



Business Papers

Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting

Monday, 16 November 2015
5:00pm

Notice of Meeting

To the Lord Mayor and Aldermen

You are invited to attend a Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting to be held in Meeting Room 1, Level 1, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin, on Monday, 16 November 2015, commencing at 5.00 pm.



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CITY OF DARWIN

COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2015

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; General Manager Community & Cultural Services, Ms A Malgorzewicz; Manager Darwin Safer City Project, Ms K Hearn; Manager Liveability Mr M Grassmayr; Library Services Manager, Mrs K Conway; Executive Assistant, Ms A Smit.

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Committee's Responsibilities

- * Recreation & Leisure
- * Family and Children Services
- * Sister Cities
- * Libraries
- * Cultural Services
- * Liquor Licences
- * Youth Services
- * Customer Services

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

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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

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- A. THAT it be noted Member G Lambrinidis is an apology due to a Leave of Absence previously granted on 27 January 2015 for the period 8 to 18 February 2015.

DECISION NO.21\() (16/02/15)

3. ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

Common No. 2221528

3.1 Electronic Meeting Attendance Granted

Nil

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

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5. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

5.1 Closure to the Public for Confidential Items

Common No. 1944604

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COMMITTEE'S DECISION

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>
C15.1	8(c)(iv)	Information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

DECISION NO.21\()

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6. 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, 16 February 2015 be received and considered individually.

DECISION NO.21\() (16/02/15)

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

() COMMITTEE'S DECISION

THAT the Committee resolve that the minutes of the previous Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting held on Monday, 17 November 2014, tabled by the Chairman, be received and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

DECISION NO.21\() (16/02/15)

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

8.1 Business Arising

ENCL: COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES
NO COMMITTEE/OPEN

AGENDA ITEM: 9.1

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND LIVEABILITY TEAM UPDATE OCTOBER,
 NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2014**

REPORT No.: 15C0011 AH:es

COMMON No.: 1733166

DATE: 16/02/2015

Presenter: A/Manager Community Development, Amber Herrmann

Approved: General Manager Community & Cultural Services, Anna Malgorzewicz

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of activities within the Community & Cultural Services portfolio during October, November and December 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

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RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority:-

THAT Report Number 15C0011 AH:es entitled Community Development and Liveability Team Update October, November and December 2014, be received and noted.

BACKGROUND

The team update report is provided to inform Council of operational activities conducted across the key portfolios.

The City of Darwin has a long history of being a city rich in diverse cultures and nationalities. The Community Development and Liveability teams are committed to ensuring equal access to Council services regardless of cultural background. The Team participate in a process of continual review to ensure programs are responsive and accessible to all members of the community.

Programs are designed to be inclusive by acknowledging and addressing language barriers, cultural appropriateness of activities, key service sector partnerships, and employee cultural awareness skills.

Some key milestones that celebrate continued commitment to an inclusive approach include:

- Provision of in language promotional material.
- Completion of a study investigating the Fun Bus service within multicultural communities and a discussion with recommendation to improve the service.
- Development of a Healthy Living for new arrival information booklet in partnership with refugee support agencies.

DISCUSSION

DISABILITY SERVICES

Disability Advisory Committee

The Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) met on 2 October and the 20 November 2014. Key topics discussed include the On-Street Parking Review, advice to Council regarding an Outdoor Dining request from the Laneway Cafe, and a four month trial for Zone B parking for people with an Australian Disabled Parking Permit.

International Day of People with Disability (IDPWD)

The DAC organised a launch for the naming of the Peter Mahony Fishing Platform on IDPWD, 3 December 2014. This platform is specifically designed for wheelchair access. The Fishing Platform is fitted with adjustable panels to allow casting from a low height. The panels are kept locked for safety associated with the reduced barrier

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height, however keys to unlock the adjustable panels are available free of charge. The key for the Peter Mahony Fishing Platform is the same key that accesses the two Liberty Swings, located in Lake Alexander Regional Playground and Jingili Water Gardens Regional Playground. Further information and an application form to obtain a permanent key are available on Council's website. The Community Services Officer (CSO) is responsible for administering the keys.



Accessible Flooring

The Accessible Flooring is now set up to be loaned by community groups putting on community events. The Flooring is used to assist with access for people with mobility issues where a flat surface is needed. Information about the flooring and an application form can be found on Council's website and flyers to promote the Flooring are available in Customer Services. The loaning of the Flooring will be administered through Customer Services. There is a \$100 refundable cleaning/security deposit and no charge for the hire as this is provided as an in-kind support.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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. The second round of the 2014/15 Community Grants program opened on 13 September and submissions closed on the 17 October 2014. There were 26 applications received requesting a total funding amount of \$160,696. Council approved 12 applications for funding for a total amount of \$49,086. The Lord Mayor held a presentation morning tea for the successful recipients on Friday 12 December.

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YEAR	APPLICATIONS RECEIVED	APPLICATIONS FUNDED	TOTAL AMOUNT SOUGHT	TOTAL AMOUNT FUNDED
COMMUNITY PROJECTS				
2014/15 Round 2	26	12	\$160,696	\$49,086
2014/15 Round 1	29	11	\$199,127	\$49,275
2013/14 Round 2	38	15	\$231,020.43	\$48,382
2013/14 Round 1	31	9	\$191,141.78	\$43,859
2012/13 Round 2	23	12	\$159,265.00	\$49,176
2012/13 Round 1	24	11	\$149,857.79	\$42,335
2011/12 Round 2	28	11	\$199,515.50	\$50,367
2011/12 Round 1	23	13	\$134,459.08	\$43,125

International Women's Day 2015

Planning has commenced for International Women's Day (IWD) 2015. City of Darwin in partnership with United Nations NT will continue to deliver the IWD Walk and Morning Tea. The event is booked for Saturday 7 March, meeting at the steps of Parliament House at 9am to commence the walk at 9.30am. The event includes a walk through the CBD which is led by the Darwin City Brass Band and the NT Police, this is followed by morning tea and entertainment at Parliament House. International Women's Day is a global day to celebrate the economic, political and social achievements of women.

YOUTH SERVICES

Youth Advisory Group

City of Darwin Youth Advisory Group (YAG) provides a voice for local young people in areas of Council and community decision making. YAG met on 8 October and 5 November 2014

Key activities included:

- Represented Council at the National Ethnic Media Broadcasting Council Youth Media Conference in Darwin. The conference was attended by over 150 young people from culturally diverse backgrounds all around the country.
- Participated in a partnership with Tectonic Youth Radio to provide YAG with regular broadcasting training and YAG segment opportunities.
- On Saturday 20 December, YAG rolled up their sleeves to make a pre-Christmas working bee contribution to Ozanam House, St Vincent De Paul. YAG voted on making their community contribution at Ozanam House in Stuart Park, through painting the pavement and tidying the community garden where over 100 individuals and families would be spending their Christmas Day.

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- In partnership with LAUNCH, YAG has begun planning events and activities for Youth Week. The following activities have been selected by YAG to plan:
 - Ted Talk Series,
 - Couch Surfing Initiatives,
 - Tectonic Radio Show – Live Broadcast from Couch Surfing, and
 - Youth Homelessness Matters Day awareness raising activities.

City of Darwin Youth Strategy 2015-2020

The Youth team has continued its widespread consultation to inform planning of Council's 2015-2020 Youth Strategy. Initiating contact with local high schools, Council staff undertook 5 school visits to talk to local young people about their perceptions of Council, their community and importantly, what issues they felt were most significant to themselves and their peers.

Questions identified key issues such as body image, suicide and self harm, and alcohol and other drug use as the top three issues impacting them and their peers. Using new audience response technology proved to be a fun way to collect information from large groups and probe discussion on key issues. Over 200 young people were consulted from the following schools:

- Dripstone Middle School,
- Darwin High School (years 10 and 11) ,
- Kormilda College, and
- St Johns College
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The current total number of young people consulted for 2015 – 2020 Youth Strategy now totals approximately 400 students, with further consultations planned in early 2015.

LAUNCH

LAUNCH is Council's primary annual youth leisure program, including training, workshops and events developed for young people by young people. Sitting alongside the LAUNCH program is LAUNCH Media activities providing opportunity for creative expression, awareness raising, profiling, and promotion of youth events, activities and support services throughout Darwin.

An overview of training, workshops, collaborations and events is provided in the following table.

October 2014 School Holiday Program
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<h4>AFL Footy Clinics</h4>

<p>The youth team partnered with Northern Territory Thunder and Food Bank to take over TIO stadium, delivering two days of AFL school holiday clinics. The goal of the taster program was to provide local boys and girls aged 12-20 with a positive, safe and easily accessed AFL experience. Over 60 young people aged 12-17 (30% Girls)</p>
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attended the clinic.

Throughout the clinics Thunder mentors were able to engage and inspire local at risk youth. All participants commented that they wanted more chances to play AFL, had learned new skills and made new friends.

Get That Job - Barista Course

The 'Get That Job' Program is designed for young people aged 15-21 years of age. The Barista course aimed to create real opportunity for young people to gain relevant hospitality tools and targets both current school and university students who are seeking employment over the holiday break; as well as young people who wish to increase their knowledge with a view of seeking long term employment. Two one day courses were held with 30 young people attending.

Two participants have reported to have gained full time employment as baristas after the course.

LAUNCH Mindil Market Pop Up - Quarterly Zine launch, Mindil Beach Markets Thursday 30 October

LAUNCH Media's hot of the press Youth zine made its debut at the final Mindil Beach Market for 2014. The LAUNCH market pop up included the Zine launch and a range of youth focused leisure activities including a dress up photo booth, screen printing, badge making workshop and pop up Op Shop supported by Anglicare.

Four young people involved in LAUNCH media helped coordinate, promote and document this event.

LAUNCH Pop Up Gig Harriet Place Friday 14 November

LAUNCH Emerging Producer Cassandra Mariano was supported by Youth services to create a vibrant end of year youth gig at Harriet Place activating Harriet Park and taking advantage of Mayfair Gallery Space. The event included performances by local youth bands OK Kaleidoscope, Love Patrol and electro pop outfit DJ Fish Slappa. The inclusion of the rap battle and a live art battle was a hit with both participants and the audience. The BBQ catering was supported by Casey House, whilst YAG (including Alderman George Lambrinidis) and several youth volunteers manned the badge making stall and the smoothie bikes blending up tropical goodness.

LAUNCH Media at the Golden Galah Fist Full of Films Saturday 15 November

LAUNCH media harnessed the opportunity to support young Darwin film makers committing to the first stage of the Fist Full of Films/LAUNCH partnership which supported the student film category award.

In 2015 LAUNCH media will continue to work with Fist Full of Films to develop workshops and seed funding opportunities for young Darwin filmmakers that celebrate and enrich our community and explore our history.

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LAUNCH Media Zine meetings.

Weekly

Meetings were held each Tuesday in October focused on refining the distribution of Youth zine and point of pick up stands. November meetings were dominated with reviews of style and developing online version of the Youth Zine.

LAUNCH Youth Events Coordinator Training Program

20 December 2014

A call out for applicants to participate in the 2015 Youth Events Coordinator Training Program was announced, with a closing date for application 16 January 2015. The program has been developed in consultation and partnership with key stakeholder within local industry including training facilitators and presenters

LAUNCH Media - Tracking Online Engagement

Facebook

Over the reporting period there was an increase of 'likes' of our page to 1150. Generally spikes in Facebook page views correlated with LAUNCH events being promoted. Over 400 people interacted with the page as of the 31 December the page.

Website

Websites visits grew steadily over the quarter with average of 263 visitors each month. The website has been updated and visitors are able to subscribe to updates online.

LAUNCH MEDIA- Community Event documentation

- LAUNCH media participants were employed captured the Sister City Halloween event through photos and video. This was their first experience capturing events of this nature and included organising photo and media consent forms with event attendees.

Management of Gig Gear and Stage Kit Resource

During the quarter the Youth & Community Events & Resource Officer focused on developing procedures, OHS and storage solutions for Gig Gear management.

The Youth team provided in kind support of the Gig Gear and Stage Kit to the following groups and events:

- Fiji Association
- Darwin Community Legal Service (Rights on Show Awards)
- Environment Centre
- East Point Public Art Launch

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ARTS & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee (ACDAC)

The Committee held a Meeting 13 November 2014. A revised draft Terms of Reference and Meeting Procedures was presented to the committee.

Community Art Space

Exhibitions for October/November/December

- **Children's Exhibition**

An exhibition was held in October to celebrate the launch of Children's Week. Children aged 2 to 12 were invited to submitted their art, to be displayed in the community space. The launch event attracted 80 guests.

- **'In the Studio' Exhibition**

An exhibition by artists from Darwin Community Art's 'Free Studio Space' project. The studio space is an inclusive and supportive visual arts project focused on the development of studio skills for young artists with disabilities. The exhibition attracted 60 guests.

- **Red Cross – Cyclone Tracy 40th Anniversary**

As part of the Commemoration Program, Red Cross presented an exhibition of photos by photographer Ramon Williams not seen before in the public domain. The exhibition provided an opportunity to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Red Cross in Darwin and included a display for cyclone preparedness as part of an education element to the exhibition. The exhibition attracted 50 guests.

Youth Art Exhibition

Planning, research and development occurred with the Youth Services Trainee in preparation for the launch of a Youth Arts Project in January. This project has been developed with the support of Mayfair Gallery, Harriet Place as an alternative to the annual exhibition at the Civic Centre. This project will enable staff to test, trial and evaluate the success of the Mayfair Launch to ascertain how best to proceed in building skills and opportunities in the sector.

Public Art

Temporary Public Art Commissions are progressing with two commissions being awarded through the annual program. A further and final commission will be

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promoted for delivery by the end of this financial year. The Coordinator Arts and Cultural Development has been working with artists through the development phase of these commissions including permission from owners of property, design development and insurances.

A further round of permanent public art commissions will be promoted early in 2015.

A meeting with the Public Art Panel is planned for early 2015 to address the development of a Public Art Plan, maintenance, repairs, deaccessions, audit and budget allocations for the remainder of this financial year and beyond. The outcome and recommendations from this meeting will be presented to ACDAC.

Cyclone Tracy 40th Commemorative Program

The Coordinator Arts and Cultural Development was responsible for a number of key projects within the Commemorative Program.

- **Christchurch Cathedral Porch Plaque:** A bronze cast plaque has been placed in the portico at Christ Church Cathedral. The plaque provides the community with an opportunity to pay tribute to those affected by the cyclone.
- **Facing Tracy' Digital Program:** Facing Tracy is an interactive media project that gives the opportunity for all of Darwin's citizens to be involved in their commemoration of Cyclone Tracy. The project has allowed people to contribute images of Darwin and themselves to be placed in a collective picture mosaic. There are two main interactions with the project: the booth that tours around Darwin and the web where people can see the results.

A final celebration has been planned for 12 February at the Darwin Entertainment Centre. Participants in the project have been invited to attend and view the final image through a large scale projection.

- **Christmas Tree Light Installation Commission:** Additional lighting components for the Commemoration were commissioned. A special feature which formed a circle surrounding the tree, with 66 individual lights represented each life lost as a result of Cyclone Tracy.



Facing Tracy at Parliament House reception as part of the Cyclone Tracy 40th Anniversary Program. Dr. Ella Stack (on right) takes a photo with staff and her granddaughters.

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National Local Government Cultural Forum

City of Darwin, hosted the 4th National Local Government Cultural Forum over two days in October. The forum was attended by representatives from across the sector including, Arts and Cultural, Local Government Association, the Australia Council Arts Funding, Assistant Secretary, Ministry for the Arts, and staff from the Cultural Development Network. The meetings were facilitated by the Hon Fred Chaney.

Meetings worked through a secretariat report on priority areas including structures supporting integrated planning for arts and cultural policy, review of existing data, features of existing cultural development projects.

Arts Plan 2015-2020

Work on the Arts Plan has continued to identify the needs and aspirations of the local arts and creative industries sector and planning for the arts and cultural development program accordingly.

The renewed Five Year Arts Plan will capture a vision for Council's arts and cultural development program for 2015-2020 as well as presenting a framework for implementing proposed strategies.

Asia Pacific Arts and Cultural Forum

The Coordinator Arts and Cultural Development attended the Asia Pacific Arts and Cultural forum 'Trading Ideas' at the Darwin Entertainment Centre over two days. The forum included a presentation on the *Creative City* by the Lord Mayor.

Civic Park Cultural Usage Plan

Scoping and costing of a power upgrade for Civic Park has commenced as a stage one action.

FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Child Care Centres

Council sponsors seven child care centres in the provision and maintenance of the buildings. The Family and Children's Services Coordinator facilitated a meeting with the centre directors and Council's Building Maintenance team on 11 November 2014 and carried out maintenance inspections on the seven child care centres this quarter.

In 2013 the Australian Government established a Productivity Commission Inquiry into Child Care and Early Childhood Learning. On 30 October 2014 the government received the final report. The government will consider the Productivity Commission's final recommendations and the report will be publicly tabled within the required 25 Parliamentary sitting days.

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Community Centres

Council has three community centres (Lyons, Malak and Nightcliff), that cater for a variety of activities. The Community Centres floors were stripped and polished in the reporting period. In October Lyons Community Centre's hall was internally painted.

During November the Coordinator and Building Supervisor carried out maintenance inspections on Lyons, Nightcliff and Malak Community Centre. The Coordinator facilitated a meeting with Nightcliff Community Centre tenants in December.

Fun Bus

The Fun Bus continues to provide high quality mobile play group services for children 0 to 5 years, their parents and carers. During October to November the Fun Bus operated at the following outdoor venues:

- Monday: Bagot Community, Ludmilla 28 children/13Adults
- Tuesday: Wanguri Park, Wanguri 384 children/253 Adults
- Wednesday: Water Gardens, Jingili 985 children/640 Adults
- Thursday: Yanyula Park, Anula 471 children/345 Adults
- Friday: Civic Park, Darwin 639 children/441 Adults
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The first two weeks in December the Fun Bus moved to the following indoor venues:

- Monday: Bagot Community, Ludmilla 7 children/4 Adults
- Tuesday: Malak Community Centre 78 children/53 Adults
- Wednesday: Malak Community Centre 109 children/79 Adults
- Thursday: Lyons Community Centre 141 children/99 Adults
- Friday: Lyons Community Centre 147 children/104Adults

During December and January school holidays the Fun Bus does not operate. The Fun Bus resumes on the 28 January 2015.

In October, one of Council's Children's Services Trainee resigned and moved interstate, finishing her traineeship seven weeks early. With support the trainee was able to complete all tasks required to complete her Certificate III in Children's Services with Bachelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education.

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 10am to 12.30pm every Monday, Wednesday and Friday of the school holidays.

October school holiday the Fun in the Parks school holiday program operated from the following venues:

- Wednesday 1: Yanyula Park 105 children and 45 Adults
- Friday 3: Civic Park 110 children and 40 Adults

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December school holiday Fun in the Parks school holiday program operated from Monday 15 December to Monday 24 December, at the following venues:

- Monday 15: Nightcliff Community Centre 40 children and 18 Adults
- Wednesday 17: Malak Community Centre 80 children and 23 Adults
- Friday 19: Lyons Community Centre 60 children and 23 Adults
- Monday 22: Nightcliff Community Centre 25 children and 12 Adults
- Wednesday 24: Malak Community Centre 50 children and 29 Adults

Fun in the Park did not operate on Friday 26 December Boxing Day public holiday and Monday 30 December due to the closure of Council.

The Fun in the Park program provided face painting at Council's Casuarina Pool Fun Day on 14 December.

In kind support

Fun and Games program:

The Fun and Games program supported four community groups during October-December; Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance NT (AMSANT), SIDS and Kids NT, Carers NT, Department of Veteran's Affairs. The Fun and Games were also utilised at Council events by the Sister Cities, Fun in the Parks, libraries and the Richardson Ward event.

Fun Bus program:

On Friday 21 November the Fun Bus program provided children's activities for the Cultural and linguistic diversity (CALD) parent group at the Multicultural Council NT organised by Relationship Australia Northern Territory.

Fun in the Parks program:

Sunday 14 December the Fun in the Parks provided face painters to Christmas for Kids event organised by Centacare and Territory Childcare Group.

National Children's Week

National Children's Week is an annual event celebrated in Australia during the fourth week in October. The theme of this year's National Children's Week is the "right of children to speak and to be heard". This is enshrined in Article 12 of the United Nation's Convention on the Rights of the Child.

National Children's Week provide the opportunity for children to enjoy their childhood, try new experiences and to demonstrate their talents, skills and abilities through a diverse range of activities.

City of Darwin in collaboration with Early Childhood Australia – NT Branch, Territory Childcare Group and National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN) organised eight children's family fun events during National Children's Week. The organising committee received positive feedback from community

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members and organisations regarding National Children's Week activities. A brief overview of the activities that were held in the following table:

DATE	EVENT DETAILS
Friday 17 October	<p>Launch of National Children's Week National Children's Week commenced on Friday 17 October with the Hon John Elferink MLA officially launching the National Children's Week. The launch included, Police Junior Rangers, Welcome to Country and entertainment by Liam Stansfield and Lesley Taylor. The NT Manager NAPCAN announced the Children's Week commitment. Deputy Lord Mayor Jeanette Anictomatis attended the launch.</p> <p>No. of attendees: 80 Hosted by: NAPCAN and City of Darwin</p>
Friday 17 October	<p>International Dinner and Dance The evening was full of singing, dancing and eating a variety of international foods. There was over 4 dance demonstrations from different cultures which the children, families and educators all got involved in.</p> <p>No. of attendees: 60 Hosted by: Kentish Lifelong Learning and Care</p>
Saturday 18 October	<p>Celebrating Childhood Art Exhibition Opening As families arrived to the Art Exhibition they were welcomed with live music from Jazmin Tomsen, a year 7 Dripstone student handing out the program, children's activities, face painting, morning tea and wonderful art work on display. Deputy Lord Mayor Jeanette Anictomatis officially opened the Celebrating Childhood Art Exhibition. Everyone was entertained by story time with Mary Hamon, Paige and Dewey Library Mascots and Hummingbird Beats Music Program and face painting.</p> <p>No. of attendees: 80 Hosted by: City of Darwin</p>
Tuesday 22 October	<p>Pirate and Fairies Children enjoyed dressing up as pirates and fairies. The morning was full of children's activities and morning tea was provided.</p> <p>Hosted by: St Mary's Community of Learners</p>
Tuesday 22	<p>Forum Supporting Young Children's Rights</p>

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DATE	EVENT DETAILS
October	<p>Samantha Page the National CEO of Early Childhood Australia and a panel of Early Childhood professionals discussed children's rights and the responsibilities of professionals who work with and for children.</p> <p>No. of attendees: 25 Hosted by: Early Childhood Australia Northern Territory Branch</p>
Wednesday 23 October	<p>Family Fun Event The Family Fun morning was held at Jingili Water Gardens for children 0-5 years and their families. Lord Mayor Katrina Fong Lim and Samantha Page the National CEO of Early Childhood Australia attended the event. It was a terrific display of sector collaboration to provide a free event for families. Approximately 25 organisations provided children's activities, give away items and information displays.</p> <p>No. of attendees: 800 Hosted by: City of Darwin, Early Childhood Australia – NT Branch Territory Childcare Group and NAPCAN</p>
Saturday 25 October	<p>Breakfast with books Breakfast, stories and face painting was provided.</p> <p>Hosted by: City Library</p>
Saturday 25 October	<p>Halloween Family Fun Many people dressed in Halloween costume and enjoyed the creepy crafts, haunted house and the trick and treat doors.</p> <p>No. of attendees: 500 Hosted by: Sister City, City of Darwin</p>
Sunday 26 October	<p>East Point Treasure Hunt/Ride Charlie King and Hector the Road Safety Cat opened the bike and walk Treasure Hunt. Families followed their treasure map and found some treasures (balls, frisbee, water bottles and bubbles). After the treasure hunt everyone enjoyed activities with Fun in the Park, waterslide, sausage sizzle and making their own fruit smoothie.</p> <p>No. of attendees: 300 Hosted by: City of Darwin, Early Childhood Australia – NT Branch and Territory Childcare Group</p>

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SISTER CITIES PROGRAM

Ambon

The Ambon Sister City Community Committee met 23 October 2015 and reviewed projects undertaken in July – September including; reciprocal student exchange and Ambon Night. The Committee will hold an extended planning workshop 29 January 2015 to develop an action plan for the 2014 – 2016 term.

Anchorage

Pumpkins, lollies and scary costumes were plentiful at this year's Anchorage Sister City Community Committee Halloween Family Fun at Dusk community event on 25 October 2014. Families participated in creepy crafts, trick or treating and the infamous Haunted House. Many happy participants took home prizes for best dressed, melon carving and pumpkin decorating and savoured delicacies such as 'eye ball' desserts and American chilli dogs.

The Anchorage Sister City Community Committee met 3 December 2014 and reviewed current projects. The Committee agreed to hold an extended planning workshop 4 February 2015.

Dili

The Dili Sister City Community Committee met 14 October 2014 and discussed committee expectations and developed an agreed focus for the 2014 – 2016 Term. In November City of Darwin donated a keyboard to Action for Change Foundation in Dili to assist with their Music 4 Peace program.

Haikou

Winner of the Haikou Sister City Cup Elmer Lee (Li Zongyang) sampled the best of Darwin life and culture during his whirlwind visit in October. Elmer was awarded the trip to Darwin by the Mayor of Haikou after his hotly contested win in the English language competition. The Sister City experience has had a significant impact on Elmer, a student from Hainan University, who was subsequently offered an internship at the Haikou Office of Foreign Affairs. Elmer's trip to Darwin was his first to a foreign country and has developed his interest in public management and broadened his horizons.

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Lord Mayor led a delegation to Haikou 19 – 21 November for the purposes of furthering the Sister City relationship. A detailed report of the delegation has been submitted separately to the Committee.

City of Darwin will commence work on the ‘Life as a Teenager’ performance project in early February.

Kalymnos

Working in partnership with key government and non-government organisations, City of Darwin will host a free and accessible community information event, Welcome to Darwin, targeting the Greek community, Saturday 7 February 2015 at the Greek Orthodox School. Family friendly games, activities and light refreshments will be provided to help create a harmonious, informal atmosphere to enable new members of the Darwin community to feel safe in accessing resources. Over 20 service providers will be in attendance and provide translated materials and bilingual staff where possible. Kalymnos Sister City Volunteers will meet and greet community members on arrival and assist in connecting people with services.

Sector Networking

Senior Community Development Officer – Liveability (SCDOL) continues to maintain representation on the International Engagement Coordinator Group which meets monthly.

Harmony Day

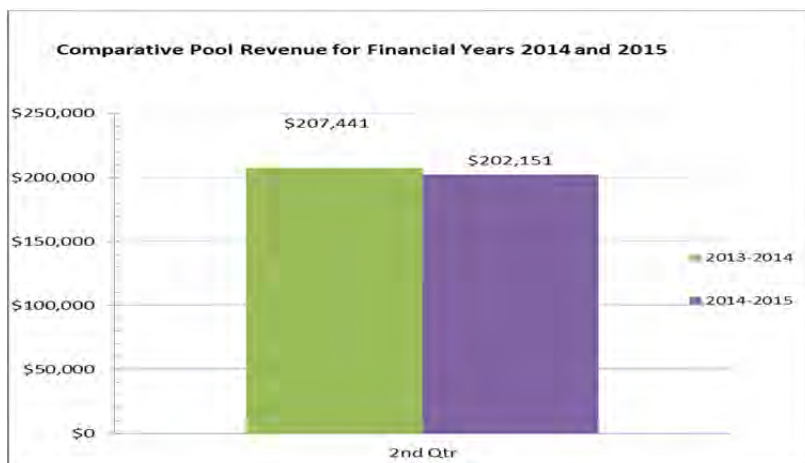
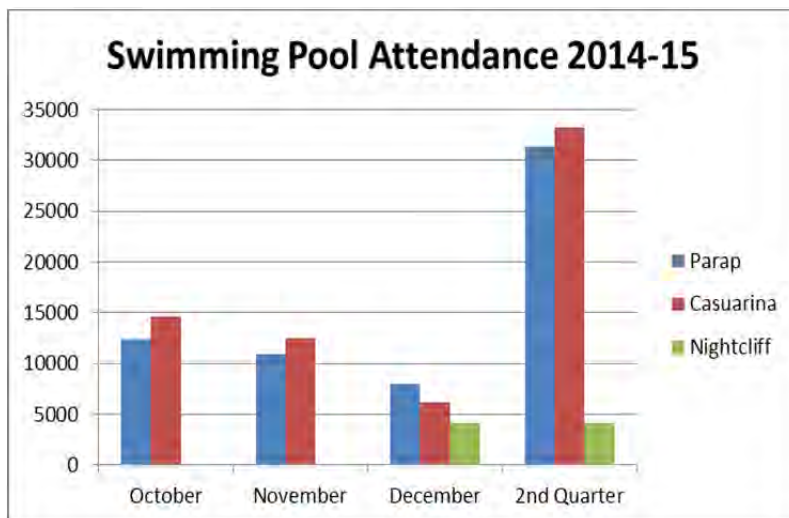
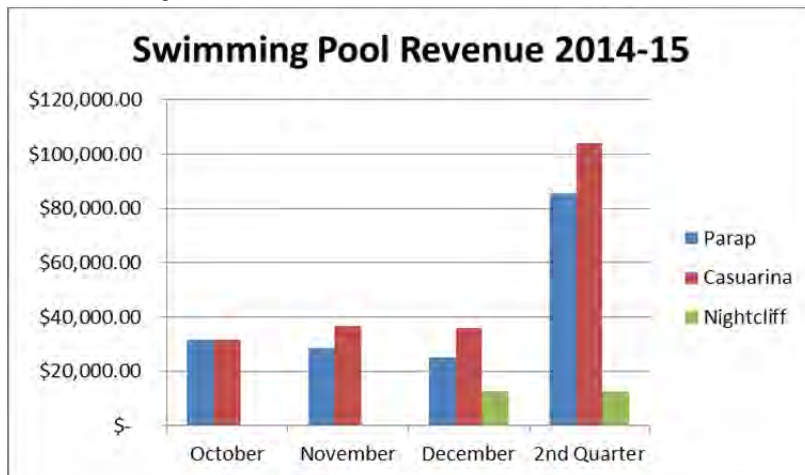
A planning committee made up of a representative from each Sister City Community Committee is currently planning a joint Sister Cities event for Harmony Day. The event will be held in the week of 16 – 22 March.



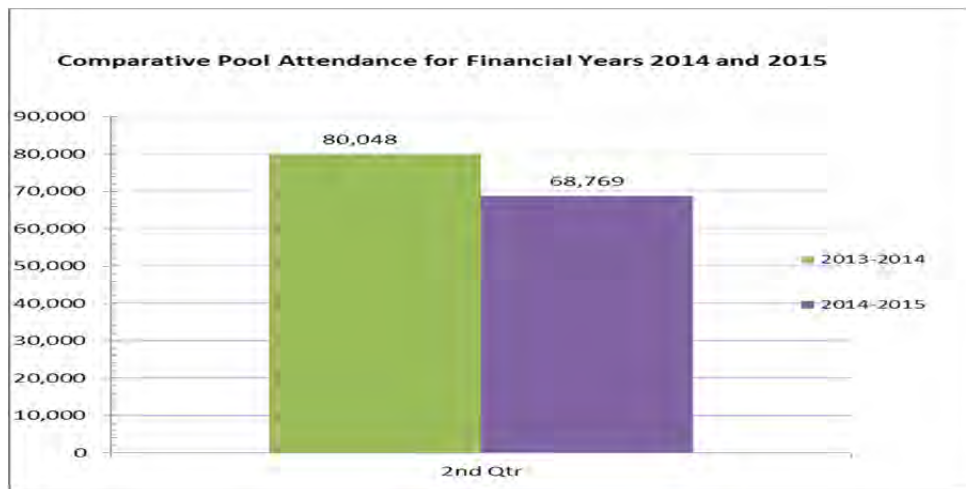
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Casuarina and Parap Pools remained open throughout the quarter. Their operational hours were extended to manage additional demand and swimmers during the closure of Nightcliff Pool (21 September to 7 December) for the plant room construction project. Overall attendance for the second quarter 2015 was lower by 12,000 attendees compared to the same quarter last year, mainly due to the closure of Nightcliff Pool. However, attendance for both Casuarina and Parap Pools was greater for 2nd quarter 2015 (7,200 and 9,500 people respectively) compared to the same quarter last year, indicating the transfer of patrons to these locations while Nightcliff Pool was closed.

A number of community incentive programs approached Recreation Services for in-kind support by way of swimming pool vouchers as prizes. NT Police received 50 single-entry concession pool passes to be awarded to children seen to be doing the right thing (October), Healthy Darwin gave away 20 single-entry concession and 2 single-entry adult pool passes for the winners of the Face of Healthy Darwin competition (November), Council's Libraries were given 20 single-entry family passes (2 adults, 2 children) for their Summer Reading Club in December and Swimming NT was given 30 five-entry pool vouchers as prizes at its end-of-year swimming carnival.

Infrastructure Improvements

Nightcliff Pool

The plant room construction project was completed in December with the installation of a new Perlite filtration system, and a low-salt chlorinator system that are more water-efficient than the previous system. The water quality has significantly improved since the new filtration system has been operational. Work to remediate the site around the new construction, including the removal of the previous pump house on the cliffs and re-situating the power supply around pool deck is still ongoing.

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Casuarina Pool

Sixteen new starter blocks were installed to replace the existing blocks. The new starter blocks include an adjustable track start system utilised in all elite competitions. This project was funded by Council as a new initiative in response to a request from Swimming NT for improved infrastructure for training and competition purposes.

Special Events

Nightcliff Pool – An open day was held on 7 December to celebrate the re-opening of the venue following the plant room works.

Casuarina Pool – The Richardson Ward Christmas Party was held on 6 December and the Healthy Darwin aqua aerobics program commenced on 8 December.

Ovals

General Operations

Wet Season Allocations commenced 1 October and go through until 31 March 2015. Twelve ovals have been allocated across three sports (AFL, Soccer and Gaelic) totalling 156 hours per week usage in October and November. An additional booking was made by Football Without Borders in December, this organisation started a men's group soccer training session at Malak, bringing the total hours to 159 hours per week.

Bagot Oval was taken offline for this quarter to allow the Turf and Irrigation team to undertake a program of works to maintain the surface. Kahlin Oval has also been set aside during cricket's off-season for programmed works.

Projects

Nightcliff Oval Fence

A new top and bottom rail chainmesh fence (similar to that at Gardens Oval One) is scheduled to be installed around the boundary line of Nightcliff Oval in March/April. This is at the request of the Nightcliff Sports Club, along with their affiliates Nightcliff Football Club and Nightcliff Cricket Club and supported by their Peak Sporting Bodies, to replace the pine log fence currently there. This type of fence will enhance the amenity of Nightcliff Oval and provide security and protection against unauthorised vehicular access. Infrastructure is managing this project and a letter to the residents has been prepared for mail-out. The project is funded through a grant from the Department of Sport and Recreation.

Jingili Oval Goal Posts

New AFL goal posts have been installed at Jingili Oval in response to the St Mary's Football Club's request. The previous posts had been removed due to safety concerns of players kicking balls onto Jingili Terrace and then chasing after them into traffic. This concern has been alleviated through player behaviour modification in that all junior goal-kicking practice will only be undertaken at the other end of the oval, towards the school grounds adjacent.

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Other Recreation Projects

Re-development of the Jingili Water Gardens Skate Park

The tender for design documentation and construction of the Jingili Water Gardens Skate Park was awarded to Convic in late October. Due to the inclement weather conditions of the Wet Season, the demolition and construction phase of the project is scheduled for late-March/April 2015.

Super Sunday

The Super Sunday Recreational Bike Count was held on Sunday, 9 November; it was the second time it was conducted in the NT. The final report is yet to be received and will be discussed in next quarter's report.

Smoothie Bikes

The Smoothie Bikes have been moved from Healthy Darwin to the responsibilities of the Recreation Services Officer at the start of October. Eleven Smoothie Bikes bookings were received this quarter from a range of community groups and departments in Council to be used for community events to promote physical activity and healthy eating in a novel manner.

Large events (two Smoothie Bikes used)	Smaller events (one Smoothie Bike used)
Pop-Up Launch event (CoD Youth Services)	Santa Fun Run (Variety, the Children's Charity NT)
Healthy Nutrition Day and Mission Day (St Mary's PS)	Closing The Gap Day (Medicare Local)
	Mental Health Week (TEAMHealth)
Children's Week Treasure Hunt at East Point (CoD Family and Children's Services)	Sanderson High School's Highway To Health Day (Casuarina Community Care Centre)
Family Fun Day (Carers NT)	St. John's High School (CoD Youth Services)
	Ride 2 Work Day, Raintree Park (CoD Climate Change and Environment)
	CoD Staff and EMs Breakfast (CoD Libraries)

HEALTHY DARWIN

After a successful dry season program to start the new Healthy Darwin ActiveLife@TheTop, classes and activities transitioned to a wet season program from 1 November. Community members linking in with the program continued to grow over the reporting period with a total of 281 residents now registered for the program and a further 200 have liked the Healthy Darwin Facebook page since the start of the new program on 1 August.

Weekly low-cost activities

The calendar program continues to provide a diverse mix of activities for all ages and abilities. During the quarter the team worked with local exercise providers to transition to a wet season program of activities encouraging residents to keep active

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all year round. 8 subsidised weekly activities were held (attended by over 94 community members).

- Healthy Moves for Seniors, Coconut Grove (ongoing into Wet Season program)
- Tai Chi, The Gardens (ongoing into Wet Season program)
- Lunchtime Circuit, Christ Church Cathedral (ongoing into Wet season program at new location)
- Group Circuit, Koolinda Park, Karama (Dry Season Aug – Nov)
- Tween Fit, Casuarina Secondary College (Dry Season Aug – Oct)
- Stretch and Tone, Malak Community Centre (Dry Season Aug – Oct)
- Yoga, Lyons Community Centre (Wet Season Program Nov – ongoing)
- Aqua Class, Casuarina Pool (Wet Season Dec – ongoing)

In addition to the subsidised activities Healthy Darwin continues to team up with fitness providers, sporting clubs and community organisations to deliver the calendar program, with 6 new providers joining the program in November. 73 weekly sessions are currently promoted through the calendar, across the municipality, ranging from Swing Dancing to Zumba.

Workshop Program

Heading into the Wet Season, the workshop program focused on providing residents with the skills, knowledge and confidence to grow and use fresh local produce.

In the reporting period the following 6 workshop programs were delivered, with a total of 97 people registering for the workshops:

- Grow Your Own Curry Paste (Malak Community Garden)
- Market Tour and Taste (Rapid Creek Market/ Jingili Community Garden)
- Market & Garden Cooking (Alawa Primary School)
- Cooking Family Favourites (in partnership with Balance Diet Centre, Karama Primary School)
- Wet Season Gardening (Lakeside Drive Community Garden)
- Make Your Own Curry Paste (Alawa Primary School)

Feedback from workshop evaluations indicated 90% of participants have learnt new skills and 100% of participants enjoyed the sessions.

Community Events

Healthy Darwin continues to partner with local organisations and community health services to provide opportunities for residents to be more aware of their health and learn more about local produce.

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Healthy Darwin partnered with GULP NT (Growing & Understanding Local Produce) to hold the Face of Healthy Darwin competition, which encouraged children to use local tropical produce to create a face. We received a fantastic response from a number of schools and individuals, with Ludmilla Pre-school awarded the winner.



(Ludmilla Pre-school's winning entry for the 'Face of Healthy Darwin')

Photos of each of the entries were then displayed at Mindil Beach Markets at a joint stall with GULP NT and Casuarina Community Care Centre. Over 60 community members took the opportunity to have a mini health check, pedal the smoothie bike to make a fresh smoothie and learn more about the Healthy Darwin program, whilst sampling some of our locally grown produce.

Bagot Women's Group

Healthy Darwin has continued to support the Bagot Women's Group to undertake and develop their skills and knowledge in healthy lifestyles. The women participated in a number of key activities over the reporting period:

- Partnered with TEAM health to hold a pampering day and a candle and soap making workshop aimed at building strong mental health.
- Worked with Healthy Darwin staff to design a regular exercise program that can be done in their homes and as part of the group.
- Celebrate the end of the year with a Christmas party held at Stokes Hill Wharf and Waterfront. The day allowed for reflection of progress during the year and goals for 2015, including continuing to work towards a Women's Resource Centre.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Christmas in the Mall

Held on Saturday 6 December in Raintree Park with jumping castles, face painting and entertainment from local artists, the Lord Mayor was in attendance and Santa did a walk through the mall for photos with children. This event was not well attended and the format and activities will be reviewed for Christmas 2015.

Santa's Cave

A magical Santa's Cave was created in a shop in The Mall as a new activity for the 2014 Christmas events. In air-conditioned comfort, children could come in and have

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their photo taken with Santa and enjoy the creation of a magical cave. From Monday 15 December to Wednesday 24 December 9.30am – 12.00pm, an average of 200 families came through the doors each day. This event was a great success with positive feedback from the community and should be continued.



Cyclone Tracy 40th Anniversary

All-Faith Commemorative Service, Christ Church Cathedral

Wednesday 3 December, 5.30 – 6.45pm

This service commemorated those who suffered and lost their lives and give thanks to those who returned or rebuilt Darwin. All denominations were represented with 300 people in attendance, and the program included a number of speakers, readings, prayers, poems and song.

Christmas Tree Lighting, Raintree Park and The Mall

Friday 5 December, 5.30pm – 7.15pm

This year, in addition to the traditional tree lighting, a lighting display was unveiled and adorned the Lord Mayor's Christmas Tree to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of Cyclone Tracy. Approximately 200 people were in attendance for the ceremony. Darwin City Brass band provided entertainment

Special Preview – Blown Away, Darwin Entertainment Centre

Friday 5 December 2014, 7.30pm – 9.15 pm

This exclusive event was held in The Studio, Darwin Entertainment Centre to a capacity audience of 320. The ABC with City of Darwin hosted a special preview event for Darwin audiences. A Q&A session with the Director, documentary participants and special guests was held immediately after screening.

Lord Mayor's Christmas Tree – Dimming the Lights Ceremony, Raintree Park and The Mall

Wednesday 24 December, 6.30pm – 7.30pm

250 people attended a special ceremony was held around the Lord Mayor's Christmas Tree and Raintree Park, commemorating the night Cyclone Tracy devastated Darwin. The program featured local singer Penny Hart singing carols. Recipients of the Cyclone Tracy community grant Deaf NT performed. The Lord Mayor dimmed the lights of the tree to acknowledge the lives lost and the survivors.

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Commemorative Plaque – Unveiling, Porch at Christ Church Cathedral

Friday 26 December, 10.30am

The Lord Mayor unveiled a commemorative plaque in the portico area of Christ Church Cathedral. This will accompany an earlier plaque City of Darwin had unveiled following the construction of the new Cathedral. Survivors in attendance were acknowledged and a morning tea was held after for the 80 people in attendance.

Tracy Village Community Commemorative Event, Tracy Village Social and Sports Club

Sunday 28 December, 5.00pm – 7.00pm

This reunion event was very well attended with 200 guests. The Facing Tracy project was on display, along with the aerial atlas. Liam Carroll took photos of survivors for a keepsake of attending Cyclone Tracy 40th commemoration events.

A full report on the Cyclone Tracy 40th Anniversary Program will be presented within a separate report

CONSULTATION PROCESS

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

- Manager Liveability
- Youth and Community Events Resource Officer
- Senior Community Development Officer
- Youth Programs and Engagement Officer
- Community Services Officer
- Family and Children's Services Coordinator
- Healthy Darwin Project Officer
- Community Events Coordinator

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

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COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

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

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**LIBRARIES INFORMATION UPDATE FOR OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2014
AND JANUARY 2015 INCLUDING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ACTIVITIES REPORT**

REPORT No.: 15P0001 KC:md

COMMON No.: 1943023

DATE: 16/02/2015

Presenter: Manager Library Services, Karen Conway

Approved: General Manager Community & Cultural Services, Anna Malgorzewicz

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide an update of October 2014 to January 2015 detailing events and comments relating to City of Darwin Libraries (CoDL).

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

Goal

2 Vibrant, Flexible and Tropical Lifestyle

Outcome

2.3 Increased sport, recreation and leisure experiences

Key Strategies

2.3.1 Enhance library and information services

KEY ISSUES

This report provides an overview of library activities from October 2014 to January 2015.

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority:-

THAT Report Number 15P0001 KC:md entitled Libraries Information Update For October, November, December 2014 and January 2015 Including School Holidays Activities Report, be received and noted.

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BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to provide information detailing events and comments relating to City of Darwin Libraries.

DISCUSSION

Loans are statistics collected monthly from the library management system and they include all items loaned, including books, newspapers, DVDs, etc. and our in-house loans of computers, laptops, X-boxes and PlayStations etc. The loan statistics do not include our e-book loans; these are collected from the suppliers of our e-books. Statistics for January 2015 will be included in following quarterly report.

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.

Our total loan statistics for the quarter are down 3% from 2013 and down by 6% in 2012.

Total visit statistics for the quarter are up 3% from 2013 and down 3% from 2012.

Attendance at library events for the quarter is up 18% from 2013 and up 32% from 2012.

	October 12	October 13	October 14
Loans	60,802	56,534	54,172
Visits	51,773	44,679	45,359
Attendance at events	2,866	3,395	3,896

	November 12	November 13	November 14
Loans	53,590	53,228	50,341
Visits	41,626	41,736	43,043
Attendance at events	2,642	3,183	3,402

	December 12	December 13	December 14
Loans	52,011	50,861	51,631
Visits	39,987	38,361	40,468
Attendance at events	1,879	2,244	3,530

	Oct/Nov/Dec 12	Oct/Nov/Dec 13	Oct/Nov/Dec 14
Total Loans	166,403	160,623	156,144
Total Visits	133,386	124,776	128,870
Attendance at events	7,387	8,822	10,828

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City and Nightcliff libraries were closed during the Council shut down period over the Christmas break and Casuarina and Karama libraries remained open. Both libraries were very busy for the three days 29 to 31 December when City and Nightcliff libraries were closed. Casuarina had 2560 people through the library on those three days; an average of 853 per day.

Collection Development

Our e-books from Overdrive continue to grow steadily with an average circulation of 350 items per month. There are over 1200 items in the Overdrive e-book collection. During the past year 325 new borrowers registered for eBooks, with an increase of 500 more items borrowed in 2014, than in 2013.

Circulation statistics for the main collections were steady. Following are the average circulation statistic for each area:

Adult fiction – 8201 per month
Junior picture books – 6374 per month
Junior fiction – 3588 per month
Non-fiction – 5239 per month.

The library resource funding allocation from the Northern Territory Library is on track to be all committed by the end of April. Our focus has been on updating the Health and Wellness, Biographies, Parenting and Adult Fiction collections. Collection sizes are maintained by regular disposal of out of date and well-loved books; this month we weeded the adult fiction and picture book collections at both Casuarina and the City libraries. The Nightcliff library has a limited non-fiction collection with most of the spending on current adult fiction and picture books for children.

Programs and Events

The City library hosted the 100th Anniversary Red Cross Digital Photographic Exhibition as part of the commemorative events for the 40th anniversary of Cyclone Tracy. A loop of images from the Red Cross showing their involvement in the cleanup after Cyclone Tracy will run to mid-January.

The Facing Tracy interactive photographic booth toured Karama, Casuarina and the City libraries during the 40th Anniversary of Cyclone Tracy commemorations in November and December. It is back at the City library and will officially close on 12th February. Both exhibits still attract visitors with an interest in Cyclone Tracy.

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The Cyclone Tracy quilt exhibition was displayed at the Casuarina library during December and January and attracted visitors with an interest in craft and Cyclone Tracy.

The Waste Management staff organised a recycled art display in the glass display cabinets at Casuarina library during November for Recycling Week. The finished dioramas from the Windows on the Storm holiday program were also displayed as a Cyclone Tracy 40th Anniversary tie-in.

Loud @ the Library, Friday lunchtime musical performances, continued at the City and Casuarina libraries throughout the quarter.

Housebound services are provided from Casuarina and the City libraries and our customer numbers have remained constant throughout the quarter. We currently have enthusiastic volunteers who deliver the books each week, to both aged care facilities and private homes. Staff manage the deliveries in their absence.

Seniors at Karama is held monthly and activities for the quarter included yoga, a drama class and a poetry workshop. A small group of regular seniors attend the sessions and all are involved in selecting the activities for the yearly program.

The first Monsoon Cinema Club, held on Wednesday 12 November at Casuarina library, was a hit with 15 attendees and lots of positive feedback. The group has since decided to change to alternate Thursdays when the library is closed. The club has a Facebook page and was also promoted with an article in the NT News which helped bump up the numbers to 30 for the January showing.

Digital literacy classes are offered at all libraries. There is always interest in one-on-one sessions for specific needs. Staff have been assisting customers with email issues, resumes, tablets and smart phones and with downloading e-books and e-magazines.

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The Digital Hub funding ceased in January 2015 and a further report on the Digital Hub will be presented to the March committee meeting. The equipment and resources from the hub has been transferred to Nightcliff library and customers can book and receive targeted digital literacy help at Nightcliff. The 3D printer is also available for use at the library.

Staff Development Day - All staff attended a presentation and workshop by IT developer and futurist, Mark Pesce. The main message from his address was that for libraries to remain relevant they need to continue to “Connect, Learn and Share”. He stated that libraries must embrace emerging technologies through continued connectivity platforms. He believed that libraries and those that work in them humanise the knowledge experience.

Children and Youth Services

This year we trialled a SWOTvac event during revision week for year 12 students studying for exams. We sent emails to the schools and year 12 co-ordinators and we had around 40 teenagers in total for the week; mostly different kids each night. They were polite, well behaved and the general feeling of staff supervising was that all enjoyed doing the shifts. We offered them a quiet place to study, computers (though most had their own lap tops) and we ordered pizza and had yoga on two evenings. Library staff received excellent feedback from those that attended and we will look at repeating the program again.

The KROC Awards were announced at Karama library in November. The KROC Awards allow local children in the Northern Territory to vote for their favourite books written by Australian authors. The event was attended by local authors Nick Bland, Johanna Bell, Barry Jonsberg, Clare Atkins, Dr Ilana Hoffman and Sandra Kendall.

Babes n Books Graduation – This highly successful program concluded for the year with the graduation of 87 babies from the course. Acting Lord Mayor, Jeanette Anictomatis presented the certificates to 104 very proud parents.

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The library mascots Paige and Dewey attended many local events over the past 3 months. Santa's Cave opening in the Mall, Christmas for Kids at Marrara stadium, National Children's Week launch, and Jingili Water Gardens.



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Holiday Program

The December 2014/January 2015 Holiday Program was held at all libraries; activities included:

- Christmas crafts
- Movies
- Minecraft sessions
- Christmas bedtime stories
- Theatre games and activities
- Wild Thingz program
- Jasmine Jan art workshops for older children (very popular)
- Breakfast with Books at Nightcliff library

Summer Reading Club

The theme of the December/January Summer Reading Program was Adventure. The Summer Reading Program received support and promotion from The Bookshop, Crocosaurus Cove and Cold Rock Ice-Creamery. Children are rewarded on the number of books read.

The number of children who participated this year was 388; a decrease of 7% from last year but the same number as 2012/13. The number of items read was 4395 books; a 9% decrease from 2012/13 and 28% decrease from 2013/14.

Summer Reading Club statistics

Library	2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	
	Registered	No. of books read	Registered	No. of books read	Registered	No. of books read
Casuarina	201	2805	114	1480	188	1710
City	42	655	104	930	53	710
Karama	95	1075	117	2220	80	940
Nightcliff	50	290	85	1510	67	1035
Total	388	4825	420	6140	388	4395

Leading up to Christmas the mobile police task group was stationed at the Karama Shopping Centre with the officers doing regular walk throughs in the library and shopping centre in general.

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CONSULTATION PROCESS

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

- Library Managers
- Specialist library staff

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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AGENDA ITEM: 9.3

HEALTHY DARWIN ACTIVELIFE@THETOP PROGRESS REPORT AND REVIEW

REPORT No.: 15C0019 CB:kl

COMMON No.: 2098451

DATE: 02/02/2015

Presenter: Healthy Darwin Officer, Clare Beacham

Approved: General Manager Community & Cultural Services, Anna Malgorzewicz

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the 2014/15 Healthy Darwin Activelife@TheTop program.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

Goal

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

- The 2014/15 Healthy Darwin ActiveLife@TheTop program is a new initiative to encourage healthy lifestyle behaviours and stronger social connections in Darwin. The program will conclude on 30 June 2015.
- A calendar program of activities and events commenced in August 2014, fostering multiple stakeholder partnerships to enable affordable access to healthy lifestyle activities.
- An extensive evaluation framework has been used to assess the effectiveness of the program.
- This report includes a summary of the evaluation of the Dry Season 2014 and Wet Season 2014/15 programs.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority:-

- A. THAT Report Number 15C0019 CB:kl entitled Healthy Darwin ActiveLife@TheTop Progress Report and Review , be received and noted.

BACKGROUND

Council first supported an annual healthy lifestyle and recreation program in 2008. The program originally called DarwinLite, later renamed ActivateNT, was developed to encourage residents to become more active and enhance their knowledge of healthy choices.

Council requested an investigation of alternative program options which resulted in the Healthy Darwin ActiveLife@TheTop program being delivered in 2014/15.

PREVIOUS DECISIONS

DECISION NO. 21\1621 (26/11/13)

2014/15 Healthy Activity and Lifestyle Program Proposal

Report No. 13C0099 MG:kl (18/11/13) Common No. 2098451

- A. *THAT Council refer an amount of \$76,000 to the 2014/2015 budget for consideration for the conduct of the proposed 2014/15 Healthy Darwin Program.*

DECISION NO. 21/1009 (30/04/13)

Activate NT

Report No. 13C0021 ED:kl (22/04/13) Common No. 2098451

- B. *THAT Council investigate alternative program options for delivery in 2014*

DISCUSSION

Healthy Darwin Program Update

The Healthy Darwin ActiveLife@TheTop program was launched by the Lord Mayor on 30 July 2014 at Raintree Park during a free community event that included healthy lifestyle information, program details and mini health checks by Casuarina Community Care Centre.

A Dry Season program of activities commenced on 4 August 2014 and was promoted in an online and hard copy calendar. Activities transitioned to the current Wet Season program on 1 November 2014 (**Attachment A**).

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The program focuses on holistically encouraging healthy lifestyle behaviours including physical activity, healthy eating, mental wellbeing and stronger social connections in Darwin. The program objectives are committed to:

- fostering strong partnerships with local businesses, sporting clubs and community organisations to deliver a diverse mix of affordable and accessible health-based activities,
- building community awareness of opportunities to be healthy and active in Darwin,
- enhancing and celebrating public places and Council facilities, and
- encouraging social inclusion and community connections.

The program is divided into three specific output areas:

1. **Get Moving** (weekly activities and programs): Wet and Dry Season activities, including subsidised weekly activities, walking groups, low cost group activities and come and try sessions.
2. **Be Informed** (education and workshops): healthy lifestyle workshops, social media, website information and information displays.
3. **Stay Connected** (events): support for community events, smoothie bike loans and pop up health checks.

A comprehensive evaluation process was developed using a number of domains to assess achievements and to ensure strategic objectives are met. The following methods are employed to evaluate the program:

- review of current best practice and literature,
- participant and supplier online surveys,
- individual activity evaluation (including facilitator and participant feedback, attendance sheets and staff observations), and
- anecdotal feedback at various time points.

A summary of key outcomes for the program for the period 1 August 2014 – 31 December 2014 are:

Program Delivery

- 73 regular weekly activities and events offered in the calendar program.
- 12 educational workshops including local cooking and gardening, safe cycling workshops for beginners and a six week learn to swim program.

Participation

- 281 residents are registered for the program.
- 208 residents have participated in the workshops and subsidised program.
- The most popular subsidised program is Healthy Moves for Seniors (attended by 42 community members), followed by the 'Life. Be In It' NT Lunchtime Circuit (attended by 20 community members).

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- The most popular workshop sessions so far have been fresh produce workshops with Market and Garden Cooking and Wet Season Gardening attended by 14 participants respectively.
- Attendance is not recorded for non-subsidised activities listed in the calendar program. Supplier online surveys indicate a number of new participants were attributed to inclusion in the Healthy Darwin calendar program.

Partnerships

- The program has partnered with over 39 suppliers and clubs to build the regular program including 8 key providers to deliver the following subsidised activities:
 - Healthy Moves for Seniors, Coconut Grove Seniors Hall
 - Tai Chi, Gardens Tennis Centre
 - Lunchtime Circuit, Civic Park/ Christ Church Cathedral
 - Group Circuit, Koolinda Park, Karama
 - Tween Fit, Casuarina Secondary College
 - Stretch and Tone, Malak Community Centre
 - Yoga, Lyons Community Centre
 - Aqua Class, Casuarina Pool
- 24 community organisations and government departments at a collaborating and promoting level.

Benefit of Participation

- Over 93% of survey respondents agreed that they had experienced health benefits or an increase of skills as a result of participating in the program.
- 88% respondents stated the low cost of the program encouraged them to participate.

Additionally, officers have heard many passionate and diverse experiences from participants, many commented on the health benefits of participation – *“I feel better with exercise – much more energy”*, some particularly loved the diversity of activities *“the range of activities you offer is wonderful”*, others enjoyed connecting with others was most important to them *“the social benefits are immeasurable”*.

Planning is well underway for the new Dry Season calendar of activities (1 April – 30 June 2015). This will focus on promoting the use of Council’s outdoor spaces by partnering with service providers to deliver a range of free and subsidised exercise in parks and outdoor facilities across the municipality.

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CONSULTATION PROCESS

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

- Manager of Liveability
- Community Wellbeing Officer
- Recreation Services Officer

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

- Registered program participants
- Program providers
- Peak Sporting Bodies
- Northern Territory Department of Health
- Northern Territory Department of Sport and Recreation
- Key Community Organisations working with the program

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The program was designed and is delivered in accordance with the strategic goals of the organisation and meets the objectives defined within the Community Wellbeing Plan 2014 – 2020.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The 2014/15 Healthy Darwin ActiveLife@TheTop is funded by a new initiative amount of \$76,000 in the 2014/15 budget.

An additional amount of \$24,800 has been allocated from the Recreation Operational budget to consolidate the delivery of healthy lifestyle programs under the Healthy Darwin ActiveLife@TheTop brand.

RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

A key focus of the program is to encourage and support local produce. The workshop program specifically delivers a number of information sessions that educate the public in areas of:

- local and seasonal food production, and
- support of community gardens and local producers.

The program will continue to coordinate with the Climate Change and Environment and Waste Management Team in planning future activities.

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The program encourages and promotes active travel and works to build the capacity of community members so they can cycle or walk instead of driving. Cycling workshops, regular ride groups and walking groups all contribute to a potential reduction in carbon emissions.

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: Healthy Darwin ActiveLife@TheTop 2014/15 Wet Season Program

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ActiveLife@TheTop

FREE and low cost activities to help you be informed, get moving and stay connected.

WET SEASON PROGRAM: 1 NOVEMBER 2014 - 31 MARCH 2015





Welcome from the Lord Mayor

I am delighted to introduce you to our brand new Healthy Darwin *ActiveLife@TheTop* program.

An active life is not just about exercise, it is also about social involvement which keeps us connected with the community we are a part of.

We have worked hard with many partners across Darwin to bring you a program for all ages, fitness levels and interests. The program is focused on ensuring the activities are low cost with an emphasis on catering for a wide variety of needs.

Now is the perfect time to get out and about and get involved in activities that promote personal and community wellbeing.

I hope you'll come and join me in making health and fitness a part of your everyday routine.

LORD MAYOR
KATRINA FONG LIM

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ActiveLife@TheTop

Our city is one of great pathways, beautiful beaches and lots of green space to enjoy. With all this and our tropical climate, Darwin really is the place to be fit, active and healthy.

Healthy Darwin is all about getting the people of Darwin active and living a healthy lifestyle. The program is packed with low cost activities for everyone and is a great chance to connect with other members of the local community.

What are the benefits for me?

- better fitness and overall health
- free or low-cost activities
- new skills to support your long term wellbeing
- develop friendships and support networks
- qualified and friendly instructors

Make sure you
check with the class
instructor when
starting a new activity
as sometimes days and
times change
at the last minute.

get moving – be informed – stay connected

How to get involved

- check out the calendar and find some activities that suit you
- call the instructor if a booking is required
- register online to receive updates and other healthy tips at www.darwin.nt.gov.au/activelife

Remember, sessions cater for all ages and fitness levels and our trained instructors will help you feel comfortable and welcome.

In this booklet you will find activities subsidised by Council as well as a wide range of affordable activities provided by health and exercise professionals.

What to bring?

- comfortable clothes and shoes
- drink bottle
- towel
- hat and sunscreen (for outdoor activities)

Remember...

If any of the following apply to you, check with your doctor first before starting any exercise program:

- a history of high blood pressure, heart trouble, diabetes or any other medical issues
- more than 30 years of age and have not been exercising at all and have not had a medical check in the past 12 months
- are overweight

Activities subsidised by Council are clearly identified with this symbol.



be informed Workshops and Learning for the Mind

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Classes have limited numbers available. Remember to contact the instructor to ensure your place in the class.



Get out and get active around Darwin.

Healthy Darwin is bringing a mix of workshops and information sessions that will help you learn more about what it takes to stay healthy in your body, mind and soul. It's all about taking control of your own health.

Fresh Cooking and Gardening

Learning to grow and cook healthy fresh food is an important part of a healthy lifestyle. In these programs

5 Meals for 5 Days
Sun 22 Feb
time tbc

Learn how to use the same ingredients to make a variety of different meals.

To register and for more details contact Healthy Darwin 8930 0431

TBC



Market Tour and Taste
Feb - date TBC

Get to know local produce with a walking tour through the Rapid Creek Markets followed by a tasting session.

To register and for more details contact Healthy Darwin 8930 0431

TBC



Market and Garden Cooking
March - date TBC

Learn how to cook seasonal local market and garden produce during this interactive cooking session.

To register and for more details contact Healthy Darwin 8930 0431

TBC



Supermarket Tours

Whether you have diabetes, want to lose weight, or just want to improve your overall nutrition, a Dietitian can help you make easy, healthy choices in the supermarket.

Supermarket Tours
Thurs 19 Feb
4.30-5.30pm

Karama Shopping Plaza
(meet inside the shopping plaza at the front of Woolworths)

Tour by Balance Diet Centre
For bookings contact Healthy Darwin on 8930 0431

FREE



Sat 21 Feb
10.00-11.00am

Woolworths - Casuarina Square
(meet inside Casuarina Square at the front of Woolworths)

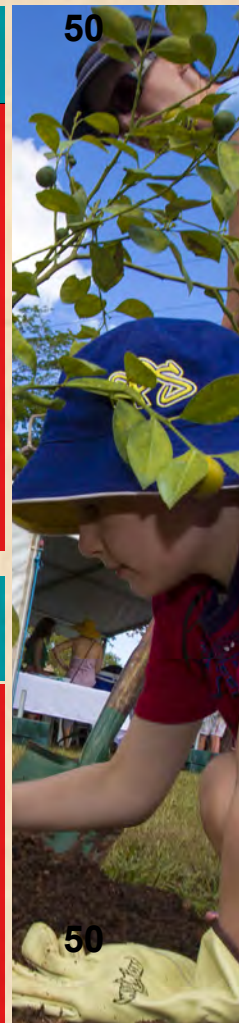
Tour by Balance Diet Centre
For bookings contact Healthy Darwin on 8930 0431

FREE



Join an Accredited Practicing Dietitian from Balance Diet Centre as they take you on a tour through the supermarket. Learn how to read nutrition labels and learn some of the myths and facts of what is good for you.

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Workshops For A Healthy Mind

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Health is not all about the physical – good mental health is just as important. Activities that work the mind can help to reduce stress levels and improve memory and concentration.

Active Memory

Wed (start date TBC)
9.00–11.00am

An 8-week group program for older adults (60+) who want to improve their memory. Includes tips for improved memory, with opportunities to practice these new skills.

CDU Psychology Clinic
Yellow Building 1.2.30
Ellengowan Dve
Casuarina

CDU
Psychology
Clinic
8946 7176

\$25 for the
8-week program

Learn To Swim

Living in our warm tropical climate, swimming is a part of life. For those of you who missed out on learning basic skills, we have a special 6-week program to help build your skills and confidence in the water.

Women's Learn to Swim Program

Date TBC

This women only beginner course teaches basic pool skills, designed to build confidence in the water in a friendly, social atmosphere.

Casuarina Pool
Angelo St
Casuarina

Royal Life
Saving NT

FREE
program
(only pay pool
entry fee)



Register your interest by calling Healthy Darwin on 8930 0431.

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Bike Skills

Cycling is a great way to see the open spaces around the city and there are hundreds of kilometres of paths to explore. Not only are bikes a cheap and quick way of getting around, the health benefits of riding include improved heart health, reduced stress and increased strength.

Women with Wrenches

Not sure how to change a flat tyre? Unsure of right tyre pressures? Come along and meet other ladies who ride, to learn the basics of bike maintenance whilst enjoying wine & cheese.

Blue Cycles
3/1 Berrimah Rd
Berrimah

Blue Cycles
8984 3337

FREE

Basic Bike Skills

Date TBC

The safe cycling workshop is aimed at those who have not ridden for a long time or lack the confidence in using a bike safely. Build your confidence in a safe, traffic-free environment. Session covers bicycle handling and technique, braking, gearing, cornering, road rules and etiquette.



Register your interest by calling Healthy Darwin on 8930 0431.

Bike with Confidence

Date TBC

Intermediate cycling course to build confidence in riding on the road and in groups. Includes riding on the road techniques, road rules, riding in groups and bike set up.



Register your interest by calling Healthy Darwin on 8930 0431.



get moving *fitness and exercise*



Classes have limited numbers available. Remember to contact the instructor to ensure your place in the class.



Get out and get active around Darwin.

Healthy Darwin is teaming up with exercise providers and clubs to give you the chance to try a mix of low cost activities. No matter your age, fitness level or interests we think we have something to get you moving. Activities are held each week on the specified day, unless otherwise stated.



Walking Groups

Walking is one of the best activities you can do for health, fitness and weight-loss benefits. It's free, social and can be done just about anywhere. Joining a walking group gives you the chance to get to know the beautiful open spaces in your local area and at the same time reduce your risk of developing heart disease.

Heart Foundation Walking Groups:

Mitchell Centre Walking Group
Fri 7.30am

Meet at Mitchell Centre Information Desk
Mitchell St
Darwin

Healthy Darwin - 8930 0431
www.heartfoundation.org.au

FREE

Casuarina Walking Group
Mon 7.30am

Meet at Casuarina Shopping Centre
(in car park opposite K-Mart Tyre and Auto)

Healthy Darwin - 8930 0431
www.heartfoundation.org.au

FREE

Cycling – No Lycra Required

Whether you would like to use your bike for getting around, fitness or fun, there are many benefits to riding regularly.

Parap Sunday Cycle
Sun 7.30am

Meet at corner East Point Rd & Ross Smith Ave (in car park adjacent to the Ross Smith Memorial)

Healthy Darwin
8930 0431

FREE

The cycling groups travel between 10-15km and frequently combine their morning cycle with a visit to a local cafe or link in with other events in the Darwin area.

Circuit Race (all levels)
Thurs 6.00pm

Berrimah Business Centre
(across the road from Coonawarra Naval Base)

Darwin Cycling Club
0404 804 292

FREE





Stretch & Relax

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Stretch & Relax
Wed 6.30-7.15pm

The Gym@CDU
 Building Green 4
 Ellengowan Dve Casuarina

The Gym@CDU
8946 6971
www.cdu.edu.au/thegym

5 visit pass \$45
 (includes all CDU Group
 Fitness classes)

This yoga based core strength, stretch & relaxation class is designed for those looking for better flexibility, posture and balance.

Tai Chi

This traditional style of Chinese martial arts is practised by millions of people across the world. It is loved for its relaxing qualities that can really reduce stress levels. Tai Chi is low impact and involves a series of graceful movements.

Beginner Tai Chi
Wed 11.00am-12.30pm

Gardens Tennis Centre
 Gilruth Ave
 (next to Mindil Beach)

Australia Wu Tang
0432 900 155

\$3



Beginning Tai Chi
Tues 5.30-6.30pm

Buddhist Temple
 37 Parkside Crescent
 Leanyer

Australia Wu Tang
0432 900 155

FREE to try during the
 month of Feb

Intermediate Tai Chi
Tues 6.00-7.30pm

Buddhist Temple
 37 Parkside Crescent
 Leanyer

Australia Wu Tang
0432 900 155

FREE to try during the
 month of Feb

Beginning Tai Chi
Sun 9.00-10.00am

Charles Darwin University Basketball Courts
 Ellengowan Dve Casuarina

Australia Wu Tang
0432 900 155

FREE to try during the
 month of Feb

Intermediate Tai Chi
 for those who have
 completed Tai Chi for
 Arthritis Course)
Wed 9.00-10.00am

Botanical Gardens
 (next to the water fountains)
 Gardens Rd
 Darwin

Healthy Darwin
8930 0431

FREE

Tai Chi
Sat 7.00-8.00am
 (Returns 7 Feb 2015)

The Waterfront
 Kitchener Dve Darwin

Kevin Walle
0432 900 155

FREE

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Group Fitness

Designed to get you moving. Sessions are energetic and challenging but allow you to go at your own pace.

Boot Camp Mon, Wed & Fri 6.15-7.00am	Sanderson Middle School (bottom football oval) Matthews Rd Malak	Jacob Andreae 0416 545 802	Come and Try Offer 3 sessions for \$15
Boot Camp Tues, Thurs & Sat 6.15-7.00am	Bicentennial Park Darwin City	Jacob Andreae 0416 545 802	Come and Try Offer 3 sessions for \$15
Boot Camp Sat 8.30-9.30am	The Waterfront Kitchener Drive Darwin	Darwin Fit Club Tom - 0400 567 552	FREE
Boxing Fit Club Wed 5.30-6.30pm	Mindil Beach - meet at BBQ area	Darwin Fit Club Tom - 0400 567 552	FREE
Powerbar Tues & Thurs 6.00-6.45am Tues 4.30-5.15pm Thurs 5.30-6.15pm Sat 8.00-9.00am	The Gym@CDU (Building Green 4) Ellengowan Dve Casuarina	The Gym@CDU 8946 6971 www.cdu.edu.au/thegym	5 visit pass \$45 (includes all CDU Group Fitness classes)
TBT (tummies, butts & thighs) Mon 6.00-6.45am Wed 12.10-12.55pm Wed & Fri 5.30-6.15pm	The Gym@CDU (Building Green 4) Ellengowan Dve Casuarina	The Gym@CDU 8946 6971 www.cdu.edu.au/thegym	5 visit pass \$45 (includes all CDU Group Fitness classes)
Cardio Punch Mon 4.30-5.15pm Thurs 12.10-12.55pm	The Gym@CDU (Building Green 4) Ellengowan Dve Casuarina	The Gym@CDU 8946 6971 www.cdu.edu.au/thegym	5 visit pass \$45 (includes all CDU Group Fitness classes)
Total Body Mon 5.30-6.15pm Wed 6.00-6.45am	The Gym@CDU (Building Green 4) Ellengowan Dve Casuarina	The Gym@CDU 8946 6971 www.cdu.edu.au/thegym	5 visit pass \$45 (includes all CDU Group Fitness classes)

For all CDU classes participants must be aged 16yrs+ or 14 - 15yrs if attending with a guardian.



Kung Fu

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Kids Kung Fu
Thurs 5.30-6.30pm

Buddhist Temple
37 Parkside Crescent
Leanyer

Australia Wu Tang
0432 900 155

FREE to come and try throughout the month of February

Kung Fu
Thurs 6.00-7.30pm

Buddhist Temple
37 Parkside Crescent
Leanyer

Australia Wu Tang
0432 900 155

FREE to come and try throughout the month of February

Bagua Kung Fu
Thurs 7.30-8.30pm

Buddhist Temple
37 Parkside Crescent
Leanyer

Australia Wu Tang
0432 900 155

FREE to come and try throughout the month of February

Traditional Chinese Weapons
Sun 10.00-11.00am

CDU Basketball Courts
Ellengowan Dve
Casuarina

Australia Wu Tang
0432 900 155

FREE to come and try throughout the month of February

Group Circuit

Circuit provides a variety of activities to get your heart pumping and body moving. The workouts are fun and allow everyone to work out at their own pace and build fitness over time. The perfect after work activity!

Lunchtime Circuit
Thurs 12.30-1.00pm

Harbour Room - Christ Church Cathedral
Crn Smith St & Harry Chan Ave
Darwin City

'Life. Be in it' NT
8981 7035

\$3

Keep moving in the day and take the time to do a lunchtime circuit. Go back to work feeling great and refreshed. Half an hour of fun and exercise that will improve fitness, flexibility, strength and balance.



Fitness Circuit
Fri 6.00 - 6.45am
Fri 12.10 - 12.55pm

The Gym@CDU
Building Green 4
Ellengowan Dve, Casuarina

The Gym@CDU
8946 6971
www.cdu.edu.au/thegym

5 visit pass \$45
(includes all CDU Group Fitness classes)

Participants must be aged 16yrs+ or 14 - 15yrs if attending with a guardian

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In and On the Water – Aquatic Activities

Water based activities are low impact and easy on your joints, yet challenging enough to help you reach new levels of fitness. There is a range of class based activities as well as lap swimming.

Aqua Aerobics Mon 5.30-6.15pm	Casuarina Pool 10 Angelo Street Casuarina	Melissa Bridge 0417 845 303	\$5 (includes pool entry) 
Aqua Fitness Classes Mon, Wed & Sat 8.30-9.15am	Movement for Life 6 Caryota Court Coconut Grove	Fitnutz H2O 0421 986 252	\$8 Casual \$70 for 10-pass card
Water based training suitable for everybody!			
Aqua STAARS (lighter workout for older adults) Mon 12.30-1.15pm Wed 12.30-1.15pm	NT Swim School 12 Caryota Ct Coconut Grove	Hollie Goodall 0421 500 286	\$6 First session free
Aqua Class Tuesday 6.15-7.15pm	NT Swim School 12 Caryota Ct Coconut Grove	Hollie Goodall 0421 500 286	\$7 with medical referral from physio, chiropractor, GP or organisation such as Arthritis NT. (\$15 casual if no referral)
Adult Swimming for All Abilities Wed 6.00-7.00pm	Casuarina Pool 10 Angelo Street Casuarina	Royal Life Saving Society NT 8927 0400	\$5
Dragon Boating Beginner come and try Tues 5.15pm	Cullen Bay (opposite the ferry terminal)	Arafura Dragons Paddlers Club 0403 080 208	First 3 sessions FREE

Sabre Fencing

These beginner classes provide an introduction to the sport of fencing, with equipment supplied.

Wed 6.00-8.00pm	Portugese and Timorese Social Club McMillans Road Marrara	Greg Stehle Green Ant Fencing Club 0422 899 684	\$5
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With the Kids

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Physical activity is essential for healthy growth and development in children. Starting young means you set children up with lifelong good habits. These activities build fitness, skills and foster better family relationships.

Mini Movers (18mths – 3yrs) Sat 9.00am–12.00pm (School term only)	Darwin Squash Centre Marrara Drive Marrara	'Life. Be in it' NT 8981 7035	\$90 per term (8 sessions) Cost includes both parent and child
Mini Sports Sat 9.00am–12.00pm (School term only)	Darwin Squash Centre Marrara Drive Marrara	'Life. Be in it' NT 8981 7035	\$90 per term (8 sessions) Cost includes both parent and child
Surf n Save Lives School holiday program Dates TBC 9.00am–12.00pm & 1.00–4.00pm	Wave Lagoon Darwin Waterfront Kitchener Dve	Surf Life Saving NT 8985 6588	\$9.50 per session

Teaches young participants to learn how to catch and surf waves and participate in a CPR Awareness course, resulting in a certificate.

Mum and Bubs

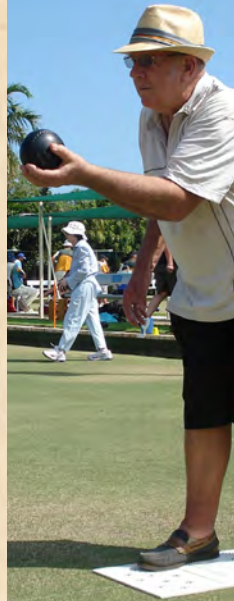
Mums 'n' Bubs Pilates with Prams Tues 8.30–9.00am	Darwin Surf Club Daribah Rd Casuarina Coastal Reserve	Hollie Goodall 0421 500 286	\$140 for 5 week block (includes Booty Camp, Aqua Booty and Pilates sessions)
Mums 'n' Bubs Booty Camp Thurs 8.30am	Darwin Surf Club Daribah Rd Casuarina Coastal Reserve	Hollie Goodall 0421 500 286	\$140 for 5 week block (includes Booty Camp, Aqua Booty and Pilates sessions)
Mums 'n' Bubs Aqua Booty Fri 1.00pm	NT Swim School 12 Caryota Ct Coconut Grove	Hollie Goodall 0421 500 286	\$140 for 5 week block 59 (includes Booty Camp, Aqua Booty and Pilates sessions)

Lawn Bowls

Lawn bowls is a great social, low impact and relaxing activity. Grab a group of friends and test how good your aim is.

Lawn Bowls Lesson Tues 5.30-6.30pm	Darwin Bowls Club Conacher St Fannie Bay	Call Tony to confirm booking 0417 204 910	FREE
Social Bowls Wed 9.30-11.30am	Darwin Bowls Club Conacher St Fannie Bay	Darwin Bowls Club 8981 3221	\$5
Social Bowls Wed 5.45-8.00pm	Darwin Bowls Club Conacher St Fannie Bay	Darwin Bowls Club 8981 3221	\$9
Barefoot Bowls Thurs 5.45-8.00pm	Darwin Bowls Club Conacher St Fannie Bay	Darwin Bowls Club 8981 3221	\$8
Social Bowls Tues 6.00-8.00pm Sun 10.00am-12.00pm	Nightcliff Bowls Club 11 Camphor St Nightcliff	Nightcliff Bowls Club 0434 071 755	\$6
Barefoot Bowls Thurs 5.30-7.30pm	Nightcliff Bowls Club 11 Camphor St Nightcliff	Nightcliff Bowls Club 0434 071 755	\$6

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Speciality Classes/Activities

These classes cater for the needs of specific target groups to ensure the best outcomes for health.

Healthy Moves for Seniors

Tues
9.15-10.00am &
10.30-11.15am

Coconut Grove Community Hall
24 Musgrave Cres
Coconut Grove

Jemma Dealing
0413 110 498

\$4



A weekly group class for older adults, with gentle exercises designed to safely build fitness and strength. Run by qualified instructors, the classes include great music and exercises that are easy to learn.

Lungs in Action

Tues 9.30am

Bodyfit NT
Level 1, 39 Stokes Hill Rd
Darwin

Bodyfit NT
8981 2886

\$6

Suitable for people with stable chronic lung conditions who have completed a pulmonary rehabilitation. It is also suitable for people with stable NYHA class II & III heart failure who have completed heart failure rehabilitation.

Parkinson's Disease Exercise

Fri 9.00am

Darwin Day Therapy Centre
11 Creswell St
Tiwi

ECH Day Therapy Centre

\$7

(\$20 initial assessment)

Promotes safe mobility and independence by encouraging strength & flexibility, balance, good posture, coping skills, strategies for movement and voice control.

Steady Footsteps

Weds
9.00am, 10.00am & 1.00pm

Darwin Day Therapy Centre
11 Creswell St
Tiwi

ECH Day Therapy Centre
8922 6670

\$7

(\$20 initial assessment)

A Balance program combining education and exercises - a progressive and structured approach to improve balance, flexibility and strength.

Easy Moves for Active Ageing

Tues 10.00am

Darwin Day Therapy Centre
11 Creswell St
Tiwi

ECH Day Therapy Centre

8922 6670

\$7

(\$20 initial assessment)

A safe, gentle form of chair-based exercises to maintain strength, flexibility, balance, endurance and general wellbeing.

Low Impact Fitness Class

Mon, Wed, Fri 9.15-10.00am
Thurs 10.00-10.45am

The Gym@CDU
Building Green 4
Ellengowan Dve
Casuarina

The Gym@CDU
8946 6971

www.cdu.edu.au/thegym

5 visit pass \$45

(includes all CDU Group
Fitness classes)

Day to Day Living Program

Mon to Fri
9.30am-3.00pm

Rapid Creek Business Village
Trower Road
Rapid Creek

Team Health

8943 9615

FREE

A safe social environment for people with a psychiatric diagnosis. D2DL provides an activities program with a psychosocial rehabilitation focus. We take referrals from any source.

Strong & Stable Exercise Group

Mon 1.00pm
Tues 11.00am
Fri 10.00am & 11.00am

Spillett House
66 Smith Street
Darwin

ECH Day Therapy Centre

8922 6670

\$7

(\$20 initial assessment)

Low to medium intensity progressive exercise program individually tailored to improve strength and mobility.

Pilates

Pilates is a system of controlled exercises that engage the mind and condition the total body. The blend of strength and flexibility training improves posture, reduces stress and creates long, lean muscles.

Pilates

Wed 6.15-7.00am
(returns 21 Jan)

Sanderson Middle School
(bottom football oval)
Matthews Rd Malak

Jacob Andreae

0416 545 802

Come and Try Offer

3 sessions for \$15

Pilates

Mon 9.00am
(8wk course starts 12 Jan)

Darwin Day Therapy Centre
11 Creswell St
Tiwi

ECH Day Therapy Centre

8922 6670

\$7

(\$20 initial assessment)

Pilates

Tues 5.30-6.15pm
Wed 4.30-5.15pm
Sun 10.15-11.15am

The Gym@CDU (Building Green 4)
Ellengowan Dve
Casuarina

The Gym@CDU

8946 6971

www.cdu.edu.au/thegym

5 visit pass \$45

(includes all CDU Group
Fitness classes)

Participants must be aged 16yrs+ or 14 - 15yrs if attending with a guardian.

Running**ParkRun**

Sat 7.00am

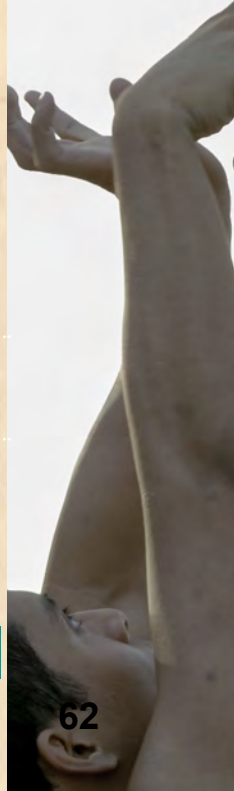
Bicentennial Park
The Esplanade Darwin

ParkRun

0409 285 483

FREE

Weekly timed 5km event for runners of all standards.



For the Mind

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Health is much more than just physical – without a healthy mind we can't even begin to address some of our other health challenges.

**Emotional Fitness
Bootcamp**
Wed 5.00-6.00pm

Free Being
Level 1, 396 Stuart Highway
(the Terminal 1 Building)
Winnellie

Darwin Hypnotherapy
0423 963 083

\$5

Teaching and practising skills to improve mood, performance, self-esteem, work and relationships.

Deep Peace Meditation
Wed 7.00-8.15pm

Lyons Community Centre
25 Damibila Dve
Lyons

**Ben Marnell - Aust. School
of Meditation & Yoga**
0439 417 109

FREE or by donation

Learn easy and practical techniques to unwind including breathing exercises, mindfulness and mantra meditation.

Healthy Minds Group
Thurs
11.00am-12.00pm

Tiwi Residential Care
11 Creswell St
Tiwi

ECH Day Therapy Centre
8922 6670

\$7

Designed for anyone who would like to learn how to make the most of their memory, improve concentration and problem solving skills and enhance their mental health.

Beginners Meditation
Mon 7.30-8.30pm
First and Second Monday

Casuarina Library Meeting Room
17 Bradshaw Terrace
Casuarina

**Ben Marnell - Aust. School
of Meditation & Yoga**
0439 417 109

FREE or by donation

Two part beginners Meditation course. Learn to practically apply meditation in your daily life.

Dancing and Musical Things

If the idea of a 'workout' or a 'gym' is not your style why not try getting fit the fun way? Get your groove on, enjoy the music and dance yourself to fitness and better wellbeing

**Sing Australia Community
Choir**
Tue 7.00-9.00pm

Music Centre Essington School
Rossiter St, Rapid Creek

Sing Australia Darwin
8927 1675

\$7 per session
(First night Free)

A choir for those who simply enjoy singing. Not auditioned, just sing and have fun together

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Dancing and Musical Things cont.

If the idea of a 'workout' or a 'gym' is not your style why not try getting fit the fun way? Get your groove on, enjoy the music and dance yourself to fitness and better wellbeing

Line Dancing Mon 6.30-9.00pm Wed 6.30-8.30pm Thurs 10.00am-12.30pm	Coconut Grove Community Hall 24 Musgrave Cres Coconut Grove	Top End Mustangs Inc 8927 9408	\$8 with Senior Conc. (\$10 adult)
Swing Dancing Wed 7.30-9.30pm	Darwin Railway Club Somerville Gardens, Parap	Swing Dance NT 0401 118 786	\$5
Outdoor Swing Dancing Sun 4.30-6.00pm	Nightcliff Jetty Casuarina Dve	Swing Dance NT 0401 118 786	FREE
"Still Belting Out" Senior Citizens Choir Thurs 9:30-11.00am	CDU Performance Room Building Orange 6 Ellengowan Dve, Casuarina	Centre for Youth and Community Music 8946 6013	\$25 per term
English Country Dancing Tues 6.00-8.00pm	Masonic Hall Stokes St, Parap	Playford Plus English Country Dancing	\$6 per session
Line Dancing Sun 10.00am-12Noon	Coconut Grove Seniors Hall 21 Musgrave Cres	Darwin Line Dancers 0417 088 477	\$10 conc. (\$12 adults)
Line Dancing Tues 7.00-9.30pm	Henbury Ave School 4 Henbury Ave (Crn Trower Rd and Henbury Ave) Wanguri	Darwin Line Dancers 0417 088 477	\$10 conc. (\$12 adults)
Nuline Dance Returns from 13 Jan 2015 Tues 5.00-7.00pm (Beginner) Thurs 10.30am-12.30pm (Beginner/Improver to Easy Intermediate) Fri 3.00-5.00pm (Intermediate)	Malak Community Hall Malak Crescent, Malak	Nuline Dance 0418 826 778	\$10 per 2hr sessions

Come and have some fun - great dancing of choreographed steps to Latin, Pop, Celtic, Country, Waltz, Rumba, Mambo and more. All Welcome! Bring a water bottle and wear comfy shoes.





Yoga

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The practice of yoga develops strength and flexibility, while soothing your nerves and calming your mind. There are many different varieties of yoga, but each one essentially relies on structured poses (asanas) practiced with breath awareness.

Hatha Yoga
Mon 9.30-10.45am

Lyons Community Centre
 25 Damabila Dve
 Lyons

**Ben Marnell - Aust. School of
 Meditation & Yoga**
0439 417 109

\$3



Suitable for all levels this class includes stretching, strengthening and breathing. BYO mat and towel.

Hatha Yoga
Mon 6.00-7.15pm

Casuarina Library Meeting Room
 17 Bradshaw Terrace
 Casuarina

**Ben Marnell - Aust. School of
 Meditation & Yoga**
0439 417 109

\$45 for 5 weeks

Suitable for all levels, this class includes stretching, strengthening and breathing. BYO mat and towel.

Hatha Yoga
Tues 4.30-5.30pm
& 5.30-6.30pm

Casuarina Library Meeting Room
 17 Bradshaw Terrace
 Casuarina

Jen Yuen
0410 652 669

**\$5 seniors/
 concession**
\$8 Adults

Hatha Yoga
Wed 5.45-6.45pm

Lyons Community Centre
 25 Damabila Dve
 Lyons

**Ben Marnell - Aust. School of
 Meditation & Yoga**
0439 417 109

\$45 for 5 weeks

Suitable for all levels this class includes stretching, strengthening and breathing. BYO mat and towel.

Yoga
Mon 1.10-1.55pm
Mon 6.30-7.15pm
Tues 10.00-10.45m
Sat 9.00-10.30am

The Gym@CDU
 Building Green 4
 Ellengowan Dve
 Casuarina

The Gym@CDU
8946 6971
www.cdu.edu.au/thegym

5 visit pass \$45
 (includes all CDU
 group fitness classes
 - see website for
 details)

Participants must be aged 16yrs+ or 14-15yrs if attending with a guardian.

Zumba

Zumba
Thurs 4.30pm

The Gym@CDU
 Building Green 4
 Ellengowan Dve, Casuarina

The Gym@CDU
8946 6971
www.cdu.edu.au/thegym

5 visit pass \$45
 (includes all CDU Group
 Fitness classes)

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Take the "work" out of workout by mixing low-intensity and high-intensity Latin and world rhythm moves for an interval-style calorie-burning dance fitness party! Participants must be aged 16yrs+ or 14-15yrs if attending with a guardian.

stay connected *events and places*

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Get out and get active around Darwin.

Healthy Darwin events help to celebrate our healthy community in a number of the wonderful parks and facilities around town. Get out and celebrate the great outdoors and the rich culture of Darwin.





Community Events 67

Healthy Weight Week 16-22nd Feb	Stay tuned for details of pop up health checks and displays as part of Healthy Weight Week	Healthy Darwin 8930 0431	FREE
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Fun Bus

The Fun Bus is a mobile playgroup service where parents, carers, babies and children aged 0 to 5 years can come together to have fun and interact in a relaxed and friendly environment.

Mon 9.30-11.30am	Bagot Community - Bagot Road, Ludmilla	City of Darwin - 8930 0300	FREE
Tues 9.30-11.30am	Wanguri Park - Wanguri Terrace, Wanguri	City of Darwin - 8930 0300	FREE
Wed 9.30-11.30am	Water Gardens - Freshwater Road, Jingili	City of Darwin - 8930 0300	FREE
Thurs 9.30-11.30am	Yanyula Park - Yanyula Drive, Anula	City of Darwin - 8930 0300	FREE
Fri 9.30-11.30am	Civic Park - Smith Street, Darwin	City of Darwin - 8930 0300	FREE

Fun Bus operates during school holidays except Dec/Jan and does not operate on public holidays.

Recreational Swimming

Casuarina Pool	Angelo Street, Casuarina	8927 9091	\$4 adult/\$3.40 sen./\$2 conc.
Parap Pool	Ross Smith Ave, Parap	8981 2662	\$4 adult/\$3.40 sen./\$2 conc.
Nightcliff Pool	Casuarina Dve, Nightcliff	8985 1682	\$4 adult/\$3.40 sen./\$2 conc.
Leanyer Recreation Park	215 Vanderlin Dve, Leanyer	8927 4199	FREE
Waterfront Beach Lagoon	Kitchener Dve, Darwin		FREE

Fit in the Parks

Looking to take your workout outdoors? Why not try the outdoor exercise equipment in our parks. They are free and you can use them any time of the day.

Nightcliff Foreshore Equipment	Casuarina Drive Nightcliff	City of Darwin - 8930 0300	FREE
East Point Reserve Equipment	Alec Fong Lim Dve Fannie Bay	City of Darwin - 8930 0300	FREE
Koolinda Park Equipment	Koolinda Cres Karama	City of Darwin - 8930 0300	FREE

Social Tennis

Why not grab some friends and head down to Council's public tennis courts which can be used during the day free of charge without a booking.

Parap Courts	Ross Smith Ave Parap	City of Darwin - 8930 0300	FREE
Rapid Creek Courts	Chrip St Rapid Creek	City of Darwin - 8930 0300	FREE
Nightcliff Courts	Aralia St Nightcliff	City of Darwin - 8930 0300	FREE

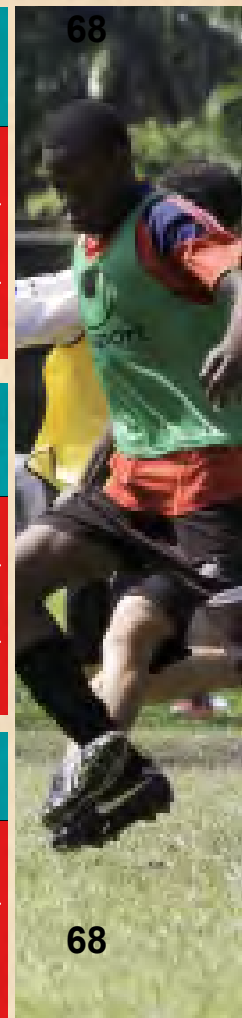
Orange POPP (Public Outdoor Ping Pong)

Grab a friend and have a hit out on the famous Orange ping pong table.

Casuarina Pool Oct - Feb	10 Angelo St Casuarina	8927 9091	FREE
Nightcliff Pool Feb - Mar	Casuarina Dve Nightcliff	8985 1682	FREE

Bats and balls can be collected from the swimming pool kiosk.

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ActiveLife@TheTop



For further information on Healthy Darwin *ActiveLife@TheTop* phone 08 8930 0431 or email healthydarwin@darwin.nt.gov.au

Voluntary Assumption of Risk: You undertake an activity at your sole risk and acknowledge and voluntarily accept the level of the risk consequent with that activity.

Warning: If you have any concerns regarding your fitness level, ability or skill to undertake an activity, it is recommended you seek the appropriate independent advice (including medical).

Note: City of Darwin staff are not authorised to give any advice in this regard.

Disclaimer: The activities are provided by third parties, not by City of Darwin. Your legal relationship is with that third-party provider. City of Darwin takes no responsibilities or liability for any damage, loss, costs, expenses, liability, claims, demands, actions, proceedings, injury (including death) or dispute due to or arising out of, directly or indirectly, the actions or omissions (whether wilful, negligent or otherwise) of Council (including any officer or employee) or any participant (including yourself) or any third-party provider.



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ENCL:	COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES	AGENDA ITEM:	9.4
NO	COMMITTEE/OPEN		
BORELLA PARK PLAQUE UNVEILING			
REPORT No.:	15C0022 AM:kl	COMMON No.:	2863036
		DATE:	16/02/2016

Presenter: General Manager Community & Cultural Services, Anna Malgorzewicz

Approved: Chief Executive Officer, Brendan Dowd

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to brief Council on a plaque unveiling ceremony to commemorate the re-enactment of Albert Borella's journey to enlist in the Great War.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

Goal

4 Historic and Culturally Rich City

Outcome

4.1 Recognised key activities and events

Key Strategies

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

KEY ISSUES

- The Borella Ride 2015 retraces the journey of Albert Borella who travelled from Tennant Creek to Darwin to enlist in World War I.
- The Borella Ride 2015 is the Northern Territory Government's flagship ANZAC Centenary event and includes community events and ceremonial activities at key locations along the journey.
- On Thursday 5 March 2015 a plaque unveiling ceremony will take place at Borella Park, Jingili to commemorate the Borella Ride 2015.

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority:-

- A. THAT Report Number 15C0022 AM:kl entitled Borella Park Plaque Unveiling, be received and noted.

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SUBJECT: BORELLA PARK PLAQUE UNVEILLING

BACKGROUND

In 1915 Albert Borella undertook a journey of more than 1,000 kms from Tennant Creek to Darwin to enlist in World War I. He fought at Gallipoli and the Western Front and was awarded the highest honour for valour in combat, the Victoria Cross.

The Northern Territory Government through the Commonwealth Government's Anzac Centenary Public Fund is re-enacting the journey through a project entitled The Borella Ride 2015. The project is being managed by the Department of the Chief Minister and the Northern Territory Major Events Company Pty Ltd.

DISCUSSION

The Borella Ride 2015 commences on Friday 20 February 2015 in Tennant Creek and will visit towns and communities along the Stuart Highway concluding on Tuesday 3 March 2015 at Stokes Hill Wharf. The journey will be conducted by foot, horseback and train and will include a range of community receptions, educational activities, exhibitions and community based ceremonies. A commemorative plaque will be installed at key locations along the journey, including Darwin.

Borella Park, Jingili (Lot 3146 Town of Nightcliff) has been selected as an appropriate location to install the commemorative plaque. The park was named after Albert Borella and gazetted in March 1968, the year of his death.

The Northern Territory Major Events Company Pty Ltd is organising a small commemorative ceremony in the morning of Thursday 5 March 2015 at which the plaque will be unveiled. Key Northern Territory Government representatives, City of Darwin Elected Members, members of the local community and descendants of Albert Borella himself will be invited to attend the ceremony.

Detailed information regarding the Borella Ride can be accessed at www.theborellaride.com.au

CONSULTATION PROCESS

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

- Arts & Cultural Development Coordinator
- Capital Works Coordinator

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

- Northern Territory Major Events Company Pty Ltd

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POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Preparation of Borella Park, Jingili will be completed as part of the City of Darwin's regular park maintenance program. The City of Darwin is coordinating an external contractor to install the commemorative plaque with all costs being met by the Northern Territory Major Events Company Pty Ltd.

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.

ANNA MALGORZEWICZ
GENERAL MANAGER
COMMUNITY & CULTURAL
SERVICES

BRENDAN DOWD
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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

AGENDA ITEM: **9.5**

HAIKOU DELEGATION - NOVEMBER 2014

REPORT No.: 15C0010 HB:kl

COMMON No.: 2462391

DATE: 16/02/2015

Presenter: Senior Community Development Officer - Liveability, Hayley Barich

Approved: General Manager Community & Cultural Services, Anna Malgorzewicz

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide details of the delegation to Haikou (**Attachment A**) in November 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

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

- Outcomes of Lord Mayor delegation to Haikou

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority:-

THAT Report Number 15C0010 HB:kl entitled Haikou Delegation - November 2014, be received and noted.

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 SUBJECT: HAIKOU DELEGATION - NOVEMBER 2014

BACKGROUND

DECISION NO.21\2481 (12/08/14)

Lord Mayoral Delegation to Haikou, P.R. China

Report No. 14C0077 HB:kl (12/08/14) Common No. 2462391

- B. THAT the Lord Mayor lead a delegation to Haikou, P.R. China in November 2014 for the purpose of furthering Sister City relationships and attending the United Cities Local Government World Council.

DECISION NO.21\1011 (30\04\13)

Minutes Haikou Sister City Community Committee Meeting – 19 November 2012 and 25 February 2013, Lao Ou Memorial, Delegation

Report No. 13C0034 HB:es (22/04/13) Common No. 2362391

- C. THAT the Haikou Sister City Community Committee requests that a report be prepared investigating a possible delegation to Haikou.
- E. THAT the Haikou Sister City Community Committee recommends that options for a replica Gull Force Lao Ou Memorial plaque located in Dongfang City be investigated.

DISCUSSION

City of Darwin's Lord Mayor was invited to lead a delegation to Haikou to attend the first Haikou Sister Cities Summit and United Cities Local Government World Council in November 2014. This coincided with a long term discussion had by the Haikou Sister City Community Committee for the Lord Mayor to visit Haikou for the purpose of furthering the Sister City relationship.

Council resolved to accept the Mayor of Haikou's invitation to attend the conference, additionally a 2.5 day delegation itinerary was prepared to precede attendance at the conference. The Lord Mayor extended an invitation to stakeholders including Northern Territory government, media outlets, community groups, not-for-profits and community organisations that had expressed interest in developing relationships in Haikou, to join the delegation. The final delegation list included representatives from:

- City of Darwin,
- Haikou Sister City Community Committee,
- Northern Territory Government,
- Charles Darwin University, and
- Kormilda College.

Haikou Highlights

The itinerary was developed to meet the needs and interests of the delegation members. Highlights included:

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- Meeting with Haikou Government's Emergency Response Division to present information on Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services (NTPFES) unified command training.
- Commencing discussions on arts collaborations with Hainan University, Charles Darwin University and City of Darwin.
- Identifying potential Sister School partners for Kormilda College.
- Visit to Lao Ou memorial and discussions with the Mayor of Dongfang on ways to increase tourist traffic to the site.
- Meeting with Hainan Overseas Chinese Middle School to confirm participation in the next stage of the Life as a Teenager project.

Details of the delegation itinerary can be seen in **Attachment A**.

At the conclusion of the delegation, Lord Mayor attended the United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) World Council, Fourth General Assembly of Asian Mayor's Forum (AMF) and First Haikou Sister City Mayors' Summit. Highlights included:

- Lord Mayor Welcome Speech at the UCLG World Council Opening Banquet.
- Reception with Secretary of Hainan Provincial Committee of the Communist Part of China, Mr Luo Baoming.
- Talking about Darwin and the importance of the Darwin and Haikou Sister City relationship to Haikou media.
- Participating in a roundtable discussion as one of 17 Mayors at the First Haikou Sister City Mayors' Summit.
- Meeting members of the Asian Mayor's Forum.

Photographs of Lord Mayor's conference attendance can be seen in **Attachment B**.

Haikou visit outcomes

The following table outlines outcomes achieved against the stated objectives of the Lord Mayor visit to Haikou.

Objective	Outcome
Quality engagement and robust discussion of the relationship and projects between Darwin and Haikou.	The delegation engaged stakeholders on the following projects: 'Life as a Teenager' performance project, 25 th Anniversary of the Sister City relationship, participatory art projects, Sister School relationships, Lao Ou memorial and 70 th Anniversary of the Liberation of Gull Force.

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Profile and promote City of Darwin, Darwin and the Territory to Haikou officials and the wider Hainan community.	The delegation met with representatives from: Haikou Municipal Government, Haikou Office of Foreign Affairs, Haikou Government Emergency Response Division, Hainan University, Hainan Overseas Chinese Middle School, Bureau of Culture Radio Television Publication and Sports of Haikou City, Municipality of Dongfang
Increased media exposure of upcoming projects.	The Lord Mayor was interviewed by local newspaper and television media outlets and asked for background and to outline the importance of the relationship.
Network with Mayors and local government leaders from across the world.	Lord Mayor attended the Assembly of Asian Mayor's Forum and was invited to address the United Cities and Local Governments World Council at the welcome banquet. Lord Mayor was 1 of 17 Mayors from Haikou's Sister Cities participating in the Haikou Sister City Mayors' Summit.
Champion the importance of Australia China relations.	Lord Mayor spoke at the UCLG World Council opening banquet, Haikou Sister City Mayors' Summit as well as with media personnel about the importance of Australia – China relations.
Ability for the Lord Mayor to engage in best practice local government discussions, debates and 'thinktank' sessions.	Lord Mayor attended working committee sessions at UCLG world council including; disaster management, Haikou entrepreneurs, and local governments in the development agenda.
Facilitate introductions and networking opportunities between Darwin and Haikou.	Lord Mayor introduced Kormilda College to two potential Sister Schools in Haikou. Lord Mayor's delegation carried a brief from the NTPFES in relation to Unified Command Training. Lord Mayor introduced Charles Darwin University and Northern Territory Government representatives to Haikou Government Officials.

Anecdotal evidence from delegation participants has also indicated that the delegation was a success. Delegates commented on the strength of the Darwin and Haikou relationship, and the opportunities for other stakeholder in Darwin to connect with the already established networks. As evidenced in **Attachment C** Kormilda College was appreciative of the invitation to attend the delegation and found the opportunity to participate very worthwhile.

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Where to from here?

The Haikou Sister City Community Committee will review the information gathered during the recent delegation and continue discussions initiated by the delegation. The Committee will present recommendations for Council's consideration in a further report.

Conclusions

- Inviting a wide range of stakeholders to join the delegation was a strength of the visit and enabled discussion on a range of projects between Darwin and Haikou.
- Face-to-face meetings and site visits are an important element of international relationship building and should be maintained.
- There is potential for the relationship between Darwin and Haikou to grow to involve more partners.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

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

- General Manager Community & Cultural Services

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

- Members of the Darwin delegation to Haikou.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

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COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

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

HAYLEY BARICH
SENIOR COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT OFFICER -
LIVEABILITY

ANNA MALGORZEWICZ
GENERAL MANAGER
COMMUNITY & CULTURAL
SERVICES

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Attachments:

Attachment A: Lord Mayor Delegation to Haikou Itinerary November 2014

Attachment B: Lord Mayor attendance at UCLG World Congress, Asian Mayors Forum and Haikou Sister Cities Summit photos

Attachment C: Incoming Letter – Kormilda College – Appreciation to the City of Darwin for the opportunity to join the Lord Mayor delegation to Haikou 19 to 21 November 2014

DELEGATION

Name	Position
Ms Katrina Fong Lim	Lord Mayor, City of Darwin
Miss. Hayley Barich	Senior Community Development Officer – Liveability
Mr Phillip Rudd	Chair, Haikou Sister City Community Committee
Ms Glynis Lee	Haikou Sister City Community Committee Member & Printmaker
Mr Brian O’Gallagher	Managing Director, Office of Asian Engagement, Trade and Investment, Department of Chief Ministers
Ms Kathryn Luscher	Deputy Principal, Kormilda College
Mr Jan Mo	Deputy Director of the International Office, Charles Darwin University

ITINERARY

DAY 1 – TUESDAY 18 NOVEMBER	
0300 – 2300	Travel to Haikou - Delegation will be met by Ms Anna Chen, representative of the Haikou Office of Foreign Affairs at the Haikou Airport
DAY 2 – WEDNESDAY 19 NOVEMBER	
Morning	Rest Time
1000 – 1100	Briefing with interpreters - Hayley, Phillip and Glynis
1130 – 1200	Delegation briefing – update on daily schedule
1245 – 1445	<p>Welcome luncheon and meeting with Vice Mayor of Haikou, Ms Ren Qinghua</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and introductions • Discuss success of current projects • Follow up on items discussed in June 2014 • Discussion of new ways to collaborate • Gift exchange and group photo <p><u>Notes:</u> Each delegate provided an outline of the organisation they represented and what they hoped to achieve whilst in Haikou. Vice Mayor Ren provided advice and suggestion on how to further such discussions whilst in Haikou. CDU and Hainan University could build their relationship with tropical agriculture. Vice Mayor Ren will advise the Vice Mayor responsible for education of the intention to develop Sister School relationships between Haikou and Darwin. Haikou has a resident population of 2.7 million. Tourism, pharmaceutical and agriculture are the main industries.</p>
1430 – 1500	<p>Meeting with Director of Haikou Office of Foreign Affairs, Mr Han Bin</p> <p><u>Notes:</u> Mr Han Bin is the key coordinator of all Haikou's Sister City relationships. The delegation received a briefing on the upcoming United Cities of Local Government Conference and Sister Cities Summit. Discussed recent success of the Life as a Teenager project and upcoming project to turn the book into a short movie.</p>
1500 – 1600	<p>Meeting with Haikou Government Emergency Response Division</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss Haikou's response to typhoons • Present information on the NTPFS college for training <p><u>Notes:</u> Hainan has up to 15 levels of Typhoons. There are two major rivers through Hainan that flood. Warnings are shown on TV and they have the ability to text warnings to mobile phones and also through WeChat. April – November is the rainy season. They have developed school and community resources to educate everyone what to do in an emergency. The response team visit villages to share the emergency response plans with the farmers. The team have water meters/ gauges across the island to monitor flood levels. The Army, Police and other organisations and companies work together in the response effort. The Hainan building code takes into account flood and typhoon danger. Lord Mayor provided information on the CoD response to cyclones. Brian O’Gallegher provided a brief on the Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services (PFES) College of Unified Command Training and distributed resources in Mandarin. They were encouraged to contact NTPFES directly for more information.</p>
End	End of Wednesday program

DAY 3 – THURSDAY 20 NOVEMBER	
0830	Meet in lobby and travel to Hainan University
0930 – 1100	<p>Visit Hainan University 0930 Briefing on Hainan University <i>Meeting participants:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Guohua Fu, Vice President of Hainan University • Mr Shaodong Jia, Deputy Dean, International Cooperation and Exchange Division of Hainan University <p><u>Notes:</u> The primary purpose of the meeting was to present the Lord Mayor to Hainan University (HU) and discuss collaboration with Charles Darwin University (CDU) to date. HU is ranked highly within China with approx. 40,000 students across three campuses. There is 3500 staff that work across 22 schools. HU's key research areas are marine, tropical and tourism. 85% of students are from mainland China. The Vice President places great importance on the relationship with CDU.</p> <p>1030 Meeting with International Cooperation and Exchange Division <i>Meeting participants:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Yunsheng Yang, Dean, International Cooperation and Exchange Division • Ms Zhixin Yang, Deputy Director, International Cooperation and Exchange Division • Mr Jubin Zhang, Dean, Arts College • Ms Lichun Tang, Deputy Dean, Arts College • Ms Li Zhang, Director of Music Department, Arts College • Ms Yan Chen, Director of Fine Art Department, Arts College <p><u>Notes:</u> CoD invited HU to suggest ways in which Darwin and Haikou can collaborate on a digital art project to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Sister City relationship in 2015. The arts college was very interested to be involved and will investigate some ideas. In 2016 the Confucius Institute Director at CDU will be from HU. HU was interested in participating in the Darwin Festival and are pleased to receive more information about how they can apply. HU would like to see more students from Darwin studying in Haikou – suggested short term exchange and tailoring some short courses to attract students from Darwin. Over 300 foreign students attend HU from 53 countries, but no Australian's. Accommodation in Darwin is quite expensive for students from Hainan – There may be potential for an internship program. <i>Mr Jan Mo spent the afternoon at HU to continue further discussions with HU on behalf of CDU</i></p>
1130 – 1330	<p>Visit Hainan Overseas Chinese Middle School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet students who participated in Life as a Teenager bilingual book project • Meet with Principal and Staff to discuss next stage of the project • Tour of School facilities <p><i>Meeting participants</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Wang Juan, Secretary of School, Communist Party Committee Teacher of Special Grade • Ms Wang Qianxue, Vice Principal, Senior Teacher • Ms Doris Pan, Secretary of Foreign Affairs (interpreter) • Teachers and students <p><u>Notes:</u> The Hainan Overseas Chinese Middle School (HOCMS) have over 6000 students across the junior and senior campus. HOCMS has many programs in sport, science, art (such as calligraphy) and international relations. HOCMS undertakes many international collaboration and is well resourced to host students. They have a large campus. HOCMS discussed the previous collaborations in student exchange and discussed the success of the Life as a Teenager bilingual book project. CoD advised of the next stage of the project, to turn the book into a short movie and invited HOCMS to support the project. HOCMS are very pleased to be involved in the next stage.</p>

1330 - 1430	Lunch with Party Secretary at School Canteen
1500 - 1600	<p>Visit Haikou No. 25 Primary School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet Principal and tour the school, view English classes <p><u>Notes:</u> Haikou No. 25 Primary School is a highly motivated school with clear competency in English tuition. They have a large school with students between the ages 6 – 12 years. No. 25 School is keen to collaborate internationally and has the resources to do so.</p>
1630 - 1730	<p>Meeting with Bureau of Culture Radio Television Publication and Sports of Haikou City.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss Life as a Teenager project Discuss vision of the Haikou SCCC <p><i>Meeting attendees:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Zhang Kunrong, Deputy Director of Haikou Bureau of Culture, Radio, Television, Publication and Sports Mr Wu Gang, Division Chief of Radio and Television Department Mr Zhang Rusheng, Deputy Division Chief of Radio and Television Mr Lin Liheng, Division Chief of Art Department Ms Liu Jiahui, Chief Editor's Office of Haikou TV Station <p><u>Notes:</u> Discussed opportunities for collaboration in digital art for the upcoming 25th anniversary between Darwin and Haikou. The Bureau advised that in 2015 it will hold a cultural celebration with Israel (another Sister City) and a weeklong event will be held in Haikou. In 2016 they will hold a similar event with New Zealand. The Bureau invited CoD to consider this type of collaboration.</p>
1730 - 1830	Return to hotel
1900 - 2030	<p>Lord Mayor hosted banquet</p> <p><i>Attendees</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Former Mayor of Haikou, signatory to the Sister City Agreement, Mr Li and family Delegation <p><i>Dress: Territory Rig</i></p> <p><u>Notes:</u> Lord Mayor had the opportunity to meet Mr Li who originally negotiated the Sister City Agreement with the then Mayor of Darwin, Alec Fong Lim.</p>
End	End of Thursday program
DAY 4 – FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER	
0730 – 0800	Meet in lobby and travel to appointment
0800 - 0900	<p>Meeting with Haikou No.9 Middle School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet Principal and tour the school, view English classes <p><u>Notes:</u> The No. 9 School is highly motivated and well-resourced to undertake international collaborations. The Principal is highly motivated and there is a high calibre of English teachers at the school. No. 9 School have produced their own English language resources called "Living on the International Tourism Island"</p>
0900 - 1430	Travel to Dongfang.

1430 – 1500	<p>Meet with Mayor of Dongfang, Mr Deng Min</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss Lao Ou Memorial • Discuss 70th Anniversary of the Liberation of Gull Force <p><u>Notes:</u> Mayor of Dongfang advised that the city was in the process of developing a new war memorial in the city. They have chosen a location and have draft plans of the development and invite City of Darwin to have a memorial/ monument in the new development. There is uncertainty about the budget allocated for its construction. There is a military museum in Basou in the port. Currently there are no plans for the 70th Anniversary of the Liberation of Gull Force. The Mayor of Dongfang acknowledges that the Lao Ou memorial is very far from other tourist attractions. It was noted that the new train to Dongfang will reduce the journey from Haikou from 4 hours to 1 hour. The Mayor of Dongfang also suggested Dongfang could advertise its location to Australian tourists. Mr Fu Wei is the key contact for the new memorial park.</p>
1500 – 1530	Lunch hosted by the Mayor of Dongfang
1530 – 1700	<p>Visit Gull Force Memorial located in Lao Ou Village</p> <p><u>Notes:</u> Delegates and Dongfang officials visited the memorial where the Lord Mayor and Mayor of Dongfang laid a wreath. The delegates were advised that 8 day prior to our arrival, a delegation from Japan had visited, leaving a letter of condolence for the Japanese involvement in WW2. The Japanese delegation also expressed interest in contributing to the new memorial in the city. The memorial is currently well maintained and surrounded by a plantation of eucalyptus trees. The delegation took time to reflect at the memorial.</p>
1700 – 2030	Return to Haikou
End	End of delegation program



Lord Mayor with Haikou Party Secretary Mr Chen Ci and Mayor of Haikou Mr Ni Qiang at the First Haikou Sister City Mayors' Summit



Lord Mayor with Mayors and delegates of the First Haikou Sister City Mayors' Summit



Lord Mayor at roundtable discussion at the First Haikou Sister City Mayor's Summit



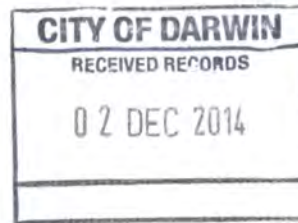
Lord Mayor provides a welcome address to the delegates of the United Cities of Local Government World Council reception banquet.



Lord Mayor with Secretary General of the Asian Mayor's Forum Mr Mohammad Khodadadi



Lord Mayor with Mayors and delegate of the Asian Mayors Forum Fourth General Assembly



1 December 2014



The Right Worshipful The Lord Mayor of Darwin
Katrina Fong Lim
City of Darwin
GPO Box 84
DARWIN NT 0801

Dear Lord Mayor

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to join the Lord Mayor Delegation to Haikou from 19 to 21 November 2014. It was a great privilege to be a member of this delegation, and the entire experience was immensely valuable and worthwhile.

Throughout the trip, it was evident that the opportunity for existing friendships to be strengthened was very successful, as was the creation of new friendships with members of the Chinese Government and community. All of these opportunities are key to strengthening Australia's relationships in this region at every level, and your leadership in achieving this was strongly evident at every engagement.

As you would be well aware, the evidence of Asia's rise as an economic power is one of the most successful developments of the 21st century. As noted in the April-June volume of the East Asia Forum 2013, it could account for more than half of global output in 2050. This economic growth is supporting change and development in all areas from trade and commerce to social media trends. Asia's rise provides Australians with unprecedented opportunities to participate in, and benefit from, the rapid change and growth in our neighbourhood.

Kormilda College believes that preparing students to not only embrace the opportunities, but also the challenges, that will emerge in our region is vital to supporting their success as global citizens. In particular, we have a strong moral imperative to support students to be Asia literate. This means providing students with the knowledge, skills and capabilities they will need in order to engage in our region. It means providing them with opportunities to develop their understanding of Asia, including the diversity of Asia. This will give students the confidence they will need to develop connections with our region and be able to compete in the global economy and, in doing so, maintain and improve their quality of life. Links and partnerships with schools and other organisations in this region are vital to helping us to achieve this, along with the support of the Australian Curriculum's cross-curriculum priority of Asia and Australia's engagement with Asia.

In recognition of the Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians (2008) and the National Statement on Asia Literacy in Australian Schools (2011-2012), Kormilda College has established strong connections with the Darwin Indonesian Consulate, the Darwin City Council and the Asia Education Foundation (AEF). In addition to attending three Year 11 trips to Malaysia in 2009, 2010 and 2011, students and staff have developed a strong relationship with SMA Negeri 15 Surabaya, as a part of the AEF Building

Relationships through Intercultural Dialogue and Growing Engagement (BRIDGE) Project. Participation in this project has resulted in SMA Negeri 15 Surabaya teachers and students visiting Kormilda on an annual basis since 2011, and Kormilda students visited Surabaya in 2013 and 2014, with a trip planned for 2015. Connections with SMA Negeri 1 Ubud, and SMA Negeri 1 Mataram have also been established. Another connection with an Indonesian school, SMA Negeri 5 Ambon, has also been created as a part of the Darwin City Council Sister Schools Project. This relationship has been a great success with two students and one teacher from Ambon visiting Kormilda annually for the past few years. In addition to this, for the first time in many years, two students and one teacher from Kormilda College visited Ambon. This strengthened the bond significantly between the two schools, and two cities, and was a very positive experience for all involved.

Beyond Indonesia and Malaysia, Kormilda has established connections with other parts of Asia, including Laos and East Timor. Year 12 students have been visiting Laos since 2008 to complete community service, while our first trip to East Timor for senior Indigenous students to participate in community service was held earlier this year.

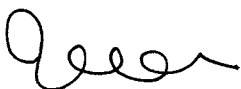
All of these relationships will continue to grow and develop as students and teachers connect with the support of technology and exchanges.

Kormilda College is now planning to establish a partnership with a school as part of the Darwin – Haikou Sister City Project. China will have a profound influence on the evolution of the global community over the coming decades and this partnership will be crucial to supporting the development of the new Mandarin language program that the College launched at the start of this year. It would have been very difficult to initiate this connection without the invitation to attend the delegation to Haikou, which provided the opportunity to visit several schools and meet with staff and students.

Kormilda College is proud of the extensive engagement throughout Asia that has been established, and acknowledges and appreciates the ongoing support of the Darwin City Council to achieve this. There are many ways Australia can make a stronger contribution towards building positive relations with Asia. The College firmly believes that one of the most important is to build people to people relationships. These will outlast the vagaries of politics and policies, and ensure that with patience and time that we are able to integrate with confidence and success in our region.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to participate in the Lord Mayor Delegation to Haikou. It was a wonderful experience that was not only of great benefit to my own personal and professional development, but will be of benefit to many other members of Kormilda College and the wider community as we work together to support our students to be able to engage with confidence in our region.

Yours sincerely



Kathryn Luscher
Deputy Principal Academic

ENCL: **COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES** AGENDA ITEM: 9.6
 YES **COMMITTEE/OPEN**

**MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF
 2 OCTOBER AND 20 NOVEMBER 2014**

REPORT No.: 15C0023 SJ:rv COMMON No.: 2781383 DATE: 16/02/2015

Presenter: Community Services Officer, Sheree Jeeves

Approved: 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 2 October (**Attachment A**) and 20 November 2014 (**Attachment B**).

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 2 October and 20 November 2014.
- Zone B parking trial for people who hold an Australian Disability Parking Permit.

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority:-

THAT Report Number 15C0023 SJ:rv entitled Minutes of The Disability Advisory Committee Meeting of 2 October and 20 November 2014, be received and noted.

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BACKGROUND

PREVIOUS DECISIONS

DECISION NO. 21\2281 (16/06/14)

Minutes of the Disability Advisory Committee Meeting of 1 May 2014

Report No. 14C0046SJ:rv (16/06/14) Common No. 2781383

B. THAT a report be prepared on disability parking within the CBD focussing on the needs of people with disability working eight hour days.

DISCUSSION

Zone B Parking

Council received a request to investigate options for people who hold an Australian Disability Parking Permit and work full time in the CBD for Zone B parking.

City of Darwin Current Parking Concessions – Zone B

A person with an Australian Disability Parking Permit can park in Zone B for the first 6 hours for free. After the first 6 hours, normal parking restrictions apply. Therefore, a person completing an 8 hour working day is allowed to park in Zone B all day, but must return to their vehicle after 6 hours and pay for the last 2 hours (\$3.40). It can be difficult for people with a disability which effects mobility to return to the vehicle each day to purchase the ticket for the last 2 hours.

After consultation with Corporate Services and Regulatory Services it was decided to run a four month trial, from 1 December 2014 to 31 March 2015, for people with an Australian Disability Parking Permit to be allowed to park all day for free in Zone B. It was considered that this would have minimal impact on revenue and parking. Throughout the four month trial Regulatory Services Officers will collect data on the number of vehicles with an Australian Disability Parking Permit that park all day in Zone B. This will assist in making a long term decision. At the DAC meeting on 20 November 2014 the Committee supported this trial.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

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

- General Manager Community and Cultural Services
- General Manager Corporate Services
- Manager Regulatory Services

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

- Disability Advisory Committee

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POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The trial is expected to have minimal impact on revenue.

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.

SHEREE JEEVES
COMMUNITY SERVICES
OFFICER

ANNA MALGORZEWICZ
GENERAL MANAGER
COMMUNITY & CULTURAL
SERVICES

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Attachments:

Attachment A: Minutes Disability Advisory Committee Meeting 2 October 2014

Attachment B: Minutes Disability Advisory Committee Meeting 20 November 2014

MINUTES
DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
2.00 - 3.30pm, Thursday 2 October 2014
Casuarina Library Meeting Room
Bradshaw Terrace, Casuarina

1. PRESENT

Martin Blakemore	Community Representative
Deborah Bampton	Community Representative
Rosemary Burkitt	Community Representative
Emma Fraser	Community Representative
Lynne Strathie	Community Representative
Kirrily Chambers	Specialist Representative
Alasdair McGregor	Specialist Representative
Afshin Beigi	Specialist Representative
Catriona Mclagan	Specialist Representative
Alderman Allan Mitchell	Elected Member, City of Darwin
Nik Kleine	Infrastructure Dept, City of Darwin
Sheree Jeeves	Community Services Dept, City of Darwin

Observer: Alderman Jeanette Anictomatis

2. APOLOGIES

Charles Atherton	Community Representative
Avril Vaughan	Community Representative
Daniel Alderman	Community Representative
Cassandra Jevdenijevic	Community Representative
Debb Lovett	Community Representative

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None declared.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES 17 JULY 2014

Minutes from the meeting held 17 July 2014 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Catriona Mclagan

Seconded: Alasdair McGregor

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES 17 JULY 2014

5.1. Peter Mahony Fishing Platform

A letter was received from the Place Names Committee of the NT to inform Council that the Committee has recommended the name 'Peter Mahony Fishing Platform' for the fishing platform located along Rapid Creek foreshore. The naming proposal will now be prepared for consideration by the Minister.

5.2. On-Street Car Parking Review

The Committee considered the plan provided by the Infrastructure Department which shows the new disabled parking spaces proposed in the on-street parking review. The Committee asked to be sent an electronic copy of the plan to be able to have more time to consider the plan and provide feedback.

Action: Sheree to email Committee members an electronic copy of the plan.

5.3. CBD Car Parking Report

Committee members discussed the CBD parking report which provided details on the current concessions for parking in the CBD for people who hold an Australian Disability Parking Permit. The report specifically addressed the request for pre-paid parking permits for people with Australian Disability Permits working full time in the CBD.

Action: Sheree to investigate options for a trial of pre-paid parking permits for Zone B parking for people with Australian Disability Parking Permits.

6. ACCESS ACTION LIST

6.1. Accessible Flooring

Committee members made some changes to the proposed application form for hiring the Accessible Flooring. The Accessible Flooring will be available for hire through Council's Customer Services.

6.2. Mitchell/Bennett Street signage

Signage to be reinstated in the next two weeks.

6.3. Lake Alexander Liberty Swing Shading

The Committee discussed the possible complications with shading the Liberty Swing and wanted to find out the best options.

Action: Nik to look into possible options for providing shade for the Lake Alexander Liberty Swing.

6.4. East Point Reserve Mangrove Boardwalk

Nik explained that to make this walkway accessible it would require a raised boardwalk the whole way along which would be a major project and expense. There would also be a lot of environmental factors to consider such as the moving primary dunes. The Committee discussed that it would be good to target particular areas within Darwin and look at the accessibility as a whole and also to create a list of possible long term projects.

Action: Sheree to start a long term projects list.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1. Advisory Committee Workshops

The Committee members who attended the workshops provided feedback to the rest of the Committee. The participants found it extremely beneficial, particularly learning about the other Committees and making connections on possible opportunities to work together.

7.2. Disability Awareness Week 2014

Feedback received:

- The Peter Mahony tribute at the Official opening was fantastic and very moving.
- Deckchair Cinema Night – debate around whether it's best to choose a film which relates to disability but may attract a smaller crowd or whether we should show a 'blockbuster' film to get a bigger crowd to assist with fundraising. This will be discussed further at the DAW 2014 Debrief Meeting.
- Since the Week has continued to grow in the number of events, there were a few clashes with events on at the same time. A suggestion was made that it could change from Disability Awareness Week to Disability Awareness Festival to allow it to run over a longer timeframe and avoid clashes of events. This suggestion will be provided to the DAW 2014 Debrief Meeting.

7.3. Committee member name badges

A suggestion was made that Committee members should get name badges so that they can be recognised when attending disability events, particularly during Disability Awareness Week.

The Committee also suggested a profile sheet providing information on each of the Committee members would be valuable.

Action: Sheree to organise name badges and a Committee Profile sheet.

7.4. International Day of People with Disability 3 December

The Committee suggested that an event be held to launch the naming of the 'Peter Mahony Fishing Platform' on IDPWD.

Action: Sheree to liaise with NT Government to organise the event.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8.1. Laneway Café Parap

Council received an Outdoor Dining application from the Laneway Café in Parap. The applicant sought to vary the standards by having tables next to the building line, and proposed to include tactile strips to re-direct the visually impaired away from the tables along the building line. Council was seeking feedback from the Disability Advisory Committee on the proposed plan.

DAC provided the following feedback:

- Strongly against this proposal, there is a very good reason for having the building line clear, it's very important for people with disability and no reason is good enough to change this.
- This cafe is very close to Territory Sports Medicine Physiotherapy which people with disability often have to attend therefore they are often traveling through this area.
- Large electric wheelchairs and scooters would have a lot of trouble travelling through that amount of space, particularly if needing to turn. This would be particularly difficult with the sign post and ramp there. And also if there is people with prams at the tables which take up even more space.
- The footpath across the road is also not in a good condition so there's also not an option to travel on the opposite side of road.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date: Thursday 20 November 2014

Time: 2.00pm to 3.30pm

Venue: Casuarina Library Meeting Room
Bradshaw Terrace, Casuarina

10. MEETING CLOSED

MINUTES
DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
2.00 - 3.30pm, Thursday 20 November 2014
Casuarina Library Meeting Room
Bradshaw Terrace, Casuarina

1. PRESENT

Deborah Bampton	Community Representative
Emma Fraser	Community Representative
Lynne Strathie	Community Representative
Avril Vaughan	Community Representative
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2. APOLOGIES

Catriona Mclagan/Jenny Upton	Specialist Representative
Rosemary Burkitt	Community Representative
Martin Blakemore	Community Representative
Debb Lovett	Community Representative
Charles Atherton	Community Representative
Daniel Alderman	Community Representative
Kirrily Chambers	Specialist Representative

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None declared.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES 2 OCTOBER 2014

Minutes from the meeting held 2 October 2014 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Alasdair McGregor

Seconded: Lynne Strathie

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES 2 OCTOBER 2014

5.1. The Laneway Café Parap – Outdoor Dining Request

The outcome of the outdoor dining request by The Laneway Café Parap was presented to the Committee. The Committee members were supportive of the outcome.

5.2. On-Street Car Parking Review

The Committee provided the following feedback;

- Supportive of the increase in the number of disability parking bays.
- There should be 1 or 2 disabled parking bays near the corner of Bennett and Mitchell St. This is important as there are a lot of medical services in the TIO building that people with disability often attend and that intersection poses difficulties.

Action: Any additional feedback regarding the On-Street Car Parking Review to be sent to Sheree.

5.3. Zone B Parking

DAC supported the four month trial for people with an Australian Disability Parking Permit being able to park all day for free in Zone B. The trial would allow Regulatory Services to gather data on the impacts.

5.4. Accessible Flooring

The Accessible Flooring has been added to Council's Fees and Charges and can now be loaned by the community. The Committee were presented with a draft flyer for comment.

Action: Sheree to finalise flyer and distribute to promote the Accessible Flooring.

5.5. Committee member name badges and profile sheet

The name badges were handed out to members.

Action: Members to submit information for profile sheet to Lizzie Szegedi.

5.6. Disability awareness and education

This item was raised by Catriona Mclagan and therefore will be held over until the next meeting when she can attend.

6. ACCESS ACTION LIST

6.1. Lake Alexander Liberty Swing shading

Nik has requested proposals and costings from three companies, awaiting responses.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1. International Day of People with Disability 3 December – Peter Mahony Fishing Platform

Still waiting on formal sign off by the Minister but planning to go ahead with the launch on IDPWD. Lynne was asked to talk on behalf of the Committee about Peter and she was very happy to do this.

7.2. NT Government – changes to bus fare options

The Committee were supportive of the changes to bus fare options.

7.3. Long Term Projects

The Long Term Projects list will be a standing item to ensure ideas can be captured and remain in focus.

7.4. Meeting Dates 2015

The Committee were presented with meeting dates for 2015.

Action: Sheree to send meeting calendar invites.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date: Thursday 6 February

Time: 2.00pm to 3.30pm
Venue: Casuarina Library Meeting Room
Bradshaw Terrace, Casuarina

10. MEETING CLOSED

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

AGENDA ITEM: 9.7

MINUTES YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP MEETING 8 OCTOBER 2014

REPORT No.: 15C0021 RH:rv

COMMON No.:

DATE: 16/02/2015

Presenter: Youth Programs and Engagement Officer, Richelle Hedstrom

Approved: General Manager Community & Cultural Services, Anna Malgorzewicz

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the minutes of the 8 October 2014 meeting of the Youth Advisory Group (YAG) for Council's consideration, **Attachment A**.

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

1.1.2 Develop equitable and accessible community participation opportunities.

KEY ISSUES

- Haikou Sister City Youth Representative
- Darwin Youth Issues Survey findings
- LAUNCH Update
- Youth Week 2015
- Quiz 4 Dili Debrief

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority:-

THAT Report Number 15C0021 RH:rv entitled Minutes Youth Advisory Group Meeting 8 October 2014, be received and noted.

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 SUBJECT: MINUTES YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP MEETING 8 OCTOBER 2014

BACKGROUND

DECISION NO. 18\5730 (30/09/05)

Youth Advisory Group Minutes 4 June & 6 August 2003

Report No. 03C0365 KH:kl (04/09/03) 389872

- B. THAT Council continue to support young people's participation in Community life and Council projects through its commitment to facilitating a youth voice and that Council continue to refer to the Youth Advisory Group for youth comment when community consultation is required so that inclusion of the youth voice is supported and forms part of Council's community consultation processes.*

DISCUSSION

The October meeting of YAG did not reach a Quorum.

The meeting was attended by the following guest speakers:

- Elmer Lee – Haikou Sister Cities Youth Representative.
- Prue Brockhouse – Office of Youth Affairs
- Frances Elcoate – Youth Programs and Engagement Officer, City of Darwin
- Matthew Rehrmen – LAUNCH Media Zine contributor.

Elmer Lee – Haikou Sister City Youth Representative

YAG welcomed Elmer Lee, a 16 year old student from Haikou, who was a guest as part of his visit to Darwin, arranged by Council's Sister City program.

Elmer gave a speech to YAG about the Haikou/Darwin sister city relationship, highlighting the importance and significance of the relationship to Haikou international relations.

Prue Brockhouse – Office of Youth Affairs

Prue Brockhouse sought involvement from YAG in applying for the Chief Minister's Round Table of Young Territorians. Three YAG members expressed interest in applying for membership for 2015.

Ms Brockhouse also provided information to YAG about findings from the Office of Youth Affairs Youth Issues Survey. Each year Members of the Chief Minister's Round Table of Young Territorians canvass the opinions of young Territorians to find out what issues are most important to them. The results are then shared with the NT Government at their first meeting in February 2015.

Ms Brockhouse presented findings then sought comment from YAG on the information presented.

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The top three issues identified by local young people in the survey were identified as the following:

1. Alcohol and Other Drug Use and Misuse
2. Bullying
3. Lack of things to do

In response to point three, YAG commented that a lack of things to do for young people of Darwin is not so much a lack of activities or infrastructure, but rather a lack of awareness of what is available. YAG members suggested the following strategies to increase awareness of youth events and activities:

- Proficient knowledge and engagement in social media platforms
- Youth friendly media pathways such as Facebook, Off the Leash, Hot 100, and
- School engagement.
- Development of Youth Mag publications that are designed and distributed by young people
- Identifying locations where young people spend time and promoting events in these locations. E.g. Casuarina, Bus Stops, Movie Cinemas, Skate Parks

In response to point two, YAG members were of consensus that bullying was still highly prevalent in their school environments. The group commented that solutions include more peer education programs and counselling support in schools that address both school yard bullying and cyber bullying.

Frances Elcoate - Youth Programs and Engagement Officer, City of Darwin

YAG welcomed Council's new Youth Programs and Engagement Officer, Frances Elcoate, who was in attendance to seek comment from the group on Council's newly developed LAUNCH Media program including a Youth Zine. YAG provided the following feedback on the publication:

- YAG agreed that this was an effective way to get young people involved in creating media for youth by youth.
- A good way to get information about youth events out to young people.
- A good way to promote membership of YAG to schools and community groups through its wide distribution.
- A number of members expressed interest in being involved in a regular YAG contribution. YAG agreed to attend the next zine planning meeting.

YAG Branding

Feedback was sought from YAG about rebranding the YAG logo and having it more closely aligned with LAUNCH branding. YAG members discussed the current logo, agreeing that the current branding needed to be changed to a more youth friendly and appealing image. The group agreed that aligning YAG more closely with LAUNCH advertising would make it easier for young people to make the linkage between YAG and City of Darwin Youth Services.

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However due to a lack of Quorum, a formal consensus would not be able to be reached until the next meeting.

Involvement from YAG was also sought for a schedule of LAUNCH pop up gigs and cinemas to be held over the next 12 months. YAG members expressed 'in principal' interest, but asked for more details on themes and dates.

Council's Youth Services staff committed to providing a calendar of activities at the February YAG meeting.

Youth Week 2015

Youth Services officer initiated a brainstorm activity to encourage YAG members to input what they would like Youth Week 2015 to look like. The group identified a number of event options including:

- Motivational Speaker sessions: The group highlighted that during past youth weeks there were not enough opportunities for local role models engage with and build confidence in young people in the area through motivational speaking and engagement activities. The group suggested that these sessions could act as an effective way to build confidence amongst a diverse range of young people.
- YAG also expressed interest in participating in the LAUNCH @Youth Week 2015 wider program of events.
- YAG also suggested that it is important to involve Alderman and the mayor in more events. It was suggested by the group that Aldermen be invited to participate in the Couch Surfing event during Youth Week.

Quiz 4 Dili Debrief

The Youth Services Officer and Trainee thanked YAG members for their great effort as a team leading into the event and their hard work on the night of the event.

The following points were highlighted during the discussion:

- The event was sold out with 120 people attending
- Event raised \$2,971
- Former Alderman John Bailey stated it was the most successful Quiz 4 Dili to date.
- Browns Mart Venue created a more enjoyable and vibrant atmosphere.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

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

- Youth Advisory Membership

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POLICY IMPLICATIONS

All recommendations are made in line with the City of Darwin Youth Strategy, 2009 - 2014

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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Attachments:

Attachment A: Minutes Youth Advisory Group Meeting 8 October 2014



1. MEETING OPENED

The regular meeting of the YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP was opened at 5. 35pm.

2. PRESENT

George Lambrinidis	Alderman
Gabby White (Chair)	YAG Member
Prue Brockhouse	Office of Youth Affairs
Richelle Hedstrom	Youth Services Officer
Domino Bidwee	YAG Member
Manuel Lomos	YAG Member
Georgia Beach	Youth Services Trainee
Maruop Bol	YAG Member
Frances Elcoate	Community Events and Resource Officer
Alpha Capaque	Chair Mentor Multicultural Youth NT

3. APOLOGIES

Alderman Rebecca Want De Rowe	Alderman
Natasha Brennfleck	YAG Member
Matt Schobben	YAG Member
Frances McCarthy	YAG Member
Christopher Teng	YAG Member
Jacklyn Debuque	YAG Member
Krshna Capaque	YAG Member

4. ICEBREAKER

Icebreaker run by Gabby White. Members introduced themselves and gave a scale of 1-10 on how they are feeling and on what their personal highlight for the month has been.

The meeting was opened by Gabby White. However there was a declaration of no quorum for this meeting.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting on the 3 of September 2014 were endorsed as a true and accurate record (Georgia/Domino).

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Elmer Lee Haikou Sister City Youth Representative

YAG welcomed Elmer Lee, a student from Haikou joining the meeting as part of his visit to Darwin from 7 – 13 October. Elmer recently won first prize in an English Speaking

competition in Haikou, and was subsequently awarded a trip to Darwin through the Darwin/Haikou Sister Cities Program.

Elmer shared information about the Haikou/Darwin Sister City relationship, highlighting the importance of the relationship. Comment and discussion was sought from YAG to identify underpinnings of the Haikou/Darwin relationship and issues impacting young people in Haikou compared to those of Darwin. The group highlighted significant differences in transportation, education and housing structures.

6.2 Prue Brockhouse: Office of Youth Affairs

Prue Brockhouse sought applications from YAG for the 2015 Chief Ministers Round Table for Young Territorians. Prue highlighted some successful projects coming out of the Round Table in 2014 and some youth leadership opportunities that exist through membership. Two YAG members expressed interest in applying.

Prue also sought feedback from YAG on the Youth Issues survey undertaken earlier this year by Office of Youth Affairs. Each year Members of the Chief Minister's Round Table of Young Territorians canvass the opinions of young Territorians to find out what issues are most important to them. The results are then shared with the NT Government at their first meeting in February 2015. Feedback was sought from the YAG on these findings.

Top three issues identified:

1. Alcohol and Other Drug Use and Misuse
2. Bullying
3. Lack of things to do

On point three, YAG commented that there is not so much of a lack of things to do but rather a 'lack of awareness' of what is available. Ms Brockhouse supported this comment, stating that qualitative data collected supported this sentiment also.

In response to these findings YAG members suggested the following strategies:

- Proficient knowledge of how to effectively use social media platforms to promote widely.
- Youth friendly media pathways such as Facebook, Off the Leash, Hot 100, and
- School engagement.
- Development of Youth Mag publications that are designed and distributed by young people.
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In response to point two, YAG members stated that bullying was still highly prevalent in their school environments. The group commented that solutions should include more peer education programs and counselling support in schools that address both school yard bullying and cyber bullying.

Action: Chody and Domino to apply for Chief Minister's Round Table 2015.

Action: YAG to consult with peer groups and school stakeholders about effective promotional tools to use that can inform local young people about activities, services and programs available.

6.3 LAUNCH Update: Frances Elcoate, Community Events and Resource Officer and Matthew Rehrmann (Launch Quarterly Team representative)

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- A number of members expressed interest in being involved in a regular YAG contribution. YAG agreed to attend the next zine planning meeting. .

Action: YAG members to attend next Quarterly planning meeting.

LAUNCH Branding & YAG Branding

Feedback was sought from YAG about rebranding the YAG logo and having it more closely aligned with LAUNCH branding. YAG members discussed the current logo, agreeing that the current branding needed to be changed to a more youth friendly and appealing image. The group agreed that aligning YAG more closely with LAUNCH advertising would make it easier for young people make the linkage between YAG and City of Darwin Youth Services.

However due to a lack of Quorum, a formal consensus would not be able to be reached until the next meeting.

Action: Rebranding to be included as agenda item for November meeting.

Action: Youth Services staff to identify possible local artists and trainers to facilitate rebranding for 2015.

6.4 YAG Pop Up Involvement

Involvement from YAG was also sought for a schedule of LAUNCH pop up gigs and cinemas to be held over the next 12 months. YAG members expressed 'in principal' interest, but asked for more details on themes and dates.

Action: Council's Youth Services staff committed to providing a calendar of activities at the February YAG meeting.

6.5 Youth Week 2015

Youth Services officer initiated a brainstorm activity to encourage YAG members to input what they would like Youth Week 2015 to look like. The group identified a number of event options including:

- Motivational Speaker sessions: The group highlighted that during past youth weeks there were not enough opportunities for local role models engage with and build confidence in young people in the area through motivational speaking and engagement activities. The

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The following points were highlighted during the discussion:

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- Event raised \$2,971.
- Former Alderman John Bailey stated it was the most successful Quiz 4 Dili to date.
- Browns Mart Venue created a more enjoyable and vibrant atmosphere.

7. MEETING CLOSED

Meeting was closed at 7.36 pm.

The next Youth Advisory Group meeting will be held
Wednesday 5 November from 5.00pm-7.30pm at Darwin Ski Club
Christmas Dinner and Planning 2015

It is important that all YAG members attend this meeting.
 Transport can be arranged.

For further information or apologies email youthprojects@darwin.nt.gov.au or phone Youth Projects on 8930 0635 or 0400 779 066

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

AGENDA ITEM: **9.8**

MINUTES YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP MEETING 5 NOVEMBER 2014

REPORT No.: 15C0008 RH:rh

COMMON No.: 2999400

DATE: 16/02/2015

Presenter: Youth Programs and Engagement Officer, Richelle Hedstrom

Approved: General Manager Community & Cultural Services, Anna Malgorzewicz

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the minutes of the 5 November 2014 meeting of the Youth Advisory Group for Council's consideration, **Attachment A**.

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

- Minutes Youth Advisory Group Meeting
- Tectonic Radio Project
- United Nations Youth Northern Territory
- Youth Week 2015
- City of Darwin Youth Strategy 2015 – 2020
- YAG Rebranding
- National Student Leadership Forum 2014

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority:-

THAT Report Number 15C0008 RH:es entitled Minutes Youth Advisory Group Meeting 5 November 2014, be received and noted.

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BACKGROUND

PREVIOUS DECISION

DECISION NO. 18\5730 (30/09/05)

Youth Advisory Group Minutes 4 June & 6 August 2003

Report No. 03C0365 KH:kl (04/09/03) 389872

- B. *THAT Council continue to support young people's participation in Community life and Council projects through its commitment to facilitating a youth voice and that Council continue to refer to the Youth Advisory Group for youth comment when community consultation is required so that inclusion of the youth voice is supported and forms part of Council's community consultation processes.*

DISCUSSION

Tectonic Radio – YAG Weekly Segment

The YAG welcomed Kevin Kadirgamar, Multicultural Youth NT and Sarah Tam Perez, from United Nations Youth Northern Territory.

Ted X Forum – Youth Week 2015

The YAG invited Ms Perez to attend the November meeting to assist with initial planning of Ted X Sessions to be held during Youth Week 2015.

Council Youth Services staff will distribute a project plan and meeting schedule to the group mid -January 2015 to develop the concept further.

Specialist Youth Advisory Group training day 2015

To help build capacity of the YAG in marketing, strategic and project planning. Council's Youth Services have partnered with Palmerston Youth Advisory Group and the nationally recognised FRANK Team, to deliver a full day Strategic Planning workshop at Parliament House Darwin scheduled for Saturday 7 February 2015.

Youth Strategy - Consultation

Youth Services staff sought suggestions for untapped consultation opportunities that have not yet been identified.

City of Darwin updated Youth Services Video

YAG is invited by youth services staff to be involved in the filming of the new Youth Services video.

YAG Rebranding Strategy 2015

The group reviewed the option for YAG to rebrand themselves in 2015. Members highlighted that the current logo was unfriendly and weak in its appeal to the wider population of young people.

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The group reached consensus that they would rebrand YAG with a new logo and develop a new tag line in 2015.

The Youth Services officer will facilitate workshop Opportunities to assist in a strategic approach to YAG rebranding.

National Student Leadership Forum Feedback

Maruop Bol attended the National Student Leadership Forum Conference from 4-7 September. Maruop presented photos and shared key lessons learned.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

In preparing this report, the following parties were consulted:

- City of Darwin Youth Advisory Group

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

All recommendations are made in line with the City of Darwin Youth Strategy, 2009 - 2014.

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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Attachments:

Attachment A: Minutes Youth Advisory Group Meeting 5 November 2014



1. MEETING OPENED

The regular meeting of the Youth Advisory Group was opened at 5.00pm.

2. PRESENT

Alderman George Lambrinidis	City of Darwin
Gabby White (Chair)	YAG Member
Sarah Tam Perez	United Nations Youth NT
Richelle Hedstrom	Youth Services Officer
Domino Bidwee	YAG Member
Manuel Lomos	YAG Member
Natasha Brennfleck	YAG Member
Maruop Bol	YAG Member
Frances McCarthy	YAG Member
Jacklyn Debuque	YAG Member
Kevin Kadirgamar	Chair Mentor Multicultural Youth NT
Alicia Kent	Observer

3. APOLOGIES

Alderman Rebecca Want De Rowe	City of Darwin
Matt Schobben	YAG Member
Christopher Teng	YAG Member
Krshna Capaque	YAG Member

4. ICEBREAKER

Icebreaker run by Gabby White. Members introduced themselves and gave a scale of 1-10 on how they are feeling and on what their personal highlight for the month has been.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting on the 8 October 2014 were endorsed as a true and accurate record (Maruop/Domino).

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 National Ethnic and Multicultural Broadcasters Council Media (NEMBC) Conference

The NEMBC, in partnership with the Multicultural Youth Northern Territory, presented the 2014 NEMBC Youth Media Conference. Young people from diverse backgrounds were invited to share their experiences of community radio broadcasting and media, and given a chance to network with media/journalism aficionados.

It was the first time the NEMBC had organised a youth event in Darwin, with 70 Young people attending the conference.

Domino Bidwee, Krshna Capaque and Maruop Bol from YAG attended the conference and provided the following feedback to YAG:

- The event was valuable in helping them to build their communication skills in areas of radio broadcasting and public speaking and general confidence building.
- The event also enabled young people to network with their peers and workshop media and communication strategies with local mentors from the media and communications industry.
- The event was good, having an expert issue based panel on hand, assisting the group to learn about key issues impacting multicultural Australia such as Asylum Seeker policy impacts.

Action: Richelle to distribute information on the conference content and NEMBC organization information to YAG via email.

6.2 Kevin Kadirgamar: Multicultural Youth NT. Radio Project 'Tectonic Radio'

Given the recent success of the NEMBC Media Conference and the interest YAG has shown in local media broadcasting. Kevin from Multicultural Youth NT came to speak with YAG about an opportunity for the group to get involved in a weekly radio program on Darwin FM titled 'Tectonic Radio'. The program is focused on providing interesting topics around future movers and shakers locally, regionally and internationally. There are varying segments and My NT are always looking for more speakers and ideas for segments.

Feedback was sought from YAG around interest and ideas for segments. The group agreed that it would be a great opportunity to learn skills in broadcasting opportunities and other communication tools. The group also stated that it would also be a good avenue, currently not being used, to promote the YAG to the wider community. Members stated also however, that if YAG were being promoted using this medium, there would need to be a clear promotional message to send. Otherwise the exercise would not be clear and achieve a great deal of impact or reach.

Action: Chody, Domino and Jackie expressed interest in being involved in the weekly radio program to learn new skills and promote YAG. Richelle was to initiate contact with Kevin and organise a time before end of November for the YAG members to meet and discuss segment ideas with Kevin and Kenneth from MY NT.

6.3 Youth Week 2015: Guest Speaker Sarah Tam Perez. UN Youth NT

At the last meeting YAG members expressed interest in leading a ted-talk style project for youth week 2015 that provides a series of inspirational and motivational talks for young people by local and possibly out of area role models.

To help inform planning and shed light on the event process, Sarah Tam Perez was invited by YAG to come and speak about her experience coordinating Darwin's first TED X Forum

for young people in 2013. Sarah shared lessons learned and highlights of her experience coordinating the event and emphasized that out of all of the events that she has coordinated, this was by far her favorite. Sarah discussed strong capacity of motivational talks to really emphasise 'idea generation' and 'sharing of ideas' between peers, stating the importance for young people to be inspired and galvanized to pursue their goals.

YAG agreed to go ahead with a TED X Style forum for Youth Week and the group all also agreed that this would be a project of great interest and benefit to young people of Darwin.

YAG members stated that they thought that it was really important to provide local young people with role models who have achieved success in a range of areas, to show them that they too can achieve their goals, and to also realize their ideas and share their ideas with others.

Action: The group agreed to move forward with this as a key project to undertake for Youth Week. The group will utilize Facebook group to post ideas for speakers and venues. A pre-planning meeting will be held 3 December with details to be finalized.

6.4 FRANK combined council youth committee training Pre: Youth Week 2015:

To assist YAG to plan effectively for their Youth Week Projects as well as future projects. Youth Services Officer proposed a training workshop to the YAG, aiming to upskill the group to become more proactive and self-reliant as an effective youth committee and to develop event management skills. The program can be delivered through interactive workshops covering topics such as:

- Committee team work
- Understanding core functions and roles of Youth Advisory Groups
- Strategic planning
- Networking
- Motivation
- Events Management

The training will be delivered by reputable Sydney organization the FRANK Team who are specialists in youth training and development and working with Council Youth Advisory Groups.

The training opportunity has been identified as also an opportunity to connect with other youth advisory groups such as Palmerston Council Youth Advisory Group and the Headspace Reference Group.

The members were all very enthusiastic about attending and were excited about the prospect of learning about event management and community work from a trainer with high regard.

Action: Richelle to contact the FRANK team and Palmerston Council to negotiate training dates for early 2015

Action: YAG to provide Richelle with their availability between 20 January 2015 and 20 February 2015

6.5 City of Darwin Youth Strategy 2015- 2020

Youth Strategy consultations are underway and Youth Services are looking for opportunities to survey local young people. Suggestions were sought from the YAG around appropriate groups of young people in Darwin to undertake further consultations with. YAG members suggested the following groups be approached as part of the consultation process:

- Corrugated Iron Youth Arts
- CREATE Foundation
- CDU
- The Shak

Action: Richelle to initiate contact with these groups and invite YAG members along to consultation and focus group sessions that are planned through to the end of December.

6.6 Filming of new Youth Services Video

Youth Services are working to update their media resources to ensure most recent program information is distributed to the community. Richelle is working with Amy Hetherington to update Youth Advisory Group promotional video.

Action: YAG are invited to attend a video making session next Tuesday 11 November from 4.45pm – 5.45pm here at City of Darwin Youth Space.

6.7 YAG Rebranding

Feedback was sought from YAG regarding a re-branding direction for the group coming 2015. The group all highlighted that the current logo was unfriendly and weak in its appearance and appeal to the wider population of young people. The group all agreed that rebranding YAG would be a successful project to undertake early 2015 and that they were looking for something 'strong' and 'passionate' in design. Feedback from the YAG was that the logo also needed to have more appeal to young people in the older part of the cohort (15 – 21).

Action: Richelle to invite a local young artist JD Rodriguez to come and workshop branding ideas with the full YAG group in the January Meeting.

Action: Rebranding project to be tailored into FRANK Team Advisory Committee Training to be held early February 2015.

6.8 St Vincent De Paul Ozanam House Volunteering

YAG have been invited back to do a working bee at the Ozanam House early December to touch up work done painting the courtyard floor and doing some basic gardening. It is a

proposed annual project partnership between YAG and St Vincent De Paul that will cement an annual community work contribution from YAG to the organization.

All YAG members present expressed interest in attending the working bee.

Action: Richelle to contact St Vincent De Paul and get two dates to flag with the group.

6.9 Christmas Party

There will be an end of year YAG Christmas Party to be held on the evening of 3 or 4 December.

Action: Richelle to send around via email a Doodle Poll getting the group to vote on a date and desired activity amongst the options above.

6.10 Maruop Bol National Student Leadership Forum Feedback

Maruop attended the National Student Leadership Conference from 4-7 September 2014 along with Jessica Sullivan. Maruop presented his experiences to the group.

- The forum provided Maruop with valuable insight into leadership.
- Maruop will send a summary of his presentation with photos also via email to the YAG. Maruop has also expressed keenness to present a leadership workshop based on the forum to the YAG in the future.

7. MEETING CLOSED

Meeting was closed at 7.25 pm.

The next Youth Advisory Group meeting will be held

Wednesday 4 December from 5.00pm- 8.00pm

It is important that all YAG members attend this meeting.

Transport can be arranged.

For further information or apologies email youthprojects@darwin.nt.gov.au or phone Youth Projects on 8930 0635 or 0400 779 066

ENCL: COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES
NO COMMITTEE/OPEN

AGENDA ITEM: 9.9

RADIO FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION (RFID) FOR LIBRARIES

REPORT No.: 15C0014 KC:md

COMMON No.: 1943023

DATE: 16/02/2015

Presenter: Manager Library Services, Karen Conway

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

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide a proposal to install Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) in City of Darwin Libraries (CoDL).

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

Goal

2 Vibrant, Flexible and Tropical Lifestyle

Outcome

2.3 Increased sport, recreation and leisure experiences

Key Strategies

2.3.1 Enhance library and information services

KEY ISSUES

This report provides an overview of RFID in CoDL.

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT it be a recommendation to Council :-

- A. THAT Report Number 15C0014 KC:md entitled Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) for Libraries, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council refer the implementation of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) for Karama and Nightcliff libraries to the 2015/16 budget deliberations.

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SUBJECT: RADIO FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION (RFID) FOR LIBRARIES

BACKGROUND

In October 2013 FE Technologies supplied and installed a RFID self-service system at the City Library. Prior to this library staff undertook all circulation duties, including checking items in and out.

In August 2013 in the lead up to the installation, stock at all four CoDL locations was RFID tagged and encoded. This enables all CoDL items to be borrowed or returned at the City Library using the RFID kiosks.

The system is working well and has been well received by customers. People of all ages find the self-check kiosks intuitive and easy to use. Customers are not only happily checking out their own items, but also checking them back in. The technology has proven to be very reliable and stable. Instead of issuing and returning books, staff are able to provide a higher level of customer service out on the library floor.

CoDL is now looking to extend the benefits of this technology to other libraries, initially Casuarina Library followed by Nightcliff and Karama Libraries.

DISCUSSION

Casuarina Library

Casuarina Library currently has two self check machines which use old (non-RFID) technology which only allows items to be checked out one at a time. Self check-in is not possible.

At six years old these machines are past their use by date. In the last two years there have been numerous instances of the machines either breaking down or not coping with high levels of use, causing frustration to both customers and staff. Even when the machines are working well they are not intuitive, resulting in the security gate alarm being set off because items have not desensitised properly. Embarrassed customers who are trying to do the right thing are regularly pulled aside to have their bags checked, which has a negative impact on customer service provision and library image. Other customers refuse to use the machines currently at Casuarina Library due to past negative experiences.

Installation of accessible RFID self-check machines will provide a much higher level of stability and reliability and customer service. The new technology is more efficient, as up to 20 items can be checked out at a time and check-in is enabled. Long queues at the circulation desk during busy periods would be a thing of the past. Self-service also offers a borrowing option that some customers prefer for privacy reasons. Installation of RFID at Casuarina Library would provide continuity of service to our customers who are already using the RFID kiosks at the City Library. Much of the costly and time-intensive preparation work has already been done, including RFID tagging of the entire library collection.

RFID consultant Alan Butters visited CoDL in November 2012 to assess the libraries for RFID suitability. He advised that due to the high turnover at Casuarina Library,

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installation of RFID self-service would not only provide customer service benefits but also productivity gains. A RFID-based system will result in faster handling of items and provide efficiencies through streamlined circulation processes. There will effectively be a reduction in circulation desk staff costs due to customers issuing and returning their own items. Staff on the floor will be freed up to provide a higher level of specialist customer service including provision of digital literacy help to customers, an area of growing demand. Staff will be able to spend more time engaging in other library services such as community programs. A more reliable system will also mean that less staff time will be spent dealing with errors, downtime and frustrated customers.

Other benefits of RFID technology include:

- increased security, including reduction in theft and false alarms
- collection management efficiencies, including stocktake and locating missing items
- Work Health Safety (WHS) considerations, including reduced repetitive strain injuries and low electromagnetic radiation
- positive library image
- increased staff morale
(State Library NSW, 2013)

Requirements:

- Equipment (including 4 self-loan stations, 2 security gates, 2 external return chutes and 3 staff circulation assistants), training and delivery - \$73,060 ex GST (FE Technologies).
- Installation and library modifications, including removal of old equipment, installation of new equipment, electrical and data cabling work, redesign of reception area - \$29,000
- New reception desks - \$19,385

Total: \$121,445 ex GST

Ongoing costs - maintenance per annum is \$5,450 (provided free for the first year after installation).

Karama and Nightcliff Libraries

Installation of RFID at Karama and Nightcliff Libraries will realise many of the benefits noted above for these two smaller CoD libraries. Both staff and customers will benefit from all four CoD Libraries using the same system. There are also cost savings, in both materials and staff time. At present all new library resources are end processed twice over, once to meet RFID requirements and secondly to comply with the barcode/magnetic security strip system that Casuarina, Nightcliff and Karama Libraries still use. When all libraries convert to RFID, end processing of new resources will be quicker and cheaper.

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CONSULTATION PROCESS

This report was considered by the Chief Officer's Group on 10 November 2014 and now referred to Community & Cultural Services Committee for consideration.

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

- Casuarina Library Manager
- Manager Information Technology
- Building Services Team Leader

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

- Alan Butters, Principle Consultant, Sybis, 'RFID at City of Darwin Libraries' report
- State Library of NSW, 'A business case framework for RFID in NSW public libraries'
http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/services/public_libraries/docs/RFID_cost_benefit.pdf
- FE Technologies

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Implementation costs for Casuarina Library total \$121,445 exGST. The project is fully funded from the City of Darwin Libraries operational budget of \$67,882 and the balance of \$53,563 from the additional Operational Grant funding received from the Northern Territory Government for 2014/15. The additional amount consists of a cpi increase received during the 2014/2015 financial year. The funding agreement with the Northern Territory Government enables the City of Darwin Libraries to utilise funds for the "continuing operation of current library sites".

Implementation of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) for Karama and Nightcliff libraries is to be referred to the 2015/16 budget deliberations.

Key library staff have been identified to develop an implementation plan to successfully manage the project.

RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

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COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

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

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MINUTES OF ARTS AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING 13 NOVEMBER 2014	
REPORT No.: 15C0015 SC:es	COMMON No.: 2157567
DATE: 16/02/2015	

Presenter: Coordinator Arts and Cultural Development, Sahn Cramer

Approved: General Manager Community & Cultural Services, Anna Malgorzewicz

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the minutes of the Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee Meeting (ACDAC), **Attachment A**, held 13 November 2014 for Council's information and details of 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

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

- Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
- Recommendation to remove 'Eye of the Explorer' Public Art work
- Committee resignations, Frances Bunji Elcoate, Jason de Santis, and Trevor Cox

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 15C0015 SC:es entitled Minutes of Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee Meeting 13 November 2014, be received and noted.

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- B. THAT Council endorse the removal of the sculpture 'Eye of the Explorer' from the City of Darwin Public Art Collection.
- C. THAT Council note the resignations of three members of the Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee and a letter of thanks from the Lord Mayor be provided –

Frances Bunji Elcoate,
 Jason de Santis, and
 Trevor Cox.

BACKGROUND

Council's Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee (ACDAC) provides advice to Council on issues pertaining to the arts and cultural development programs.

DECISION NO.21\1106 (28/05/13)

Minutes of Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee Meeting 11 April 2013, Membership and Selection Panel Appointments, and Public Art Guidelines.

Report No. 13C0046AR:es (20/05/13) Common No. 2490560

- A. *THAT Council endorse the document "Public Art Guidelines" for publication on the City of Darwin website.*

DISCUSSION

Eye of the Explorer – Public Art

The Eye of the Explorer was installed in Bicentennial Park in 2005 as a public art memorial to John McDouall Stuart. The work is comprised of three main components:

1. Glass and sand mosaic water feature,
2. Stuart descriptive tile wall and seat, and
3. Approach paths, steps and ochre paving.

In response to a number of maintenance issues an assessment of the work was completed by artist Techy Masero in April 2013, **Attachment B**. The assessment identified maintenance issues and provided options for the future of the public work.

The report listed a number of issues to be addressed in relation to the work, including:

- paving at different levels,
- drainage issues resulting in water ponding,

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- exposed electrical cables and connections, and
- deterioration of plumbing, silicon component of mosaic trays and stone columns.

The report provided four options for consideration:

1. Maintain the artwork in its current form
2. Address immediate safety issues by converting the artwork to a “dry” structure
3. Remove the water feature
4. Remove the artwork in its entirety

At the 12 September 2013 ACDAC meeting the Committee concluded the assessment report work met the criteria for removal outlined in Council’s Public Art Guidelines, as being “beyond reasonable repair”. Based on the Committee discussions and the professional advice presented, the Committee proposed that the current memorial be scheduled for removal.

In November 2014 the Committee conducted further discussion regarding the sculpture ‘Eye of the Explorer’ and the costs associated with repair and maintenance presented to the Committee at previous meetings, and made the decision to recommend to Council that the sculpture be removed from the City of Darwin collection.

Committee Resignations

Three members have resigned from the Committee:

Frances Bunji Elcoate,
 Jason de Santis, and
 Trevor Cox.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

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

- Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

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Nil.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

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

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Attachments:

Attachment A: Minutes Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee
Meeting 13 November 2014

Attachment B: Public Art Work Current Assessment - Eye of the Explorer



**MINUTES
ARTS & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Thursday 13 November 2014, 12.00noon – 1.30pm
Civic Centre**

1. PRESENT

Alderman Kate Worden	Chairperson, City of Darwin
Alderman Robin Knox	Alternate Chair, City of Darwin
Ms Leonie McNally	Community Representative
Ms Louise Partos	Executive Officer, Artback NT
Ms Sarah Body	Chairperson, Tactile Arts
Ms Sarah Pirrie	Chairperson, Darwin Visual Arts Assoc
Mr Bong Ramilo	Executive Officer, Darwin Community Arts
Mr Peter Scrivener	Senior Arts Broker, Arts NT
Mr Mark Crees	General Manager, Darwin Festival
Ms Aly de Groot	Independent Artist
Mr Alan James	General Manager, DEC
Ms Sahn Cramer	Coordinator Arts and Cultural Development
Ms Nadine Douglas	Manager Technical Services, CoD

2. APOLOGIES

Mr Ken Conway	Community Representative
Mr. Mark Smith	Manager, Music NT
Mr Sean Pardy	Executive Director, Brown's Mart Arts
Ms Frances Bunji Elcoate	Independent Artist
Mr Trevor Cox	General Manager, Tourism Top End
Mr. Jason de Santis	Independent Artist

Meeting Opened 12.10pm

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Out of round recommendations (via email) agreed to by committee members and now minuted:

Committee Membership: The current membership is 16. Three members have resigned due to other commitments, the total number is now reduced to 13 and no further members will be sought at this stage.

Committee Terms of Reference were presented to members together with Meeting Procedures. Members recommended that these be accepted with the deletion of 'Addressing the Meeting' – *All members at the meeting should direct comments through the Chairperson.*

Member resignations: Frances Bunji Elcoate (Independent Artist, now a staff member), Jason de Santis (Independent Artist as he is required to travel between Tiwi and Melbourne and unable to attend regular meetings but will stay in touch), Trevor Cox (General Manager Tourism Top End) – Trevor will remain a key stakeholder for the group.

Members then spoke about the possibility of introducing a proxy system as a possibility to keep actions moving when members were unable to attend meetings. The Coordinator advised that she would look into what was possible and report back to the Committee.

Permanent Public Art Commissions:

Four permanent commission applications were received and all four rejected. Two did not comply with basic guidelines and the remaining two did not meet artistic merit required for the commission.

The Coordinator to continue to work with local artists in determining obstacles or difficulties in meeting basic criteria – this could mean a simplified process of application. The Coordinator will also provide feedback to applicants this round and continue to work with emerging artists in achieving excellence and success. A further round of Public Art Commissions to be promoted but will include an invitation to submit targeting local artists. It will remain an open round allowing all applicants to demonstrate their ability to meet guidelines and criteria.

‘Eye of the Explorer’ public art on the Esplanade

Committee members recommend that ‘Eye of the Explorer’ be de-accessioned, and that the Coordinator contact the artist to ascertain interest in re-use of tiles.

Civic Park Cultural Usage Plan

Committee members discussed priorities and focus to implement actions. These were:

- Lighting
- Coffee Food/Vans
- Steering Group
- Seating
- Signage to toilets (including bus stop depot toilets)
- Events pack
- More Shade Trees
- Temporary Sculptures
- Part Time Manager/Coordinator

The Committee felt that activities in Civic Park could include Friday night performances/music/pop ups an opportunity for organisations like Corrugated Iron Youth who actively seek opportunities to perform.

Committee members felt that there are many models and precedents around the country that have enlivened city parks and brought to life inner city areas creating opportunities for local artists, but also improving city connections.

The Committee fully supports the activation of the Civic Park Cultural Usage Plan and will be actively seeking a budget allocation to enable the implementation of this vision.

The Committee also felt that there were some items from the implementation and action plan that could be actioned immediately:

- Free Wi-Fi
- Browns Mart could house infrastructure as an interim solution
- Website promoting a program of activities
- Set up a Steering Group to focus on priorities and outcomes, this could include a plan for nominated spaces of activation, develop a tender for interested parties, develop opportunities for pop up food vans/coffee carts etc.

Coordinator advised committee members that a report addressing these issues was drafted and ready to be presented to Council at its next meeting, 17 November, 2014.

Cultural Village Poles

The Coordinator reported that the Botanic Gardens were no longer an option for the installation of the Poles. The Poles continue to be housed in a container and an option to install them in a community garden was agreeable to the Cultural Village Group. Options for installation included Jingili Water Gardens and Lakeside Gardens and the Committee felt that Lakeside Gardens was an excellent place for the Poles. Recommendation was made to relocate Poles to Lakeside Gardens. The Coordinator will continue to liaise with the Cultural Village group and Lakeside Gardens and report back to the ACDAC Committee.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 Trading Ideas

Coordinator provided feedback to members who did not attend the Trading Ideas Forum which focussed on creative investment between the Northern Territory and the Asia Pacific region.

Members were advised that The Lord Mayor presented some details of the Darwin City Centre Masterplan the thinking behind it. This panel discussion also included some insight into city development from the City of Sydney's strategic advisor Ianto Ware.

Members who attended the forum also shared some thoughts and discussed key issues, one of which is the difficulty and freedom of travel for international artists, having to wait on visas, costs for accommodation in Darwin and whether this is an area that could be looked at in terms of support from local government. Mention of the process that Festivals benefit from through the

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) which addresses the issue of approval for travel is a good example. 150 people attended the forum.

5.2 Opportunities for 2015

Arts Marketing and Promotion:

The issue of poster placement and the opportunity for marketing and promotion was again raised. Members felt the current approach is restrictive and it was worth looking at models for example in Brisbane. Members provided a number of examples of innovation in this area and pointed out that this was a key priority highlighted in the Five Year Arts Plan and an ongoing issue for the sector.

The issue of advertising versus arts marketing was raised and clarity was provided to members that the City of Darwin has clear policies relating to advertising and signs and we would need to be mindful of this. The Coordinator to look into this in more detail and report back to the Committee.

Artist Residencies/Arts Initiatives

Darwin Community Arts will continue to bring Artists from Asia and deliver exchange programs. They plan for 6 more residencies and have an interest in any initiatives either through supported accommodation and or available infrastructure assets or partnerships for eg. Stella Maris (National Trust Assets).

Coordinator mentioned the Mayfair Gallery initiative in Harriet Place and the opportunities and vision currently being discussed with the Lease holder. This is still in development and the Coordinator will provide updates to the Committee when more detail is known.

5.3 Live Performance and Participatory Art

Garrmalung Festival won 2014 Best Cultural, Arts or Music Event for NT. The Festival is a partnership between Darwin Entertainment Centre (DEC) and Larrakia Nation. Garrmalung is an old Larrakia word for what is now the CBD.

DEC, Artback NT, Tactile Arts, ArtsNT (Arts & Health Conference), DVAA, CDU (Honours Exhibit), all gave updates on current and future programs and events to look out for.

5.4 Arts Program Updates

Coordinator gave members an update including:

- advice that the public art panel would reconvene early 2015
- report to Council on Civic Park Cultural Usage Plan and recommendations
- Red Cross, upcoming exhibition in Community Art Space as part of Cyclone Tracy 40th Anniversary program
- Facing Tracy, digital art program – tour program
- National Arts and Culture Forum October meeting in Darwin

5.5 Committee Members key priorities for sector

- Opportunities for public art including the possibility of re-introducing a temporary sculpture program in Civic Park
- Artist residencies, opportunities for subsidized rent, or affordable housing to support sector initiatives
- Arts Marketing and promotion

5.6 New Initiatives

Nil.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Darwin's Parade of Cultures – Bong Ramilo to speak to this at our next meeting.

7. NEXT MEETING

Thursday 26 February 2015
12 noon – 1.30pm
Meeting Room 1

8. MEETING CLOSED

1.35pm

ATTACHMENT B

Public Art Work Current Assessment - Eye of the Explorer

Public Art Work: "Eye of the Explorer" – corner Daly St / The Esplanade

Assessment by: Techy Masero.

April 2013

Issues to be addressed:

Item	Condition Report
Paving	Sinkage of paving stones around the concrete base has created uneven surfaces, the paving stones no longer meet the concrete base creating a trip hazard.
Drainage	Sinkage of the concrete base has led to the uneven distribution of water over the fountain and 'ponding' of water around the sculpture Due to uneven levels of both the fountain and the base, water is not being directed down drains
Plumbing	The exposed plumbing is deteriorating rapidly, metal fixings in the water pipes are rusting and corroding
Electrical	Electrical cables and electrical connections to the pump are exposed, creating a safety risk
Mosaic trays	There is deterioration of the silicon component (glue and sand) around the outside edges of each tray. Requires replacement. There is wear and tear to the handmade ceramic tiles in the mosaic which were salvaged from the original mosaic and included during the repairs undertaken in 2007. The longevity of the ceramic pieces is probably 1-2 years.
Rock Cairns	The rock cairns which support the water feature are deteriorating due to a combination of rusted metal fixings (plates/bolts), running water and exposed plumbing.
Wall seat and steps	Wall seating and steps are in good condition. Routine maintenance in the form of regular re-sealing of the ceramic tiles in the wall seating will be required to preserve their condition.
Lighting	There is no lighting of the artwork at night. Lighting of the artwork would improve amenity in the area.

Options for Council's consideration:

1. Maintain the artwork in its current form

The cost to maintain the artwork in its current form for another three to five years is estimated at \$40,000 plus the costs of ongoing regular maintenance. This would allow for the removal of all elements including the water feature, concrete base, paving, plumbing and electricals, resetting the artwork and stainless steel trays to the right level, resetting plumbing and electricals and rebuilding the rock cairns, resetting "Briggs" paving to the right level and laying a new concrete centre.

2. Address immediate safety issues by converting the artwork to a "dry" structure

The cost to address immediate safety issues pertaining to trip hazards and exposed plumbing and electricals, by repaving the ground area and converting the sculpture to a "dry" structure (disconnecting power and water from the sculpture), is estimated at \$10,000 to \$20,000. The artist's approval must be received for this to occur.

3. Decommission the water feature

The cost to remove the water feature and rectify the paving / concrete area is estimated at \$10,000 to \$20,000.

4. Decommission the artwork in its entirety

The cost to decommission the artwork in its entirety and rectification of the turf is estimated at \$15,000 to \$20,000. The opportunity to commission a new artwork to mark this site was also proposed.

In the event that part or all of the artwork is decommissioned, the artist will be invited to reclaim that work.

NB. This is a transcription of the report provided by Techy Masero in April 2013.

OPEN SECTION

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Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting – Monday, 16 February 2015

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

Nil

11. GENERAL BUSINESS