

Business Papers

City Life Committee Meeting

Monday, 23 October 2017
5.30pm



Notice of Meeting

To the Lord Mayor and Aldermen

You are invited to attend a City Life Committee Meeting to be held in Meeting Room 1, Level 1, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin, on Monday, 23 October 2017, commencing at 5.30pm.

B P DOWD
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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CITY OF DARWIN

CITY LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, 23 OCTOBER 2017

MEMBERS: Member G J Haslett (Chair); The Right Worshipful, The Lord Mayor, K Vatskalis; Member A Arthur; Member P Pangquee.

OFFICERS: Chief Executive Officer, Mr B Dowd; General Manager City Life, Ms A Malgorzewicz; Manager Leisure & Customer Experience, Mr M Grassmayr; Manager Vibrant Communities, Ms K Hearn; Manager Engagement & Participation, Ms S Jeeves; Manager Library Services, Mrs K Conway; Manager Regulatory Services, Ms Brooke Rankmore; Executive Assistant, Ms K Long.

Enquiries and/or Apologies:

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OR Phone Meeting Room 1, for Late Apologies - PH: 89300 519

Committee's Responsibilities

THAT effective as of 26 September 2017 Council, pursuant to Section 32 (2)(b) of the Local Government Act, hereby delegates to the City Life Committee the power to make recommendations to Council and decisions relating to City Life matters within the approved budget:

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| • Access and Inclusion | • Darwin Safer City |
| • Arts and Culture | • Families and Children |
| • Community Development | • Libraries |
| • Community Engagement | • Recreation, Leisure & Events |
| • Customer Services | • Regulatory Services |
| • Darwin Entertainment Centre | |

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1. MEETING DECLARED OPEN

2. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Common No. 2695036

2.1 Apologies

2.2 Leave of Absence Granted

3. ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

Common No. 2221528

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

Common No. 2752228

4.1 Declaration of Interest by Members

4.2 Declaration of Interest by Staff

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING/S

Common No. 1955119

5.1 Confirmation of the Previous City Life Committee Meeting Minutes

Nil

5.2 Business Arising

Nil

6. DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS

Nil

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7. **CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

Common No. 1944604

7.1 **Closure to the Public for Confidential Items**

THAT pursuant to Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the following Items:-

<u>Item</u>	<u>Regulation</u>	<u>Reason</u>
C17.1.1	8(c)(iv)	information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of the council or some other person

7.2 **Moving Open Items Into Confidential**

7.3 **Moving Confidential Items Into Open**

8. **WITHDRAWAL OF ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority that all Information Items and Officers Reports to the City Life Committee Meeting held on Monday, 23 October 2017 be received and considered individually.

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9.1 OFFICERS REPORTS (ACTION REQUIRED)



ENCL: CITY LIFE COMMITTEE/OPEN
YES

AGENDA ITEM: 9.1.1

STREET SPORTS IN MITCHELL STREET

REPORT No.: 17CL0007 MG:kl **COMMON No.:** 3580817

DATE: 23/10/2017

Presenter: Manager Leisure & Customer Experience, Matt Grassmayr

Approved: General Manager City Life, Anna Malgorzewicz

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the issues for consideration to enable street sports to be conducted in the city centre.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

Goal

2 Vibrant, Flexible and Tropical Lifestyle

Outcome

2.3 Increased sport, recreation and leisure experiences

Key Strategies

2.3.5 Enhance and improve services and facilities which encourage healthy lifestyle choices

KEY ISSUES

- At the First Ordinary meeting on 11 July 2017, Council requested a report be prepared outlining the issues for consideration to enable the ongoing closure of Mitchell Street on Friday nights for hosting street sports.
- Consultation was undertaken with a range of stakeholders including Peak Sporting Bodies and the Australian Hotel Association NT (AHA NT) to ascertain interest and potential involvement.
- Holding street sports in the city centre aligns with Council's strategy to activate the CBD and promote business in the City.
- There are issues that would need to be addressed in terms of safety and risk management for street sport events to occur in Mitchell Street.
- Consideration should be made to frequency and location of events to ensure their ongoing sustainability, minimise risk and reduce the effect of road closures on residents and local businesses.
- There was general support from stakeholders to trial street sports, however in terms of capacity and costs, weekly events would not be feasible or supported.

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Stakeholders agreed that scheduling a number of events across the calendar year would be preferred.

- This report recommends options for Council to refer a street sports program to the 2018/19 budget process for consideration.

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- THAT Report Number 17CL0007 MG:kl entitled Street Sports In Mitchell Street, be received and noted.
- THAT Council refer an amount of \$100,000 for Council to deliver a program of four street sport events in the CBD for consideration in the 2018/19 budget process.
- THAT Council refer an amount of \$40,000 to assist sports organisations to deliver four street sport events in the CBD for consideration in the 2018/19 budget process.

BACKGROUND

PREVIOUS DECISION

DECISION NO. 21\5566 (11/07/17)

Street Sports in Mitchell Street
Common No. 3580817

THAT a report be prepared outlining the issues that would need to be considered to enable ongoing closure of Mitchell Street on Friday nights for the purpose of hosting street sports. Issues to be considered include but are not limited to: the logistics of closure, funding of the street sports equipment, administrative support for street sports, consultation and budget requirements.

DISCUSSION

City of Darwin recognises the importance of the CBD as a services and commercial hub for Darwin and is working in partnership with the Northern Territory Government and stakeholder organisations to revitalise and activate the city centre.

Introducing a program of evening street sport events would aim to attract additional people to the city centre, encourage CBD workers to stay longer and provide an opportunity for both newcomers and patrons who already socialise in the CBD to enjoy and participate in a range of fun, healthy activities.

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Activation of the CBD through sport and recreation events is well supported by the community. There is precedence with Council and the Northern Territory Government conducting a number of activities including the Darwin City Boutique Markets, V8 Mitchell Street Fan Zone, Freedom of Entry parades and the Mitchell Street Mile. These events are highly successful and through appropriate planning and coordination resolve issues regarding logistics, safety, risk and road closures. These types of events produce a direct economic stimulus through encouraging spending at local food and beverage outlets.

Council is committed to further activation of the CBD and during the 2017/18 year a number of events have already been planned. These include further market nights, the HMAS *Darwin* Freedom of Entry Parade and support for the 2018 Commonwealth Games Baton Relay, all of which will involve temporary road closures in the CBD.

In addition, Council's Healthy Darwin program encourages residents to keep active and lead a healthy lifestyle. A street sports program would also support residents to try new forms of active recreation pursuits, whether it is taking part in a fun one-off activity, or to facilitate a pathway to joining a sporting club.

Stakeholder Consultations

Consultation with Peak Sporting Bodies and local AHA NT members indicates a general support for holding recreation activities on a regular basis in the city centre. A range of suggestions and considerations were provided by stakeholders to support these activities in the city centre.

AHA NT Members

AHA NT members supported the introduction of a range of activities that cover a much broader scope than traditional sports. It was seen as a great opportunity to include novelty events that provide a drawcard for spectators and promote local businesses.

They were keen to see activities such as Go Carts or Pedicab races that could involve local venues competing against each other and would be good for spectators. Members felt public transport was an important consideration and that free public transport assisted in attracting participants to CBD events.

AHA NT members felt that monthly or quarterly street sport events would be preferable to weekly in order to retain interest and minimise disruption. It was also suggested to consider linking any activities to coincide with the Darwin City Boutique Markets.

While most AHA NT members were supportive of using Mitchell Street as a location, one member was not supportive of any road closures of Mitchell Street due to experiencing a significant loss of revenue during the Mitchell Street Mile and the V8 Mitchell Street Fan Zone events.

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AHA NT members suggested consideration should also be given to using other neighbouring locations such as The Esplanade, Bicentennial Park, Tamarind Park and laneways or side streets off Mitchell Street. They stated they would not be supportive of events at Civic Park or The Mall.

Peak Sporting Bodies

Feedback was received from nine peak sporting bodies indicating an interest in delivering a recreation activity in the city on a Friday night. Sporting organisations identified a number of modified versions of their sports that would be suitable, including backyard cricket, sitting volleyball, duathlon, AFL handball competition, modified hockey or carpet bowls.

Most sporting organisations saw a good opportunity to hold limited events, or one-off promotional sessions prior to the commencement of their sporting season. However, they could not commit to providing activities on a weekly basis.

A number of sporting organisations indicated they already have modified equipment suitable and staff available to run events; however, others would require financial assistance to purchase equipment and for staffing costs.

Peak Sporting Bodies identified a number of considerations regarding using a road surface as the location for street sports. While some sporting organisations were happy to run an event on Mitchell Street, others would require a flat level surface conducive to sport participation. Triathlon see The Esplanade as a more suitable location for a 'come and try Duathlon' due to the limited space available in Mitchell Street. Most sports would require access to power and this would also need to be considered when finalising a location.

Some Peak Sporting Bodies also identified alcohol consumption in nearby venues with children and young people present as a concern. The Alcohol & Drug Foundation (Good Sports program) was not supportive of encouraging young people to be playing modified sports in an area with a large number of people consuming alcohol.

Logistics of Street Closure

There is a number of factors that require consideration in determining the logistics of a street closure such as the area / length of the road closure and size of the event.

Recently, there was a closure of Mitchell Street between Knuckey Street and Peel Street for the V8 Mitchell Street Fan Zone event from midday to 10:00pm. The considerations for closing Mitchell Street for that event included:

- Maintaining temporary access to the Mitchell Centre roof carpark for Hertz, businesses' carparks and the Darwin Police Station
- Diversion of traffic for the Transit Centre and the Budget Hotel
- Consultation with businesses on Knuckey Street to allow access to Nutall Place driveways
- Diversion of public transport

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- Relocation of the taxi rank outbound area
- Emergency services access
- Installation of portable lighting
- Establishing a consultation register for businesses
- NT Police endorsement on the road closure
- Public liability certification for the event

Consideration also needs to be made to the number of parking bays in the section of road to be closed, and ensuring these bays are closed early on the day of an event. Traffic management for the V8 Mitchell Street Fan Zone event began at 6:00am to close 25 car parking bays, and 2 motorcycle parking bays and allow bump-in of equipment.

The Hostile Vehicle Mitigation Guidelines for Crowded Places was released in 2017 by the Commonwealth Government to increase safety in commercial hubs and at public events. Temporary concrete planter boxes could be used instead of people manning road closures, and would be suitable for event control in line with the Guidelines. This would require additional cost to install and remove the 1x1m concrete boxes for each event.

Installing permanent retractable bollards would also be a suitable and more convenient option to allow for closure of Mitchell Street on a regular basis. Using planter boxes or bollards for road closures would still require signage to be placed at the road closure locations for each event.

Summary

There was general support from stakeholders to trial street sports; however, in terms of capacity and costs, weekly events would not be feasible or supported. Stakeholders agreed that scheduling a number of events across the calendar year would be preferred.

Holding street sports in the city centre aligns with Council's strategy to attract business into the City. The frequency and location of these events need to be carefully considered to ensure ongoing sustainability.

While weekly events are seen as being too frequent to retain interest in participation and volunteer commitments, a program to deliver street sports on a quarterly basis is more sustainable and financially viable. This would also alleviate concerns regarding disruption from regular road closures and any subsequent effect on local businesses and residents.

Consideration should be made regarding alternate locations within the CBD to host street sport or recreation events that may reduce the costs involved while still attracting people into the city centre on a Friday night.

In order to deliver a program of street sport events, Council would need to fund a new initiative to provide for event coordination, logistics and production costs. It is estimated that an amount of \$25,000 would be required per event.

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Alternatively Council could support sporting organisations and assist them with a financial contribution for equipment, event coordination, transport, marketing and promotions, and traffic management costs. This report details recommendations for both of these options in order to provide four street sports events in the 2018/19 financial year.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

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

- Manager Infrastructure Maintenance
- Work Zone Traffic Officer
- Recreation and Healthy Lifestyle Co-ordinator
- Recreation Services Officer
- Team Leader Customer Experience
- Community Events Producer
- Team Co-ordinator Risk, Audit & Safety
- Technical Officer Civil
- Manager Regulatory Services
- Manager Economic Development, Tourism & International Relations
- Regulatory Operations Supervisor

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

- Marsh Insurance Brokers
- Australian Hotel Association NT (AHA NT)
- Mitchell Street CBD AHA NT members
- AFL Northern Territory
- Athletics Northern Territory
- Baseball Northern Territory
- Basketball NT
- Bowls Northern Territory
- Cycling Northern Territory
- Darwin Roller Girls
- Darwin Shamrocks Gaelic Athletic Association
- Football Federation Northern Territory
- Golf NT
- Green Ant Fencing
- Gymnastics Northern Territory
- Hockey NT
- Northern Territory Badminton Association Inc.
- Northern Territory Calisthenics Association
- Northern Territory Cricket
- Northern Territory Rugby Union
- Northern Territory Tenpin Bowling
- NRL NT
- Softball Northern Territory

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- Squash NT
- Table Tennis NT Inc.
- Tennis NT
- Touch Football NT
- Triathlon Northern Territory
- Volleyball Northern Territory

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

City of Darwin Policy No. 046 – Recreation and Healthy Lifestyle provides a framework for the design, development and management of facilities that support pursuits to encourage healthy lifestyles and community connectedness.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The below table details cost estimates for one event based on activities running for 3hrs:

	Estimated Cost per event
Temporary road closure	\$7,000*
Lighting	\$1,500
Event Coordination and staffing costs	\$6,500
Media and promotions	\$2,500
Amenities and cleaning	\$2,000
Sporting equipment	\$2,000
Event security and safety	\$1,500
Audio equipment	\$2,000
Total	\$25,000

*The estimated cost for a temporary road closure event on Mitchell Street is a minimum of \$7,000. This would include adequate time for the closure of the parking bays, equipment bump-in, event conclusion and bump-out prior to the reopening of the road for traffic. Planter boxes could also be used and are estimated to cost approximately \$2,000 each excluding transport and installation.

If street sports proved successful, Council could also consider installing permanent retractable bollards in Mitchell Street to assist with traffic management. The estimated cost for retractable bollards is \$1,300 per bollard, subject to any additional cost associated with underground services.

RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Council's insurance brokers, Marsh Pty Ltd, undertook a review of the risk and insurance implications for the proposed regular closure of Mitchell Street for sport activities. Marsh Pty Ltd identified a number of significant risks that may be difficult to manage:

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Ground Surface

There is an inherent injury risk due to the appropriateness of utilising a road surface for sport participation. This could be mitigated through temporarily constructing appropriate surfaces or hosting events at CBD park locations.

Safety & Security

There is a safety and security risk regarding crowd control at any event, and in particular on Mitchell Street due to the surrounding licensed premises and possible interaction or involvement of intoxicated persons with the activity.

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.

MATTHEW GRASSMAYR
MANAGER LESIURE &
CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE

ANNA MALGORZEWICZ
GENERAL MANAGER CITY LIFE

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9.2 OFFICERS REPORTS (RECEIVE & NOTE)

Nil



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10. INFORMATION ITEMS

10.1 Minutes Youth Advisory Committee 5 October 2017 and 6 July 2017

Document No. 3668502 (23/10/2017) Common No. 3668502

*The (item) is **Attachment A**.*



YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Thursday 5th October 2017

5:30pm – 7:30pm
UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM 1



1. MEETING OPENED

The regular meeting of the Youth Advisory Committee was opened at 5.40pm by chair Lisa Burnett.

2. PRESENT

Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris	Elected Member
Lisa Burnett	Youth Events and Training Officer
Alicia Kent	Youth Services Trainee
Emily Ford	YAC Member
Emmanuel Khemis	YAC Member
Tenneil Ross	YAC Member
Kailey Coble	YAC Member
Hannah Illingworth	YAC Member
Sau-Ching Leung	YAC Observer
Ashlee Wallace	YAC Observer
Zakelli Xie	YAC Observer
Lisa Dillon	YAC Observer

APOLOGIES

Alderman Justine Glover	Elected Member
Rebecca Jennings	YAC Member
Dawyte Clancy	YAC Member
John Kyaw Naing Yusuf	YAC Member
Jane Alia	YAC Observer
Khayla de Ausen	YAC Observer

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Emmanuel Khemis (Moved) Emily Ford (Seconded)

4.1 WELCOME OBSERVERS AND NEW ALDERMEN REPRESENTATIVE

Welcome new observers, Sauching, Ashlee, Zakelli and Lisa, and Alderman Bouhoris, new alternate Aldermen representative.

4.2 ICE BREAKER

Youth Services Trainee conducted icebreaker.

5.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 National Student Leadership Forum Presentation – Emmanuel Khemis

YAC Member representative who was selected to attend the National Student Leadership Forum this year presented about his experience at the forum.

5.2 YAC 2017 Action Plan Review

YAC reviewed our Draft Action Plan for 2017, leading into 2018.

5.3 Quiz 4 Dili 2018 Planning

Members discussed direction for 2018 Quiz4Dili event, and decided to use some of the next meeting to start planning for next year.

Action

- Youth Services trainee to add Quiz4Dili planning as agenda item, with sufficient time to begin planning for next meeting. Extra meetings may be held after to continue planning and delivery.

Meeting Closed 7:40pm

Next YAC meeting scheduled:

Thursday 2 November 2017 @ 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Venue – Meeting Room 1, Council Chambers

Contact Person:

Lisa Burnett

Youth Training and Events Officer

0478 479 845

Youth Advisory Committee Action Plan 2017

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<p>GOAL 4.6 <i>Facilitate initiatives that promote and encourage connectivity</i></p> <p>GOAL1.6 <i>Work collaboratively to improve health literacy of young people and their families</i></p> <p><i>Utilise YAC meetings to table/address emerging local issues/trends impacting young people</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Youth Week - CEO Sleep out - Dili Youth Exchange <p>Middle school engagement project</p>	Ongoing
	<p>Attendance of Monthly YAC meetings</p> <p>Attendance of Council Committee meetings</p> <p>Full Council meetings</p>	August 2017
		Monthly
<p>Consultation GOAL1.2 Develop, identify and maintain high quality youth friendly facilities and services</p>	<p>Regular consultations with YAC when planning and developing Council capital works infrastructure projects.</p>	Ongoing
	<p>Ensure a youth voice in community consultations on projects and services impacting young people</p>	Ongoing
<p>Meeting Structure</p>	<p>What are the things that we need in our meetings?</p> <p>Where should they go?</p> <p>What can we do without?</p>	March meeting



YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Thursday 6 July 2017

5.30pm – 7.30pm
CIVIC CENTRE, MEETING ROOM 1



1. MEETING OPENED

The regular meeting of the Youth Advisory Committee was opened at 5.45pm by Chair Alicia Kent.

2. PRESENT

Alderman George Lambrinidis	Elected Member
Lisa Burnett	Youth Events and Training Officer
Alicia Kent	Youth Services Trainee
Emily Ford	YAC Member
Rebecca Jennings	YAC Member
Emmanuel Khemis	YAC Member
Tenneil Ross	YAC Member
Jane Alia	YAC Observer
Dawyte Clancy	YAC Observer
Khayla de Ausen	YAC Observer

APOLOGIES

Kailey Coble	YAC Member
Jonathon McDonald	YAC Member
John Kyaw Naing Yusuf	YAC Member
Hannah Illingworth	YAC Member

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Emmanuel Khemis (Moved)

Emily Ford (Seconded)

Accepted on the proviso that Jane Klemis be removed as an attendee from the June 2017 minutes.

4. WELCOME

Observers - Jane Alia and Khayla de Ausen

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 National Student Leadership Forum (NSLF) Delegate Selection

Youth Services trainee presented about her experience at the NSLF. YAC agreed to use an alternate process this year. Voting will be done as follows:

- Nominees to provide a photo and up to 100 words articulating why they are the best candidate: to youthprojects@darwin.nt.gov.au by close of business Tuesday 11 July 2017.
- Nominee profiles will be posted in the YAC Facebook group.
- Voting will be done via SurveyMonkey and will end close of business Friday 14 July 2017.

Action

- Youth Services trainee to post nominee profiles to YAC Facebook group and set up SurveyMonkey for voting.

5.2 Quiz for Dili Evaluation

Aiming to hold Quiz for Dili feedback and evaluation in early August 2017.

Action

- Youth Services trainee to set up online poll and send out to YAC members to determine a suitable date for evaluation session in early August 2017.

5.3 Youth Enterprise Development

Following up on presentation in July 2017 meeting by Michelle Pipino from Foundation For Young Australians, YAC discussed potential to hold August meeting off-site at the Darwin Innovation Hub.

Action

- Youth Services trainee to follow up with Innovation Hub to see if it's possible to book a tour of DIH and hold meeting there on Thursday 3 August 2017, 5.30pm-7.30pm.

5.4 Breakout NT

Breakout NT team building session to take place during August 2017. Dawyte and Tenneil noted they will be away for the Create conference from 9-12 August 2017.

Action

- Youth Services trainee to set up online poll and send out to YAC members to determine a suitable date for Breakout activity

5.5 Anti-Poverty Week

Discussed potential to participate in Anti-Poverty Week. Some ideas included a public debate, a 'live below the line' type experience or an awareness campaign with people sharing stories about their experiences.

5.6 Emily Ford Resignation

Members wished Emily well running for Council at the next election. Emily to tender resignation in writing by the end of July 2017.

5.7 Gov Hack

Youth Services trainee presented on Gov Hack on 28-30 July 2017 at the CDU Waterfront Campus.

5.8 ShoutOut

YAC member shared information about ShoutOut and provided volunteer recruitment forms and requested Youth Services trainee forward forms to absent members.

Action

- Youth Services trainee to forward volunteer recruitment forms to members who weren't present.

5. Meeting Closed 7.20pm

Next YAC meeting scheduled:

Thursday 3 August 2017 @ 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Venue - TBA

Contact Person Youth Engagement Coordinator 0422 362 767.

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10.2 **Northern Territory Government Media Release - 10-Year Museums Master Plan for Darwin and Palmerston**

Document No. 3668420 (23/10/2017) Common No. 3633635

*The (item) is **Attachment B**.*

MEDIA RELEASE**LAUREN MOSS
MINISTER FOR TOURISM & CULTURE**

Lauren Moss
Minister for Tourism and Culture

Hames Sharley appointed to deliver Museums Master Plan

30 August 2017

In another step forward for our cultural investment program, consultation will get underway on the 10-Year Museums Master Plan for Darwin and Palmerston.

Tourism and Culture Minister Lauren Moss said the appointment was very important as cultural institutions help create jobs and vibrant communities.

"We promised to focus on creating jobs and this is another way we are doing that - the Museums Master Plan will identify and prioritise our investment in arts and cultural facilities so we get them right and deliver a great product with real economic benefits.

An integral part of this study is to consult directly with relevant members of the Northern Territory community to seek their views on the priorities and future investment in arts and cultural facilities in Darwin and Palmerston.

The aims of the consultation include:

- Supporting efforts to revitalise the Darwin and Palmerston CBD's and contribute to lifting the Northern Territory's tourism product;
- Reviewing the existing cultural facilities and activities in Darwin and Palmerston to assess future needs; and
- Providing a framework and direction for the development of cultural infrastructure in Darwin and Palmerston, including museums, galleries, libraries, art centres and keeping places.

Hames Sharley has been appointed to lead a stakeholder engagement program

"Hames Sharley has an extensive record of successful community engagement with experience in museum development, architectural design and town planning/urban design - I look forward to receiving the final report at the end of October," Ms Moss said

Hames Sharley Northern Territory Practice Manager Adam Prentice said the consultation programme included a range of direct stakeholder meetings commencing next week.

"Our report to Government will capture the aspirations of the Northern Territory community," he said.

“Our previous experience working on museums and other cultural facilities in WA and NSW has shown us the benefits of communities having direct input into the ideas, aspirations and creation of these important cultural institutions.”

Consultation on the new Museum of the Northern Territory will be conducted through a separate consultation process to be announced in the coming month.

Media Contact: Trish Grimshaw – 0428 458 466

24 August 2017

NT 10-Year Museums Master Plan Stakeholder Engagement

Earlier this year, the Chief Minister for the Northern Territory and the Minister for Tourism and Culture announced government's intention to develop a 10 Year Museums Master Plan for Darwin and Palmerston.

Hames Sharley has recently been appointed by the Department of Tourism and Culture (DTC) to lead the engagement program for development of the Plan.

The Plan will:

- Support efforts to revitalise the Darwin and Palmerston CBD's and contribute to lifting the Northern Territory's tourism product
- Review the existing cultural facilities and activities in Darwin and Palmerston to assess future needs
- Provide a framework and direction for the development of cultural infrastructure in Darwin and Palmerston, including museums, galleries, libraries, art centres and keeping places.

An integral part of developing the Plan is to consult directly with relevant members of the community to seek their input.

During our initial briefing with DTC on this important consultancy, your organisation was identified as a key stakeholder. Accordingly, we wish to engage directly with you to hear your thoughts, views and aspirations on the cultural facilities and activities required over the next 10 years.

Our team will be contacting you soon to confirm your availability over the following month and to identify any additional personnel you may wish to nominate to attend engagement sessions.

As an important project for the Territory, your input is of value and we very much look forward to meeting with you and your organisation.

With best wishes,

The HAMES SHARLEY Team

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10.3 **Northern Territory Government Media Release - Action Plan to Combat Anti-social Itinerant Behaviour**

Document No. 3668421 (23/10/2017) Common No. 3668421

*The (item) is **Attachment C**.*

Michael Gunner
Chief Minister of the Northern Territory



Media Statement

Listening and Acting: Government Announces Action Plan to Combat Anti-social Itinerant Behaviour

27 September 2017

A comprehensive suite of measures to address anti-social itinerant behaviour and homelessness in Darwin was unveiled today by the Territory Labor Government.

Chief Minister Michael Gunner said the measures include the re-introduction of a Day Patrol, a significant boost to Sobering Up Shelters and more funding certainty to non-government organisations working with homeless Territorians.

"These are the most comprehensive, smart and inter-connected measures ever introduced to target the issue of anti-social itinerant behaviour in Darwin," Mr Gunner said.

"I know many Territorians are frustrated with anti-social itinerant behaviour, which has been a long-standing issue over many years. It's one of the biggest issues affecting local business.

"I share people's frustration and today we are announcing our plans. I have listened and taken decisive action.

"Addressing anti-social behaviour is also one of the reasons I promised to bring back the Banned Drinkers Register which blocks the sale of alcohol to problem drinkers.

"Today I am announcing a raft of actions that will not only complement the BDR but also work collectively to tackle homelessness and address the issue of unacceptable anti-social itinerant behaviour, particularly in the Darwin CBD."

The measures include:

- The introduction of a First Response Day Patrol to go out to tender in the coming weeks;
- Moving the Sobering-Up Shelter in Coconut Grove to Berrimah to better connect it with other services, and expand its operations from six to seven days a week;
- A five-year funding agreement of \$300,000 per year for Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation (LNAC) to provide certainty and allow them to continue to operate the Territory Connect (Return to Country) Program;

- Improving other existing services (such as the Patient Assistance Travel Scheme and the repatriation of people released from custody) and how they work to better support clients and ensure a safe return to country.

"This comprehensive action plan will, for the first time, focus on better connecting existing services and non-government organisations and address the causes of anti-social behaviour and homelessness," Mr Gunner said.

"Significantly it will help Territorians who are living rough to both return to country and connect to services that will help break the cycle of homelessness and problem drinking.

"Between February and June this year Larrakia Nation's Return to Country program assisted more than 1000 people return home.

"We are backing this program up with a \$1.5 million five-year funding agreement to continue to deliver it with certainty, plus additional funding of \$155,000 a year for Mission Australia to expand the Sobering Up Shelter to seven days a week.

"The new First Response Day Patrol will also have the capacity to refer people to the Sobering Up Shelter and link them directly to the Return to Country program."

Mr Gunner said more robust monitoring and evaluation will be introduced which will contribute to more targeted planning of services by both government and the NGO sector to support the homeless.

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