Business Papers

Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting

Monday, 18 August 2014
5:00pm
To the Lord Mayor and Aldermen

You are invited to attend a Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting to be held in the Council Chambers, Level 1, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin, on Monday, 18 August 2014, commencing at 5.00 pm.

B P DOWD
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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OPEN SECTION

CITY OF DARWIN

COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 18 AUGUST 2014

MEMBERS: Member K J Worden (Chairman); The Right Worshipful, The Lord Mayor, Ms K M Fong Lim; Member J M Anictomatis; Member G Lambrinidis; Member A R Mitchell.

OFFICERS: Chief Executive Officer, Mr B Dowd; Acting General Manager Community & Cultural Services, Ms A Malgorzewicz; Manager Community Development, Ms K Hearn; Manager Liveability Mr M Grassmyr; Executive Assistant, Ms A Smit.

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Committee’s Responsibilities

* Recreation & Leisure
* Family and Children Services
* Sister Cities
* Libraries
* Cultural Services
* Animal Management
* Regulatory Services
* Liquor Licences
* Youth Services

THAT effective as of 16 April 2012 I, 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 matters within the approved budget.

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1. MEETING DECLARED OPEN

2. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

2.1 Apologies

2.2 Leave of Absence Granted

A. THAT it be noted Member G Lambrinidis is an apology due to a Leave of Absence previously granted on 15 July 2014, for the period 3 August 2014 to 14 September 2014.

B. THAT it be noted Member A R Mitchell is an apology due to a Leave of Absence previously granted on 29 July 2014, for the period 16 August 2014 to 19 August 2014.

DECISION NO. 21\() (18/08/14)

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

4. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

5. WITHDRAWAL OF ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

() COMMITTEE’S DECISION

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority that all Information Items and Officers Reports to the Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting held on Monday, 18 August, 2014, be received and considered individually.

DECISION NO. 21\() (18/08/14)
6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES PERTAINING TO THE PREVIOUS COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES MEETING

() COMMITTEE’S DECISION

THAT the Committee resolve that the minutes of the previous Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting held on Monday, 21 July, 2014, tabled by the Chairman, be received and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

DECISION NO.21\() (18/08/14)

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES PERTAINING TO THE PREVIOUS COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

7.1 Business Arising
Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of activities within the Cultural & Community Services portfolio and selected projects. Each Officer within the Community Development Team has prepared their own sections to apprise Council of operational activities during April, May and June 2014.

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

- Disability Services
- Youth Services
- Arts and Cultural Development
- Family and Children’s Services
- Sister Cities
- Recreation Services
- Healthy Darwin
- Major Events
RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority:-

THAT Report Number 14C0069 HB:rv entitled Community Development Team Update – April, May and June 2014, be received and noted.

BACKGROUND

Team update reports are provided to apprise Council of operational activities across the key portfolios.

DISCUSSION

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY SERVICES (CSO)

The Community Services Officer has carriage of disability services, community grants, seniors and community development activities.

Disability Advisory Committee

The Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) met on 1 May 2014, the recommendations to Council included; improvement to access issues at East Point Reserve, purchase of accessible matting, call for a report on disability parking in the CBD and investigating access at Darwin cinemas.

Nominations for the next two year term of the Disability Advisory Committee from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2016 were invited on 12 April and closed on 9 May. Ten community representatives and four specialist positions were endorsed by Council in the June round of meetings. Capacity building workshops are scheduled for September for all Committee members to attend to learn about the role and function of the Committees, working effectively as a Committee, Council processes and Council’s strategic planning and direction.

Peter Mahony - NT Volunteer of the Year Award and Naming of Fishing Platform

CSO completed an award submission to nominate Peter Mahony for the NT Volunteer of the Year Awards for the category 2014 Chief Minister’s Medal for Volunteering Service. Peter was delighted to be announced as the winner at the presentation on 12 May. Sadly, Peter passed away the following week on 19 May.

CSO completed a submission to the Place Names Committee of the NT to request the naming of the Rapid Creek fishing platform to the ‘Peter Mahony Fishing Platform’. Peter was instrumental in advocating for the construction of the fishing platform which is designed specifically for wheelchair access. The naming of the platform would be in recognition of the significant contribution Peter made to the
community and in particular in getting this platform constructed. The Place Names Committee next meets in August to consider submissions.

**Community Grants**

City of Darwin’s Community Grants Program provides funding for projects that directly benefit the Darwin community. Each year Council allocates $100,000 for community projects and $50,000 for community based climate change and environment projects. The first round of the 2014/15 Community Grants program opened on 1 March and submissions closed on the 4 April 2014. There were twelve [12] community projects approved for funding to the total value of $59,275.00 and eleven [11] climate change and environment projects to the total value of $49,520.00.

**Cyclone Tracy 40th Anniversary Community Grants**

The City of Darwin allocated $40,000 to the Cyclone Tracy 40th Anniversary Commemoration Community Grants Program. There are two tiers of funding in the Grants Program, Tier 1: Community Commemorative Grants – up to $1,000 and Tier 2: Major Commemorative Grants $1,001 to $5,000. Applications opened on 3 May and closed on 13 June. There were three applications received for Tier 1 and seven applications received for Tier 2 grants for a total requested value of $31,349.00. Recommendations were presented to Council in the July round of meetings.

**Disability Awareness Week 2014 (DAW 2014)**

CSO chaired the first planning meeting for DAW 2014 in April. The planning group comprises representatives from Council, community organisations, people with disability, carers and the NT and Australian Government Departments. DAW is a week long program designed to highlight the achievements of people with disability and the positive contributions they make to the Darwin community. This year DAW will be celebrated from 1 to 7 September. The Committee decided on the DAW 2014 theme; *Choice Control Connect*. This theme was chosen in support of the NDIS which is being rolled out in the Barkly Region this year. The program of events includes; DAW Official Opening, Sailability, a community forum, Happiness and Wellbeing Markets, Rehabilitation Services Open Day, Deckchair Cinema night screening The Crash Reel, Art Exhibition, Autism and Disability Inclusion Playday, CemeNTstars theatre performance and IDA Quiz Night.

**National Disability Services NT Regional Forum**

NDS NT hold an annual regional forum for disability service providers to discuss current issues. The forum is being held on Thursday 24 July and CSO will be attending and holding a stall to promote the disability services provided by Council, including; the Disability Advisory Committee, Community Access Plan, Seniors and Disability Services Directory, Recharge Scheme, the Liberty Swings and pool hoists, and Disability Awareness Week.
YOUTH PROJECTS

LAUNCH @ Youth Week

LAUNCH @ Youth Week ran from 9 – 11 April at Brown’s Mart and Happy Yess and is the only event of its type in the Northern Territory. Key aspects of the event are outlined below:

- Youth Homelessness Matters Couch Surfing Race on Upper Smith St with a program of music in Civic Park.
- Battle of the School Bands brought together 12 groups and individuals selected from across the NT to compete in 2014 with the winner going on to play at Bass in the Grass.
- 2Dimesional Life of Her, a theatre work that engaged four young people in the setup, design and performance of an internationally renowned work.
- Saltwater Divas a three-day workshop program with MusicNT for first time female Indigenous songwriter culminating in a showcase performance.

LAUNCH @ Youth Week was delivered by six LAUNCH Coordinators who undertook a twelve week training program in event management in the lead up to youth week. Key achievements of the LAUNCH Coordinators include:

- Engaged and worked with local community youth organisations partners including Anglicare, CatholicCareNT, YWCA, Corrugated Iron Youth Arts, Melaleuca Refugee Centre, Headspace, Red Cross, NT School of Music, Mission Australia, MusicNT, Top End Comedy and Youth Round Table.
- Presented the work of 121 Australian artists over three days compared to 150 over four in 2013. 108 of the artists were Darwin based and aged between the ages of 12 – 25 years old.
- Programmed 35 participatory activities for young people and 52 activities and events overall. Engaged 1250 audience members and workshop participants to youth culture in Darwin.
- Sport Taster: a suite of taste test sport opportunities for young people in Civic Park.
- Top End Comedy first time classes followed by showcase of newly born comedic talent.

**LAUNCH @ Barunga**

On 6-9 June 2014 The City of Darwin and Skinny Fish Music, provided an exciting opportunity for two LAUNCH coordinators to be mentored intensively by music industry professionals over a three day period at the much loved Barunga Festival. Both LAUNCH Coordinators have worked solidly and reliably for the City of Darwin for over a year in LAUNCH @ Youth Week, LAUNCH Pop Up, and LAUNCH @ Bagot events. Both have demonstrated strong capacity and ability to represent City of Darwin’s LAUNCH program and to also maintain and manage Council’s Gig Gear and stage equipment.

The two coordinators were mentored in areas of production management, stage, sound and lighting. Barunga Festival is one of the Territory’s pre-eminent community, cultural, and music events held annually over the month of June.

The training was a great success, with Skinny Fish music praising both coordinators for their willingness to learn and engage in hard work. This training and future mentoring sessions will continue to build the capacity of LAUNCH Coordinators to learn and practice high level production management to benefit future City of Darwin youth events such as Launch @ Bagot and Launch @ Youth Week. Other anticipated outcomes include:

- Increased capacity to up skill and mentor peers to coordinate production management and event resource maintenance for City of Darwin Resources and Events.
- Lead production management and peer mentoring activities at key community events.
- Build capacity to maintain and check City of Darwin’s Gig Gear equipment and resources as it is hired out to Community and to up skill others in this area also.

**Talented Young Things Artist Bank**

The Talented Young Things page on the LAUNCH website is up and running and aims to be a Youth Skills database for the Darwin community. It showcases young people with diverse skills and talents to offer. Anyone from the community wishing to hire/engage them can view their profiles and access their skills. This is the modern, re-vamped interpretation of the Youth Arts Bank idea previously recommended by YAG in 2011. Currently there are over 50 young artists included in the directory as well as full profiles of all YAG members. The website can be found at the following address: http://www.launchdarwin.com.au/talented-young-things-2/.
YAG Function: UN Youth NT Road Trip Reception
The Australian Youth Representative to the United Nations visited Darwin 29 April for the UN Youth NT Road Trip. The Australian Youth Representative to the UN is a role appointed annually by UN Youth Australia in partnership with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Running since 1999, the Youth Representative holds an extensive, nationwide consultation tour to engage with and discover the issues that are most important to young Australians. They take those views to the United Nations in New York as part of the Australian mission in October each year.

City of Darwin Youth Advisory Group in partnership with UN Youth Northern Territory, held a reception in Council Chambers to welcome Laura John, the Australian Youth Representative to the UN and to have her meet other key representatives from a variety of different youth organisations, Ministers and of course, the Lord Mayor. YAG did a fantastic job, hosting the event and providing input and perspectives of the state/situation of Darwin’s youth population. The function was attended by over 10 youth service organisations and enabled constructive discussion to take place about important issues impacting on young people of Darwin.

ARTS & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee (ACDAC)
The Committee held a Meeting 17 April and 19 June 2014. Both meetings failed to reach a quorum therefore no minutes have been presented to Council.

Committee membership is currently under review to ensure improved representation and attendance.

The Public Art Commission project brief and allocation was endorsed by the ACDAC Committee in an out of round decision (June) reaching majority support. The Committee agreed to the formation of a Public Art Panel comprising a membership of skilled individuals with experience in public art, urban design, architecture and community led public art commissions to better inform decisions relating to Public Art and its development. ACDAC requested the Coordinator to draft Terms of Reference for the Public Art Panel which will be reported on in the next quarterly report.

The Public Art Commission project brief was presented to the Community and Cultural Services Committee (CSS) in a report dated 16 June 2014, Report No. 14C0052 SC:rv which was endorsed and noted.
Community Art Space
Exhibitions: April/May/June

11 April – 2 May 2014 Tracks Dance ‘Our Company is our Community’ Exhibition: A celebration of 25 years for the Company included a selection of posters created over the years depicting a who’s who of dance in Darwin. The launch and opening night included a pop up dance mob performance. The event attracted an attendance of over 100.

8 May – 6 June 2014 TEAMhealth ‘Beyond the Day to Day’ Exhibition: Featuring works created by artists who participate in the Day to Day Living Program run by Top End Association for Mental Health (TEAMhealth). The event attracted approximately 30 people.

Bookings for July and August exhibitions were cancelled by event organisers due to difficulty in working with their respective groups and attendance in classes. The two groups were Batchelor visual art students and an informal group facilitated by a local artist from Groote and Elcho Islands.

Bookings are held for the remainder of the year, but a review is being undertaken and cost/benefit analysis to determine the best use of arts and cultural development budget funds, arts development and our ability to achieve outcomes as highlighted in the Five Year Plan 2013-2018. There is anecdotal evidence that alternative models of arts development are sought from the sector.

Street Art
The Coordinator Arts and Cultural Development has met with key stakeholders including independent artists, art warehouse, businesses and internal staff to discuss the potential delivery of a program.

The street art program together with all public art initiatives will be directed to the Public Art Panel for further discussion, review and implementation. With input from the Public Art Panel a framework with options will be presented to ACDAC for consideration before a report to Council.

Civic Park Cultural Usage Plan
Council has endorsed the Civic Park Cultural Usage Plan as a framework to guide the future development of Civic Park as a cultural venue.

The Plan and how it may start to be implemented within current budget allocations was raised at the 19 June ACDAC Meeting. Follow up to source a budget allocation was undertaken by the General Manager, Community and Cultural Services without success.

This matter is ongoing due to change of staff and familiarisation with the project. An informal meeting and discussion has been arranged for ACDAC members to have input into a way forward and to identify the linkage to the CBD Masterplan.
Public Art
Temporary and Permanent Public Art Commission guidelines/project briefs and communication plan drafted.

**East Point Reserve Entrance**
Fabrication of the artwork is close to completion, currently in Brisbane. The project manager, artist and fabricator working on integrated lighting for the sculpture; resolved that due to technical difficulties in housing the lighting cables within the sculpture a decision was made to utilize high quality up lighting as the best solution which will be installed in the platform base.

The project manager has provided an update on timelines and budget to date. The Coordinator Arts and Cultural Development held meetings with internal staff to identify key stages for the communication strategy and Parks involvement. Meetings have also been held with Cloustons who will be sub contracted to project manage the installation including development of the platform which will house the artwork. The installation date is currently on track for end of August, early September 2014.

**Cultural Village Poles**
An appropriate location for installation of ten carved wooden poles held in custodianship by Council for the Cultural Village of the NT Association (now defunct) continues to be sought.

Contact made with the Botanic Gardens staff and meeting held in May with the Director Botanic Gardens to determine their continued interest and involvement. The Director visited the stored poles to ascertain whether they would be suitable for the Gardens.

The Director is interested, however a suitable site has not been identified and no firm commitment, in writing, from the Gardens to accept the poles has been given after a number of attempts.

Follow up options will be presented to the Public Art Panel to resolve this issue including alternative options and sites.

**Public Art Plan**
The ACDAC Committee was presented with a draft Public Art Plan. The Plan is to be used as a working document to prioritize implementation of current initiatives, address maintenance of public art and budget requirements, as well as identifying opportunities for future development.

The draft Public Art Plan will be presented to the Public Art Panel at their first meeting to discuss priorities, assess applications for public art commissions and identify program development that meets the expectations of the Public Art Masterplan, Public Art Guidelines and public art policy direction of Council.
National Local Government Cultural Forum
Further meetings held, the last being in Brisbane 18 & 19 March 2014. General Manager Community and Cultural Services attended.

Discussions included continued response and contribution to the National Arts and Cultural Accord, the role of national peak arts organisations vis-a-vis the National Cultural Forum, local government data and cultural indicators, the use and management of arts infrastructure by local government, and case studies showcasing best practice.

Items flagged for future discussion include digital technology in the arts, marketing and communications in a local government context, and library resources and the changing nature of libraries which align with key priorities in the City of Darwin Five Year Arts Plan 2013-2018.

Next meeting is scheduled for Darwin 7 & 8 October 2014. The City of Darwin will be host to Hon. Fred Chaney as facilitator for the Forum, Arts and Culture Capital City representatives; Australian Local Government Association leaders in each state and territory; Australia Council for the Arts Directors; Cultural Development Network Director and Manager. The Forum will be held at Civic Centre over two days.

Recycled Arts Festival 2015
The Coordinator Arts and Cultural Development is researching and developing opportunities for partnerships and grants in the development of the 2015 program.

FAMILY & CHILDREN’S SERVICES

The Family & Children’s Services Coordinator (FCSC) manages Council’s Community and Child Care Centres, the Fun Bus, Fun in the Parks, special projects and facilitates the school civics program.

Child Care Centres
Council sponsors seven Child Care Centres in the provision and maintenance of the buildings. In May, FCSC facilitated a meeting with centre Directors to discuss building maintenance, lease agreement and sharing information.

Fun Bus
The Fun Bus continues to provide high quality mobile play group services for children 0 to 5 years, their parents and carers. The Fun Bus operates weekdays 9.30am to 11.30am at the following venues during April to June:

- Monday: Bagot Community, Ludmilla 41 children/27 Adults
- Tuesday: Wanguri Park, Wanguri 666 children/453 Adults
- Wednesday: Water Gardens, Jingili 1,263 children/842 Adults
- Thursday: Yanyula Park, Anula 938 children/614 Adults
- Friday: Civic Park, Darwin 753 children/517 Adults
FCSC commenced planning for the Fun Bus 25 year Anniversary Celebration. A meeting was held on 15 May at Casuarina Library, open to the community and Council staff to share their ideas, information and plan for the event.

In May one Children’s Services trainee resigned and a new trainee commenced 27 May for a 6 months traineeship. The candidate was sourced through Karen Sheldon Training & Development and Aboriginal Employment Strategy Ltd (AES). The three Children’s Services trainees are currently training at Bachelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and due to complete their Certificate III in Children’s Services in November 2014.

The Fun Bus program attended the World Refugee Day at Marrara 14 June and provided activities. Council received positive feedback from Melaleuca Refugee Centre and families for the children’s activities provided.

On Friday 27 June the Fun Bus program provided children’s activities during a cultural and linguistic diversity (CALD) parent group at the Multicultural Council NT in Malak.

**Fun in the Parks**
Council’s Fun in the Parks is a school holiday program focused on primary school aged children. The program operates from 10.00am to 12.30pm every Monday, Wednesday and Friday of school holidays.

The June / July four week school holiday program began on Monday 23 June.

- 23 June Monday: Sunset Park, 77 children/36 Adults
- 26 June Wednesday: Mindil Beach, 78 children/33 Adults
- 28 June Friday: Yanyula Park, 97 children/47 Adults

The Fun in the Parks program attended the Council’s FREEPS for Sea Breeze Festival.

**In kind support**
The Fun and Games In-kind Support program supported:

- **April**: three (3) community events, Anglicare NT for young parent group, LAUNCH National Youth Week and Darwin North RSL.
- **May**: five (5) community events, Tropical Garden Spectacular, FREEPS – Sea Breeze Festival, CDU Student Association and Council event – opening of Young Park and Serco Immigration Service – family event
- **June**: three (3) community events, Melaleuca Refugee Centre for World Refugee Day, Fun in the Park – Council school holiday program and Council for Aboriginal Alcohol Program Services – Open day event 30th Anniversary.
National Families Week
A Family Fun morning was held on Thursday 15 May at Yanyula Park to celebrate National Families Week. This year’s theme is ‘Stronger Families, Stronger Communities’. This year’s theme highlights the important role families' play as the central building block of our communities and that community wellbeing is enhanced by family wellbeing.

The Fun Bus in partnership with Royal Life Saving Society NT Branch, Early Childhood Australia NT Branch, Darwin Toy Library, Resolve –Anglicare NT and Relationships Australia Northern Territory provided activities for the whole family. Positive feedback has been received from families and participating organisations.

National Reconciliation Week
National Reconciliation Week is celebrated across Australia each year between 27 May and 3 June. The Fun Bus hosted a week long program of multicultural arts and craft activities including, weaving, dot painting, storytelling and music. Leslie Gordon and Auntie Margie from Larrakia Nation shared Aboriginal stories, named animals in their language and provided beading and painting activity. Positive feedback was received for the special activities.

School Civic Visits
Council facilitates School Civic Visits for Primary School as well as Middle School students to assist teachers to meet their curriculum requirements in the area of Governance. Various Council staff attends as ‘guest speakers’ to meet a specific class requirement.

In May, two Year 5/6 groups, of forty five (45) students from St Mary’s Primary School attended the Civic Centre after visiting Parliament House earlier in the morning.

Lee Point Development
FCSC was invited to attend a workshop on 19 June to share ideas and views about innovative models for community infrastructure including multipurpose or co-located facilities/services in relation to potential community infrastructure for the Lee Point Road Precinct.
SISTER CITIES PROGRAM

Ambon
Plans are progressing for the reciprocal student exchange between Kormilda College and SMA Negeri 5 Ambon. Kormilda College will host two students and a teacher 15 August – 4 September 2014 and SMA Negeri 5 Ambon will host students and a teacher from Kormilda in September.

The Ambon Night Planning Committee is finalising details for the Ambon Night which will be held 21 August 2014. This year Council will also celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Darwin signing of the Darwin and Ambon Sister City agreement at a reception for past and present Darwin to Ambon Yacht Race participants and Ambon Committee members. The Mayor of Ambon and the Governor of Maluku plan to visit Darwin for the race start and associated celebrations.

Anchorage
The Anchorage Sister City Community Committee is currently in the process of planning the 2014 Halloween community event planned for Saturday 25 October.

Dili
His Excellency Secretary of State for State Administration, Dr Tomas Rosario da Cabral, visited Darwin in July to sign an interim agreement between City of Darwin and the Central Government of Timor-Leste. The agreement outlines communication protocols throughout the decentralisation process until the Dili District Administration has appointed a Council. Plans are progressing for a short term local government exchange which will occur in October when the City of Darwin will host 2 employees from the Dili District Administration for 1 week.

The Dili Sister City Community Committee is investigating a request for a keyboard for the Music 4 Peace program at Action for Change Foundation.

Haikou
The City of Darwin was successful in winning a grant of $15,000 towards the Haikou Sister City Community Committee project, ‘Life as a Teenager’ performance project. Council has contributed seed funding to the project, however is also applying to other grant sources to secure the funds required to deliver the project.

The City of Darwin hosted a delegation of 6 representatives, including the Vice Mayor Haikou City 6 – 9 June 2014. The delegates were guests of honour at the Australia China Friendship Society Conference held this year in Darwin. Delegates met with the Lord Mayor, toured Council facilities, experienced Darwin's hospitality and discussed upcoming Sister City projects.

Kalymnos
The Kalymnos Sister City Community Committee held a very successful information stall at Glenti 7 – 8 June 2014. The Committee are in the process of planning the ‘Welcome to Darwin’ event planned for Saturday 27 September at the Greek School.
Recent elections in Kalymnos have meant there is a change of Mayor and key staff involved in the Sister Cities program from the Kalymnos side.

**Sector Networking**
The Acting Manager Community Development continues to maintain representation on the International Engagement Coordinator Group which meets monthly. Additionally, Council has been represented at the Australia Japan Joint Business Conference Working Group, chaired by Department of Chief Minister in the lead up to the AJJBC Conference to be held in Darwin 12 – 14 October.

**Sister City Appointments**
As the membership term of all community representatives on the Sister City Community Committees expired 30 June 2014, expressions of interest for membership on individual Committees for a two year term from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2016 were sought in May – June 2014.

32 nominations were received comprising of 15 new applications and 17 returning. Of these applications 26 were for Community representatives positions, 2 were for Friends of Sister Cities, 3 Observers and 1 Youth representative.

Considerably fewer nominations were received than for the 2012 – 2014 term of the Sister City Committees. Although quality of the candidates applying continues to be high, decrease in nominations emphasizes the difficulty in recruiting volunteers to formal advisory positions.

**Trilateral Agreement**
The Ambon and Dili Sister City Community Committees met on 6 May with representatives of the Northern Territory Government to discuss progress of the trilateral agreement between Northern Australia, Eastern Indonesia and Timor-Leste. The group discussed opportunities for Council’s involvement. The Federal Government is undertaking a feasibility study of the agreement with results being circulated to Council once it is complete.

**RECREATION**

**Swimming Pools**
All swimming pools were operational for the entire quarter. As the cooler dry season evenings came into effect Nightcliff Pool has maintained on average three degree warmer water temperatures than the other pools, due to the operation of the pool blankets. A number of swimming groups have requested additional lane availability at Nightcliff Pool due to the warmer water; this is not always possible as it is only a six lane venue.

A risk assessment has commenced to review current practices to ensure the safety of swimming club patrons and other user groups accessing Council swimming pools during out of hours.
General Operations

The method for data collection of pool attendance was changed in July 2013 to account more accurately for participants in swimming lessons and carnivals. Attendance in prior years was generally under-reported.

Infrastructure Improvements

The Nightcliff Pool plant room upgrade tender was under assessment in June. Construction work is scheduled to commence in August 2014. During the quarter there was a major upgrade to security at each of the swimming pools. New monitored videofied security systems were installed at Casuarina and Parap Pools.
and the system at Nightcliff Pool was upgraded. All venues are now monitored with the ability for security to access motion detection cameras in case of an alarm.

A number of minor improvements at swimming pools also occurred during the quarter. Nightcliff Pool received some new lane ropes, a lane rope reel and PVC cover. New lane timing clocks were purchased for Casuarina Pool. At Parap Pool a new Dolphin pool cleaner and a manual vacuum for the toddlers’ pool were purchased and an outdoor shower was installed. Parap Pool also received new lane rope reels and lane rope reel covers.

Special Events
During the quarter Casuarina Pool hosted the Outgames Swimming Competition from Saturday 10 May to Monday 12 May. The Outgames Pool Party was held at Nightcliff Pool on Sunday 11 May, with approximately 300 participants.

Nightcliff Pool also hosted FREEPS (Free Recreation and Entertainment for Everyone in the ParkS) on Saturday 3 May as part of the Seabreeze Festival. Shade cloths were erected along fencing and the main lawn area to provide an area for Council’s Fun In The Parks activities and Giant Fun Games, Darwin Toy Library activities, Circus Hoops Workshops and ‘Life. Be in it.’ NT’s Life Games. Three inflatables, a jumping castle, an obstacle course and a double horizontal water slide were provided for children less than 12 years of age. In total approximately 500 people attended the event, with the Lord Mayor and a number of Aldermen present throughout the afternoon to engage with the children and adults.

Ovals
General Operations
Dry season competitions commenced 1 April. There were allocation requests for all ovals across the municipality totalling 284 hours of bookings per week. Allocations were requested for cricket, soccer, AFL, Gaelic football, softball and rugby league.

Infrastructure Improvements
In June improvements were made to the practice cricket nets at the three turf wicket premier grade venues. At Kahlin Oval the synthetic turf wickets at the practice nets were refurbished. At Nightcliff Oval the net structure was repaired and an additional chain mesh area was added to the roof of the structure. At Gardens Oval the entire wire mesh at the back of the practice nets was replaced and repairs carried out to the batting cage structure.

Special Events – Gardens Oval
Gardens Oval was used as the venue for two community events during the quarter. The Outgames Opening Ceremony was held on 10 May and the Darwin Festival Launch was held on 25 June. Each of these events involved the introduction of a stage onto the outer playing surface of the oval, with associated lighting and sound set-up, for performances and speeches.
Playgrounds
During the 2014 Dry Season, City of Darwin will be removing and replacing equipment at six neighbourhood park playgrounds in the Richardson Ward. The equipment will be installed at Amsterdam, Johnson, Peace, Savannah, Tasman and Tiwi Parks. The tender to supply and install the playground equipment closed on 22 May. Submissions were received from eight companies with up to two designs for each playground provided. Council officers reviewed the submissions in June and the successful tenderers was notified early July 2014.

Public Tennis Courts
In June maintenance works were conducted at Council’s public tennis courts. The Chrisp St Oval and Ross Smith Avenue courts (both three court facilities) were pressure cleaned to remove mould. The tennis nets were inspected and it was determined three nets were beyond repair. New tennis nets, two at Chrisp St Oval and one at the Ross Smith Avenue tennis courts have been installed. The tennis courts at Aralia St (two court facility) were in good condition and did not require any works.

Other Projects
Re-development of Jingili Water Gardens Skate Park
A Neighbourhood Consultation Event for the skate park re-development was held on Saturday 10 May 2014 at Jingili Skate Park. The event was well attended by many skaters and local residents and they were able to provide valuable feedback to the project’s lead designer from Convic as well as the Lord Mayor and several Aldermen. An ABC news crew attended and interviewed the consultant, Elected Members and the skaters for a story that was aired that night on ABC-TV news.

Following the consultation period Convic presented Council with the final concept design incorporating amendments from the consultation process and the revised budget following $150K additional funding from the Northern Territory Government Special Purpose Grant program. At Council’s 2nd Ordinary meeting on 24 June, the final concept design by Convic was endorsed; the tender process for construction has commenced.

HEALTHY DARWIN
Over the past three years, the Healthy Darwin (HD) program has established itself as an inclusive and much-loved program that promotes healthy lifestyles to community members. The program has become a part of many community members’ lives and continues to receive strong support for its ability to engage with low income earners, provide accessible healthy activities and bring people together. Those involved have spoken highly of the opportunities they have had and the health benefits they have experienced. Funding for the program ended on 30 June.

Council approved a new program and planning for this has continued throughout the reporting period. The new program has been planned based on:

- Participant data collected from the Healthy Communities Initiative
• Participant feedback
• Provider feedback
• Consultations with relevant internal and external stakeholders

The new program will be extended to all Darwin residents and continue to provide low cost and accessible healthy lifestyle activities across the year and will begin 5 August.

Community Events
The program has continued to provide a health perspective at a range of community events in the reporting period. Events included support at World Refugee Day with free fruit smoothies, a beach soccer event in partnership with SEDA and an end-of-program Beach Party to thank participants and to celebrate our achievements in the program.

As part of the community consultations for the Community Wellbeing Plan, four roadshow events were held across the different wards. The roadshows were an opportunity for people to taste local market produce, participate in a mini health check and provide input into the development of the plan.

Bagot Women’s Group
Healthy Darwin continued its support to the weekly women’s group. The group has been documenting healthy recipes they cook each week with the aim to create a booklet that can be used on the community. In June, the women planned for and attended a retreat at Dundee Downs Bush Resort. The women participated in visioning and strategic planning activities over the two days. There was also an opportunity to exercise and a chance to head to the mangroves to hunt for dinner. It was a wonderful weekend and the women commented how valuable it was to get some quiet away time from the community.

Smoothie Bike
The bikes remain a popular addition to a number of community events and are available for not-for-profit community groups. The bikes were used at five different events, including Jingili PS Science Expo, World No Tobacco Day, World Refugee Day, Lunch@ Launch in Civic Park for Youth Team and for the Danila Dilba CAAPS 30th Anniversary celebration.

Community Wellbeing Plan
Following an extensive public consultation process, the Community Wellbeing Plan was completed in June.

The Community Wellbeing Plan 2014 – 2020 sets the direction for Council policy, partnerships and practice to ensure community health and wellbeing is supported within the Darwin Municipality. The Plan identifies the areas of health and wellbeing the community said were important in Darwin and brings them together with what we know works to support community wellbeing, and provides input into Council’s Strategic Plan and priorities.
Weekly Exercise Program
A scaled back weekly calendar was delivered during the reporting period, with some of the most popular classes continuing. Members were able to attend Healthy Moves for Seniors, Healthy Moves for Women, Tai Chi and Yoga.

The Sunday Cycle group from Wulagi was re-introduced during the reporting period. Catering for all fitness levels, particularly beginner riders, this group meets for a relaxed ride along cycle paths in the northern suburbs.

MAJOR EVENTS

Anzac Day
City of Darwin supported the RSL clubs with traffic management and liaising with the Australian Defence Forces for the 2014 Anzac Day ceremonies. The commemorative service was held at dawn at the Cenotaph with veterans, dignitaries and the public laying wreaths in memory of those lost. The Anzac Day march was held in the city following the service with thousands of spectators attending the event.

Seabreeze Festival
Apart from FREEPS being provided as part of the Seabreeze Festival at Nightcliff Pool, City of Darwin also had a presence in the community village area for the Festival. Elected Members and Council staff educated and offered information to the public relating to Council matters, upcoming events and animal management.

Receptions
During the quarter there were two receptions held at the Civic Centre. The annual Volunteer reception was held on 9 May, recognising the work of volunteers in the NT. This event was held in the Civic Centre courtyard with a total of 50 volunteers in attendance. Entertainment was provided by the Darwin City Brass Band. The reception for Variety NT was held in the function area at the Civic Centre on 14 June. There were 120 people in attendance to celebrate and acknowledge the work done by the Variety organisation and its volunteers. The keynote speech was delivered by former Australian of the Year Dr. Fiona Woods.

Bombing of Darwin Day 2015
Preparations have commenced for the 2015 Bombing of Darwin Day event with the first newsletter sent to the veteran database along with a feedback survey to identify any issues and assist with planning. Site visits have been conducted at a number of city hotels, with discussions ongoing regarding the advertised rates for attendees. City of Darwin has formally requested Air Commodore Brenton Smythe, Commander Northern Command for support from the Australian Defence Force to conduct activities for the 2015 event.

CONSULTATION PROCESS
Nil
POLICY IMPLICATIONS
Nil

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
Nil

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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ANNA MALGORZEWICZ
ACTING GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES

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The purpose of this report is to provide a quarterly update for the period April to June 2014 detailing events and performance of City of Darwin Libraries (CoDL).

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

This report provides an overview of library activities from April to June 2014.

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority:-

THAT Report Number 14P0005 KC:md entitled Libraries Information Update For April, May & June 2014, be received and noted.

The purpose of this report is to provide a quarterly performance report for the City of Darwin Libraries.
DISCUSSION

Loans statistics collected monthly from the library management system include all items loaned, including books, newspapers, DVDs, etc. and in-house loans of computers, laptops, X-boxes and PlayStations etc. The loan statistics do not include e-book loans; these are collected from the suppliers of e-books.

Customer visits are counted at each library through a door counter and recorded daily. Attendance at events include story times, author visits, library tours etc.

Total loan statistics for the quarter are up 12.5% from 2012 and up slightly by 1% in 2013.

Total visit statistics for the quarter are up 4% from 2012 and down 6% from 2013.

Attendance at library events for the quarter is up 24% from 2012 and up 13% from 2013. Nightcliff library was closed for refurbishment for 9 days in June 2013.

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The libraries subscribe to two collections of e-books. Statistics below are available from Overdrive. Limited resources have been added to the collection in the past quarter; uptake of the collections was at its highest during April. No statistics are available from 2013.
Overdrive eBooks

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In May the libraries launched connect NT with other public libraries in the Northern Territory. Library members can now access services and borrow items at any library in the Territory using their existing library card.

The Darwin Digital Hub is meeting its targets and providing an interesting and varied number of programs to the community. We are implementing and rolling out some great community projects in places like Bagot Indigenous community.

The one-on-one sessions are mostly fully booked. This is successful as we target what individuals specifically need; it is time consuming but effective. We often encourage people to come in with a list (especially our regulars) so we can sort out their tech issues. We often get people for regular repeats for periods of time until they have what they need.

We have developed some wonderful engagements with the community:

- thelab.org.au: Our regular Thursday afternoon sessions with a group of 10 Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) teenagers. The program is run in conjunction with AutismNT. This project is being augmented with a University of South Australia lead Digital Enterprise project that we’re running in conjunction with Corrugated Iron Youth Arts.

- We run regular computer sessions for Team Health and helped them build their website by training up participants. http://day2daylivingart.org.au/

- Mobile Hub: We use the Digital Hub laptops throughout the libraries on many occasions, teaching various classes as required, especially at Karama Library working with a young cohort. The mobile hub has a number of events lined up with Indigenous groups who may feel less inclined to come into the Civic Centre in the City.

- Manunda Terrace school hosted a new program devised by the Hub for hard to engage students. It was very successful at introducing a whole raft of tech tools for these kids: 3D printing /GPS /iPad /videoing/ editing/ cloud computing/ animated GIF.

- Bagot Community: We have being involved in getting an ADSL connection to this community which we believe will have a revolutionary impact on the kids there being able to access the Web. This hub has developed a continuing and growing engagement with Bagot Community using iPads and computers. We
have set up a permanent computer lab at the OHSC with donated hardware from Darwin Community Arts and get 10-15 students in each week.

- We are partnering with the Darwin Festival to create a visual taxi, also with the Bagot community. The project involves a video installation where the kids of Bagot will control hundreds of photos, and pieces of media are mixed together to create a multimedia pastiche of the community. All the images and footage have been filmed and created by the kids at the OHSC.

Children and Youth Services

April school holiday activities were held at all libraries. The program featured local artist Emma who presented a recycled CD Remix activity. Eighty-six children and forty-six parents attended.

We received grant funding from the Northern Territory Government to hold a youth week activity. The event was titled “Pimp My Very Small Wheels” and was held over three sessions culminating with a skate session at Leanyer Skate Park.

Children and Youth Services held their annual staff development morning at Karama library. Robyn Crowe facilitated the session which explored children’s developmental stages; it was also attended by Fun Bus staff. Libraries held public workshops with Robyn Crowe for parents, caregivers and professionals which highlighted the valuable role parents play in introducing reading to their children in the vital early years of their child's life.

National Simultaneous Storytime was held at Casuarina and City Libraries during Library and Information Week. National Simultaneous Storytime is a campaign organised by the Australian Library and Information Association in which a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously to children in a variety of venues around Australia. The Lord Mayor visited the City Library in her pyjamas and read the National Simultaneous Storytime book “Too Many Elephants in This House”. A hundred and four children and eighty-two adults attended the events.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

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

- Library Managers

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil
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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Presenter: Coordinator Arts and Cultural Development, Sahn Cramer
Approved: Acting General Manager Community & Cultural Services, Anna Malgorzewicz

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the East Point Entrance Public Art Commission.

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
4.2 Community life rich in creativity
Key Strategies
4.2.1 Encourage the growth and development of the arts

KEY ISSUES

- Implementation of the East Point Reserve Entrance Public Art work by Aly de Groot
- Public Art Project Manager, iAM, update on progress to date (Attachment A).

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority:-

THAT Report Number C140074 SC:rv entitled East Point Entrance Public Art Commission, be received and noted.
BACKGROUND

PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Decision No. 21/1788 (17/2/14)

A. THAT Report Number 14C0012 HB:es entitled East Point Reserve Entry Statement –Intertwined-Lighting Options, be received and noted.

B. THAT Council endorse lighting the East Point Reserve Entry Statement ‘intertwined’ with integrated fibre optic or LED and that a variation of $33,000 be funded from the Public Art capital works budget (05/221061/180) and referred to third quarter budget review.

C. THAT the use of solar technology be considered in the final decision.

Decision No. 21/1261 (16/07/13)

A. THAT Report Number 13C0061AR:kl entitled Concept Designs for East Point Reserve Entry Statement, be received and noted.

B. THAT Council endorse the public art design by Aly de Groot, “Intertwined”, to proceed to design development and installation for the East Point Reserve.

C. THAT Council allocate $150,000 for the East Point Reserve Entry Statement from the Public Art capital works budget.

D. THAT the current stone wall at East Point Reserve Entry Statement be retained within the proposed Public Art capital works and landscaping.

Decision No. 21/650 (27/11/12)

A. THAT Report Number 12C0098 AR:kl entitled Minutes of the Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee (ACDAC) Meeting 8 November 2012, be received and noted.

B. THAT Council appoint Mr Peter Scrivener to the selection panel for the East Point Reserve Public Art Opportunity.

C. THAT Council invite former ACDAC member Mr Tony Clementson to be appointed to the selection panel for the East Point Reserve Public Art Opportunity.

D. THAT Council appoint Ms Anna Reece to the selection panel for the HMS Beagle Ship Bell Chime Opportunity for Composers.
**Decision No. 20\3350 (26/10/10)**

A. THAT Report Number 10C0140 AR:kl entitled, Minutes of the Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee Meeting 9 September 2010 and Public Art Projects, be received and noted.

B. THAT Council appoint Ms Janice McEwen, Executive Director, Top End Arts, as a member of the Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee for a 2 year term commencing 1 August 2010 to 31 July 2012 in accordance with Section 54 of the NT Local Government Act 2008.

C. THAT Council allocate $7,500 from the Capital Works – Public Art budget towards the commission of a Project Brief in consultation with stakeholders for an artwork celebrating the centenary of the Naming of Darwin, indicating the site, scope and cost of the work.

D. THAT Council allocate $15,000 from the Capital Works – Public Art budget towards the commission of a project brief for an artwork at the Gateway to East Point Reserve in consultation with the design team, and the engagement of an artist to undertake concept design work.

**DISCUSSION**

In July 2013 Darwin visual artist Aly de Groote’s concept for the East Point Reserve Entrance was endorsed by Council and Ms de Groote was engaged to undertake design development.

Since that time work has been undertaken to fabrication and installation final stages as follows:

**Artwork Fabrication and preparations for installation:**

What has been completed:

- Fabricator, artist, project manager and Indigenous weaver, Bilawarra Lee resolved casting techniques to enable woven fibre look to the sculpture
- Research and testing bronze application for casting
- Artist, project manager, fabricator three site meetings to further refine design application, ensure that artistic integrity upheld through fabrication, that progress being made and timelines met
- Research and provide options for landscaping
- Research and test options for integrated lighting
- Further site visits to foundry to resolve issues with integrated lighting due to engineering access
- Obtain engineering certification for artwork fabrication
- Develop Communication Plan
Ongoing work:

- Coordinate sub contract brief to Landscape Architects, Cloustons including all civil, structural and electrical engineering services required
- Liaise with Council Infrastructure staff (Parks) in coordination of works required for installation
- Coordinate maintenance manual and attribution plaque
- Communication Plan review and stage two implementation
- Liaise and coordinate roles and responsibilities for installation between fabricator in Brisbane, Landscape Architects Cloustons and Council staff

Artwork

The public artwork will consist of two jellyfish, one larger than the other. The bell of the larger jellyfish will be 1 metre in diameter and 3 metres high, with the smaller 80 centimetres in diameter and 2 metres high. Each jellyfish will have five main support tentacles, 8cm wide and three thinner cosmetic tentacles.

Lighting

Two options for lighting were presented to Council with endorsement in Decision No. 21/1788 (17/2/14):

THAT Council endorse lighting the East Point Reserve Entry Statement 'intertwined' with integrated fibre optic or LED and that a variation of $33,000 be funded from the Public Art capital works budget (05/221061/180) and referred to third quarter budget review.

During the course of fabrication a number of attempts were made to integrate cable lighting into the artwork as the preferred option. The artist, fabricator and project manager met on numerous occasions to problem solve the engineering access required to insert the lighting cable for optimum effect.

The fabricator, artist and project manager resolved that integration was not possible given the restrictive pathways of the bronze legs (jellyfish tentacles). Further attempts were made to integrate lighting into the bell structure of the jellyfish, but the light output was so minimal that it did not warrant the additional cost.

A decision was therefore made by the artist and project manager to propose up lighting presented as option 2 – inground LED uplights. Meetings with Council's Parks staff and the Landscape Architect, Cloustons followed this decision to ensure acceptable high quality LED lights will be utilized.
Landscaping

Further work to finalize landscaping materials, implementation including all technical specifications and certifications is currently taking place. A simple solution has been agreed upon maintaining the integrity of initial concept designs which includes a circular platform approximately six metres in diameter. Eight up lights will be embedded half a metre from the edge of the platform. A plaque will also be embedded into the platform leaving a clean and easily maintained surface at the base of the sculpture.

Further work is required to remove signage from the entry to East Point Reserve which will restrict viewing of the sculpture. Signage will be relocated to the opposite side of the road at the entry to East Point in an appropriate location.

In addition the old Darwin City Council sign which is currently attached to the stonewall will be updated.

Proposed Timelines

5 Aug – 19 Aug Sub contract briefs detailed, approved and signed off (Landscaping, lighting, installation, signage)

20 Aug– 29 Aug Site preparation, platform install, certification, inspections

29 Aug – 15 Sept Artwork Installation and launch

A launch date will be announced as soon as timelines have been confirmed with sub contractors and Landscape Architects.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

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

- Acting General Manager, Community and Cultural Services
- Senior Technical Officer Parks
- A/Senior Community Engagement Officer

In preparing this report, the following External Parties were consulted:

- Landscape Architect, Cloustons
- Public Art Project Manager
- Artist

As part of the Stage 2 Communication Plan, actions include, but are not limited to:

- on-site signage and information
- Letters to the first two target audience groups
- Media Releases including national publications
- Lord Mayor to promote on radio segments
o Social media campaign and link to website
o Flyers distributed widely
o Screens in the Civic Centre and Mall
o Display at the Civic Centre
o Ad in NT News
o Further media feature articles

Final details for community engagement and communications are currently being discussed and will include key messages including public art benefits, the artist’s credentials, and the location and it’s suitability. A launch event is also being discussed to enable the community to be involved in the installation and celebrations.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This project complies with Council’s Public Art Masterplan 2010 and Public Art Guidelines 2013.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Current capacity for final stages, implementation and lighting remain within budget expectations with additional savings as a result of the change to lighting option 2.

The preferred option for integrated lighting was quoted at $30,753. Option 2 LED up lighting was quoted at $16,666 leaving a saving of $14,087.

Final estimates for landscaping are currently being negotiated but fall well within initial budget estimates. A final budget breakdown will be provided with a report to Council on completion.

RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Contractors engaged in construction of the work will be required to abide by all relevant building and safety legislation.

The Artists holds sufficient Public Liability insurance.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Cloustons Landscape Architects have been engaged to work with Council staff, the Artist and Public Art Project Manager to comply with all necessary environmental implications.
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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CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT  COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES

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Attachments A: Artwork Images Update, Project Manager iAM
Aly De Groot
East Point Reserve Fabrication and Installation Update
31 July 2014
Base Plates
Large: 1200mm / Small: 650mm
Installation position
**COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE/OPEN**

**AGENDA ITEM: 8.4**

**CITY OF DARWIN YOUTH STRATEGY 2015 – 2020**

**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**REPORT No.: 14C0071 RH:rv**  
**COMMON No.: 1096115**  
**DATE: 18/08/2014**

**Presenter:** Youth Programs and Engagement Officer, Richelle Hedstrom

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

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to present the Terms of Reference for the City of Darwin Youth Strategy 2015-2020 and recommendations arising for Council’s consideration.

**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**  
2.2 Increased sport, recreation and leisure experiences

**Key Strategies**  
2.3.4 Enhance Services for youth

**KEY ISSUES**

- Project rationale and background
- Stakeholder engagement
- Consultation outcomes
- Methodology
- Timeline
- Youth friendly project management plan

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority:-

A. THAT Report Number 14C0071 RH:rv entitled Terms of Reference - City Of Darwin Youth Strategy 2015 - 2020, be received and noted.

**BACKGROUND**

**PREVIOUS DECISIONS**

*Decision Number 21/1288 (30/07/2013)*

That it be a recommendation to Council:-

A. THAT Report Number 13C0066 KP:es entitled Youth Strategy Loud and Clear 2009 – 2014: snapshot of progress and future actions, June 2013 be received and noted,

B. THAT council endorse the recommended initiatives and actions contained within the document of City of Darwin Youth Strategy, 2009 -2014: a snapshot of progress and future actions, June 2013, **Attachment A** to report number 13C0066 KP:es.

**DISCUSSION**

City of Darwin’s current Youth Strategy Loud and Clear 2009 -2014 is due for review. To ensure Council remains aligned to key aspirations and priorities of young people in Darwin this planning document must be reviewed and newly developed every five years.

Since adoption of Council’s first Youth Strategy in 2000, vital strategic direction has been provided for Council in identifying priorities and meeting the needs of the Young Darwin population aged 12 – 20 years old.

Over recent years Council has made significant progress in achieving established goals in each strategic plan. In the most recent strategy 11 out of 15 established goals were achieved successfully. Resulting in the following:

- Employment of a Youth Services Officer,
- Employment of a dedicated Youth events worker
- Convening the Youth Advisory Group (YAG)
- Coordinating the LAUNCH leisure programs.

These achievements can largely be attributed to extensive and participatory consultation processes undertaken during the development of each strategy.

The 2015 – 2020 City of Darwin Youth Strategy will be developed by Council in partnership with local young people, youth workers, service providers, parents and carers in the City of Darwin area. The strategy seeks to work in partnership with all levels of government, non-government agencies and the broader community to improve the lives of young people of Darwin.
The issues and priorities identified in this new strategy development will be done so through research and community consultation undertaken between July and December 2014. Proposed activities will use targeted and varied consultation mechanisms to evaluate progress made since development of Council’s last Youth Strategy and use information gathered to further develop robust planning for youth participation initiatives in Darwin.

The proposed terms of reference provide a best practice framework for undertaking these consultations.

Stakeholders who will be engaged are as follows:

- Young People aged 12-20 years of age
- Parents and Carers
- Elected Members
- City of Darwin Youth Service Department
- City of Darwin Community and Cultural Services Department
- Darwin Youth Service Organisations
- Church Organisations
- Educational Institutions
- Office of Youth Affairs, NT Government
- Chamber of Commerce Groups.

This new strategy development aims to achieve significant consultation outcomes to help guide effective strategic planning for provision of services, facilities and programs for Young Darwin over the next five years.

The outcomes of the City of Darwin Youth Strategy 2015 -2020 will be monitored and reviewed annually by the Youth Programs and Engagement Officer and progress will be monitored through regular reports to council and the community.

Project Deliverables:

- Presentation to Darwin and Palmerston Interagency Networks on consultation findings
- Internal Council workshop to provide input and feedback on consultation findings
- External stakeholder workshops
- Final Report including consultation findings and draft Youth Strategy presented to Council February 2015

CONSULTATION PROCESS

In preparing this report, the following City of Darwin officers were consulted:
• Manager Community Development
• Community Events and Resource Officer
• Digital Hub Training Officer
• Youth Services Trainee
• Coordinator and Arts and Cultural Development

In preparing this report the following external parties were consulted:

• City of Darwin Youth Advisory Group
• Amity Community Services
• DARWWYN Youth Workers Network
• Multicultural Youth NT
• Palmerston City Council
• Darwin/Palmerston Headspace

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The Youth Consultation Plan is incorporated into Council’s Youth Strategy Loud and Clear 2009-2014.

The Youth Consultation Plan is incorporated and aligned with City of Darwin’s Consultation Policy.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The proposed consultation plan will be accounted for within the established Youth Programs budget allocation.

RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The conduct of Council activities and events are provided for under its existing corporate insurance protections.

The City of Darwin will undertake consultation activities that comply with the Information Privacy Principles in the NT Information Act. These principles protect the privacy of personal information collected and held by City of Darwin staff during consultations. The City of Darwin Privacy Policy explains how personal information is collected, used and stored. All stakeholders who are consulted will be informed about this policy before commencement of activities.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications associated with this report.
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: City of Darwin Youth Strategy 2015-2020 Terms of Reference
TERMS OF REFERENCE

CITY OF DARWIN YOUTH STRATEGY

2015 - 2020

City of Darwin
Community & Cultural Services Department

August 2014
Prepared by Richelle Hedstrom
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| Background:    | City of Darwin’s current Youth Strategy Loud and Clear 2009-2014 is due for review. To ensure Council remains aligned to key aspirations and priorities of young people of Darwin, Council’s Youth Strategy must be reviewed and redeveloped every five years. Since the adoption of the first youth strategy in 2000, Council has been able to respond to vital issues impacting young people, through driving youth participation program delivery aimed at building a more resilient and informed Young Darwin. Key projects include:  
  - Convening the Youth Advisory Group (YAG)  
  - Coordinating LAUNCH Leisure Programs: -LAUNCH @ Youth Week, -LAUNCH @ Bagot, -LAUNCH @ Barunga, -LAUNCH in the Suburbs Pop-Up gigs and cinemas.  
  - Development of Youth information resources such as Grind Online, The LAUNCH Quarterly and Youth Service Directories.  
  - Active pursuit of capacity building partnerships with community organisations to generate a sector wide approach to youth development in Darwin.  
Over recent years, a significant amount of progress has been made in achieving strategic objectives established in Council’s Youth Strategy Loud and Clear 2009 – 2014; with 11 of the 15 goals achieved successfully.
This success can largely be attributed to the extensive consultation processes undertaken with young people of Darwin and the wider community during development of each strategy, as well as thorough research on best practice examples from Australia and around the globe.

New strategy development will involve innovative and widespread consultation mechanisms to evaluate progress made, ascertain future directions and use information gathered to further develop robust planning for young people of Darwin over the next five years.

A report of consultation findings including Council’s Draft Youth Strategy 2015 -2020 will be presented to Council and wider community in February 2015.

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| Scope: | The 2015 – 2020 City of Darwin Youth Strategy will be developed by Council in partnership with local young people, youth workers, service providers, parents and carers located in City of Darwin municipality. Council will work in partnership with all levels of government, non-government agencies and the broader community to identify robust planning priorities and initiatives to respond to current and future needs of local young people.

Council will also incorporate a thorough review of how young people of Darwin access, share and develop information online and in print form. This will involve incorporating actions identified through Council’s review of GRIND online in 2013.

Council will undertake research and community consultations between July and December 2014. |
| Method: | Consultations will be carried out over a 6 month period from July 2014 – December 2014 and will involve the following activities: |
| | 1. Desk top Literature review of Federal, State and Local Plans |
| | 2. Review of previous Youth Strategy Performance Indicators |
| | 3. Review of Census Data |
| | 4. 1500 Online and face to face surveys obtaining feedback from young people on community activities, services and perceptions of safety at night. |
| | 5. Vox Pop Interviews with 300 Young People ascertaining key message to council regarding what can be done better to improve community life for young people. |
| | 6. Issue specific focus group discussions with Service Providers. I.e. Mental Health –Alcohol and Other Drugs, Sexual Health, Education, Employment, transition periods. |
7. Focus Group discussions with Parents and Carers regarding their perceptions of key issues impacting young people of Darwin.

**Deliverables:**
- Presentation to DARWYNN Network of consultation findings.
- Key stakeholders invited to attend Council workshop to provide input and feedback on consultation findings.
- External Stakeholder workshops

**Timeline:**
- Desktop research and literature review July-September 2014
- Stakeholder Consultation – August December 2014
- Internal Consultation Workshop – November 2014
- Presentation to DARWWYN Youth Network November 2014
- Draft Report including consultation findings presented to Community and Cultural Services Committee February 2015
- Final Report including consultation findings and new Youth Strategy draft presented to Council February 2015

**Budget:**
This project will be delivered within existing Community and Cultural Services resources.

**Project Management:**
The project will be completed by Council’s Youth Programs and Engagement Officer. Consultation mechanisms will be youth friendly in language and delivery. Also face to face survey consultations will be undertaken through a ‘peer to peer’ structure, utilising YAG members, LAUNCH Coordinators and members of sport and community groups to engage with other young people in filling out surveys.
Presenter: Community Services Officer, Sheree Jeeves

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

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present for Council's information the Minutes of the Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) meeting of 17 July 2014 (Attachment A) and details of the recommendations for Council's consideration.

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
1.1.2 Develop equitable and accessible community participation opportunities

KEY ISSUES

- Minutes of the Disability Advisory Committee meeting of 17 July 2014.
- Appointment of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson.
- Nomination for naming of the Rapid Creek Fishing Platform.
- Driveway improvements to 147 Ryland Rd, Nightcliff.

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority:–

A. THAT Report Number 14C0072 SJ:rv entitled Minutes Of The Disability Advisory Committee Meeting Of 17 July 2014, be received and noted.

B. THAT Deborah Bampton is appointed as Chairperson of the Disability Advisory Committee for the two year term until 30 June 2016.
C. THAT Alasdair McGregor is appointed as Deputy Chairperson of the Disability Advisory Committee for a one year term until 30 June 2015.

D. THAT the Disability Advisory Committee supports the nomination for the naming of the ‘Peter Mahony Fishing Platform’ which City of Darwin submitted to the Place Names Committee of the NT.

E. THAT the crossover and driveway at 147 Ryland Rd Nightcliff be widened to allow additional turning space and that it be funded from the Disability Access Budget.

BACKGROUND

Council’s Disability Advisory Committee is established pursuant to Section 54 of the NT Local Government Act to inform and advise Council in relation to its responsibilities to ensure equity of access to people with disability in the application of procedures and the provision of services and facilities. Advice is provided through representatives selected for their awareness and specialist knowledge of disability.

DISCUSSION

Nomination of Chairperson

The DAC Terms of Reference state that at the first regular meeting of the new term the Committee shall recommend one of their number as Chairperson for appointment by Council. Two nominations were received, Deborah Bampton and Lynne Strathie. The Committee voted and Deborah Bampton was the preferred nominee. The Terms of Reference state that the Chairperson shall be appointed to the position for the term of the Committee.

Nomination of Deputy Chairperson

The Terms of Reference state that the Deputy Chairperson shall also be elected at the first regular meeting and that they will be appointed for a 1 year term. Alasdair McGregor was nominated and elected unopposed.

Naming of the Rapid Creek Fishing Platform

City of Darwin has submitted a nomination to the Place Names Committee of the NT to request the naming of the Rapid Creek fishing platform to the ‘Peter Mahony Fishing Platform’. Peter was instrumental in advocating for the construction of the fishing platform which is designed specifically for wheelchair access. The naming of the platform would be in recognition of the significant contribution Peter made to the Darwin community and in particular in getting this platform constructed. The Place Names Committee next meets in August to consider submissions.

Driveway Improvements 147 Ryland Rd, Nightcliff

City of Darwin received a request from the resident at 147 Ryland Rd, Nightcliff. The resident’s daughter is in a wheelchair and needs to be picked up daily by a mini bus to attend services and programs. The bus can’t turn into the driveway due to the narrow turning width. Council Officer’s assessed the site and recommended
widening of the crossover and driveway to allow additional turning space. The work is estimated at $2,000.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

In preparing this report, the following External Parties were consulted:

- Disability Advisory Committee

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The improvement to the driveway at 147 Ryland Rd Nightcliff is estimated at $2000. The funds are to be sourced from the Disability Access Budget which currently has $49,700.00 available.

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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COMMUNITY SERVICES
OFFICER

ANNA MALGORZEWICZ
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Attachments:

Attachment A: Minutes Disability Advisory Committee Meeting 17 July 2014
1. PRESENT

   Martin Blakemore  Community Representative
   Deborah Bampton  Community Representative
   Lynne Strathie   Community Representative
   Charles Atherton Community Representative
   Allison Land    Specialist Representative
   Alasdair McGregor Specialist Representative
   Afshin Beigi    Specialist Representative
   Catriona Mclagan Specialist Representative
   Nik Kleine      Infrastructure Dept, City of Darwin
   Sheree Jeeves   Community Services Dept, City of Darwin

2. APOLOGIES

   Rosemary Burkitt  Community Representative
   Emma Fraser      Community Representative
   Debb Lovett      Community Representative
   Avril Vaughan    Community Representative
   Daniel Alderman Community Representative
   Cassandra Jevdenijevic Community Representative
   Alderman Allan Mitchell Elected Member, City of Darwin

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

   None declared.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES 1 MAY 2014

   Minutes from the meeting held 1 May 2014 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

   Moved: Deborah Bampton         Seconded: Lynne Strathie

5. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON

   Lynne Strathie and Deborah Bampton were nominated for the position of Chairperson. The Committee voted and Deborah Bampton was the preferred nominee.

   Recommendation: THAT Deborah Bampton is appointed as Chairperson of the Disability Advisory Committee for the two year term until 30 June 2016.

   Moved: Martin Blakemore         Seconded: Alasdair McGregor
6. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

Alasdair McGregor was nominated as Deputy Chairperson and elected unopposed.

Recommendation: THAT Alasdair McGregor is appointed as Deputy Chairperson of the Disability Advisory Committee for a one year term until 30 June 2015.

Moved: Martin Blakemore  Seconded: Charles Atherton

7. PETER MAHONY

7.1. Lord Mayoral Minute
The Lord Mayoral Minute from the Council meeting 27 May 2014 was presented to the Committee.

7.2. Naming Rapid Creek Fishing Platform
City of Darwin has submitted a nomination to the Place Names Committee of the NT to request the naming of the Rapid Creek fishing platform to the ‘Peter Mahony Fishing Platform’. The naming of the platform would be in recognition of the significant contribution Peter made to the community and in particular in getting this wheelchair accessible platform constructed.

Recommendation: THAT the Disability Advisory Committee support the nomination for the naming of the ‘Peter Mahony Fishing Platform’ which City of Darwin submitted to the Place Names Committee of the NT.

Moved: Martin Blakemore  Seconded: Deborah Bampton

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES 1 MAY 2014

8.1. Public Toilet Provision Plan
At the DAC meeting on 1 May 2014 Anna Malgorzewicz provided a presentation on the Public Toilet Provision Plan and sought feedback from the Committee. Sheree provided copies of the final report which was presented to Council on 27 May 2014.

8.2. Car Parking CBD
Sheree is preparing a report on disability parking within the CBD focussing on the needs of people with disability working eight hour days.

9. ACCESS ACTION LIST

9.1. Tactile Indicators, Mitchell St Darwin
Action complete, tactile indicators have been installed.

9.2. Ramp, Oleander St, Nightcliff
Construction due to commence in the week beginning 21 July.

9.3. East Point Reserve
The work planned for East Point includes curb stops in the car park next to the public toilet block and maintenance to the footpath. The work is ready for construction.
9.4. **Accessible Matting**
Accessible matting has been ordered, it is due to arrive in the week of 21 July. The matting will be used at Council events to ensure they are wheelchair accessible. The matting will also be made available to community groups to improve accessibility at events. A booking system will be implemented.

**Action:** Sheree to meet with Darwin Festival staff to discuss using the matting at the entrance to The Lighthouse which DAC highlighted as being problematic for wheelchair access.

9.5. **Darwin Cinemas and Deckchair Cinema**
Research into the accessibility at the Darwin cinemas found that Birch, Carrol and Coyle cinemas provide captioned movies, infrared system and hearing loops for people with hearing impairment. For people with visual impairment there are audio described movies available. Deckchair Cinema does not have any devices available, however they have had clients use the Subtitle App to provide captions for the films.

9.6. **Mitchell Street**
Sheree and Nik to investigate the access concerns at Mitchell St near the TIO building.

9.7. **147 Ryland Rd, Nightcliff**
Council received a request from the resident at 147 Ryland Rd, Nightcliff. The resident’s daughter is in a wheelchair and needs to be picked up daily by a mini bus to attend services and programs. The bus can’t turn into the driveway due to the narrow turning width. Council Officer’s assessed the site and recommended widening of the crossover and driveway to allow additional turning space. The work is estimated at $2,000.

**Recommendation:** THAT the crossover and driveway at 147 Ryland Rd Nightcliff be widened to allow additional turning space and that it be funded from the Disability Access Budget.

Moved: Deborah Bampton Seconded: Lynne Strathie

10. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

10.1. **National Disability Services NT - Darwin Regional Forum**
NDS NT are holding their annual regional forum on Thursday 24 July. Sheree is holding a stall to promote the disability services provided by Council, including; the Disability Advisory Committee, Community Access Plan, Seniors and Disability Services Directory, Recharge Scheme, the Liberty Swings and pool hoists, and Disability Awareness Week. Debbie and Lynne volunteered to assist with the stall.

10.2. **Advisory Committee Workshops**
Capacity building workshops are scheduled for September for all Committee members to attend to learn about the role and function of the Committees, working effectively as a Committee, Council processes and Council’s strategic planning and direction.
10.3. Disability Awareness Week 2014
DAW 2014 will be celebrated from 1 to 7 September. The Planning Committee has decided on the theme; *Choice Control Connect*. The program of events includes; DAW Official Opening, Sailability, a community forum, Happiness and Wellbeing Markets, Rehabilitation Services Open Day, Deckchair Cinema night screening The Crash Reel, Art Exhibition, Autism and Disability Inclusion Playday, CemeNTstars theatre performance and IDA Quiz Night.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date: Thursday 25 September 2014  
Time: 2.00pm to 3.30pm  
Venue: Casuarina Library Meeting Room  
Bradshaw Terrace, Casuarina

13. MEETING CLOSED
Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present details of a Lord Mayoral delegation to Timor-Leste for the Committee’s consideration.

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
4.2 Community life rich in creativity

Key Strategies
4.2.2 Embrace national and international relationships

Key Issues

- Lord Mayor delegation to Dili

Recommendations

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

A. THAT Report Number 14C0078 HB:kl entitled Lord Mayor Delegation to Dili, Timor-Leste, be received and noted.

B. THAT the Lord Mayor lead a delegation to Dili, Timor-Leste in October 2014 for the purposes of furthering the Sister City relationship.
BACKGROUND

PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Decision No 21\1187 (25/06/13)

A. THAT Report Number 13C0055 HB:es entitled Minutes Sister City Community Committee Meetings - Dili 21 May, Ambon 23 May 2013, Committee Focus, Ambon Night, be received and noted.

B. THAT Dili Sister City Community Committee funds of $4539 is allocated towards the following:

   i. Funding a Council Officer to visit the Dili District Administration and assist in development of Waste Management strategies; and
   ii. Supporting a reciprocal delegation to Dili for the purposes of renewing and expanding Council’s relationship with the Dili District Administration.
   iii. These funds are brought forward to the 2013/14 financial year.

C. THAT Mr Rick Setter is appointed to the position of Chair of the Ambon Sister City Community Committee for the period 23 May – 30 June 2014.

D. THAT the Ambon Sister City Community Committee recommends that up to $1000 is allocated towards the proposed Ambon Night to be held in July 2013 prior to the Darwin to Ambon Yacht Race.

DISCUSSION

The City of Darwin maintains five international Sister City relationships: Ambon, Indonesia; Anchorage, United States of America; Dili, Timor-Leste; Haikou, China and Kalymnos, Greece. City of Darwin undertakes a diverse range of international projects involving multiple stakeholders and across a number of fields including the arts, education and sport, to further the person-to-person linkages between Darwin and its Sister Cities. Projects completed in 2013-2014 include:

- Darwin and Dili Youth Exchange
- Life as a Teenager – bilingual book project
- Interactive stall and Kalymnos display at Glenti
- Ambon Night – community event celebrating Ambonese culture
- Family Fun at Dusk, Halloween event

Imbedded in the Community and Cultural Services department, Council’s international relations approach is undertaken within a community development framework and seeks to leverage networks and relationships to enhance cultural diplomacy between citizens. A key aspect of this approach is stakeholder engagement through Community Committees, frequent written and verbal communication and where possible, face-to-face meetings and engagement.
The City of Darwin on average receives 2 – 3 delegations annually from its Sister Cities and receives a multitude of international guests including Ambassadors, students, volunteers and government officials. Delegations and visitors alike visit Council in search of best practice examples, networking opportunities and introductions. Delegate visits are also key opportunities to discuss and garner support for new projects.

DELEGATION TO DILI, TIMOR-LESTE

Timor-Leste is one of the Northern Territory’s most important international neighbours. The Timor-Leste Government opened a Consulate-General in Darwin in June 2014 allowing for closer and more effective business, community and government ties. The connections between the Territory and Timor-Leste span government, municipal, transport, business community, religious, education, cultural and sporting sectors.

The last Lord Mayoral delegation to Dili, Timor-Leste was held May 2009. Since that visit a new Dili District Administrator and Lord Mayor have been appointed, relations with the local and central government of Timor-Leste have been reinvigorated and the City of Darwin has received a number of formal and informal delegates from Timor-Leste.

City of Darwin hosted a delegation of six representatives from the central and municipal government in September 2013 to commemorate the 10 year anniversary of the Sister City agreement. The parties reviewed the relationship and agreed to key follow up actions. HE the Secretary of State for State Administration decentralisation visited Darwin 28 July 2014 to sign the interim engagement agreement, and to reissue his government’s invitation to the Lord Mayor to visit Dili to publicly announce the partnership between Darwin and Dili and to discuss the proposed collaboration on waste management.

Proposed program
The Lord Mayor will undertake a 2.5 day program in Dili consisting of meetings and talks with key stakeholders and the opportunity to visit and inspect Sister City projects and further discuss the waste management collaboration project.

Delegation Party
It is recommended that the Lord Mayor is accompanied by a Council Officer and a member of the Dili Sister City Community Committee, and that the following organisations be invited to participate in the Lord Mayor delegation, at their own expense, to leverage the networking opportunities:

- Dili Sister City Community Committee Members
- Charles Darwin University
- Northern Territory Government
- NT Chamber of Commerce
- Darwin media
Benefits of the delegation

- Publically acknowledge the Sister City relationship between Darwin and Dili.
- Opportunity for quality engagement and robust discussion of the relationship and projects between Darwin and Dili.
- Opportunity to profile and promote City of Darwin, Darwin and the Northern Territory to Timorese officials and the wider Dili community.
- Increased media exposure of upcoming collaborative projects.
- Opportunity for Lord Mayor to network with Timorese leaders.
- Champion the importance of Australia and Timor-Leste relations.
- Facilitate introductions and networking opportunities between Darwin and Dili.

Timeline

The following is a proposed timeline for the delegation. Program details will be developed by the Dili side.

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CONSULTATION PROCESS

In preparing this report, the following External Parties were consulted:

- Dili Sister City Community Committee
- Consular General for the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, Darwin Branch

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Recommendations are made in line with Council policy 053 – Sister Cities.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Operational funds are available to cover travel expenses for the Lord Mayor, Council Officer and one member of the Dili Sister City Community Committee to attend the Lord Mayoral delegation to Dili. Expenses covered by Council will include:

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The host country is expected to cover the following:

- Head of delegation accommodation for up to three nights
- In-country transportation to meetings, events, etc.
- Some refreshment expenses

Those invited to join the Lord Mayoral delegation will do so at their own expense.
RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

International travel is dependent on Federal Government travel advisories. The Lord Mayor and Council Officers have insurance cover for international travel. Other stakeholders joining the Lord Mayoral delegation will be required to have an appropriate level of cover.

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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INTERSECTION OF PROGRESS DRIVE AND NIGHTCLIFF ROAD

REPORT No.: 14C0068 PC:kl COMMON No.: 1416599 DATE: 18/08/2014

Presenter: Safer Community Coordinator, Phil Capper
Approved: Acting General Manager Community & Cultural Services, Anna Malgorzewicz

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to recommend actions that will address the incidence of public intoxication impacts in the public space bound by Progress Drive, Nightcliff Road and Bagot Court.

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

- Residents at the 1 Progress Drive complex, and the dwellings in Bagot Court have reported ongoing issues with public intoxication impacts in the surrounding public space. Issues relate, for the most part, to alcohol/public intoxication and have been the subject of complaint for over a year to numerous authorities.
- Trees and shrubs in the Bagot Court Park provide a degree of concealment for persons conducting illegal activity and require continued regular pruning to maintain visibility. Responsibility for this task is divided between the City of Darwin and the NT Department of Transport.
- In accordance with the Liquor Act, the area referred to as Bagot Court Park, is defined as a ‘Regulated Place’, prohibiting the consumption of liquor in that area, with the only legislated consequence being the forfeiture of the liquor.
Craig Easther Park is a declared Public Restricted Area under the Liquor Act. It is a requirement in accordance with Section 86F of the Liquor Act to erect signs that provide advice to the public of the restrictions and penalties. Presently the park has only two signs in the centre of the park area, but additional signage is required to encourage compliance.

To provide consistency for policing and ongoing management of community amenity issues, it is recommended that Council make application to the Director of the NT Licensing Commission to declare the area referred to as ‘Bagot Court Park’ and the area of footpath on the southern side of Progress Drive between Nightcliff Road and Dick Ward Drive a Public Restricted Area in consultation with the surrounding neighbourhood residents.

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

A. THAT Report Number 14C0068 KH:kl entitled Intersection of Progress Drive and Nightcliff Road be received and noted.

B. THAT Council note the key findings of the CPTED analysis at Attachment A to Report Number 14C0068 KH:kl entitled Intersection of Progress Drive and Nightcliff Road and the following actions:

(i) Vegetation in the Council controlled areas of Bagot Court Park continue to be pruned or cleared to improve and maintain visibility and remove the opportunity for concealment.

(ii) Consideration be given for the installation of additional lighting in Bagot Court Park and Craig Easther Park to enhance community safety and improve surveillance potential through the area, to be achieved within existing capital budget allocations.

C. THAT Council write to the Department of Transport to request attention to pruning or clearing of vegetation in the NT Government controlled areas of Bagot Court Park, and seek the establishment of a coordinated maintenance and clean-up strategy with City of Darwin for this area.

D. THAT Council make application to the Director, NT Licensing Commission to declare the area referred to as ‘Bagot Court Park’ and the area of footpath on the southern side of Progress Drive between Nightcliff Road and Dick Ward Drive a Public Restricted Area in consultation with the surrounding neighbourhood residents.

E. THAT Council write to the NT Licensing Commission, to request improvements to the number and placement of Public Restricted Area signs in the Craig Easther Park.
BACKGROUND

PREVIOUS DECISION

Decision No. 21/22414 (27/05/14)

THAT a report be prepared on options for improvements to the intersection of Progress Drive and Nightcliff Road through undertaking a CPTED audit.

DISCUSSION

Residents of the housing complex at 1 Progress Drive, Coconut Grove, are frequently reporting adverse public intoxication impacts disrupting their peace and amenity from persons congregating in the public area adjacent to, and east of, their homes. The area in question is the public space situated adjacent to, and west of, the junction of Bagot Road and Nightcliff Road, and the junction of Nightcliff Road and Progress Drive. This area is unnamed, so for the purposes of this report will be referred to as “Bagot Court Park.

A detailed Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) assessment was completed of the area. Attachment A. In summary, the analysis of areas surrounding Progress Drive and Nightcliff Road intersection revealed the following issues:

- The location and growth of trees and shrubs in Bagot Court Park provides a degree of concealment that does little to discourage problematic activity on site.

- Regular pruning is required to maintain visibility and natural surveillance. Responsibility for the maintenance of this area is divided between the City of Darwin and the NT Department of Transport.

- A significant volume of litter is being deposited throughout Bagot Court Park and there is a need to coordinate a routine schedule of clean up and maintenance, through liaison with the NT Department of Transport.

- Illegal activity in Bagot Court Park predominately occurs during the hours of darkness, and despite the existence of street lighting in and around this public space, additional lighting is required to deter these behaviours and improve surveillance, with the objective of creating a safer space.

- Craig Easther Park, Coconut Grove is an area that is also subjected to illegal activity, predominately during the hours of darkness. The Park is situated south of Litchfield Court between Easther Crescent and Craig Crescent at Coconut Grove. While there is established lighting in the park, it is confined to the centre area only, leaving a significant portion in the northern sector of the park with no lighting, and prone to illegal activity. Enhanced lighting is required to deter these behaviours and improve surveillance, with the objective of creating a safer space.
Alcohol consumption and public intoxication are the principal issues that underlie the Bagot Court Park problems. In accordance with the Liquor Act, the area referred to as Bagot Court Park, is defined as a ‘Regulated Place’, prohibiting the consumption of liquor in that area, with the only legislated consequence being the forfeiture of the liquor. It is contended that the majority of persons who attend Bagot Court Park do so to consume liquor subsequently avoiding the heavier penalties associated with breaching liquor restrictions in other nearby areas.

Craig Easther Park is a declared Public Restricted Area under the Liquor Act. It is a requirement in accordance with Section 86F of the Liquor Act to erect signs that provide advice to the public of the restrictions and penalties. Craig Easther Park has only two signs affixed to the light poles in the centre of the park area. It is contended that additional signs posted on the extremities of the park area may also encourage compliance.

CONCLUSION

The CPTED audit has highlighted a number of operational measures that when undertaken, will improve amenity. A coordinated schedule of maintenance in partnership with the Department of Transport will build on the existing City of Darwin maintenance regime to prune and remove litter, thereby demonstrating a well maintained and activated environment. Improvement to ‘No Alcohol’ signage is also necessary and while not a total solution, will encourage compliance and provide policing consistency with alcohol restrictions.

Infrastructure enhancements such as additional lighting at Bagot Court Park and Craig Easther Park, as described in the attached report, are also sought to discourage night time alcohol misuse and improve surveillance potential.

To provide much needed improvements to the ongoing management of these spaces and to reduce the incidence of public intoxication impacts, it is recommended that Council apply to the NT Licensing Commission to seek a declaration of the area referred to as ‘Bagot Court Park’ and the area of footpath on the southern side of Progress Drive between Nightcliff Road and Dick Ward Drive as a Public Restricted Area, following further consultation with the surrounding neighbourhood residents.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

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

- Manager, Darwin Safer City Project
- Manager Regulatory Services
- General Manager Infrastructure
- Senior Technical Officer Parks and Reserves

In preparing this report, the following External Parties were consulted:

- Department of Lands, Planning, and the Environment
POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Although a specific Council policy setting is not identified, the principles underpinning Council’s Safer City Pilot Project provides a sound framework from which to assess the locations using an evidence based Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design model. Council’s Strategic Directions, Evolving Darwin Towards 2020 also clearly articulates its pursuit of outcomes that contribute to a safer community for all residents and visitors.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

As Council has responsibility for Bagot Court Park and Craig Easther Park, enhanced lighting initiatives will be funded from existing capital budget allocations. The most suitable lighting option will be determined by the City of Darwin Infrastructure section with the objective of improving community safety and amenity.

RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Any application for the specified area of land to be declared a restricted area shall be lodged with the Director of the Licensing Commission in accordance with Section 76 of the Liquor Act. Council may make application in writing, which will include a description of the relevant area, and a statement of the reasons for desiring the area be declared a public restricted area.

In this instance, the reasons for seeking such a declaration are based on the incidence of complaints from residents living adjacent to the relevant area about persistent alcohol related criminal activity, namely; disorderly behaviour, offensive language, indecent behaviour, fighting, assaults, and disturbing the peace.

Any application for this area of land to be declared a public restricted area is tentatively supported by the residents consulted with, at 1 Progress Drive Coconut Grove and the residents of Bagot Court Coconut Grove.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

The responsibility for the location described in this report lie with the Department of Lands, Planning, and the Environment, the City of Darwin, the Department of Transport – Transport Infrastructure Planning Division, and the Department of Business – Gambling & Licensing.
This report seeks Council mandate to formalise requests to the Department of Lands, Planning, and the Environment, the Department of Transport, and the Department of Business – Gambling & Licensing, to facilitate a collaborative approach to improving these public space issues.

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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PROGRESS DRIVE / BAGOT COURT

CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (CPTED) REPORT

August 2014

City of Darwin

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Background
Residents of the housing complex at 1 Progress Drive, Coconut Grove, are being subjected to disruption to their peace and amenity from persons congregating in the public area adjacent to, and east of, their homes. The area in question is the public space situated adjacent to, and west of, the junction of Bagot Road and Nightcliff Road, and the junction of Nightcliff Road and Progress Drive. This area is unnamed, so for the purposes of this report will be referred to as “Bagot Court Park”. (see Figure 1 – Bagot Court Park).

Layout of Bagot Court Park
Bagot Court Park is about 4,000 sq metres in area, and comprises, footpaths, a large bitumised area (which is a remnant of the old Bagot Road), trees, shrubs, and some lawn areas. The roads to the north, east and south of the space are subject to a high volume of passing traffic, however due to the shrubs and tree canopy in this area, there is a high degree of concealment for people who gather there.

There is a walkway, Walkway 105, which provides access from the Litchfield Court public housing area to Bagot Road, and is situated between residential premises at 1 Bagot Court and 43 Easther Crescent, running in an east – west direction. The walkway has...
gates at each entrance, and although the gates are fitted with ‘Digital Keypad’ locks, it would appear the gates remain open at all times. This walkway is owned and maintained by the Department of Housing NT.

Lighting is provided by street lighting, with five light standards situated in, or adjacent to, the Bagot Court Park area. (see Figure 2 – Bagot Court Park Layout) The street lights depicted in Figure 3 – Street Lighting – Bagot Court Park, are a mercury vapour type, with four rated at 250 watts, and one (a three light standard at the roundabout) rated at 400 watts (for each light). The area north of Bagot Court is devoid of lighting and light coverage from other areas.

Figure 2 – Bagot Court Park layout

Figure 3 – Street Lighting – Bagot Court Park
**Litchfield Court**
Litchfield Court is a public housing complex comprising 125 units, situated on the southern side of Progress Drive, and west of Hart Court. This area, like many other Territory Housing complexes, is subject to alcohol restrictions, in accordance with Section 101B of the Liquor Act, making it an offence to bring liquor onto private premises, possess liquor there, or to consume liquor on private premises. This applies to the common areas surrounding the units, and some specific residences where the occupants elect to have their home declared a restricted premise.

![Figure 3 – Litchfield Court](image.jpg)

**Craig Easther Park**
Craig Easther Park is about 3065 sq metres in area, situated south of Litchfield Court between Easther Crescent and Craig Crescent at Coconut Grove. This park has been included in this report due to its proximity to Bagot Court Park and Litchfield Court, and it is an area subjected to complaints of similar public intoxication issues. It is a small park, grassed, with a few trees, and a playground. Lighting is provided with two light standards adjacent to the playground equipment toward the centre of the park. (see Figure 4 – Lighting, Craig Easther Park). The north area of the park is isolated and devoid of lighting.

This park has been declared a Public Restricted Area, and has two signs erected in accordance with Section 85F(3) of the Liquor Act. These signs are located on the light poles erected toward the centre of the park, near the playground equipment. (see Figure 5 – PRA Sign) There is a walkway, Walkway 104, which provides access from Litchfield Court to Craig Crescent, and is situated between residential premises at 26 & 28 Craig Crescent, and adjacent to the park area. This walkway is maintained by Council, and is not subject to night closure. (See Figure 6 – Craig Easther Park, Layout & Lighting).
Residents at the unit complex at 1 Progress Drive, and the dwellings in Bagot Court, frequently report complaint of noise, littering and other public intoxication impacts by people congregating in this public space just outside their property. Issues include, consumption of liquor, intoxication, shouting, fighting, abuse directed at residents, defecating, urinating, lewd acts, camping, and littering. The numbers of people involved can vary from three or four, to ten, and occurs usually at night, most nights of the week, and for several hours. This activity disturbs the peace and comfort of the residents at 1 Progress Drive, with many reporting constant interruption of sleep.

This issue has been ongoing for in excess of a year, with complaints being made to the Department of Housing, NT Police, the Member for Johnston, and City of Darwin.
Anecdotally residents report that the people who congregate in Bagot Court Park are either, residents of the Litchfield Court public housing complex, and/or are visitors to Litchfield Court.

City of Darwin Safer Community Coordinator (SCC) Observations & Consultation

On 15 May 2014, SCC attended 1 Progress Drive Coconut Grove to discuss the concerns raised by one of the residents who frequently reports complaints. The resident advised that the behaviour was occurring every night, and until all hours of the morning. Additional issues included littering which has prompted the complainant to clear litter from the area independently.

An assessment of Bagot Court Park was carried out, and it was noted the area was littered with wine cask boxes, clothing, and signs of camping in amongst the trees. The SCC contacted the A/Officer in Charge of the Casuarina Police Station, to discuss anti-social behaviour occurring in this area. Police advised they were conducting a special operation specifically targeting this location and two other locations. Police provided an assurance to monitor the area overnight. This action had an immediate impact on amenity in Bagot Court Park, at Progress Drive, which was confirmed by the complainant the following day.

Subsequent follow-ups with the complainant indicated a substantial lessening in frequency of anti-social behaviour. Additional follow up indicated an occasional repeat of some peace disturbing activity, but for the most part the problem had been resolved.

On 6 June 2014, SCC attended and photographed the area, with particular attention to lighting, Walkway 105, and Litchfield Court. It was noted that Bagot Court Park was littered with remnants of wine casks, wine bladders, spirits bottles, takeaway food containers, clothing and bedding. This is an indication that despite reports from residents advising that since 15 May 2014 disruptive behaviour by people using this area has decreased markedly, the area is still being frequented and littered. (see Figure 7 – Litter – Bagot Court Park).

Figure 7 – Litter – Bagot Court Park.
Council’s Assertive Outreach Team have attended the area almost daily since May 15th, during daylight hours, locating no one in the public space at all. On June 12th the SCC attended during the evening on three occasions between 6:00pm and 9:45pm, and observed no one loitering in the area. It was noted that due to the number of trees and the dense tree canopy, the public space at the north end of Bagot Court had no lighting or illumination at all. The nearest light standards are located at the southern end of Bagot Court, and illuminate only the roadway.

SCC identified that Craig Easther Park, was an area that is situated in close proximity to Litchfield Court, with a walkway providing direct access, and could be subjected to similar issues as Bagot Court Park. After consultation with residents in Easther Court, it was established that they also experience issues with peace disturbing behaviours, alcohol consumption, littering and camping. An inspection of the park area revealed litter in the form of clothing, food containers/packaging, and damage to signs, dumped shopping trolleys, and possible evidence of substance misuse, namely an emptied tube of solvent-based contact adhesive. Provision of lighting in the area is limited and restricted to the centre area of the park. Residents advised that the northern sector is where people congregate and camp at night, possibly due to the lack of lighting.

SCC has maintained contact with several residents in both the Bagot Court Park and Craig Easther Park areas, and made several visits to conduct assessments, noting litter issues and other activity. Since the establishment of direct liaison with Police both from Casuarina Police Station and the Special Operations Command, reports to Council from residents about behaviour in the public spaces are immediately passed onto Police, who have been quickly dealing with the problems in an effective and efficient manner. It is evident that stronger collaboration and partnership between Council’s Safer City pilot and NT Police has fostered better outcomes.

**Public Places Service Collaboration Group**

An initiative of the Darwin Safer City Project is the establishment of the Public Places Service Collaboration Group (PPSCG), comprising representatives from the NT Police, Department of Housing, the Safer City Project, CoD Regulatory Services, St Vincent de Paul, Mission Australia, NT Department of Gambling and Licensing, the Australian Hotels Association NT, and Larrakia Nation. The group’s purpose is to provide greater information sharing, coordination and collaboration between Government agencies, local government and industry in concert with key community service providers who are tasked with program and service delivery that work to reduce the adverse impacts of alcohol and substance related harm on community amenity, safety and liveability.

At its inaugural meeting in July, the Group discussed greater coordination of responses to hot spot areas along with additional actions such as local area landscaping clean ups, licensing follow ups and purposeful patrols. There is a high level of cooperation amongst the group to work together in responding to public space and public intoxication issues. Actions pertinent to improving community amenity at the Bagot Court Park area were planned for, at the July meeting – pending this audit.
Licensed Premises
In and around the area of Bagot Court Park, there are a number of licensed premises that sell liquor for consumption away from the premises. As it has been identified, consumption of alcohol is the basis of the problematic behaviour that occurs at Bagot Court Park and other nearby public spaces. The location and hours of licence operation of these takeaway liquor outlets is relevant to the assessment report.

The following eight liquor outlets are located within 1.5 kilometres of Bagot Court Park:

**5 Star Supermarket** – 28 Progress Drive, Nightcliff  
Authority ‘Store’  
Takeaway Hours - Monday – Friday 1000 hrs – 2200 hrs  
Saturday, Public Holidays, 0900 hrs to 2200 hrs  
No trading Sunday, Good Friday, or Christmas Day.

**Aralia Supermarket** – 60 Aralia Street, Nightcliff  
Authority ‘Store’  
Takeaway Hours - Monday – Friday 1000 hrs – 2200 hrs  
Sat, Public Holidays, 0900 hrs to 2200 hrs  
No trading Sunday, Good Friday, or Christmas Day.

**Beachfront Hotel** – 342 Casuarina Drive, Nightcliff  
Authority ‘Tavern’"  
Takeaway Hours - Sunday – Friday 1000 hrs – 2200 hrs  
Sat, Public Holidays, 0900 hrs to 2200 hrs  
No trading Good Friday, or Christmas Day.

**BWS – (Nightcliff)** – Lot 9485 Dick Ward Drive, Nightcliff  
Authority ‘Store’  
Takeaway Hours - Monday – Friday 1000 hrs – 2200 hrs  
Saturday, Public Holidays, 0900 hrs to 2200 hrs  
No trading Sunday, Good Friday, or Christmas Day.

**Happy Foodland Supermarket** – Shop 1, Lot 1836 Pearce Place, Rapid Creek  
Authority ‘Store’  
Takeaway Hours - Monday – Friday 1000 hrs – 2200 hrs  
Saturday, Public Holidays, 0900 hrs to 2200 hrs  
No trading Sunday, Good Friday, or Christmas Day.

**Millner Supermarket** – 348 Bagot Road, Millner  
Authority ‘Store’  
Takeaway Hours - Monday – Friday 1000 hrs – 2200 hrs  
Saturday, Public Holidays, 0900 hrs to 2200 hrs  
No trading Sunday, Good Friday, or Christmas Day.

**Nightcliff Sports Club** – 11 Camphor Street, Nightcliff  
Authority ‘Club’ – (Off premises sales to Financial Members Only)  
Takeaway Hours - Sunday – Friday 1000 hrs – 2200 hrs  
Saturday, Public Holidays, 0900 hrs to 2200 hrs  
No trading Good Friday, or Christmas Day.
Sabine Supermarket – 2 Sabine Road, Millner
Authority ‘Store’
Takeaway Hours - Monday – Friday 1000 hrs – 2200 hrs
Saturday, Public Holidays, 0900 hrs to 2200 hrs
No trading Sunday, Good Friday, or Christmas Day.

Alcohol Restrictions
The NT has a number of legislative measures that have been implemented in a bid to curb alcohol related peace disturbance. Three of these strategies have direct relevance to the Bagot Court Park and Craig Easther Park, namely:

Also referred to as the “2K Law”, prohibits the consumption of liquor while in any Public Place within two kilometres of a licensed premises. The penalty for consuming liquor in a regulated place is the possible forfeiture of any opened, and unopened, liquor.

If a person consumes liquor in a regulated place, and in the process causes a nuisance to other people, they will receive a fine by way of an infringement notice, or if the matter proceeds to Court, a fine of up to $720. Opened and unopened containers of liquor may also be forfeited. Exemptions can be applied for through the NT Licensing Commission, but in relation to Public Places, the ‘owner’ of the place can give ‘express permission’ for adult persons to consume liquor.

Public Restricted Areas – Section 74 of the Liquor Act.
An area of land, other than private premises, can be declared a public restricted area, where consumption of liquor is prohibited. The penalty for consuming liquor is a fine by way of an infringement notice, or if the matter proceeds to Court, a fine of up to $2880. Opened and unopened containers of liquor may also be forfeited. Only sworn Police Officers can take enforcement action in respect to offences related to public restricted areas and regulated places.

Permits to consume liquor in a Public Restricted Area can be applied for through the NT Licensing Commission.

It is a requirement in accordance with Section 86F(3) of the Liquor Act that the NT Licensing Commission must set up signs in the area to publicize the restriction.

Restricted Premises – Section 101B of the Liquor Act.
Privately owned land and buildings upon the land, residential premises, schools, shopping centres, and hospitals can also be declared Restricted Premises. It is an offence to bring liquor onto, possess liquor on, or consume liquor on, restricted premises, with penalties including, a fine by way of an infringement notice, or if the matter proceeds to Court, a fine of up to $14,400. Opened and unopened containers of liquor may also be seized and forfeited.

In relation to Restricted Premises, a sworn Police Officer can take enforcement action. However, for offences committed on public housing premises, Public Housing Safety Officers can also take enforcement action, in accordance with Sections 28D and 28E of the Housing Act, and via Regulation 15 of the Housing Regulations.
Alcohol Restricted Areas Pertaining to this Assessment

All of the Bagot Court Park area, including the footpath along Progress Drive, and Bagot Court and footpath, are a Regulated Place, where liquor cannot be consumed, with the only consequence being forfeiture of the liquor.

Litchfield Court, public housing premises, is declared a Restricted Premises, and it is an offence to bring liquor onto the premises or to possess or consume it onsite. Penalties include fines and confiscation of liquor.

Since April 2008, the following areas of Nightcliff and Coconut Grove have been declared a Public Restricted Area:

- The area of land north of Orchard Avenue and west of the centre-line of Dick Ward Drive, between Orchard Avenue and Progress Drive, to the sea. Following the coast north of Orchard Avenue to the western end of Aralia Street, then following the road centre-lines, south of Aralia Street, west of Banksia, Casuarina Drive, and south of Progress Drive.
- The area of the Nightcliff Shops bounded by the centre-lines of Phoenix Street, Pavonia Place, Oleander Street, and south of the centre-line of Progress Drive, adjoining with Dick Ward Drive. The area includes the public space known as Craig Easther Park. (see Figure 8 – Diagram of the restricted areas for Nightcliff, Rapid Creek and Coconut Grove). It is an offence to consume liquor in a Public Restricted Area, and penalties include fines and confiscation of the liquor.

![Figure 8 – Diagram of the restricted areas for Nightcliff, Rapid Creek and Coconut Grove.](http://www.dob.nt.gov.au/gambling-licensing/liquor/liquor-restrictions/darwin/Pages/restricted-areas.aspx)
Area Assessment - Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)
The objective of the Progress Drive / Bagot Court CPTED assessment was to evaluate the design and use of the environment to:-

- Support desired behaviours
- Enhance intended functionality
- Reduce undesired behaviours
- Place potential offenders at a disadvantage

CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design) is based on the recognition that design and the use of the environment effects behaviour. The basis of CPTED is that in combination, good design and use of the environment can reduce both the fear of, and the occurrence of, crime. CPTED strategies rely upon the ability to influence offender decisions that precede criminal activity. CPTED strategies aim to dissuade offenders from committing crimes by influencing the built environment in which those crimes proceed from or occur.

There are three key principles of CPTED that the assessment of Progress Drive / Bagot Court is based on.

- Natural Access Control
- Natural Surveillance
- Territorial Reinforcement

Identified Environmental and Infrastructure Issues
The principal cause of the behavioural issues is persons attending the area for purpose of consuming alcohol.

Analysis of Key Issues and Summary of Recommendations

- Reduction of Foliage

The area of Bagot Court Park is being used by persons expressly for the purpose of consuming liquor, and in the process of doing so disturbs the peace and comfort of residents in the nearby vicinity. Significant littering also occurs, and neighbouring residents often clean up the area independently. This area, albeit a small site, is densely populated with trees and large shrubs, and poorly lit at night, which combined, provides significant concealment. This concealment makes effective policing of the area difficult. Continual and regularly programmed maintenance is required to prune trees and shrubs to remove overgrowth, thereby opening the area up. Maintenance of this area is divided between City of Darwin and the Department of Transport, and from the information provided, there is a small portion of the area that does not fall within the jurisdiction of either authority. (see Figure 9 – Maintenance Areas – Bagot Court Park).
• **Lighting – Bagot Court Park**

Lighting in this area is currently only provided by street lighting in Bagot Court, Nightcliff Road, and Progress Drive, with the central area of Bagot Court Park devoid of illumination at night. An electrical power pole, identification no. 4867, was noted to not have lighting affixed, near the eastern boundary of premises at 1 Progress Drive, and situated almost central to the area of land that requires illumination. (see Figure 6 – Bagot Court Park layout, and Figure – Power Pole Bagot Court Park).
The absence of adequate lighting in Bagot Court Park requires a review of the potential lighting of this location going forward, and should provide sufficient illumination that will enhance public safety and improve natural surveillance potential for residents, motorists, and the Police.

- **Public Restricted Area Recommendation**

Alcohol consumption and intoxication are the principal issues to be addressed. Community commentary suggests that the majority of people responsible for the adverse activities in Bagot Court Park are residents of, or visitors to residents of, the Litchfield Court housing area. While there is a prohibition on consuming liquor in Bagot Court Park (Regulated Place), the penalty/consequence of breaching that prohibition is less than for any breach of the Restricted Premises provisions. Declaring an area a ‘Public Restricted Area’ can be beneficial, as it gives Police greater enforcement ability, and becomes a greater deterrent, providing a penalty other than confiscation of liquor.

- **Public Restricted Area Declaration**

It is recommended that consideration be given to having Bagot Court Park declared a Public Restricted Area for the aforementioned reasons. The delineation of that area to be declared may require further discussion with the Department of Gambling and Licencing, however for the purposes of this report it is recommended that the area of Bagot Court Park and the entire southern footpath, including to the centreline, of Progress Drive between Nightcliff Road and Dick Ward Drive, be declared a Public Restricted Area. (see Figure 11 – Proposed Public Restricted Area) This would see the proposed area adjoin the existing Public Restricted Area at the junction of Progress Drive and Dick Ward Drive, therefore any application made to the Liquor Commission could be to either, amend the current declaration, vide Section 86G of the Liquor Act, or to apply for a new declaration, vide Section 76 of the Liquor Act.

Craig Easther Park is a public space situated nearby to Litchfield Court, but is also declared a Public Restricted Area. While there are incidences of anti-social behaviour and alcohol consumption, these appear to be less frequent, and Police responses result in a more effective management of the issues. Declaring Bagot Court Park a Public Restricted Area would not only provide greater enforcement potential, but also provide consistency from a policing perspective.

- **Signage**

The placement of only two ‘Alcohol Free Area’ signs in the centre area of Craig Easther Park appears inadequate. It is reasonable to expect that persons entering the park would be unaware of the restriction. The position of the current signs is beneficial, but additional signs need to be placed at the entrance areas of the park or restricted area.

- **Lighting – Craig Easther Park**

Lack of adequate lighting is also a contributing factor to the incidence of peace disturbing activity in Craig Easther Park. There are only two lights, both situated toward the centre of the park near the playground. (see Figure 6 – Craig Easther Park, Layout & Lighting)
Residents have described the northern area of the park as problematic, with peace disturbing behaviours and camping occurring primarily due to the lack of illumination. Additional lighting in that area would provide a deterrent. (See Figure 6 – Craig Easther Park, Layout & Lighting). At the time of preparing this report, the Infrastructure Department indicated scope within existing capital budgets to achieve enhanced lighting with the aim of improving community safety and greater natural surveillance.
Recommendations

A. THAT Report Number 14C0068 KH:kl entitled Intersection of Progress Drive and Nightcliff Road be received and noted.

B. THAT Council note the key findings of the CPTED analysis as described within the Progress Drive/Bagot Court 2014 Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design report and the following actions;

(i) Vegetation in the Council controlled areas of Bagot Court Park continue to be pruned or cleared to improve and maintain visibility and remove the opportunity for concealment.

(ii) Consideration be given for the installation of lighting in Bagot Court Park and Craig Easther Park to enhance community safety and improve surveillance potential through the area, to be achieved within existing capital budget allocations.

C. THAT Council write to the Department of Transport to request attention to pruning or clearing of vegetation in the NT Government controlled areas of Bagot Court Park, and seek the establishment of a coordinated maintenance and clean-up strategy with City of Darwin for this area.

D. THAT Council make application to the Director, NT Licensing Commission to declare the area referred to as ‘Bagot Court Park’ and the area of footpath on the southern side of Progress Drive between Nightcliff Road and Dick Ward Drive a Public Restricted Area in consultation with the surrounding neighbourhood residents.

E. THAT Council write to the NT Licensing Commission, to request improvements to the number and placement of Public Restricted Area signs in the Craig Easther Park.
9. INFORMATION ITEMS

Nil

10. GENERAL BUSINESS