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DARWIN CITY COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

MEMBERS: Member R Lesley (Chairman); The Right Worshipful, The Lord Mayor, Mr G R Sawyer; Member R T Dee; Member G M Jarvis, Member A R Mitchell.

OFFICERS: Chief Executive Officer, Mr B Dowd; General Manager Community & Cultural Services, Mr J Banks; Sister Cities Project Officer, Mrs S French; Assistant Committee Administrator, Ms L Elmer.

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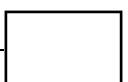
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| * Animal Management | * Inspectorial Services |
| * Arts and Culture | * Parking Control |
| * Community Relations | * Public Libraries |
| * Human Services | * Recreation |
| * Community Use of Halls, Ovals, Playing Fields, Public Pools and other Council Facilities | * Social Planning and Advocacy |
| * Sister Cities Management Community Committee's | |

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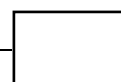


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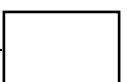
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Community Services Committee Meeting - Monday, 9 February 2009

1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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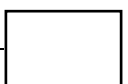
COMMITTEE'S DECISION

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

<u>Item</u>	<u>Regulation</u>	<u>Reason</u>
C14.1	8(c)(iv)	Information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.
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Community Services Committee Meeting - Monday, 9 February 2009**5 WITHDRAWAL OF ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION****COMMITTEE'S DECISION**

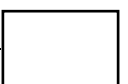
THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority that all Information Items and Officers Reports to the Community Services Committee Meeting held on Monday, 9 February, 2009, be received and all recommendations contained therein be adopted by general consent with the exception of Item Number

DECISION NO.20\() (09/02/09)

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES PERTAINING TO THE PREVIOUS COMMUNITY SERVICES MEETING**COMMITTEE'S DECISION**

THAT the Committee resolve that the minutes of the previous Community Services Committee Meeting held on Monday, 10 November, 2008, tabled by the Chairman, be received and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

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7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES PERTAINING TO THE PREVIOUS COMMUNITY SERVICES MEETING

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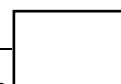
Community Services Committee Meeting - Monday, 9 February 2009**8 INFORMATION ITEMS****8.1 Northern Territory Government's representative to the Darwin Performing Arts Centre Board of Directors**

Document No. 1501235 (22/12/08) Common No. 1483019

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT the letter from the Minister for Arts & Museums, Marion Scrymgour MLA, nominating Dr Diana Leeder as the Northern Territory Government's representative to the Darwin Performing Arts Centre Board of Directors, Document Number 1501235, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Dr Diana Leeder's appointment to the Board of the Darwin Performing Arts Centre, trading as Darwin Entertainment Centre from 1 July 2008 until 30 June 2010 as the representative of the Minister for Arts and Museums, be endorsed by Council.

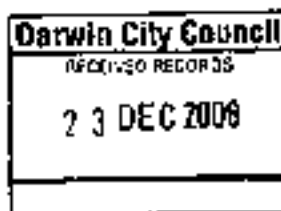




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The Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor
Mr Graeme Sawyer
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Dear Lord Mayor *Graeme*

As you will be aware, since 1996, membership of the Darwin Performing Arts Centre Board of Directors has included a Northern Territory Government representative, nominated by the Minister for Arts and Museums.

Dr Diana Leeder has served in that role since September 2006, however her term has expired. I am pleased to nominate Dr Leeder for a further term.

I look forward to continuing our partnership in respect of the Darwin Entertainment Centre, and to a further term of excellence at the Centre.

Yours sincerely

Marion Scrymgeour
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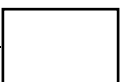
Community Services Committee Meeting - Monday, 9 February 2009**8 INFORMATION ITEMS****8.2 Neighbourhood Watch NT Community Patrols Trial Progress Report for November and December 2008**

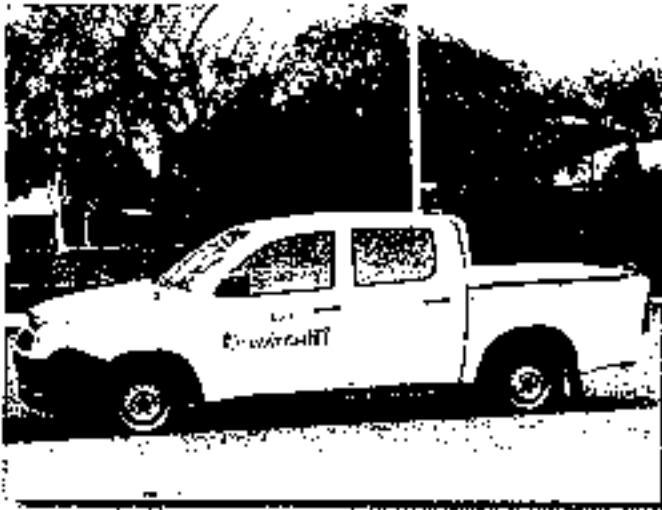
Document No. 1501671 (22/12/08) Common No. 1347460

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

THAT the Neighbourhood Watch NT Community Patrols Trial Progress Report for November and December 2008, Document Number 1501671, be received and noted





Progress Report



NORTHERN SUBURBS
COMMUNITY PATROL



ALICE SPRINGS
COMMUNITY PATROL

13 Week Report

Introduction

Neighbourhood Watch NT through their volunteer working group Community Patrols NS, commenced the official trial of community patrols in Sanderson on Friday the 1st of August 2008. With the support of Darwin City Council, the Community Benefits Grant Scheme, relevant NT Government departments and the Northern Territory Police, community patrols are now able to be the eyes and ears for the community on weekend nights, reporting relevant information to all stakeholders in the Sanderson Community.

Whilst only three months statistics, evidence has clearly emerged that resolution of community safety issues can be immediately addressed by increasing the flow relevant information in a timely manner to stakeholders. In addition to this the low number of reports to the Northern Territory during patrols shifts leads us to believe that Community Patrols secondary function, acting as a deterrent is being effective.

Through community patrols, Neighbourhood Watch members are now able to get actively involved in their community by volunteering to be the eyes and ears of the neighbourhood. They do no more than what an ordinary citizen is expected to do in the same circumstances however, they are prepared to go one step further and be trained to report information effectively. This not only helps the community by reports to stakeholders but offers an additional method of engagement and creates the opportunity to identify then resolve community safety issues responsibly and respectfully.

The Patrollers

Community Patrollers are ordinary people that do an extraordinary job. Generally they are mums and dads that also volunteer for other duties within NHW including, the manning the BBQ and promotional stands, delivering flyers or or they attend regular area meetings. You will often see them also helping out at the local school. They aren't Policemen, security guards or even super heroes they are just caring people that give their time to help the community.

The opinion from some quarters that community patrols were started by these volunteers due to crime being out of control is totally incorrect. Community Patrols have commenced in the NT due to the desire for the local community to take responsibility for local community safety issues and as it is a proven and effective crime prevention model that is recognised thru-out the world the community

Patrols and Patrollers Darwin

Community Patrols	Community Patrols	Community Patrols
Number of patrols undertaken in the last 13 weeks	28	Four patrols cancelled due to NHW events and availability of patrollers
Number of individual patrollers not on patrol in the last 13 Weeks	66	Patrols consist of two or more patrollers in the vehicle at any one time

Patrols and Patrolers Alice Springs

Item	Quantity	Comments
Number of patrols undertaken in the last 13 weeks	18	Three patrols cancelled due to NHW events and availability of patrolers
Number of individual patrolers out on patrol in the last 13 Weeks	36	Patrols consist of two patrolers in the vehicle at any one time

The Patrol Vehicles

Both the Darwin City Council and Alice Springs Town Council are supporting the trip of community patrols in their respective jurisdiction, by the loaning of a vehicle for patrol nights. Both of the patrol vehicles are considered covert as they do not show the community patrols or NHW NT logo. However due to the look of the vehicles which both have hazard beacons atop, the vehicles appear to the public to be official and at the same time sends a you are being watched message to the would be offender.

It must be noted that the hazard beacons have been activated on a number of occasions when responding to safety issues.

Vehicle Fuel

In Darwin fuel for the patrol vehicle provided from local area NHW groups fundraising activities and is given as a donation. In Alice Springs the Town Council pays for the fuel. Currently the group is seeking additional sponsorship to provide provision for ongoing fuel costs.

Distance and Fuel Darwin

Item	Quantity	Comments
Total distance travelled by patrols	1953 Km	
Fuel	\$557	Currently sponsorship from local NHW area groups pays for fuel

Distance and Fuel Alice Springs

Item	Quantity	Comments
Total distance travelled by patrols	1250.8 Km	
Fuel	NH	Currently the Alice Springs Town Council pays for fuel for patrols

The Patrol Base

The new NHW NT Office located at the Leanyer Community Depot on Leanyer Drive also acts as the Northern Suburbs Community Patrols base. Located on the edge of the patrol area the vicinity of the base allows patrolers to return to base for coffee breaks and rest room stops. The charging of equipment such as the torch and phone is facilitated and the patrol car is stored at the base during weekend days.

In Alice Springs and until recently the patrol base has been located at the Alice Springs Police Station. A number of problems have been experienced by the patrolers during this time which has resulted in the relocation of the base thus creating a more suited environment for the community patrolers and more efficient and effective procedures regime. Concerns from the group regarding reports of community patrol mobile telephones going missing, nightly reports being misplaced or lost at the station during the weekends, keys to the patrol locker being lost by Police and each time requiring replacement, having to wait up to 30 minutes to gain access to and back into the station on patrol nights which has occurred on numerous occasions are just some of the issues that has resulted in the recent relocation of the base to the Patrol Managers residence.

Whilst this in no reflect on on the hard work and commitment of the Alice Springs Community Patrols Liaison Officer, the perceived interference and lack of commitment by local Police for the current community patrols in Alice Springs has cast a shadow on the potential relationship between Police and the volunteers and benefits that a successful program would bring to the local community.

Reporting and Communication

Currently both patrol groups report level one and level two incidents on Neighbourhood Watch mobile phones by contacting the Police on 131 444. Level three and four incidents are collected on written reporting sheets and if deemed appropriate passed on the concerned community stakeholder via telephone, email and the web, or action is taken directly by Neighbourhood Watch/Community Patrols volunteers to resolve the community safety issue.

Darwin reported incidences

Incident Category	Number of Incidents	Comments
Level 1 & 2 incidents	4	Considered very positive
Level 3 & 4 Incidents	146	Considered worthwhile for volunteers time and efforts

Alice Springs reported incidences

Incident Category	Number of Incidents	Comments
Level 1 & 2 incidents	1	First on the scene - for a bush fire near the outskirts of town
Level 3 & 4 Incidents	59	Considered worthwhile for volunteers time and effort

Level 1 & 2 Incident reporting

The point is not lost that calls to the 131 44 telephone number have been relatively low, however we believe that the quality of information that has been relayed to Police has been of use. The case of patrolers rescuing a young lady after being

clipped by a motor vehicle on Lee Point Rd and is a case of being in the right place at the right time. In this instance Community Patrols were able to render assistance until Police and the ambulance arrived. Both groups firmly believe that the presence of community patrols do act as a deterrent to would be offenders within the patrol area.

Level 3 & 4 incident reporting

This reporting category is establishing itself to be the main role for community patrols as the reporting and resolution of community safety issues and potential issues if not addressed are able to be addressed virtually immediately. The role for providing timely information on issues to other stakeholders apart from the Police, we believe gives the patrol groups and individuals the satisfaction that their volunteer efforts are contributing to community safety and at the same time a sense of well being as these issues are resolved by community stakeholders. This outcome is considered just as valuable as being the extra eyes and ears for Police.

Community Safety issues reported statistics - average over 28 patrols (Darwin only)

Subject	Quantity	Comments
Public parks and oval checks	220	Prevention of council rubbish stolen.
Street light faults located	40	Reported directly to Power Water
Shopping trolleys located	50	Reported to local shopping centre
Lane-ways checks	700	Determine that lane-ways should be lit from each end (from the street only)
Wulagi Shopping Precinct checks	140	Youth move on when patrols appear
Arada Shopping Precinct checks	140	Youth move on when patrols appear
Northcote Shopping & Golf Club	140	Youth move on when patrols appear
Sancterson Middle School checks	112	Youth move on when patrols appear
Merrara Sporting precinct checks	84	Report, lights, sprinklers, gates open
Darwin Airport Resort and Inn checks	66	No issues
Broken Water Sprinklers / hydrants	10	Save water wastage
Resolved community safety issues	4	Instant on site action
Lost and found	2	Returned to stakeholder
Graffiti	20	Ongoing reporting to the hotline

In conclusion

The mid way point for the community patrol trial we believe has proven to be highly successful. The community patrols groups does not consider the number of level 1 & 2 reports to Police to be an indicator of the success of patrols, in fact we believe to contrary that less calls indicate that patrols act as a deterrent and is now becoming secondary to the number of community safety reports that have been noted. In addition to this community patrols now give the active Neighbourhood Watch Volunteer the potential to contribute substantially to the well being of the community in which they live in a safe and professional manner.

Paul Wyatt

Manager Northern Territory Community Patrols trial program - November 2008

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Community Services Committee Meeting - Monday, 9 February 2009**8 INFORMATION ITEMS****8.3 Surf Life Saving NT Lifeguard Beach report for October 2008**

Document No. 1489136 (25/11/08) Common No. 1009444

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

THAT the Surf Life Saving NT Lifeguard Beach Report for October 2008, Document Number 1489136, be received and noted





Surf Life Saving Northern Territory Inc

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LIFEGUARD REPORT October 2008

Summary

A two-metre crocodile on Mindil beach at 1600 hours on Saturday 25 October caused the closure of the beach until 0900 hrs the following morning. There no marine stingers detected or reported to the Lifeguard by beach users. The Lifeguard continues to provide a valued community service by providing important information on the hazards of swimming at this time of the year and assisting visitors on information about the beach precinct and local attractions and facilities. October marks the last month of lifeguarding duties for Mindil Beach for 2008 however the beach remained a popular recreation venue throughout the first two weeks.

Visitation Levels

Mindil Beach visitation dropped this month with the removal of the red and yellow swimming flags and the display of the recommended red flag with stinger warning signs. Approximately 1,000 people visited the beach during the patrol hours of 1000 till 1800 and 75% of these people refrain from swimming or bathing. Most of those venturing into the water do so on Thursday and Sunday afternoons in association with the Sunset Markets.

There were noticeably less tourists and backpackers during the latter part of October.

Rescues and Preventative Actions

Crocodile Incident: Lifeguards closed the beach at 1600 hours Saturday 25 October when a two metre crocodile swam ashore on the southern end of Mindil Beach. The duty lifeguard immediately closed the beach, called the NT Parks & Wildlife Crocodile Hotline and called for backup from volunteer lifesavers. Over 60 beach patrons were diverted from the area where the crocodile retreated to the water but returned to the beach three times. The following day (Sunday 26th Oct) four volunteer surf lifesavers maintained a vigil at the beach from first light and conducted a thorough search of the area. Following consultation with NT Parks & Wildlife officers the beach was reopened at 0900 hours.

During October there were 780 preventative actions. Approximately two-thirds of beach patrons approach the Lifeguard to enquire about the approaching wet season and related marine hazards.

First Aid and Emergency Care

There were no major first aid cases.

Stinger Drags

October was free of any recorded stinger incidents. No stingers were captured during Stinger drags.

Maintaining the Beach Environment

The lifeguards throughout October were still proactively scanning the beach for items of danger such as broken glass, empty cans and rubbish etc. Improvements to current signage and rubbish removal systems could include wheelie bins at beach access points and further community education. An avoidably large amount of plastic rubbish is washed into the Darwin Estuary from Mindil Beach each week.

Further Information

If you have any queries, concerns or further information, please contact the Lifeguard Supervisor, Cameron Griffin, ph 041717 0184 or Tony Snelling, Chief Executive Officer, Surf Life Saving NT, ph 8985 6588 or 041717 3287.

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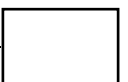
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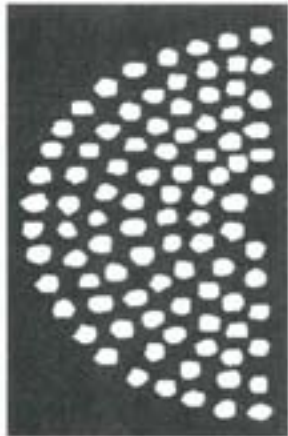
Document No. 1486059 (19/11/08) Common No. 1486059

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

THAT the Darwin Entertainment Centre Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2008, Document Number 1486059, be received and noted





DARWIN ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE

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Darwin Performing Arts Centre (Company Limited by Guarantee)
Trading As
Darwin Entertainment Centre

Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2008

Darwin Entertainment Centre

ABN 16 009 624 248

For the Year Ended 30 June 2008

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Darwin Entertainment Centre

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Directors' Report

30 June 2008

Your directors present their report on the company for the financial year ended 30 June 2008.

1. General information

(a) Directors

The names of the directors in office at any time during, or since the end of, the year are:

Names	Appointed/Resigned
Cecil Black	Appointed 1 July 2000/Re-appointed 28 July 2004
Chris Tilley	Appointed 9 June 2004/Resigned 30 June 2008
Vicky Coleman	Appointed 10 November 2003
John Bailey	Appointed 12 February 2002/Re-appointed 4 July 2008
Margaret Black	Appointed 14 November 2005/Resigned 3 December 2007
Adam Gordon	Appointed 14 November 2005
Diana Leeder	Appointed 1 November 2006
Heather Sjoberg	Appointed 4 July 2007
Peter Delis	Appointed 3 December 2007

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

(b) Principal Activities

The principal activities of the company during the financial year were the hiring of the theatres and other areas within the Centre, entrepreneurial activities in the staging of shows and acting as a ticketing agent for other venues.

There have been no significant changes in the nature of the company's principal activities during the financial year.

2. Business review

(a) Operating Results

The profit of the company for the financial year amounted to \$ 70,831.

(b) Review of operations

A review of the operations of company during the financial year and the results of those operations show that during the year, the company continued to engage in its principal activities, the results of which are disclosed in the attached financial statements.

3. Other items

(a) Auditor's Independence Declaration

The auditor's independence declaration for the year ended 30 June 2008 has been received and can be found on page 27 of the financial report.

Darwin Entertainment Centre

ABN 16 009 624 248

Directors' Report

30 June 2008

3. Other items continued

(b) Significant Changes in State of Affairs

No significant changes in the company's state of affairs occurred during the financial year.

(c) After balance date events

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the company in future financial years.

(d) Future developments

Likely developments in the operations of the company and the expected results of those operations in future financial years have not been included in this report as the inclusion of such information is likely to result in unreasonable prejudice to the company.

(e) Environmental Issues

The company's operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulation under a law of the Commonwealth or of a state or territory.

4. Corporate Structure

Darwin Performing Arts Centre is a company limited by guarantee that is incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

5. Employees

The Darwin Performing Arts Centre employed 15 permanent employees at 30 June 2008. The Centre employs up to 25 casual employees per week during the year as required.

6. Director Information

(a) Information on Directors

Cecil Black

Cecil Black is a specialist family lawyer in private practice in Darwin. He has now been resident in Darwin for 40 years during which time he has been the chairman of numerous community groups, and a member of a number of national organisations. He is a former National President of the Australian Local Government Association and a former Lord Mayor of Darwin for four years and for 23 years was an Alderman of the Darwin City Council. In November 2006, he was appointed by the Minister for Senior Territorians to be the Chairman of the Northern Territory Advisory Council on the Ageing. He has now been a board member for a total of 12 years and since November 2004 he has been the chairman of the board.

Darwin Entertainment Centre

ABN 16 009 624 248

Directors' Report

30 June 2008

Chris Tilley	Chris Tilley has been an Alderman of the Darwin City Council since 1987 and has served on numerous committees and boards serving the people of Darwin. She has twice served as Deputy Lord Mayor. Chris is an accomplished business woman, having operated her own business since 1971.
Vicky Coleman	Vicky Coleman is a long-term Darwin resident and is currently employed by the NT Government as Manager Financial Administration for the Northern Territory Treasury Corporation. She has previously held various accounting positions in Darwin within the private sector, has a degree in accounting, is CPA qualified and is a member of the Finance and Treasury Association and the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Vicky was elected to the Board by the membership in November 2003, and was re-appointed as a community representative in May 2006.
John Bailey	John Bailey, a qualified psychologist, was elected to the Legislative Assembly in 1989 until his resignation in 1999. He was elected in 2000 and remains an Alderman of the Darwin City Council holding the position of Deputy Mayor from July 2004 to June 2005. John was appointed to the Board in February 2002 and was elected chairman in March 2004. John resigned as chair at the AGM in November 2004, and from the Board in June 2007. John was reappointed to the Board in July 2008.
Margaret Black	Margaret is a long-term Darwin resident with a teaching background and has two children, now adults, who were born and bred in the Territory. Margaret has a wealth of experience as a convener and promoter of community arts activities, particularly in the field of dance and visual arts. Margaret is currently a member of the Board of Sommerville Community Services where she has actively served for 30 years. This has given her invaluable experience on boards managing business in the not for profit sector.
Adam Gordon	Adam Gordon has been a business consultant helping small businesses improve their profitability since 1988. He has considerable experience in senior management, in both the private sector and government. He specialises in strategic business planning, marketing and quality management. Adam was elected to the Board by members at the AGM in November 2005 and elected as Deputy Chairman at the next Board meeting. He was a member of the Board of Darwin Theatre Company until he resigned in January 2000. He is also a member of other local committees. Adam Gordon was previously on the Board as an appointed member from 1998 to March 2004 and Chairman from June 2000 to March 2004.

Darwin Entertainment Centre

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Directors' Report

30 June 2008

Diana Leeder

Diana Leeder is currently Executive Director, Natural Resource Management, Department of Natural Resources Environment, The Arts and Sport. Prior to joining the NT Government in July 2003, Diana worked in local government, firstly in New South Wales regional library services until 1985 and then in community services with the Darwin City Council. She is a Graduate Member of the Planning Institute of Australia, an Associate of the Australian Library and Information Association and a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Diana was appointed to the Board in November 2006.

Heather Sjoberg

Heather Sjoberg is currently an Alderman on Darwin City Council and Chairman of the Australia Day Council (NT) and has been a Northern Territory resident since arriving in 1976. She has two Masters degrees, one in Education and the other in Business Administration and has studied piano and singing. Education, the arts and community involvement have played an important role in her life, and her business experience has given her an insight into the arts business in the Northern Territory.

Peter Delis

Until recently Peter was the manager of Jabiru Orchards, winner of the 2004 Telstra Business of the Year Countrywide and NT Awards. Peter was a St John's Ambulance officer for almost ten years, and trainer for the NT St John's team at the National Championships. Professionally, Peter is an industry leader which is reflected in his membership of a Commonwealth Ministerial Advisory Group for Horticultural Exports, Chairman of the NT Horticultural Advisory Group to the Minister, Chairman of the Australian Mango Industry Association, and Fellow of the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation. He holds a Masters of Business and is currently doing a Doctorate of Business at CDU.

(b) Meetings of Directors

During the financial year, 11 meetings of directors (including committees of directors) were held. Attendances by each director during the year were as follows:

Cecil Black
Chris Tilley
Vicky Coleman
John Bailey
Margaret Black
Adam Gordon
Diana Leeder
Heather Sjoberg
Peter Delis

Number eligible to attend	Number attended
11	8
11	7
11	8
11	7
5	5
11	11
9	9
11	8
6	4

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Directors' Report

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7. Directors' Benefits

During or since the financial year no director of the company has received or become entitled to receive any benefit, other than a benefit included in the aggregate amount of emoluments received or due and receivable by the directors shown in the financial statements, by reason of a contract entered into by the company or a body corporate that was related to the company when the contract was made or when the director received, or became entitled to receive, the benefit with:

- a director, or
- a firm of which the director is a member, or
- an entity in which the director has a substantial financial interest.

8. Indemnifying Officers or Auditors

(a) No indemnities

No indemnities have been given or insurance premiums paid, during or since the end of the financial year, for any person who is or has been an officer or auditor of Darwin Entertainment Centre.

(b) Insurance premiums paid for directors

The company has paid premiums to insure each of the directors against liabilities for costs and expenses incurred by them in defending any legal proceedings arising out of their conduct while acting in the capacity of director of the company, other than conduct involving a wilful breach of duty in relation to the company. The amount of the premium is \$ 6,050, inclusive of GST.

9. Proceedings on Behalf of Company

(a) No Leave or proceedings

No person has applied for leave of Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the company or intervene in any proceedings to which the company is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the company for all or any part of those proceedings.

The company was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:

Director: 
Cecil Black

Director: 
Vicky Coleman

Dated this 14th day of November 2008

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Directors' Declaration

The directors of the company declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 7 to 24, are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and:
 - (a) comply with Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
 - (b) give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2008 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the company.
2. In the directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Director



Cecil Black

Director



Vicky Coleman

Dated

14/11/08

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Income Statement

For the Year Ended 30 June 2008

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
Revenue	Note 2	2
	2,394,689	2,150,292
Administrative costs		
Utilities	1,297,438	1,094,419
Sponsorship and support	129,369	129,046
Membership	77,813	65,622
Marketing	9,693	11,639
Technical	51,481	48,695
Front of house	21,109	14,684
Box office	66,698	53,760
Entrepreneurial expenses	55,733	64,509
Depreciation, amortisation and impairments	540,603	513,731
Gain and loss on disposal of assets	4	65,921
	50,040	
	9(a)	1,405
	-	
Total expenses	2,323,858	2,047,550
Surplus before tax	70,831	102,742
Income tax attributable to surplus	1(i)	-
	-	
Surplus after tax	70,831	102,742

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements.

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Balance Sheet

30 June 2008

	Note	2008 \$	2007 \$
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	875,795	629,180
Trade and other receivables	6	156,789	54,836
Inventories	7	28,449	24,353
Other assets	8	4,446	37,254
Total current assets		1,065,479	745,623
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	9	179,371	131,470
Intangible assets	10	16,546	22,462
Total non-current assets		195,917	153,932
TOTAL ASSETS		1,261,396	899,555
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	11	566,209	314,974
Financial liabilities	12	21,206	-
Provisions	13(a)	64,861	43,963
Total current liabilities		652,276	358,937
Non-current liabilities			
Provisions	13(b)	17,446	19,775
Total non-current liabilities		17,446	19,775
TOTAL LIABILITIES		669,722	378,712
NET ASSETS		591,674	520,843
EQUITY			
Reserves	24	103,334	156,258
Retained earnings	23	488,340	364,585
TOTAL EQUITY		591,674	520,843

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements

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Statement of Changes in Equity For the Year Ended 30 June 2008

	2008				
	Retained Earnings	Local Hirer's Subsidy Reserve	Entrepreneurial Reserve	Financial Assets Reserve	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at Sunday, 1 July 2007	364,585	13,009	143,249	-	520,843
Profit attributable to members	70,831	-	-	-	70,831
Transfers to/(from) reserves					
- Local Hirer's Subsidy Reserve	-	(7,119)	-	-	(7,119)
- Entrepreneurial Reserve	-	-	(45,805)	-	(45,805)
Transfers to/(from) retained earnings	52,924	-	-	-	52,924
Sub-total	123,755	(7,119)	(45,805)	-	70,831
Balance at 30 June 2008	488,340	5,890	97,444	-	591,674

2007					
	Retained Earnings	Local Hirer's Subsidy Reserve	Entrepreneurial Reserve	Financial Assets Reserve	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2006	296,345	13,008	98,168	10,000	418,121
Profit attributable to members	102,742	-	-	-	102,742
Transfers to/(from) reserves					
- Local Hirer's Subsidy Reserve	-	(599)	-	-	(599)
- Entrepreneurial Reserve	-	-	45,101	-	45,101
- Financial Assets Reserve	10,000	-	-	(10,000)	-
Transfers to/(from) retained earnings	(44,502)	-	-	-	(44,502)
Prior year adjustment	-	-	(20)	-	(20)
Sub-total	68,240	(599)	45,081	(10,000)	102,722
Balance at 30 June 2007	364,585	13,009	143,249	-	520,843

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements

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Cash Flow Statement

For the Year Ended 30 June 2008

	2008 \$	2007 \$
Cash from operating activities:		
Receipts from customers	1,603,659	1,462,864
Payments to suppliers and employees	(1,966,927)	(1,978,824)
Operating grants received	690,000	694,500
Interest received	27,789	22,060
Total cash from operating activities	15(a) 354,521	200,600
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(107,906)	(58,238)
Net cash used by investing activities	(107,906)	(58,238)
Net cash increase (decreases) in cash and cash equivalents	246,615	142,362
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	629,180	486,818
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	5 875,795	629,180

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements.

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Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

For the Year Ended 30 June 2008

1 Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) General information

The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the *Corporations Act 2001*.

Darwin Entertainment Centre is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

The financial report of Darwin Entertainment Centre complies with all Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) in their entirety.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the company in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

(b) Basis of Preparation

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs modified by the revaluation of selected non-current assets, and financial assets and financial liabilities for which fair value basis of accounting has been applied.

(c) Cash

For the purpose of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within short-term borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet.

(d) Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Costs are assigned on a first-in first-out basis.

(e) Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

(i) Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis less depreciation and impairment losses.

Assets purchased for less than \$300 during the year have been written off.

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1 Statement of Significant Accounting Policies continued

(e) Property, Plant and Equipment continued

(i) Plant and equipment continued

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by the directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from those assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows, which will be received from the assets employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have not been discounted to present values in determining recoverable amounts.

(ii) Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their useful lives to Darwin Performing Arts Centre, commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The estimated useful lives used for each class of depreciable assets are:

Class of Asset

Plant and Equipment	5
Office Equipment	5
Computer Equipment	3

The assets' residual value and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each balance sheet date.

(f) Intangible assets

(i) Software

Software acquired by the company is stated at cost less accumulated amortisation (see below) and impairment losses (see accounting policy (g)).

(ii) Amortisation

Amortisation on fixed life intangible assets is charged to the income statement on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of intangible assets unless such lives are indefinite. The estimated useful lives for intangibles with definite lives are as follows:

Computer software	1-5 years
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The useful lives of the intangible assets are reviewed on an annual basis and the useful life is altered if estimates have changed significantly.

Gains or losses on the disposal of intangible assets are determined as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset, and are recognised in the income statement as other operating income or other operating costs, respectively.

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1 Statement of Significant Accounting Policies continued

(g) Impairment of Assets

At each reporting date, the company reviews the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the income statement.

(h) Leases - Operating

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all of the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

Lease incentives received under operating leases are recognised as a liability. Lease payments received reduced the liability.

(i) Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the company's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee benefits that are expected to be settled within one year together with benefits arising from wages and salaries, annual leave and sick leave, which will be settled after one year, have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled, plus related on-costs. Employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits.

Contributions are made by the company to an employee superannuation fund and are charged as expenses when incurred.

(j) Income Tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as the company is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

(k) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the balance sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the cash flow statement on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

(l) Revenue

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised upon the delivery of goods to customers. Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets. Revenue from the rendering of services is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customers. All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

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Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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1 Statement of Significant Accounting Policies continued

(m) Grant Income

Grants are recognised as income in the period to which they relate. Grants received in advance of the period to which they relate are transferred to liabilities in the balance sheet and carried forward to the subsequent accounting period. Any surpluses relating to the Local Hirers' Subsidy and or Entrepreneurial grants are transferred to specific reserves at the end of the financial year. Any losses are either covered by transfers from reserves or, if insufficient reserves exist, brought to account in the year in which they occur.

(n) Performance Revenue

Only revenue attributable to performances staged by the company is reflected in gross terms in operating revenue. Commission on ticket sales and venue hire are recognised in the case of Playhouse, Studio Theatre and Other Venue performances, at the completion of a performance or season.

(o) Sponsorship Income

Cash sponsorship is taken to income in the period to which it relates. The total value of in-kind sponsorship is booked to income when it is confirmed, and then to expenditure as it is used. Any unused balance at the end of the financial year is transferred to reserves.

(p) Long Term Repairs and Maintenance

In 1996, an agreement was reached between the Darwin City Council and the Northern Territory Government, whereby the Department of Planning and Infrastructure would supervise the long term repairs and maintenance of the building. The costs associated with this work are not recorded in these accounts.

(q) Economic Dependency

The company receives significant grant funds from the Darwin City Council and the Northern Territory Government. The financial report has been prepared on a going concern basis on the expectation that such funding will continue.

The Darwin City Council entered into an agreement with the Northern Territory Government to provide triennial funding to the company from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2008. The company has received advice that this agreement will be extended to 30 June 2009.

(r) Interdivision Charges

It is company policy to charge events entrepreneured by the company (and jointly with other promoters) all venue and box offices charges that are charged to promoters under normal commercial arrangements. The effect of these charges and transactions is not eliminated in the accounts.

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Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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1 Statement of Significant Accounting Policies continued

(s) Sponsorship Provided - Community Support

From the commencement of the 2005 financial year the company instituted a policy of booking income and expenditure of an in-kind nature. At the time such income or expenditure is booked, a corresponding entry is made to increase expenditure or income, respectively, so that the effect of these entries on the Income Statement is nil.

(t) Change in Accounting Treatment

Income and expenditure relating to entrepreneurial activity and the Local Hirer's Subsidy, as noted last year, is now recorded in the Income Statement.

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2 Revenue

	Note	2008 \$	2007 \$
Operating activities			
- Operating grants	3	690,000	690,000
- Sponsorship		24,000	12,273
- Membership		37,154	36,168
- Interest		27,789	22,060
- Venue rental		432,155	329,993
- Marketing services		3,462	3,375
- Technical		139,370	91,294
- Bar sales		131,955	90,878
- Front of house		88,633	56,135
- Box office charges		304,609	274,107
- Entrepreneurial income		432,798	488,832
- Utilities recoveries		60,312	45,185
- Sundry		22,452	9,992
Total revenue		2,394,689	2,150,292

3 Grants Received

	2008 \$	2007 \$
Operational		
Darwin City Council	285,000	285,000
Northern Territory Government	285,000	285,000
Total operational grants	570,000	570,000
Entrepreneurial		
Darwin City Council	-	-
Northern Territory Government	70,000	70,000
Total entrepreneurial grants	70,000	70,000
Local Hirers' Subsidy		
Darwin City Council	25,000	25,000
Northern Territory Government	25,000	25,000
Total local hirers' subsidy	50,000	50,000
Total Grants		
Darwin City Council	310,000	310,000
Northern Territory Government	380,000	380,000
Total grants received	690,000	690,000

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4 Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment		2008	2007
Depreciation		\$	\$
Office equipment		38,539	33,504
Property, plant and equipment		16,220	8,640
Total depreciation		54,759	42,144
Amortisation			
Intangible assets		11,162	7,896
Total amortisation		11,162	7,896
Total depreciation, amortisation and impairment		65,921	50,040
5 Cash and Cash Equivalents		2008	2007
Cash on hand	\$	\$	\$
Bank balances	5,685	5,428	
Short-term deposits	467,669	221,793	
	402,441	401,959	
Total cash and cash equivalents	875,795	629,180	
6 Trade and Other Receivables		2008	2007
Trade receivables	\$	\$	\$
Provision for impairment of receivables	175,409	52,266	
	(18,292)	-	
Prepayments	(2,930)	2,570	
Sponsorship in advance	2,602	-	
Total trade and other receivables	156,789	54,836	
7 Inventories		2008	2007
At cost	\$	\$	\$
Bar stock	8,860	5,298	
Ticket stock	10,792	10,571	
Consumables	8,797	8,484	
Total inventories	28,449	24,353	

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8 Other assets

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
Entrepreneurial fund - net expenses in advance	4,446	37,254
Total other assets	4,446	37,254

9 Property Plant and Equipment

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
Plant and equipment		
At cost	293,587	212,929
Less accumulated depreciation	(195,648)	(179,428)
Total plant and equipment	97,939	33,501
Office furniture and equipment		
At cost	186,717	164,715
Less accumulated depreciation	(105,285)	(66,746)
Total office furniture and equipment	81,432	97,969
Total property, plant and equipment	179,371	131,470

(a) Movements in Carrying Amounts

	Plant and Equipment	Office Equipment	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at the beginning of year	33,501	97,969	131,470
Additions	80,658	22,002	102,660
Depreciation expense	(16,220)	(38,539)	(54,759)
Carrying amount at the end of year	97,939	81,432	179,371

10 Intangible Assets

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
Computer software		
At cost	50,386	45,140
Accumulated amortisation and impairment	(33,840)	(22,678)
Total Intangibles	16,546	22,462

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10 Intangible Assets continued

(a) Movements in Carrying Amounts

	Computer software \$	Total \$
Year ended 30 June 2007		
Opening balance	11,075	11,075
Additions	19,283	19,283
Amortisation	(7,896)	(7,896)
Balance at 30 June 2007	22,462	22,462
Year ended 30 June 2008		
Opening balance	22,462	22,462
Additions	5,246	5,246
Amortisation	(11,162)	(11,162)
Balance at 30 June 2008	\$ 16,546	\$ 16,546

11 Trade and Other Payables

	2008 \$	2007 \$
Trade payables	527,113	184,073
Amounts received in advance	19,509	24,013
Hire's control	5,721	99,108
Other payroll liabilities	13,866	7,780
Total trade and other payables	566,209	314,974

12 Borrowings

	2008 \$	2007 \$
Bank overdraft	21,206	-
Total borrowings	21,206	-

13 Provisions

(a) Current	2008 \$	2007 \$
Employee benefits	64,861	43,963
Total current provisions	64,861	43,963

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13 Provisions continued

(b) Non-current

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
Employee benefits	17,446	19,775
Total non-current provisions	17,446	19,775

14 Related party transactions

(a) Directors

There were no transactions during the year between any director and the company other than on normal commercial terms.

(b) Ultimate Controlling Entity

Under clause 1.9 of the Articles of Association of the Darwin Performing Arts Centre, the Darwin City Council has the power to appoint and remove five of the seven directors of the Company. On this basis the Darwin City Council is considered to be the ultimate controlling entity of the Darwin Performing Arts Centre.

(c) Grants

During the year Darwin City Council provided the company with operational grants totalling \$285,000, and a grant of \$25,000 for Local Hirers' Subsidy. The operational (\$285,000) and Local Hirers' Subsidy (\$25,000) grants were matched dollar for dollar by the Northern Territory Government. In addition, the Northern Territory Government provided a grant of \$70,000 through Darwin City Council for entrepreneurial activities.

(d) Complimentary Tickets

Directors are eligible to receive complimentary tickets to shows at the Centre. The directors who have taken advantage of this are listed below, along with the value of the tickets received.

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
Directors		
Cecil Black	1,984	1,325
Chris Tilley	155	88
Vicky Coleman	288	687
John Bailey	-	387
Margaret Black	327	453
Adam Gordon	461	134
Diana Leeder	322	-
Heather Sjoberg	2,173	-
Peter Delis	386	-
Total	6,096	3,074

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15 Cash Flow Information

(a) Reconciliation of Cash Flow from Operations with Surplus after Income Tax

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
Surplus	70,831	102,742
Cash flows excluded from surplus attributable to operating activities		
Non-cash flows in surplus		
Depreciation	54,759	42,144
Amortisation software	11,162	7,896
Net loss on disposal of assets	-	1,405
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of the effects of purchase and disposal of subsidiaries		
(Increase)/decrease in trade and term receivables	(101,953)	(11,317)
(Increase)/decrease in prepayments	32,808	(22,508)
(Increase)/decrease in inventories	(4,096)	5,088
Increase/(decrease) in trade payables and accruals	272,441	77,577
Increase/(decrease) in provisions	18,569	(2,407)
Other - prior year adjustment	-	(20)
Net cash flows from operating activities	354,521	200,600

16 Segment Reporting

Darwin Entertainment Centre operates in a single geographical segment being in the Northern Territory of Australia, and in one industry segment, being venue operator and presenter of performing arts events. It derives income primarily from grants received from Darwin City Council and the Northern Territory Government through Darwin City Council and from rental and ticket sales.

17 Centre Operational Costs

In addition to the operational costs contained within the financial statements, the Darwin City Council and the Northern Territory Government pay certain costs of the Darwin Performing Arts Centre. During the year ended 30 June 2008, the Darwin City Council paid approximately \$120,000 (\$120,000 in 2007) and the Northern Territory Government \$120,000 (\$120,000 in 2007). In addition, Darwin City Council provides the building, fixtures and fittings at no cost to the company. Darwin City Council contributed a total of \$4.4M to renovations of the Centre that were completed in October 2007.

18 Robbery

In May 2008, the company was burgled and \$22,092 in cash was taken. This loss has been provided for in the accounts as a doubtful debt pending the finalisation of an insurance claim.

19 Terms, Conditions & Accounting Policy

The Darwin Performing Arts Centre's accounting policies, including the terms and conditions of each class of financial asset, financial liability and equity instrument, both recognised and unrecognised at the balance date, are as follows:

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19 Terms, Conditions & Accounting Policy continued

(a) Financial Assets (Receivables)

Trade receivables are carried at nominal amounts less any provision for doubtful debts. A provision of doubtful debts is recognised when collection of the full nominal amount is no longer probable.

Credit sales are on 30 day terms.

(b) Financial Liabilities (Payables)

Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the company.

Trade liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.

20 Financial Instruments

(a) Interest Rate Risk

The company's exposure to interest rate risk, which is the risk that a financial instruments value will fluctuate as a result of changes in market interest rates and the effective weighted average interest rates on classes of financial assets and financial liabilities, is as follows:

	Weighted Average Effective Interest Rate		Floating Interest Rate		Non-interest Bearing		Total	
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
	%	%	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial Assets:								
Cash and cash equivalents	4.00	4.00	870,110	623,752	5,685	5,428	875,795	629,180
Trade and other receivables	-	-	-	-	156,789	54,837	156,789	54,837
Total Financial Assets			870,110	623,752	162,474	60,265	1,032,584	684,017
Financial Liabilities:								
Bank loans and overdrafts	-	-	21,206	-	-	-	21,206	-
Trade and other payables	-	-	-	-	566,209	314,974	566,209	314,974
Total Financial Liabilities			21,206	-	566,209	314,974	587,415	314,974

(b) Credit Risk

The maximum exposure to credit risk, excluding the value of any collateral or other security, at balance date to recognised financial assets, is the carrying amount, net of any provisions for impairment of those assets, as disclosed in the balance sheet and notes to the financial statements.

The economic entity does not have any material credit risk exposure to any single receivable or group of receivables under financial instruments entered into by the economic entity.

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20 Financial Instruments continued

(c) Net Fair Values

The net fair values of listed investments have been valued at the quoted market bid price at balance date adjusted for transaction costs expected to be incurred. For other assets and other liabilities the net fair value approximates their carrying values. No financial assets or financial liabilities are readily traded on organised markets in standardised form other than listed investments. Financial assets where the carrying amount exceeds net fair values have not been written down as the economic entity intends to hold these assets to maturity.

The aggregate net fair values and carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities are disclosed in the balance sheet and in the notes to the financial statements.

Aggregate net fair values and carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities at balance date:

	2008		2007	
	Carrying amount	Net Fair value	Carrying amount	Net Fair value
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial Assets				
Trade and other receivables	156,789	156,789	54,837	54,837
Cash and cash equivalents	875,795	875,795	629,180	629,180
Financial Liabilities				
Bank overdraft secured	21,206	21,206	-	-
Trade and other payables	566,209	566,209	314,974	314,974

Fair value are materially in line with carrying values.

21 Auditors' Remuneration

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
Remuneration of the auditor for:		
- Auditing or reviewing the financial report	13,682	15,333

22 Company Details

The registered office of the public company is:

Darwin Entertainment Centre
93 Mitchell Street
Darwin NT 0800

23 Members' Guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee. If the company is wound up, the Constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$10 each towards any outstanding obligations of the company. At 30 June 2008 the number of members was 864 (2007: 877).

Darwin Entertainment Centre

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2008

24 Share Capital and Reserves

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
Reserves		
Local Hirer's Subsidy	5,890	13,009
Entrepreneurial funds	97,444	143,249
Total reserves	103,334	156,258
Retained earnings		
Opening balance	364,585	296,345
Transfers to/(from) reserves	52,924	(34,502)
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	70,831	102,742
Total retained earnings	488,340	364,585
Total Equity	591,674	520,843



PETER HOURIGAN
chartered accountant

Independent Audit Report to the members of Darwin Entertainment Centre

Scope

We have audited financial report of Darwin Entertainment Centre for the financial year ended 30 June 2008 as set out on pages 7 to 24.

The financial report includes the financial statements at the year's end or from time to time during the financial year. The company's directors are responsible for the financial report. We have conducted an independent audit of this financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the company.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia and statutory requirements so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the company's financial position and performance as represented by the results of their operations and their cash flows.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we followed the applicable independence requirements of Australian professional and ethical pronouncements and the Corporations Act 2001.

In accordance with ASIC Class order 05/83, we declare to the best of our knowledge and belief that the auditor's independence declaration as set out in the financial report has not changed as at the date of providing our audit opinion.



PETER HOURIGAN
chartered accountant

Independent Audit Report to the members of Darwin Entertainment Centre

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of Darwin Entertainment Centre is in accordance with:

- (a) the Corporations Act 2001, including:
 - (i) giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2008 and of their performance for the year ended on that date; and
 - (ii) complying with Accounting Standards in Australia and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
- (b) other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia.

Peter Hourigan (FCA)

Registered Company Auditor

Darwin

14/11/08



PETER HOURIGAN
chartered accountant

Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2008 there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Peter Hourigan (FCA)

Darwin Entertainment Centre

ABN 16 009 624 248

Disclaimer

For the Year Ended 30 June 2008

The additional financial data presented on pages 29-32 is in accordance with the books and records of the company which have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our statutory audit of the company for the year ended 30 June 2008. It will be appreciated that our statutory audit did not cover all details of the additional financial data. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on such financial data and we give no warranty of accuracy or reliability in respect of the data provided. Neither the firm nor any member or employee of the firm undertakes responsibility in any way whatsoever to any person (other than Darwin Entertainment Centre) in respect of such data, including any errors of omissions therein however caused.

Darwin

Peter Hourigan



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Detailed Statement of Financial Performance - Operational

For the Year Ended 30 June 2008

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
Income		
Grants	570,000	570,000
Sponsorship & Support	19,000	10,000
Membership	37,154	36,168
Interest	27,789	22,060
Venue rental	432,155	329,993
Marketing Services	3,462	3,375
Technical	139,370	91,294
Bar Sales	131,955	90,878
Front of House	88,633	56,135
Box Office Charges	304,609	274,107
Utilities recoveries	60,312	45,185
Sundry Income	22,452	9,992
Total Income	1,836,891	1,539,187
Expenses		
Auditing or reviewing the financial report	13,682	15,333
Bank charges	3,475	2,347
Conferences	4,811	4,325
Bad debts	22,914	-
Employee costs - general	1,073,267	908,380
Office equipment	13,398	19,019
Filing fees	-	40
Freight	290	1,363
Insurance	66,516	65,818
Legal fees	-	1,120
Leases	-	4,884
Licence fees	1,541	1,536
Occupancy	14,842	14,135
Postage	2,046	2,410
Printing and stationery	40,879	20,110
Subscriptions	5,284	5,072
Travel and accommodation	6,423	5,383
Telephone and fax	20,809	21,298
Other expenses	7,261	1,846
Utilities	129,369	129,046
Membership programme	9,693	11,639
Marketing and promotion	51,481	48,695
Technical	21,109	14,684
Bar supplies	52,487	38,597
Front of house	14,211	15,163
Box office	55,733	64,509

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements

Sponsorship	16,694	12,750
Depreciation, amortisation and impairments	65,921	50,040
Gain and loss on disposal of assets	-	1,405
Total expenses	1,713,136	1,480,947
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	123,755	58,240

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Detailed Statement of Financial Performance - Entrepreneurial Activity Statement

For the Year Ended 30 June 2008

	2008 \$	2007 \$
Income		
Box office sales	385,674	465,174
Merchandise sales	476	636
Co-presentation income	26,627	-
Sponsorship and support	20,021	18,522
Operating grants	70,000	70,000
Other income	-	4,500
Total income	502,798	558,832
Less: Expenses		
Artist fee	252,021	224,404
Accommodation and travel	30,519	18,781
Marketing	86,990	85,389
Production	45,661	44,784
Venue costs	87,064	88,402
Box office charges	46,348	51,971
Total expenses	548,603	513,731
Other items:		
Prior year adjustment	-	20
Total other items	-	20
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	(45,805)	45,081

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements

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Local Hirers' Subsidy Statement

For the Year Ended 30 June 2008

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
Income		
Grant - Darwin City Council	25,000	25,000
Grant - NT Government (through DCC)	25,000	25,000
Sponsorship	5,000	2,273
Total income	55,000	52,273
Expenses		
Expenditure	62,119	52,872
Total expenses	62,119	52,872
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	(7,119)	(599)

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements

Community Services Committee Meeting - Monday, 9 February 2009

8 INFORMATION ITEMS

8.5 Young Women's Sexual Health Project from Mission Australia Evaluation Report - December 2008

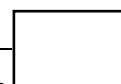
Document No. 1501726 (23/12/08) Common No. 1320664

The Attachment to this item was moved from the open section into the confidential section of the Agenda as requested by the General Manager, Community & Cultural Services.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

THAT the Program Evaluation Report regarding the Young Women's Sexual Health Project from Mission Australia for December 2008, Document Number 1501726, be received and noted.



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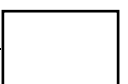
Community Services Committee Meeting - Monday, 9 February 2009

- 8.6 NT News Item Thanking Fun Bus staff and the Program,**
 Document No. 1503820 (02/01/09) Common No. 1503820

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

THAT the item in the NT News Thanking Fun Bus Staff and the Program, Document Number 1503820, be received and noted.



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— Anonymous



THANKS

a lot, mate

Southerners envy NT fun

DEAR Editor, I would like to publicly thank Cathy and Meagan and all those involved in running the DCC Fun Bus.

My children have been attending for the last four years and have always loved the fun and stimulating activities — and I have appreciated the opportunity to catch up with other parents — all for a piece of fruit!

Friends who visit from interstate can't believe we have such a great program and it makes me realise how lucky we are.

So to Cathy, Meagan and Darwin City Council, thank you so much.

Vicki Mattiazzo, Rapid Creek

Gardens' crew does a top job

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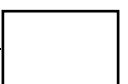
Community Services Committee Meeting - Monday, 9 February 2009**8 INFORMATION ITEMS****8.7 RSPCA Certificate of Appreciation – Hotel for Dogs Charity Screening**

Document No. 1515443 (12/01/09) Common No. 1515443

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

THAT the RSPCA Certificate of Appreciation thanking Council for its support of the Hotel for Dogs Charity Screening, Document Number 1515443, be received and noted.





For all creatures great and small.



Certificate of Appreciation

Awarded to:

Darwin City Council

*In appreciation of your generous support and sponsorship
of, and participation in, the
RSPCA Darwin "Hotel for Dogs" Charity Screening*

*On behalf of the RSPCA please accept
our sincere thank you.*

*Kerry-Ann O'Grady
President
RSPCA Darwin
12 January 2019*



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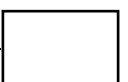
Community Services Committee Meeting - Monday, 9 February 2009**8 INFORMATION ITEMS****8.8 Darwin Entertainment Centre 2008/2009 First Quarter Funding Reports July to September 2008 & Second Quarter Funding Reports October to December 2008**

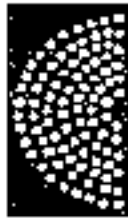
Document No. 1517486 (12/01/09) Common No. 1517486

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT the Darwin Entertainment Centre 2008/2009 First Quarter Funding Reports July to September 2008, Document Number 1517486, be received and noted.
- B. THAT the Darwin Entertainment Centre 2008/2009 Second Quarter Funding Reports October to December 2008, Document Number 1517486, be received and noted.





Live!

Darwin Entertainment Centre

Quarterly Acquittal Report July - September 2008

This quarter was dominated by the continuing staffing and financial crisis that arose from the resignation of the Finance Officer earlier in the year; the crisis was compounded in July when the (second) replacement Finance Officer had to resign due to illness, and in August when the Venue Co-ordinator resigned due to family reasons. DEC now found itself down two key staff members at the busiest time of the year. We worked hard, but failed, to meet the audit deadline for Council and the crisis put us well behind in our internal and external financial reporting requirements. But life went on. In July we experimented with using an outside venue by presenting (with the DSO and the Choral) a fully-staged opera at the amphitheatre; and during the Darwin Festival we gave considerable in-kind support to local indigenous choreographer Gary Lang for his show *Mumuk Gapu*.

1. Shows

In July we staged Verdi's *La Traviata* at the Amphitheatre. Using a touring opera company and the Darwin Symphony Orchestra and Darwin Choral (to provide the chorus) we were able to stage the full opera outdoors. The event didn't meet its box office target, but it was well received and all parties are keen to continue the experiment in 2010.

We again hosted Corrugated Iron's 'Snap It Up' school holiday program for young people, and as part of that we presented *The Arrival*, a play made from the award-winning children's book by Sean Tan. The ever-popular *Shirley Valentine* also graced the DEC stage in what was generally a quiet July.

August was busy with the Darwin Festival. We collaborated with the Festival to produce Gary Lang's *Mumuk Gapu* in the Playhouse, providing production support and rehearsal space, employing a stage manager, and giving them a concessional rental on the venue. We were also pleased to see Corrugated Iron's very popular *Cirque du Funk* fill three shows in the Playhouse as a free event during the Festival. Once again we presented the Dancers' Company of the Australian Ballet in a *Triple Bill* that proved very popular.

In September we presented the Sydney International Piano Competition winner in a very exciting and well-received recital. Equally well received were the young

magician, Cosentino, the drummer Grant Collins, and the very popular children's show *Possum Magic*.

Commercial hires during the period were then, but included Wil Anderson (for the Festival) and a Bee Gees tribute band.

2. Other Activities

We continued to ticket the Darwin Festival and we won the contract to ticket the three one day internationals between Australia and Bangladesh in September.

3. Staffing

As mentioned above, we lost both our Finance Officer and Venue Co-ordinator during the period. In August and September we employed additional accounting resources in order to try to meet our audit deadline for Council. Despite spending \$20,000 on temporary staff, we were unable to meet our deadline. There were simply too many errors in the accounts for the last quarter of FY 2007-08 that needed to be rectified before we could even proceed to audit.

The Board resolved at its September Board meeting to appoint a Business Manager to commence early in 2009. The position had been recommended by the General Manager as far back as 2005 (indeed, there had been an Assistant General Manager prior the appointment of the current GM in 2003) and formed part of the company's funding submission to Council and the NTG for the pending new triennium. Despite this funding being put on hold, the Board felt that the situation facing the company was such that additional resources needed to be employed.

The Board also resolved at its August meeting to form a Finance Sub-committee to provide more effective oversight of the accounts and financial reporting.

4. Financials

We finished the quarter \$14,000 ahead of budget. Income was \$43,500 ahead of budget with good contributions from all earned income lines, particularly ticketing.

Expenditure was \$30,000 ahead of budget, with wages and box office expenses being the main culprits.

Nevertheless, the total operational surplus of \$28,000 for the period was modest compared to the \$115,000 for the same period the previous year and \$84,000 for 2006-07. This is partly due to the staffing strains on the organisation making it difficult for the General Manager to program as effectively as is desirable, and the fact that \$20,000 was spent employing additional accounting help, but it is also true that the economic environment at the moment is affecting bookings. Many promoters are not going ahead with pencilled bookings and, over all, commercial hires are down. The budget projects income to fall in the region of \$375,000 over the FY. The generosity that DEC has been able show to local hirers and producers (such as Gary Lang, and Corrugated Iron with 'Snap It Up') because of our financial success over

the past few years may become a thing of the past as we contemplate a budgeted deficit of around \$165,000 for the 2008-09 financial year.

The entrepreneurial fund finished slightly under budget for the period due to the success of the Dancers' Company and shows such as *Cosentino* and *Possum Magic*.

The balance sheet showed net assets at the end of the period at \$619,407 which is still above the benchmark of 20% of turnover. However, net assets will obviously fall over the year and reserves be depleted.

Hamish McDonald
General Manager

DARWIN ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE QUARTERLY ACTIVITY REPORT: JULY-SEPTEMBER 2008

PLAYHOUSE - PERFORMANCES

21 performances

Date	Day	Time	Performance	Attendance	Capacity	%
09/07/08	Wednesday	10:30pm	The Arrival*	219	1007	22%
09/07/08	Wednesday	8:30pm	The Arrival*	222	1007	22%
13/07/08	Sunday	7:00pm	Shirley Valentine*	398	1007	39%
16/07/08	Saturday	7:30pm	Confessions Underlight*	107	1007	10%
20/07/08	Wednesday	7:10pm	The Dancers Company - Triple Bill*	735	1007	73%
21/07/08	Thursday	7:30pm	The Dancers Company - Triple Bill*	1111	1007	111%
23/08/08	Saturday	11:00pm	Will Anderson - Acoustic Road	1040	1043	100%
26/08/08	Monday	7:30pm	Cirque du Funk*	710	1007	77%
27/08/08	Wednesday	8:30pm	Cirque du Funk**	880	1007	97%
27/08/08	Wednesday	7:30pm	Cirque du Funk**	803	1007	78%
29/08/08	Friday	11:00pm	Muruk Gajpa Frothwater/Saltwater	338	1007	34%
30/08/08	Saturday	8:00pm	Muruk Gajpa - Frothwater/Saltwater	380	1007	40%
03/09/08	Friday	10:30pm	Cometina: Threshold*	Cancelled		
06/09/08	Friday	8:00pm	Cometina: Threshold*	1003	1007	100%
11/09/08	Thursday	10:00pm	Dream Deal**	450	885	40%
12/09/08	Friday	7:30pm	Dream Deal	101	101	91%
13/09/08	Saturday	7:30pm	Dream Deal	944	885	96%
19/09/08	Friday	7:00pm	Catholic Schools Performing Arts Festival	923	1007	92%
20/09/08	Saturday	11:00pm	Red Goose Night Fever	612	1043	59%
23/09/08	Tuesday	9:30pm	Peasum Magic*	155	1007	15%
23/09/08	Tuesday	8:30pm	Peasum Magic*	906	1007	99%
24/09/08	Wednesday	11:30pm	Peasum Magic*	102	1007	10%
24/09/08	Wednesday	8:00pm	Peasum Magic*	14710	21163	70%
Total						

STUDIO - PERFORMANCES

16 performances

Date	Day	Time	Performance	Attendance	Capacity	%
17/08/08	Sunday	6:45pm	Muchapel, Grigoryan & Towler*	169	273	69%
21/08/08	Thursday	1:00pm	The Maths Olympics	273	273	100%
21/08/08	Thursday	7:30pm	The Maths Olympics	272	273	100%
28/08/08	Thursday	8:00pm	The Great Big Science Cig**	74	273	27%
29/08/08	Friday	11:00pm	Clairo Hooper - Storybook	274	273	99%
30/08/08	Wednesday	8:00pm	SirCA winner*	101	273	71%
19/09/08	Friday	11:00pm	Grant College*	208	273	90%
20/09/08	Saturday	10:00pm	Pharmacy**	300	300	100%
Total				1830	2211	83%

*denotes performance presented or co-presented by Darwin Entertainment Centre.

**denotes performance to which the promoter sold tickets, either alone or in conjunction with the Box Office. Attendance figures are estimates only.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

9 other activities

Date	Event/Activity	Venue	App attend
10-11/07/08	Australian Environmental Fund Managers Association - conference	Studio	300
10-11/07/08	DLI Conferences	Playhouse	100
10-11/07/08	South East Asia Australia Offshore Conference 2008	Star Deck	100
09/08/08	Events NT	Playhouse	700
13-14/08/08	Stop to the Future Foundation Youth Forum	Playhouse	100
18/08/08	St Mary's Primary School	Playhouse	100
18/08/08	End of Year Concert - Our Young Earth	Studio	280
18/08/08	Patric Primary School	Studio	280
18/08/08	Early Years Concert 2008 (1)	Studio	280
18/08/08	Patric Primary School	Studio	280
26/08/08	NT Gallipoli	Playhouse	300
Total			3300

DARWIN ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE QUARTERLY ACTIVITY REPORT: JULY-SEPTEMBER 2008

VENUE HIRE SUMMARY				
Month Total days/month	Total (Days)		Usage Breakdown (Days)	
	Jul-Sep1	% Occupancy	Performance	Other Bump In/out*
Playhouse 6	30	40%	17	13
Studio Theatre	11	12%	7	3
Exhibition Gallery	03	38%		
Rehearsal Room	77	85%		
Rehearsal Room - hours	407.25			

*Includes rehearsals

Notes: Total days booked in Playhouse & Studio Theatre exceeded total days usage due to a venue being used for more than one purpose in a day

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

REHEARSAL ROOM HIRERS

The following individuals/organisations hired the Darwin Entertainment Centre Rehearsal Room:

Barbara Pedersen	41
Catholic Schools Performing Arts Festival	50
Crescenta Society	100
Corrugated Iron Youth Arts	170
Dancers Company	30
Darwin Theatre Company	42
Lyf L'rosch	20
Gary Long	30
IMOVIS	16
Jamitash Daily Dancers	90
Julia Gray	160
Muruk Group	158
National Youth Choir	184
NIDA	93
Indigenous Cultural School	280
Parra Primary School	50
Rinoo Na Ekeanu	555
Total	1834

GALLERY HIRERS

The following individuals/organisations hired the Darwin Entertainment Centre Gallery:

Alice Sunkown Art - exhibition	150
Charles Chelaplaween and Jimmy Freeman - <i>The Darwin Call of Life</i> exhibition	200
Corrugated Iron Youth Arts - <i>Strip It Up!</i>	300
Corrugated Iron Youth Arts - workshop	7
Dennis Gray - <i>A Bouquet of Colour</i> exhibition	130
Department of Business - meeting	5
Lancelotti Native Arts - <i>From Painting Power</i> exhibition	200
Northern Territory Indigenous Education Council - meeting	30
Open House Launch with new works on paper by Dion Lonsley	200
Total	1222

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

BOX OFFICE CLIENTS

The following clients utilised the services of the Box Office during the months July-September:

Aerovee Entertainment - Jimmy Barnes, Discovery Entertainment Complex (ticket printing)

Aerovee Entertainment - Tony Murray, Allen Springs Convention Centre (ticket printing)

Aerovee Entertainment - Colin Murray, Darwin Convention Centre (ticket printing)

AMANT - 2008 Restaurant & Catering Awards for Excellence, Embassy Inn & adjacent Darwin (ticket printing)

Australasian Shipkeeping Company - Working with Spirits, Besswick Falls

Cricket Australia - Commonwealth Bank Stadium, Australia v Bangladesh, 100 Stadium - 3 One Day International matches

Darwin Entertainment Centre - 1st Festival, Caroline Amphitheatre

Darwin Festival - Anne McCann, Star Shell (George Brown Botanic Gardens) (Darwin)

Darwin Festival - Ash Gilmanoff, Star Shell (George Brown Botanic Gardens) (Darwin)

Darwin Festival - Australia Airways, Star Shell (George Brown Botanic Gardens) (Darwin)

Darwin Festival - Asia King Brown, Star Shell (George Brown Botanic Gardens) (Darwin)

Darwin Festival - Band, Star Shell (George Brown Botanic Gardens) - 2 performances

Darwin Festival - Condo Brothers, Star Shell (George Brown Botanic Gardens) (Darwin)

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DARWIN ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE

ENTREPRENEURIAL FUND AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2008

Show Code	Date	Show	Subsidy Used	Funding	Balance
	01-Jul-08	Opening Balance			\$97,443.68
	01-Jul-08	Funding		\$17,500.00	\$114,943.68
9EARR	09-Jul-08	The Arrival	\$5,165.25		\$109,778.43
9EVAL	13-Jul-08	Shirley Valentine	\$7,571.83		\$102,206.60
9ETML	19-Jul-08	Times of My Life - CANCELLED	\$6,500.00		\$95,706.60
9ETRA	19-Jul-08	La Traviata (Amphitheatre)	\$4,510.71		\$91,195.89
9EYGT	17-Aug-08	MGT	\$8,050.25		\$83,145.64
9EDAN	22-Aug-08	Dancers Co: Tripla Bill	-\$7,755.59		\$91,401.23
9ESIP	03-Sep-08	Syd. Int. Piano Competition	\$228.73		\$91,172.50
9ECCS	05-Sep-08	Cosentino	\$1,422.44		\$89,750.06
9EGRA	19-Sep-08	Grant Collins	\$3,513.23		\$86,236.83
9EPOS	24-Sep-08	Possum Magic	-\$3,357.25		\$90,594.58
TOTAL SUBSIDY USED			\$24,849.51		

DARWIN ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE

LOCAL HIRERS' SUBSIDY ALLOCATION AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2008

Date	Organisation	Type	Subsidy Used	Funding	Balance
01-Jul-08	Opening Balance				\$ 5,890.12
01-Jul-08	Funding			\$12,500.00	\$ 18,390.12
01-Jul-08	Sponsorship: Power & Water			\$2,727.28	\$ 21,117.40
16-Aug-08	Multicultural Council of the NT	Opera	\$ 1,496.09		\$ 19,621.31
27-Aug-08	Corrugated Iron Youth Arts	Circus	\$ 2,272.73		\$ 17,348.58
30-Aug-08	Gary Lang	Dance	\$ 2,148.11		\$ 15,200.47
13-Sep-08	Beat Foundation	Other	\$ 2,272.73		\$ 12,927.74
18-Sep-08	St Mary's Primary School	Other	\$ 991.01		\$ 11,936.73
18-Sep-08	Paras Primary School	Other	\$ 472.42		\$ 11,464.31
19-Sep-08	Catholic Education Office	Other	\$ 1,543.85		\$ 9,914.46
24-Sep-08	NT Castherics	Other	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 7,414.46
Total Local Hirers' Subsidy Used			\$ 13,702.94		

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Profit & Loss Statement
 July 2008 through September 2008

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Operational Income			
General Income			
Concess	142,500.00	142,500.00	0.00
Operational Fund			
Food/Bever/Sundry	12,500.00	12,500.00	-200.00
Other Concess	0.00		0.00
Total Concess	124,000.00	124,000.00	-200.00
Fundraising	12,744.10	12,500.00	244.10
Sponsorship			
Membership Subscriptions	25,731.00	25,000.00	731.00
Monthly Fundrais	0.00		0.00
Donations	0.00		0.00
Total Fundraising	25,731.00	25,000.00	731.00
Other Income	30,475.99	34,500.00	<u>0/5.01</u>
Interest	4,588.10	5,400.00	811.90
Other Income	1,333.00		1,333.00
Total Other Income	5,921.10	5,400.00	519.25
Total General Income	189,196.24	187,000.00	1,206.24
Variable Income			
Rental	72,238.04	68,000.00	3,238.04
Playhouse Rental			
Studio Theatre Rental	43,654.51	42,500.00	1,154.51
Culinary Rental	4,709.00	4,000.00	709.00
Recreation Room Rental	6,365.91	4,500.00	1,865.91
Foyer Art Commission	310.00		310.00
Culinary Station Commission	1,520.16	2,000.00	479.82
Other Rental Income	1,870.30		1,870.30
Total Rental	100,265.00	91,480.00	8,005.00
Marketing / Promotion			
Marketing Commission	0.00	300.00	300.00
Publicist	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Marketing / Promotion	0.00	300.00	-300.00
Technical	23,678.40	23,100.00	578.40
Equipment Hire	7,200.00	7,200.00	0.00
External Video Commission	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	166.40		166.40
Total Technical	23,874.40	20,300.00	4,328.40
Front of House	14,502.51	12,150.00	2,352.51
FOH / Bar Staff Time			
Bar Staff	240,110.00	18,200.00	6,180.00
Miscellaneous expense	264.55	0.00	264.55
Membership Commission	404.92	0.00	404.92
Vendor Machine Commission	411.20	0.00	411.20
Culinary Commission	180.00	0.00	180.00
Total Front of House	241,937.01	18,050.00	6,887.91
Utilities			
Electricity	7,002.16	6,400.00	602.16
Lobby Charge	1,806.00	2,150.00	-343.92
Air Conditioning	4,207.91	4,400.00	-192.09
Total Utilities	12,116.07	9,000.00	3,116.07
General	0.00	0.00	0.00
Telephone Recovery			

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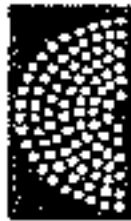
Insurance Recovery	245.45	0.00	245.45
Additional Cleaning	572.72	0.00	572.72
Other	34.23	0.00	34.23
Total General	852.40	0.00	852.40
Total Volume Income	101,504.88	120,139.00	221,643.88
Ticketing Income			
Box Office			
Ticket Service Fee	0.00	8,500.00	1,384.23
Ticket Booking Fee	68,804.00	12,570.00	16,234.89
Event Contribution Fee	3,076.46	3,280.00	605.44
Leisure Ticketing Printing	772.73	1,200.00	-487.27
Concert Card Limit	19,076.45	21,235.00	-2,158.55
Box Office Staff Limit	7,204.00	2,500.00	4,384.00
Total Box Office	109,672.20	68,745.00	19,932.29
Total Operational Income	200,387.12	498,775.00	49,502.12
Operational Expenditure			
Salaries and Wages			
Management & Admin			
Management	19,361.00	16,540.00	3,006.00
Administration	25,487.58	24,700.00	1,343.06
Admin Council	2,242.00		2,242.00
Total Management & Admin	45,248.72	41,312.00	3,989.76
Marketing			
Marketing	16,701.60	15,506.00	1,105.40
Marketing Council	0.00		
Total Marketing	16,781.48	15,586.00	1,185.40
Technical			
Technical	30,226.80	36,127.00	60.00
Technical Council	18,206.45	15,000.00	3,206.45
Total Technical	48,433.25	51,127.00	2,927.21
Total Operational Expenditure	94,300.15	26,144.00	187.19
Box Office Council	24,181.53	22,000.00	2,180.00
Total Box Office	24,592.74	20,100.00	2,386.74
Front of House			
FOH Staff	12,756.82	12,877.00	121.18
FOH Council	13,204.00	13,200.00	64.00
FOH Staff	3,807.20	4,000.00	102.80
Cleaning	21,322.52	14,588.00	6,536.52
Other	0.00		0.00
Total Front of House	61,088.03	44,493.00	16,595.02
Total Salaries and Wages	220,887.63	208,292.00	17,240.91
Expenditure			
Werkman	18,076.23	18,252.00	62.23
Payroll Tax	7,703.04	7,505.00	178.04
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Annual Labour Expenditure	3,472.86	0.750.00	5,227.14
Leisure Service Labour Expenditure	106.20	0.00	106.20
Recreation and Entertainment Expenditure	676.00	450.00	226.00
Recreation Expenditure	0.00	0.00	0.00
Staff Expenditure	206.13	300.00	-13.87
Unleisure	434.00	100.00	264.00
Training	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Leisure Service Fund	3,685.00	3,680.00	26.00
Leisure Service Fund	1,486.40	1,480.00	11.61
Other	1,101.50	0.00	1,101.50
Total Expenditure	38,050.33	42,385.00	24,306.62
Office Equipment			
Computer Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Telephone Income	0.00	0.00	0.00

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Support contracts	4927.94	200.00	-77.00
Software License	0.00	0.00	0.00
IT & M Admin	5,275.45	2,100.00	3,175.45
Equipment & \$300	556.47	0.00	556.47
Total Office Equipment	6,059.86	2,100.00	3,959.86
Office & Admin Expenses			
Flight / Charter	365.39	00.00	275.39
Travel / Parking	764.00	150.00	614.00
Postage	345.68	600.00	-254.32
Telephone & Internet	6,454.64	5,400.00	1,054.64
Stationery / Office Supplies	10,215.44	11,000.00	1,235.64
Subscriptions & Memberships	1,775.27	750.00	1,020.27
General Insurance	17,270.00	17,910.00	630.01
Leases / Rent	815.84	1,500.00	684.16
Financial Firm and Charges	1,685.02	900.00	665.02
Corporate Compliance	05.45	0.00	05.45
Board	0.00	0.00	0.00
Acid & Accounting costs	17,327.27	1,600.00	16,027.27
Good & dubin	0.00	0.00	0.00
Duplicate Dishes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Legal Fees	250.00	0.00	250.00
Consultants	4,156.04	700.00	486.04
Meetings/Conferences	2,174.91	600.00	1,574.91
Fuels	1,334.70	1,000.00	334.70
Accommodation	297.42	200.00	-9.58
Per diem	111.01	200.00	-88.99
Ground Transport	3,953.47	3,450.00	503.47
Rates	0.00	0.00	0.00
CHD Levy	0.00	0.00	0.00
Stickers	140.50	0.00	140.50
Total Office & Admin Expenses	66,653.20	64,235.00	1,998.30
Utilities			
Electricity	12,365.24	25,000.00	-12,634.76
Accounting	6,360.93	7,700.00	-1,339.07
Main Water and Sewerage	607.12	2,200.00	-1,592.88
Waste Removal	1,203.94	1,350.00	-146.06
Fire Fuel & Alarm Maint	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Pest Control	370.00	360.00	10.00
Total Utilities	20,536.23	30,100.00	-9,563.77
Membership & Support			
LHS Expended	13,702.04	15,000.00	-1,297.96
Spumers bundles	0.00	0.00	0.00
Community Support	7,167.02	0.00	7,167.02
Spumers campaign	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Sponsorship & Support	20,869.06	15,000.00	7,679.26
Membership Program			
Leads - Membership	1,076.91	180.00	896.91
Member Benefits	0.00	0.00	0.00
Membership/Marketing	2,092.21	4,000.00	-1,907.79
Total Membership Program	3,169.14	4,180.00	-1,010.86
Marketing / Promotion			
Design	1,163.64	1,600.00	-436.36
Printing	7,150.00	6,600.00	550.00
Distribution	247.25	200.00	47.25
Mailouts	616.30	1,200.00	-583.70
Advertising	6,943.03	7,770.00	-826.97
Website	0.00	0.00	0.00
Annual Report	0.00	0.00	0.00
DEC Lunch	0.00	0.00	0.00
Market Research	0.00	0.00	0.00
Opening Night	0.00	0.00	0.00

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Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00
Supply Marketing	145.45	0.00	145.45
Total Marketing/Production	10,270.83	77,379.00	-1,999.47
Technical			
Manufacture of Prod. Supplies	4,612.76	1,500.00	3,112.76
Comprehensive	1,315.76	2,100.00	-784.24
Equipment Hire	0.00	900.00	-900.00
Other	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Total Technical	5,928.51	4,000.00	1,928.51
Print of House			
Per Samples	10,639.00	7,680.00	2,959.00
Wendigo	149.46	0.00	149.46
Per Stock Adjustments	429.60	0.00	429.60
Per 1 copy	38.70	0.00	38.70
Lapser License	0.00	0.00	0.00
Full Equipment	230.00	740.00	-510.00
Full-Cat Communication	0.00	676.00	-676.00
Changing Communication	1,011.13	1,725.00	-713.87
Printing	0.00	300.00	-300.00
Total Print of House	12,889.65	11,130.00	1,759.65
Box Office			
Software Support	1,547.70	1,000.00	547.70
Box Office Marketing	0.00	0.00	0.00
Software License	2,354.91	0.00	2,354.91
E-Tracking equipment	4,240.97	2,400.00	1,840.97
Ticket Stock (incl. freight)	1,092.38	0.00	1,092.38
Charger Connection	337.74	225.00	112.74
Merchandise Charges	0,552.94	6,000.00	-5,447.06
Box Office Equipment	242.50	0.00	242.50
Box Office Contributions	913.64	210.00	703.64
Agency Expense	2,198.90	2,100.00	98.90
Box Office Library	0.00	600.00	-600.00
Box Office Under/Overs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Box Office	23,100.23	13,335.00	9,765.23
Depreciation			
Equip. Plant & Equip.	6,301.00	7,247.00	-946.00
Equip. Furniture & Fixtures	11,114.00	11,633.00	-519.00
Autom. Computer Software	2,400.00	2,600.00	-200.00
1 year on disposal of assets	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Depreciation	17,815.00	19,480.00	-1,665.00
Total Operational Expenses	492,106.75	432,092.00	60,014.75
Operating Profit	28,170.82	13,292.00	14,878.82



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Darwin Entertainment Centre

Quarterly Acquittal Report October - December 2008

By the commencement of this quarter DEC's staffing was back to normal with the appointment of a new Venue Co-ordinator (commenced in early September) and a new Finance Officer (commenced late September). However, we still faced a huge backlog of work: the audit was not completed until days before the AGM in November, and it was not until the November meeting that any financial statements for the 2008-09 FY (for the months of July and August) were able to be presented to the Board. Billing was behind and we were still struggling to meet obligations to other agencies and funding bodies.

October was a particularly bad month financially, with very few bookings and a subsequent drop in income – again, a reflection of the difficulty the General Manager has had in programming the venue. Nevertheless, November and December were busy with schools' end-of-year shows and a few good commercial hires.

1. Shows

It is perhaps a measure of the economic times that a show featuring Guy Sebastian and the Australian Army Band failed to sell out. Other shows cancelled during the period (a Cliff Richard tribute featuring Marty Rhone) and others sold poorly (Suzi Quatro/Status Quo tribute band). The multicultural stand-up show *Il Dago* also sold poorly compared DEC's previous efforts in this vein, but we now face competition from the Casino which is offering these shows at a fraction the price that DEC is able to – after DEC pioneered the genre in Darwin!

A particular success for the entrepreneurial fund was the show *Deep Blue*, which was a kind of funk-ed-up orchestra playing a mixture of classical and contemporary repertoire. As a new concept, it was a risky show, but it exceeded its box office target and the audience loved it. Both Nabarlek and TaikoZ, however, fared worse than their previous visits, while the Australian String Quartet still managed to attract its loyal following in Darwin.

Commercially, Jimcoin was a surprise success on October, while the ABBA tribute band ABBAolutely FABBAulous was a rousing and entertaining finish to the year in late December.

The DSO staged two concerts during the period, with their Gershwin show being particularly popular. Darwin High School returned for their traditional end-of-year student production, as did a host of local dance schools. We were able to program a few local acts in the Studio – Harmony James from Tennant Creek, and the now-regular and very popular Darwin Blues and Roots Club.

2. Staffing

The Business Manager position was advertised in November but we were unable to appoint from the interviewed candidates and the position has been re-advertised. Our long-serving part-time Box Office Assistant left in October and two other staff resigned effective January 2009.

3. Financials

The quarter showed an operational result \$5,000 ahead of budget, with income exceeding expectations by \$23,000 (healthy contributions from ticketing and bar sales) and expenditure over the mark by \$9,000 – much of the latter is a timing issue with wages pre-paid over the Christmas break.

Nevertheless, the end result was a deficit of \$16,000 for the first six months which compares very unfavourably with surpluses of \$140,000 and \$61,500 for the same periods the previous year and 2006-07, respectively. The main contributor to the result was the month of October, which posted a loss of \$66,000 for the reasons cited above (the previous two Octobers had both posted surpluses).

The entrepreneurial fund was slightly over budget for the period (\$3,000), but is nevertheless in reasonable shape. DEC may have to call upon the entrepreneurial fund to boost income if the second half of the FY fares as badly as is currently predicted.

The balance sheet showed net assets at \$571,000. This is obviously a reflection of DEC's successful trading over the past few years and will allow us to weather at least some of the financial storm.

Hamish McDonald
General Manager

DARWIN ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE QUARTERLY ACTIVITY REPORT: OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2008

PLAYHOUSE - PERFORMANCES

14 performances			
Date	Day	Time	Performance
04/10/08	Monday	10:00pm	Performance
17/10/08	Friday	8:00pm	DSO - Water, Fire and Passion
24/10/08	Monday	8:00pm	Limelight on Ice
01/11/08	Saturday	7:00pm	Deep Blue*
08/11/08	Saturday	8:00pm	Lalain Jackson School of Dancing - Capriccio Dance
15/11/08	Thursday	8:00pm	Suez Quattro Experience/Australian Station Duo Show
16/11/08	Friday	8:00pm	Interpretation on Tour
22/11/08	Monday	8:00pm	DSO - Queensland... and All that Jazz
29/11/08	Saturday	7:30pm	Trilogy: The Gathering*
06/12/08	Thursday	8:30pm	Army in Concert featuring Guy Sebastian
07/12/08	Friday	8:30pm	Rince Na Firmam - Culture, Grace and Company
13/12/08	Saturday	8:30pm	Darwin School of Ballet - Terra Australia
19/12/08	Friday	8:00pm	Il Divo
Darwin Performance Academy - Let's Dance			
Absolutely Fabulous - Thank You for the Music			
Total			7021 14234 85%

STUDIO - PERFORMANCES

9 performances			
Date	Day	Time	Performance
17/10/08	Friday	10:00pm	Naharak*
01/11/08	Saturday	8:00pm	Harmony Jam*
18/11/08	Wednesday	7:30pm	Darwin High School - The Caribbeada Club
20/11/08	Thursday	7:30pm	Darwin High School - The Caribbeada Club
21/11/08	Friday	12:00pm	Darwin High School - The Caribbeada Club
24/11/08	Monday	7:30pm	Darwin High School - The Caribbeada Club
27/11/08	Thursday	8:00pm	Darwin Blues and Roots Club*
29/11/08	Saturday	8:00pm	Congo Fly With Me
ABO - Unstoppable*			
Total			4184 4608 66%

*Performance presented or co-presented by Darwin Entertainment Centre.

*Denotes performance to which the promoter sold tickets, either alone or in conjunction with the Box Office. Attendance figures are preliminary only.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

17 other activities			
Date	Mirror/Activity	Activity	Venue
04/10/08	Darwin Symphony Orchestra	Supper Club	Studio
24/10/08	Darwin Entertainment Centre	DEC members prize draw	Studio
27/10/08	University of Darwin	Merrill Chatterman 'Toad Surprise' book launch	Playhouse
05/11/08	Darwin Veterinary School	End of Year Concert - <i>Simbad Seals Again</i>	Playhouse
15/11/08	Darwin Symphony Orchestra	Supper Club - <i>Gershwin... and All That Jazz</i>	Studio
21/11/08	Darwin Veterinary School	End of year concert - <i>Let's Get Physical</i>	Playhouse
24/11/08	Darwin High School	Year 12 Graduation Ceremony	Playhouse
25/11/08	Koorlilla College	Senior School Awards Night	Playhouse
26/11/08	Catholic Senior College	Year 12 Graduation Ceremony	Playhouse
28/11/08	University of Darwin & Darwin	Christmas party	Studio
02/12/08	St Paul's Primary School	St Paul's Christmas Concert - <i>Santa & the Swagman</i>	Playhouse
03/12/08	University of Darwin	The Farmington School Collaboration 2008	Playhouse
04/12/08	OT Campbell College	2008 Presentation Evening	Playhouse
05/12/08	Koorlilla College	Middle School Collaboration Night	Playhouse
08/12/08	Darwin High School	2008 Presentation Night	Playhouse
10/12/08	Cardinal Shephard Lutheran College	Voluntary Service	Playhouse
12/12/08	Maryvale Christian College	2008 Thanksgiving Service	Playhouse
Total			3040

DARWIN ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE

QUARTERLY ACTIVITY REPORT: OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2008

VENUE HIRE SUMMARY

Month	Total (Days)		Usage Breakdown (Days)		
	Oct-Dec	% Occupancy	Performance	Other	Dump In/out*
Total days/month	82				
Playthrough	40	49%	14	13	13
Studio Theatre	14	17%	5	4	5
Exhibition Gallery	31	38%			
Rehearsal Room	78	83%			
Rehearsal Room - hours	2115				

*Includes rehearsal
Note: 1 night in storage banked over calendar year placed total days usage due to it venue being used for more than one purpose in a day

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

REHEARSAL ROOM HIRERS

The following individuals/organizations hired the Darwin Entertainment Centre Rehearsal Room:

Barbara Pedersen	60
Christenedean Youth Arts	192
Darwin High School	15
Darwin Performance Academy	400
Darwin Theatre Company	404
Ellenrigg School	25
Grayling	218
Ian Skewton	3
Jerrildale Bully Drivers	86
Kohlbeck	25
Michael Beaumont	216
O'Loughlin Catholic College	12
Palmerston United School	128
Rince Ma Eirwan	520
Total	2010

GALLERY HIRERS

The following individuals/organizations hired the Darwin Entertainment Centre Gallery:

Senclair Knight Morte - Exhibition (over 40 public involvement report presentation)	10
Changweeke - Training session	15
Kelly Ferguson - 30th birthday party	85
CDJ School of Creative Arts and Humanities - 1 water exhibition	80
Darwin Performing Arts Centre - Annual general meeting	20
Minter's Private - Bulky furniture	20
Leahurst Green Education meeting	22
Lugacy - Army in Concert informal drinks	05
Kenneth College - art exhibition	20
Mini Arts and Crafts - art exhibition	100
Overton Jew, Nathan Jenkins, Jillian Thompson & Cecily Willis - 31 Ck Day 1 art exhibition	400
Total	628

DARWIN ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE QUARTERLY ACTIVITY REPORT: OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2008

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

BOX OFFICE CLIENTS

The following clients utilised the services of the Box Office during the months October-December:

Access Entertainment - Sleazy Sound System, Discovery (ticket printing)
 AFL NT - AFL Indigenous All Stars vs Adelaide Crows, T.O Stadium
 AIA NT - President's Charity Lunch, Skycity Grand Ballroom (ticket printing)
 Casuarina Senior College - Year 12 Graduation Ceremony (ticket printing)
 Category 6 Entertainment - Skitz Mix 3D, Time Nightclub (ticket printing)
 Darwin Chorale - Messiah, Supreme Court Foyer
 Darwin Theatre Company - Seven Deadly Australian Sins, Brown's Mart - 6 performances
 Discovery Entertainment Complex - Manhunt Australia 2008, Discovery (ticket printing)
 Driver Primary School - School Concert 2008, Playhouse (ticket printing)
 Essington School - Darwin Celebration 2008, Playhouse (ticket printing)
 Kormilda College - Middle School Celebration Night, Playhouse (ticket printing)
 Kormilda College - Senior School Awards Night, Playhouse (ticket printing)
 O'Doughlin Catholic College - End of Year Concert, Playhouse (ticket printing)
 Operatunity - Cocktails with Gershwin, CDU Theatre (2 performances)
 Parap Primary School - Kids at Sea: Sinbad Sails Again, Playhouse (ticket printing)
 Performance Promotions - King of the Ring, Kalyannus Club (ticket printing)
 Rory Stallard - function at private residence (ticket printing)
 St Paul's Primary School - St Paul's Christmas Concert, Playhouse (ticket printing)
 The Cavenagh - NYE Black and White Ball, The Cavenagh (ticket printing)
 Time Nightclub - Jason Mido, Time Nightclub (ticket printing)
 Time Nightclub - Synergy Underage #1, Time Nightclub (ticket printing)
 Young Professionals Network - Young Professionals Cocktail Party, SKYCITY

DARWIN ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE

ENTREPRENEURIAL FUND

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2008

Show Code	Date	Show	Subsidy Used	Funding	Balance
	01-Oct-08	Opening Balance			\$90,094.17
	01-Oct-08	Funding		\$17,500.00	\$107,594.17
9ENAB	05-Oct-08	Nabarlek	\$6,509.36		\$107,594.17
9EBLU	21-Oct-08	Deep Blue	\$564.44		\$107,029.73
9ETAI	19-Nov-08	Talk Oz	\$4,545.04		\$102,483.69
9EASQ	29-Nov-08	Australian String Quartet	\$2,480.26		\$100,003.43
TOTAL SUBSIDY USED			\$14,500.10		

DARWIN ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE

LOCAL HIRERS' SUBSIDY ALLOCATION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2008

Date	Organisation	Type	Used	Funding	Balance
01-Oct-08	Opening Balance				\$ 7,414.46
01-Oct-08	Funding			\$12,500.00	\$ 19,914.46
04-Oct-08	Darwin Symphony Orchestra	Music	\$ 1,818.18		\$ 18,096.28
01-Nov-08	Harmony James	Music	\$ 340.78		\$ 17,755.50
01-Nov-08	Leisa's School of Dance	Ballet	\$ 1,960.32		\$ 15,795.18
05-Nov-08	Paras Primary School	Other	\$ 1,871.07		\$ 13,924.11
15-Nov-08	Darwin Symphony Orchestra	Music	\$ 1,818.18		\$ 12,105.93
21-Nov-08	Darwin High School	Drama	\$ 2,195.96		\$ 9,909.97
21-Nov-08	Driver Primary School	Other	\$ 1,914.98		\$ 7,994.99
22-Nov-08	Darwin Blues & Roots Club	Music	\$ 681.82		\$ 7,313.17
27-Nov-08	Sommerville Community Services	Music	\$ 750.00		\$ 6,563.17
29-Nov-08	Rince Ne Erant	Dance	\$ 1,360.71		\$ 5,202.46
02-Dec-08	St Paul's School	Other	\$ 765.71		\$ 4,436.75
03-Dec-08	The Essington School	Other	\$ 973.64		\$ 3,463.11
08-Dec-08	Darwin School of Ballet	Ballet	\$ 1,167.65		\$ 2,295.46
13-Dec-08	Darwin Performance Academy	Dance	\$ 1,629.32		\$ 666.14
Total Local Hirers' Subsidy Used			\$ 19,270.32		

Darwin Entertainment Centre
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Profit & Loss Statement
October 2000 through December 2000

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Operational Income			
General Income			
Grants			
Operational Grant	742,500.00	742,500.00	0.00
Event Event Subsidy	12,000.00	12,000.00	100.00
Other Grants	0.00		0.00
Total Grants	750,100.00	750,000.00	100.00
Fundraising			
Sponsorship	0.00		0.00
Membership Subscriptions	2,405.00	3,500.00	-1,004.51
Member Fundraising	0.00		0.00
Donations	150.00		150.00
Total Fundraising	2,005.00	3,500.00	854.81
Other Income			
Interest	620.00	6,400.00	4,576.07
Other Income	200.00		200.00
Total Other Income	<u>1,000.00</u>	6,400.00	4,367.64
Total General Income	<u>150,777.05</u>	<u>103,000.00</u>	<u>-5,122.15</u>
Venue Income			
Rental			
Physique Rental	73,261.64	73,300.00	-38.36
Studio Theatre Rental	11,056.20	10,200.00	1,056.20
Gallery Rental	2,363.63	2,560.00	-196.37
Recreational Room Rental	4,037.47	4,000.00	37.47
Foyer Art Commulation	10.10		10.10
Gallery Visitor Commulation	905.40	1,000.00	-434.54
Other Rental Income	1,013.65		1,013.65
Total Rental	<u>24,007.33</u>	<u>91,000.00</u>	<u>2,647.33</u>
Marketing / Promotion			
Marketing Commulation	2,000.00	082.00	1,097.17
Technical	176.36	0.00	176.36
Total Marketing / Promotion Technical	<u>2,180.23</u>	<u>082.00</u>	<u>1,204.23</u>
Technical			
Technical Unit	41,007.87	12,670.00	-1,052.13
Equipment Price	9,044.00	9,300.00	4,064.00
Technical Film Commulation	650.07	000.00	150.07
Other	865.07	0.00	865.07
Total Technical	<u>22,362.10</u>	<u>10,350.00</u>	<u>4,012.30</u>
Front of House			
FCH / Box Office Line	0,270.31	9,300.00	-321.69
Bar Sales	104,028.00	200,200.00	16,450.00
Miscellaneous Income	2,400.00	0.00	2,400.00
Merchandising Commission	500.01	0.00	500.01
Vendor Machine Commission	236.64	0.00	236.64
Catering Commission	163.23	0.00	163.23
Total Front of House	<u>47,045.00</u>	<u>37,500.00</u>	<u>9,545.00</u>
Utilities			
Electricity	2,667.00	2,150.00	521.00
Lamp Charge	1,336.54	1,450.00	114.46
Air Conditioning	2,732.00	3,120.00	387.60
Total Utilities	<u>6,735.54</u>	<u>6,720.00</u>	<u>10.12</u>
General			
Telephone Recovery	0.00	0.00	0.00

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Sequence Recovery	290.00	0.00	290.00
Additional Cleaning Charge	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total General	290.00	0.00	290.00
Total Venue Income	172,604.62	166,012.00	12,602.62
Ticketing Income			
Box Office			
Ticket Service Fee	1,274.05	3,000.00	278.05
Ticket Booking Fee	22,837.30	17,450.00	5,387.30
Event Creation Fee	1,514.54	1,000.00	414.54
Event Marketing Printing	4,723.62	850.00	3,873.62
Event Crew Fees	6,384.86	6,380.00	4.86
Box Office Staff Time	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Box Office	30,279.83	29,680.00	599.83
Total Operational Income	370,750.00	347,612.00	23,138.00
Operational Expenditure			
Salaries and Wages			
Management & Admin			
Management	10,238.78	19,300.00	-9,061.22
Administration	30,074.83	37,885.00	-7,810.17
Admin Capital	2,208.02	0.00	2,208.02
Total Management & Admin	42,521.63	57,185.00	-14,663.37
Marketing			
Marketing Capital	18,242.01	18,184.00	58.01
Total Marketing	18,242.01	18,184.00	58.01
Technical			
Technical	40,146.07	42,148.00	-2,001.93
Technical Capital	15,175.70	12,000.00	3,175.70
Total Technical	55,321.77	54,148.00	1,173.77
Box Office			
Box Office Capital	32,401.30	27,100.00	5,301.30
Total Box Office	48,808.05	35,600.00	13,208.05
Front of House			
FOH Staff	14,613.20	14,575.00	38.20
FOH Capital	40,248.26	11,000.00	29,248.26
FOH Staff	7,486.57	6,000.00	1,486.57
Cleaning	15,641.66	17,956.00	-2,314.34
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Front of House	77,990.69	48,428.00	29,562.69
Total Salaries and Wages	230,120.72	214,600.00	15,520.72
Income			
Supplies	20,022.00	19,320.00	702.00
Wages	11,740.47	11,000.00	740.47
Payroll Tax	0.00	210.00	-210.00
Annual Leave Provision	-12,712.47	-3,000.00	-9,712.47
Long Service Leave Provision	0.00	0.00	0.00
Redundancy Payments	1,430.00	450.00	980.00
Staff Amenities	0.00	0.00	0.00
Utilities	2,487.33	4,240.00	-1,752.67
Travel	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Event Materials	4,305.00	4,305.00	0.00
Event Marketing	1,045.75	1,948.00	-902.25
Other	3,656.63	0.00	3,656.63
Total Concierge	30,282.80	37,169.00	-6,886.20
Concierge Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00
Concierge Labor	0.00	0.00	0.00

Support contracts	2763.00	0.00	2763.00
Software Licenses	0.00	3000.00	0.00
IT & M Admin	2,772.54	0.00	1,072.54
Equipment <\$500	0.00	2,100.00	0.00
Total Office Equipment	3,832.54	3,000.00	2,022.54
Office & Admin Expenses			
Postage / Printing	45.00	300.00	-45.00
Telephone	0.00	150.00	-150.00
Telephone & Internet	583.69	600.00	-16.30
Stationery / Office Supplies	6,533.23	5,400.00	3,133.23
Subscriptions & Memberships	5,673.09	31,000.00	-3,326.91
General Insurance	1,605.00	1,065.00	540.00
Travel Insurance	10,528.08	17,070.00	-1,541.92
Travel Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00
Financial Fees and Charges	751.43	500.00	-148.57
Corporate Compliance	245.95	0.00	245.95
Board	0.00	0.00	0.00
Audit & Accounting costs	3,100.34	1,500.00	1,600.34
Real estate	0.00	0.00	0.00
Doubtful Debt	0.00	0.00	0.00
Legal Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00
Consultants	1,105.00	0.00	1,105.00
Meetings/Conferences	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00
Accommodation	0.00	0.00	0.00
Per diem	66.45	0.00	66.45
Ground Transport	73.36	0.00	73.36
Rental	4,045.04	3,000.00	89.04
Car/Lorry	0.00	0.00	0.00
Supplies	78.10	0.00	78.10
Total Office & Admin Expenses	42,816.37	40,555.00	2,261.37
Utilities			
Electricity	21,563.08	21,000	563.08
Accountability	6,731.84	6,800	-68.16
Water/Water and Sewerage	369.51	2,200	1,830.49
Waste Removal	1,115.10	1,350	234.91
Fire/Police & Alarm Maint	1,454.66	60	1,394.66
Post Control	0.00	360	-360.00
Total Utilities	31,234.32	31,790.00	-555.68
Sponsorship & Support			
Gifts / Sponsorial	19,270.32	17,000	2,270.32
Sponsorship benefits	233.10	0	233.10
Community Support	731.37	0	731.37
Sponsorship campaigns	0.00	0	0.00
Total Sponsorship & Support	20,234.82	17,000.00	3,234.87
Membership Programs			
Parents Membership	731.72	1,000.00	103.72
Member Functions	324.45	0.00	324.45
Membership/Workshop	850.00	0.00	850.00
Total Membership Programs	1,916.00	540.00	1,376.00
Marketing / Promotion			
Design	500.91	0.00	500.91
Printing	0.00	0.00	0.00
Webstation	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mailings	0.00	0.00	0.00
Advertising	2,413.52	2,400.00	76.48
Website	0.00	0.00	0.00
Aerial Report	0.00	0.00	0.00
DEG Launch	0.00	0.00	0.00
Market Research	0.00	0.00	0.00
Graphic Design	48.05	0.00	48.05

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Stamps/philips	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sanitary Marketing	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Marketing/Dispensation	2,633.00	2,400.00	0.00
Technical			
Multimedia and Graphics	1,314.00	1,500.00	186.00
Curriculum	1,117.80	2,100.00	982.10
Equipment Film	0.00	000.00	000.00
Other	0.00	000.00	000.00
Total Technical	3,193.80	4,000.00	-1,600.10
Total Investment			
Front of House			
Bar Supplies	13,683.18	11,200.00	2,403.18
Miscellaneous	88.27	0.00	88.27
Bar Stock Adjustment	15.23	0.00	15.23
New Freight	52.00	0.00	52.00
Paper & Icons	0.00	0.00	0.00
1 CMT/condition	0.00	760.00	-760.00
Bar Stock Adjustment	0.00	675.00	-675.00
Cleaning Contribution	1,670.44	1,725.00	-54.56
Catering	0.00	300.00	-300.00
Total Front of House	16,837.12	14,730.00	997.12
Total Back Office			
Software Support	1,730.86	1,000.00	561.14
Back Office Marketing	0.00	0.00	0.00
Software License	0.00	0.00	0.00
IT - Marketing equipment	1,254.27	2,400.00	1,145.53
Back Office (incl. freight)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Charger (Barriers)	100.47	225.00	115.56
Merchandise Charges	4,917.54	6,000.00	1,412.40
Back Office Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00
Back Office Communication	0.00	210.00	210.00
Agency Expenses	267.36	2,100.00	1,832.64
Back Office Security	0.00	0.00	0.00
Back Office Utilities/Comm	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Back Office	7,467.63	12,735.00	-5,267.37
Depreciation			
Depreciation A.I. Tools	0,752.00	7,247.00	405.00
Depreciation A.I. Tables & Tables	0,270.00	0,613.00	363.00
Annual Computer Software	2,087.00	0,600.00	297.00
Lease on equipment of month			0.00
Total Depreciation	33,019.00	18,460.00	-561.00
Total Operational Expenses	410,790.32	398,652.00	8,416.70
Operating Profit	-28,840.33	-51,340.00	31,730.27

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Entertainment Fund: October - December 2000

	Budget	Actual	Difference
Income			
Box Office	55,285.00	46,441.00	-8,844.00
Sponsorship	0.00	2,117.95	2,117.95
Concessionment Fund	11,452.00	14,500.10	3,048.10
Merchandise/Program Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	66,737.00	63,059.05	-3,677.95
Expense			
Artists Fees	28,000.00	28,000.00	0.00
Keynotes	600.00	236.04	363.96
Fuel	600.00	613.64	13.64
Print Advertising	5,300.00	6,220.46	920.46
Rental Advertising	400.00	600.00	200.00
TV Advertising	3,600.00	6,476.00	2,876.00
Printing	400.00	266.39	-133.61
Catering	400.00	0.00	-400.00
Unsubsidized	400.00	0.00	-400.00
Materials	600.00	641.30	41.30
Lease In/Out	4,072.00	3,345.06	-726.94
Vehicle Fuel Allow	1,346.00	102.45	-1,243.55
Contributions	0.00	130.75	130.75
Equipment Hire	700.00	710.00	10.00
Cover	0.00	27.27	27.27
Playhouse Rental	3,000.00	3,140.78	140.78
Studio Rental	1,010.00	1000.00	-110.00
Amplification	1,600.00	1,387.60	-212.40
Electricity	1,500.00	1,962.71	462.71
Lease Out/Lease In	800.00	666.14	-133.86
Labour	1,920.00	1,704.07	-215.93
Revolving Fund	4,319.00	3,760.65	-558.35
Event Credits	0.00	162.71	162.71
Event Charges	1,346.00	1,286.77	-59.23
Contingency	3,542.00	0.00	-3,542.00
Total Expense	66,737.00	53,059.05	-13,677.95
Net Profit (Loss)	0.00	0.00	0.00

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Community Services Committee Meeting - Monday, 9 February 2009**8 INFORMATION ITEMS****8.9 Darwin Entertainment Centre Operational Budget for 2008/2009**

Document No. 1515760 (29/01/09) Common No. 1515760

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

THAT the Darwin Entertainment Centre Operational Budget for 2008/2009, Document Number 1515760, be received and noted.



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	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL	Actual Fiscal Yr	Budget Fiscal Yr
INCOME															
General Income															
Total Grants	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
Total Fundraising	25,500	25,500	25,500	25,500	25,500	25,500	25,500	25,500	25,500	25,500	25,500	25,500	255,000	255,000	255,000
Total Other Income	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	15,000	15,000	15,000
Total General Income	\$28,200	\$28,200	\$28,200	\$28,200	\$28,200	\$28,200	\$28,200	\$28,200	\$28,200	\$28,200	\$28,200	\$28,200	\$282,000	\$282,000	\$282,000
Value Income															
Total Assets	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Total Management Expenses	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Total Technical	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Total Front Office	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Total Back Office	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Total General	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Total Value Income	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Operating Income															
Total Operating Income	\$29,700	\$29,700	\$29,700	\$29,700	\$29,700	\$29,700	\$29,700	\$29,700	\$29,700	\$29,700	\$29,700	\$29,700	\$297,000	\$297,000	\$297,000
EXPENDITURE															
Operations Costs															
Total Salaries and Wages	\$5,400	\$5,400	\$5,400	\$5,400	\$5,400	\$5,400	\$5,400	\$5,400	\$5,400	\$5,400	\$5,400	\$5,400	\$54,000	\$54,000	\$54,000
Total Overhead	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Total Office Equipment	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Total Office & Admin Expenses	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Total JCT's	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Total Operations Development	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Total Marketing Expenses	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Total Marketing Promotion	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Total Technical	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Total Front Office	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Total Back Office	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Total Depreciation	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Total Operations Costs	\$14,900	\$14,900	\$14,900	\$14,900	\$14,900	\$14,900	\$14,900	\$14,900	\$14,900	\$14,900	\$14,900	\$14,900	\$149,000	\$149,000	\$149,000
Total Expenditure	\$14,900	\$14,900	\$14,900	\$14,900	\$14,900	\$14,900	\$14,900	\$14,900	\$14,900	\$14,900	\$14,900	\$14,900	\$149,000	\$149,000	\$149,000
Operating Profit															
Operating Profit	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$148,000	\$148,000	\$148,000
Actual Total	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$148,000	\$148,000	\$148,000
Operating Profit	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$148,000	\$148,000	\$148,000
Operating Profit	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$148,000	\$148,000	\$148,000

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DARWIN CITY COUNCIL**DATE:** 03/02/09**REPORT****TO:** COMMUNITY SERVICES/OPEN A**APPROVED:** JB**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &
CULTURAL SERVICES**APPROVED:** KC**REPORT NO:** 09P0001 KC:md**COMMON NO:** 1518200**SUBJECT: LIBRARIES INFORMATION UPDATE FOR OCTOBER, NOVEMBER
AND DECEMBER 2008****ITEM NO: 9.1****SYNOPSIS:**

This report is the result of a request for a monthly report detailing events and comments relating to Darwin City Council Libraries (DCCL) to be presented to each Community Services Committee meeting.

GENERAL:

The City, Nightcliff and Karama libraries have been especially busy due to the closure of Casuarina library. Karama library had over 10,000 borrowings in October which was an increase of 52% - the largest increase over the 3 libraries. Our computers continue to be heavily booked; 100% on Sundays, about 85% during the week.

Sunday trading continues to be successful at Karama and patrons and staff have commented on how civilised Karama is on a Sunday. Surprisingly it has not attracted the younger patrons but many older patrons are using the library and enjoy taking the time to browse the collection, utilise the computers & read the newspapers. Many have commented that it would be wonderful to see Karama remain open. On average there has been between 250-300 patrons visiting.

The collection development team moved to Winnellie during Casuarina's closure. Staff were able to continue the ordering and processing of new items with Casuarina Library alone receiving a total of 1240 new titles, not including periodicals. This was a combination of James Bennett and local purchasing, and included books, audio-visual, spoken word and LOTE. Weeding of books from the Casuarina collection commenced to replace items with inside back cover barcodes not compatible with the new self checkout system. The process also included a heavy weed of out dated and well used books in the collection.

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Best Loved Adult Book Awards flyers were distributed to library customers in December announcing the titles of the 50 most borrowed books in 2008.

November is usually a quiet month leading up to our busy time during December and January, but this year we had visits from four authors. Firstly was well known Australian author Di Morrissey. Di was a special guest at the City library in November. The first talk was held on Friday evening in the library which was fully booked out and one on the Saturday morning held in the function area in the Civic Centre. Angus & Robertson were there at both events and were very happy with the book sales.

The following week children's author Mem Fox came to do a special story time at the City library and once again the library was bursting at the seams with many mums, dads and grandparents attending the session with their children. The NT News featured a photo of the children with Mem in the following day's paper. Mem's visit was sponsored by the Little Big Book Club.

In the last week of the month Sally Rippin and David Miller, both illustrators of children's books were guests of the library for 3 days. The Children and Youth Services Librarian organised classes of students from primary schools to visit the City, Karama and Nightcliff libraries to attend workshops. David & Sally also visited schools, the library youth book club, after school care centres, the special English Unit at Anula Primary, Henbury School and Taminmin Community Library. Sally & David held one session for the public at the City Library which attracted 20 people.

Nightcliff and Karama libraries both hosted work placement students from CDU in October and December.

In December we reopened the Casuarina Library after a twelve week closure for the refurbishment. When we reopened on 15 December the internal modifications, painting, new shelving, carpet, and new PC's were completed, with only some electrical work and the external toilet awaiting completion, due to be completed in February 2009. We are still waiting on the delivery of the final furniture order. This has been delayed because the fabric was no longer available and also due to factory shut downs over the holiday period. We are expecting the final deliveries in March. Library staff have received positive comments from all the customers who have visited the library since the reopening. On our first day, Monday 15 December 2008 we issued over 1600 items. The official reopening of the refurbished library is planned for Monday 9 February.

Karama Library made a number of physical changes throughout the library to improve aesthetics & access. They removed paperbacks from spinners & interfiled into adult fiction; changed the location of DVDs, CDs & spoken word. Karama also began reorganising the shelving in adult fiction by lifting the bottom shelf to a more appropriate height. This makes it more accessible for elderly patrons & those confined to wheelchairs. It is also less stressful for staff when shelving items in these areas.

Library staff hosted a morning tea for the Housebound Library members in December. Nine patrons attended with their carers which gave them an opportunity to visit the refurbished Casuarina Library. Alderman Mitchell also attended and assisted with the morning.

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In the past three months we have had two long term staff members resign. While Casuarina was closed, we were able to advertise all vacant positions and the libraries now have a full complement of staff.

CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES:

Libraries were busy during October, starting the month with a one week school holiday program for children. Story times are ongoing throughout the 4 libraries all year round and are always well attended.

Babes and Books had their final session for the year in November and the program will recommence at Casuarina Library in February.

It was a full house at Karama for KAOS in October and November. This youth event is always very well attended with between 20 – 25 teenagers each month. They always have a fantastic time utilising the library facilities, especially the X-Box and Playstation. KOAS will also resume in February.

The KROC (Kids Reading Oz Choice) party was held at Karama in October. Local author Barry Jonsberg was the MC for the event and a large crowd of children with teachers & parents eagerly awaited the voting results. Children who voted for their favourite book attended and lucky door prizes were given out with winners also receiving signed copies of books by authors voted in the top ten categories by children in the NT. It was a very successful afternoon and the children were fed ice-cream cake which was kindly donated by our local Cold-Rock Ice-Creamery, complete with our KROC Awards logo.

Library staff attended Children's Week at the Jingili Water Gardens, presenting a story time session celebrating Children's Week "Create a Child Friendly NT". They presented approximately 30 minutes of favourite story time, along with puppets. It was a great opportunity to network with other organisations & also a great way to promote our libraries.

A fairy party was held at the City Library to celebrate the release of the Rainbow Magic Music series. All the children took the opportunity to dress up in their very creative fairy costumes which came in so many genres such as tennis fairies, pirates, gothic, princess fairies and of course a few elves. We had some fabulous prizes to give away, kindly donated by Angus and Robertson and our very supportive local Hachette Publishing Company. We finished with a fairy morning tea with families thanking us as they left for a fabulous fairy filled morning at the library.

Caught Read Handed (CRH) youth book group continued to meet at the Nightcliff Library while Casuarina was closed. The kids are always keen to meet each other and share their opinions. During the sessions not only were books discussed but also the focus was on preparations for the youth quiz night Read 'em 'n' Rock in January. CRH members decided on details for the event such as quiz themes and questions, what they would wear for character costumes, decorations and food. The age range for the group is 9 – 15 years at the moment.

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Santa made visits to the libraries in December. In previous years Santa's reindeer normally only made an appearance at Casuarina, but as Casuarina was closed our Santa was very keen this year taking his reindeer with him to the City, Nightcliff and Karama Libraries. Many thanks to the CBD Team, North team, Central team and Community Services staff who assisted the libraries with the Santa visits.

The libraries were busy throughout December with most activities focused on the school holiday program. To date all activities were well attended and of special note was the bed time stories held at the Casuarina Library on 22 December with a packed house attending. A full report on the school holiday program from December and January will be presented in the March report.

DISPLAYS:

Halloween	Global Hand Washing Day
Mystery Authors	KROC Awards
Story time themes	Summer Reading Club
Holiday activity displays	Di Morrissey
Insects	Mem Fox
David Miller & Sally Rippin	Holiday Program
Breakfast with Books	New Year's Eve
Melbourne Cup	Romance Authors
Dogs & Cats	Mystical/Dragons
Christmas Craft & Cooking	Youth Music
Mental Health Week	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
Children's Week	Animals
Caught Read Handed	New children's books
Remembrance Day	Literature
The Sea	Graphic Novels

STAFF TRAINING:

Three staff members attended a workshop presented by Kevin Hannah which looked at merchandising and space management specifically for libraries. The workshop also provided many examples and ideas for signage and how to maximise library loans by the layout of the library stock. All staff gained useful knowledge that will be put to good use for the future, especially with the newly refurbished Casuarina Library. Senior library staff attended an all day planning workshop to review the libraries operation plan for the coming year. Northern Territory Library hosted a Professional Development Day for library staff throughout the Territory. Six staff from DCCL attended the session over the two days. MLS delivered a session on the refurbishment of the Casuarina Library. Here is a summary from the Graduate Librarian's report on her attendance at the NTL Professional Development Forum on December 1st & 2nd 2008.

I found the Professional Development Forum at NTL very valuable. One presentation that was particularly useful was Andrew Finegan's on Web 2.0, Technology and Libraries. It was a significant distinction that Andrew made between the original use of the web and the use today of the many interactive features of the web. In his talk Andrew spoke about how far we've come in our technological advances, the value of

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the Human Networks that are created and our ability to interact with the information we are given, not just to simply read it.

Library staff also attended the following:-

Tropical Cyclone Briefing Session
 First Aid
 Virtua Circulation and Cataloguing
 Virtua Searching Client and iPortal
 Records Management Session
 Children & Youth Services overview session with new staff members
 Generation Y workshop, part of business month
 Charles Darwin University workshop at the Convention Centre
 Face painting
 Dataworks

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY/VIRTUA:

New public and staff PC's were installed at Casuarina Library. Virtua support staff assisted the libraries with the installation and set up of the new self check out system. Casuarina Library is the first library to install these in libraries in the Northern Territory and Virtua support staff were keen to ensure that the connection to the Virtua library system was as smooth as possible. Other than a minor hiccup with the date display on the printout, the self checks are working well and library customers are using them. DCCL staff visited the Northern Territory Library to view the PC management system they have installed allowing customers to book the public PC's, with a view to installing a similar system at Darwin City Council Libraries.

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':-

2. Enhance Darwin's active, positive and flexible lifestyle

2.2 Increase recreational, cultural and heritage experiences

2.2.1 Enhance library facilities

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

That it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. That the Committee resolve under delegated authority that Report Number 09P0001 KC:md entitled Libraries Information Update for October, November & December 2008, be received and noted.

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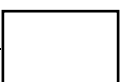
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9.2 Regulatory Services Monthly Update

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REPORT

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FROM: GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &
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APPROVED: KH

REPORT NO: 09C0009 KH:kl

COMMON NO: 1517201

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY SERVICES TEAM REPORT – JANUARY 2009

ITEM NO: 9.3**SYNOPSIS:**

This report provides Council with an update of activities undertaken within the Community Services program during December and January 2008/9. It is presented for Council's information.

GENERAL:

This report provides an update of activities within the Community Services portfolio and selected projects. Each Officer within the Community Services Team has prepared their own sections to appraise Council of operational activities.

REPORT:**COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGEMENT****Human Resources**

Annie Farrell has commenced as Executive Officer, Community & Cultural Services. The previous officer, Peter Lindwall has taken up a position in the Town Planning section. The Children & Community Projects Officer has resigned to take up a children's services field work position and recruitment for this role will commence shortly. All staff have accessed annual leave during December and January.

Graffiti Management

Staff have attended meetings with senior officers in the Chief Minister's Department to consider how Council and Government may work together in responding to graffiti vandalism. Outcomes are being developed and will be the subject of a separate report to Council in the coming months.

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Since 1st July 2008, Council has received 1,338 reports of graffiti. Of those reports, 1,077 related to graffiti occurring on Council assets. The most frequently targeted suburbs are Wagaman area, Nightcliff Foreshore, Malak Oval, Jingili area and the Anula area. Since 1st July 2008, Council has removed 1053 pieces of graffiti vandalism from its assets.

Staff Development

The Community Services team participated in an operational planning day in late November 2008. Each officer provided a presentation on their areas of expertise and highlighted challenges for the special population group, sector and work unit. Strengths and opportunities for the team and values underpinning our work was also explored. Staff also attended a second business planning day during February which involved marrying Council's strategic planning goals with individual operational work units. This process will assist the team in ensuring Council's priorities are focussed upon.

Youth Precinct development

This project is undertaking a substantive scoping study and consultants, Strategic Leisure who are tasked with this visited Darwin during November 2008. The study is now nearing time for wide community consultation with an emphasis on the youth community. It has been helpful to defer youth consultations during the Christmas holiday break with so many families taking breaks away from home. Work will recommence in early February with Strategic Leisure.

Secure Taxi Rank

Council continues to facilitate stakeholder engagement in the secure taxi rank project. The trial period for the rank concludes in February and will be extended for a further three months with both Council and the Australian Hotels Association committing to further resources to maintain the concierge and security service.

This extension will enable the Department of Planning and Infrastructure to survey the response to the rank by a broad range of stakeholders and develop an evaluation by which to review the trial period. This evaluation will assess key issues such as the optimal location of the rank and any safety strategies which are required to be developed.

Public announcements regarding the extension of the trial will be postponed until the survey has been developed and is ready for dissemination.

COMMUNITY SERVICES (CSO)

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

Disability Advisory Committee (DAC)

DAC met on 11 December 2008 and the meeting was attended by representatives from the Department of Planning and Infrastructure who provided information regarding proposed bus stop upgrades. Proposed bus shelter design and placement plans were tabled and feedback from members sought.

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Meeting dates for 2009 were confirmed at the meeting and a range of issues pertaining to the provision of access and equity for people with disability were discussed. A Deputy Chairperson was elected for the term until 30 June 2010 and is the subject of a separate report.

Presentation to Peter Mahony in recognition of Voluntary Service to Council

A presentation was made by the Lord Mayor to Peter Mahony, current DAC member and former DAC Chairperson, in recognition of his substantial voluntary service to Council and the Darwin community at the Volunteer Christmas Party on 12 December 2008.

A quadriplegic since 1978, Peter has advocated for people with disabilities at a State, National and International level for the past 30 years. Peter's knowledge of access issues within the Darwin municipality, and building codes and standards, have been of great benefit to Council.

International Day of People with Disability (IDPWD).

A function to celebrate International Day of People with Disability was at the Civic Centre on 3 December 2008. The Indigenous Disability DVD entitled 'Inspire, Include, Increase' was launched at the function, followed by a presentation by the Lord Mayor to Melanie Hall, Paralympian, in recognition of her achievements at the Beijing Paralympic Games as a member of Australia's bronze medal winning women's wheelchair basketball team. Morning tea was served and the function was attended by approximately 55 people. Positive feedback regarding the morning has been received from the attendees and many enquiries have been received regarding DVD availability.

Seniors Transport Workshop

A workshop was held on 12 November 2008 to present findings from the Darwin Seniors Needs Analysis study, which was conducted in 2006, and to provide an overview of previous Council workshops on Seniors transport needs in the Darwin community. Representatives from 4 community service agencies attended the workshop and presented information regarding the transport needs of their clients to elected members. Discussion centred on the high level of need for reliable, safe transport by senior members of the community. Outcomes of the Seniors Transport Workshop will be the subject of a future report to Council.

Community Grants Program

Council's Community Grants Program assists projects or events directly benefiting and promoting the City of Darwin and which have broad community appeal.

Submissions for the funding of projects occurring in the first half of 2009 (1 January 2009 – 30 June 2009) through the second round of the 2008/2009 Community Grants Program were presented to Council's November round of meetings.

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A total of 36 applications were received seeking grants for projects to the total of \$179,615.35. Projects were prioritised on the basis of outcomes in context of maximum benefit to the Darwin community and 20 applications were successful for either part of full funding to the total value of \$ \$44,789.00. Cheques were presented to successful applicants by Lord Mayor at function on 18 December 2008.

Publications

Two of Council's publications, Darwin for the Over 60s and Disability Services Directory are currently being updated. Due to the complimentary service listings, one publication entitled 'Seniors and Disability Services Directory' will be produced which will also reduce production time and cost. The Directory is intended as a resource for seniors, people with a disability and their carers. It is expected that the new publication will be reprinted by February 2009.

Inter-agency Networks

- **Disabled Parking Harmonisation Scheme**
 CSO and Regulatory Services Manager attended a meeting convened by LGANT regarding the Disabled Parking Harmonisation Scheme on 12 November 2008. The meeting was also attended by representatives from the City of Palmerston and information was provided by Jo Cruickshank from the Transport Policy and Planning Division of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure. The Scheme aims to harmonise all state and local government disabled parking schemes and facilitate a national Disability Parking Scheme. Feedback was provided by all attendees.
- **Building Certifiers Meeting**
 CSO and Acting Design and Development Manager attended a meeting convened by Department of Planning and Infrastructure and attended by Building Certifiers from a cross section of private companies. The meeting provided local Building Certifiers an opportunity to gain an overview on Council's policies relating to footpaths and access issues.
- **Darwin Aged and Disability Network (DADN).**
 CSO represented Council at the December meeting of DADN which is a network of service providers from the non-government and government sectors that aims to promote the rights of seniors, people with a disability and their carers. The network also actively promote services, identifies and addresses service gaps and has input and guidance into service development for its clients.

ARTS & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee (ACDAC)

The first ACDAC meeting for the year will be held on 19 February 2009. Following Council's endorsement of the Five Year Arts Plan and Public Art Policy and Strategies, ACDAC has created a strategic document prioritising ten activities for 2009. These are being costed and will be reviewed at the ACDAC meeting in February before being presented to Council for consideration.

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Charles Darwin Commemorative Artwork

At the time of writing this report all but two of the bells for the “HMS Beagle Ship Bell Chime” artwork had been cast, with the two largest bells due to be cast by the end of January. The bronze parrots which sit above the bells have been cast and the artist is in the process of sculpting the bust of Charles Darwin in which a computer system is housed. Over the next few weeks the bells will be tuned to exact pitches, fitted to steel posts and wired to the electronic bell system provided by Dutch suppliers Petit & Frisen.

The construction and installation phase of this project is being project managed by the Infrastructure Department. It is anticipated that the artwork will be installed in April 2009 at the start of the dry season. Four aluminium light posts will be installed at this time to light the artwork at night time ensuring visibility.

It is anticipated that the artwork will be launched in early July on either Wednesday 1 July 2009 (Territory Day) or Saturday 4 July 2009, to coincide with the presentation of the multi-disciplinary performance event “Origins” in Civic Park which is being coordinated by Corrugated Iron Youth Arts, Darwin Symphony Orchestra, Darwin Chorale, Darwin Theatre Company and 24 Hour Art.

It has been proposed that the artwork may be relocated during the next decade as part of the NT Government’s State Square redevelopment. The cost to relocate the bells has been estimated at \$60,000 - \$70,000.

Artist Anton Hasell has been invited to present a workshop to artists and composers during his next visit to Darwin in April 2009 and is very enthusiastic to do so.

Darwin 200

20 transparent banners featuring 3 different designs are being printed for display along Gilruth Ave in conjunction with the launch of the Supercrocodilians exhibition on 12 February 2009. One banner advertises the Supercrocodilians exhibition at MAGNT, one bears the Darwin 200 and sponsors’ logos and the third bears the Darwin City Council logo. These will be installed prior to 12 February 2009 and will remain in place for several weeks.

The Supercrocodilians exhibition at the Museum and Art Gallery of the NT opens on the evening of 12 February 2009 and a crocodile shaped Darwin 200 birthday cake is being provided by Darwin City Council. The Lord Mayor will speak at the event.

Further opportunities for branding Council events as “Darwin 200” events are being considered, such as the use of the Darwin 200 logo and website on Council emails; the production of cotton bags and a postcard/fact sheet with information on Charles Darwin and the Darwin 200 program of events; and themed activities at children’s, youth and family events.

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The Beagle Project – Bell Gift

David Lort-Phillips, representative of the Beagle Project, was unable to visit Darwin in December 2008 as planned, however he hopes to visit Darwin during 2009 to meet with representatives of the Northern Territory Government and Council. An invitation will be extended to representatives of the Beagle Project to attend the launch of the Charles Darwin Commemorative artwork in July 2009.

John McDouall Stuart Statue

The John McDouall Stuart Society (based in Adelaide) have included a double page article on the restoration of the John McDouall Stuart sculpture in their most recent newsletter.

Arts and Cultural Development brochure

A brochure has been designed outlining Council's support for the Arts and providing contact details for accessing further information. This will be made available online and in hard copy through Customer Services and will serve to promote Council's role in the arts.

Chinatown Art Plinth

Expressions of interest for artists interested in exhibiting a work at the Chinatown Art Plinth was advertised in September 2008 in the NT news, Arts NT e-bulletin, Darwin Visual Arts Association and 24 Hour Art with a closing date of 31 October 2008, however no applications were received. Verbal feedback from artists and arts workers indicates that the Chinatown Art Plinth is a unique opportunity in Australia and there are few precedents where an organisation will "hire" an artwork for a permanent plinth. Large scale sculpture is extremely costly and is usually created for permanent installation a particular space, while temporary and ephemeral installations usually engage with the site and form part of it. With this in mind, several options to utilise the Chinatown Art Plinth may be considered.

One option may be to sponsor an award in the bi-annual Sculpture in the Park event, and use the plinth to display the winning sculpture.

A second option would be to purchase an artwork for permanent exhibition at the site. Anton Hasell, whose sound sculpture "Chime Conservatory" is due for de-installation in March 2009 has indicated that the sculpture may be purchased for a reduced price of \$6500 should Council wish it to remain a permanent installation.

In the meantime, the application process to exhibit a work at the Art Plinth has been amended so that artists may apply at any time, and revised guidelines will be advertised soon for download via Council's website.

Inter-agency Networks

Darwin 200

Council representatives including the Arts and Cultural Development Officer regularly attend Darwin 200 Coordinator meetings with the NT Government, Charles Darwin University, Museum and Art Gallery of the NT and other stakeholders.

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Darwin Fringe

The Arts and Cultural Development Officer attended the meeting held at Chambers Crescent Theatre at Malak in January 2009 to discuss the coordination of the Darwin Fringe 2009.

YOUTH SERVICES

The Youth Projects section facilitates involvement of young people in Council's processes and decision making, creates and hosts youth exclusive events and activities in partnership with young people, hosts a Youth Services trainee position, advocates for the needs of young people and coordinates youth specific community information tools.

GRIND

GRIND Edition 26 was published in December and has been distributed around Darwin and Palmerston, with a dedicated stand erected in Birch, Carroll and Coyle's Casuarina Cinema foyer. "GRIND_online" workshops presented in partnership with Corrugated Iron Youth Arts over the December and January school break have begun work on taking GRIND online. The workshops as well as designing a website by young people for young people also "skilled up" the participants in the basics of web design, podcasting, vodcasting, blogging and social networking. The website development is envisaged to go online by mid-February and will form the basis of the new direction for GRIND.

Youth Advisory Group

The Youth Advisory Group met in November and identified their top 11 priorities and a short film to Council regarding Youth Services for 2009-2014 was presented to Council. The Youth Advisory Group does not meet during December and January and has been concentrating on recruitment to replace members retiring in February 2009.

A GRIND and YAG joint Christmas Party was held in December thanking them for their active participation and acknowledging their achievements in 2008.

Youth Services Trainee

The Youth Services Trainee will commence a Certificate III in Media in February 2009.

School Holiday Programs

Youth Projects as well as presenting a series of web design workshops, "GRIND_online", have assisted the Libraries in the delivery of the "Read 'em n Rock" school holiday quiz night.

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Funding Opportunities

Youth Projects was successful in gaining funding from the Office of Youth Affairs and BeyondBlue to hold the “Big Gig” during National Youth Week 2009 totalling \$11,800. Youth Projects will partner with Corrugated Iron Youth Arts, Music NT and other key youth service providers to present a concert/celebration for the young people of Darwin and surrounding area. The event will be organised by a steering committee of young people and specialists drawn from partner organisations.

Inter-agency Networks

- **DARWWYN**

YSO continues to attend DARWWYN meetings however very few members have attended during the new service negotiations phase.

- **PARYS**

YSO and the Youth Services Trainee met with the City of Palmerston to explore the coordination of National Youth Week 2009 activities .

CHILDREN & COMMUNITY SERVICES

This project area manages Council's Community and Childcare Centres, coordinates the Fun Bus and Fun in the Parks programs, a range of community information tools and special projects and facilitates school visits to Council.

Community Centres

Council's Community Centres at Malak (MCC) and Nightcliff (NCC) continue to operate at capacity under the effective management of user groups and tenants in partnership with Council. Demand for the use of these facilities continues to be high.

Works have been organised to replace floor covering to the remaining offices at NCC that have not already been upgraded. Once this is completed all offices will have had carpet replacement in the last two years. The meeting room at NCC will be given a much needed update with new carpet and blinds. The works have been ordered for this to take place as soon as possible.

Demand for the meeting room at NCC is very high with constant requests to provide an air-conditioned venue for meetings and other small gatherings. The availability of air conditioned low cost meeting rooms is identified as a current unmet community need as the NCC meeting room is booked to full capacity.

An additional space that can be modified by adding an air conditioner and power points to accommodate a small office has been identified at NCC and the CCPO is working closely with Building Services to ensure these works are a priority and able to take place. The CCPO has prospective tenants eager to fill this place as soon as possible.

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Malak Community Centre small hall has been identified as a possible option to air-condition this area. Currently Malak is not fully utilised due to being a non air-conditioned venue and as the weather heats up it is even more of an issue for prospective hirers. The CCPO is working closely with the Building Services section to identify the cost of air conditioning this area which would then be another fantastic venue for community groups to utilise.

Fun Bus

The Fun Bus continues to be a very popular program with children 0 to 5 and their parents and carers. The Fun Bus is a mobile play group service for isolated families in Darwin (Palmerston and the rural area) operating weekday mornings in parks and reserves for 40 weeks annually. An additional 6 week February/March wet season program operates from the Malak Community Centre. The Fun Bus receives funding support from the Department of Education.

The Fun Bus finished a very busy year with a host of Xmas parties for the last week of operation in 2008. Santa attended on all days and gave a book to every child. The books were very well received by parents who commented that they were a much better option than the sweets that Santa handed out in previous years.

Attendance figures at the Fun Bus were consistently high until the final day. The Fun Bus concluded for 2008 on Friday 12 December for a 6 week period and recommenced its wet season program at Malak Community Centre on Wednesday 28 January. Staff at the Fun Bus have attended professional development sessions in face painting, 1st aid update and a junk craft workshop.

The wet season program will operate from Malak Community Centre from Wednesday 28 January 2009 until Friday 27 March. The dry season program will then commence from Monday 30 March at the following venues:

Monday - Bagot Community
 Tuesday - Old McMillan's Park Coconut Grove
 Wednesday - Water Gardens Jingili
 Thursday - Malak Caravan Park Malak
 Friday - Civic Park Darwin

The Fun Bus program has a strong loyal following and is a very important resource for the young families in Council's municipality. This became evident over the six weeks closure period with numerous phone calls from parents requesting locations for the Fun Bus. The CCPO has identified from parent and carer feedback that parents are finding a six weeks closure period too long. It also created operational issues because the Fun Bus clientele attended Fun In the Parks sessions and could not understand why the activities were not suitable for very young children.

Fun in the Parks

Council's Fun In The Parks is school holiday program focused on the primary school age group and held at various ovals and parks around Darwin so children can attend a venue close to where they live. The program operates from 10am to 12.30pm every Monday Wednesday and Friday of the school holidays.

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Fun in the Parks took place from Monday 15 December 2008 to Wednesday 24 December and then recommenced on Monday 5 January 2009 until Friday 23 January at the following venues:

Casuarina Pool, Bill Bell Park, Civic Park, Jingili Water Gardens, Malak Community Centre, Rapid Creek Foreshore, Dinah Beach Oval, Wanguri Oval, Yanyula Park, Mindil Beach, and Parap pool.

Strong attendance figures were recorded with staff noting the positive feedback from parents about this program and the request to increase this holiday program to 5 days per week. The staff reported high attendance rates of young children at Fun In The Parks (usual attendees at Fun Bus) which created issues due to activities not being suitable for very young children. Despite explaining to parents that the Fun In Parks program is in fact targeted to school age children they continued to attend as Fun Bus was not operational during this period. Staff ensured some activities were made appropriate to cater for the younger children but as a result of so many young children attending staff are concerned that this may put the older target group off. Community education activities will be undertaken before next school holidays to try to minimize a repeat occurrence.

Malak Community Centre was chosen as a venue for several of the program days to cater for the wet weather and also allow different activities to be available eg: board games and music. This venue was reported by staff as successful and pleasant for all children and families, and staff reported very positive feedback from parents about the indoor option.

Face painting continues to be in quite high demand with the casual staff team now quite strong and extensive through the CCPO undertaking a recruitment drive and free face painting workshops.

Positive feedback is always received at community events with the community acknowledging Councils contribution by providing free activities for families.

Child Care Centres

Council sponsors seven Child Care Centres in the provision and maintenance of the buildings. Council also assists Centre's in obtaining grants from the NT and Commonwealth Governments and project manages the works where applicable. Council has completed minor works at most Centres and is continuing with grant funded building related works including capital works.

During this period, Council attended to several minor maintenance issues at all 7 Childcare Centres.

Malak Family Centre is still in the process of receiving certification for building works in the toddler's room that has been an ongoing issue for over four years. The works to this room were not completed by Council and as such, proved a problem when the builder left town and did not get it certified. This has been an ongoing issue with the Licensing Unit and all parties are very pleased to see this finally taking place.

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Plans have been drawn up for a disabled access bathroom facility attached to the toddler room with access from both inside and outside play areas. The cost of this project is being shared by NT Government licensing grant, Council and the Malak Family Centre. The plans are currently with Planning and Certification to gain approval to commence works.

Stuart Park Childcare Centre and Casuarina Childcare Centre were both successful in gaining Licence related upgrade funding (LRUG) grants from the NT Government to update their tired bathroom facilities. Council will project manage these works and contribute additional funds to enable completion.

Parap Family Centre and Malak Family centre were successful in their applications for LRUG funding to upgrade kitchen facilities and Council will project manage these works and contribute additional funds to complete. Arrangement of the works will take place early 2009 with plans to have the works started prior to the end of financial year 2009. Council and the childcare centres are both contributing to the cost of these works.

School Civic Visits

Darwin City Council facilitates School Civic Visits for primary school students to assist teachers meet their curriculum requirements in the area of Governance. Various Council staff attend as 'guest speakers' to meet a specific class requirement. It is a very popular program but attendance is determined by the Teachers program. The CCPO has not completed any visits during this period due to the school holiday break.

A mail out has been sent to all primary and middle schools detailing the service that we provide and offering teachers the opportunity to bring their classes in to visit Council.

RECREATION SERVICES

Aquatics

The swimming pools are still attracting a good level of patronage. December saw a significant increase in patronage at Casuarina mainly due to school use, end of season break-up parties and learn-to-swim.

Ongoing maintenance work is required at all pools to ensure facilities are adequately presented and useable. The water quality is excellent and the Health Department inspected all three pools in December declaring they are well presented and meet all required standards. The contractors continue to ensure the swimming pools are clean, the toilet and change-room facilities are clean and tidy, the grounds are in immaculate condition and the canteen is well presented.

2008/2009 Attendance	Parap	Casuarina	Nightcliff
July	3251	2962	4510
August	4146	2505	5234
September	5938	4985	5586
October	7408	6965	7875
November	8658	8090	9695
December	5686	9517	4079
January			
February			
March			
April			
May			
June			
TOTAL	35087	35024	36979

2008/2009 Revenue	Parap	Casuarina	Nightcliff
July	\$ 8,725.50	\$ 7,265.35	\$ 12,368.40
August	\$ 12,087.80	\$ 7,638.20	\$ 14,413.40
September	\$ 16,214.70	\$ 13,455.70	\$ 15,867.00
October	\$ 17,441.60	\$ 16,020.20	\$ 20,822.10
November	\$ 17,653.70	\$ 14,906.70	\$ 20,590.00
December	\$ 12,258.60	\$ 18,838.60	\$ 10,789.20
January			
February			
March			
April			
May			
June			
TOTAL	\$ 84,381.90	\$ 78,124.75	\$ 94,850.10

Ovals

- A consultant has been working with Council Officers and the Football Federation (FFNT) to progress the Bagot Oval development to determine a suitable project plan. FFNT has agreed to a suitable plan for upgrading the oval and revised tender documents are being prepared. The plans will be reviewed and costed before going out to tender to meet budget specifications.
- Gardens Oval is in good condition as the user groups commence preparations for the finals series in March. The quotes for the original design to install coaches boxes have come back above budget therefore the designs are being reviewed and costed before being represented to the user groups.
- FFNT are preparing a response to the queries raised by Council in regards to the Nakara Oval lighting project.

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Ovals Statistics – current wet season

Gardens Oval 1 & 2 – booked 7 days a week, training and competition

Jingili Oval – booked 2 nights a week for training

Moil – booked 3 nights a week for training

Nightcliff Oval – booked 4 nights a week for training and various Sundays for competition

Tiwi Oval – booked 3 nights a week for training

Playgrounds & Exercise Stations

The status of the upgrades of 8 playgrounds under the Urban Enhancement Program is:

- Rapid Creek Foreshore and Carnoustie Park – COMPLETED
- Byrne and Groote Parks – COMPLETED
- Grevillea Park and Nightcliff Oval – COMPLETED
- Dickinson and Grebe Park – COMPLETED

Two additional parks have been nominated for upgrade before the Urban Enhancement Program run by the Northern Territory Government ceases in June 2009. The two parks are:

- Worgan Park – Fannie Bay
- McDonald Park - Parap

There will also be exercise equipment placed at Nightcliff Foreshore under the Urban Enhancement Program. Advertising for tenders will commence on 12 February and construction is expected to commence in April and finished by June.

There will be a total of 10 playgrounds upgraded in 2008/09 and the first set of exercise stations in the Territory will also be completed.

Netball Courts

There have been some delays with the construction of the new outdoor netball courts at Marrara. Netball NT and Darwin Netball Association have extended their use of the Parap courts until the end of February, therefore they are only being used for training purposes at this stage. There are no plans to utilise the Parap courts once the new courts are complete.

Activate NT

This ten week program is set to launch on 15 March 2009 and will run in a similar format to the 2008 DarwinLite program. The Lord Mayor and Aldermen are invited to conduct 'Walks & Talks' within their ward areas. Other activities include Heart Foundation walking, Tai Chi, aqua-aerobics, group exercise classes, cycling, family fun days, shopping centre tours and nutrition information nights. Participants will pay a \$30 registration which will cover most activities in the program over the ten weeks. The goal for Darwin in 2009 is to attract 300 participants.

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Heart Foundation Walking

There are currently two walking groups in the Darwin municipality - Casuarina and Darwin City. The role of Recreation Services is to increase ongoing participation in these current groups and introduce new groups to the municipality and the Activate NT program will be used as a platform to achieve these outcomes. Identified areas for new walking groups include Nightcliff and East Point. These groups also ensure the Activate NT program is sustainable throughout the year as participants are introduced to ongoing activities.

Cycling Paths

Work has commenced on preparing a brief for a cycling strategy for the Darwin area. Particular attention will be given to linkages within the CBD, secure bike parking and encouraging active transport. Officers will work with consultants to develop a plan in consultation with the Bicycle Working Group, Cycling NT, Triathlon NT, Darwin Cycling Club and any other general users of the cycle paths.

SISTER CITIES

2009 Sister Cities Fundraising Event

The Anchorage Sister City Community Committee proposed at their October 2008 meeting that a major fundraising event be held involving all of Council's Sister Cities Community Committees. The Anchorage Committee wish to hold this event in the first half of 2009.

It was proposed that a film night be held at Deckchair Cinema and that a feature film be shown or a number of short films based on Darwin's Sister Cities. Other revenue raising ideas included selling raffle tickets or a silent auction with items donated by our Sister Cities and the sale of food and drinks.

The Deckchair Cinema has been booked and confirmed for Thursday 2 July 2009. This date falls within the week that celebrations are held for Territory Day (NT), Independence Day (USA) and National Sister Cities Day (Australia).

The Sister Cities Officer communicated this idea to each of the Sister Cities Community Committees, and they were all in favour of holding a combined Sister Cities Fundraising event to celebrate National Sister Cities Day.

Sister Cities Sign at Darwin International Airport

The Sister Cities Officer met with the Mr Jeff Makeiff, the Terminal, Retail and Facilities Manager for the Darwin International Airport to discuss re-establishing a Darwin City Council Sister Cities sign at the airport terminal.

From these discussions Mr Makeiff offered some shared space for a Sister Cities sign between the luggage collection carousels on the ground floor of the domestic terminal. The space offered would be need to be shared with Rotary. Currently they have a sign on the wall that takes up all the space.

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Further discussions shall be undertaken with Rotary for the sign to be re-designed to enable both Council and Rotary to use this space. The Sister Cities Officer has been advised that there is no charge for the space as it is specifically reserved for community organisations only.

Ambon

School Holiday Program

Preliminary discussion being held between Ambon Sister City Community Committee and Kormilda College to establish the viability of establishing a holiday program in Darwin for a number of school students from State Senior High School Number 5 (SMU5).

2009 Arafura Games

Contact has been made with the Mayor of Ambon to seek their interest on Ambon's participation at the 2009 Arafura Games. Council is awaiting a response.

Indonesian Garden

The Ambon Sister City Community Committee has expressed interest in the possible involvement or contribution to the Indonesian Garden Project, established at Charles Darwin University in acknowledgement of the strong ties between Darwin and Ambon. A letter shall be prepared to Charles Darwin University to obtain further information about the Indonesian Garden Project and to express interest by the Ambon SCCC to contribute to this project.

2009 Pesona Indonesia

The Ambon Sister City Community Committee are forward planning for the 2009 Pesona Indonesia Festival. This is normally held during the Darwin Festival. The 2009 Darwin Festival is scheduled for 13 and 30 August.

An invitation was extended for a representative from the Indonesian Consulate to attend the February Ambon Sister City Community Committee meeting to discuss the upcoming 2009 Pesona event.

Anchorage

Anchorage University & Primary School Project

A special collection of resource books with a Darwin/Northern Territory theme was sent to the University of Alaska Anchorage. The Anchorage Committee at its December 2008 meeting recommended that the donation of children's books be gifted from Council to Rabbit Creek Elementary School in Anchorage. This school was chosen as there is a connection with the school through the Fire Fighter Exchange program.

It is hoped that this will initiate an opportunity for a return collection of books and materials to be established in Darwin, based on Anchorage. The expected outcome for this would be to maintain links between Charles Darwin University, the University of Anchorage and primary schools in both countries.

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Committee advised that Alderman Jo Sangster and her family will be in Anchorage in December and will present the books to the Anchorage of Alaska Anchorage and to Rabbit Creek Elementary School, in her capacity as a Darwin City Council Elected Member.

Dili

Timor-Leste Cultural Day

The Dili Sister City Community Committee discussed the feasibility of organising a Timor-Leste Cultural Day as a fundraising event. This event would provide an opportunity for local residents to learn about Timor-Leste traditions, such as dance, food, craft and basket weaving. The Committee would like to program this event to coincide with Timor-Leste Independence Day on 20 May.

This event was suggested as a way to complement the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory's current display on Timor-Leste, providing another opportunity for local residents to continue to learn about our closest neighbour Timor-Leste and be involved in the Sister Cities program.

Haikou

Sister School - Lao Ou Village

For some time now Council has been assisting Wagaman Primary School and Malak Primary School in establishing a Sister School link with Lou Ou Primary School in Basou Town, Dongfang City, China.

Lou Ou village is where the Gull Force Soldiers Memorial is based and Darwin has had a link with this village since WWII.

A letter has been sent from the Lord Mayor to the Principal of Lou Ou School introducing the Principals of both Darwin Schools interested in forming a Sister School relationship with Lou Ou. This project will be progressed further as school resumes for 2009.

Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year fell on Monday 26 January 2009, coinciding with Australia Day this year. The year of the Ox. Each year the NT News celebrates by producing a special feature, this year it was published in the Sunday Territorian on Sunday 25 January 2009.

Council placed an advertisement in this special Chinese New Year publication wishing the Chinese community a happy and prosperous Chinese New Year. A copy of the advertisement was attached to a letter from the Lord Mayor of Darwin to the Mayor of Haikou and the Mayor of Dongfang, wishing them both a Happy and Prosperous Chinese New Year.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil pertinent to this report.

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 Achieve Effective Partnerships and Engage in Collaborative Relationships
Outcome Effectively engage with community

Key Strategies

Develop ways in which Council can enhance relationships and work collaboratively with Community Groups

Goal Facilitate and Maintain a Cohesive Community
Outcome Facilitate community access and inclusion

Key Strategies

- 5.1.1 Create more opportunities for the community to access services and facilities
- 5.1.2 Encourage employment opportunities within the Council for marginalised members of the community
- 5.1.3 Improve access for people with disabilities
- 5.1.5 Improve coordination with residents and other service providers

Goal Facilitate and Maintain a Cohesive Community
Outcome Promote Darwin's culture

Key Strategies

- 5.2.1 Promote and support activities and programs that celebrate cultural diversity
- 5.2.2 Create opportunities for the expression of cultural diversity through art
- 5.3 Support harmony within the community
- 5.3.2.1.1 Develop and support programs to promote community spirit, cohesion and safety

Goal Promote Brand Darwin
Outcome Promote our Darwin city

Key Strategies

- 6.2.4 Strengthen international relationships through Sister Cities and other activities

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LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil pertinent to this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

No immediate public relations implications have been identified in respect to this report however there is potential media interest in any Council activity. Council's Chief Officers Group review all reports and potential issues or media interest is brought to the attention of the General Manager, Cultural & Community Services.

COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil. This report is informational.

DELEGATION:

This report is presented for information only

CONSULTATION:

Each Community Service Team Officer has contributed to this report.

PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:

Not pertinent to this report.

APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE

Nil.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That it be a recommendation to Council:-

THAT Report Number 09C0009 entitled Community Services Team Report – January 2009, be received and noted.

KATIE HEARN
MANAGER COMMUNITY SERVICES

JOHN BANKS
GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES

Any queries on this report may be directed to Katie Hearn on 89300560.

ENCL: YES

DARWIN CITY COUNCIL**DATE:02/02/09****REPORT****TO:** COMMUNITY SERVICES/OPEN A**APPROVED:** JB**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &
CULTURAL SERVICES**APPROVED:** KH**REPORT NO:** 08C0173 NMc:kl**APPROVED:** NM**COMMON NO:** 1503125**SUBJECT:** DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF 11 DECEMBER
2008**ITEM NO: 9.4****SYNOPSIS:**

Minutes of the Disability Advisory Committee meeting held on 11 December 2008 (**Attachment 1**) are presented for Council's information.

GENERAL:**PREVIOUS DECISIONS****Decision No.18\5097 (27/05/03)**

THAT Council endorse the revised Disability Advisory Committee Terms of Reference dated 11 April 2003 as attached to Report Number 03C0167 TVB:mrg entitled Disability Advisory Committee Minutes 24 April 2003.

REPORT

Minutes of the Disability Advisory Committee meeting held on 11 December 2008 are presented for Council's information.

The meeting incorporated an information session presented by representatives from the Department of Infrastructure and Planning regarding proposed bus stop upgrades. Meeting dates for 2009 were confirmed and a range of issues pertaining to the provision of access and equity for people with disability were discussed at the meeting.

A Deputy Chairperson was elected for the term ending June 2010 and this is the subject of a separate report to Council. There were no other new matters for Council's particular consideration.

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Council's policy is to reimburse the taxi travel costs of Disability Advisory Committee members attending Committee meetings should this pose a barrier to their participation, and an annual budget allocation is provided for this purpose.

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

5 Facilitate and Maintain a Cohesive Community

Outcome

5.1 Facilitate community access and inclusion

Key Strategies

5.1.1 Create more opportunities for the community to access services and facilities

5.1.3 Improve access for people with disabilities

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

The Committee is an Advisory Committee established under the NT Local Government Act.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:

Not pertinent to this report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

No immediate public relations implication has been identified in respect to this report however there is potential media interest in any Council activity. Potential issues are brought to the attention of the General Manager, Cultural & Community Services.

COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:

Not pertinent to this report.

DELEGATION:

Nil.

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CONSULTATION:

Members of the Disability Advisory Committee.

PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:

None for the purposes of this report.

APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE

None for the purposes of this report

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

THAT Report Number 08C0173 entitled Disability Advisory Committee Minutes of 11 December 2008, be received and noted.

NANCY MCCANN
COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICER

JOHN BANKS
GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &
CULTURAL SERVICES

Any queries on this report may be directed to Nancy McCann on Ext 89300645

MINUTES
DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER 2008
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, DARWIN CITY COUNCIL

1. PRESENT

Alderman Allan Mitchell	Darwin City Council
Rosemary Burkitt	Acting Chair - Community Representative
Peter Mahony	Community Representative
Penny Campton	Community Representative
Josephine Clark	Community Representative
Steve Vitone	Community Representative
Pero Peric	Road Network, DPI
Val Molloy	Specialist, CRS
Fabio Finnochiaro	Building Advisory Services, DPI
Nancy McCann	Community Services Project Officer, DCC
Drosso Lelekis	Manager Infrastructure Projects, DCC
Jo Cruickshank	Visitor from Policy and Planning Division, DPI
Simon Gillam	Visitor from Public Transport Division, DPI

2. APOLOGIES

Lynne Strathie	Community Representative
Robert Reid	Community Representative
Debb Lovett	Community Representative
Bonnie Solly	Community Representative

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None declared.

4. INFORMATION SESSION REGARDING PROPOSED BUS STOP UPGRADES

Jo Cruickshank from Transport Policy and Planning Division and Simon Gillam from Public Transport Division of Department of Planning and Infrastructure provided information regarding proposed bus stop upgrades. Proposed bus shelter design and placement plans were tabled (refer attachment) and feedback from members was sought.

Jo and Simon advised that –

- Every bus stop will be upgraded over the next 5 years.
- High priority routes 4, 5, 8, 9, 10 will be upgraded first.
- Upgrade of bus stop opposite Kokoda Industries on Albatross Street is high priority.
- New bus stops will be installed near Hastings on Mindil apartment complex, and also on Bagot Road and at Yarrowonga.
- Not every bus stop upgrade will include a shelter.
- A program of bus shelter installation will be supplied.

- Some shelters will have solar lighting and others will have lighting connected to mains power.
- A Journey Planner will be implemented and every bus stop will have timetables displayed and every bus will be numbered.

Feedback from DAC members to Jo and Simon included:

- Functional standards should be employed, not just minimum standards.
- Route no. 1 should be top priority and a bus stop either side of Tiwi Village should be provided.
- The bus stop opposite Homemaker Village on Trower Road should be another priority.
- Members agreed that Bus Shelter design Type 2 was a superior design to Type 1 as it includes a rear entry.
- Signage at bus stops is currently inadequate.
- When installation of bus shelter opposite Kokoda Industries on Albatross Street is completed Peter would like to attend inspection of completed work.
- Ald Mitchell suggested sponsored seats at bus stops as one means of ensuring that seating can be supplied at every stop.

Further enquiries or comments regarding proposed bus stop upgrades can be forwarded to Jo Cruickshank at Department of Planning and Infrastructure on 8924 7163 or jo.cruickshank@nt.gov.au

5. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

Nominations were invited for a Deputy Chairperson and two nominations were received. A secret ballot was held to decide between the two candidates and Rosemary Burkitt was selected as DAC Deputy Chairperson for a term ending 30 June 2010.

6. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF 21 AUGUST 2008

Minutes from the meeting held 21 August 2008 accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Fabio Finnochiaro. Seconded: Ald Mitchell. Carried.

7. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF 16 OCTOBER 2008

Minutes from the meeting held 16 October 2008 accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Josephine Clark. Seconded: Penny Campton. Carried.

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES OF 16 OCTOBER 2008

- 8.1 The Minutes from the Special Meeting of DAC that was held on 4 October 2008 to discuss access and safety issues at Parap Market were noted.

Moved: Ald Mitchell. Seconded: Josephine Clark. Carried.

Following discussion it was decided that a meeting between Council Officers and the Manager of Parap Village Market should be convened to discuss Council's licensing conditions for Parap Village Market.

ACTION: Nancy to convene meeting.

- 8.2 Update on request for provision of disabled parking outside medical rooms on Gregory Street Service Road, Parap.

ACTION: Nancy to provide update at next DAC meeting.

- 8.3 Draft survey form seeking feedback regarding disability access and facilities from participating athletes of the 2009 Arafura Games was tabled and suggestions for improvement were provided.

ACTION: Nancy to present revised survey form at next DAC meeting.

9. ACCESS ACTION LIST

- 9.1 **Repair of Footpath between Hart Court and Trower Road, Nightcliff**

Repair work has been carried out but is not adequate. Site visit has been carried out by Council officers and re-seal has been suggested. Peter pointed out that location of crossing inappropriate. Pero mentioned that Dept of Planning and Infrastructure forwarded letter to Council regarding merging lanes of roundabout earlier this year.

ACTION: Drosso to follow up possibility of reseal of footpath.

Nancy to follow up incoming letter from Department of Planning and Infrastructure.

- 9.2 **Repair of Driveway at 4 Norcock Place, Rapid Creek**

Council officers have reported that this driveway does not require upgrade under the guidelines of Council's current Driveways Policy. However, the Committee feels that there is a special need for a concrete driveway to be installed in this instance as the resident who lives at this address has mobility problems.

ACTION: Nancy to follow up installation of concrete driveway using Disability Access budget.

9.3 Lack of Pedestrian Crossing across Leanyer Drive near Hibiscus Shopping Centre

Pero Peric advised that the Department of Planning and Infrastructure has recognised that there are access issues at the intersection near Hibiscus Shopping Centre therefore traffic counts will be undertaken and a consultant will be engaged to carry out an in depth study.

9.4 Damaged Footpath near the corner of Stuart Highway and Hassan Place, Stuart Park.

Repair work has commenced and will be completed in the near future.

9.5 Proposed Fishing Pontoon or Platform at Rapid Creek

The proposed site for fishing platform is on Crown Land. Peter has asked Jane Aagaard, MLA for Nightcliff for feedback regarding the platform and is currently awaiting a reply.

9.6 Request for Bus Shelter at Albatross Street opposite Kokoda Industries

The Committee was informed by representatives from the Department of Planning and Infrastructure who attended the meeting that a shelter would be installed at Albatross Street before the end of 2008.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

10.1 Proposed DAC meeting dates for 2009 were confirmed following a change of date for the August meeting. The DAC meeting dates for 2009 are:

- Thursday 26 February 2009 at 2.00pm, Meeting Room 1
- Thursday 23 April 2009 at 2.00pm, Council Chambers
- Thursday 18 June 2009 at 2.00pm, Council Chambers
- Thursday 13 August 2009 at 2.00pm, Council Chambers
- Thursday 22 October 2009 at 2.00pm, Council Chambers

10.2 Meeting times and dates for DAC Planning/Parking Sub Committee were discussed and members agreed that Mondays at midday would be most convenient. The meeting times for DAC Planning/Parking Sub Committee for 2009 are:

- Monday 16 March 2009 at 12 midday
- Monday 18 May 2009 at 12 midday
- Monday 20 July 2009 at 12 midday
- Monday 21 September 2009 at 12 midday
- Monday 16 November 2009 at 12 midday

10.3 Dates for Disability Awareness Week 2009 were confirmed. Disability Awareness Week will be held from Thursday 3 September to Thursday 10 September 2009.

- 10.4 Peter requested that nominations for members of a Marketing Sub Committee be invited at the next DAC meeting.

ACTION: Nancy to include nominations for Marketing Sub Committee on the Agenda for the next DAC meeting in February 2009.

- 10.5 Rosemary enquired as to when the footpath at Hazell Court, Coconut Grove will be upgraded. Drosso advised that work will commence in January 2009.

- 10.6 Peter advised that branches and shrubs were overhanging footpaths in areas of Rapid Creek and Nightcliff (for example, on Trower Road between Rapid Creek Business Centre and Sabine Road, and also on Chapman Road, Nightcliff Road and Rapid Creek Road) and were causing both access and safety problems.

ACTION: Nancy to notify Council's Manager Infrastructure Maintenance that tree and verge trimming in areas of Rapid Creek and Nightcliff is not adequate.

- 10.7 Josephine advised that the footpath between numbers 7 and 9 Wilson Crescent Moil was damaged by a falling tree during Cyclone Helen early in 2008 and still has not been repaired.

ACTION: Josephine to supply more details to Nancy who will forward to Drosso for progressing repair of footpath.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date: 26 February 2009

Time: 2.00pm - 3.30pm

Venue: Meeting Room 1

Meeting Closed at 3.55pm.

ENCL: NO

DARWIN CITY COUNCIL

DATE: 02/02/09

REPORT

TO:	COMMUNITY SERVICES/OPEN A	APPROVED:	JB
FROM:	GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES	APPROVED:	KH
REPORT NO:	09C0008 AR:kl	APPROVED:	AR
COMMON NO:	1338781		
SUBJECT: UPDATE ON DARWIN 200 PROGRAM OF EVENTS			

ITEM NO: 9.5**SYNOPSIS:**

This report provides an update on the program of events being coordinated by Council in partnership with the Northern Territory Government, Charles Darwin University and other organisations to celebrate "Darwin 200" in Darwin.

GENERAL:*Previous Decisions***Decision No. 20\1014 (25/11/08)**

- C. THAT Council register its support in-principle for the proposed Corrugated Iron Youth Arts partnership event planned for 2009 to commemorate Darwin 200.

Decision No. 20\0507 (29/07/08)

- B. THAT the Lord Mayor write to the institution constructing the Beagle ship with an invitation to visit Darwin and to offer a bell as a gift to the Beagle Project for installation on the replica Beagle ship
- C. THAT Council endorse the commission of an additional bell by artist Anton Hasell as a gift to the Beagle Project for installation on the replica Beagle ship.
- D. THAT an amount of \$10,000 be identified in the budget review to be allocated towards the commission of an additional bell by artist Anton Hasell to gift to the Beagle Project for installation on the replica Beagle.

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Decision No. 19\4800 (31/07/07)

- B. THAT the Charles Darwin Commemorative Artwork Project Brief attached to Report Number 07C0087 AB:kl be endorsed.

Decision No. 19\4537 (29/05/07)

- F. THAT Council invite Artists to submit concept proposals for the Charles Darwin Commemorative Artwork, and that the \$15,000 sought through the 4th quarter budget variation process for the first phase of the project be allocated for the payment of selected artists to engage in concept development work.

Decision No. 19/3502 (26/09/06)

- C. THAT the draft document entitled Charles Darwin Commemorative Public Art Project Scoping Brief, as attached to Report Number 06C0091 IS:kl, be endorsed.
- D. THAT Council allocate approximately \$15,000 for the 1st phase of the Charles Darwin Commemorative Public Art Project, and refer this allocation to the 3rd quarter budget variation of the 2006/2007 budget.

Decision No. 19\3083 (27/06/06)

- C. THAT a report be prepared detailing a project brief and cost estimates for a commemorative artwork for Charles Darwin's 200th Birthday celebrations in 2009.

REPORT

2009 marks 200 years since the birth of Charles Darwin (1809-1882) and Darwin City Council in partnership with the Northern Territory Government, Charles Darwin University, the Museum and Art Gallery of the NT (MAGNT) and other stakeholders, is participating in worldwide celebrations of what is being branded internationally as "Darwin 200".

A website for Australia, New Zealand and the Asia-Pacific region has been established at www.darwin200.org.au and is being maintained by Charles Darwin University. This features an up-to-date program of events across the region.

Darwin City Council is contributing to the celebration of Darwin 200 through:

- Branding events throughout 2009 as "Darwin 200" events, including for example library events, FREEPS, GRIND Publications, FUN BUS, Darwin show and expo stall, public art commission, etc.
- Use of the Darwin 200 logo and branding on Council correspondence (print, email, etc.)

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- Provision of banner advertising in Gilruth Ave and a “crocodile cake” to celebrate “Darwin Day” on 12 February 2009 in conjunction with the opening of the Supercrocodylians launch at the Museum and Art Gallery of the NT, at which the Lord Mayor will speak about Darwin 200.
- Commissioning of the Charles Darwin Commemorative Artwork, “The HMS Beagle Ship Bell Chime”, to be installed in Civic Park in April 2009 with a public launch in July 2009.
- Provision of a gift to the Beagle Project, the international organisation who aim to build a replica Beagle to circumnavigate the world from 2009-2011, in the form of a ship’s bell matching the ship’s bell in the artwork “The HMS Beagle Ship Bell Chime”, commissioned by Council from the artist Anton Hasell. A presentation ceremony will be held in 2009.
- Support for the cross-disciplinary arts event “Origins” to be performed in Civic Park on 4 July 2009 (date to be confirmed), which will incorporate the public launch of the artwork “The HMS Beagle Ship Bell Chime”.
- The NT News is coordinating a feature for print on 12 February 2009, ‘200 Reasons to Celebrate’ of which Council will participate in.

More information on the “Darwin 200” program of events is available on the website at www.darwin200.org

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The cost to brand Council correspondence (print and email) with the Darwin 200 logo is negligible and may be absorbed within current Council budgets.

The printing of 5,000 Darwin 200 postcards, based upon quotes received, is estimated at \$725. The printing of Darwin 200 cotton bags, depending on quantity and based upon quotes received, is estimated at approximately \$3.10 per bag.

20 transparent street pole banners have been commissioned at a cost of \$4,180 in three different designs, one bearing the Darwin City Council logo, the second with Darwin 200 logo and sponsors’ logos, and the third advertising the Supercrocodylians exhibition at MAGNT which opens on 12 February 2009 and runs throughout the year. These will be installed at a cost of \$2,200 in Gilruth Ave prior to the launch of the Supercrocodylians exhibition, and may be installed at different sites throughout the year. The Darwin City Council banners will be available for future events. Design costs for design of the banners by a young artist are approximately \$400.

A vinyl banner bearing the Darwin 200 logo has been commissioned at a cost of \$616 for use at community events throughout the year.

A birthday cake in the form of a crocodile has been ordered for the launch of the Supercrocodylians exhibition at MAGNT on 12 February 2009 at a cost of \$300 to celebrate “Darwin Day”. The Lord Mayor will be in attendance to cut the cake.

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Significant funds have been committed by Council to commission “The HMS Beagle Ship Bell Chime”, with \$15,000 allocated towards the concept development phase of the artwork, and an additional \$300,000 allocated towards the commission and costs associated with installation, service costs for power and telecommunications, and maintenance of the artwork.

A further \$10,000 has been allocated towards the commission of a replica ship’s bell by the artist Anton Hasell to gift to the Beagle Project. This may be met through surplus from the project budget or through the budget review process.

Council has registered its in-principle support for the multi-disciplinary performance event “Origins” to be staged in Civic Park in July 2009, at which the Charles Darwin Commemorative Artwork “The HMS Beagle Ship Bell Chime” will be launched. This event, celebrating 200 years since the birth of Charles Darwin and 150 years since the publication of *The Origin of Species*, also celebrates significant anniversaries of Corrugated Iron Youth Arts, Darwin Theatre Company, Darwin Symphony Orchestra, Darwin Chorale and 24 Hour Art. It is anticipated that costs to stage the event “Origins” will total at least \$70,000 and probably more, depending on its ability to attract sponsorship. Following Council’s resolution to support the event, the event coordinators have been invited to submit a formal proposal and budget to Council for consideration. Council will also offer in-kind support to stage the event in Civic Park.

No other financial implications have been identified.

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

- 1.1.3 Develop partnerships and joint projects with other levels of government

Goal

- 5 Facilitate and Maintain a Cohesive Community

Outcome

- 5.2 Promote Darwin’s culture
- 5.3

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Key Strategies

5.2.2 Create opportunities for the expression of cultural diversity through art

Goal

6 Promote Brand Darwin

Outcome

6.1 Increase Council's profile

Key Strategies

6.1.1 Provide strategic sponsorship for major events

Outcome

6.2 Promote our Darwin city

Key Strategies

6.2.1 Promote Darwin's history, particularly its WWII experiences

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil pertaining to this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil pertaining to this report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

The Darwin 200 program of events has received substantial media attention and the theme has been adopted by a number of Darwin radio stations and news services who are promoting events and competitions under the "Darwin 200" banner leading up to "Darwin Day" on 12 February 2009.

It will be important to sustain media interest through the use of Darwin 200 branding throughout the year and by focusing attention upon the major events planned such as "Darwin Day" on 12 February 2009, and the Origins performance and launch of the Charles Darwin Commemorative Artwork in July 2009.

COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil pertaining to this report.

DELEGATION:

This report is for information only.

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CONSULTATION:

Office of the Chief Minister, Northern Territory Government
 Office of the Vice-Chancellor, Charles Darwin University
 General Manager Community and Cultural Services
 Manager Community Services
 Alex Ben-Mayor, Director of "Origins" project
 Manager Infrastructure Projects
 Building Services Manager
 Dr Anton Hasell

PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:

Nil.

APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE:

All events and correspondence branded with Darwin 200 in 2009 will make use of the Darwin 200 logo. Where appropriate and approved by partners, events will also include the logos of the Northern Territory Government and Charles Darwin University.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

THAT Report Number 09C0008 entitled Update on Darwin 200 Program of Events, be received and noted.

ALICE RAE
ARTS AND CULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

JOHN BANKS
GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &
CULTURAL SERVICES

Any queries on this report may be directed to Alice Rae on 89300674

ENCL: YES

DARWIN CITY COUNCIL**DATE:** 02/02/09**REPORT****TO:** COMMUNITY SERVICES/OPEN A**APPROVED:** JB**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &
CULTURAL SERVICES**APPROVED:** KL**REPORT NO:** 08C0171 JB:kl**COMMON NO:** 355416**SUBJECT:** AMENDED AND NEW ANIMAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES**ITEM NO: 9.6****SYNOPSIS:**

Prior to Council's new Animal Management by-laws coming into effect in July 2008, Council adopted a number of clauses in June 2008 to be included within existing animal management policies and also adopted a number of new policies.

The decision at the time was for formatting to take place at a later date. This report presents those policies in the Council policy format.

GENERAL:**PREVIOUS DECISIONS**

Decision No. 20\0310 (10/06/08)

- B. THAT the following clauses be included within existing Policies of the Council and where necessary creation of new Policies of Council, with formatting of policies to take place at a later date:

The following to be included in existing Council Policy 122 entitled "Dog Registration Fees" and proposed new Council Policy "Cats - Registration":

THAT pursuant to clause 56 (4) Darwin City Council Amendment (Animal Management) By-laws 2007 that it be a requirement of registration that dogs and cats over the age of three months be fitted with an approved permanent electronic subcutaneous implant from 1st October 2008.

The following to be included in existing Policy Number 126 entitled "Dogs – Licenses to Keep More than Two":

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THAT pursuant to clause 58 (1) Darwin City Council Amendment (Animal Management) By-laws 2007 that the number of dogs, declared dogs, class of dogs per premises shall be two (2).

The following to be included in proposed new Council Policy to be entitled "Cats – Number of Cats Allowed":

THAT pursuant to clause 58 (1) Darwin City Council Amendment (Animal Management) By-laws 2007 for the period 1st July 2008 to 30th June 2009 the number of cats or class of cats per premises shall be unlimited.

THAT from 1st July 2009 pursuant to clause 58 (1) Darwin City Council Amendment (Animal Management) By-laws 2007 the number of cats or class of cats per premises shall be two (2) excluding those cats registered in 2008/2009.

The following to be included in existing Council Policy Number 121 entitled "Dog Exercise Areas":

THAT pursuant to clause 62 (1) Darwin City Council Amendment (Animal Management) By-laws 2007 all parks, reserves, gardens and beaches under Council's care and control with the exception of East Point Reserve be declared dog exercise areas and that no ovals are exercise areas. That the buffer zone adjoining Lee Point Road is a dog exercise area. That bitches in oestrus are not permitted in exercise areas.

The following to be included in existing Council Policy Number 124 entitled "Dog Restriction Areas":

THAT pursuant to clause 62 (2) (a) Darwin City Council Amendment (Animal Management) By-laws 2007 the markets whilst operating are dog restricted areas.

THAT pursuant to clause 62 (2) (a) Darwin City Council Amendment (Animal Management) By-laws 2007 all playgrounds and the area within 10 metres of any playground is a dog restricted area.

THAT pursuant to clause 62 (2) (a) Darwin City Council Amendment (Animal Management) By-laws 2007 all public BBQs and the area within 10 metres of any public BBQ is a dog restricted area.

- C. THAT Council publish the declared dog exercise and restriction areas in Darwin.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT it be a recommendation to Council: -

- A. THAT Report Number 08C0171 entitled Amended and New Animal Management Policies be received and noted.
- B. THAT the following amended and new Animal Management policies as attached to Report Number 08C0171 JB:kl be adopted by Council –
 - a. Dog Registration Fees – Policy 122 (amended)
 - b. Cats – Registration – (new)
 - c. Dogs – Licenses to Keep More Than Two – Policy 126 (amended)
 - d. Cats Number of Cats – Number of Cats Allowed (new)
 - e. Dog Exercise Areas – Policy 121 (amended)
 - f. Dog Restriction Areas – policy 124 (amended)

KAREN LONG
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

JOHN BANKS
GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &
CULTURAL SERVICES

Any queries on this report may be directed to John Banks on 89300633.

Title: Dogs - Registration Fees
 Policy No: 122
 Responsibility: General Manager Community & Cultural Services

Version	Decision Number	Decision Date	History
1	1/\1228	25/02/97	Adopted - Version 1
2	19\4604	12/06/07	Reviewed and Amended
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In setting dog registration fees Council will provide concessions for aged and invalid pensioners and owners who are members of the NACA. Only one concession will apply per dog.

Where a registered dog dies or leaves the municipality in the first six months of registration for the financial year, registration fees may be refunded on a pro-rata basis.

Where a licence to keep more than two dogs has been issued for the financial year and is no longer required within the first six months of issue, licence fee may be refunded on a pro-rata basis.

Where a dog is desexed in the first six months of registration the registration fee for an entire dog may be refunded on a pro-rata basis.

THAT pursuant to clause 56 (4) Darwin City Council Amendment (Animal Management) By-laws 2007 that it be a requirement of registration that dogs and cats over the age of three months be fitted with an approved permanent electronic subcutaneous implant from 1st October 2008.

Title: Cats - Registration
 Policy No: **New**
 Responsibility: General Manager Community & Cultural Services

Version	Decision Number	Decision Date	History
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THAT pursuant to clause 56 (4) Darwin City Council Amendment (Animal Management) By-laws 2007 that it be a requirement of registration that dogs and cats over the age of three months be fitted with an approved permanent electronic subcutaneous implant from 1st October 2008.

Title: Dogs - Licences To Keep More Than Two
 Policy No: 126
 Responsibility: General Manager Community & Services

Version	Decision Number	Decision Date	History
1	17\1228	25/02/97	Adopted
2	19\4604	12/06/07	Reviewed
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THAT pursuant to clause 58 (1) Darwin City Council Amendment (Animal Management) By-laws 2007 that the number of dogs, declared dogs, class of dogs per premises shall be two (2).

Licences for exemption from these provisions are to be viewed as a concession rather than a right and will be granted only after thorough consideration. New applications for licences to keep more than five dogs in a residential area will not be granted.

Title: Cats – Number of Cats Allowed

Policy No: **New**

Responsibility: General Manager Community & Cultural Services

Version	Decision Number	Decision Date	History
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THAT pursuant to clause 58 (1) Darwin City Council Amendment (Animal Management) By-laws 2007 for the period 1st July 2008 to 30th June 2009 the number of cats or class of cats per premises shall be unlimited.

THAT from 1st July 2009 pursuant to clause 58 (1) Darwin City Council Amendment (Animal Management) By-laws 2007 the number of cats or class of cats per premises shall be two (2) excluding those cats registered in 2008/2009.

Title: Dogs - Exercise Areas
 Policy No: 121
 Responsibility: General Manager Community & Services

Version	Decision Number	Decision Date	History
1	17\1228	25/02/97	Adopted
2	19\4604	2/06/07	Reviewed
3			
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THAT pursuant to clause 62 (1) Darwin City Council Amendment (Animal Management) By-laws 2007 all parks, reserves, gardens and beaches under Council's care and control with the exception of East Point Reserve be declared dog exercise areas and that no ovals are exercise areas. That the buffer zone adjoining Lee Point Road is a dog exercise area. That bitches in oestrus are not permitted in exercise areas.

PROCEDURE

Conditions for the use of these areas are -

- In exercise areas dogs shall be accompanied by the owner.
- In exercise areas dogs are not required to be restrained by a lead unless organised sporting activities are in progress or the dog is within 10 metres or as otherwise sign posted of playground equipment or barbecue facilities or the dog is being exercised on a cycle or pedestrian path within the area.
- In exercise areas dogs will not contravene any provisions of Part 3- Darwin City Council By-laws 2008.
- Owners must act in accordance with any signs relevant to particular areas.

Title: Dog Restriction Areas
 Policy No: 124
 Responsibility: General Manager Community & Cultural Services

Version	Decision Number	Decision Date	History
1	17\1228	25/02/97	Adopted
2	17\2332	28/10/97	Amended
3	19\4604	12/06/07	Reviewed
4			

Dog exclusion areas –

The Mall is a dog exclusion area at all times.

The East Point Reserve from the area bounded by the entry gateway and Lake Alexander fence is a dog exclusion area at all times.

THAT pursuant to clause 62 (2) (a) Darwin City Council Amendment (Animal Management) By-laws 2007 the markets whilst operating are dog restricted areas.

THAT pursuant to clause 62 (2) (a) Darwin City Council Amendment (Animal Management) By-laws 2007 all playgrounds and the area within 10 metres of any playground is a dog restricted area.

THAT pursuant to clause 62 (2) (a) Darwin City Council Amendment (Animal Management) By-laws 2007 all public BBQs and the area within 10 metres of any public BBQ is a dog restricted area.

ENCL: YES

DARWIN CITY COUNCIL

DATE: 02/02/09

REPORT

TO: COMMUNITY SERVICES/OPEN A

APPROVED: JB

FROM: GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &
CULTURAL SERVICES

APPROVED: KH

REPORT NO: 09C0010 KH:kl

COMMON NO: 1096115

SUBJECT: FINAL YOUTH STRATEGY REPORT 2009 - 2014

ITEM NO: 9.7**SYNOPSIS:**

The following report presents the culmination of a substantial process of consultation research, Council workshops, and community surveying that has led to crafting of a new draft youth strategy entitled *Loud & Clear 2009-2014*. The final draft has been prepared in partnership with the Youth Advisory Group and GRIND volunteers and their priorities are presented for Council consideration. This report describes the process undertaken in gathering the key findings and proposes a way forward. Resource implications have been identified in addition to a recommended implementation plan. It is intended that Council consider the draft strategy and resource implications and provide in principle support to enable service development to commence and span the next 5 years.

GENERAL:**PREVIOUS DECISIONS****DECISION NO. 20\0289 (11/06/08)**

- B. THAT a special workshop be conducted to consider and prioritise recommended actions for Council's next Youth Strategy.

DECISION NO. 19\4664 (16/07/07)

- B. THAT in the drafting of Council's next Youth Strategy, consideration be given to youth arts/events and youth development activities.

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DECISION NO.19\3778 (28/11/06)

- C. THAT it be noted that the Youth Advisory Group identify music, arts and leisure programs that are youth driven as a means of unifying young people and that these streams be considered into Council's new youth strategy.

DECISION 18/5730 (30/09/05)

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

DECISION NO. 19\1648 (15/06/05)

- B. THAT Council continue to support youth participation opportunities that emerge through the work of the GRIND youth newspaper Team and the Youth Advisory Group.

REPORT

On review of Council's youth services delivery over the past eight years, important lessons regarding work with young people in the local government context have been learned. Council is now well practiced in the effectiveness of gathering youth advice for issues affecting young people and recognises its rich contribution. This approach has shaped the formation of the 2009-2014 strategy and whilst a slower process, taking time to engage and seek the views of the youth community ensures the information is genuine and relevant to the population group it seeks to respond to.

Council's Youth Advisory Group (YAG) and GRIND members have surveyed in excess of 1100 young residents as a means of informing the new strategy. Data analysis has been undertaken and clear trends have emerged. The YAG and GRIND members have spent much time in reviewing the findings of the youth surveys and recognising the need for a practical and reasoned way forward, have identified 11 actions as their key priorities.

In November 2008, a Council workshop was held which provided youth volunteers with a dynamic opportunity to present their key priorities directly to Council. This was a very positive event that communicated genuine respect for young people and a very practical opportunity for young people to engage in direct dialogue with our city's decision makers.

The new draft strategy, *Loud & Clear*, builds upon the foundations laid by the first strategy adopted by Council in 2000 and continues to have a very deliberate focus on growing youth participation both within Council processes and community life.

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The new draft strategy also purposefully provides for the age range of 12 – 20 years, rather than the more typical age range of 12-25 years as the 12 – 20 years range is seen as a grouping that does not have access to the same range of services and opportunities that children (0-12) or young adults (18+) might enjoy. This age range has worked positively for youth empowerment and skill based activities due to the developmental commonalities of the group and as such has been replicated in the drafting of *Loud & Clear*.

Council has appropriately adopted a youth empowerment model for consultation, decision making, and service delivery, and in practical terms with the positioning of a Youth Trainee position within the Youth Projects office. A well established Youth Traineeship program is in place organisation wide and Library Services also provides a range of youth orientated activities and a specialist Youth Services Librarian. It is positive that Council continue to host several youth entry points as an organisation to enhance its capacity as a youth accessible organisation. *Loud and Clear* builds upon this approach and seeks capital investment staged over 5 years. Of critical importance is the key priority identified by our young people which is the development of a youth leisure/centre for location in the northern suburbs.

Current Operations and Resources

Council has invested for the past eight years in a full time Youth Services Officer who is located in a youth friendly 'youth projects' work room. This resource has worked well in encouraging young people's access to local government.

An annual budget allocation of approximately \$30,000 is established which provides for youth created events including national youth week, workshops, big gig concerts, music, arts and skill development events. Two mainstay programs are also resourced from this budget which is the Youth Advisory Group and the GRIND youth newspaper team. Council's annual allocation to Youth Services has been regularly supplemented by accessing grants such as Beyond Blue, the Foundation of Young Australians, Crime Prevention funds and event grants from the Office of Youth Affairs.

2008 New Strategy Recommendations

Our Youth Advisory Group and GRIND members have surveyed in excess of 1100 young residents as a means of informing the new strategy. Local youth service providers have also made submissions and worthy of note has been the ongoing identification of the need for regular, affordable and accessible leisure and recreation options/locations for young people – not just one off events that come and go. Armed with this insight, research into best practice models and a review of the data, the following actions are recommended in partnership with Council's youth contributors;

- YOUTH SPACE - Established youth space/facility, that caters for a diverse range of young people offering skill development, leisure, community participation, education, sporting and social opportunities.

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Comment

A substantial focus of the new strategy is Council's interest in facilitating the development of a youth entertainment/leisure centre. The youth survey data clearly supports this type of initiative and the continued active engagement of the youth community is a *significant* component of ensuring young people are at the forefront of this project in partnership with Council in shaping the how, what and where of this substantive development.

In addition to support for a youth leisure facility, recommended within the new strategy are the following actions:

- LEISURE FOCUS - A deliberate and increased focus on the development and delivery of sustainable youth leisure, music, arts and low cost, accessible entertainment options.
- ACTIVITIES PROGRAM - The establishment of a Youth Leisure/Activities Officer and program that delivers year round accessible, affordable and youth driven activities by Council.
- YOUTH PARTICIPATION MODEL - The continued application of community development and youth empowerment frameworks in the delivery and facilitation of all youth service development eg, GRIND, YAG
- ACTIVITIES & EVENTS YEAR ROUND PROGRAM - Purposeful partnerships with stakeholders and location of external funding to progress the scope of facilities and programs available to the youth community rather than one off events of significance.
- GOING GLOBAL - Greater emphasis on and the use of, Information Technology in raising young people's awareness of available opportunities, events and services, particularly those with stigma.
- YOUTH EMPLOYMENT - Continuation of Council's youth employment program through the delivery of Traineeships.
- EMPLOYMENT EFFORTS - The proactive and intentional employment of young people for Council services where possible (eg pools staff, parks staff, Fun in the Parks staff, FREEPS, traineeships, casual library and events staff, graphic design work, musical entertainment jobs for Council events etc) and the wide promotion of this opportunity.
- YOUNG WOMEN'S PROGRAMS – Establishment (continuation of) the 2008/2009 funding allocation for programs targeting young women's wellbeing, self esteem, personal safety and sexual health programs.

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- GROWING CAPACITY - Establishment of a Youth Arts Bank to facilitate paid and voluntary opportunities for young artists and community groups and organizations.
- CAPITAL INVESTMENT - The biennial investment in infrastructure that is identified specifically for youth leisure to build capacity of available and affordable leisure options eg bossaball courts (eg. moveable trampoline based volleyball type courts), rock climbing walls etc.
- GIG GEAR - A partnership with the arts community to purchase and provide a range of music and gig equipment pieces to include sound/PA and basic gig equipment and easily moveable pod trailer to provide young people with the materials required to create and deliver music events and that the access (low cost hire) of this equipment be supported and subsidized by Council.
- LEGAL ART SPACES - Support for the establishment of legal art programs that emerge from Council's graffiti management program and the identification of legal spaces for art and graffiti.
- EXPO - The resourcing and delivery of an biennial youth expo in partnership with stakeholders and the business community to assist in better informing young people of all available resources and opportunities.
- POSITIVE IMAGES - Continued activities such as GRIND that facilitate the expression of youth culture and a youth voice and debunk the negative stereotypes of young people.
- That the age range for Council's youth service strategy be continued as 12 – 20 years in recognition of expressed need service gaps.

Comment

Attachment A provides a summary of the key initiatives and details resource and financial implications for Council. A staggered five year implementation plan is recommended.

Attached B provides a draft of the new proposed strategy, *Loud & Clear*. It has been designed with input from Council's youth volunteers. The final design has been created by Casper Tucker, a young man who has volunteered in Council's youth programs for several years – and has done an excellent job. (**Note** – coloured copies are attached separately to the agenda.)

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Council currently provides \$30,000 annually for the implementation of youth events, publications, workshops and the YAG, GRIND and National Youth week programs. Supplementary grants are regularly sought.

Whilst many of the proposed actions within *Loud & Clear* can be delivered in the current allocation, the new strategy proposes a 5 year investment in young people that seeks further resources; (See Attachment A)

Youth Strategy Implementation	Year one	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five
Projected costs	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Youth Centre Development	\$80,000 (scoping study funded)	To be determined			
Gig Gear& pod trailer initiative X 1 off purchase	\$18 500	500	500	500	500
Capital Investment Youth sports/leisure equipment	-	-	\$60 000	-	\$60 000
Young women's sexual health and wellbeing program ^[1]	\$70 000 (funded to Sept 09)	\$72 800	\$75 712	\$78 740	\$81 890
Youth Leisure & Activities officer establishment costs & program activities	-	\$120 000	\$120 000	\$120 000	\$120 000
Yearly resources Additional to current	\$88,500	\$193,300	\$256,215	\$199,240	\$261, 390

^[1] Increases based on 4% cpi

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:

The issues addressed in this report are in accordance with the following Strategies of *Evolving Darwin – Towards 2020 and Beyond*:

ISSUE 2: LIFESTYLE

2.1 Urban Enhancement

2.1.5 Continue to participate and partner in activities that contribute to and grow a safer Darwin.

2.2 Recreation and Culture

2.2.1 Review and expand facilities in libraries.

2.2.2 Promote Darwin as a host city for sport, culture and other events.

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- 2.2.3 Provide facilities to encourage safe cycling and walking.
- 2.2.4 Progress aquatic facility planning and delivery.
- 2.2.5 Provide facilities and resources that promote Darwin as a city rich in culture, harmony and diversity.

2.3 Families

- 2.3.1 Promote and host family orientated recreational and leisure activity.
- 2.3.2 Pursue the development of a purpose built youth space.

2.4 Community Facilities

- 2.4.3 Provide facilities and programs which encourage healthy lifestyle choices.
- 2.4.2 Promote and develop community meeting places e.g. Council in the park.

ISSUE 3: CONNECTIVITY

3.1 Public Space

- 3.1.1 Enhance public spaces and encourage greater use by the community.

3.3 Technology

- 3.3.1 Develop and promote Council's IT capability to expand connectivity with the community.
- 3.3.2 Advocate for the provision of a wireless service for the CBD.

ISSUE 5: COHESIVE COMMUNITY

5.1 Access and Inclusion

- 5.1.1 Create more opportunities for families to access Council services and facilities.
- 5.1.2 Encourage employment opportunities within the Council for marginalised members of the community.
- 5.1.3 Further improve access for people with disabilities.
- 5.1.4 Encourage volunteerism.

5.2 Culture

- 5.2.1 Promote and support activities that celebrate cultural diversity.
- 5.2.2 Create opportunities for the expression of cultural diversity through art.
- 5.2.3 Deliver community education programs and activities that celebrate diversity.

5.3 Harmony

- 5.3.3 Develop programs to promote community cohesion and safety.

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ISSUE 6: BRAND DARWIN

6.1 Council Profile

- 6.1.1** Provide strategic sponsorship for major events.
- 6.1.2** Develop and implement a communications strategy that promotes Council and informs the community.
- 6.1.3** Develop mechanisms to showcase Council's innovation and achievements.

ISSUE 7: GOVERNANCE

7.1 Effective Governance

- 7.1.1** Conduct regular Program reviews.
- 7.1.3** Undertake annual Community Satisfaction Survey.
- 7.1.6** Be active in the review of relevant legislation.

7.2 Leadership

- 7.2.1** Provide ongoing leadership based on contemporary management practices and community engagement.
- 7.2.2** Use community engagement techniques to inform decision making.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil pertaining to this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:

Not pertinent to this report

PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

Loud & Clear is intended as a positive framework that if endorsed, will guide and shape Council's service delivery to the youth community for the next five years. Of primary public and media interest will be the emerging development of a youth facility and it is recommended that regular community updates on this project be provided to ensure clarity of information and to encourage community ownership of the facility. It is noted that there is potential for media interest in any of Council's activities and Council's Chief Officers Group review all reports and potential issues are brought to the attention of the General manager Community & Cultural Services Department.

DELEGATION:

Matter requires the determination of the full Council.

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REPORT NUMBER: 09C0010 KH:kl
SUBJECT: FINAL YOUTH STRATEGY REPORT 2009 - 2014

CONSULTATION:

The actions contained within this report are the result of substantial consultation with the youth community and broader youth sector. In excess of 1000 young people have been surveyed to seek their views. Further a presentation was made to Council (05/11/2008) by past and present members of the Youth Advisory Group and the GRIND editorial team outlining key priorities identified within *Loud & Clear*. The priorities the youth team presented to Council were identified from a wide range of actions that were revealed through the community surveys. The youth presentation did not present all actions, but rather, the actions identified as priorities for Council to achieve within the next five years.

PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:

It is recommended that the Youth Advisory Group be invited to launch *Loud and Clear* with Council during National Youth Week, April 2009.

APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE:

The draft strategy attached has been designed and developed by a young person in partnership with the Youth Advisory Group and GRIND members, lending authenticity to the process and employment outcomes.

CONCLUSION:

Loud & Clear provides Council with a framework for service delivery for young people over the next five years. The most major of the recommended actions within the draft strategy, is that of a youth centre development. In addition to this major project, there are numerous actions identified that will see Council build upon the work undertaken over the past eight years in delivering youth empowerment and community participation opportunities. *Loud & Clear* takes Council's first strategy considerably further by seeking the allocation of additional funds that will enable Council to service the youth community in a more comprehensive and responsive manner.

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 SUBJECT: FINAL YOUTH STRATEGY REPORT 2009 - 2014

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 09c0010 kl entitled Final Youth Strategy Report 2009 - 2014 be received and noted.
- B. THAT the recommended strategies and actions contained within the draft youth strategy 2009-2014 be endorsed in principle.
- C. THAT the following actions be prioritised and associated costs referred to the 2009/2010 budget process;
 - 1. Gig gear initiative \$18,500 (one off).
 - 2. Youth centre facility development (costs to be determined).
 - 3. Establishment of Young Women's Health & Wellbeing outreach program \$70,000 annually.
 - 4. Establishment of a Youth Leisure/Activities Officer and program implementation costs \$120,000 annually.
 - 5. Capital works program to include the purchase of x 1 capital item biennially specifically catering for young people's leisure requirements
 - \$60,000 – 2010
 - \$60,000 – 2014.
- D. THAT Council communicate its appreciation to the GRIND and Youth Advisory Group members for their valuable contribution and voluntary efforts in assisting Council develop its new youth policy.
- E. THAT Council launch *Loud & Clear* during National Youth Week 2009, in partnership with the Youth Advisory Group.

KATIE HEARN
MANAGER COMMUNITY SERVICES

JOHN BANKS
GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES

Any queries on this report may be directed to Katie Hearn on 89300560.

Responsible Officer & Resourcing	Time line	Initiative	Resource & Financial implications	Addition of resources required
<u>YAG Priority 1</u> Youth Officer	Year 1	New Initiative Youth Centre development	Current budget provides for project management on housing study, \$20,000 contribution.	Current, at existing study stage. Outcomes of study will influence future resource estimates pending Council decision.
<u>YAG Priority 2</u> Youth Officer	Years 1-3	Continuation of Action Group Development of Centre	Current operational budget provides for YAG and GP activities, however a one off purchase of specialist support equipment has been identified and development of young people's centre for graduating the program from handover to prime	External grant funds have been sourced and will provide for staff development of youth volunteers
<u>YAG Priority 3</u> Youth Services Public Affairs YAG partners Customer Services	Year 1-2	New Initiative Big Sister Initiative Purchase of shared PA gear, training kit for supported theatre youth Community groups - Movement theatre resources required for early access and safe practice handling	Additional \$15,000 one off contribution required for equipment and professional costs User financial model estimates contribution \$5000	\$5000 per trailer \$12500 shared gear purchase \$5000 access to trailer including fuel, gas and storage Total \$15,000
Youth Services Liaison Services	Years 1-3	Development of frequent youth activities & youth driven events and activities program in partnership with service providers & other services.	External grant funding obtained for \$12,000 for 2008/2009 Continued grant seeking and grant opportunities	Current allocation of funds for events & drama events. As program develops, external funding to be sourced for years 1-3

Resources Office 3 Resourcing	Time frame	Initiative	Resource & Financial implications	Additional Resources required
YAG Priority 5 Mission Aims to contracted to September 2019	Year 1	Continue young women's sexual health and wellbeing program for 16-19 year olds with emphasis on enhancing the safety and status of young women in the community.	Currently funded by Education World Administration until 30 September 2019 \$70,000	\$70,000 plus annual TRF income contribution required
YAG Priority 3 N	Year 1	New initiative Establishment of a Youth Justice Officer 1 program to provide 16-18 year olds with and 19-20 year olds with focused support program and events to operate throughout each year.	New staff establishment and equipment implementation budget required	\$50,000 staff costs \$50,000 admin. costs program implementation budget required Total \$100,000
N	Years 1-5	Community development and youth empowerment frameworks to continue to inform service delivery and facilitation	N - Requirements ongoing until term 4 of changes, support to continue and deliver to Council.	N
	Years 1-5	Expanding use of "Impact" youth communication through social media to raise awareness of services events and opportunities	\$10,000 covering a donation for purchase of 10 new computers and software equipment	N - Can be prioritised for when \$2019 donation budget is forward required.

Responsible Officer & Resourcing	Timeline	Initiative	Resource & Financial Implications	Additional Resources required
<u>YAS Priority 8</u>	Year 1	New Initiative	Staff and Senior Officer resources	N/A
		Extension Youth 5 - self management program	Can be implemented by existing	
Employee		County - identified tasks and questions	Youth staff involvement in a lot	
Parents Team		employment of young persons in County	Employee Parents Team	
YAS		for a change of self management options		
		and alternative self management design plan		
Youth Officer		The Parents plus parents event promotion		
		etc.		
<u>YAS Priority 10</u>	Year 2-3	New Initiative	ICT and web based resources and	Consultants costs may be required
Arts Officer &		Establishment of web based ICT Arts	Support required to establish	to establish and design website
Youth Officer		Back to face to face and youth	Current staff to set up program	Site depending on activities
		opportunities for young artists and	program once county website is	selected. Estimated 50000 to be
		musicians to gain experience and	established.	transformation of existing budget
		employment.		allocation

Responsible Officer/Resourcing	Timeline	Initiative	Resource & Financial Implications	Additional Resources required
YAG Priority 1 Youth Officer CIT Infrastructure Environment Youth Advisor Group Recreation Services	Year 1 Year 5	Capital Investment - new initiative Deliver an program that uses Capital Investment in investment in infrastructure and specifically sectors for youth leisure, eg. travel and recreation, leisure, transport equipment.	Recommendations for equipment/infrastructure to be submitted to Youth Advisory Group in consultation with Infrastructure Department & Recreation Services.	Year 3 - \$60,000 Year 5 - \$60,000
YAG Priority 2 Youth Officer Youth Area YAG ACCAO Building Services Team	Year 1-5	New Initiative Work in partnership with the youth community to create alternatives to gangs through the certification of legal spaces and program Raise youth community awareness of legal spaces.	Utilise external funds eg community, safety, mental health etc. be resources and job certification workshops Form partnerships and create opportunities for young people and be employed to create and create through Art Bank.	Nil External funding to be sought
Youth Officer Youth Trainee Youth sector PR	Year 3	Work in partnership with young people, schools, sporting groups and the business community to create and host a biennial Youth Expo to assist young people gain access to opportunities, information and	Can be developed in partnership and within current budget allocations. Additional sponsorship funds will be sought to assist with extensive promotions.	Nil

Resources				
Personnel Officer & Resourcing	Time	Officer	Resource 3 Implications	Additional Resources required
Council	Years 1-5	Continuation of the age range for Council's youth services strategy be continued as 12-20 years in recognition of the current needs for this range.	N/A Continuation of current age range.	N/A
<u>YAG Priority 5</u> Council Youth Officer Officer YAG SRAD	Years 1-5	New Initiative A deliberate and increased focus on developing partnerships and delivering sustainable youth advice must be an aim to cost entertainment options and leisure for young people. Services to be designed to be shared with young people	Youth officer will continue to work with non government sector, Major Events, Music, Art and cultural, non sporting clubs and organisations and even organisers and advocate for under age and affordable options	Advised, functions - years 1 & 2 Costs will be influenced by level of partnership, sponsorship costs
<u>YAG Priority 11</u> Council Members YAG All Council staff	Years 1-5	That Council continues to work closely with the Youth Advisory Group and involving parents views are represented in all youth and Council initiatives especially those that are being proposed	Youth Officer will advocate, monitor, coordinate for youth committee and ensure that staff is to the purpose and function of YAG.	N/A

Youth Strategy Implementation	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five
Projected costs	2008/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Youth Centre Development	\$30,000 Scoping study, funded				
Gig Gear Initiative	\$12,500	\$00	\$00	\$00	\$00
K1 off purchase					
Capital investment			\$50,000		\$50,000
Youth sports/leisure equipment					
Young women's sexual health and wellbeing program ⁽¹⁾	\$70,000 Allocated to Sect 18	\$72,800	\$75,712	\$78,740	\$81,890
Youth Leisure officer establishment & program activities		\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000
Yearly resources	\$88,500	\$193,800	\$255,712	\$198,740	\$261,890
Additional to current					

⁽¹⁾ Increases based on 4% cpi

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Community Services Committee Meeting - Monday, 9 February 2009**10 SISTER CITIES COMMUNITY COMMITTEE ITEMS****10.1 INFORMATION ITEMS****10.1.1 Sister Cities Community Committees Meeting Schedule for February to June 2009**

Document No. 1489887 (27/11/08) Common No. 1489887

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

THAT the Sister Cities Community Committees Meeting Schedule for February to June 2009, Document Number 1489887, be received and noted.



Sister Cities Program Meeting Schedule January to June 2009

	January	February	March	April	May	June	Venue
Community Services Committee							Monday Noon MEETING ROOM 1
deadline							
Ambon Community Committee		12/02/09	26/03/09		07/05/09	18/06/09	Thursday 5.00pm MEETING ROOM 1
deadline		5/02/09	19/03/09		30/04/09	11/06/09	
Anchorage Community Committee		26/02/09		09/04/09	21/05/09		Thursday 5.00pm MEETING ROOM 1
deadline		19/02/09		02/04/09	14/05/09		
Dili Community Committee		17/02/09	31/03/09		12/05/09	23/06/09	Tuesday 12:30pm MEETING ROOM 1
deadline		10/02/09	24/03/09		05/05/09	16/06/09	
Haikou Community Committee		23/02/09		06/04/09	18/05/09	29/06/09	Monday 12:30pm MEETING ROOM 1
deadline		16/02/09		30/03/09	11/05/09	22/06/09	
Kalymnos Community Committee		16/02/09	30/03/09		11/05/09	22/06/09	Wednesday 12:30pm MEETING ROOM 1
deadline		9/02/09	23/03/09		04/05/09	15/06/09	

ENCL: YES

DARWIN CITY COUNCIL

DATE: 02/02/09

REPORT**TO:** COMMUNITY SERVICES/OPEN A**APPROVED:** JB**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &
CULTURAL SERVICES**APPROVED:** KH**REPORT NO:** 09C0005 SF:es**APPROVED:** SF**COMMON NO:** 1181508**SUBJECT:** STATUS UPDATE OF SISTER CITIES PROJECTS AND CALENDAR
OF EVENTS JANUARY - MARCH 2009**ITEM NO: 10.2.1****SYNOPSIS:**

This report is presented to the Community Services Committee to inform them of the status of some the current Sister Cities program projects and provide a calendar of events relating to each of Council's Sister Cities Community Committees.

GENERAL:

- **CALENDAR OF EVENTS, JANUARY – MARCH 2009**

The calendar includes National Days, Festivals and Holidays of each of Darwin's Sister Cities and Friendship Cities.

January 2009**Significant Dates/Events****1 January New Years Day****1 January St Basil's Day (Kalymnos, Greece)**

St Basil was one the forefathers of the Greek Orthodox Church. He is remembered for his kindness and generosity to the poor. He is thought to have died on this date so this is how he is honoured.

6 January Theofania (Kalymnos, Greece)

On the stroke of January 6th, the "twelve days" of Christmas officially come to an end. This day, takes on a special meaning in Greece. Here, there is a special ceremony of blessing the waters and of the vessels that ply them.

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12 January Coming of Age Day (Aridagawa-Cho, Japan)

The Coming of Age festival is celebrated on the second Monday of January (it used to be celebrated always on January 15 until 1999). Its Japanese name is Seijin no hi. All young people who turn twenty years old in that year are celebrated on Seijin no hi.

Twenty is the age considered as the beginning of adulthood. It is also the minimum legal age for voting, drinking, and smoking. Celebrations are held nationwide in every town with most of the people turning 20 participating in formal dress. Seijin no hi is a national holiday.

19 January Martin Luther King Day (USA)

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a United States holiday marking the birth date of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., observed on the third Monday of January each year. It is one of four United States federal holidays to commemorate an individual person.

26 January Australia Day (Australia)

Australia Day, also known as Anniversary Day, Foundation Day and Invasion Day, is the official national day of Australia. Celebrated annually on 26 January, the day commemorates the arrival of the First Fleet in 1788, marking the start of British colonisation of Australia.

Australia Day is an official public holiday in every state and territory of Australia, and is marked by the Order of Australia and Australian of the Year awards, along with an address from the Prime Minister.

26 January Chinese New Year (PR China)

Chinese New Year or Spring Festival is the most important of the traditional Chinese holidays. It is sometimes called the Lunar New Year, especially by people outside China.

February 2009

Monthly Meetings

12 February	Ambon Sister City Community Committee Meeting
17 February	Dili Sister City Community Committee Meeting
18 February	Kalymnos Sister City Community Committee Meeting
23 February	Haikou Sister City Community Committee Meeting
26 February	Anchorage Sister City Community Committee Meeting

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Significant Dates/Events

2 February Ground Hog Day (Anchorage, USA)

Groundhog Day is a traditional festival celebrated in the USA and Canada on 2 February.

Tradition states that one must observe a groundhog's burrow on this day. If the groundhog emerges and fails to see its shadow because the weather is cloudy, winter will soon end; however, if the groundhog sees its shadow because the weather is bright and clear, it will be frightened and run back into its hole, and the winter will continue for six more weeks.

11 February National Foundation Day (Japan)

National Foundation Day is a national holiday in Japan celebrated annually on February 11. On this day, the Japanese celebrate the founding of the nation and the imperial line by its legendary first emperor, Jimmu, who established his capital in Yamato.

Customs include the raising of Japanese flags and reflection on the meaning of Japanese citizenship.

16 February Ash Wednesday

The Ash Wednesday fires were a natural disaster that occurred in south-eastern Australia on 16 February 1983. Within twelve hours, more than 180 fires fanned by winds of up to 110 km (68 mph) per hour caused widespread destruction across the states of Victoria and South Australia.

Years of severe drought and extreme weather combined to create one of Australia's worst fire days in a century. The fires remain the worst bushfire disaster in Australian history, claiming 75 lives.

March 2009

Monthly Meetings

26 March	Ambon Sister City Community Committee Meeting
31 March	Dili Sister City Community Committee Meeting

Significant Dates/Events

5 March Iditarod XXXIII (Anchorage, USA)

The Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race first ran to Nome in 1973, after two short races on part of the Iditarod Trail in 1967 and 1969. The idea of having a race over the Iditarod Trail was conceived by the late Dorothy G. Page. In 1964, Page was chairman of the Wasilla-Knik Centennial and was working on projects to celebrate Alaska's Centennial Year in 1967.

The race has started in downtown Anchorage since 1983. The teams leave the starting line at two minute intervals, starting at 10 a.m. There are usually over 65 teams starting and the first racer is expected to cross the finish line anywhere between 9 and 12 days.

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17 March St Patricks Day

St Patrick's Day is an annual feast day which celebrates Saint Patrick (*circa* 385–461 AD), one of the patron saints of Ireland, and is generally celebrated on March 17.

30 March Seward's Day (Anchorage, USA)

Usually the last Sunday in March. Seward's Day commemorates the signing of the treaty by which the United States bought Alaska from Russian, signed on March 30, 1867. The Monday following is a state holiday for government workers.

• PROJECT UPDATES

2009 Sister Cities Fundraising Event

The Anchorage Sister City Community Committee proposed at their October 2008 meeting that a major fundraising event be held involving all of Council's Sister Cities Community Committees. The Anchorage Committee wish to hold this event in the first 6 months of 2009.

It was proposed that a film night be held at Deckchair Cinema and that a feature film be shown or a number of short films based on Darwin's Sister Cities. Other revenue raising ideas included selling raffle tickets or a silent auction with items donated by our Sister Cities and the sale of food and drinks.

The Deckchair Cinema has been booked and confirmed for Thursday 2 July 2009. This date falls within the week that celebrations are held for Territory Day (NT), Independence Day (USA) and National Sister Cities Day (Australia).

The Sister Cities Officer communicated this idea to each of the Sister Cities Community Committees, and they were all in favour of holding a combined Sister Cities Fundraising event to celebrate National Sister Cities Day.

Sister Cities Sign at Darwin International Airport

The Sister Cities Officer met with the Mr Jeff Makeiff, the Terminal, Retail and Facilities Manager for the Darwin International Airport to discuss re-establishing a Darwin City Council Sister Cities sign at the airport terminal.

From these discussions Mr Makeiff offered some shared space for a Sister Cities sign between the luggage collection carousels on the ground floor of the domestic terminal. The space offered would need to be shared with Rotary. Currently they have a sign on the wall that takes up all the space.

Further discussions are being undertaken with Rotary for the sign to be re-designed to enable both Council and Rotary to use this space. The Sister Cities Officer has been advised that there is no charge for the space as it is specifically reserved for community organisations.

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Ambon

School Holiday Program

Preliminary discussions being held between Ambon Sister City Community Committee and Kormilda College to establish the viability of establishing a holiday program in Darwin for a number of school students from State Senior High School Number 5 (SMU5).

2009 Arafura Games

Contact has been made with the Mayor of Ambon to seek their interest on Ambon's participation at the 2009 Arafura Games. Awaiting a response.

Indonesian Garden

Interest expressed by the Ambon Sister City Community Committee to be involved in or to contribute to the Indonesian Garden Project, established at Charles Darwin University, in acknowledgement of the strong ties between Darwin and Ambon.

A letter has been written to Charles Darwin University to obtain further information about the Indonesian Garden Project and to express interest by the Ambon SCCC to contribute to this project.

2009 Pesona Indonesia

The Ambon Sister City Community Committee are forward planning for the 2009 Pesona Indonesia Festival. This is normal held during the Darwin Festival. The 2009 Darwin Festival is scheduled for 13 and 30 August.

An invitation was extended for a representative from the Indonesian Consulate to attend the February Ambon Sister City Community Committee meeting to discuss the upcoming 2009 Pesona event.

Anchorage

Anchorage University & Primary School Project

A special collection of resource books with a Darwin/Northern Territory theme was sent to the University of Alaska Anchorage. The Anchorage Committee at its December 2008 meeting recommended that the donation of children's books be gifted from Council to Rabbit Creek Elementary School in Anchorage. This school was chosen as there is a connection with the school through the Fire Fighter Exchange program.

It is hoped that this will initiate an opportunity for a return collection of books and materials to be established in Darwin, based on Anchorage. The expected outcome for this would be to maintain links between Charles Darwin University, the University of Alaska Anchorage and primary schools in both countries.

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Committee advised that Alderman Jo Sangster and her family would be in Anchorage in December and will present the books to the University of Alaska Anchorage and to Rabbit Creek Elementary School, in her capacity as a Darwin City Council Elected Member.

Dili

Timor-Leste Cultural Day

The Dili Sister City Community Committee discussed the feasibility of organising a Timor-Leste Cultural Day as a fundraising event. This event would provide an opportunity for local residents to learn about Timor-Leste traditions, such as dance, food, craft and basket weaving.

The Committee would like to program this event to coincide with Timor-Leste Independence Day on 20 May.

This event was suggested as a way to complement the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory's current display on Timor-Leste, providing yet another opportunity for local residents to continue to learn about our closest neighbour Timor-Leste and be involved in the Sister Cities program.

Haikou

Sister School - Lao Ou Village

For some time now Council has been assisting Wagaman Primary School and Malak Primary School in establishing a Sister School link with Lou Ou Primary School in Basou Town, Dongfang City, China.

Lou Ou village is where the Gull Force Soldiers Memorial is based and Darwin has had a link with this village since WWII. A letter has been sent from the Lord Mayor to the Principal of Lou Ou School introducing the Principals of both Darwin Schools interested in forming a Sister School relationship with Lou Ou. This project will be progressed further when school resumes in Darwin for 2009.

Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year falls on Monday 26 January 2009, coinciding with Australia Day this year. The year of the Ox.

Each year the NT News celebrates by producing a special feature, this year it was published in the Sunday Territorian on Sunday 25 January 2009.

Council placed an advertisement in the Chinese New Year publication wishing the Chinese community a happy and prosperous Chinese New Year.

A copy of this advertisement and a letter from the Lord Mayor of Darwin to the Mayor of Haikou and the Mayor of Dongfang, wishing them both a happy and prosperous Chinese New Year.

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Each Community Committee is allocated \$4000 annually for expenditure on approved projects. Individual reports are submitted to the Community Services Committee to progress projects from within each Sister City Community Committee.

All available funds must be expended by 30 June 2009.

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

6.2 Promote our Darwin city

Key Strategies

6.2.4 Strengthen international relationships through Sister Cities and other activities

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

None pertaining to this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:

None applicable to this report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

No immediate public relations implications have been identified in respect to this report, however Council's Chief Officers review all reports and potential issues and any media interest is brought to the attention of the General Manager Community and Cultural Services.

COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:

No Community Safety implications for this report.

DELEGATION:

No delegation for this report.

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CONSULTATION:

No consultation required for this report.

PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:

None applicable for this report.

APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE:

No signage issues for this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 09C0005 entitled Status Update of Sister Cities Projects and Calender of Events January - March 2009, be received and noted.

SAMANTHA FRENCH
SISTER CITIES OFFICER

JOHN BANKS
GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &
CULTURAL SERVICES

Any queries on this report may be directed to Samantha French on 89300695

[Attachment Status Update Sister Cities projects & Calender of Events J...](#)

January 2009

January 2009							February 2009						
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
			1 January 2009 New Year's Day St Basil's Day - Kalymnós, Greece	2	3
					4
5	Theofania - Kalymnós	6	7	8	9
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Coming of Age Day - Japan					18
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19	20	21	22	23	24
Martin Luther King Day - USA					25
					26
26	27	28	29	30	31
Australia Day - Flag Raising & Citizenship Ceremony Chinese New Year - Year of the Ox			Term 1 - Northern Territory School Term		

February 2009

February 2009							March 2009						
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31	25	19	20	21	22	23	24

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
					1 February Term 1 - Northern Territory School
2	3	4	5	6	7
Ground Hog Day - USA		Term 1 - Northern Territory School Term			8
9	10	11	12	13	14
		Term 1 - Northern Territory School Term			15
		National Foundation Day - Japan	5:00pm Ambon Sister Cities Meeting (Meeting Room 1)		Valentine's Day Term 1 - Northern Territory School
16	17	18	19	20	21
Ash Wednesday Presidents Day - USA	12:30pm Dili Sister City Committee Meeting (Meeting Room 1)	12:30pm Kalymnos Sister City Meeting (Meeting Room 1)	Bombing of Darwin (1942)		22
23	24	25	26	27	28
1:30pm Hakai Sister City Committee Meeting (Meeting Room 1)		Term 1 - Northern Territory School Term	5:00pm Anchorage Sister Cities Meeting (Meeting Room 1)		

March 2009

March 2009							April 2009						
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	13	14	15	16	17	18
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32	33							27	28	29	30		

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
					1 March Term 1 - Northern Territory School Saturday of Souls - Greek
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		Term 1 - Northern Territory School Term	Edusod 2008III - Anchorage, USA		8 Term 1 - Northern Territory School
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		Term 1 - Northern Territory School Term			15 Term 1 - Northern Territory School
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	St Patrick's Days	Term 1 - Northern Territory School Term			22 Term 1 - Northern Territory School
23	24	25	26	27	28
		Term 1 - Northern Territory School Term	5:00pm Ambon Sister Cities Meeting (Meeting Room 1)		29 Term 1 - Northern Territory School
30	31				
Term 1 - Northern Territory School Term	Seward's Day - Alaska, USA	12:30pm DA Sister City Committee Meeting (Meeting Room 1)			

ENCL: YES

DARWIN CITY COUNCIL**DATE:02/02/09****REPORT****TO:** COMMUNITY SERVICES/OPEN A**APPROVED:** JB**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &
CULTURAL SERVICES**APPROVED:** NM**REPORT NO:** 08C0170 SF:kl**APPROVED:** SF**COMMON NO:** 1494750**SUBJECT:** MINUTES OF THE HAIKOU SISTER CITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 1 DECEMBER 2008 WITH RECOMMENDATIONS**ITEM NO: 10.2.2****SYNOPSIS:**

The minutes of the Haikou Sister City Community Committee meeting held on 1 December 2008 with recommendations is presented to the Community Services Committee for their endorsement.

GENERAL:

The minutes of the Haikou Sister City Community Committee meeting are presented to the Community Services Committee with the following recommendations:

THAT the Haikou Sister City Community Committee recommends to the Community Services Committee that the Lord Mayor write to Dongfang Municipal Government and the Haikou Foreign Affairs Office to wish them a Happy Chinese New Year for the 26 January 2009, and to make mention that Australia Day is also celebrated on this day.

THAT the Haikou Sister City Community Committee recommends to the Community Services Committee that an advertisement be placed in the NT News Chinese New Year special feature for 2009, and a copy be sent to Haikou Foreign Affairs Office.

THAT the Haikou Sister City Community Committee recommends to the Community Services Committee that the Haikou Sister City Community Committee supports in principle the facilitation of a combined Sister Cities fundraising event on Thursday 2 July 2009, to coincide with National Sister Cities Day.

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 REPORT NUMBER: 08C0170 SF:kl
 SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE HAIKOU SISTER CITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
 MEETING HELD ON 1 DECEMBER 2008 WITH RECOMMENDATIONS

Previous Decisions:

DECISION NO.19\4040 (15/02/07)

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority that the advertisement, tabled at the meeting, from the Haikou Sister Cities Committee, Darwin City Council wishing a happy and prosperous Chinese New Year, be endorsed.

REPORT:

Chinese New Year 2009

Every year the NT News publishes a special feature on Chinese New Year and in the past the Haikou Sister City Committee has placed an advertisement in this feature, and would like to contribute for the 2009 Chinese New Year.

The Haikou Sister City Committee recommends that the Lord Mayor write to the Mayor of Haikou, Haikou Foreign Affairs and the Dongfang Municipal Government Office to wish them a Happy Chinese New Year, and that a copy of Council's advertisement in the NT News Chinese New Year feature be included for their information.

The Committee recommends that when the Lord Mayor writes to Haikou that he make mention that Australia Day will be celebrated on 26 January 2009 also and the significance of this holiday to Australians.

Combined Sister Cities Fundraising Event

The Anchorage Sister City Community Committee proposed at their October meeting that a major fundraising event be held involving all of Council's Sister Cities Community Committees. The Anchorage Committee discussed holding the event in the first 6 months of 2009 and on a date significant to Sister Cities.

It was proposed that a film night be held at Deckchair Cinema, and that a feature film be shown or a number of short films be viewed based on Darwin's Sister Cities. Other revenue raising ideas included selling raffle tickets or a silent auction with items donated by our Sister Cities and the sale of food and drinks.

The Sister Cities Officer was to take convey this idea to each of the Sister Cities Community Committees at their next round of meetings.

The Deckchair Cinema has been tentatively booked for Thursday 2 July 2009 as this date falls within the week that significant celebrations are held for Territory Day (NT), Independence Day (USA) and National Sister Cities Day (Australia).

The Haikou Sister City Community Committee supports in principle the idea of facilitating a combined Sister Cities fundraising event on Thursday 2 July in celebration of National Sister Cities Day.

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Budget Item Number 05/224001/300 (W1579)

The Haikou Sister City Community Committee has an annual budget allocation of \$4000 and \$1000 carried forward from the 2007/2008 budget for committee projects.

Total funds of \$3600 is currently available to be spent, however must be expended by 30 June 2009.

ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS:

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies of the Action Plan of the Darwin City Council 2004 - 2008:

6 COMMUNITY SERVICES

6.1 Community Groups

Goal:

To have strong community groups and service programs that support a vibrant community.

Strategies/Actions:

Support appropriate community groups.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

None pertaining to this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:

None applicable for this report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

No immediate public relations implications have been identified in respect to this report. There is potential media interest in any Council activity and Council's Chief Officers Group review all reports. Potential issues or any media interest is brought to the attention of the General Manager, Cultural & Community Services.

COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:

No Community Safety implications for this report.

DELEGATION:

Nil

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CONSULTATION:

No consultation required for this report.

PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:

No public consultation require for this report.

APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE:

None pertaining to this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 08C0170 entitled Minutes of The Haikou Sister City Community Committee Meeting Held on 1 December 2008 With Recommendations, be received and noted.
- B. THAT the Lord Mayor writes to the Mayor of Haikou, Haikou Foreign Affairs Office and the Dongfang Municipal Government to wish them a Happy Chinese New Year for the 26 January 2009, and to make mention that Australia Day will also celebrated on this day.
- C. THAT an advertisement be placed in the NT News Chinese New Year special feature for 2009, and a copy be sent to Haikou Foreign Affairs Office and the Dongfang Municipal Government for their information.
- D. THAT Haikou Sister City Community Committee supports in principle the facilitation of a combined Sister Cities fundraising event on Thursday 2 July 2009, to coincide with National Sister Cities Day.

SAMANTHA FRENCH
SISTER CITIES OFFICER

JOHN BANKS
GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &
CULTURAL SERVICES

Any queries on this report may be directed to Samantha French on 89300695

HAIKOU SISTER CITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday 1 December 2008
12:30PM
Meeting Room 1
DARWIN CITY COUNCIL CIVIC CENTRE

Meeting Opened

Declared open at 12:50pm

- 1. Present**

Phil Rudd	Community Representative
Lyn Tam	Community Representative
Maureen Manzie	Community Representative
Leigh Gregory	Community Representative
Andrew Leo	Community Representative
Alderman Kerry Moir	Elected Member, Darwin City Council
Samantha French	Sister Cities Project Officer

- 2. Apologies**

Alderman Fred Marrone	Elected Member, Darwin City Council
Austin Chin	Observer
Lie Yao	Community Representative
Maisy Latif	Community Representative
Ken Waugh	Community Representative
Silva Lai	Observer

- 3. Minutes**

Minutes of 8 September 2008 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

(Ald Moir/Leo), Carried

- 4. Business Arising**
 - 4.1 Earthquake in China
 - SCO advised carry forwards funds of \$500 has been paid to Australian Red Cross for the victims of the Earthquake in China Appeal.

 - 4.2 2008/2010 Haikou Action Plan
 - The Haikou Action Plan has been updated as per previous minutes.
 - This item to be listed as a standing agenda item.

ACTION: SCO to follow up payment to Mr Tang, the farmer in Lao Ou Village on whose land the Gullforce Memorial is situated.

ACTION: SCO to report back to the Committee at the February 2009 meeting the progress of establishing the Student Exchange program and the holiday program planned for Haikou Students visiting Darwin.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Haikou Sister City Community Committee recommends to the Community Services Committee that Lord Mayor write to Dongfang Municipal Government and Haikou Foreign Affairs Office to wish them a Happy Chinese New Year for the 26 January 2009, and to make mention that Australia Day is also celebrated on this day.

(Leo/Tam), Carried

RECOMMENDATION: THAT the Haikou Sister City Community Committee recommends to the Community Services Committee that an advertisement be placed in the NT News Chinese New Year special feature for 2009, and a copy be sent to Haikou Foreign Affairs Office.

(Leo/Tam), Carried

5. General Business

5.1 Haikou Delegate visit to Darwin 5-7 October 2008

- The Chair briefed the Committee on the outcomes and meetings with the visiting Haikou Delegation in October 2008.
- No further action required on this matter.

5.2 Sister Cities Show, Haikou, October 2008

- SCO informed the Committee that a letter was written to the Haikou Foreign Affairs Office expressing regret that Council would not be contributing information and promotional material to the 2008 Sister Cities Show, however would be pleased to contribute next year.

5.3 Haikou People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (HPAFFC)

- SCO advised the Committee that the Lord Mayor has written to Mr Wu Zhi at the Haikou Foreign Affairs Office supporting Mr Phillip Rudd's invitation to become an overseas member of HPAFFC.

ACTION: SCO to email HFAO and enquire into what is required of Mr Rudd as an overseas member of the HPAFFC.

5.4 Arafura Games Information

- SCO advised the Committee that promotional material has been forwarded to the Mayor of Haikou encouraging their participation at the 2009 Arafura Games.
- No response has been received from Haikou to date.

5.5 Sister Cities Australia (SCA) Newsletter

- The Sister Cities Australia Newsletter was provided for the Committee's information.

5.6 Meeting Schedule – January to June 2009

- The Sister Cities meeting schedule was provided to the Committee for their information.

5.7 2008/2009 Haikou SCCC Budget

- The Sister Cities advised that all carry forwards for 2007/2008 budget have been endorsed by Council.
- Funds to the Total of \$5000 are available and must be expended by 30 June 2009. This amount includes \$500 provided for consulting fees for the Chinese Garden and \$500 for the Earthquake in China Appeal.

5.8 2009 Sister Cities Fundraising Event

- SCO advised the Committee that the Anchorage SCCC have proposed holding a major fundraising event involving all of Council's Sister Cities Committees.
- Deckchair Cinema has been tentatively booked for Thursday 2 July or Thursday 9 July 2009.
- It was proposed that a number of short films based on each of our Sister Cities be shown at a film night and that food and drinks be sold, raffles or a silent auction be held during the evening.
- Thursday 2 July has been chosen as the preferred date, as it falls within the week of National Sister Cities Day, USA Independence Day and is the middle of Darwin's dry season, the perfect time of the year to hold an outdoor event.
- The Haikou SCCC support in principle the idea of an annual fundraising event involving all Sister Cities Committees.
- It was suggested that a common theme for the evening could be WWII. e.g. the involvement of Darwin, Ambon, Haikou and Timor-Leste.
- Other suggestions made by members is the possibility of playing a number of films over the course of the month, that are based on our Sister Cities and screening a feature film on Thursday 2 July.
- The Committee were keen to involve other community groups in Darwin from our Sister Cities, for example have people dressed in traditional dress, dancers/entertainers from our Sister Cities and invite the respective Consulate to be involved in the event.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT the Haikou Sister City Community Committee recommends to the Community Services Committee that the Haikou Sister City Community Committee support in principle the facilitation of a combined Sister Cities fundraising event on Thursday 2 July 2009, to coincide with National Sister Cities Day.

(Tam/Manzies), Carried

5.9 Sister Cities Airport Signage

- SCO advised the Committee that preliminary discussion has taken place with the Darwin International Airport to re-establish a Sister Cities sign at Darwin Airport.

6 Meeting Closed

Closed at 1.36pm

7 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Date: Monday 23 February 2009
Time: 12:30pm
Venue: Meeting Room 1

ENCL: YES

DARWIN CITY COUNCIL**DATE: 02/02/09****REPORT****TO:** COMMUNITY SERVICES/OPEN A**APPROVED:** JB**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &
CULTURAL SERVICES**APPROVED:** NM**REPORT NO:** 08C0169 SF:kl**APPROVED:** SF**COMMON NO:** 1498093**SUBJECT:** MINUTES OF THE AMBON SISTER CITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 2 DECEMBER 2008 WITH RECOMMENDATIONS**ITEM NO: 10.2.3****SYNOPSIS:**

The minutes of the Ambon Sister City Community Committee meeting held on 2 December 2008 with recommendations is presented to the Community Services Committee for their endorsement.

GENERAL:

The minutes of the Ambon Sister City Community Committee meeting are presented to the Community Services Committee with the following recommendation:

THAT the Ambon Sister City Community Committee recommend to the Community Services Committee that a letter be written to Charles Darwin University to obtain further information about the Indonesian Garden Project and express interest by the Ambon Sister City Community Committee to contribute to this project.

REPORT:**Indonesian Garden**

At the Ambon Sister City Community Committee meeting held on 2 December 2008 discussion was held about the opening of the Indonesian Garden at Charles Darwin University.

Committee members expressed an interest in being involved in this project, to acknowledge the strong ties between Darwin and Ambon. It is proposed that the Ambon Sister City Community Committee contribute to the garden, by providing plants and/or artefacts specific to Ambon.

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It was recommended that a letter be written to Charles Darwin University to request further information about this project and ascertain their willingness to allow the Ambon Sister City Community Committee to contribute either plants or artefacts for display in the Indonesian Garden.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Budget Item Number 05/224001/300 (W1581)

The Ambon Sister City Community Committee has an annual budget allocation of \$4000 and \$3600 carried forward from the 2007/2008 budget for committee projects.

Total funds of \$5597 is currently available to be spent, however must be expended by 30 June 2009.

ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS:

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies of the Action Plan of the Darwin City Council 2004 - 2008:

6 COMMUNITY SERVICES

6.1 Community Groups

Goal:

To have strong community groups and service programs that support a vibrant community.

Strategies/Actions:

Support appropriate community groups.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

None pertaining to this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:

None applicable for this report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

No immediate public relations implications have been identified in respect to this report. There is potential media interest in any Council activity and Council's Chief Officers Group review all reports. Potential issues or any media interest is brought to the attention of the General Manager, Cultural & Community Services.

COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:

No Community Safety implications for this report.

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DELEGATION:

Nil

CONSULTATION:

No consultation required for this report.

PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:

No public consultation required for this report.

APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE:

None pertaining to this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 08C0169 entitled Minutes of The Ambon Sister City Community Committee Meeting Held on 2 December 2008 With Recommendations, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council write to Charles Darwin University to obtain further information about the Indonesian Garden Project and express interest by the Ambon Sister City Community Committee to contribute to this project.

SAMANTHA FRENCH
SISTER CITIES OFFICER

JOHN BANKS
GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &
CULTURAL SERVICES

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AMBON SISTER CITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday 2 December 2008
21 Goodman Street, Nakara
5.30pm
DARWIN CITY COUNCIL CIVIC CENTRE

1. Meeting Opened at 5:52pm

2. Present

Rick Setter	Community Representative
Leigh Gregory	Community Representative
Sue Pattiselanno	Community Representative
Judy Miller	Community Representative
Christine Silvester	Community Representative
Angela Setter	Observer
Alderman Garry Lambert	Elected Member, DCC
Samantha French	Sister Cities Officer
Mrs Johana Hursepuny	Guest-Ambon Teacher on Exchange
Mrs Thien Hawks	Guest – Host Family

Apologies

Alderman Kerry Moir	Elected Member, DCC
Ken Waugh	Community Representative
Linda Fazldeen	Community Representative

3. Minutes

- 3.1 The minutes of the Ambon SCCC meeting held on 30 October 2008 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

(Silvester/Gregory), Carried

4. Business Arising

4.1. SMU5 Project

- Chair advised the Committee that on Thursday 27 November 2008 the Lord Mayor presented Kormilda College with a gift in recognition for their continued fundraising efforts for SMU5, Ambon.
- The presentation was made at the Middle School assembly by the Lord Mayor and the Chair of the Ambon Sister City Committee. Jack Dowd and Rosemary Ashburner received the gift as the upcoming Year 8 leaders at Kormilda College, Middle School for 2009.
- Mrs Hurspuney attended this assembly also, she is an exchange teacher in Darwin from SMU5.
- The Committee would like to encourage the Sister School relationship between SMU5 and Kormilda College by initiating a project that would bring students from SMU5 to Darwin for a short stay.

- The Chair will meet with the Principal of Kormilda College next week to hold preliminary discussions to establish their interest in this project.
- It was suggested that the Ambon Sister City Committee provide funds for students to travel from Darwin to Ambon and return.
- The Chair will ascertain during initial discussions with Kormilda College their interest in providing accommodation on campus and schooling for the students from SMU5 whilst in Darwin.
- Suggestions were made to bring one male and one female student from Ambon, possibly during their school holidays if they fall within Territory School school terms.

ACTION: The Chair to meet with Malcolm Pritchard and hold preliminary discussions to ascertain Kormilda College's interest in being involved in this project.

4.2. 2008/2010 Ambon Action Plan

- The Ambon Action plan is to be listed on every agenda for committee information and to be kept up to date.

4.3. Ambon SCCC Budget

- SCO advised all carried forward funds for the Ambon SCCC were approved by Council.
- A total of \$5908 is available for future projects, however must be expended by 30 June 2009.

5. General Arising

5.1. Final meeting for 2008

- SCO advised the Committee that contact has been made with the Mayor of Ambon to seek advice on Ambon's participation at the 2009 Arafura Games.
- No reply has been received to date.

ACTION: SCO to contact Hellen de Lima to enquire if any athletes from Ambon will be attending 2009 Arafura Games.

5.2. Sister Cities Structure

- The Committee were asked their views on the current Darwin City Council Sister Cities structure.
- All members found the current structure provided a quicker turn around time for decisions and were generally please with the new structure.
- The Chair did enquire if the Advisory Committees' opinions will be sought regarding the Sister Cities Review.
- Alderman Lambert informed the Committee that a specific Sister Cities Review had not taken place as yet. The new structure was a direct outcome from a review of all of DCC's committee structures by a Consultant.

ACTION: SCO to email all Ambon SCCC members and ask for their input on the new DCC Sister Cities structure.

5.3. Indonesian Garden at CDU

- The Committee were made aware of the Indonesian Garden at Charles Darwin University.
- The Committee expressed an interest in being involved in this project, to acknowledge the strong ties between Darwin and Ambon.
- It was suggested that the Ambon Sister City Committee contribute to the garden, by providing plants and/or artefacts for the garden project, specific to Ambon.
- This item to be discussed further at the February 2009 Ambon meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT the Ambon Sister City Community Committee recommends to the Community Services Committee that a letter be written to Charles Darwin University to obtain further information about the Indonesian Garden Project and express interest by the Ambon Sister City Community Committee to contribute to this project.

(Silvester/Setter), Carried

6. Meeting Closed

Meeting closed at 6:35pm

7. Date and time of next meeting

Date: Thursday 12 February 2009

Time: 5.00pm

Venue: Meeting Room 1

ENCL: YES

DARWIN CITY COUNCIL

DATE: 02/02/09

REPORT

TO: COMMUNITY SERVICES/OPEN A

APPROVED: JB

FROM: GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &
CULTURAL SERVICES

APPROVED: NM

REPORT NO: 08C0168 SF:kl

APPROVED: SF

COMMON NO: 1496359

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE ANCHORAGE SISTER CITY COMMUNITY
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4 DECEMBER 2008 WITH
RECOMMENDATIONS

ITEM NO: 10.2.4**SYNOPSIS:**

The minutes of the Anchorage Sister City Community Committee meeting held on 4 December 2008 with recommendations is presented to the Community Services Committee for their endorsement.

GENERAL:

The minutes of the Anchorage Sister City Community Committee meeting are presented to the Community Services Committee with the following recommendation:

THAT the Anchorage Sister City Community Committee recommends to the Community Services Committee that the initial donation of children's books be gifted from Council to Rabbit Creek Elementary School in Anchorage, Alaska.

THAT the Anchorage Sister City Community Committee recommends to the Community Services Committee that the assortment of books donated to the University of Alaska stay together as a special collection at the University of Alaska Anchorage.

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 COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4 DECEMBER 2008 WITH
 RECOMMENDATIONS

Previous Decisions:

DECISION NO.19\5866 (13/03/08)

C. THAT \$1000 be allocated from available funds toward the purchase of a special collection of books and materials on Darwin to be sent to the University of Alaska library in Anchorage, Alaska, as per the Anchorage Action Plan for 2005/2007.

D. THAT \$1000 be allocated from available funds toward the purchase of books and multimedia materials about Darwin to be distributed to the Anchorage school district, as per the Anchorage Action Plan for 2005/2007.

REPORT:

In the 2005/2007 Anchorage Action Plan it was identified that a number of opportunities exist to promote education opportunities both in Darwin and in Anchorage.

Council endorsed at its meeting held in March 2008 that \$2000 would be allocated from within Anchorage Sister City Community Committee budget toward the purchase of a special collection of books and materials with a Darwin/Northern Territory theme to be sent to the University of Alaska Anchorage and primary schools in Anchorage.

It is hoped that this will initiate an opportunity for a return collection of books and materials to be established in Darwin, based on Anchorage. The expected outcome for this would be to maintain links between Charles Darwin University, the University of Anchorage and primary schools in both countries.

The Anchorage Committee at its December 2008 meeting recommended that the initial donation of children's books be gifted from Council to Rabbit Creek Elementary School in Anchorage. This school was chosen as there is a connection with the school through the Fire Fighter Exchange program.

It was also recommended that the resource books for the University of Alaska Anchorage be kept together as a special collection.

Committee advised that Alderman Jo Sangster and her family will be in Anchorage in December and will present the books to the Anchorage of Alaska Anchorage and to Rabbit Creek Elementary School, in her capacity as a Darwin City Council Elected Member.

All the donated books have been posted to Anchorage and will be received by Jim Cunningham by December 2008.

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Budget Item Number 05/224001/300 (W1582)

The Anchorage Sister City Community Committee has an annual budget allocation of \$4000 and \$1820 carried forward from the 2007/2008 budget for committee projects.

Total funds of \$4532 is currently available to be spent, however must be expended by 30 June 2009.

ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS:

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies of the Action Plan of the Darwin City Council 2004 - 2008:

6 COMMUNITY SERVICES

6.1 Community Groups

Goal:

To have strong community groups and service programs that support a vibrant community.

Strategies/Actions:

Support appropriate community groups.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

None pertaining to this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:

None applicable to this report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

No immediate public relations implications have been identified in respect to this report. There is potential media interest in any Council activity and Council's Chief Officers Group review all reports. Potential issues or any media interest is brought to the attention of the General Manager, Cultural & Community Services.

COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:

No Community Safety implications for this report.

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DELEGATION:

Nil

CONSULTATION:

No consultation required for this report.

PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:

No public consultation require for this report.

APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE:

None pertaining to this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 08C0168 entitled Minutes of The Anchorage Sister City Community Committee Meeting Held on 4 December 2008 With Recommendations, be received and noted.
- B. THAT the initial donation of children's books be gifted from Council to Rabbit Creek Elementary School in Anchorage, Alaska.
- C. THAT the selection of resource books based on Darwin and the Northern Territory be donated to the University of Alaska Anchorage and remain together as a special collection at the University of Alaska Anchorage.

SAMANTHA FRENCH
SISTER CITIES OFFICER

JOHN BANKS
GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &
CULTURAL SERVICES

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ANCHORAGE SISTER CITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday 4 December 2008
5:00pm
Meeting Room 1
DARWIN CITY COUNCIL CIVIC CENTRE

Meeting Opened

Declared open at 5:15pm

1. Present

Michael Myers	Community Representative
Greg Nettleton	Community Representative
Kate Boyd	Community Representative
Linda Fazldeen	Community Representative
Sue Wainwright	Community Representative
Angella Francis	Community Representative
Alderman Garry Lambert	Elected Member, Darwin City Council
Samantha French	Sister Cities Officer

2. Apologies

Alderman Rodger Dee	Elected Member, Darwin City Council
Bill Hodge	Community Representative

3. Minutes

- 3.1 The minutes from the Anchorage Sister City meeting held on 23 October 2008 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

(Francis/Fazldeen)

Carried

4. Business Arising

4.1 Anchorage University & Primary School Project

- SCO advised the Committee that all donated books have been sent to Jim Cunningham in Anchorage.
- Committee advised that Alderman Jo Sangster and her family will be in Anchorage in December and will present all the books whilst there in her capacity as a Darwin City Council Elected Member.
- The Committee discussed which school would be gifted the children's books.
- A number of suggestions were made including donating books to remote schools in Anchorage.
- As discussed in previous meetings, some of the children that have come to Darwin through the Fire Fighter Exchange program attend school in Anchorage at Rabbit Creek Elementary, therefore it was decided that the children's books should be donated to that school.
- The Australian resource books will be donated to the University of Alaska Anchorage.
- This item to be discussed at a future meeting to determine if this project is one that the Committee would like to carry out annually.

RECOMMEDATION: THAT the Anchorage Sister Cities Community Committee recommends to the Community Services Committee that this initial donation of children's books be gifted from Council to Rabbit Creek Elementary School in Anchorage, Alaska.

(Boyd/Wainwright)

Carried

RECOMMENDATION: THAT the Anchorage Sister Cities Community Committee recommends to the Community Services Committee that the assortment of books donated to the University of Alaska stay together as a special collection at the University of Alaska Anchorage.

(Boyd/Wainwright)

Carried

4.2 2008/2010 Anchorage Action Plan

- Greg Nettleton advised the Committee a phone conference was held between NTFSE and the Anchorage Fire Department to discuss the next rotation of exchange Fire Officers.
- Some changes may be made to the next rotation of officers, due to the economic state of the world. This has impacted greatly on the exchange program due to the rate of the Australian dollar.
- NTFSE pay airfares and allowance to the Northern Territory Fire Officers and their family that go to Anchorage for 12 months.
- Some discussion is being held in with regards to shorter exchanges.

ACTION: SCO to update the Action Plan.

4.3 Anchorage SCCC Budget 08/09

- SCO advised that a total of \$4532.82 is available in the budget for future projects, however must be expended by 30 June 2009.

4.4 Gift of Alaskan Flag

- This item to be discussed further at our next scheduled meeting to determine a date appropriate for the flag presentation.

4.5 2009 Sister Cities Fundraising Event

- SCO advised the Committee that each of Council's Sister Cities Committee have been informed of the proposed 2009 Sister Cities Fundraising Event.
- Generally consensus by the Committee is that they are all very keen to progress this project and would be interested in making this an annual event.
- SCO advised that the Deckchair Cinema has tentatively been booked for Thursday 2 July 2009. This date falls on the same week as USA Independence Day, Territory Day and National Sister Cities Day.

- Thursday 9 July 2009 has also been booked tentatively as an alternative date for the event.
- The Committee discussed how this event will be coordinated, and suggested that one member from each Committee form a sub Committee to plan for this event.
- Further discussion to take place at the next meeting to progress a fundraising event.

ACTION: SCO to determine the best way for this event to be coordinated by involving all 5 Sister Cities Community Committees.

4.6 Youth Exchange

- SCO advised the Committee that emails have been sent to a number of organizations, including Rotary, Lions, the Department of Education, and Future Farmers of America requesting information about their Youth Exchange programs and policies.
- No responses have been received to date.
- This item will be discussed again at the February 2009 Anchorage Sister City Community Committee meeting.

5. General Business

5.1 Meeting Schedule – January to June 2009

- The meeting schedule for January to June 2009 was endorsed by the Committee, no changes were made.

5.2 Visits to Anchorage

- Sue Wainwright advised the Committee that her planned visit to Anchorage has been postponed until the 13 January 2009. She will be in Anchorage until the 26 January 2009.
- Sue has offered to follow up any contacts in Anchorage that may be required to progress some of our projects.
- Alderman Sangster and her family will be in Anchorage between the 22 December 2008 to the 28 January 2009 on annual leave.

5.3 Mayor of Anchorage

- The Committee were advised that the current Mayor of Anchorage, Mr Mark Begich, has been elected to the Senate, therefore there will be a new Mayor elected in the next year.

6 Meeting Closed

Closed at 5:50pm

7 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Date: Thursday 26 February 2009
Time: 5:00pm
Venue: Meeting Room 1

ENCL: YES

DARWIN CITY COUNCIL

DATE: 02/02/09

REPORT

TO: COMMUNITY SERVICES/OPEN A

APPROVED: JB

FROM: GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &
CULTURAL SERVICES

APPROVED: NM

REPORT NO: 08C0167 SF:kl

APPROVED: SF

COMMON NO: 1491689

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE DILI SISTER CITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 25 NOVEMBER 2008 WITH
RECOMMENDATIONS**ITEM NO: 10.2.5****SYNOPSIS:**

The minutes of the Dili Sister City Community Committee meeting held on the 25 November 2008 with recommendations is presented to the Community Services Committee for their endorsement.

GENERAL:

The minutes of the Dili Sister City Community Committee meeting are presented to the Community Services Committee with the following recommendations:

THAT the Sister Cities Officer prepare a briefing paper on hosting a Timor-Leste Cultural event to be held on Timor-Leste Independence Day on 20 May 2009.

THAT the Dili Sister City Community Committee supports in principle the facilitation of a combined Sister Cities fundraising event on Thursday 2 July 2009, to coincide with National Sister Cities Day.

REPORT:**Timor-Leste Cultural Day**

Discussions were held at the November 2008 Dili Sister City meeting that a Cultural Day be held in Darwin as a possible fundraising event. This event would provide an opportunity for local residents to learn about Timor-Leste traditions, such as dance, food, craft and basket weaving.

The Committee would like to program this event to coincide with Timor-Leste Independence Day on 20 May 2009.

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This event was suggested as a way to complement the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory's current display on Timor-Leste, providing yet another opportunity for local residents to continue to learn about our closest neighbour Timor-Leste and be involved in the Sister Cities program.

All funds raised at this event would be used to further projects initiated through Council's Dili Sister City Community Committee.

It was recommended that the Sister Cities Officer prepare a briefing paper on hosting a Timor-Leste Cultural event to be held on Timor-Leste Independence Day on 20 May 2009.

Combined Sister Cities Fundraising Event

The Anchorage Sister City Community Committee proposed at their October 2008 meeting that a major fundraising event be held involving all of Council's Sister Cities Community Committees. The Anchorage Committee discussed holding the event in the first 6 months of 2009.

It was proposed that a film night be held at Deckchair Cinema, and that a feature film be shown or a number of short films be viewed based on Darwin's Sister Cities. Other revenue raising ideas included selling raffle tickets or a silent auction with items donated by our Sister Cities and the sale of food and drinks.

The Sister Cities Officer was to convey this idea to each of the Sister Cities Community Committee at their next round of meetings.

The Deckchair Cinema has been tentatively booked for Thursday 2 July 2009. This date falls within the week celebrations are held for Territory Day (NT), Independence Day (USA) and National Sister Cities Day (Australia).

The Dili Sister City Community Committee supports in principle the idea of the facilitation of a combined Sister Cities fundraising event on Thursday 2 July in celebration of National Sister Cities Day.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Budget Item Number 05/224001/300 (W1583)

The Dili Sister City Community Committee has an annual budget allocation of \$4000 and \$1253 carried forward from the 2007/2008 budget for committee projects.

Total funds of \$5253 are currently available to be spent, however must be expended by 30 June 2009.

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ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS:

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies of the Action Plan of the Darwin City Council 2004 - 2008:

6 COMMUNITY SERVICES

6.1 Community Groups

Goal:

To have strong community groups and service programs that support a vibrant community.

Strategies/Actions:

Support appropriate community groups.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

None pertaining to this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:

None applicable to this report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

No immediate public relations implications have been identified in respect to this report. There is potential media interest in any Council activity and Council's Chief Officers Group review all reports. Potential issues or any media interest is brought to the attention of the General Manager, Cultural & Community Services.

COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:

No Community Safety implications for this report.

DELEGATION:

Nil.

CONSULTATION:

No consultation required for this report.

PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:

No public consultation required for this report.

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APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE:

None pertaining to this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 08C0167 entitled Minutes of The Dili Sister City Community Committee Held on 25 November 2008 With Recommendations, be received and noted.
- B. THAT the Sister Cities Officer prepare a briefing paper on hosting a Timor-Leste Cultural event to be held on Timor-Leste Independence Day on 20 May 2009.
- C. THAT the Dili Sister City Community Committee supports in principle the facilitation of a combined Sister Cities fundraising event on Thursday 2 July 2009, to coincide with National Sister Cities Day.

SAMANTHA FRENCH
SISTER CITIES OFFICER

JOHN BANKS
GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &
CULTURAL SERVICES

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MINUTES

DILI SISTER CITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 25 November 2008

12:30pm

Chambers

DARWIN CITY COUNCIL CIVIC CENTRE

Meeting Open at 12:33pm

1. Present

Lynn Bigg	Community Representative
Veronica Pereira	Community Representative
Neil Chadwick	Community Representative
Alderman Greg Jarvis	Elected Member
Alderman John Bailey	Elected Member, DCC
Christine Hughes	Observer
Samantha French	Sister Cities Officer
Kin Leong	Youth Service Officer

2. Apologies

Catherine Halkon	Community Representative
Ana Gil	Community Representative
Leigh Gregory	Community Representative

3. Minutes

SCO noted correction in 5.1 of the minutes from 7/10/08. Fundasuan was spelt incorrectly, should have been Fundasaun.

3.1 Minutes of the last Dili Sister City Community Committee meeting 7 October 2008.

All minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.
(Ald Bailey/Chadwick) Carried

4. Business Arising

4.1 Teacher Training Program

- Outgoing letter to Chief Executive of Department of Education and Training, Dr Kevin Gillan was accepted as information.
- No response received by Council to date.

4.2 The Asia Public Sector Linkages Program (PSLP)

- SCO advised the Committee that a submission for funding will be progressed in February 2009 through the Asia Public Sector Linkages program.
- DCC has appointed an Executive Officer to source grants and apply for funding that could be beneficial for specific projects.

ACTION: SCO to forward to the Dili SCCC information obtained from the Grants Executive Officer regarding

possible funding for the proposed Teacher Mentoring program.

4.3 2008/2010 Dili Action Plan

- Action plan noted as an information item.
- This is a standing item at every meeting.

4.4 Fundasaun Hafoun Rai Timor (FHRT) – Budget Breakdown & Schedule

- The Committee welcomed Kin Leong, Council's Youth Services Officer to the meeting and the Chairman provided a brief outline of Dili projects including FHRT.
- YSO provided a brief outline of the role of the Youth Advisory Group (YAG) and GRIND. YAG members meet monthly and review any Council's policies and projects that impact directly on the young people of Darwin.
- The Committee advised YSO that the focus of the Dili SCCC this term will be on youth related projects, and expressed their desire to get youth involved.
- YSO will raise at the next scheduled YAG meeting in February 2009 the proposed youth involvement in Sister Cities program and specifically the Dili Committee.
- YSO proposed that a Dili SCCC member attend a future YAG meeting to discuss youth involvement in the Dili SCCC.
- The Committee is keen to progress a number of projects with Dili.
- It has been determined that to progress these projects, a Council representative would need visit Dili and meet face to face with a number of organisations, including FHRT and the Dili District Administrator, to re-establish contact between both cities.
- Obtaining funding to cover the cost of travel between Dili and Darwin would prove beneficial to progress these projects also.
- It was agreed that should any Committee members visit Dili in the upcoming months that they also hand deliver donated funds to Arte Moris and the Canossian Convent.

ACTION: YSO to raise the proposed youth involvement in Council's Sister Cities Program, and in particular the Dili SCCC, at the February 2009 YAG meeting.

4.5 FHRT – Statutes & Bylaws

- Discussed in item 4.4

4.6 FHRT – Annual Action Plan

- Discussed in time 4.4

4.7 Dili SCCC Budget

- SCO advised the Committee that all carry forward funds have been endorsed by Council and a total of \$5253 is available to be expended for future projects.
- All funds must be expended by 30 June 2009.
- The Committee decided that if any Dili members were travelling to Dili between now and February 2009 that they would hand deliver the funds to both Arte Moris and the Canossian Convent personally. This may also provide an opportunity for some positive media.

ACTION: SCO to progress payment of \$600 to Arte Moris for the purchase of art materials and \$600 for Sister Guilhermina Macal at the Canossian Convent in Balide, Dili for the purchase of sporting equipment as per previous decisions.

5. General Business

5.1 Opening of MAGNT exhibition

- The Chair advised that she attended the launch of the MAGNT Timor-Leste Exhibition "From the Hands of Our Ancestors – Husi Bei Ala Timor Sira Nia Liman".
- At this launch the Chair discussed with Mr Abel Guterres, Consul General of Timor-Leste, Sydney a number of outstanding issues raised with the Deputy Prime Minister of Timor-Leste in meetings held in Darwin during the 2007 ASCA Conference. In particular, obtaining the names of people who will be could travel to Darwin for on the job training with Council.
- During discussions held in Darwin in October 2007, Mr Ruben Joao Braz De Carvalho, Dili District Administrator identified the following as priorities for the Dili Administration:
 - Solid waste management
 - Administration
 - Mechanics
 - Teaching – English as a second language
 - Road maintenance
 - Gardening – parks and gardens

ACTION: SCO to forward email sent from the Chair to Mr Abel Guterres regarding the above mentioned item.

5.2 Timor-Leste Cultural Day

- A suggestion was made by a Committee member that a Cultural Day be held to provide an opportunity for local residents to learn about Timor-Leste traditions such as dance, food, craft and basket weaving.

- This was suggested as a possible fundraising opportunity involving local East Timorese families and organisations.
- It was agreed in principle that, should this event take place, that it coincide with Timor-Leste Independence Day on 20 May.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT the Sister Cities Officer prepare a briefing paper on hosting a Timor-Leste Cultural event to be held on Timor-Leste Independence Day on 20 May.

(Bigg/Ald Jarvis)

Carried

5.3 2009 Sister Cities Fundraising Event

- SCO advised the Committee that the Anchorage SCCC have proposed holding a major fundraising event involving all of Council's Sister Cities Committees.
- Deckchair Cinema has been tentatively booked for Thursday 2 July 2009 or Thursday 9 July.
- It was proposed that a number of short films based on each of our Sister Cities be shown at a film night, and that food and drinks be sold, raffles or a silent auction be held during the evening.
- Thursday 2 July has been chosen as the preferred date, as it falls within the week of National Sister Cities Day, USA Independence Day and is the middle of Darwin's dry season, the perfect time of the year to hold an outdoor event.
- The Dili SCCC support in principle the idea of an annual fundraising event involving all Sister Cities Committees.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT the Dili Sister City Community Committee support in principle the facilitation of a combined Sister Cities fundraising event on Thursday 2 July 2009, to coincide with National Sister Cities Day.

(Bigg/Ald Bailey)

6. Meeting Closed at 1.30pm

7. Date and time of next meeting

Date: TBA

Time: 12:30pm

Venue: Meeting Room 1

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9.1.3	Ordinary Council 30/05/06 19\2938	Not Specified	Regulation Private Property Parking – The Development of a policy for the regulation of parking controls by Council on private land	Further Report to December Community Services Committee Meeting
8.3	Community Services 14/07/08 19\5092 20\0437	Not Specified	Minister for Local Govt advising Current Public Library Agreement is Extended until 30 June 2011 Strategic Directions	Further Report to be submitted to a future Community Services Committee Meeting
5.3	Ordinary Council 15/05/08 20\0128	Not Specified	Darwin City Council Five year Arts Plan 2008-2013 - Detailed costing for the Strategies and activities contained within the draft Five Year Arts Plan and draft Public Art Policy and Strategic	Further Report to be submitted to a future Community Services Committee Meeting
5.9 D	Special Council 15/05/08 20\0134	Not Specified	Charles Darwin University Aquatic Facilities Process update - Land parcels surrounding the CDU site to improve partnership with the University.	Further Report to be submitted to a future Community Services Committee Meeting
9.1.3	Ordinary Council 27/05/08 20\0202	Not Specified	Draft of Revised Disability Action Plan 2006 - 2010 - provision of toilet facilities in public buildings and places with particular regard to disabled and unisex facilities .	Further Report to be submitted to a future Community Services Committee Meeting

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12.2	Ordinary Council 10/06/08 20\0306	Not Specified	Sister Cities Program Committee Structure - Status of the Friendship Relationships.	Further Report to be submitted to a future Community Services Committee Meeting
9.2	Community Services 15/10/07 19\5093	Not Specified	Regulatory Services Monthly Report for September 2007 Application Enforcement of Council By-Laws on Crown Land in relation on Itinerants.	Further Report to be submitted to a future Community Services Committee Meeting.

COMMITTEE'S DECISION

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority that information contained in Item 11.1 be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (09/02/09)