

**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL****TWENTY FIFTH ORDINARY MEETING OF THE TWENTIETH COUNCIL****TUESDAY 12 MAY, 2009**

**MEMBERS:** The Right Worshipful, Lord Mayor, Mr G R Sawyer (Chairman); Member J D Bailey; Member R T Dee; Member R K Elix; Member H I Galton; Member G M Jarvis; Member G A Lambert; Member R Lesley; Member F P Marrone; Member A R Mitchell; Member K M Moir; Member J L Sangster; Member H D Sjoberg.

**OFFICERS:** Chief Executive Officer, Mr B P Dowd; General Manager Corporate Services, Mr F Crawley; General Manager Infrastructure, Mr L Cercarelli; General Manager Community & Cultural Services, Mr J Banks; Committee Administrator, Ms L Elmer.

**GUESTS:** The Citizen Electoral Council of Australia, Ms Trudy Campbell will be in attendance from 5.15 p.m. to 5.45 p.m. to brief the Council on the Global Financial Crisis.

The Director of Tanner Architects, Ms Megan Jones, Planner, Ms June D'Rozario and Mr Philip Grice will be in attendance from 5.45 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. to brief the Council on the proposed Re-Development of Lot 413, Town of Darwin (former Commonwealth Bank Site).

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**1 LORD'S PRAYER**

**2 MEETING DECLARED OPEN**

**3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**3.1 Apologies**

**3.2 Leave of Absence Granted**

THAT it be noted that Member H I Galton is an apology due to a Leave of Absence being previously granted on 17 February 2009 for the period 29 April 2009 to 19 May 2009.

DECISION NO.20\() (12/05/09)

**3.3 Leave of Absence Requested**

**4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF ELECTED MEMBERS**

**5 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

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

<u>Item</u>	<u>Regulation</u>	<u>Reason</u>
C20.1	8(c)(iv)	Information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.
DECISION NO.20\()	(12/05/09)	

**6 MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

**7 PUBLIC SAFETY**

**7.1 INFORMATION ITEMS**

Nil

**7 PUBLIC SAFETY**

**7.2 OFFICER'S REPORTS**

Nil

**7 PUBLIC SAFETY**

**7.3 GENERAL BUSINESS**

## **8 GOVERNANCE**

### **8.1 INFORMATION ITEMS**

Nil

## **8 GOVERNANCE**

### **8.2 OFFICER'S REPORTS**

#### **8.2.1 Nominations to the Administration and Legislation Advisory Committee, Local Government Accounting Advisory Committee, Animal Welfare Advisory Committee and the Public Library Advisory Committee - Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) Nominees** Report No. 09TC0025 BD:jp (06/05/09) Common No.1502794

*Report Number 09TC0025 attached*



ENCL: YES

**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL**  
**REPORT**

DATE: 06/05/09

TO: 1ST ORDINARY COUNCIL/OPEN

APPROVED: BD

FROM: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

APPROVED: JP

REPORT NO: 09TC0025

COMMON NO: 1502794

**SUBJECT:** NOMINATIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION AND LEGISLATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE, LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE, ANIMAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE - LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY (LGANT) NOMINEES

**ITEM NO: 8.2.1**

**SYNOPSIS:**

Nominations have been sought for a LGANT nominee on the following Advisory Committees:

Administration and Legislation Advisory Committee (**Attachment A**);  
Local Government Accounting Advisory Committee (**Attachment B**);  
Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (**Attachment C**);  
Public Library Advisory Committee (**Attachment D**).

All nominations close on 20 May 2009. A short biography must accompany each nomination.

**GENERAL:**

*Administration and Legislation Advisory Committee (Nominations called 30/04/09)*

The Council has a representative on this Committee in its own right being Mr Frank Crawley, General Manager Corporate Services.

LGANT have sought nominations due to recent resignations.

*Local Government Accounting Advisory Committee (Nominations called 30/04/09)*

LGANT have sought nominations to fill the vacancy on the Local Government Accounting Advisory Committee which arose when Ms Claire Taylor resigned.

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*Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (Nominations called on 01/05/09)*

LGANT have sought nominations due to a recent resignation.

This Committee consists of ten members appointed by the Minister for Local Government pursuant to Regulation 6 of the Animal Welfare Regulations. Membership and Terms of Reference are **Attachment C**.

*Public Library Advisory Committee (Nominations called on 30/04/09)*

LGANT have sought nominations to increase its representation on the Public Library Advisory Committee.

The Northern Territory Library (NTL) coordinates the Public Library Advisory Committee which in turn provides advice and support to NTL in providing options for future strategic direction for the delivery of public library services in the Northern Territory. Work over the next 12 months will predominantly be concerned with determining a new funding model for the provision of public library services.

Membership currently comprises two representatives from LGANT, one from DEET and the Director of NTL.

Given the anticipated increase in workload over the next 12 months, it has been recommended that representation be increased to include a third representative from LGANT, a representative from the Department Business and Industry Development and an additional member from NTL.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

If Council endorses a nominee who is then successful, an Extra Meeting Allowance of \$156 per meeting is payable to a member for attendance at meetings of the Working Groups. Provision exists within the budget for such payments.

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### **STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:**

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies of the Darwin City Council 2008 – 2012 as outlined in the 'Evolving Darwin Strategic Directions: Towards 2020 and Beyond':-

#### **Goal**

- 1 Achieve Effective Partnerships and Engage in Collaborative Relationships

#### **Outcome**

- 1.1 Improve relations with all levels of Government

#### **Goal**

- 1 Achieve Effective Partnerships and Engage in Collaborative Relationships

#### **Outcome**

- 1.2 Effectively engage with community

#### **Goal**

- 7 Demonstrate Effective, Open and Responsible Governance

#### **Outcome**

- 7.2 Display strong and effective leadership, within Council and across Government

#### **Key Strategies**

- 7.2.4 Keep abreast of Australian and world trends to ensure Darwin is prepared and can make informed decisions

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

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**PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

**COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

**DELEGATION:**

Nil.

**CONSULTATION:**

Nil.

**PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:**

Nil.

**APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE**

Nil.

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 GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY  
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### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- A. THAT Report Number 09TC0025 entitled Nominations to the Local Government Administration and Legislation Advisory Committee, Local Government Accounting Advisory Committee, Animal Welfare Advisory Committee and the Public Library Advisory Committee - Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) Nominees, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council endorse Alderman ..... as its nomination to the Administration and Legislation Advisory Committee.
- C. THAT Council endorse Mr Frank Crawley as its nomination to the Local Government Accounting Advisory Committee.
- D. THAT Council endorse Alderman ..... as its nomination to the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee.
- E. THAT Council endorse Alderman ..... as its nomination to the Public Library Advisory Committee.

**BRENDAN DOWD**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Any queries on this report may be directed to Brendan Dowd on 5505

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

NOMINATION FORM

Administration and Legislation Advisory Committee

September 2008

\_\_\_\_\_

COUNCIL NAME:

\_\_\_\_\_

1. Agreement to be nominated

I, \_\_\_\_\_ agree to be nominated as a member of  
the Administration and Legislation Advisory Committee

Signature:

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2008.

2. Council Confirmation of Nomination

I, \_\_\_\_\_ the Chief Executive Officer/Town Clerk  
hereby confirm that \_\_\_\_\_

was approved by resolution of Council to be nominated as a member of the  
Administration and Legislation Advisory Committee at a meeting held on  
\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ /2008.

Signature:

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2008.

## Administration and Legislation Advisory Committee

### Terms of Reference

#### ROLE AND PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE

To provide advice to the Minister for Local Government and the Department of Local Government, Housing and Sport in relation to administration, legislation, operational matters and policy relevant to local government management issues.

#### MEMBERSHIP

On a voluntary basis:

- The chair of the committee will be the CEO of LGANT (or nominee)
- One further nominee of LGANT
- Two nominees from the Local Government Division of the Department;
- Two nominees from the Local Government Managers Australia;
- Two nominees who are council officers;

LGANT to provide secretarial support

#### TERMS OF APPOINTMENT

Members of the Committee shall be appointed to the Committee by the nominating organisation. In the case of nominees who are council officers, the Committee will select nominees after calling for nominations.

Participating organisations to review nominees on an annual basis or as casual vacancies arise.

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Meet at regular intervals. It is envisaged that meetings will be based on need.

#### RESPONSIBILITIES

The Committee shall consider administration, legislation, operational matters and policy relevant to local government management issues with a view to providing substantive advice to the Minister and/or Department. The committee will collaborate with other committees as appropriate.

#### RULES

The committee will determine its own rules.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

NOMINATION FORM

Local Government Accounting Advisory Committee

31 July 2008

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COUNCIL NAME:

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1. Agreement to be nominated

I, \_\_\_\_\_ agree to be nominated as a member of the  
Local Government Accounting Advisory Committee

Signature:

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2008.

2. Council Confirmation of Nomination

I, \_\_\_\_\_ the Chief Executive Officer/Town Clerk

hereby confirm that \_\_\_\_\_

was approved by resolution of Council to be nominated as a member of the Local  
Government Accounting Advisory Committee  
at a meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ /2008.

Signature:

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2008.



## NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

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This reprint shows the Regulations as in force at 1 July 2009. Any  
amendments that commence after that date are not included.  
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### LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCOUNTING) REGULATIONS

*Regulations under the Local Government Act*

#### Part 1 Preliminary

##### 1 Citation

These Regulations may be cited as the *Local Government (Accounting) Regulations*.

##### 2 Definitions

In these Regulations:

***Accounting Standards*** means the current Australian Accounting Standards as published by the Australian Accounting Standards Board.

***Income*** includes capital receipts.

***non-current asset*** means an asset with an expected life of more than 1 year acquired at a capital cost exceeding \$5 000.

***supplies*** means goods or services required by a council.

#### Part 2 Local Government Accounting Advisory Committee

##### 3 Establishment of Committee

The Local Government Accounting Advisory Committee is established.

#### **4 Role of Committee**

The Committee is established to provide advice to the Minister and the Agency on:

- (a) contemporary financial management and accounting practices relevant and appropriate to local government; and
- (b) appropriate legislative changes necessary to improve standards of local government financial management and accounting.

#### **5 Composition of the Committee**

- (1) The Committee is constituted of the members (not exceeding 10) appointed by the Minister.
- (2) The members will consist of:
  - (a) up to 2 nominees of the Agency with experience in local government; and
  - (b) 2 nominees of ICAC/CPA Australia, 1 of whom must be a registered company auditor and the other a professional provider of financial management services to local government; and
  - (c) up to 2 nominees of Local Government Managers Australia; and
  - (d) up to 2 representatives of the NT Finance Reference Group; and
  - (e) up to 2 nominees of LGANT.
- (3) A member of the Committee is to be appointed by the Minister for a term (not exceeding 3 years) specified in the member's instrument of appointment.
- (4) The terms and conditions of membership are to be as determined by the Minister.
- (5) The Minister must appoint 1 member to be the Chair, and another to be Deputy Chair, of the Committee.

#### **6 Proceedings of Committee**

- (1) The Committee is to meet at least once in each quarter.
- (2) A meeting may be convened by the Chair of the Committee, or the Minister.

**Part 4                      Financial administration**

- (3) A quorum for a meeting of the Committee consists of 4 members.
- (4) The Chair will preside at a meeting of the Committee or, in the Chair's absence, the Deputy Chair or, in the absence of both, a member chosen to preside by the members present.
- (5) Decisions are to be made by majority vote of the members present and, if the votes are equal, the person presiding may exercise a second or casting vote.
- (6) The validity of proceedings of the Committee is unaffected by a vacancy or vacancies in its membership.

**Part 3                      Agency's power to issue general instructions**

**7                      Power to issue general instructions**

- (1) The Agency may issue general instructions to councils with regard to financial administration and accounting.
- (2) A general instruction issued under this regulation must:
  - (a) be made in writing; and
  - (b) given in writing to all councils; and
  - (c) published on the Agency's website.

**8                      Obligation to comply**

A council must comply with a general instruction in force under this Part.

Fault element:                      This is an offence of strict liability.

Maximum penalty:                50 penalty units.

**Part 4                      Financial administration**

**9                      Accounting procedures**

- (1) A council must maintain an accounting and policy manual.
- (2) The manual must include, or incorporate by reference, the following:
  - (a) an organization chart showing the functions of the council, its committees and responsible officers;

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

NOMINATION FORM

Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC)

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COUNCIL NAME:

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1. Agreement to be nominated

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to be nominated as a member of  
the \_\_\_\_\_  
Animal Welfare Advisory Committee.

Signature:

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2009.

2. Council Confirmation of Nomination

I, \_\_\_\_\_ the Chief Executive Officer/Town Clerk

hereby confirm that \_\_\_\_\_

was approved by resolution of Council to be nominated as a member of the  
Animal Welfare Advisory Committee at a meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ /2009.

Signature:

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2009.

## **ANIMAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AWAC)**

### ***Member information.***

The Animal Welfare Advisory Committee consists of ten members appointed by the Minister for Local Government pursuant to regulation 6 of the Animal Welfare Regulations. The members were nominated by, and represent the interests of, the following organisations –

- Animal welfare organisation incorporated in the NT (RSPCA NT Inc);
- Australian Veterinary Association Ltd;
- Local Government Association of the Northern Territory;
- Agency having the responsibility for the administration of the Animal Welfare Act (Department of Local Government, Housing and Sport);
- Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines;
- Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association Inc;
- Charles Darwin University;
- Department of Natural Resources, Environment and The Arts;
- Pet Industry Association of Australia; and
- Animal Management in Rural and Remote Indigenous Communities (AMRRIC)

A Member holds office for the period (not exceeding 3 years) specified in the instrument of appointment and is eligible for reappointment.

The functions of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee include:

- Advising the Minister about animal welfare legislation and other matters relevant to animal welfare;
- Investigating and reporting on matters relevant to the animal welfare referred to it by the Minister;
- Participating in the development of codes of practice and the review of adopted codes of practice;
- Providing advice to bodies, organisations or the general community on programs for the improvement of community awareness about animal welfare;
- and
- Any other functions prescribed by the Regulations

The Advisory Committee must hold at least 2 meetings each year. Until recently there have been 3 meetings a year and this has just been increased to 4 meetings per year, held quarterly with the next scheduled for 21 August 2008.

Kind regards

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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**NOMINATION FORM**

**Public Library Advisory Committee (PLAC)**

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**COUNCIL NAME:**

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**1. Agreement to be nominated**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ agree to be nominated as a member of the  
Public Library Advisory Committee.

Signature:

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2009.

**2. Council Confirmation of Nomination**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ the Chief Executive Officer

heroby confirm that \_\_\_\_\_

was approved by resolution of Council to be nominated as a member of the Public  
Library Advisory Committee at a meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ /2009.

Signature:

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2009.

## **8 GOVERNANCE**

### **8.2 OFFICER'S REPORTS**

#### **8.2.2 Local Government Managers Australia 2009 National Congress – Darwin** Report No. 09TC0026 BD:jp (07/05/09) Common No. 1528837

*Report Number 09TC0026 attached*

ENCL: YES

**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL**  
**REPORT**

DATE: 06/05/09

TO: 1ST ORDINARY COUNCIL/OPEN

APPROVED: BD

FROM: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

REPORT NO: 09TC0026 BD:JP

COMMON NO: 1528837

SUBJECT: LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANAGERS AUSTRALIA 2009 NATIONAL CONGRESS - DARWIN

**ITEM NO: 8.2.2****SYNOPSIS:**

Local Government Managers Australia (LGMA) will be holding their 2009 Congress in Darwin from 24-27 May 2009. (**Attachment A**).

In addition, a study tour which we have been integral in organising, will be held on 28 May 2009.

The Congress will be attended by Elected Members and senior local government executives from across Australia – some overseas representatives will also be present.

Details of the Congress are contained in **Attachment A** and further information can be obtained from [www.lgma.org.au/national/nc\\_darwin09.php](http://www.lgma.org.au/national/nc_darwin09.php).

The Lord Mayor will be welcoming delegates to the Congress and it would be appropriate for some Elected Members to represent Council's views at particular forums and to lobby and otherwise interact with others attending the Conference.

Given the above, it is recommended that Council fund three Elected Members as delegates at the Conference.

**GENERAL:**

Nil.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The Lord Mayor's registration is complimentary. However the base fee for delegate registration is \$1,700 per person. The cost of registering three Elected Member delegates can be accommodated from within the existing budget



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#### **Key Strategies**

- 7.2.4 Keep abreast of Australian and world trends to ensure Darwin is prepared and can make informed decisions

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Council is not able to pay an Elected Member to attend a professional development conference other than in accordance with the Ministerial Guidelines and Council's Policy.

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The relevant provision of the Ministerial Guidelines is as follows:

***Professional Development Allowance***

An allowance payable to council members to attend appropriate and relevant conference or training courses which sustain a member's professional competence by keeping the member informed of, and able to comply with, development in professional standards applicable to their role as a council member. Any such course/conference must have approval and be in line with council policy in order to attract this allowance.

Council may pay for an Elected Member to attend if, by prior resolution of Council, the reason for attendance is distinguished from a professional development activity.

In this case, the reasons for attendance would be to represent Council as the host city, to represent the view of Council at a variety of forums and to lobby and interact with other attendees for the purpose of improving local government in Darwin and the Northern Territory.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

**COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

**DELEGATION:**

Nil.

**CONSULTATION:**

Nil.

**PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:**

Nil.

**APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE**

Nil.

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### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- A. THAT Report Number 09TC0026 BD:JP entitled Local Government Managers Australia 2009 National Congress - Darwin, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council pay for Alderman ....., Alderman ..... and Alderman ..... to attend the Local Government Managers Australia 2009 Congress to be held in Darwin from 24-27 May 2009 to enable them to:
  - Represent Darwin City Council as the host city;
  - Represent the views of Council; and
  - To lobby and interact with other attendees for the purpose of improving local government in Darwin and in the Northern Territory.

**BRENDAN DOWD**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Any queries on this report may be directed to Brendan Dowd on 5505

# Program and Registration Form

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NATIONAL CONGRESS  
& BUSINESS EXPO

# Darwin 09

Darwin Convention Centre | 24th - 27th May 2009

Local Government ... Creating our future  
Messages with solutions

## Keynote Speakers



Natasha Stott Despoja



Bernard Salt



Peter Sheehan



El28 Adam



Trisha Broadbridge



## About Congress

The LGMA National Congress & Business Expo is based around a series of plenary and concurrent sessions by keynote presenters, and interactive breakout workshops. The congress offers flexible registration and payment options that provide delegates with a unique opportunity to tailor their congress experience to their own needs.



As community leaders, local government are the foremost providers of human services, economic development and community engagement. Join national and international experts explore the great steps local government has taken to:

- Protect and enhance our national and multi-national cultures;
- Provide opportunities for people to reach their potential;
- Improve leadership, community engagement and reconciliation; and
- Generate community renewal and create new villages



Local government is ideally placed to influence and shape the local economy by helping communities build capacity and promote community cohesion. This congress will explore best practice examples of how metropolitan, regional, rural and remote councils are finding new ways of doing business in order to ensure the ongoing survival of our communities. Topics that will be explored include:

- Creating a local identity and sense of place;
- Attraction and tourism; and
- New innovation for increasing economic development



Many Australian local government authorities are leading the way in creating and improving the world environment through innovative and sustainable practices. Congress delegates can draw off the experience and knowledge imparted by leading authorities and their peers in the areas of:

- Shared responsibility,
- Environmental sustainability,
- Climate change, and
- The impacts of mining and renewable energy.

## President's foreword



Local government's place in the community as leaders in service delivery, economic development and sustainable practice has never been more relevant or more important.

The aging population, growing economic uncertainty and increased attention to climate change has caused increased competition for resources. The challenge for many local government leaders is to find new and more innovative ways of doing business so we can continue to be effective within our communities.

**Local Government: Creating our future...messages with solutions** is the theme for the 2009 LGMA National Congress & Business Expo in Darwin.

The congress will explore topical themes of culture, country and earth and provide delegates with a truly unique experience in one of Australia's most beautiful and cultural destinations.

The 2009 congress has again attracted high calibre presenters who will explore how we can go about creating our future through a combination of proven plenary, concurrent and interactive panel sessions and breakout workshops.

The associated networking opportunities and social activities provide added value to a program that you, your officers and elected officials cannot afford to miss!

Help create our future by becoming part of the solution and register your attendance today.

### Ray Pincombe FLGMA

LGMA National President & CEO, City of Unley, SA

The 2009 LGMA National Congress is a "Carbon Neutral" event



## Who should attend?

- ✓ Chief executives and general managers
- ✓ Senior managers and directors
- ✓ Elected council officials
- ✓ Those involved with:
  - Policy, strategic development, planning project development and management
  - Service design and delivery
  - Business assessment

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## 2009 Congress at a glance

All congress sessions will be held at the Darwin Convention Centre. Partners are welcome to attend the plenary sessions.

### Sunday 24th May

2.00pm Congress Registration (Convention Centre Foyer)  
5.00pm LGMA Annual General Meeting (Waterfront Room 2)  
6.00pm Welcome Reception (Exhibition Hall 1)  
8.00pm Evening Free

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10.00am - 2.00pm ^Partner's Tour - Darwin Surrounds Tour – see Congressplus partner's program for details  
6.45pm Pre Dinner Drinks and Congress Dinner (Exhibition Hall 4) – see Congressplus social program for details

### Tuesday 26th May

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9.00am - 3.00pm ^Partner's Tour – Territory Wildlife Park Tour – see Congressplus partner's program for details  
7.00pm ^Social Event – Crocosaurus Cove – see Congressplus social program for details

### Wednesday 27th May

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8.30am Morning Coffee/Tea (Exhibition Hall 1)  
9.00am - 2.00pm Delegates Program – Plenary and concurrent sessions and official close  
2.30pm - 5.00pm ^Workshop Sessions  
1. Managing the Generation Y Workforce (Meeting Room 1)  
2. Balancing Carbon - Implementing carbon friendly policies (Meeting Room 2)  
– see Congressplus supplementary program for details

### Thursday 28th May

9.00am - 4.30pm ^Darwin Study Tour – see Congressplus supplementary program for details

^ These events are optional and require separate registration and the payment of an additional fee.

Registration fees for optional events are non-refundable although substitutes may be provided.

## Congressplus at a glance



Congressplus is an exciting lowcost/no cost option that adds extraordinary value to your congress experience. For full details, turn to pages 9 to 12.

### Business Expo

The LGMA Business Expo makes good sense. It brings together representatives from Australia's leading suppliers of goods and services to local government under the one roof, at the one time. Demonstrations, product information and obligation free advice will ensure your council stays up-to-date with all the latest innovations and offerings in order to be of the most benefit to your community.

### The Wednesday Workshops

Attend a choice of Wednesday afternoon workshops. These sessions provide practical ideas and lessons on issues relevant to the local government sector.

### Study Tour

Following on from the congress and its themes – culture, country and earth – this insightful one day study tour will provide a unique opportunity to explore Darwin's cultural, structural and historical significance with an intimacy never before experienced.

### Entertainment | Relaxation

When the work is done you can relax and join the thriving congress social scene. The Congress Dinner is renowned as an extraordinary dining and entertainment experience. Be entertained by Alice Springs based singer/songwriter and photographer Barry Skipsy, then dance the night away to local band, The Seeds. You can also register to attend the fascinating guided tour of "Crocosaurus Cove." Get up close and personal with some of the world's most unique reptiles and sea creatures including a metre long barramundi and massive saltwater croc, before enjoying a three course dinner and music from a local jazz trio, Jazzmatazz.

### Partners Tours

A number of interesting diversions are available to delegate's partners. These include a personally guided tour through the beautiful and historic Darwin city. Visit many of Darwin's most treasured sights before joining an interactive demonstration of customary aboriginal basket weaving. Also on offer is the untamed wilderness of the Territory Wildlife Park. Not only do you see wildlife up-close in their natural habitats, but you meet them walking through tree top aviaries, strolling around the national lagoon and during daily presentations.

### Breakfast Meetings

Start the day catching up with old acquaintances or making new ones at the ICLEI Oceania Recognition Breakfast, the ICMA Members Breakfast or the Women in Local Government Networking Breakfast. These events provide excellent networking opportunities that should not be missed.





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Welcome Reception 6.00pm – 8.00pm (Exhibition Hall 1)

An excellent opportunity to renew acquaintances and view the exhibitions on offer before proceeding to dinner at a location of your choice.

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Monday 25th May

7:00am

^ICLEI Oceania Recognition and Briefing Breakfast – Please register directly with ICLEI

9:00am

Welcome and Opening Sessions – Welcome and Opening Sessions – National anthem by Essington School Choir, indigenous ceremony by One Mob – Different Country, official welcome and opening by His Honour the Administrator of the Northern Territory and update LGMA national issues by LGMA National President.

Congress Chairperson: Allan McGill, Former CEO, City of Darwin, NT

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10:00am

Keynote Address: Creating our political future

Natasha Stott Despoja, Former Senator and leader of the Australian Democrats


She was the youngest female ever elected to federal parliament. Now, former senator and leader of the Australian Democrats, Natasha Stott Despoja will speak at the LGMA national congress on how local government can take part in creating Australia's political future. Like many political figures within Australia today, Natasha understands that political representation is vital to maintaining a healthy democracy. The former senator's participation at the congress will bring a fresh, vibrant, but experienced approach to political discussion and debate. She will stimulate ideas on how we perceive the political space and approach politics on a national stage, and provoke debate on the future of politics in Australia and how local government will do business.



11:00am

Morning Tea – Exhibition Hall 1

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11:30am

Keynote Address: Shaping our demographic future

Bernard Salt, Australia's leading commentator on demographic-based business trends


Bernard Salt is a well known and sought after presenter for his insight and advice on consumer, culture and demographic trends. A partner in KPMG, his presence at the national congress will help us define and better understand Australia's demographic future and its affect on local government. Over the next 10-15 years our population is going to age significantly, and this will place significant pressures on local government services. Bernard will provide delegates with a clearer understanding about the emerging demographic of our communities, the ageing of our population, and the expected demand on many of our vital community services.



12:30pm

Lunch – Exhibition Hall 1

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COUNTRY Waterfront Room 1

1:30pm Session 1\*

Innovating new approaches to build social and economic opportunities in desert Australia

John Hulgen, Chief Executive, Desert Knowledge Australia

Working with, rather than against local conditions is essential if lasting social and economic development is to be achieved in desert Australia. And yet externally-developed 'solutions' are all too often imposed, with little long-term positive impact. John will outline how governance, management and business approaches must take into account local conditions and opportunities while remaining connected to the national context. He will outline how Desert Knowledge Australia applies these approaches to build business opportunities and new industries across the 70% of Australia that is desert and help develop local intercultural solutions to long-standing challenges.

Chairperson: John Coombe MLGMA, Chief Executive Officer, Alexandrina Council, SA

CULTURE Auditorium 2

Housing affordability: The role for local government?

Paul Kearsley, Director City Development, Monash City Council, VIC

Housing affordability is recognised by government and private sectors as not just a market failure, but also a structural failure. The pressure is on local government to improve planning processes to reduce the costs of housing. But will it work? And, what else can the local government sector do to alleviate this growing crisis?

This presentation will examine the responses by several local government authorities to a number of issues surrounding housing affordability, such as development facilitation, inclusionary zoning and the establishment of collaborative partnerships. The presentation will also examine possible solutions that involve important stakeholders including all three levels of government, the development industry and unions.

Chairperson: Ray Burton RLGMA, Chief Executive Officer, Townsville City Council, QLD

EARTH Waterfront Room 2

NSROC Regional Sustainability Plan

Barry Smith, General Manager, Hunters Hill Council, NSW


In order to respond effectively to communities needs, and provide leadership in the area of sustainability, all seven councils that make up the Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (NSROC) have developed, or are in the process of developing, their own sustainability plans. In producing their plans, the NSROC councils consulted widely with their communities to consider local sustainability issues and provide ways to measure and address them.

This highly interactive session will look at the areas of shared responsibility, the environment and sustainability from the following perspectives:

- How we tackle sustainability and its implications for governance, strategy and practice;
- Challenges to sustainability for local government;
- Fostering peer learning and exchange to support sustainable development in councils; and
- What an integrated approach to sustainable development might look like in local government?

Chairperson: Tracey Bradley MLGMA, Director Community Services, Waratah-Wynyard Council, TAS





Monday 25th May			
	COUNTRY Waterfront Room 1	CULTURE Auditorium 2	EARTH Waterfront Room 2
2:30pm Session 2*	<p><b>Social entrepreneurs and community enterprises</b> <i>Matt Pfahert and Mark McKenzie-McHarg, Mach II Consulting</i></p> <p>The idea of partnerships and collaboration between government, business and community has been touted as the 'new way' to build sustainable social capital for communities. At the same time, new terms like 'social entrepreneurship', 'venture philanthropy', 'community and social enterprise' and 'social marketing' have evolved. What do these terms mean and how are they changing the landscape of the local government sector?</p> <p>By looking at emerging models for delivery of social services both in Australia and abroad, this session will explore what it takes to build successful social enterprise and community enterprise partnerships. The presentation will also examine how local government can implement these new ways of doing business to build community capacity, connectedness and a better sense of belonging.</p> <p><i>Chairperson: John Goombe MLGMA, Chief Executive Officer, Alexandrina Council, SA</i></p>	<p><b>Stylin' Up: A joint initiative between the Brisbane City Council and indigenous community of Inala.</b> <i>Charlie Cuth, Manager Creative Communities Unit, Brisbane City Council</i></p> <p>Established in 2001, Stylin' Up is a long-term cultural, social and economic development initiative aimed at engaging indigenous young people through a high profile public event and workshop programs that revolves around design, sport, music and dance. The project, which culminated in one of the country's largest free Hip Hop, R'n'B music and dance festivals was developed in direct partnership between Brisbane City Council and the indigenous community of Inala. In 2008, the National Awards for Local Government acknowledged Stylin' Up as Australia's premier indigenous youth and community program with the Strengthening Indigenous Communities award. This interesting and effective presentation of best practice will emphasise the importance of developing strategic relationships between government, the arts and cultural sector and community in order to facilitate community ownership and build local community cultural capacity and empowerment at all levels.</p> <p><i>Chairperson: Ray Burton FLGMA, Chief Executive Officer, Townsville City Council, QLD</i></p>	<p><b>Indigenous Australia - Caring for country</b> <i>Wayne Bergmann, Chief Executive Officer, Kimberley Land Council, WA</i></p> <p>Kimberley Aboriginal people, through the Kimberley Land Council (KLC) have a vision to "get back country, look after country, and get control of the future." This vision directs the activities of the KLC. Significant success in "getting back country" has seen native title recognised over nearly 50% of the region. On both determined native title land and areas under claim, we established ranger programs to look after our country, and Indigenous Protected Areas to ensure our country is protected into the future. We operate a range of research, land management, fire regime, and other projects across the region. These initiatives employ and train traditional owner custodians of the land, providing opportunities to rebuild our society and provide a future for our children. Kimberley Traditional Owners direct the KLC in ensuring that Aboriginal people can make decisions about our country, can make a living from our country, and can pass our healthy country and our living culture on to future generations.</p> <p><i>Chairperson: Tracey Bradley MLGMA, Director Community Services, Waratah-Wynyard Council, TAS</i></p>
3:30pm	<b>Afternoon Tea - Exhibition Hall 1</b>		
4:00pm	<p><b>Panel Session: Financial sustainability - The Henry Tax Review and what it means for Local Government.</b> <i>Presenters: Jason McDonald, Manager, Australia's Future Tax System Review Secretariat, ACT; Adrian Beresford-Wylie, Chief Executive Officer, ALGA; Marianne De Gallonardo, Director Corporate Services, Maroondah City Council, VIC</i></p> <p>This panel session will explore the opportunities for "Australia's Future Tax System" and the potential impacts on local government.</p> <p><i>Facilitator: John Ravic FLGMA, Chief Executive, LGMA National</i></p>		
6:45pm	<p><b>Pre-Dinner Drinks and Congress Dinner (Exhibition Hall 4)</b></p> <p>This highlight of the social program presents fine dining with guest speaker <b>Matt McFadyen</b> and entertainment by Alice Springs based singer/songwriter/photographer, <b>Barry Skipsey</b>. Delegates can then dance the night away to local band, <b>The Seeds</b>. (The Congress Dinner is included in your congress registration fee - see <b>Congressplus</b> social program for details)</p>		
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Tuesday 26th May			
7:00am	<b>ICLEI Oceania Recognition and Briefing Breakfast - ICLEI registered delegates only</b>		
	COUNTRY Waterfront Room 1	CULTURE Auditorium 2	EARTH Waterfront Room 2
9:00am Session 3*	<p><b>Strategy for a global digital economy engagement - 2020</b> <i>Steve Harrison, Director Business and Economic Development, City of Prospect, SA</i></p> <p>The significant potential of the internet and digital economy to deliver socially inclusive wealth generation and improved well being for communities is very evident. The internet and digital economy are two of the great new social and economic forces changing the world as we know it at breath taking speed.</p> <p>The future sustainable prosperity and well being of our local communities will be determined, to a large degree by how well we can leverage global knowledge networks to collaborate, learn, innovate, develop and market our resources, products and services.</p> <p>This presentation outlines plans to engage communities in accessing and utilising internet and ecommerce technology as key platforms for creating a prosperous sustainable communities.</p> <p><i>Chairperson: Nick Clarke MLGMA, Manager Natural Environment, Brisbane City Council, QLD</i></p>	<p><b>Village life - Creating modern communities</b> <i>Mr Alofa Alamasaga Toafoa, former diplomat and Member of Parliament, Samoa; Cr John McInerney, City of Sydney, NSW; Cr Baranbi Wunungmurra, Shire President, East Arnhem Shire Council</i></p> <p>This two-hour interactive panel session will explore the principles of creating communities and how they are incorporated into modern planning and design works.</p> <p>Delegates will benefit from three very distinct and insightful presentations and discussions on how different systems of government create and preserve the traditional concepts of village life in order to meet local needs, while still interfacing with the modern world.</p> <p><i>Chairperson: John Bennie, MLGMA, Chief Executive Officer, City of Greater Dandenong, VIC</i></p>	<p><b>Switch your thinking!</b> <i>Jason Menzies, South East Regional Energy Group (SEREG)</i></p> <p>The <b>switch your thinking!</b> program was launched in June 2002 as a joint initiative between the Cities of Armadale and Gosnells and Serpentine Jarrahdale Shire - working together as SEREG, to promote energy and resource efficiency and greenhouse gas reduction in Perth's southeast. The program was devised as a mean of linking councils, the community and seemingly disparate projects and actions under one easily recognisable brand. The <b>switch your thinking!</b> program was awarded the 2008 Local Greenhouse Action award as part of the National Awards for Local Government.</p> <p>This presentation outlines the strategies employed by SEREG to engage the community and government and corporate partners in participating in programs that save water, energy and operating costs, and reduce regional emissions by 15% by the year 2010.</p> <p><i>Chairperson: Gary Evershed MLGMA, Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Augusta-Margaret River, WA</i></p>








Tuesday 26th May			
	COUNTRY Waterfront Room 1	CULTURE Auditorium 2	EARTH Waterfront Room 2
10:00am Session 4*	<p><b>Local government pathways to sustainable tourism</b> Ian Kean, Chief Executive Officer, Sustainable Tourism Cooperative Research Centre, Griffith University, QLD; Steward Moore, General Manager, EC3 Global</p> <p>It is important to note that tourism is not an industry in itself, rather an economic activity contributing to almost all of the traditional industries. Local governments can struggle to quantify tourism's value to their community, but new systems address the information gap help to accurately compare tourism with other industry contributions. However, the economic contribution of tourism is only part of the equation. Tourism has triple bottom line capacity, and if developed in a sustainable way, also delivers extensive social and environmental outcomes. This requires leadership and support, which is where local governments play a vital role. This session discusses the critical elements to developing a sustainable and manageable tourism program</p> <p>Chairperson: Nick Clarke MLGMA, Manager Natural Environment, Brisbane City Council, QLD</p>	<p>Continuation of session 3 - Village Life -- Creating modern communities</p> <p>Chairperson: John Bennis, MLGMA, Chief Executive Officer, City of Greater Dandenong, VIC</p>	<p><b>Stormwater recycling</b> Stephen Hains, Chief Executive Officer, City of Salisbury, SA</p> <p>The City of Salisbury has been on a journey of discovery for the last fifteen years in relation to the better use of urban stormwater. What began as a program of stormwater detention and creation of conservation habitat has now emerged as a significant business for the City, involving the capture, processing, underground storage, distribution and sale of most of the stormwater that falls on our streets.</p> <p>With a distribution network that now extends to all new residential estates, industries and school as well as council reserves, the City has been able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• significantly reduce Adelaide's take on the River Murray,</li> <li>• provide cheap and good quality water for the local community,</li> <li>• create important conservation opportunities, and</li> <li>• substantially reduce the ecological damage of polluted water in the marine environment, while at the same time, opening important business opportunities for council.</li> </ul> <p>This presentation will explore the reasons behind the establishment of the City of Salisbury's 'business' venture and its positive social, environmental and financial outcomes.</p> <p>Chairperson: Gary Evershed MLGMA, Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Augusta-Margaret River, WA</p>
11:00am	<b>Morning Tea</b> – Exhibition Hall 1		
11:30am	<p><b>Keynote Address – Creating our communities</b> Elliot McAdam, Former Northern Territory Minister for Local Government</p> <p>Former Northern Territory Local Government Minister, Elliot McAdam has a passion for delivering reform and recognises that change is critical to the future of the local government. Elliot was the driving force behind local government reform that addressed the future of the bush in the Northern Territory. He resigned his portfolio in sensational circumstances earlier this year after cabinet insisted on changes to his local government reform package. With the amalgamations in the top end now complete however, Elliot will present an insightful look into how we can create and preserve our communities in the face of ever-evolving political, economic and cultural environments.</p> <p>Sponsored by </p> 		
12:30pm	<b>Lunch</b> – Exhibition Hall 1		
1:30pm	<p><b>Panel session: Future proofing local communities</b> Presenters: Professor Rolf Gerritsen, Research Leader, Central Australia, Charles Darwin University; David Limardi, President ICMA (USA), City Manager, Highland Park, Illinois; Ross McLeod, Deputy President, SOLGM New Zealand, CEO estings District Council</p> <p>The global financial crises has been tsunami like in its impact across many countries. Whilst many central governments are putting together economic recovery packages local authorities are called upon to deal with the direct impact on their communities. This session will explore the international experience of local government practitioners coping with the impact of the global financial crises and what can be done to future proof our communities.</p> <p>Facilitator: Professor Rolf Gerritsen</p>		
3:00pm	<b>Afternoon Tea</b> – Exhibition Hall 1		
3:30pm	<p><b>Panel session: The business case for workforce diversity</b> Presenters: Gurilla Burrows, National Vice President, Engineers Australia; Candy Tymson, University of Sydney; Ray Chamberlain, Superintendent Workreadiness, Argyle Diamonds (Rio Tinto)</p> <p>Join our panel of leading authorities and practitioners address some of the issues and barriers councils face in increasing workforce diversity. This lively and interesting session will provoke discussion on business diversity reflecting community interests and the need to develop a business case to ensure the successful delivery of an effective workforce.</p> <p>Facilitator: Tony Tapsell, Chief Executive Officer, Local Government Association of NT</p>		
7:00pm	<p><b>^Social Event – Crocosaurus Cove</b> – Located within the Darwin CBD, guests will be presented with a guided tour of Crocosaurus Cove before dining on Northern Territory delights and being entertained by jazz band "Jazzmatazz".</p>		



Wednesday 28th May			
7.00am	<b>Women in Local Government Networking Breakfast</b> (Darwin Convention Centre, Room 3) – see <a href="#">Congressplus</a> supplementary program for details <i>Guest Presenter: Candy Tymson, Master of Human Resource Management &amp; Coaching, Sydney University &amp; Former Lady Mayoress of Sydney</i>		Sponsored by 
	<b>COUNTRY</b> Waterfront Room 1	<b>CULTURE</b> Auditorium 2	<b>EARTH</b> Waterfront Room 2
9.00am Session 5*	<b>Community decision making and the role of local government</b> <i>Dr Glenys Butler, Manager Community Strengthening, Wellington Shire Council, VIC</i>  Over the past four years Wellington Shire Council has been providing support to over twenty communities that are actively involved in influencing the priority setting of local government operations. This community influence is asserted in a strategic manner through the development and implementation of place based community plans that are endorsed and acted upon by council.  This presentation will outline the community planning model with primary focus on the principles that underpin its success. The information provided encourage and equip interested communities and local governments both in Australia and abroad to work more collaboratively with communities to achieve a range of positive community strengthening outcomes.  <i>Chairperson: Marianne Di Galliano, MLGMA, Director Corporate Services, Marondah City Council, VIC</i>	<b>Preserving indigenous culture</b> <i>Rosale Kunoth – Monks GAA, Shire President, Barkly Shire Council, NT</i>  For many Australians, access to adequate housing, education and health is a common right. Yet, for the residents of many remote communities in northern Australia, access to the most simple of human amenities is a constant and daily struggle. In October 2006, the Northern Territory government announced a major local government reform to improve and expand the delivery of services to towns and communities by establishing eight new shires. In 2008, Rosale Kunoth-Monks, a respected and admired indigenous and community leader was elected President of the newly formed Barkly Shire Council.  Ms Kunoth-Monks set about 'bridging the gap' between people living in larger urban towns and those living in more remote communities, and between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians.  While the goal of the reform is to bring about a model of improved services and social structure that promotes health and harmony, the immediate reality for those living in more remote communities is completely different.  This presentation will provide delegates with an insight into the strategies Barkly Shire Council are trying to implement that not only preserve indigenous culture, but maintain a basic standard of living for many of their residents in the face of financial, social and cultural adversity.  <i>Chairperson: Paul West FLGMA, General Manager, Kingborough Council, TAS</i>	<b>Carbon friendly country</b> <i>Facilitated by Professor Anthony Cheshire, Executive Director, Balance Carbon Pty Ltd.</i>  The carbon constrained future presents many challenges to local government that cut across their financial, social and environmental responsibilities. Pressure will come from issues such as a cost on carbon emissions, the need and opportunity to establish new business models and the need to manage the physical impacts of climate change on both business and communities. The physical impacts of climate change will have clear environmental, economic and social impacts, and the regulatory context will present financial challenges. Local governments need to have a clear understanding of the international, national and local context of these challenges if they are to effectively manage their responsibilities to the benefit of their local communities.
10.00am Session 6*	<b>Youth Led Rescue</b> <i>Shane Thompson, Marketing &amp; Strategic Projects Manager, Rural City of Murray Bridge, SA</i>  The Rural City of Murray Bridge enjoyed great success at the 2008 National Awards for Local Government with their two projects: Youth Led Rescue and the Murraylands Community of Youth Services being named joint winners of the National Award for Innovation. These youth focussed projects also won their respective categories in youth engagement and health and well-being. This presentation will demonstrate how your council projects can win national awards and what it means to your community, by looking at the innovative creation of a place of identity, tourism and economic development.  <i>Chairperson: Marianne Di Galliano, MLGMA, Director Corporate Services, Marondah City Council, VIC</i>	<b>Planning for social infrastructure in local government</b> <i>Bernie Cronin, Director Community Development, Wyndham City Council, VIC</i>  Over the last 10 years, Australian cities are experiencing rapid urban growth, particularly on the urban fringe. There is an enormous challenge to plan, design, construct and fund the range of services and community facilities needed to provide communities with vital amenities and the quality of life they expect in a timely manner.  Five of Melbourne's growth councils, led by Wyndham City Council jointly with relevant state agencies recently completed a detailed assessment of community infrastructure requirements including leisure, recreation, early childhood, community centres, open space, youth and aged facilities etc – and the standards and rates of provision. This assessment provided an invaluable resource for all involved in planning future services and facilities.  This presentation will examine the findings of the project, <i>Planning Community Infrastructure in Growth Areas</i> , and the opportunities for implementation in other council areas.  <i>Chairperson: Paul West FLGMA, General Manager, Kingborough Council, TAS</i>	<i>Chairperson: Paul Bennett FLGMA, Director, Organisational Services, Dubbo City Council, NSW</i>
11.00am	<b>Morning Tea</b> – Exhibition Hall 1		Sponsored by 

## 2009 Congress Program

Wednesday 28th May		
11:30am	<p><b>Keynote Address – Creating our workforce</b>  <i>Peter Sheahan, Australia's expert in workforce trends and generational change</i></p> <p>At just 30 years of age, Peter has established a globally recognised brand as a leading expert in workforce trends and generational change, and is a veteran of over 2000 keynote appearances. In keeping with the congress theme, local government...creating our future; messages with solutions, Peter will present an engaging and unique address on how local government can identify areas of untapped potential within their current workforce to improve their organisations. His keynote presentation 'Creating our workforce' will also provide insight as to how individual councils can harness the Gen Y phenomenon to convert that potential into performance and then engage with key individuals at all levels to make it a reality.</p>	 <small>Sponsored by</small> 
12:30pm	<p><b>Keynote Address – Recreating Communities</b>  <i>Trisha Broadbridge, 2004 Tsunami survivor and 2006 Young Australian of the year.</i></p> <p>In many ways, Trisha Broadbridge is an ambassador for Australia in the Asia Pacific. She has overcome personal tragedy to regroup and show her strong empathy for people in need. Trisha survived the 2004 Boxing Day Tsunami, which killed 300,000 people including her husband, AFL football player, Troy Broadbridge. In its aftermath, she courageously assisted in the rebuilding process in Thailand by building a centre for youth on Phi Phi Island. Trisha's story is one of strength and resilience over something so unbelievably traumatic; the loss of a partner, people dying and the sheer Tsunami devastation. Trisha will share with us her story of survival, loss and growth, and how one person can make a difference to a whole community, in the face of adversity.</p>	 <small>Sponsored by</small> 
1:30pm	<p><b>Conclusion of Congress and handover of LGMA National Presidency to Neil Hartley FLGMA, Chief Executive Officer, Town of Kwinana, WA</b></p>	
2:00pm	<p><b>Lunch</b> – Convention Centre foyer to include drawing of Sponsor and Exhibitor raffles. \$55's is prizes and only delegates in the draw.</p>	
2:30pm	<p><b>Workshop Sessions:</b></p> <p>1) <b>Managing the Generation Y Workforce</b> (Meeting Room 2)  <i>Facilitated by Peter Sheahan, Australia's expert in workforce trends and generational change</i></p> <p>2) <b>Balancing Carbon, Climate and Country</b> (Meeting Room 3)  <i>Facilitated by Professor Anthony Cheshire, Executive Director, Balance Carbon Pty Ltd.</i></p> <p>See <a href="#">Congressplus</a> supplementary program for details</p>	

\* Delegates have the opportunity to choose which session – country, culture or earth and workshops they wish to attend. Each session will explore examples of leading practices on new ways of doing business to ensure the on-going survival of our communities. Presentations will be made by national and international delegates who work in and around the local government sectors.

^ These events are optional and require separate registration and the payment of an additional fee.





## Congressplus Supplementary Program

### Monday 25th May

7.00am – 8.30am (Darwin Convention Centre)

### ICLEI OCEANIA RECOGNITION AND BRIEFING BREAKFAST

*Meeting today's challenges for tomorrow's world*

Across Australia ICLEI Oceania is working with local councils tackling climate change and sustainable outcomes. Councils participating in the Cities for Climate Protection program, the Water Campaign and the TBL Capacity Building program will be recognised for their achievements in meeting the challenge of climate change and a sustainable future. To register for this event, please contact: Events Team, ICLEI Oceania (03) 9639 8688 or events-anz@iclei.org.

### Tuesday 26th May

7.00am – 8.30am (Crowne Plaza Hotel, Signatures)

(cost \$45)

### ICMA MEMBERS BREAKFAST

This is an informal networking breakfast at which ICMA Service Awards will be presented to eligible members. All delegates with an interest in local government internationally are welcome to register to attend.

### Wednesday 27th May

7.00am – 8.30am (Darwin Convention Centre, Waterfront Room 3)

(cost \$45)

### WOMEN IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT NETWORKING BREAKFAST

In an overwhelming show of solidarity, representatives from local, state and commonwealth governments, local government associations and peak professional bodies designated 2010 as the Year of Women in Local Government. This event will provide delegates an opportunity to register and support women in local government at a networking breakfast meeting. A prominent keynote speaker will address the delegation on the benefits and barriers to advancing women into senior management positions.

### Wednesday 27th May

2.30pm – 5.00pm (Meeting Room 2)

(cost \$75)

### WORKSHOP 1: HARNESSING THE GEN Y WORKFORCE

*Facilitated by Peter Sheahan, Australia's expert in workforce trends and generation change.*

Economic uncertainty has barely put a dent in the confidence of Generation Y. Even as the economy slows, Gen Y continues to demand more meaning, more opportunity and more inspiring leadership. Understanding these new demands is at the centre of what it means to be a good leader and manager.

In this highly interactive workshop, you be given the opportunity to speak openly about the challenges and opportunities you see with the changing nature of the Local Government workforce. Peter Sheahan will walk you through the mindsets that drive their behaviour so you can better attract, manage and engage this generation in your organisation. Specifically, he will:

- Give an insightful introduction into the REAL differences between generations in the workplace, debunking some of what you will have heard about this topic
- Examine what other external and internal factors are contributing to the intensity of this generational shift, including the current economic climate, and consider what the next few years will be like
- Show how the Gen Y mindset is trending upwards and completely changing the psychological contract which exists between organisation and employee
- Explore how to get more mature workers and younger workers working together
- Identify existing structural and cultural barriers to fully engaging this generation at work, offering alternative perspectives and models on management style and career development.
- Consider the role of technology moving forward, helping manager and leaders to understand the human element behind new technology, rather than over-hyping the technology itself
- How to tap into the collaborative nature of the new generation to drive innovation and creativity in the organization

2.30pm – 5.00pm (Meeting Room 3)

(cost \$75)

### WORKSHOP 2: BALANCING CARBON, CLIMATE AND COUNTRY

*Facilitated by Professor Anthony Cheshire, Executive Director, Balance Carbon Pty Ltd.*

This workshop will develop an understanding of the processes that Local Governments need to implement in order to better manage their carbon risk and to mitigate their carbon emissions. The workshop will lead managers through the steps required to complete the three key actions: Measure your Carbon Footprint (define operational control and quantify emissions); Manage your Carbon Risk (reporting obligations, strategies, policies and management Plans); Mitigate your Carbon Emissions (energy efficiency, renewable energy, carbon abatement and offsets).

Discussion will refer to obligations and challenges in relation to both the National Greenhouse Energy Reporting Act and the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme.

## Congressplus Study Tour

Wednesday 28th May

9.00am - 4.30pm

(cost \$110)

### DARWIN STUDY TOUR - SITE INSPECTIONS AND TECHNICAL BRIEFINGS

The City of Darwin has a unique history, influenced by natural disasters and war but, like most other cities faces contemporary challenges. This one day tour will provide an insight into Darwin based issues and topics, most of which are shared by other cities.

**D**efence of Australia (today)

**A**boriginal enterprise development

**R**egional growth and planning

**W**orld War II – Australia's Pearl Harbour

**I**nfrastructure (Infrastructure Australia)

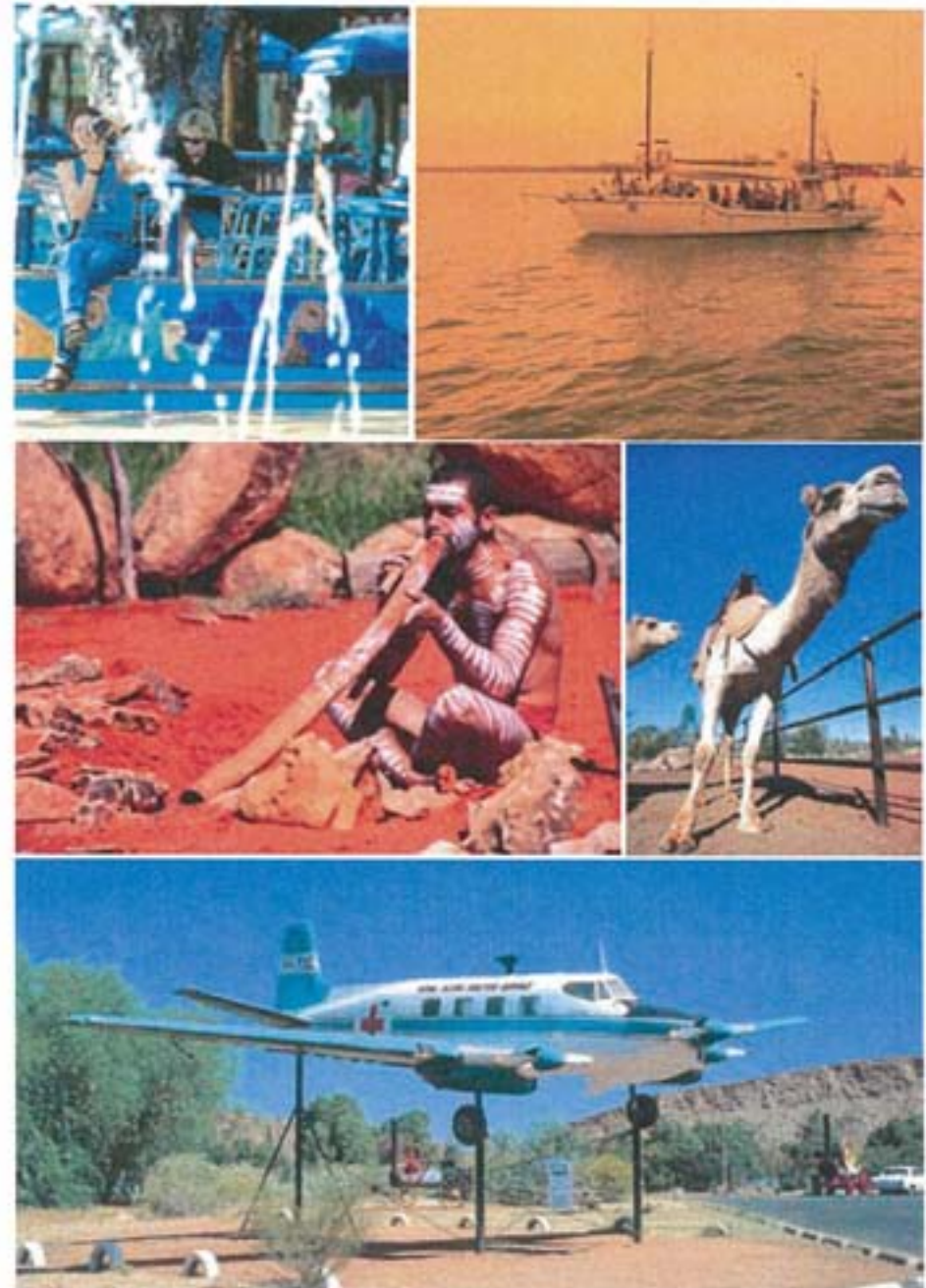
**N**atural disasters (coastal erosion, climate change etc.)

The tour will visit sites with experts to provide briefings on:

- coastal cliff erosion and sea water inundation;
- planning for rapid growth of an urban area (and the adjacent region) infrastructure, social issues etc.
- Larrakeyah Development Corporation (an Aboriginal organisation with a focus on enterprise development).
- WWII sites where Australia was attacked in 1942.

Briefings will be provided by experts in the relevant area and will include the Hon. Austin Asche (retired Chief Justice), the Chair and/or Chief Executive Officer of the Larrakeyah Development Corporation, the Lord Mayor of Darwin, Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Infrastructure and Planning and the Commanding Officer, Northern Command, Australian Defence Forces.

Transportation will depart from the Crowne Plaza Hotel at 9.00am picking up from the Holiday Inn Hotels and returning by 4.30pm.





## Congressplus Social Program

Sunday 24th May

6.00pm – 8.00pm (Darwin Convention Centre, Exhibition Hall 1)

### WELCOME RECEPTION

The reception will commence at 6.00pm, concluding at 8.00pm. An excellent opportunity to renew acquaintances and view the exhibitions on offer before proceeding to dinner at a location of your choice.

*(The welcome reception is included in the full registration fee paid by delegates. Other guests are to register and pay the fee of \$55 if they wish to attend).*

The welcome reception is proudly sponsored by



Monday 25th May

6.45pm – 11.45pm (Darwin Convention Centre, Exhibition Hall 4)

### CONGRESS DINNER

The congress dinner is renowned as a great dining and entertainment experience for all congress delegates and guests. The evening will commence at 6.45pm with pre-dinner drinks and conversation on the Concourse. Guests will then be invited into the main dining hall at 7.30pm. During dinner, guests will be enthralled listening to the adventures of Matt McFadyen, Polar region explorer extraordinaire.

Following dinner, world class entertainment will commence with award-winning, Alice Springs-based singer/songwriter and photographer, Barry Skipsey. Barry's Red Centre Show is a truly unique, local and memorable experience designed and produced for those visiting the beautiful and much-romanticised central Australia. Through imagery and song, the Red Centre Show covers the life, love and landscape of the Northern Territory as interpreted through Barry's eyes.

Delegates and guests can then dance the night away to local band, The Seeds. The Seeds are a vibrant three-piece, Darwin based band comprising brothers, Max and Clay Fredericks, and guitarist Bob Christian. Since coming together in 2005, The Seeds have become firm favourites with their audience. Boasting clever harmonies and an enviable stage presence, they never fail to impress.

*(The Congress Dinner is included in the full registration fee paid by delegates. Other guests are to register and pay the fee of \$150 if they wish to attend).*

The congress dinner is proudly sponsored by



Tuesday 26th May

7.00pm – 10.30pm (Crococaurus Cove, Darwin CBD) (Cost \$150)

### CROCOSAURUS COVE

You will arrive by own means at Crococaurus Cove by 7.00 p.m. for a guided tour of Darwin's newest attraction. Get a unique up close, personal view of massive saltwater crocs, crocodile hatchlings, juvenile crocs and the world's largest display of Australian reptiles. View everything from goannas, geckos, turtles and lizards through to rare pythons and some of the world's most venomous snakes.

Learn all about crocodiles in the "World of Crocs" area which is packed with interesting interactive exhibits, many life like models and crocodile remnants as well as nature based documentaries which run on plasma screens showing fantastic "footage" of these amazing creatures.

Enjoy the underwater world within the 200,000 litre freshwater aquarium and witness 'metre long' Barramundi being fed by divers along with 15 other species of freshwater fish and turtles, all within the city's CBD.

Against the back drop of Turtle Sanctuary, you will enjoy pre-dinner beverages with canapés, a delicious 3 course dinner served with beer, wine and soft drinks and entertainment by trio jazz band, Jazzamatazz.

This spectacular evening should not be missed and is sure to be a highlight of your conference experience.

For further information please visit: [www.crococauruscove.com](http://www.crococauruscove.com)



## Congressplus Partners Program

Monday 25th May

10.00am – 2.00pm

(Cost \$80)

### DARWIN SURROUNDS TOUR

Your bus will collect you from your congress hotel at 10.00 a.m. and take you to Government House for morning tea and a tour of the house and gardens. Government House is the oldest European building in the Northern Territory, surviving both WW11 bombing raids and Cyclone Tracy in 1974. Built in 1870 the residence was declared a heritage place in 1996.

After Government House the bus will take you on a brief tour of Darwin including the Botanical Gardens, East Point Reserve and then to the Museum and Art Gallery. You will have free time to explore the NT's premier cultural institution which includes the region's art, history, culture, and natural history in an Australian and international context through research, interpretation and collection development. These collections encompass Aboriginal art and material culture, visual arts, craft, Southeast Asian and Oceanic art and material culture, maritime archaeology, Northern Territory history and natural sciences.

Demonstration of traditional aboriginal basket weaving techniques including the preparation and drying of the pandanus leaves. This interactive session will be hosted by the traditional owners of this land – the Larrakia Nation.

The bus will depart the museum for the Darwin Sailing Club overlooking the shores of the Beagle Gulf in the Arutara Sea where a buffet lunch will be served.

The bus will depart the sailing club and either returns you to your hotel or drops you off at the top of the Smith Street Mall for some retail therapy. The locals highly recommend Di Croco and Paspaley Pearls!!



Tuesday 26th May

9.00am – 3.00pm

(Cost \$95)

### TERRITORY WILDLIFE PARK

Your bus will collect you from your congress hotel at 9.00 a.m. and take you out to the Territory Wildlife Park situated at Berry Springs, a 45 minute drive south of Darwin's CBD, and conveniently located next door to Berry Springs Nature Reserve. The Territory Wildlife Park truly is the territory's wildest wildlife experience!

At the Territory Wildlife Park, not only do you see wildlife up-close in their natural habitats, you meet them walking through tree top aviaries, strolling around a natural lagoon and even get to interact with them during daily presentations. You can stroll beneath the surface of a walk-through aquarium and meet some of the Top End's most amazing aquatic life.

Your own personal guide will escort you around the park to explain the exhibits at the Park that reflect the natural habitats of the region's animals, and the unique nature of the surrounding bushland. Behind the scenes, Zookeepers conduct scientific research, including breeding programs for some of the Top End's endangered wildlife, the tracking of threatened species, as well as exhibit management.

A BBQ lunch will be served with a special animal encounter.

The bus will depart the park at approx. 2.00pm, and call into Berry Springs for a brief stop (a swim is optional) before returning to Darwin by 3.00pm.





## Where to stay

### Crowne Plaza Darwin

★★★★★

Crowne Plaza Darwin is located in the CBD and is perfectly located to provide convenient accommodations to travellers and the new rooms will ensure the Crowne Plaza remains the hotel of choice for the business traveller in Darwin. The majestic foyer offers superior service in luxurious surrounds, complimented by excellent hotel facilities and friendly attentive staff. Facilities include an outdoor pool, business centre and high speed internet access.

### Holiday Inn Esplanade

★★★★★

Relaxation is an art form in Darwin and at Holiday Inn Esplanade Darwin this is complemented by a touch of tropical elegance and efficient, friendly guest service. The hotel is perfectly positioned on Darwin's Esplanade, in the CBD, and is only a leisurely five minute walk to the heart of the city's shopping district.

### Mantra on the Esplanade

★★★★★

Mantra on the Esplanade offers guests an unrivalled location near Darwin Harbour and the convenience of close proximity to Darwin's CBD. The property boasts panoramic views across the harbour, out to the Arafura Sea and presents the ideal vantage point from which to experience a famous Northern Territory sunset. Apartments feature a large private balcony, fully-equipped kitchen and laundry and the convenience of an in-room office in selected apartments, providing modem and facsimile plus ISD/STD direct dial phones and voice mail message services.

### Mantra Pandanus

★★★★★

Darwin's newest hotel, located in the heart of Darwin, combines sophisticated city chic with Darwin's famous laid back, tropical culture. Mantra Pandanus is supremely appointed with modern contemporary décor and luxury amenities. Each apartment includes a private balcony offering panoramic views across Darwin Harbour and Darwin city skyline. Apartments include a fully-equipped kitchen and laundry with selected apartments providing guests with modem and facsimile lines plus ISD/STD direct dial phones and voice mail message service.

### Holiday Inn Darwin

★★★★★

The ideal place to stay and experience the friendliness of this famous Top End City. Holiday Inn Darwin occupies a unique location on the end of The Esplanade. Step outside onto the deep blue of Darwin harbour where The Arafura Sea stretches out before you, decide whether to take a stroll along the waterfront, parkland or walk into town for business or shopping.

### Palms City Resort

★★★★★

The Palms City Resort offers the very best in corporate and leisure accommodation conveniently located on the picturesque Esplanade in the heart of Darwin's CBD. It overlooks Darwin Harbour and parkland foreshores and is in close proximity to the Cenotaph and Parliament House.

### Novotel Atrium

★★★★★

Located in the city centre, overlooking Darwin Harbour, the hotel is a short stroll to the dining and entertainment precinct of Mitchell Street. Novotel Atrium features a magnificent tropical indoor rainforest, complete with cascading vines, palm trees, and the soothing sound of running water. There is a restaurant, bar, swimming pool and spa.

### Darwin Central Hotel

★★★★★

The Darwin Central Hotel is a contemporary boutique hotel located in the heart of Darwin City. The hotel is within easy walking distance to cinemas, theatres, nightclubs, restaurants and shopping. Amidst all the bustle, the Darwin Central Hotel is devoted to providing a city sanctuary that when entered reveals a surprisingly sophisticated space where guests can relax in comfort and style. The hotel features beautifully appointed rooms (many with kitchenettes) furnished with state of the art décor to create a modern, cool and relaxing ambience.

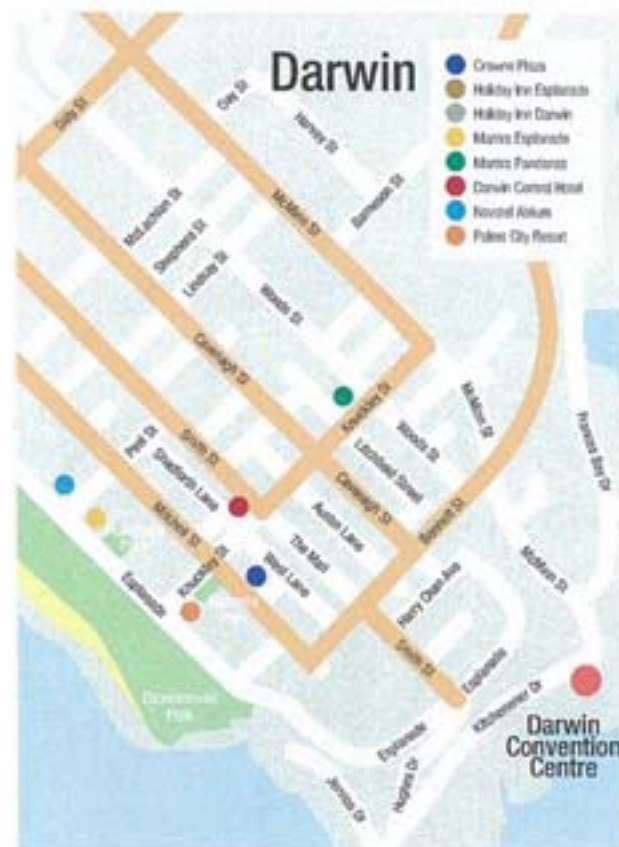
*All hotels listed are only a short stroll from the vibrant Mitchell Street with it's plethora of restaurants, pubs, nightclubs, night markets, theatres and entertainment centre and the Smith Street shopping district, where you'll find everything you need, from souvenir shops to Paspaley Pearls. Hotels proximity to airport - 15-20 minutes. Taxi fare approximately \$25.00.*

## How to get there

### By Air

Check with your local travel agent regarding air line carriers.

It is recommended that you book early to secure preferred flights.





## Additional Information

### Venue

The Darwin Convention Centre will be the venue for the 2009 Congress which will incorporate a full trade exhibition in Exhibition Hall 1.

Darwin Convention Centre  
Stokes Hill Road  
Darwin NT 0800  
Ph: +61 8 8923 9000  
Fax: +61 8 8923 9199

### Congress Registration

An Early Bird registration is provided to allow delegates to take advantage of early booking prices. To receive the Early Bird registration discount, your registration is to be received by VS Event Management by 10th April 2009. Late registration fees apply for congress registrations received after this date.

Online registration is available at [www.lgma.org.au/nationalcongress](http://www.lgma.org.au/nationalcongress)

Acknowledgement of your registration will be provided by VS Event Management. Should you have any questions regarding registration and accommodation contact VS Event Management  
Telephone: +61 0408 838 482  
Fax: +61 8 8981 7241 or  
Email: [lgmacongress@vseventmanagement.com.au](mailto:lgmacongress@vseventmanagement.com.au)

### Concurrent Session Registration

You can choose any one of the three concurrent sessions for each time slot and you do not have to stick with one stream throughout the Congress.

### Panel Sessions

The Panel Session titled Carbon Friendly Country is focused towards delegates from regional and rural councils and has limited attendance for the first 100 delegates to register.

### Social Program

Registration in the full delegate's congress program includes registration for the welcome reception on the Sunday evening and congress dinner on the Monday evening. Accompanying persons or additional guests and people registering as a day delegate are required to register separately and pay for these events. Other Congressplus events will require separate registration and an additional payment by all Congress attendees and guests. These events may have restricted attendance numbers and please note that there will be no refund on cancellations. Substitutes may be provided.

### Special Requirements

Delegates with specific requirements such as prescribed medical diets are requested to advise their requirements on the registration form. Where possible, arrangements will be made to cater for your needs.

### Dress

Conference day dress / Crocosaurus Cove – Territory informal (Gentlemen: Neat casual trousers, open neck shirt : Ladies: Neat casual).

Congress dinner – Territory rig (Gentlemen: long trousers, long or short sleeve shirt. Tie optional. Ladies: Day dress / after five)

### Parking

Free parking is available on site at the Darwin Convention Centre.

### Accommodation

See page 13 for further details.

### Congress Transport

A shuttle coach will run between congress hotels and the Darwin Convention Centre for conference sessions and the congress dinner.

Coach transport will be provided for partner's tours and the study tour from Congress hotels. Please refer to the congress program / newsletter provided at the event for departure details.

Crocosaurus Cove is located within the Darwin CBD and no transport is provided as hotels are in easy walking distance.

### Trade Exhibition

A wide range of exhibitors will be displaying their products and services throughout the Congress in the Exhibition Area (Exhibition Hall 1). Morning coffee, morning and afternoon teas and lunch will be located in the Exhibition Hall to allow delegates and their guests to view the exhibition at their leisure.



### Congress Support

LGMA gratefully acknowledges the support of all sponsors and participants in the trade exhibition.

LGMA also appreciates the contribution by VS Events Management, Northern Territory Convention Bureau and the Darwin Convention Centre in the organisation of the Congress.









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& BUSINESS EXPO

... and finally, another reason to register: the LGMA Business Expo brings together representatives from Australia's leading suppliers to local government. Demonstrations, product information and obligation free advice – all in one location will ensure your council stays up-to-date with all the latest innovations and offerings in order to be of the most benefit to your community.



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## **8 GOVERNANCE**

### **8.2 OFFICER'S REPORTS**

#### **8.2.3 Status of Grant Funding Application**

Report No. 09TC0027 BD:jp (07/05/09) Common No.1572185

*Report Number 09TC0027 attached*



ENCL: YES

**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL**

DATE: 12/05/09

**REPORT****TO:** 1<sup>ST</sup> ORDINARY COUNCIL/OPEN**APPROVED:** BD**FROM:** CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**APPROVED:** AH**REPORT NO:** 09TC0027**APPROVED:****COMMON NO:** 1572185**SUBJECT:** STATUS OF GRANT FUNDING APPLICATIONS**ITEM NO: 8.2.3****SYNOPSIS:**

The following report provides an update on the status of all current grant applications that Council has recently applied for including the purpose of the grant.

**GENERAL:**

Successfully obtaining grant funding is an important function for Council. Sourcing additional funding provides Council a mechanism for delivering key projects that are aligned to achieving our Evolving Darwin, Towards 2020 Strategic Plan. Without this additional source of revenue many of these initiatives could not be completed within Council's approved budget.

As at 7 May 2009, Darwin City Council has been successful in obtaining a total of \$4,044,854 in grant funding (4 projects) with a further \$5,827,000 (9 projects) waiting to be assessed, totalling \$9,871,854.

Where possible, a specific efforts are made to partner with our neighbouring Councils, other Territory Government agencies or community groups when applying for grant funding.

Many of the project selected for grant applications are as a result of a previous Council decision. Where it is a new project (not previously scoped by Council), Elected Members are made aware either through individual Council resolutions or specific Council reports are presented to Council for endorsement prior to submitting the application. However, this process is not always practical due to the very short times provided for submitting these applications.

The purpose of this report is to provide the Elected Members with a progress report on the status of all current grant applications (see **Attachment A**).

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### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The success rate of obtaining grant funding should outweigh the costs (staff time) of applying for the grants. Any grant applications submitted that include a Darwin City Council financial contribution are sourced from the existing budget.

### **EVOLVING DARWIN, TOWARDS 2020 IMPLICATIONS:**

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Outcomes of the Evolving Darwin, Towards 2020 Strategic Plan:

## **7 OPEN AND RESPONSIBLE GOVERNANCE**

### **7.1 Effective Governance**

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

### **DELEGATION:**

Nil

### **CONSULTATION:**

N/A

### **PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:**

N/A

### **APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE**

N/A

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- A. THAT Report Number 09TC0027 entitled Status of Grant Funding Applications, be received and noted.

**ANNE HAMMOND**  
**MANAGER STRATEGY AND**  
**OUTCOMES**

**BRENDAN DOWD**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Any queries on this report may be directed to Anne Hammond on 5531



# STATUS OF CURRENT GRANT APPLICATIONS

# ATTACHMENT A

Project Title	Project Description	Funding Agency	Funding \$	Council's Contribution	Other funding partners		Date submitted	Status	Comments
Zero Toads - Community Control of Invasive Cane toads in Darwin	Continuation of cane toad control strategies to protect biodiversity and natural icons, protect critical aquatic habitats and continue to foster community skills, knowledge and engagement.	Caring for Our Country, Dept of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts, Aust Govt	\$86,418	\$39,500	\$41,680	Frog Watch (North)	30/06/2008	Funding was successful.	First 2 milestones payments have been received buy Council. Project will be completed by 30 June 2009
Protecting the primary dunes of Mindil Beach	Protect and enhance the primary dune system at Mindil Beach through weed removal, erecting fences, managing access to the beach and holding a community event to revegetate the area.	Caring for Our Country, Dept of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts, Aust Govt	\$45,436	\$28,830	\$8,747 \$2,378 \$909	Larrakia Nation Greening Australia Mindil Beach Sunset Markets	25/07/2008	Funding was successful.	Monies received. Project will be completed by 30/05/2009
Darwin Entertainment Centre - Public Lift Refurbishment	Upgrade the current system with an electronic control system.	Dept of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development & Local Government Aust Govt	\$313,000	Nil	N/A	N/A	30/01/2009	Funding was successful.	All Councils received once off funding based on a specific calculated methodology. Project must be completed by 30/09/2009.

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Project Title	Project Description	Funding Agency	Funding \$	Council's Contribution	Other funding partners		Date submitted	Status	Comments
Strategic Coastal Management Plan for the Darwin Harbour region	To have all Council operations assessed to understand future impacts on our infrastructure and services and also enagaing expert assistance to develop a long term, comprehensive "Strategic Coastal Management Plan for the Darwin Harbour region.	Local Adaptation Pathway Program Dept of Climate Change, Aust Govt	\$140,000	\$30,000	\$10,000	Palmerston City Council	25/02/2009	Unknown	It is probable that Council has been unsuccessful with this application. The Coastal Management Plan has been reapplied for under the DLGH Special Purpose Grant.
City Centre Revitalisation Project	Specifically the project will include hard and soft landscaping, street furniture, architectural structures, public art, signage and services in key areas throughout the CBD.	Dept of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development & Local Government Aust Govt	\$4,900,000 applied for. Rec'd \$3,600,000	\$1,150,000 + \$75,518 in-kind contribution (Project Mgmt)	\$1,750,000  \$800,00	Dept of Planning & Infrastructure (NTG)  Private Developer	6/03/2009	Funding was successful.	Announced 07/05/09
Youth Precinct Development	Completion of Detailed Design Building Plans for the proposed Youth Precinct	Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 Attorney-General's Dept, Aust Govt	\$500,000	In kind support through project management, promotional and marketing activities and printing costs	N/A	N/A	20/03/2009	Assessment of applications underway.	The Dept have advised that it is at the Minister's discretion when successful applications will be announced -may not be for a number of months as over 600 applications were received.

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Project Title	Project Description	Funding Agency	Funding \$	Council's Contribution	Other funding partners		Date submitted	Status	Comments
People and Place: Protecting Remnant Coastal Habitats for the Darwin Area	Engage Larrakia Nation to undertake biodiversity surveys and recording of species; habitat restoration, revegetation, weed and feral animal control, protection and stabilisation of sand dunes and protect heritage values of the area.	Working on Country, Dept of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts, Aust Govt	\$3,192,000 (4 years)	In kind support through project management and mentoring	N/A	N/A	1/05/2009	Assessment of applications underway.	Timeframes not yet available for announcement of successful projects
Gardens Road Cemetery Site Restoration	Undertake the upgrade of the drainage infrastructure in the South East corner of the cemetery where pooling of water occurs each wet season .	Heritage Branch, Dept of Natural Resources, Environment, the Arts and Sport, NTG	\$30,000	\$10,000	N/A	N/A	1/05/2009	Assessment of applications underway.	Timeframes not yet available for announcement of successful projects
Pioneer Cemetery Restoration Works	Headstone and grave site restoration	Heritage Branch, Dept of Natural Resources, Environment, the Arts and Sport, NTG	\$30,000	Nil	N/A	N/A	1/05/2009	Assessment of applications underway.	Timeframes not yet available for announcement of successful projects
Strategic Coastal Management Plan for the Darwin Harbour region	The project is to seek expert assistance to develop a long term, comprehensive "Strategic Coastal Management Plan for the Darwin Harbour region.	Special Purpose Grant, Dept of Local Govt & Housing, NTG	\$175,000		N/A	N/A	8/05/2009	Development of application underway	Timeframes not yet available for announcement of successful projects

**STATUS OF CURRENT GRANT APPLICATIONS**
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Project Title	Project Description	Funding Agency	Funding \$	Council's Contribution	Other funding partners		Date submitted	Status	Comments
Connecting Darwin: Building New Cycle Linkages	This project will deliver the installation of new bike pods, new signage and the development of new bikes paths connecting key points within Darwin	Cycle Path Fund, Dept of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development & Local Govt, Aust Govt	\$1,460,000	\$1,460,000	N/A	N/A	22/05/2009	Development of application underway	Timeframes not yet available for announcement of successful projects
TBA	TBA	Infrastructure Employment Projects (Jobs Fund), Dept of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts, Aust Govt	Approx \$150k		N/A	N/A	23/05/2009	Development of application underway	Timeframes not yet available for announcement of successful projects
TBA	TBA	Heritage Projects (Jobs Fund), Dept of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts, Aust Govt	\$20,000 up to \$2m (Will apply for approx \$150k)	TBA	TBA	TBA	22/05/2009	Development of application underway	Timeframes not yet available for announcement of successful projects
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>13 PROJECTS</b>		<b>\$9,871,854</b>	<b>\$2,793,848</b>	<b>\$2,613,714</b>				

## **8 GOVERNANCE**

### **8.2 OFFICER'S REPORTS**

#### **8.2.4 TOPROC Meeting Minutes**

Report No. 09TC0028 BD:jp (07/05/09) Common No.1549468

*Report Number 09TC0028 attached*

ENCL: YES

**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL  
REPORT**

DATE: 12/05/09

TO: 1<sup>ST</sup> ORDINARY COUNCIL/OPEN

APPROVED: BD

FROM: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

APPROVED: AH

REPORT NO: 09TC0028

APPROVED:

COMMON NO: 1549468

SUBJECT: TOPROC MEETING MINUTES

**ITEM NO: 8.2.4****SYNOPSIS:**

This report is an information paper which provides all Elected Members with the most current minutes of the TOPROC meeting held on 19 March 2009.

**GENERAL:**

The Top End Regional Organisation of Councils (TOPROC) is a Committee which is represented by elected members and officers from the Darwin City Council, Palmerston City Council, Wagait Shire Council and the Litchfield Council.

TOPROC, which was reconvened on Tuesday 16 September 2008, is committed to the sustainable development of our Greater Darwin Region and meets on a regular basis to discuss and progress common issues that impact all committee member councils.

TOPROC will now be meeting every 8 weeks with the next meeting scheduled for 14 May 2009.

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### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Refer to agenda item 6.3 in the TOPROC meetings. A resolution has been passed that the TOPROC members will pay memberships fees in order to fund the secretariat support provided by Darwin City Council and also cover the administration costs of developing joint grant funding applications.

### **EVOLVING DARWIN, TOWARDS 2020 IMPLICATIONS:**

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Outcomes of the Evolving Darwin, Towards 2020 Strategic Plan:

#### **1 EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLOBARATIVE RELATIONSHIPS**

##### **1.1 Improve relations with all levels of Government**

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

### **DELEGATION:**

Nil

### **CONSULTATION:**

Palmerston City Council  
 Litchfield Council  
 Wagait Shire Council

### **PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:**

N/A

### **APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE**

N/A

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SUBJECT: TOPROC MEETING MINUTES

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

THAT Report Number 09TC0028 entitled TOPROC Meeting Minutes, be received and noted.

**ANNE HAMMOND**  
**MANAGER STRATEGY AND**  
**OUTCOMES**

**BRENDAN DOWD**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Any queries on this report may be directed to Anne Hammond on 5531





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**MINUTES OF THE TOPROC MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19 MARCH 2009  
AT 11.00AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CIVIC CENTRE**

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**PRESENT:**

Darwin City Council

Lord Mayor, Graeme Sawyer

Alderman Fred Marrone

Mr Brendan Dowd, Chief Executive Officer

City of Palmerston

Mayor, Robert MacLeod

Mr Ian Burfitt, Chief Executive Officer

Litchfield Shire Council

Derrick Tranter, Chief Executive Officer

Wagait Shire Council

Shire President, Peter Clee

**APOLOGIES:**

Darwin City Council

Alderman Kerry Moir

Litchfield Shire Council

Shire President, Mary Walsh

Wagait Shire Council

Mr Wally Lenyszyn, Chief Executive Officer

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

The Hon. Rob Knight, Minister for Local Government

Mr Brett Brogan, Minister's Advisor

Ms Anne Hammond, Manager Strategy & Outcomes

Ms Jeanette Perry, Executive Assistant to CEO

**1. Welcome – Meeting Declared Open**

The Lord Mayor welcomed the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Rob Knight and members of the Committee and declared the meeting open at 11.00am.

**2. Apologies**

Alderman Kerry Moir

Shire President, Mary Walsh

Mr Wally Lenyszyn, Chief Executive Officer

### **3. Declaration of Interests of Members**

Nil.

### **4. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

**Moved Mayor Robert MacLeod**  
**Seconded Lord Mayor, Graeme Sawyer**

**THAT the minutes of the meeting held 16 September 2009 be received and noted.**

**Carried**

### **5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

#### **5.1 Role of Elected Members sitting on the Development Consent Authority**

Discussion with regard to the need to clarify the role of elected members sitting on the Development Consent Authority took place.

The Lord Mayor advised that he, along with the Chief Executive Officer, had met with the Chairman and officers of the Development Consent Authority regarding a number of issues including clarifying the role of Elected Members sitting on the Development Consent Authority.

**Moved Mayor Robert MacLeod**  
**Seconded Shire President, Peter Clee**

**THAT the Chairman of the Development Consent Authority, Mr Peter McQueen, be invited to the next meeting of TOPROC to discuss the role of Elected Members sitting on the Development Consent Authority.**

**Carried**

Discussion regarding the decrease in funding to Local Government and the cost shifting from Government to Local Government took place.

The Minister explained the reason for the reduction in funding. He also advised that the methodology in determining the amount of funding is the same as is used by the Grants Commission.

The Lord Mayor discussed relationships between the Minister's senior staff and Local Government key staff. He stressed the importance of having these key staff meet in the early stages of a particular project to thoroughly discuss all aspects of the project.

The Minister advised that the best practice would be to form a Working Group and he will ensure his office is represented.

## 6. Governance

### 6.1 Structure of meetings

*(agenda preparation, meeting briefs, venue, Chairperson)*

No agreed structure.

#### Resolved

- A. THAT the Chairperson be rotated.
  - B. THAT a roster be submitted to the next meeting for consideration.
- Carried

### 6.2 Secretariat for TOPROC

#### Resolved

- A. THAT Darwin City Council act as the Secretariat for TOPROC.
  - B. THAT agenda items from Members Councils be accompanied with a one page report for distribution prior to the meeting.
- Carried

### 6.3 TOPROC membership fees

#### Resolved

THAT the Darwin City Council develop a paper outlining membership fees to be paid to Darwin City Council for acting as the Secretariat for TOPROC, for consideration at the next meeting.

Carried

#### 6.3.1 Admin fee on joint applications

#### Resolved

THAT administration fees incurred when submitting joint funding applications be funded from the membership fees.

Carried

## 7. Future Development in the Top End

### 7.1 Harbour Development

Mr Brendan Dowd advised the meeting that Luccio Cercarelli was LGANT's representative on the Darwin Harbour Advisory Committee.

#### Resolved

THAT a letter be forwarded to Mr Stuchberry, Chairman of the Darwin Harbour Advisory Committee advising him of TOPROC's existence with an invitation for him to attend a future meeting of TOPROC to discuss how the two Committees can work more closely together.

Carried

## 7.2 Economic Development

*The Lord Mayor asked if anyone had any specific items under this heading.*

**Nil.**

## 7.3 Transport Plans for new Subdivisions

The Lord Mayor started discussions with regard to public transport. Discussion included a dedicated bus lane alongside new road between Palmerston and Darwin.

Shire President, Peter Clee asked if any particular group was looking at an alternative.

The Chief Executive Officer, Brendan Dowd advised that a study was currently being undertaken which relates to all modes of transport and not just busses.

Shire President, Peter Clee advised that he believed the ferry service between Darwin and Waigait should form part of the public transport system and run similar to the bus services in Darwin/Palmerston.

The Chief Executive Officer, Brendan Dowd advised that the Council of Capital City Lord Mayors (CCCLM) is currently discussing sustainable transport systems and briefed the meeting on the document "....."

### **Resolved**

**THAT the Hon. Gerry McCarthy, MLA, Minister for Transport be invited to brief TOPROC with regard to strategies in place relating to public transport.**

**Carried**

## **8. Environment**

### 8.1 Global Warming Funding

The Manager Strategy and Outcomes, Anne Hammond advised the meeting of the current status of the joint funding application between Darwin City Council and the City of Palmerston and advised that an outcome should be known within four weeks.

### 8.2 Climate Change Coastal Erosion

No update on this Item.

**9. Darwin City Council**

**9.1 Regional Waste Management**

The Lord Mayor, Graeme Sawyer, briefed the meeting on his recent visit to Cairns to look at the City of Cairns' strategy with regard to waste management.

The Chief Executive, Brendan Dowd provided a run down on the current operations at Shoal Bay.

Discussion took place on the need for a future waste management facility for the Darwin region and also in relation to the potential impact of the introduction of a carbon emissions trading scheme.

**Resolved**

**THAT Carbon Emissions be included on the Agenda.**

**10. Palmerston City Council**

Roseberry Subdivision/Development Consent Authority

**11. Litchfield Shire Council**

The Chief Executive Officer, Derrick Tranter advised of the feral dog situation within the Litchfield Shire and that a program was currently in place to hopefully combat this problem.

**12. Wagait Shire Council**

**12.1 Kenbi Land Claim**

President Shire, Peter Clee advised that the approach the NT Government has taken with regard to the above is excellent. He advised that Mr Rod Applegate from the Department Planning and Infrastructure had visited Wagait recently to discuss the above.

He said the only major concern amongst residents at the moment is the lack of a developed plan.

**12.2 Mandorah Ferry Service**

This was discussed as part of Item 7.3.

### 13. Other Business

#### 13.1 Infrastructure Australia Funding

##### 13.1.1 Bridge – Channel Point to West Arm

Shire President, Peter Clee advised that Alderman Kerry Moir had first talked about this. This proposal would ease transport issues from Palmerston and Wadell when completed. Members believe this proposal would be beneficial.

##### 13.1.2 Regional Transport and Parking within CBD

###### Resolved

**THAT this be an item for discussion with the Hon. Gerry McCarthy, Minister for Transport.**

Carried

#### 13.2 Intergovernmental Relations

This item was discussed at Item 5.1.

#### 13.3 Regional Land use and Release Planning

###### Resolved

**THAT a briefing regarding the above issue be brought back to the next meeting or the one following, for discussion.**

#### 13.4 TOPROC and NTG : Projects / Joint Funding

The following projects were identified as possible jointly funded projects:

- Public Transport;
- Road Network;
- Waste Management;
- Cemetery (Crematorium)

#### 13.5 Regional Development Project Funding

###### Resolved

**THAT a representative from the Office of Regional Development be invited to the next meeting to brief TOPROC on the above.**

Carried

#### 13.6 Grants Commission Funding

Discussion regarding the length of time before payments were received from the Northern Territory Grants Commission was discussed.

The Minister acknowledged delays in funding being granted and used Xmas, elections and the review of methodology as contributing factors.

The shift in funding from Municipal Councils to Shires was briefly discussed.

The Lord Mayor talked about the many grant opportunities available and that Members should keep across this issue.

**The Hon. Rob Knight, Minister for Local Government left the meeting at 12.45pm,**

**12.50pm** the Manager Regulatory Services, Mr Dave Neall and the Administration Assistant, Sally Grahame attended the meeting to discuss the issuing of Disabled Parking Permits.

Dave advised that Darwin City Council issue Disabled Parking Permits to anyone who applies.

It was recognised that the City of Palmerston only issue Disabled Parking Permits to Palmerston residents only.

#### **Resolved**

**THAT Darwin City Council issue Disabled Parking Permits to Litchfield residents and that the Shire of Litchfield will advise applicants accordingly.**

**Carried**

#### **14. Confidential Items**

Nil

#### **15. Meeting Schedule for 2009**

The next meeting to be held in 6 weeks or so.

The meeting closed at 12.55pm

## **8 GOVERNANCE**

### **8.2 OFFICER'S REPORTS**

#### **8.2.5 Capital City Committee Charter**

Report No. 09TC0029 BD:jp (07/05/09) Common No. 1572294

*Report Number 09TC0029 has been distributed separately with the Business Papers.*



## **8 GOVERNANCE**

### **8.3 GENERAL BUSINESS**

## **9 DELEGATIONS AND DEPUTATIONS**

### **9.1 Global Financial Crisis** Common No. 1532524

**from 5.15 p.m.**

*Citizen Electoral Council of Australia, Ms Trudy Campbell, will be in attendance to brief the Council in relation to Global Financial Crisis.*

THAT the presentation by Citizen Electoral Council of Australia, Ms Trudy Campbell on Council on the Global Financial Crisis, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (12/05/09)

**9 DELEGATIONS AND DEPUTATIONS****9.2 Proposed Re-Development of Lot 413, Town of Darwin (former Commonwealth Bank).**  
Common No. 1241185**from 5.45 p.m.**

*The Director of Tanner Architects, Ms Megan Jones, Town Planner, Ms June D'Rozario and Mr Philip Grice will be in attendance to brief the Council in relation to the proposed Re-Development of Lot 413, Town of Darwin (former Commonwealth Bank).*

THAT the presentation by the Director of Tanner Architects, Ms Megan Jones, Town Planner, Ms June D'Rozari on Darwin Rail Transport Network, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (12/05/09)

## **10 INFORMATION ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

### **10.1 Australian Red Cross Donation to Victorian Bushfire Appeal 2009**

Document No. 1560797 (09/04/09) Common No.1521058

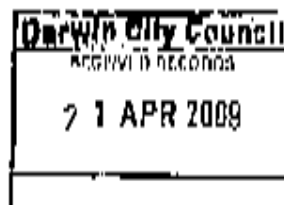
THAT the incoming correspondence from the Australian Red Cross Victorian Bushfire Appeal 2009 thanking Council for their generous donation and support for the Victorian Bushfire Appeal 2009, Document Number 1560797, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (12/05/09)



**Australian Red Cross**  
THE POWER OF HUMANITY

9 April 2009



CM 10100009  
Darwin City Council  
GPO Box 84  
DARWIN NT 0801

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous and compassionate support for the Victorian Bushfire Appeal 2009. Funds raised will be used to provide assistance to individuals and communities in towns and suburbs affected by the 2009 Victorian bushfires. An independent panel made up of community leaders, chaired by Mr John Lundy AC MBE, will oversee the Appeal Fund's operation. The Victorian Government will manage distribution of the funds.

Red Cross will not deduct any costs from public donations to cover Appeal costs. All interest earned on donations will be invested back into the Appeal. Should the funds raised exceed the amount required to meet these needs, any excess funds will be used to assist in future disasters in Victoria.

While those helped by your generosity will not be able to thank you in person, please accept our thanks on their behalf.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Tickner  
CEO

Received with thanks

OFFICIAL RECEIPT  
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7 April 2009



**Australian Red Cross**  
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Receipt No. 3072033  
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## 11 OFFICER'S REPORTS

### 11.1 **Further Report Sign Application – McDonald's Restaurant Lots 1720 & 1067 (29–31) Stuart Highway, Stuart Park**

Report No. 09TS0062 PL:cb (20/04/09) Common No. 1512219

*Report Number 09TS0062 attached.*

ENCL: YES

**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL****DATE:** 20/4/2009**REPORT****TO:** 1<sup>ST</sup> ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING/OPEN **APPROVED:** PL**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE **APPROVED:** LC**REPORT NO:** 09TS0062 PL:cb**COMMON NO:** 1512219**SUBJECT:** FURTHER REPORT  
SIGN APPLICATION – McDONALD'S RESTAURANT  
LOTS 1720 & 1067 (29–31) STUART HIGHWAY, STUART PARK**ITEM NO: 11.1****SYNOPSIS:**

At its meeting on 14 April 2009 Council requested further information in relation to the height of signs in the Stuart Highway, Stuart Park near the location of the proposed McDonald's Restaurant.

The original McDonald's Sign application was discussed in report 09TS0014 BS:cb, and a following report 09TS0042 BS:cb, with both report laid on the table subject to a request for further information.

This report presents the additional information as requested, relating to the existing signs and their associated heights.

**GENERAL:**

The existing free-standing and flag signs along the Stuart Highway at Stuart Park and their associated estimated heights are shown at **Attachment A**. The heights of signs approved by Council have been sourced from the information contained on the permanent sign permit issued for each approved sign. These approved signs are shown enclosed by a circle on the map. The height of the other signs in this area in this commercial precinct have been estimated using the fixed angle of elevation method and are provided to give an indication of the variety in height of free-standing and flags constructed prior to the introduction of Council's Outdoor Advertising Signs Code.

The signage along this area of the Stuart Highway is a combination of signs that have been approved by Council and signs that do not have Council approval (constructed prior to current code). The highest Council approved free-standing sign is the 9 metre Holden sign with the allotment adjacent to the proposed McDonald's Restaurant site. The tallest free-standing signs erected before the introduction of the

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Signs Code are the Repco sign to the north of the subject site and the Toyota and Discount Auto signs to the south of the subject site, all have a height of 10 metres.

This report recommends that the free-standing McDonald's sign be approved to a height of 9 metres which corresponds to the highest free-standing sign approved by Council which is located on the lot adjoining the subject site. The flag signs are recommended to be approved to a reduced height of 8 metres above ground level.

### **Previous Decisions**

#### **Holden - Lot 7623 (Adjoining Premises)**

The Holden free-standing sign was approved at 9 metres in 2006:

*ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
 Tuesday, 17 October, 2006*

#### **8.2.2 Sign Application – Kerry's Automotive Group Permanent Illuminated Free-Standing Sign Lot 6425 (13-25) Stuart Highway, Stuart Park Town of Darwin** *Report No. 06TS0278 (02/10/06) Common No. 1093794*

- A. *THAT Report Number 06TS0278 entitled Sign Application – Kerry's Automotive Group, Permanent Illuminated Free-standing Sign, Lot 6425 (13-25) Stuart Highway, Stuart Park, Town of Darwin, be received and noted.*
- B. *THAT a Permit for the proposed Free-Standing Sign be issued in accordance with the requirements of the Outdoor Signs Code for the following reason:*
  - i) *The size of the free-standing sign is consistent with other free-standing signs in the immediate area and is not expected to affect the amenity of the area.*
- C. *THAT the following condition shall be placed on the permit:*
  - i). *The free-standing signs height shall be no higher than 9 metres above the existing footpath level immediately adjacent to the sign.*

*DECISION NO.19\3574 (17/10/06)*

*Carried*

#### **Nissan – Lot 7623 (Adjoining Premises)**

The Nissan free-standing sign was approved at 7.1 metres in 2006:

*ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
 Tuesday, 28 November, 2006*

#### **13.1 Sign Application – Nissan Permanent Illuminated Free Standing Sign Lot 7623, Town of Darwin 19-25 Stuart Highway, Stuart Park** *Report No.06TS0318 (06/11/06) Common No.1115097*

- A. *THAT Report Number 06TS0318 entitled Sign Application - Nissan, Permanent Illuminated Free Standing Sign, Lot 7623 Town of Darwin, 19-25 Stuart Highway, Stuart Park, be received and noted.*



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B. *THAT a Permit for the proposed Illuminated Free-Standing Sign be issued in accordance with the requirements of the Outdoor Advertising Signs Code for the following reason:*

- i). *The proposed free standing sign is consistent with the character of the site and other signage in the area and is consistent with existing approved signage on similar sized developments. The proposed sign is not expected to affect the visual amenity of the locality.*

C. *THAT the following condition shall be placed on the permit:*

- i). *The free-standing sign's height shall be no higher than 7.1 metres above the existing footpath level immediately adjacent to the sign.*

DECISION NO.19\3812 (28/11/06)

Carried

### **Mercedes-Benz and Chrysler Jeep (located within the Nissan dealership premises)**

The Mercedes-Benz sign was approved at 5.4m high and the Chrysler Jeep sign was approved at 6.5m.

Council refused the 6 x 9 metre flag business signs, and approved the height for these signs at 8 metres:

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
 Tuesday, 12 February, 2008

#### **8.2.5 Sign Application – Kerrys Automotive Group, 2 x Illuminated Free Standing Business Signs, 2 x Illuminated Fascia Business Signs, 6 x Flag Business Signs, Lot 7623 (17-27) Stuart Highway, Stuart Park** Report No. 08TS0014 (31/01/08) Common No. 1319967

A. *THAT Report Number 08TS0014 entitled Sign Application – Kerry's Automotive Group, 2 x Illuminated Free Standing Business Signs, 2 x Illuminated Fascia Business Signs, 6 x Flag Business Signs, Lot 7623 (17-27) Stuart Highway, Stuart Park, be received and noted.*

B. *THAT a Permit for the proposed free-standing signs and fascia signs be issued in accordance with the requirements of the Outdoor Signs Code for the following reasons:*

- i) *The proposed signs are consistent with the character of the premises and other signage in the area. They are consistent with existing car yards in the Municipality. The proposed free-standing signs and fascia signs are not expected to affect the visual amenity of the locality.*

C. *THAT a permit for the proposed 9 metre flag signs be refused in accordance with the requirements of the Outdoor Signs Code for the following reasons:*

- i) *The flag sign advertises only one vehicle dealership and the flag signs should not be higher than 8m from ground level, as per other Council approved single business advertising signage.*

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ii) *Cluster signage should be the only advertising signs to be approved higher than 8m. This will reduce further applications from businesses requiring cluster signs higher than 10m to stand out from single business signs.*

D. *THAT a permit for 6 x 7.1m flag signs be issued in accordance with the requirements of the Outdoor Signs Code for the following reasons:*

i) *The Nissan free-standing sign has been approved to 7.1m and the flag poles at the same height is not expected to affect the amenity of the area. The flag poles will still be seen clearly as they will be positioned between the two smaller free-standing signs, being the Mercedes-Benz sign at 5.4m high and the Chrysler Jeep sign will be 6.5m.*

DECISION NO.19\5757 (12/02/08)

Carried

### **Honda – Lot 2536**

No application, no permit issued. The free-standing sign is 7 metres high which complies with the Signs Code.

### **Repco - Lot 6902, Toyota Lot 5680 & Discount Autos Lot 2180**

The Repco, Toyota and Discount Autos signs stand at 10 metres high from ground level. There is no record of a Council permit being issued for these signs. It is assumed that these signs may have been approved by the NT Planning & Infrastructure Department prior to Council administering the Signs Code.

### **Mitsubishi – Lot 2014**

The free-standing sign is 8.6 metres high. There is no record of a Council permit being issued for this sign. It is assumed that this sign may have been approved by the NT Planning & Infrastructure Department prior to Council administering the Signs Code.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:**

The issues addressed in this report are in accordance with the following goals/strategies of the Darwin City Council 2008 – 2012 as outlined in the 'Evolving Darwin Strategic Directions: Towards 2020 and Beyond':-

#### **Goal**

1 Achieve Effective Partnerships and Engage in Collaborative Relationships

#### **Outcome**

1.1 Improve relations with all levels of Government

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## **Key Strategies**

1.1.4 Play a strategic role in the planning and developmental processes that impact Darwin

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The recommendations of this report may result in a legal challenge to Council.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Not assessed.

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

Not assessed.

## **COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:**

Not assessed.

## **DELEGATION:**

Nil.

## **CONSULTATION:**

NTG Roads Division – No response has been received from the NT Government.

## **PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:**

Nil.

## **APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE**

Not applicable.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- A. THAT Report Number 09TS0062 PL:cb entitled Further Report, Sign Application – McDonald's Restaurant, Lots 1720 & 1067 (29-31) Stuart Highway, Stuart Park, be received and noted.
- B. THAT the Applicant be advised that the following signs are approved in accordance with the requirements of the Outdoor Advertising Signs Code:
  - i). The six proposed wall signs;
  - ii). The six proposed menu boards;
  - iii). The four directional free-standing signs.

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- C. THAT the Applicant be advised that the proposed permanent banner site be approved in accordance with the requirements of the Outdoor Advertising Signs Code, with the following conditions:
- i). Banners may only be displayed for promotion of McDonald's Restaurant business on a temporary basis;
  - ii). The maximum duration for the display of a banner is 4 weeks;
  - iii). The banner shall be removed at times of high winds or at such a time that a cyclone watch has been issued.
- D. THAT the Applicant be advised that the application for the proposed 12 metre high free-standing sign be refused in accordance with the requirements of the Outdoor Advertising Signs Code.
- E. THAT the Applicant be advised that Council approve a 9 metre free-standing sign subject to the Applicant submitting amended plans showing the maximum height of the free standing sign is 9 metres from existing footpath level and that the "McDonalds header" on the sign be reduced to an area of 2.4 x 2.4 metres.
- F. THAT the Applicant be advised that the application for the proposed 8.5 metres high flag signs is refused in accordance with the requirements of the Outdoor Advertising Signs Code.
- G. THAT the Applicant be advised that Council approve 8 metre flag signs subject to the Applicant submitting amended signs plans showing the maximum height of the flag signs no higher than 8 metres from existing footpath level.
- H. THAT the Applicant be advised that the sign permits will be issued for the above advertising signs after Council has received a copy of the development permit and amended signs plans.

**PETER LINDWALL**  
**STRATEGIC TOWN PLANNER**

**LUCCIO CERCARELLI**  
**GENERAL MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE**

Any queries on this report may be directed to Peter Lindwall on 8930 0582.

**11 OFFICER'S REPORTS**

- 11.2 Sign Application – Crocosaurus Cove Animated Promotional Free-  
Standing Sign Lot 5661 (58) Mitchell Street, Darwin**  
Report No. 09TS0062 PL:cb (20/04/09) Common No. 1512219

*Report Number 09TS0062 attached.*



ENCL: YES

**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL**  
**REPORT**

DATE: 27/4/2009

**TO:** 1<sup>ST</sup> ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING/OPEN **APPROVED:** BS

**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE **APPROVED:** PL

**REPORT NO:** 09TS0063 BS:cb **APPROVED** LC

**COMMON NO:** 1555301

**SUBJECT:** SIGN APPLICATION – CROCOSAURUS COVE  
ANIMATED PROMOTIONAL FREE-STANDING SIGN  
LOT 5661 (58) MITCHELL STREET, DARWIN

**ITEM NO: 11.2****SYNOPSIS:**

Approval is sought for four televisions to be used as advertising signs. It is proposed that two televisions will be inserted into either side of the existing free-standing sign (refer **Attachment A**). The televisions will play recorded videos of the internal activities within Crocosaurus Cove, Mitchell Street, Darwin.

This report recommends that Council approve the applications with extra conditions.

**GENERAL:**

<b>Applicant</b>	Crocosaurus Cove	
<b>Type of Advertising</b> (inc. temp/perm/illuminated)	Permanent	✓
<b>Type of Sign</b> (Business/Election/Promotion etc.)	Animated Promotion	✗
<b>Type of Structure</b> (Pole/Free Standing/Fascia/High etc.)	Free-standing	✓
<b>Measurement of Sign</b> (inc.height)	4 x 46 inch LCD televisions	✗
	Free-standing sign	✓
	0.68m wide by 3.6m high	✓
<b>Location of Sign</b>	On private property	✓
<b>Existing Signage</b>	Complies with signs code	✓

✓ Complies ✗ Does not comply

***Free-standing sign***

The free-standing sign is existing, located on private property, is 3.6 metres high, and is compliant with the signs code.

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### ***Animated sign***

This is Council's first application for the use of a television to be used as a permanent promotional advertising sign. The televisions are 46 inch commercial grade sets with LCD screens. Animated signs are not listed as a complying sign in Council's Outdoor Advertising Signs Code, and as such a permit is required.

Section 7.2 of the signs code states:

*Identification of the business should be the prime objective for signage, rather than promotional advertising. Where there is more than one business per building, a single sign that identifies the building and the various tenancies is preferred to multiple signs.*

The Outdoor Advertising Signs Code allows promotional signage for the CB (Central Business) Zone to 2 square metres. Two televisions are proposed for each side of the free-standing sign, and together are approximately 1 square metre. This complies with the signs code.

This type of animated sign is not clearly defined in the Outdoor Advertising Signs Code and as such section 10.2, parts a. and c. were used to assess this application.

### ***Section 10 Assessment criteria: specific sign types***

*10.2 Council will only issue a permit for an advertising sign if:*

- a. the advertising sign causes no significant obstruction of, or distraction to, vehicular or pedestrian traffic; and*
- c. an advertising sign is not to be distracting to drivers in close proximity to intersections, traffic signals, vehicle merging and weaving situations.*

During initial discussions with the applicant the expected traffic distraction caused by the animated sign was discussed. Mitchell Street has a 40 km speed limit and has a high pedestrian usage. The animated sign, if viewable from Mitchell Street, is expected to cause a distraction to drivers especially at night, as drivers will unintentionally glimpse at the animation/light of the sign, and then will immediately be entering a pedestrian crossing point.

The animated sign is directed to tourists walking in this area and not to motorists driving along Mitchell Street. The applicant has supplied details of a shroud to cover the televisions. The shroud will be attached to the edge of the sign which faces Mitchell Street. The shroud will protrude 410mm each side of the sign and is curved towards the televisions. Council officers can not confirm that this will cover the animation/light of the sign and make it unnoticeable to a driver on Mitchell Street.

An extra condition on the permit to cover this distraction has been recommended to be placed on the permit to allow the sign to be modified so it can not be viewed from a vehicle travelling along Mitchell Street.

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 LOT 5661 (58) MITCHELL STREET, DARWIN

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The animated sign has a changing – scrolling footer banner which will be interchangeable. Further conditions are included on the permit to ensure that only business promotions and no third party advertising can be shown on the animated sign.

## **Conclusion**

The proposed animated sign is not expected to affect the amenity of the area provided that the animation can not be observed by motorists in Mitchell Street.

The following conditions on the permit are expected to ensure that no third party advertising can be displayed, and the sign can not be viewed from passing motorists:

- That the animated sign is not to be viewable to any passing motorists utilising Mitchell Street.
- Only Crocosaurus Cove business promotion advertising can be displayed on the changing footer banner.
- No third party advertising is to be displayed on the changing footer banner.
- That no product advertising is to be displayed on the changing footer banner.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:**

The issues addressed in this report are in accordance with the following goals/strategies of the Darwin City Council 2008 – 2012 as outlined in the 'Evolving Darwin Strategic Directions: Towards 2020 and Beyond':-

1.1.4 Play a strategic role in the planning and developmental processes that impact Darwin.

2.1.2 Develop and maintain a vibrant and active Central Business Area.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

This issue is not considered confidential.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Not assessed.

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

Not assessed.

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**COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:**

The sign is considered to be distracting to drivers and given the high pedestrian volume and abundance of licensed venues along Mitchell Street, it is considered a significant risk if any part of the animated sign is viewable to motorists using Mitchell Street, especially at night.

The extra proposed condition included in the permit is to ensure the sign does not become a safety hazard to motorists and/or pedestrians.

**DELEGATION:**

Nil.

**CONSULTATION:**

Design Team Leader  
Strategic Town Planner

**PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:**

Nil.

**APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE:**

Not applicable.

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### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- A. THAT Report Number 09TS0063 BS:cb entitled Sign Application – Crocosaurus Cove, Animated Promotional Free-Standing Sign, Lot 5661 (58) Mitchell Street, Darwin, be received and noted.
- B. THAT a permit for the proposed animated promotional free-standing sign be issued in accordance with the requirements of the Outdoor Signs Code for the following reasons:
  - i). That the applicant provide in writing, before the issue of a permit, confirmation that the animated sign will not be visible to passing motorists in Mitchell Street.
  - ii). The proposed animated sign is not viewable to motorists and therefore is not expected to affect the amenity of the area.
- C. THAT the following conditions be placed on the signs permit:
  - i). That the animated sign is not to be viewable to any passing motorists utilising Mitchell Street.
  - ii). Only Crocosaurus Cove business promotion advertising can be displayed on the changing footer banner.
  - iii). No third party advertising is to be displayed on the changing footer banner.
  - iv). That no product advertising is to be displayed on the changing footer banner.

**PETER LINDWALL**  
**STRATEGIC TOWN PLANNER**

**LUCCIO CERCARELLI**  
**GENERAL MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE**

Any queries on this report may be directed to Brian Sellers on extension 5683.

**11 OFFICER'S REPORTS**

**11.3 Material Alterations of Liquor Licensed Premises Monsoons – Lot 3711**  
**(46) Mitchell Street, Darwin**

Report No. 09TS0050 BS:cb (21/04/09) Common No. 1550893

*Report Number 09TS0050 attached.*



ENCL: YES

**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL**  
**REPORT**

DATE: 21/4/2009

<b>TO:</b>	1 <sup>ST</sup> ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING/OPEN	<b>APPROVED:</b>	BS
<b>FROM:</b>	GENERAL MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE	<b>APPROVED:</b>	PL
<b>REPORT NO:</b>	09TS0050 BS:cb	<b>APPROVED:</b>	LC
<b>COMMON NO:</b>	1550893		
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	MATERIAL ALTERATIONS OF LIQUOR LICENSED PREMISES MONSOONS – LOT 3711 (46) MITCHELL STREET, DARWIN		

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**ITEM NO: 11.3****SYNOPSIS:**

Tropic Holdings Pty Ltd has applied to the Northern Territory Licensing Commission for a material alteration to the premises of Monsoons located at 46 Mitchell Street, Darwin (refer **Attachment A**).

**GENERAL:**

Monsoons are making a number of alterations to their premises in Mitchell Street including moving the front wall and side wall of the building to create a larger alfresco area. Also included will be a further 6 to 8 high tables in the alfresco dining area.

**Applicant:** Tropic Holdings Pty Ltd.**Name of Premises:** Monsoons.**Conditions:** No changes to the existing conditions has been proposed**Trading Hours:** No changes to the existing trading hours has been proposed.**Material Alterations:**

- Moving the front external wall into the existing internal area to create a larger alfresco area.
- Moving the side wall of the front eatery into the existing internal area to create a larger alfresco area.
- The alteration will then include a further 6-8 high tables in the alfresco dining area.
- All current licence conditions remain unchanged.

### **Council's Land Affected**

Council has issued Monsoons a lease over the road reserve adjacent to their premises to allow for the operation of the existing alfresco dining area.

### **Considerations under the Liquor Act**

#### **Grounds for Objection under Section 47F(2) of the Liquor Act**

Pursuant to Section 47F(2) of the Liquor Act an objection may only be made on the grounds that the grant of the licence may or will adversely affect:

- (a) The amenity of the neighbourhood where the premises the subject of the application are or will be located; or
- (b) Health, education, public safety or social conditions in the community.

There appears to be nothing related to this application which would be grounds for objection under Section 47F(2) of the Liquor Act.

#### **Conditions to a Liquor Licence – Section 3 Objects of the Act & Section 6 Public Interest Criteria**

The application states that a further 6 to 8 high tables and chairs are proposed for the alfresco area. There is insufficient information within the application on whether the placement of these tables and chairs is proposed to be on private or public land.

Council's Alfresco Policy excludes high tables and chairs being utilised on public land.

#### ***Decision 18\2571 (13/11/01)***

*Council will allow the serving of Alcohol without a meal during the period 8.00 pm to 2.00 am the following day.*

*Council will allow the serving of Alcohol with a meal during the period 11.30 am until 8.00 pm .provided the following criteria are met:*

- ***Patrons shall consume alcohol only whilst seated at a table (bar stools and raised tables will not be approved).***
- *The area shall be clearly delineated with the use of barriers to the satisfaction of the Director of Technical Services.*
- *Adjacent footpaths shall be controlled in such a manner to minimise disruption to the Public.*
- *Substantial meals and non-alcoholic drinks shall be available on request.*
- *The area shall at all times have the appearance of and trade predominantly as a outdoor dining area.*

- *Prior approval of Council and the NT Liquor Commission.*
- *Noise Levels should be limited to a level that would not cause unreasonable disturbance to the ordinary comfort of ordinary occupiers of any residential premises.*

## **Conclusion**

Council requests the following conditions be placed on the licence in relation to the alfresco dining area, which is located on Council road reserve:

- a) High bar stools and raised tables will not be approved within the Council's road reserve.
- b) The area shall at all times have the appearance of and trade predominantly as a dining area.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:**

The issues addressed in this report are in accordance with the following goals/strategies of the Darwin City Council 2008 – 2012 as outlined in the 'Evolving Darwin Strategic Directions: Towards 2020 and Beyond':-

- 1.1.4 Play a strategic role in the planning and developmental processes that impact Darwin.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

This issue is not considered confidential.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Not assessed.

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

Not assessed.

## **COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:**

No community safety implications are expected from internal changes to the premises.

**DELEGATION:**

Letter sent under delegation to the Director of Licensing on 21 April 2009 (refer **Attachment B**).

**Delegation :**

Pursuant to Decision No. 20\0412 (01/07/08) I hereby delegate to the General Manager Infrastructure the power to:

- I. Determine grounds for objections to Decision No. 20\0412 (07/07/08) Liquor Licence Applications and advise the Director of Licensing in writing of Council's objection as and when required in order to meet statutory deadlines under the Northern Territory Liquor Act.
- II. Submit comments on Liquor Licence Applications to Licensing, Regulation and Alcohol Strategy, Department of Justice only when required to meet statutory or Departmental deadlines.

**CONSULTATION:**

Strategic Town Planner

**PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:**

Nil.

**APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE**

Not applicable.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- A. THAT Report Number 09TS0050 BS:cb entitled Material Alterations to Liquor Licensed Premises, Monsoons – Lot 3711 (46) Mitchell Street, Darwin, be received and noted.

**PETER LINDWALL**  
**STRATEGIC TOWN PLANNER**

**LUCCIO CERCARELLI**  
**GENERAL MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE**

Any queries on this report may be directed to Brian Sellers, Planning Officer on extension 5683.



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Deputy Director of Liquor Licensing  
 Malcolm Richardson  
 Level 1, 28 - 30 Knuckey Street  
 Darwin NT 0800

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2008

Dear Malcolm,

This letter is to inform you that the licensee, Frapex Holdings PTY LTD trading as Monsoons intends on making some changes to the outside/inside area of the venue in accordance with our recent DCA approval.

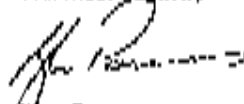
Please find attached the plans submitted to our building certifier regarding the modifications proposed. We are currently waiting on their approval for the subsequent building to approve.

We intend to push the front and side external wall line back into the existing internal spaces to create a larger alfresco area for people to dine and relax in.

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August, I called your office and spoke with you about the processes involved in regards to the modification of a specific area of Monsoons. You stated that as long as we are not modifying the licensed area or numbers, there would be no need to make a submission for a variation of our license.

Please inform me or the licensee if there is anything else we should need to submit or adhere to as to not be in breach of our licence.

Warmest Regards

  
 Glen Parsons  
 General Manager

Cc David Williams

[www.monsoons.net.au](http://www.monsoons.net.au)

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04 February 2009

Peter Doyle Esq.  
Liquor Licensing Division

Dear Peter

RE: Refurbishment - Grand Hotel, Monsoon

I refer to your email of 17 November 2008 to Glen Parsons. Your letter raises two main areas of concern. Firstly, the focus on outdoor dining although my response will deal with both outdoor and internal dining and secondly, on the issue of noise.

## Dining:

- (1) Monsoon has made a substantial commitment to dining since we reopened on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2007. Currently we have employed a Head Chef, Sous Chef and Senior Cook at the respective salaries of \$65,000, \$46,000 and \$42,000 as well as \$35,000 for kitchen hands giving a combined annual salary of \$208,000.
- (2) The kitchen was entirely new, located in a different section of the ground floor at a total cost of over \$200,000.
- (3) We have won the following awards: Best Public Dining 2008, Restaurant & Catering Awards; Best Redeveloped Hotel 2008, AHA Awards; Best Gaming Venue 2008, AHA Awards.
- (4) Attached as Appendix A is a copy of a letter from Paul Henderson, Chief Minister, dated 17 November 2008.
- (5) The intent of the refurbishment is not to in anyway diminish the dining aspect of the venue. Prior to 10:00pm each evening, internal dining will be available in the section marked X on the plans of the proposed refurbishment (copy attached as Appendix B). These plans have already been approved by the Darwin City Council.  
It should be noted that the permanent seating in this area is the same seats as the banquet seats from the old Rucker Bar which are referred to at paragraph 12 of the decision dated 16 February 2008. We consider these permanent seats allow seating for 181 patrons.
- (6) In addition, the three booths in the area marked Y on the plan allow for a further 150 seats patrons. This internal dining is immediately adjacent to the kitchen. As such it will enable more efficient service both as to ordering and delivery. It is intended that the internal dining area will provide a full a la carte menu.
- (7) One major reason for the change is that steam polling by the management over the past 18 months has consistently shown a desire by patrons to be outside. This is contrary to our expectation that a newly installed UVV system would provide comfort from the humidity of Darwin but we hope this renovation will provide the best of both worlds by allowing a greater verandah (outdoor) area while at the same time still catering for those who prefer the air conditioned comfort.

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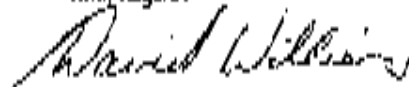
- (R) The menu provided to patrons wishing to dine in the outside area, or in area Y is more limited than the full menu, but still substantial. It should be noted that in area X, full table service will be provided while in area Y and the new outside area, customers will place their order at the counter but will be served their meals at the tables except for the Footpath Alfresco Dining Area.

Notes:

- (P) The front of the premises will not permanently be open to the air. When closed, it will not be markedly different to the existing structure. The glazing will be 12 51mm against the current 12 50mm thick.
- In this regard it is noted that the following venues are open to the street - Wisdom Bar & Cafe, The Tap and The Park Bar.
- (S) In addition, retractable aluminium framed timber dividers are to be inserted at line Y near the stage to provide greater insulation between the new dining section X (which is also the function area) and the front of the hotel when live music is not being performed.
- (T) We have noted the concerns of Liquor Licensing specifically regarding noise from the outside speakers in the Alfresco area. We believe this concern dated back some time however these speakers should only be providing background music to conversations and we will ensure they are controlled. It is noted that concern was particularly expressed in relation to the flats diagonal from the football Place/Mitchell Street corner and we will carry out sound checks on this issue subsequent to the refurbishment and limit the outside speakers accordingly.
- (U) Having regard to the issues raised in section 6 (2a) of the Act we note the following:
- There will be no increase in the licensed area.
  - There will be no increase in patron numbers.
  - Monowings will continue to concentrate on the responsible service of alcohol and whilst there has been some disturbance our record on glassings etc stands for itself.
  - We have spoken above on the matter of excessive noise and addresses (and will) continue to address the particular concerns of Mr Boyle.

We conclude by highlighting the emphasis that Monowings places on its being an important venue with a significant concentration on food and entertainment as well as the sale of alcohol.

Yours Sincerely



David Williams

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Mr Glen Parsons  
Manager  
Monsoons  
GPO Box 1047  
DARWIN NT 0801

Dear Mr Parsons

Congratulations on winning the Best Public Hotel Dining Award at the 2008 Harbottle Restaurant and Catering Awards.

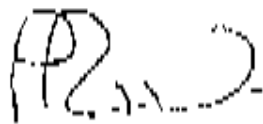
I was pleased to see the Northern Territory's hospitality excellence acknowledged on the night by the high quality of nominations in your category.

Your success in obtaining this Award showcases commitment to customer service, excellence in the food industry and the lifestyle the Territory has to offer.

The extensive renovations you undertook when starting Monsoons have clearly been well received and I congratulate your directors on their commitment to the Northern Territory.

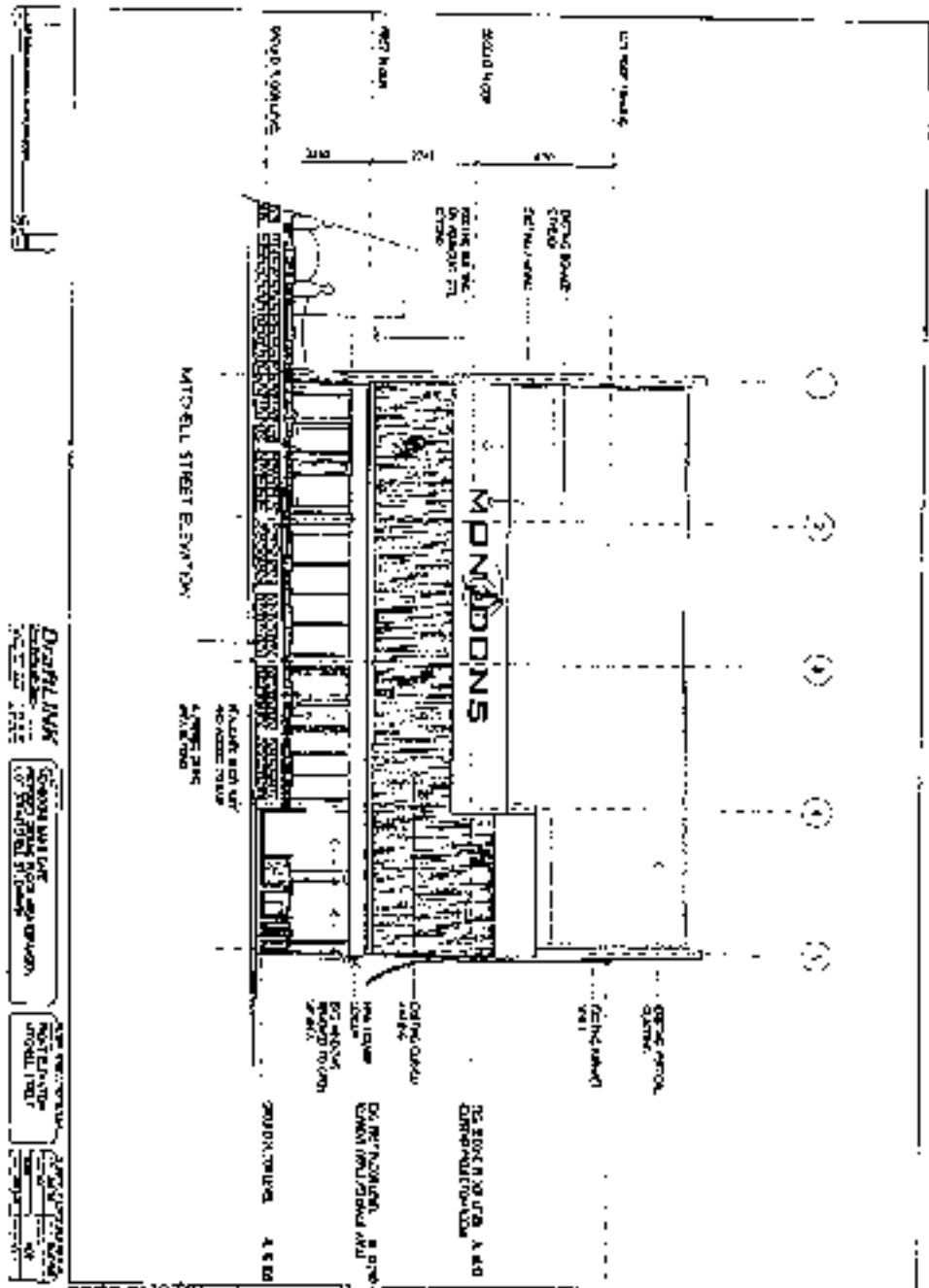
I wish you continued success in your business.

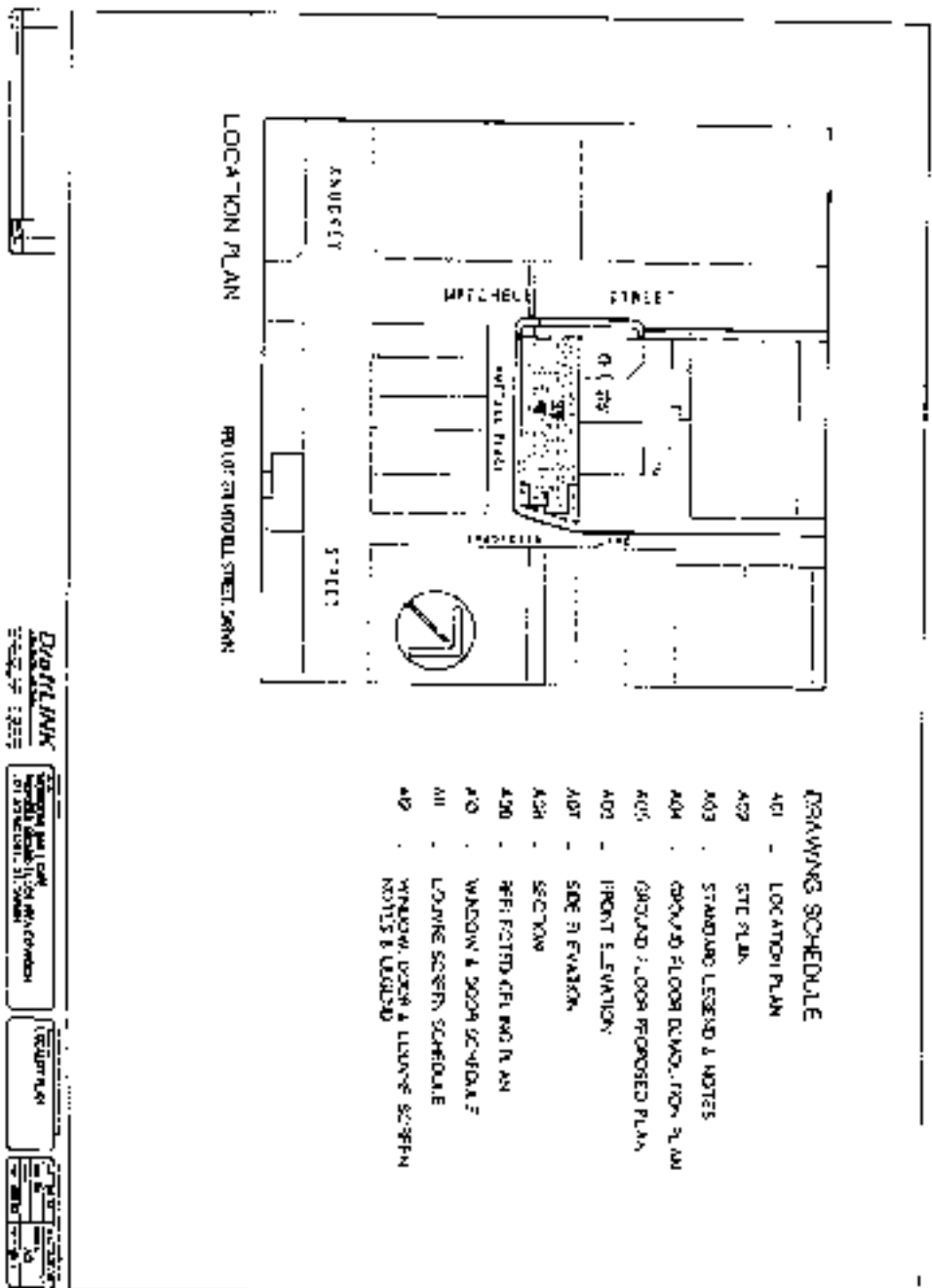
Yours sincerely

  
PAUL HENDERSON  
17/11/08

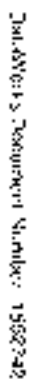


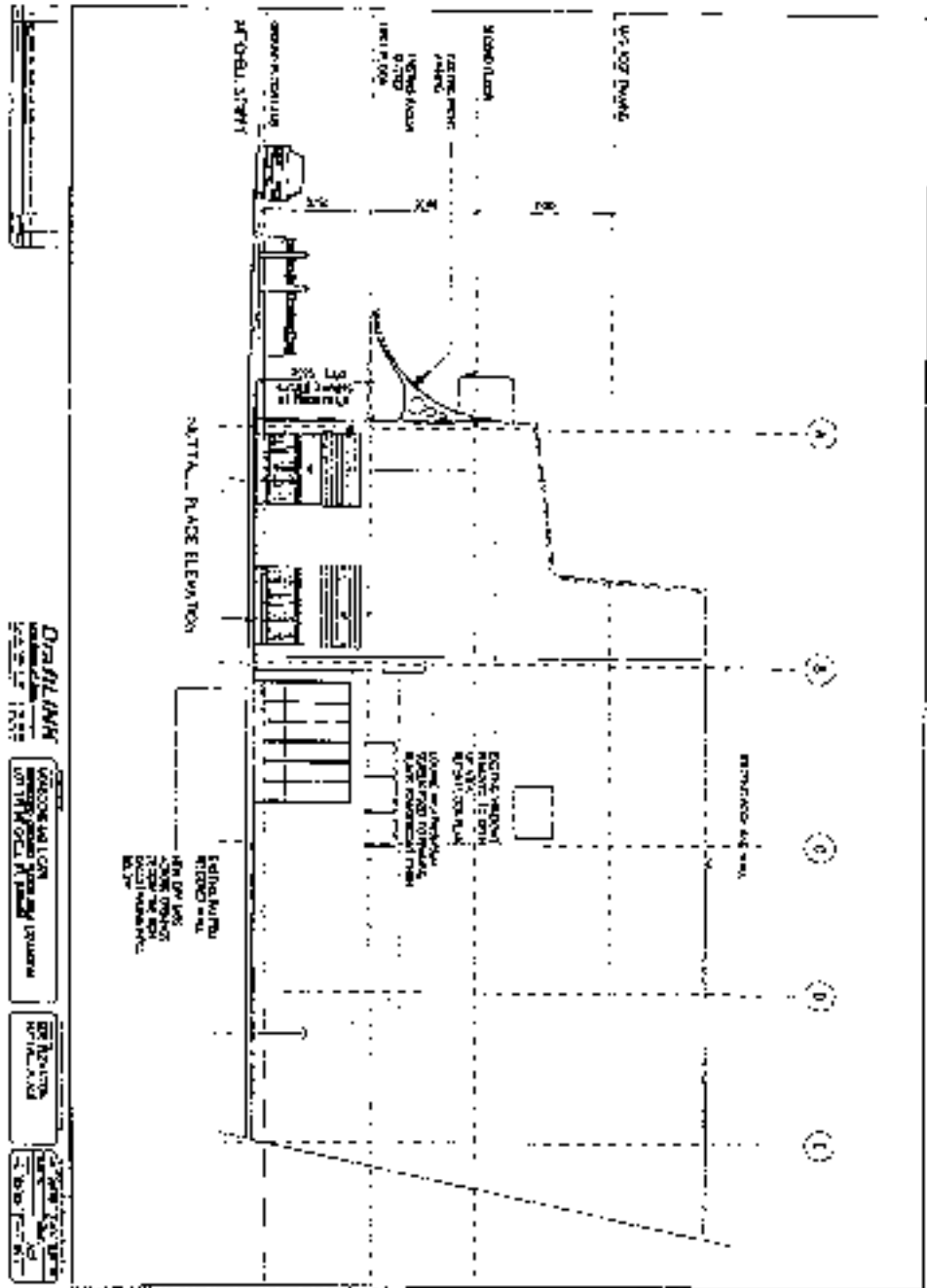














21 April 2009

Please quote: 1550893 BS:cb

Director of Licensing  
Licensing, Regulation & Alcohol Strategy  
Department of Justice  
GPO Box 1154  
Darwin NT 0801

Dear Sir

**Material Alterations of Liquor Licensed Premises Monsoons  
Lot 3711 (46) Mitchell Street, Darwin**

In reference to the above Liquor Licence Application, I advise under delegated authority as follows:

- i). Council raises no objection to the proposal under Section 47F(2) of the Liquor Act.
- ii). Council requests the following conditions be placed on the licence in relation to the alfresco dining area, which is located on Council road reserve:
  - a) High bar stools and raised tables will not be approved within the Council's road reserve.
  - b) The area shall at all times have the appearance of and trade predominantly as a dining area.

Please contact Brian Sellers, Planning Officer on 8930 0683 if you wish to discuss this matter further.

Yours faithfully

  
**PETER LINDWALL**  
**STRATEGIC TOWN PLANNER**

## 11 OFFICER'S REPORTS

- 11.4 **Restaurant Liquor Licence Application Tasty House Restaurant Lot 2352  
Shop 9 Anthony Plaza, Smith Street Mall**  
Report No. 09TS0052 BS:cb (22/04/09) Common No. 1550889

*Report Number 09TS0052 attached.*

ENCL: YES

**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL**  
**REPORT**

DATE: 22/4/2009

<b>TO:</b>	1 <sup>ST</sup> ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING/OPEN	<b>APPROVED:</b>	BS
<b>FROM:</b>	GENERAL MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE	<b>APPROVED:</b>	PL
<b>REPORT NO:</b>	09TS0052 BS:cb	<b>APPROVED:</b>	LC
<b>COMMON NO:</b>	1550889		
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENCE APPLICATION TASTY HOUSE RESTAURANT LOT 2352, SHOP 9 ANTHONY PLAZA, SMITH STREET MALL		

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**ITEM NO: 11.4****SYNOPSIS:**

This application is for a Restaurant Liquor Licence to sell liquor from an existing restaurant which is known as the Tasty House Restaurant (refer **Attachment A**). The restaurant is situated in The Mall, in the CB (Central Business) Zone. The liquor licence application is for the internal area of the restaurant only and not the footpath dining area in The Mall.

Council officers responded to the Director of Licensing, Licensing and Regulation, on the 27 April 2009 under delegation. Council officers had no objections or comments regarding this application.

**GENERAL:**

This application is for the licensing of the restaurant to be able to sell alcohol to customers when ordering a meal at lunch and dinner times for dining within the premises.

**Applicant:** Yeum Pty Ltd**Name of Premises:** Tasty House Restaurant**Current and/or Proposed Conditions:**

- The business proposed to be conducted on the premises will be a restaurant.
- The sale of liquor for consumption on or at the licensed premises shall be ancillary to a meal.



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LOT 2352, SHOP 9 ANTHONY PLAZA, SMITH STREET MALL

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### **Trading Hours:**

The proposed Trading Hours are:

11:30 to 23:00 hours Monday to Saturday  
11:30 to 15:00 hours on Sundays

### **Council's Land Affected**

No Council owned or controlled land is affected by the proposal. The footpath dining adjacent to these premises on Council road reserve has not been included in the proposed liquor licence area.

### **Considerations under the Liquor Act**

#### **Grounds for Objection under Section 47F(2) of the Liquor Act**

Pursuant to Section 47F(2) of the Liquor Act an objection may only be made on the grounds that the grant of the licence may or will adversely affect:

- (a) The amenity of the neighbourhood where the premises the subject of the application are or will be located; or
- (b) Health, education, public safety or social conditions in the community.

### **Conclusion**

There appears to be nothing related to this application which would be grounds for objection under Section 47F(2) of the Liquor Act.

### **Conditions to a Liquor Licence – Section 3 Objects of the Act & Section 6 Public Interest Criteria**

The approval of the Restaurant Liquor Licence to allow for consumption of liquor with a meal within the premises is not expected to negatively affect the amenity of the surrounding area. This type of liquor licence is currently common practice and it reflects other restaurant licences within the CB Zone.

### **Conclusion**

There appears to be nothing related to this application which would require additional considerations or conditions of the proposed licence under Section 3 & 6 of the Liquor Act.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

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 TASTY HOUSE RESTAURANT  
 LOT 2352, SHOP 9 ANTHONY PLAZA, SMITH STREET MALL

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### **STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:**

The issues addressed in this report are in accordance with the following goals/strategies of the Darwin City Council 2008 – 2012 as outlined in the 'Evolving Darwin Strategic Directions: Towards 2020 and Beyond':-

1.1.4 Play a strategic role in the planning and developmental processes that impact Darwin.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

This issue is not considered confidential.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Not assessed.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

Not assessed.

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:**

No community safety implications are expected with the approval of this application.

### **DELEGATION:**

Letter sent under delegation to the Director of Licensing on 27 April 2009 (refer **Attachment B**).

#### **Delegation :**

Pursuant to Decision No. 20\0412 (01/07/08) I hereby delegate to the General Manager Infrastructure the power to:

- I. Determine grounds for objections to Decision No. 20\0412 (07/07/08) Liquor Licence Applications and advise the Director of Licensing in writing of Council's objection as and when required in order to meet statutory deadlines under the Northern Territory Liquor Act.
- II. Submit comments on Liquor Licence Applications to Licensing, Regulation and Alcohol Strategy, Department of Justice only when required to meet statutory or Departmental deadlines.

### **CONSULTATION:**

General Manager Infrastructure  
 Strategic Town Planner

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**PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:**

Nil.

**APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE**

Not applicable.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- A. THAT Report Number 09TS0052 BS:cb entitled Restaurant Liquor Licence Application, Tasty House Restaurant, Lot 2352, Shop 9 Anthony Plaza, Smith Street Mall, be received and noted.

**PETER LINDWALL**  
**STRATEGIC TOWN PLANNER**

**LUCCIO CERCARELLI**  
**GENERAL MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE**

Any queries on this report may be directed to Brian Sellers, Planning Officer on extension 5683.



TASTY HOUSE  
美味屋

(C)

The business is conducted as an authentic Chinese Restaurant supplying both Take away and in house dining. It enters the the large ethnic mix of the Darwin population and is conveniently situated in the Anthony Plaza Complex, Smith Street Mall of the CBD, also attracting a large number of Tourists during the season. The Restaurant is open for Lunches from 11am to 2.30pm and again for Dinner from 5.30pm till 11pm From Monday to Saturday and from 9am - 3pm on Sunday.

For Security and the comfort purposes of our Clientele, the entire Restaurant Area is covered by Recordable Closed Circuit Television. This assists in preventing and prosecuting undesirable and unacceptable behavior towards our Guests by itinerants or other persons frequenting the Mall after dark.

In addressing the Public Interest Criteria, the proposed Service of Alcohol will be confined to the Licensed area and will not be available to tables for Alfresco Dining in the Mall.

It is envisaged that all Alcohol will be consumed on the premises and Take away drinks will not be allowed. The alcohol stocks will consist of a selection of Beers, Wines and premixed spirits in cans or bottles. No Cocktails, Promotions of Alcohol, Mixed drinks or Spirits will be available for service.

All staff serving alcohol, will be properly trained in the Responsible service of Alcohol and will not provide alcohol to an intoxicated person.

The provision of a License will enable the responsible sale and consumption of alcohol with a substantial meal in a congenial but controlled environment, which has been requested by many of our regular clientele.

No alcohol or product including meals sold will be allowed to be given on Credit, other than an approved business account holder subject to our normal credit acceptance criteria.

All Alcohol consumed on the premises will be supplied in appropriate containers or glasses which will be replaced, if required, when empty with fresh clean containers.

No irresponsible drinking practices will be allowed within the Licensed premises.

The proposed Licensee is fully aware of his obligations which relate to the sale and consumption of liquor under the Act and under the Council by-laws.

Attached, due to the fact that the Restaurant has only traded for a short period, are the projected Accounts for the Year ending 30 June 2009, Break even analysis and a Four Year Profit and Loss Projection. To support my application I have attached supporting letters from our Accountant and the Bank.

12.9.2008



# LIQUOR ACT

## 2nd NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE

### TO SELL LIQUOR

#### TASTY HOUSE RESTAURANT

Yeam Pty Ltd, HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that it has applied to the Northern Territory Licensing Commission for a "RESTAURANT" Liquor Licence to sell liquor from the premises to be known as "Tasty House Restaurant", located at Shop 9 Anthony Plaza, Smith Street Mall, Darwin NT 0800.

PROPOSED TRADING DETAILS for the sale of liquor are as follows:

- The business proposed to be conducted on the premises will be in the nature of a Restaurant.
- Liquor may be sold from 11:30 hours until 23:00 hours, Monday to Saturday and 11:30 hours until 18:00 on Sunday.
- The sale of liquor for consumption on or at the licensed premises shall be ancillary to a meal.

This is the second notice of application.

The objection period is deemed to commence from Friday, 3 April 2009. (date of publication of second notice).

Pursuant to Section 47F(2) of the *Liquor Act* an objection may only be made on the ground that the grant of the licence may or will adversely affect:

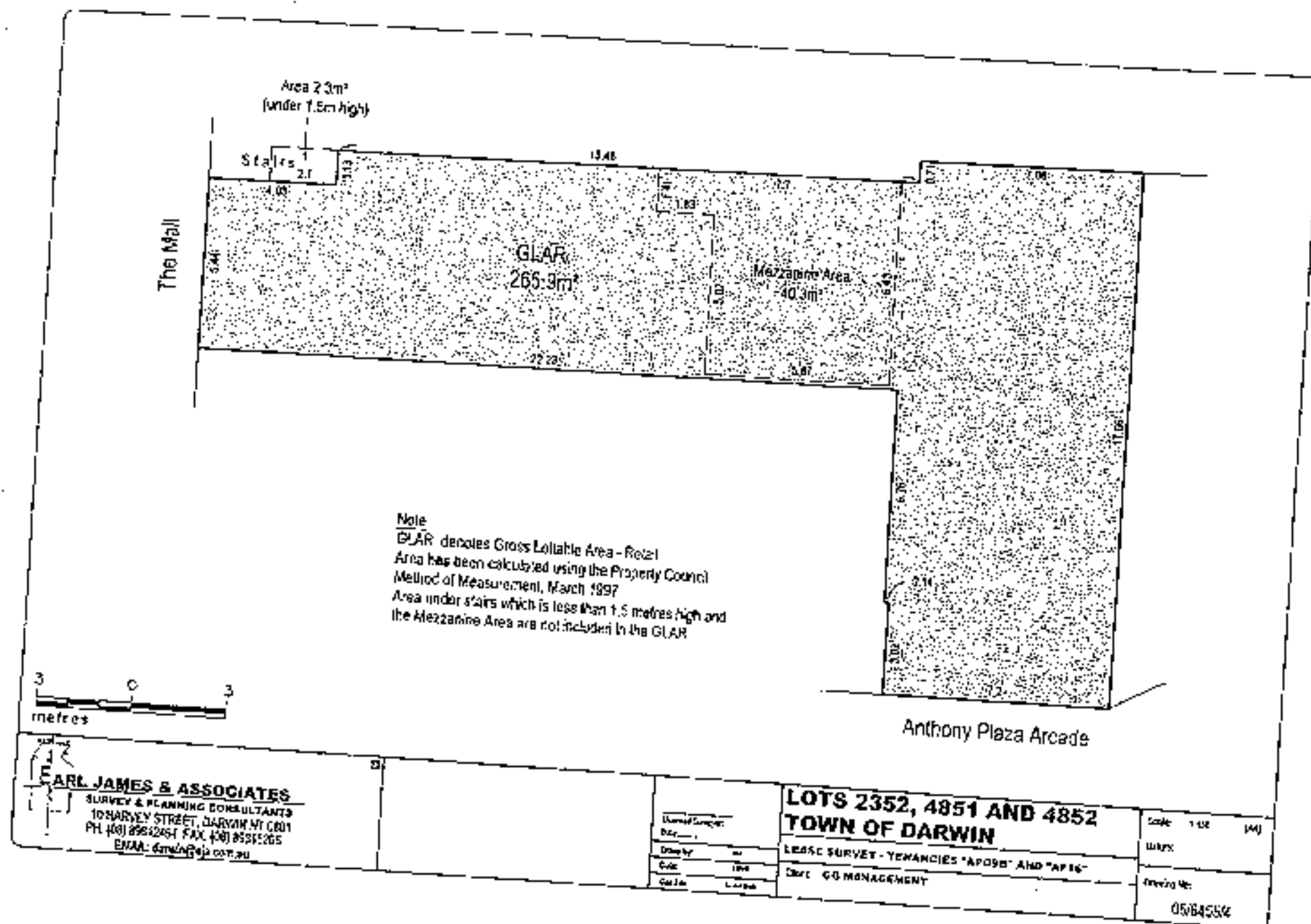
- (a) the amenity of the neighbourhood where the premises the subject of the application are or will be located; or
- (b) health, education, public safety or social conditions in the community.

Only those persons, organisations or groups described in Section 47F(3) of the *Liquor Act* may make an objection. Section 47G of the *Liquor Act* requires the Director of Licensing to inform the applicant of the substance of any objection. This will include the identity and where relevant the address of the objector.

For further information regarding this application contact the Director of Licensing on telephone 8999 1800. Objections to this application should be lodged in writing with the Director of Licensing, Licensing and Regulation, GPO Box 1154, Darwin, within thirty (30) days of the commencement date of the objection period.

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of April 2009







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27 April 2009

Director of Licensing  
Licensing, Regulation & Alcohol Strategy  
Department of Justice  
GPO Box 1154  
Darwin NT 0801

Dear Sir

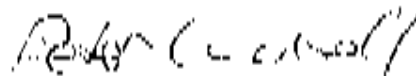
**Restaurant Liquor Licence Application – Tasty House Restaurant  
Lot 2352, Shop 9 Anthony Plaza, Smith Street Mall**

In reference to the above Liquor Licence Application, I advise under delegated authority as follows:

- i). Council raises no objection to the proposal under Section 47F(2) of the Liquor Act.
- ii). Council has no comments in relation to the proposal taking into account the Objects of the Liquor Act as defined in Section 3 and 6 of the Liquor Act.

Please contact Brian Sollers, Planning Officer on 8930 0683 if you wish to discuss this matter further.

Yours faithfully



**PETER LINDWALL  
STRATEGIC TOWN PLANNER**

## 11 OFFICER'S REPORTS

### 11.5 **Restaurant Liquor Licence Application - Garam Masala Lot 5566, Shop 34 (59) Mitchell Street, Darwin**

Report No. 09TS0061 BS:cb (28/04/09) Common No. 1563101

*Report Number 09TS0061 attached.*

ENCL: YES

**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL**  
**REPORT**

DATE: 28/4/2009

TO: 1<sup>ST</sup> ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING/OPEN

APPROVED: BS

FROM: GENERAL MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE

APPROVED: PL

REPORT NO: 09TS0061 BS:cb

APPROVED: LC

COMMON NO: 1563101

**SUBJECT:** RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENCE APPLICATION - GARAM MASALA  
LOT 5566, SHOP 34 (59) MITCHELL STREET, DARWIN

**ITEM NO: 11.5****SYNOPSIS:**

This application is for a Restaurant Liquor Licence to sell liquor from a new restaurant to be known as Garam Masala (refer **Attachment A**). The restaurant is situated in the Mitchell Centre, Mitchell Street in the CB (Central Business) Zone. The liquor licence application is for the internal area of the restaurant only and not the approved footpath dining area on the adjacent footpath.

This report recommends that Council raises no objection to this liquor licence application, but has a comment in relation to this liquor licence application.

**GENERAL:****Applicant:** Ricardo Cagabcab**Name of Premises:** Garam Masala**Current and/or Proposed Conditions:**

- The business proposed to be conducted on the premises will be in the nature of a restaurant.
- A menu based meal will be available from a conventional restaurant style dining area with formal seating and Alfresco Dining facilities.
- Liquor may only be sold ancillary to a meal.

### **Trading Hours:**

The current and/or proposed trading hours are as follows:

Liquor may be sold from 11:00 hours until 02:00 hours the following day, seven days a week.

### **Council's Land Affected**

No Council owned or controlled land is affected by the proposal.

### **Considerations under the Liquor Act**

#### **Grounds for Objection under Section 47F(2) of the Liquor Act**

Pursuant to Section 47F(2) of the Liquor Act an objection may only be made on the grounds that the grant of the licence may or will adversely affect:

- (a) The amenity of the neighbourhood where the premises the subject of the application are or will be located; or
- (b) The health, education, public safety or social conditions in the community.

### **Conclusion**

There appears to be nothing related to this application which would be grounds for objection under Section 47F(2) of the Liquor Act.

### **Conditions to a Liquor Licence – Section 3 Objects of the Act & Section 6 Public Interest Criteria**

The approval of the Restaurant Liquor Licence to allow for consumption of liquor within the premises and is not expected to negatively affect the amenity of the surrounding area. This type of liquor licence is currently common practice and it reflects other restaurant licences within the CB Zone.

Garam Masala was issued a Footpath Dining permit on 18 February 2009. Council has not received any information regarding the restaurant seeking approval to serve alcohol within this approved footpath dining area.

### **Conclusion**

Council has the following comments in relation to the proposal taking into account the Objects of the Liquor Act as defined in Sections 3 & 6 of the Liquor Act:

- a) No part of Council's footpath is to be included in the liquor licensed area.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:**

The issues addressed in this report are in accordance with the following goals/strategies of the Darwin City Council 2008 – 2012 as outlined in the 'Evolving Darwin Strategic Directions: Towards 2020 and Beyond':-

1.1.4 Play a strategic role in the planning and developmental processes that impact Darwin.

2.1.2 Develop and maintain a vibrant and active Central Business Area.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

This issue is not considered confidential.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Not assessed.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

Not assessed.

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:**

No community safety implications are expected from approval of this application. The previous business in this location also had a liquor licence.

### **DELEGATION:**

Not applicable as delegation not utilised.

### **CONSULTATION:**

Strategic Town Planner

### **PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:**

Nil.

### **APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE**

Not applicable.

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LOT 5566, SHOP 34 (59) MITCHELL STREET, DARWIN

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- A. THAT Report Number 09TS0061 BS:cb entitled Restaurant Liquor Licence Application - Garam Masala, Lot 5566, Shop 34 (59) Mitchell Street, Darwin, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council endorse the following comments to be forwarded to the Director of Licensing, Racing, Gaming and Licensing:
- i). Council raises no objection to the proposal under Section 47F(2) of the Liquor Act.
  - ii). Council has the following comment in relation to the proposal taking into account the Objects of the Liquor Act as defined in Sections 3 & 6 of the Liquor Act:
    - a) No part of Council's footpath is to be included in the liquor licensed area.

**PETER LINDWALL**  
**STRATEGIC TOWN PLANNER**

**LUCCIO CERCARELLI**  
**GENERAL MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE**

Any queries on this report may be directed to Brian Sellers, Planning Officer on extension 5683.

### **Public Interest criteria in respect of licensed premises**

Garam Masala is aiming to provide a fine dining (Indian Cuisine) experience utilising the outside and inside eating areas, to offer a choice to customer to appreciate the tropical relaxed atmosphere or the more formal dining experience in the air-conditioned comfort.

The target market for Garam Masala is:

- Fine dining customers who appreciate quality and exotic tastes
- High yield corporate customers
- Visitors staying in the premium hotels in the city area
- Diversity of cultural groups seeking fine food

The fine dining experience put emphasis on the food and flavour and the alcohol complements the meal. Alcohol is not the core business of Garam Masala, good food is, and also the pricing of the alcohol at Garam Masala will be in upper end, which will promote customer not to drink too much. There will also be a limited selection of alcohol, all of which will be sold in glasses, or opened bottles will then be served to customers by wait staff.

The fine dining experience also suggests there will not be excessive noise, or loud music played, the atmosphere will be more refined and more suited to the target customer. Similarly the trading hours will ensure customers leave the premises by 11 pm, deducing likely hood of mixing with the nightclub crowd.

The Fine Dining experience of the Indian cuisine offers the following:

- Adds the diversity of food / restaurant type in the fine dining market in the city
- providing diversity in food (flavours and tastes in the city
- formal air-conditioned area and relaxed outdoor dining
- provide for corporate customers
- complement the food offering by fine dining restaurants with in the inner city
- provides diversity the dining experience in Mitchell street

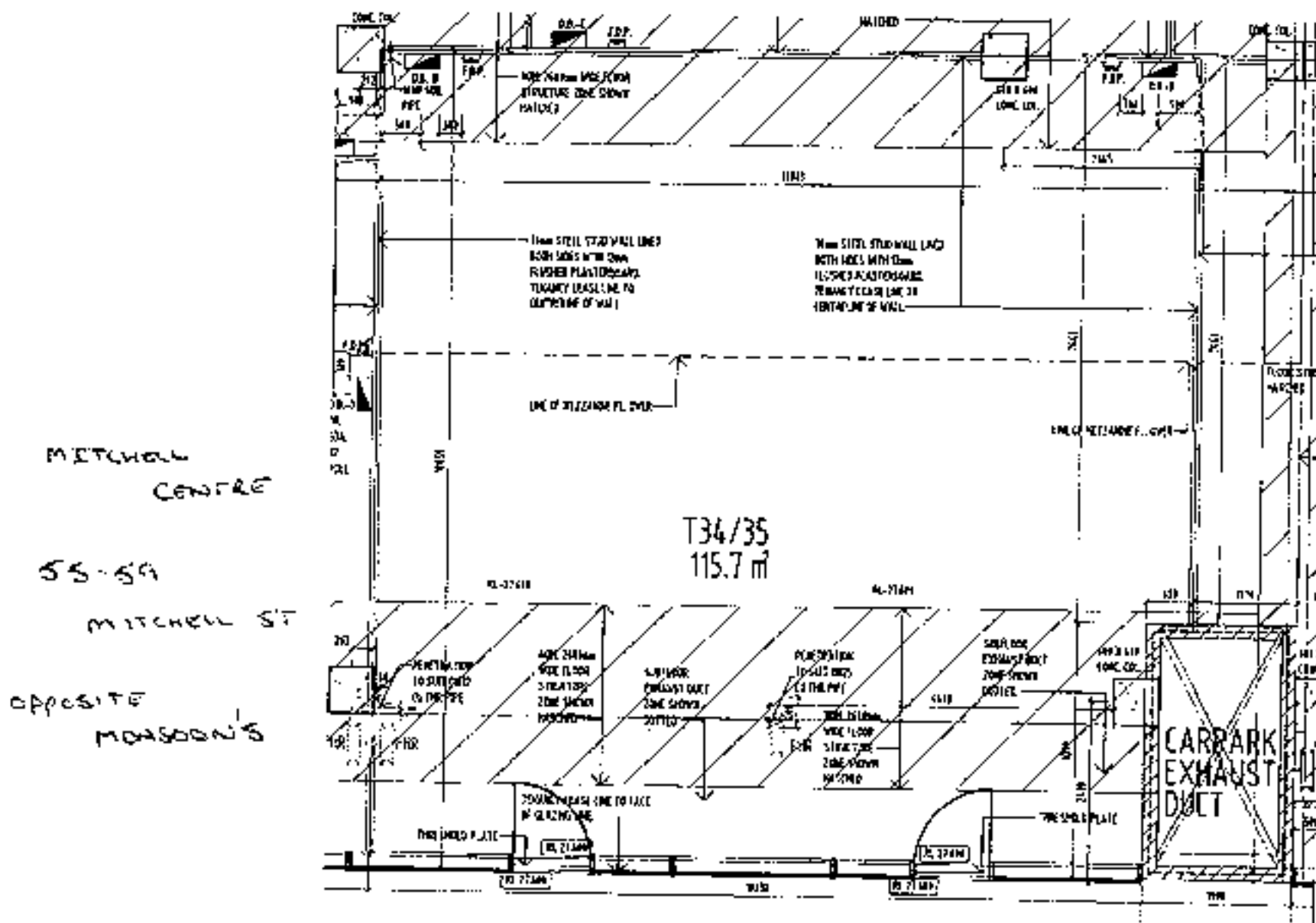
### **Responsible Service of Alcohol Policy**

Garam Masala will provide training to all staff to enable them to provide responsible service of alcohol including:

- prepare and serve alcoholic beverages responsibly;
- served and consumed only in the licensed premises and areas
- to be able to identify customers to whom service may be refused

Garam Masala's policy is to serve members and guests with alcoholic beverages in a professional, responsible and friendly manner. The Australian community and governments take alcohol-related issues such as drink driving and violence very seriously, and so does the Garam Masala.





## 11 OFFICER'S REPORTS

### 11.6 **Update on Status of Request to the Northern Territory Government to Increase Parking Infringement Penalties**

Report No. 09C0079 AF:kl 07/05/09) Common No. 1212294

*Report Number 09C0079 attached*

ENCL: NO

**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL**

DATE: 07/05/09

**REPORT**TO: 1<sup>ST</sup> ORDINARY COUNCIL/OPEN

APPROVED: JB

FROM: GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &  
CULTURAL SERVICES

APPROVED: AF

REPORT NO: 09C0079 AF:kl

COMMON NO: 1212294

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON STATUS OF REQUEST TO THE NORTHERN  
TERRITORY GOVERNMENT TO INCREASE PARKING  
INFRINGEMENT PENALTIES**ITEM NO: 11.6****SYNOPSIS:**

This report advises Council of the status of the request to the NT Government (NTG) to increase parking infringement penalties.

**GENERAL:****Background**

Previous decisions on 26 June 2007:

- A. THAT Report Number 07C0050 CG:kl titled Update of Northern Territory Parking Infringement Fines, be received and noted.
- B. THAT an application be made to the Northern Territory Government to amend Section 49 (d) of the Road Transport Regulations from \$20 to \$40 and that it be represented in a format linked to a percentage of the NT penalty point system.

Upon request by the NTG on 8 February 2008 to withdraw this request, Council determined on 27 May 2008:

- B. That the Northern Territory Government be advised that Darwin City Council does not wish to withdraw its request for a review of parking infringements, and further requests that the Northern Territory Government advise Council of the timetable, terms of reference and rationale for the review of parking infringement fines in the Northern Territory.

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Correspondence from Council to the NTG reflecting these decisions was sent on 13 July 2007 and 5 June 2008.

Correspondence from the NTG to Council indicating:

- Council's request is under consideration - 31 August 2007
- a request for statistics to inform decision-making - 25 October 2007
- a request to Council to withdrawal the request - 8 February 2008

Furthermore, the General Manager Community & Cultural Services corresponded with the NTG by email on 17 and 19 March and 17 and 22 April 2009 in relation to following up this matter, including the re-forwarding of the Lord Mayor's letter of 5 June 2008.

## **Current**

In view of the fact that Council again requires the NTG to consider an increase in parking infringement penalties, this report recommends that a letter be sent from the Lord Mayor to the Minister of Transport requesting a further consideration of this matter.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil at this stage.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:**

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies of the Darwin City Council 2008 – 2012 as outlined in the 'Evolving Darwin Strategic Directions: Towards 2020 and Beyond':-

### **Goal**

1 Achieve Effective Partnerships and Engage in Collaborative Relationships

### **Outcome**

1.1 Improve relations with all levels of Government

### **Key Strategies**

1.1.1 Effectively engage with Territory and Australian Government officials, particularly in the Darwin region

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### **Goal**

7 Demonstrate Effective, Open and Responsible Governance

### **Outcome**

7.1 Effective governance

### **Key Strategies**

7.1.3 Manage Council's affairs based on a sustainable financial strategy

### **Goal**

7 Demonstrate Effective, Open and Responsible Governance

### **Outcome**

7.1 Effective governance

### **Key Strategies**

7.1.1 Continuously review service delivery to meet the communities needs and expectations

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil at this stage

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil at this stage

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

### **DELEGATION:**

Nil

### **CONSULTATION:**

Nil

### **PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:**

Nil at this stage.

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**APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE**

Nil at this stage

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 09C0079 entitled, Update on Status of Request to The Northern Territory Government to Increase Parking Infringement Penalties, be received and noted.
- B. THAT the Lord Mayor writes to the Northern Territory Government Minister for Transport to request an urgent meeting to re-assert Council's request that parking infringement penalties be increased.

**ANNIE FARRELL**  
**EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**JOHN BANKS**  
**GENERAL MANAGER**  
**COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES**

Any queries on this report may be directed to Annie Farrell on 89300404

## 11 OFFICER'S REPORTS

### 11.7 The Mall Kiosk

Report No. 09A0074 FC:lm (13/05/09) Common No. 1567651

*Report Number 09A0074 attached*

ENCL: YES

## DARWIN CITY COUNCIL

DATE: 13/05/09

## REPORT

TO: ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING/OPEN

APPROVED: FC

FROM: GENERAL MANAGER, CORPORATE  
SERVICES

APPROVED: LC

REPORT NO: 09A0074

APPROVED:

COMMON NO: 1567651

SUBJECT: THE MALL KIOSK

## ITEM NO: 11.7

**SYNOPSIS:**

This report recommends that expressions of interest be called to occupy the kiosk in The Mall on a temporary basis.

**GENERAL:**

The General Manager of community radio Territory FM, Mr Peter Perrin has requested that the station be allowed to broadcast from the Mall Kiosk. (**Attachment A**)

Mr Perrin proposes to broadcast the breakfast show hosted by Daryl Manzie, and the afternoon drive time program 1 to 2 days per week. No adjustments to the kiosk would be necessary as the radio station would only require telephone access and power.

Mr Perrin states it will be an excellent promotional vehicle for Darwin City Council and local city businesses, whilst enabling them to be more face to face with their audience, currently rated at 23% of Darwin radio listeners.

Whilst this approach has considerable merit, other people have from time to time requested use of the kiosk. To ensure openness and equality in treatment, it is recommended that expressions of interest be publicly called.

Council has adopted a position to demolish the kiosk as part of the "De-clutter The Mall" strategy, however this is subject to funding being approved for "City Centre Revitalisation" under the Regional and Community Infrastructure Program, which if approved, may not extend to removal of the kiosk.



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### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil at this stage.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:**

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies of the Darwin City Council 2008 – 2012 as outlined in the 'Evolving Darwin Strategic Directions: Towards 2020 and Beyond':-

#### **Goal**

6 Promote Brand Darwin

#### **Outcome**

6.1 Increase Council's profile

#### **Key Strategies**

6.1.2 Implement a communications strategy that promotes Council and informs the community

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

A licence agreement will need to be entered into requiring the occupant to provide public liability insurance. The licence agreement will provide that the Kiosk must be vacated providing four weeks notice.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

Positive

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

### **DELEGATION:**

Nil

### **CONSULTATION:**

Chief Executive Officer

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**PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:**

Nil

**APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE**

Nil

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 09A0074 entitled, The Mall Kiosk, be received and noted.
- B. THAT expressions of interest be called from interested parties for occupation of the Kiosk in The Mall on a temporary basis.

**LIAM CARROLL**  
**MANAGER BUSINESS SERVICES**

**FRANK CRAWLEY**  
**GENERAL MANAGER**  
**CORPORATE SERVICES**

Any queries on this report may be directed to Liam Carroll on 8930 0559.

**Brondan Dowd**

**From:** Peter Perrin [Peter.Perrin@cdi.edu.au]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 22 April 2009 1:41 PM  
**To:** Brondan Dowd  
**Subject:** Territory FM

Dear Mr Dowd,

I have this morning been speaking to Anne in your customer service team who recommended I direct this enquiry to you.

I'm led to believe the Smith Street Mall Kiosk (formerly tourist info) is now empty and has an uncertain future. Regardless we believe it would be an ideal location to broadcast live from one to two weekdays a week. It would need nothing more than a couple of telephone lines and power which I'm sure it has and power inc Air Conditioning. I would propose we broadcast we would host a breakfast show, current affairs with Daryl Manzie, information and drive time program from there.

I believe it prove an excellent promotional vehicle for the DCC and local city businesses. It would also permit us to be more face to face with our audience with now rates at 23% of Darwin radio listenership.

As a background 104.1 Territory FM has a strong supporter of the NT and being based in Darwin most particularly the Top End, we are based at the Casuarina Campus of CDU although I hasten to add we are a community broadcaster, whilst CDU holds the broadcasting license we receive no funding from the University or NTG, we are self funded.

Brondan I would appreciate hearing your views so we can perhaps reach a mutually beneficial arrangement.

Yours truly,

**Peter Perrin**  
**General Manager**  
 Territory 104.1 Darwin & Alice Springs  
 90-917 1st Floor 2000 Darwin NT 08117 4223381 D  
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## 11 OFFICER'S REPORTS

### 11.8 Darwin Golf Club - Request for Waiver of Dumping Fees

Report No. 09TC0030 BD:jp (08/05/09) Common No. 1545332

*Report Number 09TC0030 attached*

ENCL: YES

**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL**

DATE: 07/05/09

**REPORT**

TO: 1ST ORDINARY COUNCIL/OPEN

APPROVED: BD

FROM: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

REPORT NO: 09TC0030

COMMON NO: 1545332

SUBJECT: DARWIN GOLF CLUB - REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF DUMPING FEES

**ITEM NO: 11.8****SYNOPSIS:**

In 2005 and 2008, Darwin Golf Club was provided with a \$500 waiver for dumping fees at the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility – the dumping fee waivers were associated with “clean up” days at the golf course.

Consistent with past practice, an allocation of \$500 was made this year under delegation from the Community Grants Program.

At the clean up day held on 28 March 2009, Darwin Golf Club dumped material which incurred a fee of \$5,404. Notwithstanding that they were aware that Council would only waive \$500, they are now seeking “DCC’s understanding in this matter”. (**Attachment A**).

**GENERAL:**

In 2005 and 2008 Darwin Golf Club were granted a \$500 waiver for dumping fees. These waivers were granted to offset costs associated with their “clean up” days.

Consistent with the practice in past years, a \$500 waiver was granted under delegation from the Community Grants Program on the basis that they:

- utilise volunteers for the clean up day;
- are a Darwin based organisation; and
- operate on not for profit principles.

At the clean up day held on 28 March 2009, they deposited 190.32 tonnes.

Darwin Golf Club were aware that the fee waiver limit was \$500 and were also aware that after they had dumped the first truck load that approximately half their fee waiver had been used.

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Notwithstanding this, they continued dumping and accrued \$5,404 in dump fees.

They are now seeking “DCC’s understanding in this matter” (**Attachment A**).

Council has a range of options at its disposal including:

- requiring full payment for the costs incurred (less the \$500 Community Grant);
- requiring a partial payment;
- writing off the debt.
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### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Council must pay our contractors for the processing of waste deposited at the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility.

No specific budget allocation exists to enable a fee waiver of \$5,404 for the Darwin Golf Club. If Council reduces or writes off the amount a 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Budget Review allocation may be necessary.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

### **DELEGATION:**

Nil.

### **CONSULTATION:**

Nil.

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**PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:**

Nil.

**APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE**

Nil.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

A. THAT Report Number 09TC0030 entitled Darwin Golf Club - Request for Waiver of Dumping Fees, be received and noted.

B. THAT Council advise the Darwin Golf Club Inc. that full payment, less the \$500 fee waiver, is required for the costs incurred at the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility on 28 March 2009.

Or

B. THAT Council advise the Darwin Golf Club Inc. that it is prepared to waive 50% of the costs incurred at the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility on 28 March 2009

Or

B. THAT Council advise the Darwin Golf Club that it is prepared to waive all costs incurred at the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility on 28 March 2009.

**BRENDAN DOWD**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Any queries on this report may be directed to Brendan Dowd on 5505

**Brendan Dowd**

**From:** Bruce Sampson (Bruce.Sampson@ntautogroup.com.au)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 5 May 2009 1:16 PM  
**To:** Brendan Dowd  
**Subject:** Fw: Darwin Golf Club  
**Attachments:** Feb 2009 residents\_2.doc

To - Mr. Brendan Dowd  
Re - Shoal Bay Waste Facility

Brendan

I have been requested by Mr Bob Elix to write to you outlining the Darwin Golf Club's concerns with the DGC account recently accrued during our working bee in preparation for the forthcoming Anafura Games. The account is in the amount of \$6404.

In my position as President of The DGC I approached the DGC prior to the event seeking assistance with the fee for the dumping of greenwaste, similar to the assistance given us as a result of last years cyclone which I estimated would involve around half of last years termage. I was advised that council would allow \$500 credit being around half that of last year, being more than enough to cover the clubs efforts. I understand that after the first truck arrived half of the allowance was already gone. We now have this outstanding amount due to the DGC and seek the DGC's understanding in this matter.

I point out that the golf course area is some seventy odd hectares being surrounded by residential housing and is used among many other things, as a dumping ground for greenwaste whereby for residents it's far more convenient to do this rather than cart it to the dump.

We at no time shirk our responsibility as the owner of the perpetual lease, in endeavouring to ensure that this large area is at all times a safe and environmentally sound tract of suburban land which with ever increasing WH&S issues comes at ever increasing costs.

It is a watershed for all surrounding suburbs carrying storm water and waste through the property thereby causing costly maintenance and rubbish collection.

For your interest I have attached a letter, the 3rd of a series, being distributed to all adjacent residents keeping them informed of the difficulties faced in coping with the perception that the golf course is a public park, and of their responsibilities in being good neighbours.

Yours Sincerely

Bruce Sampson  
President, Darwin Golf Club  
Mobile: 0418826877  
Tel: (08) 89464480  
Fax: (08) 89417246  
bjs@ntautogroup.com.au





# DARWIN GOLF CLUB Inc

Thursday, 7 May 2009

Dear Resident,

Further to our open letter to all residents in August of 2007, it is again necessary to write informing you of our concerns regarding the usage of our golf course by residents whose property adjoins the golf course.

Many residents have put considerable effort into beautifying land next to their back and side fences and others irresponsibly dump palm fronds and rubbish over the fences for us to attend to.

If you are not an owner/occupier, you may not be aware of the strict terms and conditions the Darwin Golf Club must comply with under the granting of our perpetual lease, the most relevant being that;

- **We are wholly and singularly responsible for the total maintenance of the golf course area, including all off street access to the course.**
- We are now facing serious issues brought about from just planting of the mahogany and other miscellaneous trees, due to spreading roots, and dying and dead trees, which must be progressively removed
- The average cost of tree removal is \$4000 each and all costs are met by the Darwin Golf Club, the club receives no other funding, grants or assistance from government or councils for course maintenance which runs to around \$700,000.00 per year. Darwin City Council however, did provide valuable assistance after last years cyclone damage.
- A golf course is rated on a degree of difficulty, which players are measured to, and all areas regarded as 'in bounds' constitute this rated area. In our instance the boundaries are in most cases the property fences backing onto the course and it is this area which is of concern.
  - o the use of cement borders, stones, rocks and paving is not permitted, and those areas of land altered in this manner must be returned to their natural state. (Unless the resident can show proof of an agreement with DGCC that permission was given).
  - o Residents must apply to the DGCC for permission to use any of the golf course land and must not commence such activity until written authority is given by the DGCC committee (e.g. replacing or constructing a fence bordering the golf course, having garden supplies brought in, building works and using the course as a temporary dumping point, etc)
- **DGCC land is leased as private land and that trespassing onto it by way of motor vehicles, riding bicycles, boggy boarding during the wet, running and walking is not to be undertaken in any circumstances other than when engaged in the activity of playing golf as a member, or having paid the relevant green fees to access and use this facility for the purpose of playing golf.**

- Another area of concern is the increasing incidence of parking trailers, caravans and cars on the golf course, (particularly during the dry season accommodating visiting relatives) some of which have been in situ for some time. This practice must stop and we ask those doing so please comply, again this constitutes trespassing on your part and non compliance will result in legal action.

Our hard line on this is brought about by the very high cost of public liability insurance and our concerns of personnel injury. **We are particularly concerned with falling tree branches, the numerous in-ground sprinkler boxes with damaged lids now hidden by the long grass, golfers with varying degrees of skill playing at all times of the day and evening, as well as the course maintenance equipment traversing all areas throughout the course, and the high number of people (children in particular) using our course as a thoroughfare to and from the shops and bus stops.** Again we remind you that not only is this trespassing, but you are placing yourselves / your children at considerable risk, and we ask that you take a more public route, which will not interfere with our members nor put yourselves in harms way.

We welcome any communication with us that you may feel is necessary to clarify these issues or suggestions to assist in providing a safe, friendly environment where the playing of golf is done according to the rules, whereby resident neighbour's lifestyles are enhanced and the value of properties keeps increasing beyond the Darwin average due to the relaxed and safe environment.

Kind Regards,

*Bruce Sampson*

President

Darwin Golf Club inc

**12      QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**

**13 GENERAL BUSINESS****13.1 Election of Deputy Lord Mayor 15 – 18 May 2009**

THAT due to the Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor be unavailable or prevented from performing the duties of Lord Mayor simultaneously during the period 15 – 18 May 2009, the Council pursuant to Section 43 (3) of the Local Government Act 2008, hereby appoints Member \_\_\_\_\_, to be Acting Lord Mayor on those days.

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**14 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

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 Confidential Items of the Agenda.

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