, be received and noted.

## **BACKGROUND**

In accordance with the Local Government Act Council prepares a Municipal Plan and Annual Report each year.

The Municipal Plan outlines Council's service delivery plan which includes key actions, budgets, and key performance indicators.

Legislation requires that Council's Annual Report must contain an assessment of the Council's performance against the Municipal Plan including key actions, budgets and key performance indicators and subsequently provides a high level assessment of progress towards achieving the longer term Strategic Plan.

To support the Annual Report process, quarterly reports are presented for Council consideration. This is in line with best practice reporting for local governments in other states.

The Community & Cultural Services Committee has oversight of the following Municipal Plan Program Profiles:

- Arts and Cultural Development
- Community Development
- Darwin Safer City
- Family & Children's Services
- Sister Cities
- Youth Services
- Library Services
- Office of General Manager Community & Cultural Services
- Customer Services
- Recreation, Leisure and Events

Effective Quarter 4, the Community & Cultural Services Committee will also have responsibility for Regulatory Services and the Darwin Entertainment Centre.



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## PREVIOUS DECISION

*DECISION NO.21\4848 (20/09/16)*

### **Strategic Reporting**

*Report No. 16TC0059 VG:ph (20/09/16) Common No. 1230662*

*THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority:-*

- A. *THAT Report Number 16TC0057 VG:ph entitled Strategic Reporting, be received and noted.*
- B. *THAT the Committee note the revised quarterly report format is effective for the 2016/17 Municipal Plan reporting.*

## **DISCUSSION**

Performance Reports provide an assessment of performance against actions and key performance indicators (KPIs) for each Program Profile.

Performance of the Community and Cultural programs is tracking positively as expected for quarters 2 and 3. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Performance Reports are provided at Attachments C and D.

### **Financial Performance**

Council maintains a rigorous financial performance and reporting process which includes monthly financial reports and quarterly budget reviews. It is relevant to consider the quarterly budget review data in line with the quarterly performance reports as they closely align to the program profile structure in the Municipal Plan.

To ensure data integrity is maintained, these reports have not been reproduced. Departmental data has been included as **Attachments A and B** to this report for reference in conjunction with commentary outlined in the quarterly performance report.

### **Action Performance**

Action performance for quarter 2 (October 2016 to December 2016) and quarter 3 (January 2017 to March 2017) will generally be reported as 50% and 75% complete unless there is an exception. This is on the basis that 100% of the program will be delivered throughout the year.

Actions represent the key functions and outputs delivered by each service program.

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There are no areas of major concern at the end of Quarter 3.

### **KPI Performance**

Key performance indicators will be reported on as required and dependent on whether they are a quarterly or annual KPI. For example, community satisfaction is reported annually as opposed to each quarter. However once an annual KPI falls due it will be displayed in each quarterly report thereafter.

The majority of KPI results continue to be within an acceptable range.

For noting:

- Community satisfaction with the level of service provided by Council's front counter at the Civic Centre and Library Services remain consistent with previous years
- Council is continuing to engaging with local schools to encourage civic visits however competes with costs involved in transporting school children
- Satisfaction with the quality of life in Darwin whilst slightly lower than previous years remains strong in a slower than normal economic environment
- Engagement with Youth remains strong with Council's Youth Advisory Committee a valuable engagement group for external agencies
- Library visitations and borrowings remain on track to achieve target at 30 June.

### **CONSULTATION PROCESS**

In preparing this report, the following City of Darwin officers were consulted:

- Manager Community Development
- Manager Recreation, Events and Customer Service
- Manager Libraries

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct policy implications as a result of this report and decision.

### **BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct budget or resource implications as a result of this report. If any budget variances are identified throughout the year they will be dealt with via normal Financial Management procedures.

Work is progressing to integrate Council's budget and actual results into the quarterly reports on an ongoing basis.

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### **RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

This report and decision supports implementing the overall intent of the Local Government Act for local government strategic and municipal planning and performance management.

Ongoing benefits also include more robust and accountable reporting in the Annual Report and more informed performance guiding the development of future Strategic and Municipal Plans.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct environmental implications as a result of this report and decision.

### **COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION**

We the Author and Approving Officers declare that we do not have a Conflict of Interest in relation to this matter.

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### **Attachments:**

- Attachment A:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Budget Variations Report – Community & Cultural Services  
**Attachment B:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Budget Variations Report – Community & Cultural Services

**2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTER**

**2016/17**



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***Community & Cultural Services Performance Report***

***Jul 16 - Dec 16***

**ATTACHMENT 8**

<b>Costs of Services</b> for the period ended 31 December 2016							
	Full Original Budget \$'000	Full Amended Budget \$'000	Recommended Variations \$'000	Projected Result \$'000	YTD Actual \$'000	YTD v FAB %	Notes
<b>% of year elapsed</b>	<b>50%</b>						
<b><u>Community &amp; Cultural</u></b>							
<b>Income</b>							<b>1</b>
Community Engagement	-	-	38	38	-	0%	
Customer Services	102	102	-	102	41	40%	
Darwin Safer City	150	150	-	150	150	100%	
Family & Children	170	174	-	174	101	58%	
Libraries	1,519	1,533	-	1,533	1,512	99%	
Major Community Events	100	100	2	102	2	2%	
Recreation & Leisure	504	504	2	506	309	61%	
Sister Cities	-	-	3	3	3	92%	
Youth Projects	2	2	10	12	12	101%	
<b>Total income</b>	<b>2,548</b>	<b>2,565</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>2,621</b>	<b>2,130</b>	<b>81%</b>	
<b>Expense</b>							<b>2</b>
General Manager Community	536	536	-	536	255	47%	
Community Development	923	923	-	923	462	50%	
Community Engagement	-	-	159	159	-	0%	
Customer Services	605	605	-	605	301	50%	
Darwin Safer City	692	803	-	803	399	50%	
Family & Children	365	369	-	369	156	42%	
Libraries	3,674	3,688	-	3,688	1,789	49%	
Major Community Events	525	535	2	537	221	41%	
Recreation & Leisure	1,580	1,601	2	1,603	818	51%	



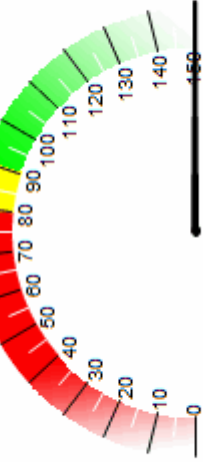
<b>Costs of Services</b> <b>for the period ended 31 December 2016</b>							<b>YTD v FAB</b>		<b>Notes</b>
	<b>Full Original Budget \$'000</b>	<b>Full Amended Budget \$'000</b>	<b>Recommended Variations \$'000</b>	<b>Projected Result \$'000</b>	<b>YTD Actual \$'000</b>		<b>%</b>		
<b>% of year elapsed</b>							<b>50%</b>		
Sister Cities	168	176	3	180	87		48%		
Youth Projects	495	495	10	505	240		47%		
<b>Total expense</b>	<b>9,565</b>	<b>9,733</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>9,910</b>	<b>4,727</b>		<b>48%</b>		
<b>Net surplus (-cost)</b>	<b>-7,018</b>	<b>-7,168</b>	<b>-121</b>	<b>-7,289</b>	<b>-2,597</b>		<b>36%</b>		
<b>Notes on recommended variations:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. AFL NT and NT Cricket contribution to Gardens Oval lights consultation.</li> <li>2. Transfer in Community Engagement function from CEO department \$121k, and \$38k expense offset for item 1 above.</li> </ol> Note: function transfer actuals will be transferred in January in line with budget transfers.									

Community & Cultural Services

KPI Status

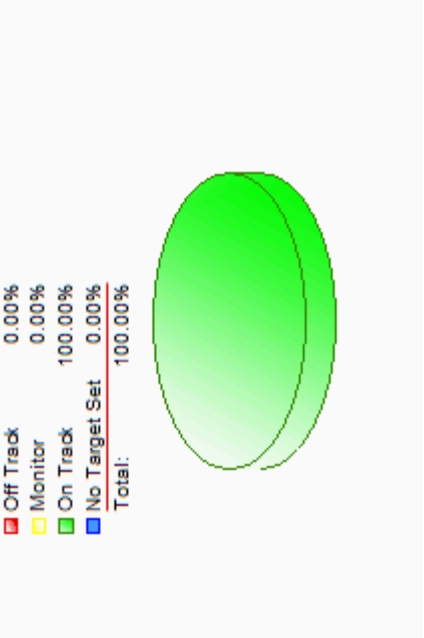
 GREEN	>90% on track or better
 YELLOW	<90% and >70% marginal variance
 RED	<70% off track or requires attention





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



- 8 KPIs reported on
- 8 KPIs with at least 90% of target
- 0 KPIs between 70 and 90% of target
- 0 KPIs with less than 70% of target
- 0 KPIs with no targets set

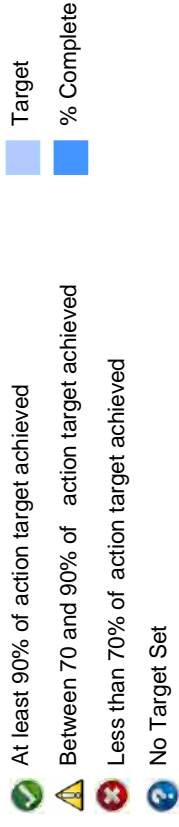
Action Status















KPI			
> 100 community groups or organisations provided with council support (e.g. community grants, fun and	Unit	Target	Actual
	#	27.50	42.00
<b>Latest Comment</b> No comments entered for this KPI			 GREEN
Annual Community and Cultural Development departmental expenditure within approved budget	%	50.00	47.00
<b>Latest Comment</b> Year to date expenditure (excluding capital) versus budget.			 GREEN
Number of advisory consultations provided by the Youth Advisory Group	#	2.00	50.00
<b>Latest Comment</b> At the July YAC meeting, The Department of Veterans Affairs conducted a consultation with the Youth Advisory Committee to get input into the development of an information booklet for young people with a veteran parent with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.			 GREEN
Other consultations included Launch Youth Strategy, Youth Action Plan, National Student Leadership Forum, Safer Vibrant Darwin Plan and Turn it up Youth Mag Evaluation, Dilli Cultural Partnership.			
Number of annual library visits	#	250,000.00	298,550.00
<b>Latest Comment</b> No comments entered for this KPI			 GREEN

KPI	Trend	Unit	Target	Actual	
Number of items loaned annually		#	200,000.00	215,648.00	
<b>Latest Comment</b>					
Number of loans for the quarter is understated due to a change in library management systems and inability to record all loans during the transition phase.					
Number of LAUNCH pop-up events per annum		#	2.00	25.00	
<b>Latest Comment</b>					
In the month of July, the LAUNCH Event Coordinator team delivered four pop up events at the Casuarina Swimming Pool through the Late Nights Pool Program. There is planning underway for October and December pop up events coordinated by the LAUNCH Team.					
Number of school civic visits per year		#	3.00	3.00	
<b>Latest Comment</b>					
Kormilda School - Children's Artwork					
Number of Sister City events or activities held		#	2.00	6.00	
<b>Latest Comment</b>					
No comments entered for this KPI					












## Action Summary



Action	Start Date	End Date
1.1.1.5 Support and undertake advocacy to reduce adverse impacts of public intoxication on community life	01/07/2016	30/06/2017
1.1.1.6 Support, partner and deliver activities and events which benefit people with disabilities and seniors	01/07/2016	30/06/2017
1.1.1.6 Develop contemporary policy and procedures that guide implementation of the Darwin Safer City program	01/07/2016	30/06/2017
1.1.1.8 Monitor the implementation of the City of Darwin Community Access Plan 2012 - 2017	01/07/2016	30/06/2017
1.1.1.9 Manage and deliver the Safer City support services to retailers and residents	01/07/2016	30/06/2017
1.1.1.9 Manage and implement the City of Darwin annual Community Grants program	01/07/2016	30/06/2017
1.1.1.10 Deliver the City of Darwin Assertive Outreach Program to vulnerable members of the community	01/07/2016	30/06/2017
1.1.1.10 Coordinate the Disability Advisory Committee to ensure equity of access to people with disability to Council procedures, services and facilities	01/07/2016	30/06/2017
1.1.2.1 Facilitate and support activities that build capacity, skills and the professional development of artists	01/07/2016	30/06/2017
1.1.3.1 Manage and implement the City of Darwin Arts Plan 2015 - 2020	01/07/2016	30/06/2017
1.2.5.1 Broker partnerships that foster a safer community	01/07/2016	30/06/2017
1.2.5.2 Implement the Darwin Safer City Plan in partnership with stakeholders	01/07/2016	30/06/2017
2.3.1.1 Manage public libraries in the City, Casuarina, Nightcliff and Karama	01/07/2016	30/06/2017
2.3.1.2 Provide engaging educational and recreational programs for children, young people and families	01/07/2016	30/06/2017
2.3.1.3 Provide services and programs which satisfy the recreational and life long learning needs of the community	01/07/2016	30/06/2017
2.3.1.4 Provide access to information in a variety of formats including digital	01/07/2016	30/06/2017

2.3.1.5 Manage and maintain library collections	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
2.3.1.6 Provide safe welcoming community space	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
2.3.2.1 Manage recreation and leisure facilities, including Council swimming pools and sporting ovals	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
2.3.2.2 Provide support and guidance to local sport and recreation associations and clubs	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
2.3.3.1 Support, partner and deliver community events for families and children, including Children's Week	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
2.3.3.2 Manage the tenancy, lease renewals and stakeholder engagement for Council's community centres and child care centres	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
2.3.3.4 Develop and conduct the Fun in the Parks School Holiday Program	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
2.3.3.5 Deliver the Fun Bus program	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
2.3.3.6 Provide fun and games equipment for community access /use	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
2.3.3.7 Facilitate civic visits for school groups	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
2.3.4.1 Develop and implement Youth Strategy for 2016 – 2021	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
2.3.4.2 Coordinate and facilitate Council's Youth Advisory Group	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
2.3.4.4 Deliver LAUNCH recreation and leisure program	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
2.3.4.5 Support, partner and deliver community events for young people by young people including delivery of an annual, targeted, major event	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
2.3.4.6 Ensure youth friendly opportunities, services and processes across Council	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
2.3.4.7 Provide the Gig Gear and Stage Kit for community use	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
2.3.5.2 Deliver City of Darwin annual major community events program	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
2.3.5.5 Develop and deliver community healthy lifestyle and recreation programs	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
4.2.1.1 Facilitate and support activities that promote public art and arts and cultural development	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
4.2.1.2 Manage and implement the Darwin Public Art Pilot Plan	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
4.2.2.1 Manage the City of Darwin Sister City Program	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
4.2.2.2 Develop and implement action plans for each Sister City	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	




4.2.2.3	Coordinate and facilitate Council's Sister City Community Committees, events and activities	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%		\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
4.2.2.4	Develop and deliver youth and other exchanges	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%		\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
4.2.2.5	Promote community involvement in the Sister Cities program through contemporary and innovative programs and activities	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%		\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
4.2.2.6	Strengthen and enhance current and emerging international relationships that benefit the broader Darwin community	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%		\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
5.1.1.1	Provide customer services and reception for City of Darwin	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%		\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
5.1.1.2	Provide services for processing Council payments	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%		\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
5.1.1.3	Provide services for the use of Council facilities and the issue of related permits	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%		\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
5.1.1.4	Provide support to community organizations to deliver community based events	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%		\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
5.4.1.1	Provide strategic and operational leadership to the Community and Cultural Services Department	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%		\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
5.4.1.3	Lead development and implementation of Council plans, policy and decisions which involve Community and Cultural Services	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%		\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
5.4.1.4	Actively participate and represent all matters relating to Community and Cultural services at organisational, committee and Council meetings	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%		\$0.00	\$0.00	0%

## Action Details


## Community &amp; Cultural Services

## Community Development



**STRATEGY:** 1.1.2 Develop equitable and accessible community participation opportunities




Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
1.1.2.1 Facilitate and support activities that build capacity, skills and the professional development of artists	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%	
Program Profile			Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance	
Arts and Cultural Development							
Linked Related Plan(s):							
Linked Action Filter(s):							
Action Progress Comments							
Ongoing delivery of temporary public art commission program which provides opportunities for local artists to build skills and develop their capacity. Two commissions this quarter.							
Last Updated - 22/03/2017							



**STRATEGY:** 1.1.3 Improve access for people of all ages and abilities

Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
1.1.3.1 Manage and implement the City of Darwin Arts Plan 2015 - 2020	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%	
Program Profile		Budget Type	Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance	
Arts and Cultural Development							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
Key actions in the Arts Plan for this quarter included themes Public Art and Creative Spaces. Public Art actions ongoing refer to Public Art Pilot Plan. Creative Spaces audit undertaken, interim report provided to ACDAC including recommendations for further survey work and needs analysis before final report submitted for actions.							
Last Updated - 22/03/2017							




**STRATEGY:** 4.2.1 Encourage the growth and development of the arts

Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
4.2.1.2 Manage and implement the Darwin Public Art Pilot Plan	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%	
Program Profile		Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Arts and Cultural Development							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
Completion of stage two Tamarind Park Public Art Commission. Scoping design and functionality for Public Art Pilot Plan - Pilot 1, Platforms including arts community consultations and focus groups.							
Public Art Pilot Plan - Pilot 2 completion of concept design stage, negotiations with commissioned artist and signing of contracts for Design Development stage.							
Development of Public Art Pilot Plan Evaluation Framework including one day workshop with key stakeholders, draft Evaluation and Framework Plan presented to ACDAC.							
Last Updated - 22/03/2017							
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
4.2.1.1 Facilitate and support activities that promote public art and arts and cultural development	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%	
Program Profile		Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Arts and Cultural Development							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
Facilitating Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee throughout the year.							
Continuing to promote arts and cultural initiatives through online distribution, cross promotion and social media. Continuing to liaise across the arts and cultural sector to facilitate opportunities aligning with our strategic framework.							
Ongoing participation in national Cultural Forum as key capital city member. Collation and consultation across City of Darwin relevant programs to collect arts and cultural data for input into national framework.							
Last Updated - 22/03/2017							




Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
1.1.1.9 Manage and implement the City of Darwin annual Community Grants program	Katie Hearn - Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%	
Program Profile		Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Community Development							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b> <b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b> Implementation of Community Grants program in progress. Second round for activities to be held in first half of 2017 underway. Refresh and streamlining grants administration underway to simplify process for community. Last Updated - 22/03/2017							
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
1.1.1.8 Monitor the implementation of the City of Darwin Community Access Plan 2012 - 2017	Katie Hearn - Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%	
Program Profile		Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Community Development							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b> <b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b> Presentation by Disability Advisory Committee Chair reporting on Committee outputs and future directions. New plan in development. Last Updated - 22/03/2017							
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
1.1.1.10 Coordinate the Disability Advisory Committee to ensure equity of access to people with disability to Council procedures, services and facilities	Katie Hearn - Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%	
Program Profile		Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Community Development							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b> <b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b> Draft DAC Terms of Reference presented to Council as developed by Committee to better reflect contemporary approaches to disability and access. Work continues on enhancing the Terms of Reference. New annual Access Plan in development and overarching strategy to align with Access and Inclusion Committee has begun. Committee vacancy recruitment is in progress. Last Updated - 22/03/2017							



Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
1.1.1.6 Support, partner and deliver activities and events which benefit people with disabilities and seniors	Katie Hearn - Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%	
Program Profile	Budget Type	Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Community Development							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
Seniors Month and Disability Awareness Festival series of events have been held in partnership with stakeholders. Program well attended by community.							
Disability Services Award application submitted for Disability Awareness Festival social inclusion and community education initiatives.							
Last Updated - 22/03/2017							
<b>STRATEGY: 1.1.1 Develop and support programs, services and facilities, and provide information that promotes community spirit, engagement, cohesion and safety</b>							
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
1.1.1.9 Manage and deliver the Safer City support services to retailers and residents	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%	
Program Profile	Budget Type	Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Darwin Safer City							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
- Ongoing delivery of service. Providing support, referral, liaison and crime prevention advice based on CPTED principles to businesses, organisations and residents.							
-Resource development promoting community safety and crime prevention strategies.							
Last Updated - 22/03/2017							
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
1.1.1.5 Support and undertake advocacy to reduce adverse impacts of public intoxication on community life	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%	
Program Profile	Budget Type	Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Darwin Safer City							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
-Support ongoing commitment to the Darwin Inner City Packaged Liquor Accord.							
- Support establishment of the Darwin Northern Suburb Liquor Accord.							
-Ongoing response to Liquor Licence applications.							
-Ongoing community awareness and information regarding supply reduction.							
Last Updated - 22/03/2017							





Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
1.1.1.10 Deliver the City of Darwin Assertive Outreach Program to vulnerable members of the community	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%	
Program Profile	Budget Type	Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Darwin Safer City							
Linked Related Plan(s):							
Linked Action Filter(s):							
Action Progress Comments							
-Ongoing delivery of service. Five partner service providers delivering outreach service alongside Assertive Outreach team.							
Last Updated - 22/03/2017							
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
1.1.1.6 Develop contemporary policy and procedures that guide implementation of the Darwin Safer City program	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%	
Program Profile	Budget Type	Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Darwin Safer City							
Linked Related Plan(s):							
Linked Action Filter(s):							
Action Progress Comments							
-Implementation of Safer Vibrant Darwin Plan. -Implementation of Alcohol in Council Controlled Spaces and Places. - Ongoing response to Liquor Licence applications. - Review and update Terms of Reference for Public Place Services Collaboration Group -Review WHS and Risk Management practices: Faces In Spaces, Assertive Outreach and Safer City Support Service.							
Last Updated - 22/03/2017							
STRATEGY:	1.2.5 Participate and partner in activities that contribute to a safer Darwin.						
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
1.2.5.1 Broker partnerships that foster a safer community	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%	
Program Profile	Budget Type	Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Darwin Safer City							
Linked Related Plan(s):							
Linked Action Filter(s):							
Action Progress Comments							
-Ongoing partnerships with members of the Public Place Service Collaboration Group, 16 members. - Ongoing partnerships with service providers delivering outreach alongside Assertive Outreach team, five partner agencies.							
Last Updated - 22/03/2017							



Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
1.2.5.2 Implement the Darwin Safer City Plan in partnership with stakeholders	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%	
Program Profile	Budget Type	Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Darwin Safer City							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
Faces in Spaces currently in progress. Assertive Outreach with partners, Supply Reduction Advocacy continued. Liquor Accord development continues.							
Food Drive saw over 300kg of food collected and donated to Food Bank.							
Last Updated - 22/03/2017							
<b>STRATEGY: 2.3.3 Promote and host family-orientated activities</b>							
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
2.3.3.6 Provide fun and games equipment for community access /use	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%	
Program Profile	Budget Type	Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Family and Children's Services							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
Fun and Games Equipment maintained and provided for community use.							
Last Updated - 22/03/2017							
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
2.3.3.7 Facilitate civic visits for school groups	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%	
Program Profile	Budget Type	Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Family and Children's Services							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
Promotion of Civic Visits continued, however Schools continue to advise that cost impacts on their ability to conduct a Civic Visit at Council.							
Last Updated - 22/03/2017							



Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
2.3.3.4 Develop and conduct the Fun in the Parks School Holiday Program	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%	
Program Profile		Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Family and Children's Services							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
July 2016 Fun in the Parks School Holiday Program included: - Sand Card NT Sand Art - Fun Bus sessions in partnership with Territory Childcare Group - Toon World Interactive and Entertaining Cartoon Drawing - Kids Fitness Session and many more art and craft sessions held throughout the period.							
Last Updated - 22/03/2017							
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
2.3.3.2 Manage the tenancy, lease renewals and stakeholder engagement for Council's community centres and child care centres	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%	
Program Profile		Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Family and Children's Services							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
Leases were current for the first quarter and a Tenancy meeting was held.							
Last Updated - 22/03/2017							
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
2.3.3.5 Deliver the Fun Bus program	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%	
Program Profile		Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Family and Children's Services							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
Fun Bus Program continued during the period.							
Last Updated - 22/03/2017							



Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
2.3.3.1 Support, partner and deliver community events for families and children, including Children's Week	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%	 GREEN
Program Profile		Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Family and Children's Services							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
The Fun in the Parks Program was run in July 2016.							
During the quarter a focus was on preparations for National Children's Week to be held in October 2016. Children's Week activities will include the Children's Art Exhibition, Jingili Water Gardens Event and the Darwin Waterfront Event.							
Last Updated - 22/03/2017							
<b>STRATEGY: 4.2.2 Embrace national and international relationships</b>							
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
4.2.2.5 Promote community involvement in the Sister Cities program through contemporary and innovative programs and activities	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%	 GREEN
Program Profile		Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Sister Cities							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
Urban Landscapes: Past as Present Digital Art project between Darwin and Haikou that aims to answer; - How can Darwin and Haikou share stories through digital technology? - How can digital technology enable and amplify increased community awareness and exchange between Darwin and Haikou? - How could the theme "Urban Landscapes: Past as Present" be explored in this process?							
Last Updated - 22/03/2017							



Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
4.2.2.6 Strengthen and enhance current and emerging international relationships that benefit the broader Darwin community	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%	
Program Profile		Budget		YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance	
Sister Cities							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
Formal review of Council's Sister City program has been undertaken including workshops held with Elected Members and Sister City Committees.							
Recent activities include Delegation to Dilli, Haikou Art Project, Ambon night, pen pal exchange and walk together event.							
Committee projects in progress include digital arts.							
Last Updated - 22/03/2017							
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
4.2.2.2 Develop and implement action plans for each Sister City	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%	
Program Profile		Budget		YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance	
Sister Cities							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
A joint Sister City Advisory Committee Planning meeting has been held to provide input into the development of an International Relations Policy and Handbook Review and update.							
Part of this process included the initial Action Plans							
Last Updated - 22/03/2017							




Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
4.2.2.3 Coordinate and facilitate Council's Sister City Community Committees, events and activities	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%	
<b>Program Profile</b>							
Sister Cities	<b>Budget Type</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>YTD Variance</b>		
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
A range of activities and events have been held including;							
- Reciprocal Student and Teacher Exchange with Ambon							
- Lord Mayors Reception for the Darwin to Ambon Yacht Race							
- Ambon Night							
- Joint Sister City Strategic Planning Workshop							
- Anchorage Pen Pal Exchange							
- Urban Landscapes: Past as Present Digital Art Project, artist engagement							
- Dili Workshop Exchange with Action For Change Foundation and Ba Futuru in Street Art, Drama, Skateboarding							
Last Updated - 22/03/2017							
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
4.2.2.1 Manage the City of Darwin Sister City Program	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%	
<b>Program Profile</b>							
Sister Cities	<b>Budget Type</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>YTD Variance</b>		
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
Last Updated - 22/03/2017							

Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator	
4.2.2.4 Develop and deliver youth and other exchanges	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%		
Program Profile		Budget		YTD Budget		YTD Actual		YTD Variance
Sister Cities								
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>								
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>								
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>								
Delivered:								
- Reciprocal Student and Teacher Exchange between SMA 5 Negari and Kormilda College								
- Dili Scoping Project, in country community engagement with Action for Change Foundation and Ba Futuru in the delivery of a youth arts and sports workshop program								
In development:								
- Culture box in partnership with Darwin Community Arts with Darwin Middle School and school in Anchorage								
- Pen Plan Exchange with Darwin and Anchorage Primary Schools								
- Urban Landscapes Past as Present: Digital Art exchange between Darwin and Haikou								
Last Updated - 22/03/2017								
<b>STRATEGY: 2.3.4 Enhance services for youth</b>								
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator	
2.3.4.7 Provide the Gig Gear and Stage Kit for community use	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%		
Program Profile		Budget		YTD Budget		YTD Actual		YTD Variance
Youth Services								
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>								
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>								
Last Updated - 22/03/2017								

Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
2.3.4.2 Coordinate and facilitate Council's Youth Advisory Group	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%	 GREEN
Program Profile		Budget		YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance	
Youth Services							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
During the months of September to December. Council has coordinated 4 monthly meetings of the Youth Advisory Committee with an average attendance of 6 young people per meeting.							
Through September to December, key activities were in depth consultations from Children in Care and Youth In Detention Advocacy Services and Northern Territory Libraries.							
A key project undertaken by YAC during September to December was to create a draft 12 month Young Darwin 2016 -2021 action plan to coordinate youth strategy implementation.							
Last Updated - 31/03/2017							
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
2.3.4.6 Ensure youth friendly opportunities, services and processes across Council	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%	 GREEN
Program Profile		Budget		YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance	
Youth Services							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
The Youth Services Team continue to employ and engage local young people to develop youth friendly resources and activities through the following:							
Social Media training and employment through Youth Services Team Continuation of Youth Services 12 month traineeship (Currently recruiting) Event management training delivered through the LAUNCH Program Paid employment in Graphic Design projects across Council.							
Youth Services and the Libraries team have together delivered two sessions of Get that Job training in areas of Cup Cake Decorating and Nailing a Job Interview. Each session was fully booked with waiting lists.							
Last Updated - 31/03/2017							



Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
2.3.4.5 Support, partner and deliver community events for young people by young people including delivery of an annual, targeted, major event	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%	
Program Profile	Budget Type	Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Youth Services							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
The Youth Services Team are currently in planning for delivery of the following events:							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Delivery of Midnight Basketball 8 Week Tournament 15 October – 3 December – Completed</li><li>- Dishing up Darwin Cooking Competition</li><li>- Youth Homelessness Matters Day Couch Surfing Event</li><li>- Street Heat Skate Competition</li><li>- Malak After School Youth Engagement – Malak Basketball Court &amp; KJS – Completed and under review</li><li>- Weekly Wednesday night skate nights at Jingili Skate Park – Ongoing</li><li>- Planning is underway for Midnight Basketball Tournament Four and will commence Saturday 29 April 2017 for 8 weeks.</li></ul>							
Last Updated - 31/03/2017							
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
2.3.4.4 Deliver LAUNCH recreation and leisure program	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%	
Program Profile	Budget Type	Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Youth Services							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
From September to December, the following events were delivered through the LAUNCH recreation and leisure program:							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Filling Friday Free Film Screening at Museum and Art Gallery. 'I am Mallala' 2 December 2016</li><li>- Happy Yess all ages gig October</li><li>- Happy Yess all ages gig November</li><li>- Jingili King of Concrete Skate Competition – 8 October 2016</li></ul>							
Last Updated - 31/03/2017							




Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator	
2.3.4.1 Develop and implement Youth Strategy for 2016 – 2021	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%	 GREEN	
Program Profile		Budget		YTD Budget		YTD Actual		YTD Variance
Youth Services								
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>								
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>								
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>								
Young Darwin 2016-2021 has been completed and officially endorsed by Council and community partners. The plan has also been publicly launched through an event hosted by Council's Youth Advisory Committee.								
The plan is now currently being implemented across both Council and Community Stakeholder groups.								
A key project undertaken by YAC during September to December was to create a 12 month Young Darwin 2016 -2021 action plan to coordinate youth strategy implementation.								
Last Updated - 31/03/2017								




## Library Services

## STRATEGY: 2.3.1 Enhance library and information services



Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
2.3.1.5 Manage and maintain library collections	Karen Conway - Manager Library Services	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%	
Program Profile	Budget Type	Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Libraries							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b> <b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b> New resources have been purchased through the Library resource allocation from the Northern Territory Library (NTL). Last Updated - 30/01/2017							
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
2.3.1.2 Provide engaging educational and recreational programs for children, young people and families	Karen Conway - Manager Library Services	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%	
Program Profile	Budget Type	Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Libraries							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b> <b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b> The Children and Youth Services team engage with the community through a range of varied activities for young families. The programs and events are designed to attract families and young people to the libraries, providing them with opportunities to create and participate in a welcoming environment. As well as regular programs the C&YS team delivered <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Children's week events</li> <li>• October school holiday program</li> <li>• Karama Community Fun Fair and Silent disco in the library</li> <li>• Kroc (Kids Reading Oz Choice) Party at Karma Library</li> <li>• Babes 'n' Books Graduation at City Library, Karama Library and Casuarina Library</li> <li>• Fantastic Beast Trivia Night</li> <li>• Parenting Workshop with Robyn Crowe</li> <li>• Summer Reading Club</li> <li>• Heroes and villains school holiday program</li> </ul> Last Updated - 24/01/2017							

Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
2.3.1.1 Manage public libraries in the City, Casuarina, Nightcliff and Karama	Karen Conway - Manager Library Services	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%	 GREEN
Program Profile		Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Libraries							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
The Public library funding agreement with the Northern Territory Government is due for renewal in 2017/18.							
We have been advised that the Nightcliff and Karama library lease agreements have been extended for a further 2 years.							
Last Updated - 30/01/2017							
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
2.3.1.6 Provide safe welcoming community space	Karen Conway - Manager Library Services	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%	 GREEN
Program Profile		Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Libraries							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
New CCTV cameras have been installed at the Casuarina library providing high definition coverage for the library, courtyard and the community meeting room is in high demand from both commercial and not for profit organisations a new projector has been installed in the room.							
Last Updated - 22/03/2017							
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
2.3.1.4 Provide access to information in a variety of formats including digital	Karen Conway - Manager Library Services	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%	 GREEN
Program Profile		Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Libraries							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
Last Updated - 30/01/2017							

Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
2.3.1.3 Provide services and programs which satisfy the recreational and life long learning needs of the community	Karen Conway - Manager Library Services	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%	 GREEN
Program Profile		Budget		YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance	
Libraries							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
Libraries engage with the community through regular programs that are held monthly at all libraries. Anti-Poverty Week was promoted at the libraries with a poetry competition and panel talk on poverty at the City Library in partnership with St Vincent De Paul.							
Last Updated - 30/01/2017							

## Office of GM Community &amp; Cultural Services

## STRATEGY: 5.4.1 Exhibit leadership on community issues



Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
5.4.1.3 Lead development and implementation of Council plans, policy and decisions which involve Community and Cultural Services	Anna Malgorzewicz - General Manager Community & Cultural Services	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%	
Program Profile		Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Office of GM Community & Cultural Services							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
Effective guidance provided to Senior Managers to ensure Departmental business planning supported Council reporting and decision making processes; provided ongoing Project Management of both the Parap Pool Redevelopment and the Velodrome Refurbishment projects.							
Last Updated - 22/03/2017							
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
5.4.1.4 Actively participate and represent all matters relating to Community and Cultural services at organisational, committee and Council meetings	Anna Malgorzewicz - General Manager Community & Cultural Services	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%	
Program Profile		Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Office of GM Community & Cultural Services							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
Provided effective advocacy throughout the reporting period to ensure planning and decisions were made in a context consistent with endorsed Council policy and frameworks (Safer Vibrant Darwin, Young Darwin, Sports Field Plan, International Relations Strategy).							
Last Updated - 22/03/2017							
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
5.4.1.1 Provide strategic and operational leadership to the Community and Cultural Services Department	Anna Malgorzewicz - General Manager Community & Cultural Services	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%	
Program Profile		Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Office of GM Community & Cultural Services							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
Led regular fortnightly planning and business management sessions of Senior Managers to ensure awareness and currency of key Council decisions and matters; regular communication to all Departmental staff members of key decisions and matters through fortnightly debriefs; ensured currency of emergent political, social and economic policy and evidence was disseminated to relevant Senior Managers and staff members.							
Last Updated - 22/03/2017							

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## Recreation, Events and Customer Services


**STRATEGY:** 5.1.1 Provide quality service outcomes by ensuring that Council's processes and systems are effective and efficient


Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
5.1.1.3 Provide services for the use of Council facilities and the issue of related permits	Matt Grassmayr - Manager Recreation, Events and Customer Services	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%	 GREEN
Program Profile							
Customer Services		Budget		YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance	
Linked Related Plan(s): Linked Action Filter(s):							
Action Progress Comments							
Q2 – Customer Services issued 130 permits during the quarter for the use of Council facilities.							
Customer Services took 395 bookings during the quarter:							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Banner Sites 65</li><li>• Community Centres 95</li><li>• Equipment (Fun &amp; Games Etc.) 57</li><li>• Parks &amp; Ovals 177</li><li>• Staging 1</li></ul>							
Last Updated - 18/01/2017							
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
5.1.1.4 Provide support to community organizations to deliver community based events	Matt Grassmayr - Manager Recreation, Events and Customer Services	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%	 GREEN
Program Profile							
Customer Services		Budget		YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance	
Linked Related Plan(s): Linked Action Filter(s):							
Action Progress Comments							
Customer Services provided support for 4 large community events at 3 locations during Q2:							
28 Oct	Jog for Jugs	Mindil Beach					
11 Nov	Remembrance Day	Bicentennial Park					
12 Nov	Patriots Memorial	Bicentennial Park					
04 Dec	Carols by Candle Light	Gardens Amphitheatre					
Last Updated - 18/01/2017							




Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
5.1.1.2 Provide services for processing Council payments	Matt Grassmayr - Manager Recreation, Events and Customer Services	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%	 GREEN
Program Profile	Budget Type	Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Customer Services							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
Customer Services processed 4,046 payment transactions for rates, infringements, registrations and permits during Q2, a decrease of 533 transactions compared to Q2 2015.							
Council payments are also made via E-Services with 5,943 transactions during Q2, a decrease of 280 transactions to Q2, 2015.							
Last Updated - 18/01/2017							
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
5.1.1.1 Provide customer services and reception for City of Darwin	Matt Grassmayr - Manager Recreation, Events and Customer Services	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%	 GREEN
Program Profile	Budget Type	Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Customer Services							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
Q2 - Customer Services Team provided reception and service delivery for community and internal stakeholders.							
• Customer Services are liaising with the IT Strategic Planning Group and Finance to develop integration of Eftpos at front counter with the upgrade of the Authority financial system.							
Last Updated - 18/01/2017							

Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator	
2.3.2.2 Provide support and guidance to local sport and recreation associations and clubs	Matt Grassmayr - Manager Recreation, Events and Customer Services	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%	 GREEN	
Program Profile		Budget		YTD Budget		YTD Actual		YTD Variance
Recreation, Leisure and Events								
Linked Related Plan(s):								
Linked Action Filter(s):								
Action Progress Comments								
Recreation Services provided assistance and guidance to numerous sporting organisations during the quarter; significant items include:								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Darwin Shamrocks Gaelic Football Club – project planning and delivery of a goal storage solution and spectator seating at Fannie Bay Oval.</li><li>Nakara Oval – reconfiguration of the existing soccer field. Council removed the single set of goal posts, and installed 3 senior and 2 junior sets to allow both senior and junior use at the oval.</li><li>Waratah Cricket Club and NT Cricket – project planning and delivery of cricket sightscreens at Gardens Oval.</li><li>Nightcliff Cricket Club – project support for the redevelopment of the cricket training net facility.</li><li>Darwin Cycling Club and Triathlon NT – assistance to determine appropriate set-up and maintenance of cyclocross track for the interior area at the Velodrome.</li><li>Darwin Cricket Club – support to develop a grant submission for a proposed installation of security improvements and oval fencing.</li><li>Waratah Cricket Club – support for grant submission and project planning for proposed upgrade to Cricket training nets.</li></ul>								
Last Updated - 18/01/2017								

Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator	
2.3.2.1 Manage recreation and leisure facilities, including Council swimming pools and sporting ovals	Matt Grassmayr - Manager Recreation, Events and Customer Services	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%		
Program Profile		Budget		YTD Budget		YTD Actual		YTD Variance
Recreation, Leisure and Events								
Linked Related Plan(s):								
Linked Action Filter(s):								
Action Progress Comments								
Manage Recreation & Leisure Facilities								
Pools								
Casuarina and Nightcliff Pools were operational throughout Q2. Parap Pool was closed for redevelopment. Pool attendance for October to December was:								
Casuarina Pool 35,879								
Nightcliff Pool 33,592								
Overall pool attendance during Q2 was 69,471 patrons, a small decrease of 2,847 patrons compared to the same period in 2015. This suggests that the majority of patrons who normally use Parap Pool have been accommodated at Council's other venues with only a 4% decrease in total attendance.								
EFTPOS was introduced at Casuarina and Nightcliff pools, enabling patrons to pay pool entry fees and purchase multi-use swim passes by debit or credit card.								
Recreation Services continued to engage with key pool stakeholders, meeting in October to ensure fair and equitable lane allocation arrangements and minimal disruption following the closure of Parap Pool. As a result of discussions, a temporary shade structure was installed at Casuarina Pool to assist with swimming club training and coaching.								
Casuarina Pool Survey – A community survey was conducted at the Christmas Water Fun Afternoon at Casuarina Pool on 18 December 2016. The survey asked the community and stakeholders to prioritise improvements that would enhance Casuarina Pool to provide a family-friendly facility. The survey has also been made available online; the results will be reported to Council in February 2017.								
Ovals								
Q2 marks the start of Wet Season competition and training. 12 Council ovals have been allocated for weekly competition and training during the Wet Season. A further 3 ovals have been booked for Dry Season pre-season training commencing 20 February. The average total hours per week of bookings are 162.5 hours, with usage across three sports AFL, Soccer and Gaelic.								
Last Updated - 18/01/2017								

Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator	
2.3.5.5 Develop and deliver community healthy lifestyle and recreation programs	Matt Grassmayr - Manager Recreation, Events and Customer Services	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%		
Program Profile		Budget		YTD Budget		YTD Actual		YTD Variance
Recreation, Leisure and Events								
Linked Related Plan(s):								
Linked Action Filter(s):								
Action Progress Comments								
Healthy Darwin								
Q2 saw the commencement of the 2016/17 Wet Season Healthy Darwin Program.								
The Wet Season program during Q2 included;								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 8 weekly subsidised activities;</li><li>• Zumba</li><li>• Kangatraining (baby wearing exercise class)</li><li>• Healthy Moves for Seniors</li><li>• Aqua Yoga</li><li>• Hatha Yoga</li><li>• Box Fit</li><li>• Belly Dancing</li><li>• Nuline Dancing</li><li>• 1 cooking workshop</li><li>• 1 adult learn to swim program</li></ul>								
More workshops are scheduled to be held in Q3 for healthy eating activities, bike skills and adult learn to swim.								
There were 99 new participants during the quarter; registrations for Healthy Darwin now total 740 people. Healthy Darwin Facebook page likes increased to 1282 a 30% increase from Q2 2015.								
Healthy Darwin supported 5 community organisations through the provision of smoothie bikes at various events. Planning commenced for 2017 Dry Season Touch for Heart corporate challenge.								
Last Updated - 18/01/2017								

Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator	
2.3.5.2 Deliver City of Darwin annual major community events program	Matt Grassmayr - Manager Recreation, Events and Customer Services	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	50%	50%		
Program Profile		Budget		YTD Budget		YTD Actual		YTD Variance
Recreation, Leisure and Events								
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>								
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>								
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>								
Q2 – During the quarter City of Darwin delivered a series of Christmas promotions including:								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• City of Darwin Annual Staff Christmas Breakfast, attendance of 250 staff</li><li>• Christmas street light banners, over 110 sites</li><li>• Mall Christmas tree and CBD decorations</li><li>• Santa's Cave</li><li>• Christmas activities in the Mall</li><li>• Casuarina Family Water Fun Afternoon</li></ul>								
During the quarter planning for 2017 Australia Day Flag Raising and Citizenship ceremonies and the Bombing of Darwin 75th Anniversary was undertaken:								
Australia Day Flag Raising and Citizenship Ceremony								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Confirmation of venue – Darwin Convention Centre</li><li>• Liaison with Defence Force personnel to participate in the ceremony</li></ul>								
Bombing of Darwin								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prepare veteran program</li><li>• Newsletter distributions</li><li>• Working with the Office of the Governor General of Australia for confirmation of participation in the Commemorative Service</li><li>• Liaising with Prime Minister's Office for confirmation of attendance, unconfirmed at this stage</li><li>• The Leader of opposition has confirmed</li><li>• Ongoing meeting with Defence Force personnel regarding participation in the Commemorative Service</li></ul>								
Last Updated - 18/01/2017								



**3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER**

**2016/17**



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ATTACHMENT B<sup>220</sup>

Costs of Services for the period ended 31 March 2017							YTD v Projected Result %	Notes
Full Original Budget \$'000	Full Amended Budget \$'000	Recommended Variations \$'000	Projected Result \$'000	YTD Actual \$'000				
%							75%	
Attachment B-2								
Community & Cultural Income								
	-	38	-	38	100%			
Community Engagement								
Customer Services	102	102	15	117	63%			
Darwin Safer City	150	150	-	150	100%			
Family & Children	170	174	-	174	82%			
Libraries	1,519	1,533	2	1,535	99%			
Major Community Events	100	102	-	102	2%			
Recreation & Leisure	504	506	71	577	79%		1	
Sister Cities	-	3	-	3	100%			
Youth Projects	2	12	-	12	107%			
Total income	2,548	2,621	88	2,709	89%			
Expense								
General Manager Community	536	536	-50	486	75%		2	
Community Development	923	923	-	923	60%			
Community Engagement	-	159	-	159	59%			
Customer Services	605	605	15	620	82%			
Darwin Entertainment Centre	902	902	-19	883	84%			
Darwin Safer City	692	803	-	803	65%			
Family & Children	365	369	-	369	65%			
Libraries	3,674	3,688	2	3,690	70%			
Major Community Events	525	537	50	587	98%		2	
Recreation & Leisure	1,580	1,603	90	1,693	70%		3	

<b>Costs of Services</b> <b>for the period ended 31 March 2017</b>						
	Full Original Budget \$'000	Full Amended Budget \$'000	Recommended Variations \$'000	Projected Result \$'000	YTD Actual \$'000	YTD v Projected Result %
<b>% of year elapsed</b>						<b>75%</b>
Sister Cities	168	180	-	180	107	59%
Youth Projects	495	505	-	505	332	66%
<b>Total expense</b>	<b>10,468</b>	<b>10,812</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>10,899</b>	<b>7,828</b>	<b>72%</b>
<b>Net surplus (-cost)</b>	<b>-7,920</b>	<b>-8,191</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-8,191</b>	<b>-5,428</b>	<b>66%</b>
<b>Notes on recommended variations:</b> 1. Additional pool income for Parap (\$30k) as pool remained open longer than anticipated, Nightcliff Pool ( \$30k) and Casuarina Pool (\$11k). 2. Transfer budget from GM projects account for Bombing of Darwin 75th anniversary commemorative events ; higher level of attendee VIP's and dignitaries incurred additional expenses (includes extra VIP marquee areas, enhanced security and traffic co-ordination and additional AV equipment). 3. Parap Pool additional expenditure due to pool remaining open longer than anticipated (partially funded from additional income note 1) .						

Community & Cultural Services

Overview

KPI Status



>90% on track or better

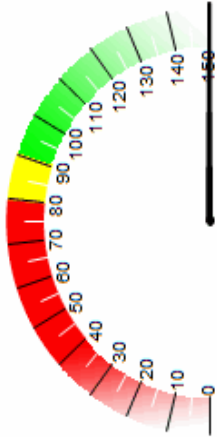


<90% and >70% marginal variance



<70% off track or requires attention

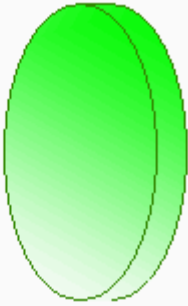
Performance



- 17 KPIs reported on
- 12 KPIs with at least 90% of target
- 5 KPIs between 70 and 90% of target
- 0 KPIs with less than 70% of target









Action Status

- Off Track 0.00%
- Monitor 0.00%
- On Track 100.00%
- No Target Set 0.00%
- Total: 100.00%








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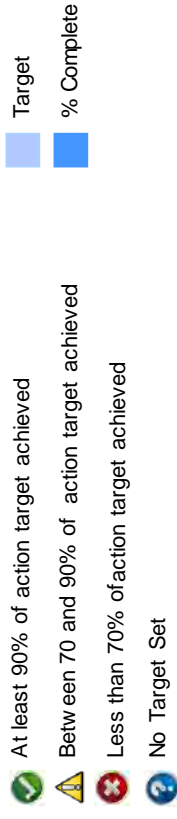
KPI	Unit	Target	Actual	
> 100 community groups or organisations provided with council support (e.g. community grants, fun and	#	41.25	42.00	
<b>Latest Comment</b> <i>No comments entered for this KPI</i>				
> 3.5 (out of 5) average community satisfaction rate across all Council's community services	#	3.50	3.50	
<b>Latest Comment</b> <i>Level of satisfaction with community services generally has remained the same as the previous year</i>				
> 3.5 (out of 5) community satisfaction rate with the arts and cultural activities within the Darwin municipality	#	3.50	3.40	
<b>Latest Comment</b> <i>40% of survey respondents rated satisfaction with Art and Cultural activities as 3.4. This is a mixed result and 0.1 point less than satisfaction levels recorded in 2015/16</i>				
> 85% community satisfaction with the quality of life in Darwin	%	85.00	70.00	
<b>Latest Comment</b> <i>70% of survey respondents rated overall satisfaction with Quality of Life in Darwin in 2016/17 as moderate with an average rating of 3.8, down from 3.9 in 2015.</i>				

KPI	Unit	Target	Actual	
Annual Community and Cultural Development departmental expenditure within approved budget	%	75.00	72.00	
<b>Latest Comment</b> Year to date expenditure (excluding capital) versus budget.				
Community satisfaction rating with Library services	#	4.20	4.10	
<b>Latest Comment</b> On average 62% of survey respondents rated Library Services as 4.1 or with high levels of satisfaction.				
Community satisfaction with Council swimming pools	%	70.00	52.00	
<b>Latest Comment</b> 52% of survey respondents rated public swimming pools moderately at 3.7. This is down 0.2 on the previous year of 3.9.				
Community satisfaction with recreational and leisure services	%	70.00	55.00	
<b>Latest Comment</b> 55 percent of survey respondents indicated a moderate (3.7) level of satisfaction with council's recreational and leisure services. Down from 3.9 in 2015/16.				
Level of community satisfaction with contact made with Council	%	70.00	59.00	
<b>Latest Comment</b> More than half of the survey respondents indicated that they had made contact with City of Darwin in the past 12 months and of those, 59% indicated a moderate level of satisfaction with contact. The main method of contact was by phone at 62% followed by internet / email. There was a notable change in method of contact with a reduction in contact by internet / email and an increase in the number of respondents who presented themselves directly at the Civic Centre. Reasons for contact changed slightly on the previous year with a reduction in the number of respondents making a complaint and an increase in the number of people enquiring about dog registrations and dog issues generally.				
Level of community satisfaction with the quality of front counter customer service	%	90.00	85.00	
<b>Latest Comment</b> Customer satisfaction with the quality of front counter customer service remained consistent for the past three years at 4.3 or a high rating. 85% of respondents indicated a high rating.				
Number of advisory consultations provided by the Youth Advisory Group	#	3.00	50.00	
<b>Latest Comment</b> At the July YAC meeting, The Department of Veterans Affairs conducted a consultation with the Youth Advisory Committee to get input into the development of an information booklet for young people with a veteran parent with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.				
Other consultations included Launch Youth Strategy, Youth Action Plan, National Student Leadership Forum, Safer Vibrant Darwin Plan and Turn it up Youth Mag Evaluation, Dilli Cultural Partnership.				
Number of annual library visits	#	375,000.00	391,430.00	
<b>Latest Comment</b> Visitation to the libraries has been consistent for the past quarter with an average of 40,000 visitors per month.				














KPI	Unit	Target	Actual	
Number of items loaned annually	#	300,000.00	301,505.00	 GREEN
<b>Latest Comment</b> <i>Loans of library items have been consistent for the past quarter with an average of 35,000 loans per month. Adult fiction remains the most popular item for our customers totalling over 55,000 items year to date.</i>				
Number of LAUNCH pop-up events per annum	#	3.00	25.00	 GREEN
<b>Latest Comment</b> <i>In the month of July, the LAUNCH Event Coordinator team delivered four pop up events at the Casuarina Swimming Pool through the Late Nights Pool Program. There is planning underway for October and December pop up events coordinated by the LAUNCH Team.</i>				
Number of school civic visits per year	#	4.00	3.00	 YELLOW
<b>Latest Comment</b> <i>Kormilda School - Children's Artwork</i>				
Number of Sister City events or activities held	#	3.00	6.00	 GREEN
<b>Latest Comment</b> <i>No comments entered for this KPI</i>				
Percentage of community satisfied with Community events delivered by the City of Darwin	%	50.00	49.00	 GREEN
<b>Latest Comment</b> <i>Community events received a moderate satisfaction rating in 2016 with 49% of survey respondents rating satisfaction at 3.5 out of 5.</i>				

## Action Summary



Action	Start Date	End Date	
1.1.1.5 Support and undertake advocacy to reduce adverse impacts of public intoxication on community life	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%
1.1.1.6 Support, partner and deliver activities and events which benefit people with disabilities and seniors	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%
1.1.1.6 Develop contemporary policy and procedures that guide implementation of the Darw in Safer City program	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%
1.1.1.8 Monitor the implementation of the City of Darw in Community Access Plan 2012 - 2017	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%
1.1.1.9 Manage and deliver the Safer City support services to retailers and residents	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%
1.1.1.9 Manage and implement the City of Darw in annual Community Grants program	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%
1.1.1.10 Deliver the City of Darw in Assertive Outreach Program to vulnerable members of the community	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%
1.1.1.10 Coordinate the Disability Advisory Committee to ensure equity of access to people with disability to Council procedures, services and facilities	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%
1.1.2.1 Facilitate and support activities that build capacity, skills and the professional development of artists	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%
1.1.3.1 Manage and implement the City of Darw in Arts Plan 2015 - 2020	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%
1.2.5.1 Broker partnerships that foster a safer community	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%
1.2.5.2 Implement the Darw in Safer City Plan in partnership with stakeholders	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%
2.3.1.1 Manage public libraries in the City, Casuarina, Nightcliff and Karama	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%
2.3.1.2 Provide engaging educational and recreational programs for children, young people and families	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%
2.3.1.3 Provide services and programs which satisfy the recreational and lifelong learning needs of the community	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%
2.3.1.4 Provide access to information in a variety of formats including digital	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%


2.3.1.5	Manage and maintain library collections	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
2.3.1.6	Provide safe welcoming community space	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
2.3.2.1	Manage recreation and leisure facilities, including Council swimming pools and sporting ovals	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
2.3.2.2	Provide support and guidance to local sport and recreation associations and clubs	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
2.3.3.1	Support, partner and deliver community events for families and children, including Children's Week	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
2.3.3.2	Manage the tenancy, lease renewals and stakeholder engagement for Council's community centres and child care centres	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
2.3.3.4	Develop and conduct the Fun in the Parks School Holiday Program	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
2.3.3.5	Deliver the Fun Bus program	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
2.3.3.6	Provide fun and games equipment for community access/use	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
2.3.3.7	Facilitate civic visits for school groups	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
2.3.4.1	Develop and implement Youth Strategy for 2016 – 2021	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
2.3.4.2	Coordinate and facilitate Council's Youth Advisory Group	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
2.3.4.4	Deliver LAUNCH recreation and leisure program	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
2.3.4.5	Support, partner and deliver community events for young people by young people including delivery of an annual, targeted, major event	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
2.3.4.6	Ensure youth friendly opportunities, services and processes across Council	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
2.3.4.7	Provide the Gig Gear and Stage Kit for community use	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
2.3.5.2	Deliver City of Darwin annual major community events program	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
2.3.5.5	Develop and deliver community healthy lifestyle and recreation programs	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
4.2.1.1	Facilitate and support activities that promote public art and arts and cultural development	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
4.2.1.2	Manage and implement the Darwin Public Art Pilot Plan	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
4.2.2.1	Manage the City of Darwin Sister City Program	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
4.2.2.2	Develop and implement action plans for each Sister City	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	

4.2.2.3	Coordinate and facilitate Council's Sister City Community Committees, events and activities	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
4.2.2.4	Develop and deliver youth and other exchanges	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
4.2.2.5	Promote community involvement in the Sister Cities program through contemporary and innovative programs and activities	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
4.2.2.6	Strengthen and enhance current and emerging international relationships that benefit the broader Darwin community	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
5.1.1.1	Provide customer services and reception for City of Darwin	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
5.1.1.2	Provide services for processing Council payments	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
5.1.1.3	Provide services for the use of Council facilities and the issue of related permits	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
5.1.1.4	Provide support to community organizations to deliver community based events	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
5.4.1.1	Provide strategic and operational leadership to the Community and Cultural Services Department	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
5.4.1.3	Lead development and implementation of Council plans, policy and decisions which involve Community and Cultural Services	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	
5.4.1.4	Actively participate and represent all matters relating to Community and Cultural services at organisational, committee and Council meetings	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	<div><div></div></div> 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%	



Action Details



Community & Cultural Services  
Community Development



STRATEGY: 1.1.2 Develop equitable and accessible community participation opportunities




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1.1.2.1 Facilitate and support activities that build capacity, skills and the professional development of artists	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%	
Program Profile			Budget		YTD Budget		YTD Variance
Arts and Cultural Development							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
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<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
Fuel Up Public Art Professional Development Program in development.							
To be launched in May/June 2017.							
Fuel Up is an accessible program that provides a number of professional development opportunities for local artists, through master classes and mentoring. Outcomes will include a temporary public art installation as part of Darwin Fringe Festival and the inaugural Public Art Platform Program to be launched in August 2017 with Peer Review winning artist, Andy Ewing.							
Create Darwin, a creative development program run from a creative studio pop up space in the city centre is currently in development. Currently it is envisaged that a number of programs will be delivered in partnership with Arts Law and Arts NT including:							
Artist Advice Bank: A program of professional development experts providing one on one advice, forums and workshops.							
In Residence: An artist in residence program that supports artists by giving them time to work and a space to work in!							
Signal: Shopfront space that features artists from the In Residence program.							
Create Darwin is planned to be in operation by June/July 2017.							
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




Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
1.1.3.1 Manage and implement the City of Darwin Arts Plan 2015 - 2020	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%	
Program Profile		Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Arts and Cultural Development							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b> Arts Plan 2015 – 2020 key themes are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Public Art</li><li>• Creative Spaces</li><li>• Access and Participation</li><li>• Arts Development, Opportunity and Connectivity.</li></ul> This quarter included actions that addressed actions across all four themes of the 2015 – 2020 Arts Plan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Public Art</li></ul> Actions this quarter include the major integrated public artwork commission for Parap Pool which is ongoing. Stage 2 is complete and in May we will be entering Stage 3 of the project. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Creative Space</li></ul> Actions this quarter include extending on the audit that was provided. It is envisaged that a printed publication will be produced by the end of 2017 to enable greater access of creative to Council facilities. Another creative space action is the development of Create Darwin, a creative development program run from a creative studio pop up space in the city centre. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Access and Participation</li></ul> Actions this quarter include the action outlined above. Additionally a email form was included on the new website being launched in May to develop an email register that we intend to utilise for electronic direct mail marketing campaigns to be developed by August 2017. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Arts Development, Opportunity and Connectivity</li></ul> Actions this quarter include the skills development programs that are in development as part of Create Darwin and the Fuel Up Public Art Professional Development Program in development.							
Last Updated - 12/04/2017							
<b>STRATEGY: 4.2.1 Encourage the growth and development of the arts</b>							
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
4.2.1.2 Manage and implement the Darwin Public Art Pilot Plan	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%	
Program Profile		Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Arts and Cultural Development							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
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<b>Action Progress Comments</b> The Tamarind Park Public Art Commission will be finalised with the installation of a plaque in May 2017. Pilot 1: Stage 2 is complete for the major integrated public artwork commission for Parap Pool. In June/July Stage 3 of the project will be initiated. Pilot 2: The Public Art Platform Program will be launched in August 2017 with Peer Review winning artist, Andy Ewing.							
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
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
4.2.1.1 Facilitate and support activities that promote public art and arts and cultural development	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%	 GREEN
Program Profile		Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Arts and Cultural Development							
Linked Related Plan(s):							
Linked Action Filter(s):							
Action Progress Comments							
The Fuel Up Public Art Professional Development Program is currently in development and the Create Darwin program will be central in providing a face to the work of the Arts and Cultural Development program as it will be hosted in the city centre with a shop front facing into the Mall. Create Darwin, a creative development program run from a creative studio pop up space in the city centre is currently in development. Currently it is envisaged that a number of programs will be delivered in partnership with Arts Law and Arts NT including: Artist Advice Bank: A program of professional development experts providing one on one advice, forums and workshops. In Residence: An artist in residence program that supports artists by giving them time to work and a space to work in! Signal: Shopfront space that features artists from the In Residence program. Create Darwin is planned to be in operation by June/July 2017.							
Continued facilitation of the Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee. This quarter sees new members sought from Darwin Entertainment Centre, APRA and Darwin Fringe Festival. Ongoing participation in national Cultural Forum as key capital city member.							
Last Updated - 12/04/2017							
STRATEGY: 1.1.1 Develop and support programs, services and facilities, and provide information that promotes community spirit, engagement, cohesion and safety							
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
1.1.1.9 Manage and implement the City of Darwin annual Community Grants program	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%	 GREEN
Program Profile		Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Community Development							
Linked Related Plan(s):							
Linked Action Filter(s):							
Action Progress Comments							
Implementation of Community Grants program in progress.							
Evidence based review underway to develop and revitalize grants systems to simplify and streamline the process for the community.							
Last Updated - 13/04/2017							

Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
1.1.1.8 Monitor the implementation of the City of Darwin Community Access Plan 2012 - 2017	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%	 GREEN
Program Profile		Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Community Development							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
Current plan entering the review and evaluation stage of implementation. Sub Committee formation and consultations to begin in May 2017.							
Development and launch date of new plan currently under consideration.							
Last Updated - 13/04/2017							
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
1.1.1.10 Coordinate the Disability Advisory Committee to ensure equity of access to people with disability to Council procedures, services and facilities	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%	 GREEN
Program Profile		Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Community Development							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
Council endorsed the decision for the Disability Advisory Committee to be renamed the Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee.							
The Terms of Reference for the Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee are in the process of being finalised in preparation for submission to Council							
Committee vacancy recruitment is in progress.							
Last Updated - 13/04/2017							



Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
1.1.1.6 Support, partner and deliver activities and events which benefit people with disabilities and seniors	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%	
Program Profile	Budget Type	Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Community Development							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
Registrations have been lodged and planning has been initiated for the Northern Territory Seniors Expo to be held in the next quarter. Expo to be facilitated by COTA, supported by City of Darwin.							
Expressions of interest gained from interested community services, organisations and Northern Territory Government departments for planning the 2017 Disability Awareness Festival.							
Planning meetings to commence in April.							
Last Updated - 13/04/2017							
<b>STRATEGY: 1.1.1 Develop and support programs, services and facilities, and provide information that promotes community spirit, engagement, cohesion and safety</b>							
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
1.1.1.9 Manage and deliver the Safer City support services to retailers and residents	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%	
Program Profile	Budget Type	Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Darwin Safer City							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
- Ongoing delivery of service. Providing support, referral, liaison and crime prevention advice based on CPTED principles to businesses, organisations and residents.							
-Resource development promoting community safety and crime prevention strategies.							
Last Updated - 15/05/2017							
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
1.1.1.5 Support and undertake advocacy to reduce adverse impacts of public intoxication on community life	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%	
Program Profile	Budget Type	Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Darwin Safer City							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
-Support ongoing commitment to the Darwin Inner City Packaged Liquor Accord.							
- Support establishment of the Darwin Northern Suburb Liquor Accord.							
-Ongoing response to Liquor Licence applications.							
-Ongoing community awareness and information regarding supply reduction.							
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Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
1.1.1.10 Deliver the City of Darwin Assertive Outreach Program to vulnerable members of the community	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%	
Program Profile	Budget Type	Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Darwin Safer City							
Linked Related Plan(s):							
Linked Action Filter(s):							
Action Progress Comments							
-Ongoing delivery of service. Five partner service providers delivering outreach service alongside Assertive Outreach team.							
Last Updated - 15/05/2017							
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
1.1.1.6 Develop contemporary policy and procedures that guide implementation of the Darwin Safer City program	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%	
Program Profile	Budget Type	Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Darwin Safer City							
Linked Related Plan(s):							
Linked Action Filter(s):							
Action Progress Comments							
-Implementation of Safer Vibrant Darwin Plan. -Implementation of Alcohol in Council Controlled Spaces and Places. - Ongoing response to Liquor Licence applications. - Review and update Terms of Reference for Public Place Services Collaboration Group -Review WHS and Risk Management practices: Faces In Spaces, Assertive Outreach and Safer City Support Service.							
Last Updated - 15/05/2017							
STRATEGY:	1.2.5 Participate and partner in activities that contribute to a safer Darwin.						
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
1.2.5.1 Broker partnerships that foster a safer community	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%	
Program Profile	Budget Type	Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Darwin Safer City							
Linked Related Plan(s):							
Linked Action Filter(s):							
Action Progress Comments							
-Ongoing partnerships with members of the Public Place Service Collaboration Group, 16 members. - Ongoing partnerships with service providers delivering outreach alongside Assertive Outreach team, five partner agencies.							
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



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1.2.5.2 Implement the Darwin Safer City Plan in partnership with stakeholders	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%	
Program Profile	Budget Type	Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Darwin Safer City							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
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<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
'Faces in Spaces' currently in progress. Assertive Outreach with partners, Supply Reduction Advocacy continued. Liquor Accord development continues.							
Food Drive saw over 300kg of food collected and donated to Food Bank.							
Last Updated - 15/05/2017							
<b>STRATEGY: 2.3.3 Promote and host family-orientated activities</b>							
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
2.3.3.6 Provide fun and games equipment for community access /use	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%	
Program Profile	Budget Type	Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Family and Children's Services							
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<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
Fun and Games Equipment maintained and provided for community use.							
Last Updated - 13/04/2017							
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
2.3.3.7 Facilitate civic visits for school groups	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%	
Program Profile	Budget Type	Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Family and Children's Services							
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<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
Promotion of Civic Visits continued, however Schools continue to advise that cost impacts on their ability to conduct a Civic Visit at Council.							
Last Updated - 15/05/2017							


Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
2.3.3.4 Develop and conduct the Fun in the Parks School Holiday Program	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%	
Program Profile		Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Family and Children's Services							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
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<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
January 2017 Fun in the Parks School Holiday Program included: Batik, weaving, cooking, Toon World Interactive and Entertaining Cartoon Drawing, Archery Attack Darwin and many more art and craft sessions held throughout the period.							
Last Updated - 13/04/2017							
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
2.3.3.2 Manage the tenancy, lease renewals and stakeholder engagement for Council's community centres and child care centres	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%	
Program Profile		Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Family and Children's Services							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
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<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
This quarter all office space is leased and a Tenancy meeting was held.							
Last Updated - 13/04/2017							
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
2.3.3.5 Deliver the Fun Bus program	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%	
Program Profile		Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Family and Children's Services							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
Fun Bus Program started back in the indoor venues on 1 February. This quarter has been focused on a new bus and fitting it out.							
Last Updated - 13/04/2017							



Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
2.3.3.1 Support, partner and deliver community events for families and children, including Children's Week	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%	 GREEN
Program Profile		Budget		YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance	
Family and Children's Services							
Linked Related Plan(s):							
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Action Progress Comments							
In March, City of Darwin in partnership with Territory Child Care Group and Early Childhood Australia NT Branch held a Harmony Day family event. Showcasing the many cultures in our community through activities, entertainment and World Café morning tea.							
Last Updated - 13/04/2017							
STRATEGY: 4.2.2 Embrace national and international relationships							
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
4.2.2.5 Promote community involvement in the Sister Cities program through contemporary and innovative programs and activities	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%	 GREEN
Program Profile		Budget		YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance	
Sister Cities							
Linked Related Plan(s):							
Linked Action Filter(s):							
Action Progress Comments							
Urban Landscapes: Past as Present Digital Art project between Darwin and Haikou that aims to answer; - How can Darwin and Haikou share stories through digital technology? - How can digital technology enable and amplify increased community awareness and exchange between Darwin and Haikou? - How could the theme “Urban Landscapes: Past as Present” be explored in this process?							
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

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4.2.2.6 Strengthen and enhance current and emerging international relationships that benefit the broader Darwin community	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%	
Program Profile		Budget		YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance	
Sister Cities							
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<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
Formal review of Council's Sister City program has been undertaken including workshops held with Elected Members and Sister City Committees.							
Recent activities include Delegation to Dilli, Haikou Art Project, Ambon night, pen pal exchange and walk together event.							
Committee projects in progress include digital arts.							
Last Updated - 15/05/2017							
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
4.2.2.2 Develop and implement action plans for each Sister City	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%	
Program Profile		Budget		YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance	
Sister Cities							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
International Relations Policy and Handbook Review adopted March 2017.							
Action Plans will be considered as part of a refocus of the program in 2017 - 18.							
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

Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
4.2.2.3 Coordinate and facilitate Council's Sister City Community Committees, events and activities	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%	
Program Profile							
Sister Cities	Budget Type	Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
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<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
During Quarter 3 Harmony Day events were held including: Sister Cities Harmony Day event, Lord Mayor's Citizenship Ceremony, and children's activities.							
Work has continued on:							
- Urban Landscapes: Past as Present Digital Art Project, artist engagement							
- CDU Ambon Sculpture Garden							
- Commemorative gift for Decentralisation of Dili							
- Delivery of water pump to a Dili school							
Last Updated - 12/04/2017							
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
4.2.2.1 Manage the City of Darwin Sister City Program	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%	
Program Profile							
Sister Cities	Budget Type	Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
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<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
Update Quarter 3: Sister Cities Project Officer appointed 1 February 2017.							
Last Updated - 12/04/2017							



Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator				
4.2.2.4 Develop and deliver youth and other exchanges	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%	 GREEN				
Program Profile		Budget Type		Budget		YTD Budget		YTD Actual		YTD Variance	
Sister Cities											
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>											
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>											
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>											
Work has continued on:											
- Anchorage Pen Pal Exchange											
- Reciprocal Student and Teacher Exchange between SMA Negeri 5 and Kormilda College											
- Kalymnos Scholarship - Ceremony planned for May 2017											
Completed are:											
- Culture box in partnership with Darwin Community Arts with Darwin Middle School and school in Anchorage											
Last Updated - 13/04/2017											



Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
2.3.4.7 Provide the Gig Gear and Stage Kit for community use	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%	
Program Profile		Budget		YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance	
Youth Services							
Linked Related Plan(s):							
Linked Action Filter(s):							
Last Updated - 15/05/2017							
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
2.3.4.2 Coordinate and facilitate Council's Youth Advisory Group	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%	
Program Profile		Budget		YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance	
Youth Services							
Linked Related Plan(s):							
Linked Action Filter(s):							
Action Progress Comments							
During September to December. Council has coordinated 4 monthly meetings of the Youth Advisory Committee with an average attendance of 6 young people per meeting.							
Through September to December, key activities were in depth consultations from Children in Care and Youth In Detention Advocacy Services and Northern Territory Libraries.							
A key project undertaken by YAC during September to December was to create a draft 12 month Young Darwin 2016 -2021 action plan to coordinate youth strategy implementation.							
Last Updated - 15/05/2017							



Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
2.3.4.6 Ensure youth friendly opportunities, services and processes across Council	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%	
Program Profile	Budget Type	Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Youth Services							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
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<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
The Youth Services Team continues to employ and engage local young people to develop youth friendly resources and activities through the following:							
Social Media training and employment through Youth Services Team							
Continuation of Youth Services 12 month traineeship (Currently recruiting)							
Event management training delivered through the LAUNCH Program							
Paid employment in Graphic Design projects across Council.							
Youth Services and the Libraries team have together delivered two sessions of Get that Job training in areas of Cup Cake Decorating and Nailing a Job Interview. Each session was fully booked with waiting lists.							
Last Updated - 15/05/2017							
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
2.3.4.5 Support, partner and deliver community events for young people by young people including delivery of an annual, targeted, major event	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%	
Program Profile	Budget Type	Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Youth Services							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
The Youth Services Team is currently in planning for delivery of the following events:							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Delivery of Midnight Basketball 8 Week Tournament 15 October – 3 December – Completed</li> <li>- Dishing up Darwin Cooking Competition</li> <li>- Youth Homelessness Matters Day Couch Surfing Event</li> <li>- Street Heat Skate Competition</li> <li>- Malak After School Youth Engagement – Malak Basketball Court &amp; KJS – Completed and under review</li> <li>- Weekly Wednesday night skate nights at Jingili Skate Park - Ongoing</li> <li>- Planning is underway for Midnight Basketball Tournament Four and will commence Saturday 29 April 2017 for 8 weeks.</li> </ul>							
Last Updated - 15/05/2017							

Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
2.3.4.4 Deliver LAUNCH recreation and leisure program	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%	
Program Profile							
Youth Services	Budget Type	Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Linked Related Plan(s):							
Linked Action Filter(s):							
Action Progress Comments							
From September to December, the following events were delivered through the LAUNCH recreation and leisure program:							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Filling Friday Free Film Screening at Museum and Art Gallery. 'I am Mallaala' 2 December 2016</li> <li>- Happy Yess all ages gig October</li> <li>- Happy Yess all ages gig November</li> <li>- Jingili King of Concrete Skate Competition – 8 October 2016</li> </ul>							
Last Updated - 15/05/2017							
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
2.3.4.1 Develop and implement Youth Strategy for 2016 – 2021	Katie Hearn – Manager Community Development	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%	
Program Profile							
Youth Services	Budget Type	Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Linked Related Plan(s):							
Linked Action Filter(s):							
Action Progress Comments							
Young Darwin 2016- 2021 has been completed and officially endorsed by Council and community partners. The plan has also been publicly launched through an event hosted by Council's Youth Advisory Committee.							
The plan is now currently being implemented across both Council and Community Stakeholder groups.							
A key project undertaken by YAC during September to December was to create a 12 month Young Darwin 2016 -2021 action plan to coordinate youth strategy implementation.							
Last Updated - 15/05/2017							



## Library Services

**STRATEGY:** 2.3.1 Enhance library and information services

Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
2.3.1.5 Manage and maintain library collections	Karen Conway - Manager Library Services	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%	 GREEN
Program Profile		Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Libraries							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
We have expended the Library resource allocation from the Northern Territory Library (NTL).							
Last Updated - 19/04/2017							
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
2.3.1.2 Provide engaging educational and recreational programs for children, young people and families	Karen Conway - Manager Library Services	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%	 GREEN
Program Profile		Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Libraries							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
The Children and Youth Services team delivered an amazing holiday program in January . Activities were based around the Heroes and villains theme set for the National Summer Reading Club. 248 children registered for the summer reading club. Karama library has introduced a new program called Babes 'n' Rhymes. It is aimed at babies aged 0-24 months and their parents and primary caregivers. It facilitates adult-baby interaction, pre-literacy support and communication development through simple songs and action rhymes.							
As well as regular programs the C&YS team delivered.							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Earth Hour Storytime</li><li>•Author talk with Rachel Barnett, an author from Groote Eylandt</li><li>•Harmony Day Story Time</li><li>•Puppet show with story-time</li></ul>							
Last Updated - 19/04/2017							




Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
2.3.1.1 Manage public libraries in the City, Casuarina, Nightcliff and Karama	Karen Conway - Manager Library Services	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%	
Program Profile							
Budget Type		Budget		YTD Budget		YTD Actual	
Budget Type		Budget		YTD Budget		YTD Variance	
Libraries							
Linked Related Plan(s):							
Linked Action Filter(s):							
Action Progress Comments							
The Public library funding agreement with the Northern Territory Government is due for renewal in 2017/18.							
Northern Territory property management (NTPM) inspected Nightcliff library and actioned minor building maintenance works in preparation for the signing of lease extension for a further 2 years.							
Karma library has had ongoing leaking roof issues that have been referred to NTPM for action.							
Casuarina library had ongoing air-conditioning faults in January which resulted in disruptions to library opening hours, these have been resolved. Casuarina library has been dealing with some challenging behaviour's from our customers.							
Our annual staff Development morning was held in March. The focus of the morning was on skilling staff and learning information and strategies to increase their resilience within the work environment.							
Last Updated - 19/04/2017							
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
2.3.1.6 Provide safe welcoming community space	Karen Conway - Manager Library Services	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%	
Program Profile							
Budget Type		Budget		YTD Budget		YTD Actual	
Budget Type		Budget		YTD Budget		YTD Variance	
Libraries							
Linked Related Plan(s):							
Linked Action Filter(s):							
Action Progress Comments							
New CCTV cameras have been installed at the Casuarina library providing high definition coverage for the library, courtyard and the community meeting room. The community meeting room is in high demand from both commercial and not for profit organisations a new projector has been installed in the room.							
Last Updated - 15/05/2017							



Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
2.3.1.4 Provide access to information in a variety of formats including digital	Karen Conway - Manager Library Services	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%	 GREEN
Program Profile		Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Libraries							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
Libraries purchased 20 new laptops for in-house use by our customers; these have been well received and are in high demand at all libraries.							
Last Updated - 19/04/2017							
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
2.3.1.3 Provide services and programs which satisfy the recreational and life long learning needs of the community	Karen Conway - Manager Library Services	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%	 GREEN
Program Profile		Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance		
Libraries							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
Libraries held over 200 events in the past quarter, with 8456 participants, 48% adults and 52% Children & Young people. Library Lovers Day was celebrated at all libraries, we invited our library customers to morning and afternoon teas. Northern Territory Police presented an informative cyber safety session in the City library.							
Last Updated - 19/04/2017							


## Office of GM Community &amp; Cultural Services



**STRATEGY:** 5.4.1 Exhibit leadership on community issues



Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
5.4.1.3 Lead development and implementation of Council plans, policy and decisions which involve Community and Cultural Services	Anna Malgorzewicz - General Manager Community & Cultural Services	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%	
Program Profile							
Office of GM Community & Cultural Services							
Linked Related Plan(s):							
Linked Action Filter(s):							
Action Progress Comments							
Effective guidance provided to Senior Managers to ensure Departmental business planning supported Council reporting and decision making processes; provided ongoing Project Management of both the Parap Pool Redevelopment and the Velodrome Refurbishment projects.							
Last Updated - 15/05/2017							
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
5.4.1.4 Actively participate and represent all matters relating to Community and Cultural services at organisational, committee and Council meetings	Anna Malgorzewicz - General Manager Community & Cultural Services	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%	
Program Profile							
Office of GM Community & Cultural Services							
Linked Related Plan(s):							
Linked Action Filter(s):							
Action Progress Comments							
Provided effective advocacy throughout the reporting period to ensure planning and decisions were made in a context consistent with endorsed Council policy and frameworks (Safer Vibrant Darwin, Young Darwin, Sports Field Plan, International Relations Strategy).							
Last Updated - 15/05/2017							
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
5.4.1.1 Provide strategic and operational leadership to the Community and Cultural Services Department	Anna Malgorzewicz - General Manager Community & Cultural Services	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%	
Program Profile							
Office of GM Community & Cultural Services							
Linked Related Plan(s):							
Linked Action Filter(s):							
Action Progress Comments							
Led regular fortnightly planning and business management sessions of Senior Managers to ensure awareness and currency of key Council decisions and matters; regular communication to all Departmental staff members of key decisions and matters through fortnightly debriefs; ensured currency of emergent political, social and economic policy and evidence was disseminated to relevant Senior Managers and staff members.							
Last Updated - 15/05/2017							

Recreation, Events and Customer Services


STRATEGY:5.1.1 Provide quality service outcomes by ensuring that Council's processes and systems are effective and efficient

Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator	
5.1.1.3 Provide services for the use of Council facilities and the issue of related permits	Matt Grassmayr - Manager Recreation, Events and Customer Services	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%		
Program Profile		Budget Type		Budget		YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance
Customer Services								
Linked Related Plan(s):								
Linked Action Filter(s):								
Action Progress Comments								
Q3 - Customer Service issued 100 permits during the quarter for the use of Council facilities.								
Customer Services took 458 bookings during Q3:								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Banner Sites 59</li><li>• Community Centres 34</li><li>• Equipment (Fun &amp; Games Etc.) 64</li><li>• Parks &amp; Ovals 240</li><li>• The Mall 60</li><li>• Staging 1</li></ul>								
Last Updated - 13/04/2017								


Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
5.1.1.4 Provide support to community organizations to deliver community based events	Matt Grassmayr - Manager Recreation, Events and Customer Services	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%	
Program Profile		Budget		YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance	
Customer Services							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
During Q3 Customer Services provided support for 7 large community events at 4 locations:							
26 January	Australia Day Fun Run	Bicentennial Park					
26 January	21 Gun Salute	Bicentennial Park					
11 March	ABC Darwin 70th Anniversary Celebration	Civic Park					
12 March	Colour Festival	East Point					
19 March	Black Dog Ride	East Point					
17 March	St Patrick's Day Celebrations	Peel Street					
26 March	Indian Holi Festival	East Point					
Last Updated - 13/04/2017							
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
5.1.1.2 Provide services for processing Council payments	Matt Grassmayr - Manager Recreation, Events and Customer Services	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%	
Program Profile		Budget		YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance	
Customer Services							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
During Q3 Customer Service processed 3,953 payments for various transactions including rates, infringements, registrations and permits. Compared to Q3 in 2016 this is a decrease of only 6 payments.							
Council payments are also made via E-Services with 5,043 transactions during Q3, an increase of 6 transactions to Q3, 2016.							
Last Updated - 13/04/2017							

Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
5.1.1.1 Provide customer services and reception for City of Darwin	Matt Grassmayr - Manager Recreation, Events and Customer Services	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%	
Program Profile		Budget		YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance	
Customer Services							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
Customer Services Team provided reception and service delivery for community and internal stakeholders.							
Customer Services received new bank Eftpos machines. The team is currently undergoing training and are liaising with IT for integration of the units with the Authority financial system.							
Last Updated - 15/05/2017							
<b>STRATEGY: 2.3.2 Position Darwin as a host centre for local, national and international sport and other events</b>							
Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator
2.3.2.2 Provide support and guidance to local sport and recreation associations and clubs	Matt Grassmayr - Manager Recreation, Events and Customer Services	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%	
Program Profile		Budget		YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance	
Recreation, Leisure and Events							
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>							
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>							
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>							
Recreation Services provided assistance and guidance to numerous sporting organisations during the quarter; significant items include:							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Waratah Cricket Club— project planning and delivery of new cricket training nets. This included support and documentation for grant submission.</li><li>• Nightcliff Cricket Club –project support for the redevelopment of the cricket training net facility including final landscaping and preparation of grant submission for the lighting component.</li><li>• Darwin Cycling Club and Triathlon NT – liaison with these organisations for regular feedback and updates on the velodrome redevelopment project.</li><li>• Football Federation NT – support for the inaugural women in football week in March including presentation and participation in marketing and promotional events.</li></ul>							
Last Updated - 13/04/2017							



Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator	
2.3.2.1 Manage recreation and leisure facilities, including Council swimming pools and sporting ovals	Matt Grassmayr - Manager Recreation, Events and Customer Services	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%	 GREEN	
Program Profile		Budget		YTD Budget		YTD Actual		YTD Variance
Recreation, Leisure and Events								
<b>Linked Related Plan(s):</b>								
<b>Linked Action Filter(s):</b>								
<b>Action Progress Comments</b>								
Manage Recreation & Leisure Facilities								
Pools								
Casuarina and Nightcliff Pools were operational throughout Q3. Parap Pool was closed for redevelopment. Pool attendance for January to March was:								
Casuarina Pool   24,386								
Nightcliff Pool   26,545								
Overall pool attendance during Q3 was 50,931 patrons, a decrease of 17,815 patrons compared to the same period in 2016 when Council had all three pools operational. Recreation Services continued to engage with key pool stakeholders, meeting in March to seek feedback on lane allocation requirements and stakeholder facility needs in order to develop the new pool management contract.								
Nightcliff Pool Survey – A community survey was commenced in March to assess the requirement for additional shade at Nightcliff Pool. The survey is asking the community and stakeholders to indicate if additional shade is required, and if so the type of shade they prefer, natural or artificial.								
Ovals								
Q3 marks the end of Wet Season competition and training. 15 Council ovals were allocated for weekly Wet Season competition and training or Dry Season pre-season training. The total hours allocated per week was 228hours, with usage across seven sports AFL, Cricket, Hockey, Soccer, Softball, Rugby and Gaelic Football.								
Last Updated - 13/04/2017								

Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator	
2.3.5.5 Develop and deliver community healthy lifestyle and recreation programs	Matt Grassmayr - Manager Recreation, Events and Customer Services	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div>GREEN</div></div>	
Program Profile		Budget		YTD Budget		YTD Actual		YTD Variance
Recreation, Leisure and Events								
Linked Related Plan(s):								
Linked Action Filter(s):								
<div>Action Progress Comments</div> <div>Healthy Darwin</div> <div>Q3 saw the second half of the 2016/17 Wet Season Healthy Darwin Program.</div> <div>The Wet Season program during Q3 included;</div> <div><div><div>• 8 weekly subsidised activities:</div><div><div>• Zumba</div><div>• Kangatraining (baby wearing exercise class)</div><div>• Healthy Moves for Seniors</div><div>• Aqua Yoga</div><div>• Hatha Yoga</div><div>• Box Fit</div><div>• Belly Dancing</div><div>• Nuline Dancing</div><div>• 1 cooking workshop</div><div>• 1 market tour</div><div>• 2 adult learn to swim programs</div></div></div></div> <div>There were 97 new participants during the quarter; registrations for Healthy Darwin now total 837 people. Healthy Darwin Facebook page likes increased to 1420 a 36% increase from Q3 2015/16.</div> <div>Healthy Darwin provided support for 3 community organisations to hold healthy lifestyle events, including assistance with promotion and provision of smoothie bikes.</div>								
Last Updated - 13/04/2017								

Action	Responsibility	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	% Comp.	Target	Indicator	
2.3.5.2 Deliver City of Darwin annual major community events program	Matt Grassmayr - Manager Recreation, Events and Customer Services	In Progress	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	75%	75%		
Program Profile		Budget		YTD Budget		YTD Actual		YTD Variance
Recreation, Leisure and Events								
Linked Related Plan(s):								
Linked Action Filter(s):								
Action Progress Comments								
Q3 – During the quarter City of Darwin delivered two major community events:								
• 2017 Australia Day Flag Raising and Citizenship Ceremony								
• Bombing of Darwin 75th Anniversary Commemorative Program								
The Bombing of Darwin 75th Anniversary Commemorative Program included:								
•Bombing of Darwin Day AFLNT Round at TIO stadium								
•Veterans tour of Robertson Barracks								
•USS Peary Memorial Service								
•Bombing of Darwin Day Commemorative Service								
•Ecumenical Service at the Adelaide River War Cemetery								
•Veterans Harbour Cruises								
Last Updated - 13/04/2017								

# OPEN SECTION

C&CS/10

## Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting – Tuesday, 23 May 2017

### 11. INFORMATION ITEMS

#### 11.1 Notes Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee 8 March 2017

Document No. 3535520 (23/05/2017) Common No. 3535520

*The (item) is **Attachment A**.*

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### COMMITTEE'S DECISION

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority:-

THAT the Notes of the Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee held on the 8 March 2017, **Attachment A**, Document Number 3535520, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.21\()

(23/05/17)



**NOTES**  
**ACCESS & INCLUSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
 Wednesday, 8 March 2017  
 1.30pm – 3.00pm  
 Casuarina Library Meeting Room, Bradshaw Terrace

**1. PRESENT**

Deborah Bampton	Chairperson, Community Representative
Cassandra Jevdenijevic	Community Representative
Susan Burns	Specialist Representative, National Disability Services NT
Alderman Simon Niblock	City of Darwin
Nik Kleine	Specialist Representative, City of Darwin
City of Darwin Staff	
Katie Hearn	Manager Community Development
Lizzie Szegedi	Community Development Support Officer
Siobhan Tootsell	Communications and Marketing

**2. APOLOGIES**

Jennifer Harlock	Specialist Representative, Building Services Advisory
Sharon Tentye	Specialist Representative, COTA NT
Lynne Strathie	Community Representative
Julie Forrest-Davies	Community Representative
Alderman Robin Knox	City of Darwin

**3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Nil.

**4. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES 16 NOVEMBER 2016**

Previous meeting notes tabled. No endorsement required.

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES 16 NOVEMBER 2016**

Nil.

**6. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**6.1 Transportable Bathroom(s)**

- Katie provided historical overview and information re previous Committee consideration of a transportable bathroom.
- Committee support enhancing community events with the inclusion of accessible bathroom facilities however further information required.
- Committee identified that the Garden's Amphitheatre toilet facilities as requiring accessibility improvements.
- There may be possibility of subsidising provision of accessible bathroom facilities.



- Committee seek evidence on unmet need, number of events hosted without accessible facilities etc.
- Investigate hiring of accessible facilities.
- Cost/storage/subsidy.
- Nik would like out of session feedback on the new toilets in Civic Park.
- Accessible toilets need review.

<b>ACTION</b>	Coordinator Community Inclusion (CCI) to prepare briefing paper on accessible bathrooms for events including unmet need, complaint data, potential subsidy provision, costs, hiring etc.
<b>ACTION</b>	Committee members to provide feedback on Civic Park amenities to Nik
<b>ACTION</b>	Manager Capital Works (Nik) to follow up Garden's Amphitheatre Toilet facilities and determine possible scope for accessibility improvements.

## 6.2 All Inclusive Playground and Livvis Place

- All inclusive playgrounds are Australian Standard.
- <http://touchedbyolivia.com.au/what-we-do/livvisplace/>
- <http://www.mmm.org.au>
- MMM is a mission organisation operating throughout Australia and neighbouring countries providing design, building, maintenance and other practical services by professional trained volunteers. Projects include accessible play spaces.

<b>ACTION</b>	CCI to work with Disability Awareness Festival organisers to ensure programming at Anula Accessible playground.
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## 6.3 LGANT Presentations

- Chair provided an overview of the presentation she provided to the LGANT Community Services Reference Group about the work of the Committee.

<b>ACTION</b>	Chair to distribute copy of Jonathan Vaa's presentation.
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## 6.4 Committee Membership

- Two vacancies on Committee. Committee to proactively seek representation by young people.
- Julie and Debbie have contacted groups to recruit.

## 6.5 Disability Awareness Festival (DAF)

- Festival starts late August 2017.
- Debbie is Disability Awareness Festival Organising Committee Chair.
- Combine some arts festivals (Darwin).
- Discuss with Darwin Festival involvement.
- Utilising Council spaces as much as possible.
- Ideas for the Disability Awareness Festival program welcome.
- Disability Awareness meetings to commence every 3 weeks then monthly.
- Grand Fondo – inclusive 3 wheels trikes.

ACTION	CCI to schedule organising meetings for Disability Awareness Festival 3 weekly.
ACTION	Planning checklist for accessible events to be provided.

### 6.3 Members' Update

Manager Capital Works (Nik Kleine)

- Anula toilets update.
- Access audit: \$39,467 available.
- Committee recommend the allocation of remaining funds to improve/refurbish Anula amenities.
- Westralia Street, Stuart Park: accessible bays complete.
- Cavenagh Street: accessible bays complete.
- Albatross Street, Winnellie footpath complete.
- Esplanade needs to be reviewed in terms of accessible car parking spaces. Nik to review alternative space.

Alderman Niblock -

- IAD representative at Disability Awareness Festival.
- Demographics and data on people with disability for NT and municipality.
- Chair advised Australian Institute of Health, Welfare – disability data is well regarded.

### 7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Harmony Day 22 March 2017.

### 8. NEXT MEETING

10 May 2017 - 1.30pm to 3.00pm at the Casuarina Library Meeting Room.

### 9. MEETING CLOSED

### 2017 Meeting Dates

- Wednesday 12 July 2017
- Wednesday 13 September 2017
- Wednesday 8 November 2017

All meetings are from 1.30pm to 3.00pm at the Casuarina Library Meeting Room.

## OPEN SECTION

C&CS/11

### Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting – Tuesday, 23 May 2017

#### 11.2 Minutes Dili Sister City Advisory Committee 8 March 2017

Document No. 3535522 (23/05/2017) Common No. 3535522

*The (item) is **Attachment A**.*

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#### COMMITTEE'S DECISION

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority:-

THAT the Minutes of the Dili Sister City Advisory Committee held on the 8 March 2017, **Attachment A**, Document Number 3535522, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.21\()

(23/05/17)



## MINUTES DILI SISTER CITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday 8 March 2017, 5pm – 6pm  
Meeting Room 1, City of Darwin

### Meeting Opened 5pm

#### 1. Present

Jill Kuhn	Community representative (Chair)
Lynnette Bigg	Community representative
Lorraine Sushames	Community representative
Theresa Caldwell	Community representative
Alderman Gary Haslett	Elected Member
Alderman Bob Elix	Elected Member
Holly Pedersen	Sister Cities Project Officer (SCPO)

#### 2. Apologies

Rodney Illingworth, Peregrina (Rina) Maria Gusmau Amaral, Eligio (Gio) Gusmao Sequeira Belo, Luke Gosling.

#### 3. Previous Minutes 19 November 2016

Minutes of the meeting held on the 9 November 2016 were received and noted.

Moved: Alderman Haslett Seconded: Alderman Elix, carried

#### 4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes 9 November 2016

##### 4.1 Water Pump

- SCPO advised Committee that the water pump was unable to be sent at this time.
- Alderman Haslett advised he has credit for airfares he was unable to use in 2016 and plans to visit Dili in 2017. While in Timor-Leste he will deliver the water pump.
- Timor-Leste Consulate advised that it would take time to arrange the correct customs paperwork for the pump.
- National elections in March noted, therefore not a recommended time for travel to Dili. A visit in June was suggested. Alderman Haslett agreed. Dates to be decided.

<b>ACTION</b>	Collect water pump from Timor-Leste Consulate.	<b>SCPO</b>
<b>ACTION</b>	Arrange for correct customs paperwork to enter Dili with water pump.	<b>SCPO</b>
<b>ACTION</b>	Determine Alderman Haslett's dates to visit Dili.	<b>SCPO / Alderman Haslett</b>

## 4.2 Symbolic Gift Planning and Commissioning

*Community & Cultural Services Committee Decision (NO.21/5028)*

*That the Committee support the planning and procurement of a symbolic gift to mark the Declaration of Decentralisation and request that the Dili Sister City Advisory Committee develop a brief and implementation plan for the gift.*

- SCPO to identify gavel options, including online and report back to Committee. SCPO to work with the Arts and Cultural Development Coordinator to investigate options.
- Committee queried who the new Dili District Administrator and what implications, if any, this may have for the Darwin - Dili Sister City relationship.

<b>ACTION</b>	Progress symbolic gift options.	<b>SCPO</b>
<b>ACTION</b>	Seek details of new Administrator of Dili from Timor-Leste Consulate.	<b>SCPO</b>

## 4.3 Quiz4Dili update

- SCPO advised that the Youth Team are the key organisers of Quiz4Dili and the Team are aiming to hold the quiz at the end of May. Committee members are invited to attend planning meetings.

## 4.4 Dili & Darwin Youth Exchange

- SCPO advised future youth exchanges will be coordinated by the Youth Team, with SCPO support.

# 5. General Business

## 5.1 Harmony Day 2017

- SCPO provided a briefing on Harmony Day event on 22 March 2017.
- SCPO outlined the proposed program and Committee suggested entertainment acts from the Timorese community; contact information for Sister Euphemia provided.

## 5.2 Membership

- Committee discussed need for active attendance and seek review / follow up of inactive members.
- Committee noted memberships expire 30 June 2017, and CoD internal restructure including repositioning of Sister Cities to the City Futures Department.
- Committee discussed recruitment for future action.
- Lorraine Sushames is aware of a young person who would be an ideal candidate that is Timorese and a Northern Territory Government scholarship recipient at CDU.

<b>ACTION</b>	Follow up inactive Committee members.	<b>SCPO</b>
<b>ACTION</b>	Provide details of potential Committee member.	<b>Lorraine Sushames</b>



### 5.3 Sister Cities email address

- Committee enquired whether Sister Cities could establish a single email address for all Sister City correspondence to improve continuity.
- SCPO confirmed that [sistercitiesevents@darwin.nt.gov.au](mailto:sistercitiesevents@darwin.nt.gov.au) is in place.
- Committee suggested a single email address be created in alignment with restructure.

<b>ACTION</b>	Follow up email address.	<b>SCPO</b>
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### 5.4 Social media for Sister Cities

- Committee discussed scope for a Sister Cities Facebook page.
- It was agreed that links to personal accounts are not desirable.

<b>ACTION</b>	Follow up Facebook for Sister Cities committees / programs.	<b>SCPO</b>
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### 5.5 Dili Sister City Budget

- Jill Khun requested budget information and current spend status.

<b>ACTION</b>	Advise budget status.	<b>SCPO</b>
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### 5.6 Action for Change Foundation (ACF)

- Committee requested the detailed report indicated in previous minutes pertaining to the Dili Sister City Scoping Project undertaken by Cultural Partnerships Officer in 2016.
- SCPO advised no report was provided; however, there is a PowerPoint presentation.
- Lynne Bigg provided a verbal report on the Dili Sister City Scoping Project, including the positive impact of Community Art by Hannah Illingworth.
- Lynne Bigg informed Committee that ACF have, and teach, good IT skills.
- Committee discussed possibility of teaching via skype and noted internet limitations in Dili will impact capabilities to skill build online.

<b>ACTION</b>	Circulate the Dili Sister City Scoping Project PowerPoint presentation.	<b>SCPO</b>
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### 5.7 Waste Disposal Project Dili

- Committee discussed Dili waste skill building project and that it may not be likely to develop at this time.

## 6. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Date: Tuesday 10 May 2017  
Time: 4:30pm – 5.30pm  
Venue: Meeting Room 1, Civic Centre

**Meeting Closed 6pm**

## OPEN SECTION

C&CS/12

### Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting – Tuesday, 23 May 2017

#### **11.3 Minutes Haikou Sister City Advisory Committee 20 March 2017**

Document No. 3535523 (23/05/2017) Common No. 3535523

*The (item) is **Attachment A**.*

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#### COMMITTEE'S DECISION

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority:-

THAT the Minutes of the Haikou Sister City Advisory Committee held on the 20 March 2017, **Attachment A**, Document Number 3535523, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.21\()

(23/05/17)



## MINUTES HAIKOU SISTER CITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Monday, 20 March 2017 12.30pm – 1.30pm  
Interview Room 2, City of Darwin

### Meeting Opened 12.30pm

#### 1. Present

Phillip Rudd	Chair
Tim Hill	Community Member
Ping Lu	Community Member
Glynis Lee	Community Member
Alderman Justine Glover	Elected Member (by phone)
Mr Wang Hua	Observer
Joey Zhou	Observer
Holly Pedersen	Sister Cities Project Officer

#### 2. Apologies

Alderman Lambrinidis, Marnie Foster, Hannah Taino-Spick

#### 3. Declaration of Interest in any items on the agenda

Nil.

#### 4. Acceptance of Previous Minutes 2 December 2017

Glynis Lee's name incorrectly spelled.

Minutes of the meeting held on the 2 December 2016 were received and noted.

Moved: Phillip Rudd; Seconded: Ping Lu; Carried.

#### 5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes 2 December 2017

##### 5.1 Digital Art Pilot Project

- Committee requested a project status update with regard to the artist. SCPO advised that messages have been left with Naina Sen.
- Phase 1 is complete; Committee require a copy to show for non-commercial purposes and also to hold project information for continuity purposes.
- Committee advised that there may be an Arts NT grant available.
- Committee advised that process for engagement of artist at Haikou side is that Haikou Foreign Affairs Office will liaise with Hainan University who will select an artist via the School of Fine Arts.
- Committee to revisit existing project brief and discussed an MoU for screening rights.
- Chair advised Director General of Haikou Foreign Affairs is interested in the project. Chair to share film with Haikou Foreign Affairs.
- Ping Lu informed Committee he has translated the concept.

<b>ACTIONS</b>	Tim Hill and SCPO to coordinate an agenda and timeline for completion of the Digital Art Pilot Project.
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	Phillip Rudd, Ping Lu, and Mr Wang Hua to engage Haikou Foreign Affairs Office on the project .
	SCPO to include budget status on Committee Agendas.
	SCPO to liaise with artist.
	Tim Hill and SCPO to draft MoU for screening purposes.
	Chair to provide film URL to Hainan University and the Foreign Affairs Office.

## 6. General Business

### 6.1 Harmony Day 2017

- SCPO briefed Committee on Harmony Day event on 22 March 2017.

## 7. Other Business

### 7.1 City of Darwin organisational restructure

- SCPO advised of Council restructure and repositioning of Sister Cities to the City Futures Department.
- Chair commented on potential for program to include an economic focus.
- Committee discussed a possible future delegation to Haikou for an exchange of education, business and relationships; however Committee notes timing of CoD restructure and international relations repositioning.
- Committee reflected that the Sister Cities can provide a good platform to engage further with China, as China has a very active Sister Cities program within the business relationships / economic sphere.

### 7.2 Commonwealth Club Forum (Tim Hill)

- Attended the Commonwealth Club Forum which brought together leadership from NTG and the Commonwealth Government. Sister Cities provides a solid platform for building links with an economic component.

### 7.3 Confucius Institute (Wang Hua)

- Confucius Institute is establishing a Chinese Centre at Charles Darwin University. Local students can take Chinese language tests and apply for scholarships and summer or winter camps. A Confucius Classroom will be established at Woodroffe Primary School.

<b>ACTION</b>	Tim Hill to provide Commonwealth Club information at next meeting.
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### 7.4 Chinese New Year Greetings in the Newspaper

- Chair conveyed Committee thanks for the appropriate greetings in media.

### 7.5 Membership update

- Glynis Lee returning to Dili however can attend meetings via telephone.

<b>ACTION</b>	Glynis Lee to provide contact details to SCPO.
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### **7.6 Sanderson Middle School delegation to China**

- Alderman Glover informed Committee that Sanderson Middle School and some NT Department of Education staff members are sending a delegation to China as part of their Sister Schools program. Committee discussed the need for reciprocal relationships, involvement of Confucius Institute, and an economic imperative.

<b>ACTION</b>	Alderman Glover to provide details of delegation.
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### **7.7 Boao Forum for Asia**

- Mr Wang Hua informed Committee of the annual Boao Forum for Asia which is very well attended by international business executives, political leaders and a large Australian delegation in 2016.

## **8. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Date: Monday 15 May 2017  
Time: 12:30pm  
Venue: Interview Room 2, Civic Centre

**Meeting Closed - 1.35pm**



## OPEN SECTION

C&CS/13

### Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting – Tuesday, 23 May 2017

#### 11.4 Minutes Ambon Sister City Advisory Committee 21 March 2017

Document No. 3535524 (23/05/2017) Common No. 3535524

*The (item) is **Attachment A**.*

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#### COMMITTEE'S DECISION

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority:-

THAT the Minutes of the Ambon Sister City Advisory Committee held on the 21 March 2017, **Attachment A**, Document Number 3535524, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.21\()

(23/05/17)



## MINUTES AMBON SISTER CITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, 21 March 2017, 5pm – 6pm  
Council Chambers, City of Darwin

### Meeting Opened

#### 1. Present

Rick Setter	Chair - Community Representative
Jherry Matahelumual	Community Representative
Nafisyah Mukhlis	Community Representatives
Alderman Gary Haslett	Elected Member
Alderman Robin Knox	Elected Member
Ryan Andriani	Observer
Shena Damayanti	Observer
Holly Pedersen	Sister Cities Project Officer (SCPO)

#### 2. Apologies

Judy Miller, Christine Silvester

#### 3. Acceptance of Previous Minutes 17 November 2016

Minutes of the meeting held on the 17 November 2016 were received and noted.

Moved: Rick Setter, Seconded: Gary Haslett, Carried

#### 4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes 17 November 2016

##### 4.1. CDU Sculpture Garden

- Chair has obtained a quote for bronze plaque. Cost estimate is \$300-\$400.
- Words for plaque to be drafted.

<b>ACTION</b>	CHAIR and SCPO to draft plaque wording
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##### 4.2. Reciprocal Student Teacher Exchange – SMA 5, Kormilda College

- Exchange is of 3 weeks duration per MoU.
- Kormilda College proposed that exchanges occur consecutively.
- Chair confirmed May Ririhena is exchange coordinator on Ambon side.
  - Ambon delegation to Darwin 31 July 2017 – 21 August 2017
  - Darwin delegation to Ambon 21 August 2017 – 11 September 2017
- Chair advised responsibility for education has been transferred from local government to the provincial government.

- Jherry Matahelumual advised exchange arrangements may transfer from the City level.

<b>ACTION</b>	SCPO to finalise draft letters to May Ririhena and SMAN 5
	SCPO to advise funding arrangements
	Chair to provide updated Ambon contacts
	Jherry Matahelumual to confirm details of Ambon governmental changes and advise who needs to be informed in Ambon

#### **4.3. Darwin to Ambon Yacht Race**

- Item removed from agenda; Chair to provide a separate briefing outside of Committee meeting.

### **5. General Business**

#### **5.1 Harmony Day**

- Event scheduled for 22 March 2017. All Committee members very welcome to participate.
- Committee expressed pleasure that the Indonesian Consulate Choir will be performing traditional Ambonese songs at the event.

### **6. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Date: Thursday 11 May 2017  
Time: 5pm-6pm  
Venue: Meeting Room 1, Civic Centre

**Meeting Closed - 5:30pm**

## OPEN SECTION

C&CS/14

Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting – Tuesday, 23 May 2017

**11.5 Draft Minutes Bombing of Darwin and Military History Advisory Committee 19 April 2017**

Document No. 3535558 (23/05/2017) Common No. 3535558

*The (item) is **Attachment A**.*

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COMMITTEE'S DECISION

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority:-

THAT the Draft Minutes of the Bombing of Darwin and Military History Advisory Committee held on the 19 April 2017, **Attachment A**, Document Number 3535558, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.21\() (23/05/17)



**DRAFT MINUTES  
BOMBING OF DARWIN & MILITARY  
HISTORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
2.00 - 3.00 pm, Wednesday 19 April 2017  
Meeting Room 1, City of Darwin**

**1. PRESENT**

Ms Katrina Fong Lim  
Alderman Gary Haslett  
Mr Stephen Gloster  
Mr Norm Cramp  
Ms Meg Cotter

Ms Darlene Lion  
Mr Mark Blackburn  
Ms Anna Malgorzewicz

Bernard McNamara  
Chap Daniel Hynes  
Captain Jason Hunter  
Vaughan King  
Ms Kylie Salisbury  
Mrs Karen Long

The Right Worshipful, The Lord Mayor (Chair)

RSL  
Darwin Military Museum Manager  
Tourism NT Trade and Industry Marketing  
Executive  
Arts and Museums  
City of Darwin Executive Manager  
City of Darwin General Manager Community &  
Cultural Services  
Defence  
Defence  
Defence  
Defence  
Community Events Coordinator  
Executive Assistant

**2. APOLOGIES**

Mr Trevor Cox  
Mr Tony Simons  
Mr Lance Johnson

Mr Hugo Leschen  
Major Len Darragh

Tourism Top End General Manager  
Aviation Historical Society of the NT President  
Department of Veterans' Affairs A/Deputy  
Commissioner NT  
Arts and Museums Division Executive Director  
Defence

**3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Nil

**4. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES 8 FEBRUARY 2017**

The minutes of the meeting of the 8 February 2017 were received as a true and accurate record.

Gloster/Blackburn, carried

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES 8 FEBRUARY 2017**

Nil.



## 6. GENERAL BUSINESS

### 6.1 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin Day 2017

Kylie Salisbury provided a verbal summary of the activities and commemorative service –

- A successful program of activities and commemorative service on the 19 February.
- Local and national coverage was significant.
- Positive feedback from dignitaries and attendees.
- Numerous letters and emails have been received thanking the City of Darwin and various staff.
- Feedback from attendees and stakeholders will be undertaken.

Kylie conveyed her thanks to Defence – timing was spot on, staff cooperative and accommodating.

The Lord Mayor polled Committee members' for feedback. The following comments were provided –

- It was the best service to date, the wreath laying section went very well.
- Seating far too close, needs to be a little more space between the rows.
- It was a fabulous commemorative service.
- All feedback the Darwin Military Museum received on the service has been positive. Also, positive comments on the USS Peary commemorative service.
- Lord Mayor queried if there was an increase in visitation. Tourism NT's summary provided in the Members' Update. Darwin Military Museum responded visitor numbers increased.
- The Governor General Sir Peter Gosgrove and Mrs Gosgrove visited the Darwin Military Museum.
- Expectations for the future are going to be a challenge.
- Last minute changes impact on arrangements e.g. wreath laying order of precedence.
- City of Darwin will undertake a survey and a report will be presented to the next Bombing of Darwin and Military History Advisory Committee for consideration.
- There were a number of issues in the lead up and during the event in particular the invitation only events.

Defence conveyed their thanks to Kylie – always available and responsive.

## 6.2 Incoming Email – Gunner the Kelpie’s contribution to Darwin during the bombing raids

Anna Malgorzewicz spoke to this item.

Committee agreed that a letter be forwarded to Ms Lynn Wells notifying her that the Darwin Military Museum is the most appropriate organisation to assist with promoting Gunner’s contribution during the bombing raids on Darwin.

Action – Anna Malgorzewicz

## 6.3 Members’ Update

### **Stephen Gloster, RSL**

- Anzac Day times – 6.00 am Dawn Service at the Darwin Cenotaph.
- New design of the Cenotaph will be available next week.

### **Vaughan King, Defence**

- Other Anzac Day commemorations –
  - 7.30 am Anzac Mass at St Mary’s Cathedral
  - 9.00 am Parade will march from the Esplanade along Knuckey Street to Cavenagh Street.
  - 6.00 am Dawn Services at North Darwin RSL, Palmerston and Humpty Doo.
- A small contingent from HMAS *Darwin* will march in the Parade.

Kylie Salisbury advised of the temporary road closure for the Dawn Service - The Esplanade from Knuckey and Herbert Streets 5.00 am to 7.00 am. Only vehicles with passes can access the Cenotaph via the checkpoint on Smith Street. Other temporary road closures information is available on the City of Darwin website.

### **Lord Mayor**

- Will be serving free coffee and tea on Anzac morning for Defence personnel in uniform at Salvatore’s.

### **Tourism NT, Meg Cotter**

- Tabled two documents regarding military heritage campaigns. Documents will be distributed with the minutes.
- Update provided on media results for Military Heritage campaign. Will be distributed with the minutes.

### **Alderman Gary Haslett**

- Battle of the Coral Sea service, USS Peary, 8.00 am, 7 May 2017.

**City of Darwin, Anna Malgorzewicz**

- HMAS *Darwin* will exercise the Right of Freedom of Entry on the 4 November 2017.
- Lord Mayor will write to the Minister for Defence, Senator the Hon Marise Payne and the Chief of the Navy, Vice Admiral Tim Barret AO, CSC, RAN, requesting that they consider gifting HMAS *Darwin* or an element of it to the City.

**7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Nil.

**8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Date: 21 June 2017

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: Meeting Room 1

**2017 Meeting Dates**

16 August 2017

18 October 2017

6 December 2017

**9. MEETING CLOSED - 2.50 pm**

*Note for next meeting* – Alderman Gary Haslett will be an apology.

## OPEN SECTION

C&CS/15

### Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting – Tuesday, 23 May 2017

#### 11.6 Minutes Youth Advisory Committee 4 May 2017

Document No. 3535521 (23/05/2017) Common No. 3535521

*The (item) is **Attachment A**.*

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#### COMMITTEE'S DECISION

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority:-

THAT the Minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee held on the 4 May 2017, **Attachment A**, Document Number 3535521, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.21\()

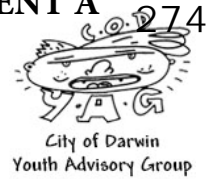
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# MINUTES YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, 4 May 2017

5.30pm – 7.30pm  
Function Area, Civic Centre



## 1. MEETING OPENED

The regular meeting of the Youth Advisory Committee was opened at 5.30pm by chair Richelle Hedstrom.

## 2. PRESENT

Katrina Fong Lim	Lord Mayor of Darwin
Alderman George Lambrinidis	Elected Member
Richelle Hedstrom	Youth Engagement Coordinator
Alicia Kent	Youth Services Trainee
Hannah Illingworth	YAC Member
Kyaw (John) Naing	YAC Member
Emily Ford	YAC Member
Kailey Coble	YAC Member
Rebecca Jennings	YAC Member
Cassie Wright	YAC Observer
Dawyte Clancy	YAC Observer
Dorothy Fauls	NT Legal Aid Commission
Paige Burton	UN Australia Youth Representative
Sage Walle	UN Youth NT Liason Officer
Chris Teng	UN Youth NT President

## 3. APOLOGIES

Jonathon McDonald	YAC Member
Tenneil Ross	YAC Member
Emmanuel Klemis	YAC Member

## 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Youth Advisory Committee did not reach quorum at the April meeting (National Youth Week) so the formal meeting did not proceed.

### 4.1 Welcome Observers

Youth Advisory Committee welcomed two new observers to the meeting.



## **4.2 Welcome Guests**

Youth Advisory Committee welcomed five guests to the meeting, including the Lord Mayor Katrina Fong Lim, UN Australia Youth Representative Paige Burton, UN Youth NT President and Liason Officer, Chris Teng and Sage Walle, and Dorothy Fauls from NT Legal Aid Commission.

## **5. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **5.1 Paige Burton, Un Youth Australia Representative**

Youth Advisory Committee Members heard from Paige Burton, the Australian Youth representative for the United Nations. Paige is undertaking a road trip around Australia to find out more about issues impacting young people, and will be presenting findings at the 2017 UN Convention in New York. Issues of concern discussed included crime, biosecurity, housing and education.

#### **Actions**

- Paige requested YAC Members complete a two page survey about issues impacting young people in Australia.
- Paige will provide an electronic copy for City of Darwin Youth Services to distribute to the community.

### **5.2 NT Legal Aid Commission Consultation**

Dorothy Fauls from the NT Legal Aid Commission consulted with Youth Advisory Committee members and observers regarding a resource the Commission provide young people regarding the law and their rights. The consultation focused on whether Members were familiar with the resource, the appropriateness of the content and design, whether it was useful and any suggestions for improvement.

#### **Actions**

- Dorothy will return to Youth Advisory Committee for further consultation and to provide an update regarding outcomes of the consultation.

### **5.3 QUIZFORDILI Planning Update**

Youth Advisory Committee members discussed plans for the Quiz 4 Dili fundraising night and decided a working group meeting was required to complete arrangements.

#### **Actions**

- Members will meet again Monday 8 May 2017 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm to finalise details and complete key tasks.

#### **5.4 Casuarina Square Volunteering/Fundraising Opportunity**

Youth Trainee provided information about an opportunity for community groups to raise funds by volunteering at Casuarina Square, assisting less mobile shoppers to navigate while some work is carried out at the Centre. It may be an opportunity to provide service to the local community while raising funds for Action for Change Foundation.

##### **Actions**

- Youth Trainee will find out more about commitment of hours and potential return and provide details to Quiz 4 Dili working group.

#### **6. MEETING CLOSED - 7.40PM**

#### **7. NEXT YAC MEETING SCHEDULED**

Thursday 1 June 2017

5.30pm – 7.30pm

Council Meeting Room 1 - Upstairs Council Civic Centre

Contact Person: Youth Engagement Coordinator on 0422 362 767

# OPEN SECTION

C&CS/16

## Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting – Tuesday, 23 May 2017

### 12. GENERAL BUSINESS

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### 13. CLOSURE OF MEETING