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Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting – Monday, 8 February, 2010**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL****COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE****MONDAY, 8 FEBRUARY 2010**

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

OFFICERS: Chief Executive Officer, Mr B Dowd; General Manager Community & Cultural Services, Mr J Banks; Acting Assistant Committee Administrator, Miss Arweena Smit.

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***Committee's Responsibilities***

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Nil



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THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority that all Information Items and Officers Reports to the Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting held on Monday, 8 February, 2010, be received and all recommendations contained therein be adopted by general consent with the exception of Item Number .....

DECISION NO.20\() (08/02/10)

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

THAT the Committee resolve that the minutes of the previous Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting held on Monday, 9 November, 2009 tabled by the Chairman, be received and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

DECISION NO.20\() (08/02/10)

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

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Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting – Monday, 8 February, 2010**8 INFORMATION ITEMS****8.1 Darwin City Brass Band Business Plan and Budget for 2009/2010**

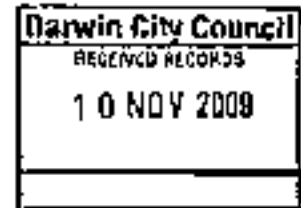
Document No.16862321 (06/11/09) Common No. 1518319

**COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION**

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

THAT it be a recommendation to Council that the Darwin City Brass Band Business Plan and Budget for 2009/2010 dated 6 November 2009, Document Number 1686231, be received and noted.





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6 November 2009

Mr John Banks  
 Director, Community Services  
 Darwin City Council  
 GPO Box 84  
 Darwin NT 0801

**RE: 1518319**

Dear Mr Banks

Thank you for the offer of a grant for \$29,000, as operational funding for Darwin City Brass Band for 2009 – 2010.

Please find attached Darwin City Brass Band's Business Plan and Budget for 2009 – 2010.

Yours sincerely

Iris Beale  
 President, Darwin City Brass Band

	Budget 08-09	Budget 09-10
<b>Income</b>		
Council Sponsorship	29,000	29,000
Membership	6,000	6,000
Paid Performances	5,000	5,000
Building Hire	500	500
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,500</b>	<b>40,500</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Advertising	500	500
Association Fees	100	100
Audit	1,200	1,200
Bank Charges	-	-
Education & Development	6,000	6,000
Freight	500	500
Fundraising	2,000	2,000
Instrument Repair and Replacement	5,000	5,000
Insurance	5,000	5,000
Music	1,000	1,000
Music Director's Fees	3,800	3,800
Performance Expenses	800	800
Power and Water	3,500	3,500
Presentations and Functions	2,000	2,000
Rates	800	800
Repairs and Maintenance	5,000	5,000
Refund Property Deposits	200	200
Supplies	500	500
Telephone	600	600
Uniforms	2,000	2,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,500</b>	<b>40,500</b>



## DARWIN CITY BRASS BAND ASSOCIATION INC.

### **BUSINESS PLAN 2009 - 2010 CORE BUSINESS As stated in our constitution**

#### **VISION**

To promote interest in, enjoyment and performance of brass band music

#### **MISSION**

1. To form, encourage and promote the formation of brass bands and ensembles
2. To teach, practice, perform and enjoy brass band music

#### **GOALS**

1. To maintain the core membership necessary to fulfil our mission, that is: experienced players, learners, a musical director, and interested supporters
2. To fulfil all obligations of an incorporated association including: 1) annual election of a committee to manage the business of the association; 2) full and open financial reporting; 3) annual auditing of accounts; 4) holding an Annual General Meeting
3. To maintain the Band's position as the Darwin City Brass Band under the sponsorship of Darwin City Council
4. To maintain a secure financial base for the Association
5. To provide premises which serve as the home of the band and provide a venue for the practice and training of brass musicians
6. To provide high standards of musical performance and training
7. To take every opportunity to develop the musical knowledge and skill of playing members

#### **OBJECTIVES FOR 2009 - 2010**

1. To continue to liaise with Darwin City Council and fulfil all requirements and obligations with regard to application for and receipt of grant moneys  
Strategies
  - Liaise with Director, Community Services, as required.
  - Provide information to Council with regard to the business of the Association how and as required
  - Acknowledge Council's sponsorship on all signs and promotions and at all performances

**2. To meet all requirements of an incorporated association in the Northern Territory**

**Strategy**

- Comply with the provisions of the NT Associations Incorporation Act

**3. To seek further funding opportunities outside of Darwin City Council**

**Strategies**

- Seek paid performances where appropriate
- Conduct fundraising activities
- Apply for appropriate grants from NT Government and other sources
- Seek appropriate sponsorship opportunities

**4. To maintain a reasonable financial "buffer zone" against unforeseen financial difficulties**

**Strategy**

- Maintain a savings buffer of at least \$10,000 to protect the band's viability in case of emergencies

**5. To keep a high profile in the Darwin community**

**Strategy**

- Promote the band to Darwin City Councillors as a music provider for community functions
- Give performances at community events, gratis or paid
- Take advantage of free promotions in the media
- Work with other community & musical organisations

**6. To continue to develop the musical skill and enjoyment in music of all members, learners and experienced players**

**Strategy**

- Band rehearsal each Wednesday evening
- Learners' classes each Saturday morning
- Budgeted purchase of new and interesting music
- Invite visiting experts to give master classes & workshops whenever possible

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- Develop the potential of promising young musicians
  - Take advantage of opportunities to perform at concerts and contests

**7. To organise & implement major events for 2009 - 2010 such as a band music camp in the Northern Territory and/or organisation of a project in collaboration with Territory, interstate or international musical groups**  
**Strategy**

- Plan & organise a brass band event in Darwin
- Liaise with other musical organisations regarding co-operative projects

**8. To provide for ongoing maintenance of band premises and equipment**  
**Strategy**

- List, prioritise and cost maintenance projects
- Maintain & repair premises according to priorities and within budget

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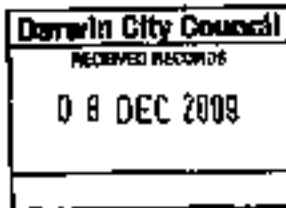
Document No. 1704486 (03/12/09) Common No. 1424436

**COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION**

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

THAT the letter from the Minister for Arts and Museums The Hon Gerry McCarthy MLA dated 3 December 2009, in respect to the delay in processing the Public Library Funding & Library Resource Allocation, Document Number 1704486, be received and noted.





## MINISTER FOR ARTS AND MUSEUMS

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Mr Graeme Sawyer  
The Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor of Darwin  
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Dear Lord Mayor

Thank you for your letter dated 4 November 2009, regarding Public Library Funding.

The delay in processing this year's grant was the result of changes to the grant management process, however I can advise that the Operational Grant payment for Darwin City Council was completed on 13 November 2009.

With regards to the funding for the Library Resource Allocation (LRA), this has remained constant for a number of years and will not be reduced. However, unlike the operational grant, the LRA does not attract Consumer Price Index increases.

As you may be aware, the LRA funding is distributed across the public library network to ensure that all Territorians have access to both electronic and hardcopy library materials. The Northern Territory Library aims to provide rapid and easy access to information and services that can be accessed from home.

A significant increase in the cost of providing networked electronic resources means the proportion available for individual allocations to councils has been reduced accordingly.

If you would like further information on this matter please contact Ms Jo McGill, Director, Northern Territory Library at the Department of Natural Resources, Environment the Arts and Sport on telephone 8999 5562.

Yours sincerely

GERRY MCCARTHY

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Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting – Monday, 8 February, 2010**8 INFORMATION ITEMS****8.3 Public Library Funding**

Document No. 1713191, (17/12/09) Common No. 1424436

**COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION**

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT the letter from the Minister for Arts and Museums The Hon Gerry McCarthy MLA dated 17 December 2009, advising Council that the Government will not cut funding to any library in the Territory, Document Number 1713191, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council write to the Minister for Arts and Museums requesting a timeframe for the completion of library funding agreement negotiations.



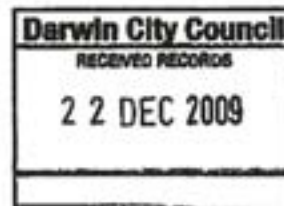


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Mr John Bailey  
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My Lord Mayor

Thank you for your letter addressed to the Hon Rob Knight MLA, dated 18 November 2009, which has been passed to me for reply in my capacity as Minister for Arts and Museums.

I acknowledge the concerns raised by the Darwin City Council regarding public library funding, I have publicly stated that *the Government will not cut funding to any library in the Territory and that the Territory Government is working to improve library services for all Territorians and will not consider reducing the funding of any library under the new agreements when the current agreement expires.*

Further options are currently being explored. To ensure there are no further misunderstandings caused by the early release of the Options Paper, there will be ongoing dialogue at officer level in the lead up to negotiations for the next funding agreement.

Once these discussions have progressed to a more advanced stage, I would like to meet with you to discuss any concerns of the Council.

If you would like further information on this matter please contact Ms Jo McGill, Director, Northern Territory Library at the Department of Natural Resources, Environment, the Arts and Sport on telephone 8999 5562.

Yours sincerely

GERRY MCCARTHY

17 DEC 2009

ENCL: NO

**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL****DATE:** 01/02/2010**REPORT****TO:** COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES  
COMMITTEE/OPEN**APPROVED:** KH**FROM:** A/GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &  
CULTURAL SERVICES**APPROVED:** DN**REPORT NO:** 10C0015 DN:MRG**COMMON NO:** 1330602**SUBJECT:** REGULATORY SERVICES UPDATE NOVEMBER, DECEMBER AND  
JANUARY 09/10**ITEM NO: 9.1****SYNOPSIS:**

This report provides Council with an update of activities undertaken within the Regulatory Services section during November, December and January 2009/2010.

**GENERAL:****CBD Parking**

Regulation of CBD parking was carried out with a full complement of Rangers with 2 vacant permanent positions being filled in December 09. Council Rangers continue to regulate parking at the Waterfront Precinct on Saturday and Sunday between the hours of 11am and 3pm and upon request during the week. The 5 minute bays outside the Darwin Entertainment Centre are also being monitored several times a week for overstaying the 5 minute permitted parking time. Rangers continue to patrol the Mall for any breaches of the By-Laws which include the presence of animals, busking without a permit and riding bikes through the Mall. Due to the beautification of Knuckey Street, the Taxi Rank has temporarily been relocated to Smith Street. New signs will be implemented in all Council controlled car parks stating that Carpark pay and display vouchers are not valid on street. In December Council Rangers assisted in the final road closure for the year "Here comes Santa" which replaced last years Lighting of the Christmas Tree.



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## **Suburban Parking**

Regulation of suburban parking was carried out by a dedicated Ranger who conducted daily suburban enforcement patrols of Nightcliff, Casuarina, Parap, Cullen Bay, Fannie Bay, Alawa, Hibiscus, Karama, Rapid Creek and Stuart Park. The Suburban Ranger regulated all disabled bays, timed zones and on complaints received via the public for any traffic offences.

## **Generals**

The Generals Ranger was responsible for actioning notices for abandoned vehicles, long grass, vehicles for sale in a public place and a full range of By-Law offences. Rapid Creek, Parap and Nightcliff Markets continued to be patrolled every weekend. Patrol hours are between 9.00am and 1pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

Regulatory Orders were served on 6 properties throughout the Municipality as part of a trial to identify properties that contain items that may become hazardous in the event of a storm or cyclone. Rangers worked in conjunction with Emergency Services and the Northern Territory Government and as a result 3 properties are yet to comply.

Rangers have recently undertaken an Investigations Management course through ICETS which was specifically customised for Council Rangers to further increase their capacity to investigate complaints, interpret legislation and understand the judicial process.

## **Public Places**

Public Places Rangers continued to patrol Mindil Beach, East Point and Vestey's Beach for illegal camping. Information sheets have been printed informing campers and visitors of Council By-Laws and have been distributed to all hostels within the City and in person to all campers at Mindil Beach, Vesteys and East Point Reserve. In conjunction with this, all information has also been published on various travel internet sites. New signs will also be placed in Council controlled car parks informing visitors of the penalties in relation to By-Law 103 Camping in a Public Place.

The aim of the public places program is to minimise breaches of By-Law 103, in particular persons camping/sleeping in public places and the obstruction of public facilities. Rangers also work in conjunction with the NT Police when responding to complaints related to substantial numbers of illegal campers to ensure officer safety.

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## **Animal Management**

Cyclone procedures for the Council Pound have now been drafted. A copy of the procedures will be made available on Council's website once finalised.

Rangers have been working on the new animal management procedures. Once finalised the new procedures will ensure a more effective and efficient customer based approach to investigative processes including a more consistent application of relevant laws and Council policies.

The new procedures will be accessible to members of the public on Council's website.

## **Education**

A lap-top computer has been purchased to utilise the bark count collar software Council purchased during the recent AIAMS conference held in Darwin. This collar will assist in substantiating excessive barking complaints by recording the duration and decibel levels of alleged nuisance barking.

The Darwin City Council website has also been updated to reflect minor amendments made to the Animal Management Plan in relation to procedural requirements.

The Darwin City Council Pound now has Eftpos facilities, making it a more efficient process for animal owners to pay for the release of their animals onsite.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

THAT it be a recommendation to Council that Report Number 10C0015 DN:mrg entitled Regulatory Services Update November, December and January 09/10, be received and noted.

**DAVE NEALL**  
**MANAGER REGULATORY SERVICES**

**KATIE HEARN**  
**A/GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY**  
**& CULTURAL SERVICES**

Any queries on this report may be directed to Dave Neall on 89300421 or d.neall@darwin.nt.gov.au

ENCL: YES

**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL**

DATE: 22/01/2010

**REPORT**

<b>TO:</b>	COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE/OPEN A	<b>APPROVED:</b> JB
<b>FROM:</b>	GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES	<b>APPROVED:</b> KH
<b>REPORT NO:</b>	10C0008 NM:es	<b>APPROVED:</b> NM
<b>COMMON NO:</b>	1689341	
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2010 EVENT UPDATE - 7 MARCH 2010	

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**ITEM NO: 9.2****SYNOPSIS:**

An invitation has been received from the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) for Council to participate in International Women's Day 2010 (**Attachment 1**).

This report details Council's resolution of April 2009 to support the International Women's Day March annually and provides information regarding preparations for this year's event scheduled for Sunday 7 March 2010.

**GENERAL:****PREVIOUS DECISIONS**

DECISION NO.20\1462 (28/04/09)

- B. THAT the International Women's Day March and Morning Tea be supported by Council annually and jointly facilitated by United Nations Association of Australia Northern Territory (UNAANT), Multicultural Council of the Northern Territory (MCCNT) and Darwin City Council.

DECISION NO.20\1228 (24/02/09)

- A. THAT the Invitation from the United Nations Association of Australia & President, UNAA Northern Territory to participate in the International Women's Day Walk – 8 March 2009, Document Number 1519344, be received and noted.

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- B. THAT Council support the International Women's Day Walk on Sunday, 8 March 2008 commencing at 10.30 am and concluding in the grounds of the Civic Park, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin, themed as 'Women are our Future', be endorsed by Council.

## REPORT

International Women's Day is a global observance celebrated in March each year that connects women around the world and aims to inspire and acknowledge the important achievements of women in the community within their families, their workplaces and the community. International Women's Day has been observed since the early 1900s.

Following an invitation from the United Nations Association Australia NT Division (UNAANT), Council supported the 2009 International Women's Day March which was jointly facilitated by UNAANT and Multicultural Council of the Northern Territory (MCCNT). Council supported the event by providing a venue and refreshments for morning tea following the march.

Due to the success and positive outcomes of the event, Council resolved at its meeting of 28 April 2009 that the International Women's Day March and morning tea become an annual event jointly facilitated by UNAANT, MCCNT and Darwin City Council.

In November 2009 Council received an invitation from the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) to participate in International Women's Day 2010. Since that time Council staff have liaised with representatives from UNAANT and plans are being finalised to hold an International Women's Day March similar to the march held in 2009.

The International Women's Day March 2010 is again being jointly facilitated by UNAANT and MCCNT with the support of Council and is scheduled to be held on Sunday 7 March 2010. Participants will be requested to assemble at the Council car park alongside the GPO in Cavenagh Street at 10.15am for a 10.30am start. The march will progress along Cavenagh Street to Harry Chan Avenue where it will conclude in the grounds of the Civic Centre at the Tree of Knowledge. Morning tea and official speeches will be held in the staff tea room adjacent to the Tree of Knowledge where two Council staff members will be in attendance.

Promotional posters and flyers for the International Women's Day March 2010 will be distributed in February and details regarding the march will appear in print and radio media.

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### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

An estimated budget of \$1,000.00 will be sourced from the Community Services Operational budget (Budget Item No. 05/221002/300/104) which will cover staff costs, waiver of permit fees, cost of refreshments and limited print media advertising for the International Women's Day March 2010.

### **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**

5.2 Promote Darwin's culture

#### **Key Strategies**

5.2.1 Promote and support activities and programs that celebrate cultural diversity

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no environmental implications arising from matters contained in this report.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

Council's support will be acknowledged in all promotional/advertising material for the International Women's Day March 2010.

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

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

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**DELEGATION:**

Not applicable.

**CONSULTATION:**

Christine Fletcher, President, United Nations Association Australia Northern Territory  
 Amanda Armstrong, Customer Services Team Leader

**PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:**

Nil.

**APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE**

All Council sponsored projects are required to publicly acknowledge Council's support.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 10C0008 NM:es entitled International Women's Day 2010 Event Update - 7 March 2010, 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 Mrs Nancy McCann on 8930 0645 or [n.mccann@darwin.nt.gov.au](mailto:n.mccann@darwin.nt.gov.au)



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Promoting women's human  
rights, political participation  
and economic security

1<sup>st</sup> November 2009

To Whom It May Concern

I am writing to invite the Darwin City Council to support UNIFEM Australia's International Women's Day 2010. International Women's Day (March 8<sup>th</sup>) is a global day that connects women around the world, aiming to inspire and acknowledge the important achievements of women in the community, within their families and their workplaces.

The theme of International Women's Day 2010 is "Empowering Women to End Poverty by 2015". This reflects not only the commitment of UNIFEM Australia to the achievement of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals but also that women are critical to their achievement.

Our new International Women's Day website has recently been launched ([www.internationalwomensday.org.au](http://www.internationalwomensday.org.au)). It contains a large amount of information about International Women's Day, including how to organise an International Women's Day Event and the option to advertise your International Women's Day Events.

There are a number of ways for you to be involved in the celebration of International Women's Day.

1. You could consider holding an International Women's Day Event in your local community to raise awareness about the Millennium Development Goals, gender equality and the empowerment of women.
2. You could consider selling Purple Ribbons, which symbolise an individual's commitment to gender equality at your International Women's Day Event or in your office. Money raised from the sale of Purple Ribbons will be directed towards a project aiming to empower and secure the human rights of female migrant workers in Indonesia.
3. You could encourage your local community to engage in the International Women's Day theme, by holding an event, attending an event or simply wearing a purple ribbon on March 8<sup>th</sup>. This could be done through pulling an e-banner (which we can provide) on your website, or placing information about the theme and local events in the Council newsletter.

We look forward to your support over the coming months in the lead up to International Women's Day and would welcome the opportunity to speak with you further about how you can be involved in International Women's Day 2010. Please do not hesitate to contact our IWD Coordinator on 02 6285 8254 to order ribbons, posters, information packs or for any other questions you may have about International Women's Day.

Yours Sincerely,

Julie McKay  
Executive Director

ENCL: YES

**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL**

DATE: 08/02/10

**REPORT****TO:** COMMUNITY & CULTURAL  
SERVICES COMMITTEE/OPEN A**APPROVED:****FROM:** A/GENERAL MANAGER  
COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES**APPROVED:** KC**REPORT NO:** 10P0001 KC:md**COMMON NO:****SUBJECT: LIBRARIES INFORMATION UPDATE FOR NOVEMBER, DECEMBER  
2009 AND JANUARY 2010****ITEM NO: 9.3****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:**

We have had a number of new staff at the libraries over the past three months. A part time Library Technician at Casuarina, full time Library Assistant at Casuarina and a part time Library Assistant at Karama. Our new trainee starts on Monday 1 February. After a two week induction at Casuarina she will move to Nightcliff Library.

Staff from the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education participated in a one day work placement at the City and Casuarina Libraries.

Karama Library had a very successful visit from author Judy Nunn to coincide with the release of her new book 'Maralinga'. Some 50 adults thoroughly enjoyed Judy's visit. She is an engaging speaker and was very easy going and entertaining. After her session, Judy was happy to autograph her books, which she continued to do for about 30 minutes. Angus and Robertson were on site to sell copies of Judy's new book and were thrilled at the success of the morning.

Best Loved Adult Book Awards flyers were distributed to library customers in December announcing the titles of the 50 most borrowed books in 2009, copy attached.



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Walkabout chef Steve Sunk demonstrated new ways with 'bush tucker' on 25 November. Over 50 people attended the event where Steve had some of his homemade jams and chutneys available for sale, as well as copies of the book 'Walkabout Chefs' which he co-wrote with photo journalist David Hancock.

Local artist Jasmine Jan held a graphite pencil drawing workshop on 29 November at Casuarina Library. The event was fully booked and as with all her drawing workshops, proved to be very popular. There have been several enquiries about holding a drawing workshop for children.

Casuarina has begun weeding the Large Print collection with 485 titles deleted due to age and circulation statistics. New titles have been ordered through two suppliers.

Karama has also weeded their Adult Fiction and Large Print collections to make way for new items. They have purchased a considerable amount of Junior and Adult Fiction, DVDs and music over the past month. These areas are particularly popular here at Karama; in the last two years our circulation statistics for DVDs have gone from 618 in October 2007 to 1242 in October 2009.

Karama has issues with the air conditioning as the system is antiquated (18 years old) and needs replacing; most recently we have a problem with the system icing up and then melting when it is switched off. When this occurs a couple of litres of water leaks down through the ceiling. This has been reported to both the owner and NT Property, who rent the building.

### **CHILDREN and YOUTH SERVICES:**

Story times are ongoing throughout the 4 libraries all year round and are always well attended.

Panda Club-multilingual story time continues at Casuarina Library on Sunday afternoons. The program which started in October has had positive feedback from the families who attended and will resume in February 2010.

Babes and Books had their final session for the year in November with 56 babies and 59 parents attending. The program will recommence at Casuarina Library in February. Staff received many lovely comments from the parents showing their appreciation for the program and how they have enjoyed the sessions and progressed their love of reading with their babies.

KROC (Kids Reading Oz Choice) Party was held on 11 November at Casuarina Library. Thirty six children and twenty nine adults attended the event. This year we invited one of our local talented authors, Sandra Kendell, who read her book 'Quoll' and also helped out with announcing the winning books and lucky door prizes. Forty six lucky voters received a signed copy of a book by a well-known Australian author. The response from Children's Book Publishers who donated 46 signed books for prizes made it an extra special afternoon for the voters. Cold-Rock Ice-Creamery donated the ice cream cakes for the event.

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This year's KROC Awards Winners:

Picture Storybook – 'Are We There Yet' by Alison Lester  
 Fiction for Younger Readers – 'Zac Powers' by H. I Larry  
 Fiction for Older Readers – 'Garden of Purple Dragon' by Carole Wilkinson  
 Fiction for Years 7 to 9 – 'Then' by Morris Gleitzman

Caught Read Handed (Junior Book Club) at Casuarina Library remains popular with 44 children attending the sessions in November, including some new faces. The group settled in quite quickly, and were a great group. Read Hot Readers (Youth Book Club) meets fortnightly at Casuarina Library with regular attendance of 22 youths. Both groups will recommence in February at the start of the school year.

It was a full house at Karama for KAOS in November. This youth event is always very well attended with between 20 to 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.

A special youth event was held at Casuarina to celebrate the release of the latest Twilight movie, "New Moon". Library staff organised an orienteering session throughout the library, with the young Twilights being split into two groups, Team Edward and Team Jacob. They were then let loose in the library to find the clues needed to attend Bella's party. Once at Bella's party the Twilights had a chance to eat pizza and other nibbles. Birch, Carroll and Coyle donated 5 cinema tickets to give away as prizes on the night.

### **December/January 2009/ 2010 Holiday Report**

The 6 week holiday program as follows:

#### **Bedtime Stories**

Christmas Bedtime stories was held the week prior, and was a success, with 56 children and 44 adults attending. The night was very festive with favourite Christmas stories old and new read along with the songs. Also was wonderful to see so many of the children wearing their PJ's on the night. The library had a real Christmas atmosphere. Mary and Courtney read a lot of the favourite Christmas stories and songs accompanied with musical instruments. They also read a couple of new stories, with the 'Aussie Jingle Bells' and 'Six White Boomers' giving the session an Aussie twist!

#### **Holiday Activities**

The theme of the holiday program was Read on the Wild Side! as we went with the theme the National Summer Reading Program set for 2009/10.

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### **Christmas Craft Activities**

The first activity before Christmas was Christmas Craft. Library staff presented this activity with stories, songs and craft activities of beaded Christmas door hangers and reindeer antlers with 117 children and 43 adults attending the Christmas craft activities.

### **Corrugated Iron Theatre Games**

For this activity children got to explore their wild side with theatre games. This activity was presented by Corrugated Iron Youth Arts.

The sessions started off with a warm-up activity to loosen up and use their imaginations. The children then followed Fin's and Phillip's leads, acting out funny moves & looking very silly. This set the tone for fabulous, energetic sessions. Many interactive games were played. The children got into these activities without any reservations, interacted with each other and had a brilliant time. Phillip finished the afternoon by making the most gorgeous flowers, swords and poodles out of balloons for everyone to take home. Attendance at the Corrugated Iron Theatre Games was 127 children and 36 adults.

### **Craig West Crocodile Man**

For this activity children got up close and personal with snakes and other amazing animals. They also created snappy Croc post cards and snake bookmarks. This activity was presented by Craig West - Crocodile Man.

Wow, we had the time of our lives. Craig creates this amazing show of his reptiles, snakes and crocodile. Craig started the sessions with a fire drill in case a reptile escapes through the crowd. Once we were all practiced on where to run, Craig brought out two gorgeous bearded dragons that just sit there watching everyone while Craig shares his knowledge and answers the children's questions. Skinks were next. These creatures are amazing and everyone had the opportunity to touch all the creatures. Our customers and staff members displayed bravery as they assisted Craig with the python snake and at one stage Craig had to make a dash to the men's room leaving them to deal with Lucy the Python.

This was another brilliant activity for the school holidays. We received so much feed back from the parents. The craft activity was a big hit and a great way for the kids to unwind after the excitement. The kids were very keen to show Craig their designs and ask more questions. The NT News reported on the activity, copy attached. Attendance at the Craig West Crocodile Man sessions was 188 children and 120 adults.

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### **“Read ’em The Riot Act” (Youth Quiz Night)**

A free youth quiz night with music, food, drink, fun and prizes was also included in the Holiday Program and was aimed at the 12 to 18 year olds. “Read ’em The Riot Act” was a hugely successful event on the night at Casuarina Library with 40 children attending the night. This was funded from a youth grant from the Northern Territory Government. We gave away fifteen \$20 JB Hi Fi vouchers at the end of the night. These were distributed between the winning team, lucky door draw and the best dressed characters.

### **Breakfast with Aussie Books**

Breakfast with Aussie Books was held on the Saturday prior to Australia Day at the Nightcliff Library, with about 30 children and 25 adults attending.

### **Summer Reading Program (SRC)**

The theme of the December/January Summer Reading Program was “Read on the Wild Side”. The Summer Reading Program was supported by Angus and Robertson and Cold Rock Ice-Creamery.

We had 370 children register and a greater number of them being in the older age bracket this year. Therefore it shows that the program is working and encouraging our children to continue reading throughout their childhood. There was a 15% increase in the number of children joining the program and they read 58% more books this year.

#### **SRC statistics 2008/09**

Library	Registered	Girls	Boys	Prizes collected	No. books read
Casuarina	172	95	77	71	1115
City	39	19	20	47	315
Karama	49	29	20	75	675
Nightcliff	55	32	23	78	580
Totals	315	175	140	271	2685

#### **SRC statistics 2009/10**

Library	Registered	Girls	Boys	Prizes collected	No. books read
Casuarina	168	114	54	366	2050
City	82	51	31	28	695
Karama	83	52	31	229	1540
Nightcliff	37	24	13	56	300
Totals	370	241	129	679	4585

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A wind up party was held at the Casuarina Library with a huge number of children attending. The Summer Reading Program is a great incentive for children to encourage them to read, and as one of the many parents said to us after the party, the program is wonderful and her son who wouldn't read before, is now enjoying reading and she is going to continue giving him incentives for reading.

This year we had a record 370 children take part in the program and our 2 major prizes, an iPod and Nintendo DS, went to Aisa Hayashi and Brooke McGhee. Both were from Karama Library who were there at the party and were thrilled by their prizes. We also had a Fancy Dress Parade with lots of creative funky outfits. It was then time for Max to entertain the crowd with all his trickery he had up his sleeve, whilst we dished out the ever popular ice-cream cake.

Over the course of the Holiday Program and Summer Reading Program 826 children under the age of eighteen and parents accessed the activities and fun events on offer from the Darwin City Council Libraries.

All activities were run at the Darwin City Council Libraries and venues. We made use of Council owned facilities such as libraries and meeting rooms.

The program was publicised through local newspapers, Darwin City Council's web site and through out all Darwin City Council Libraries.

## **DISPLAYS:**

Charles Darwin University arts students participated in our public art displays at the Casuarina Library. We had three displays at the library.

Firstly the students from Charles Darwin University's School of Creative Arts and Humanities launched their exhibition of 'Wearable Art' shoes at Casuarina Library on 15 November with an afternoon tea and live music by Casuarina Library's music program regular, Mark Hilton.

Secondly, "A very important date" public art installation of small clay figurines were displayed throughout the library in December. And thirdly in December and January, a large display of chairs made from recycled cardboard were positioned at the entrance of the library.

Other displays included :

Sea life  
 Where the Wild Things are  
 Frogs and Weather  
 'New Moon' promotion  
 Insects  
 Bears  
 Australia Day

Salvation Army Toy and Tucker Run  
 Steve Sunk Promotion  
 Youth and Junior Series Promotion  
 Gardening  
 Online resources promotion  
 Summer Reading Program  
 Farmyard animals

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Christmas Cookery and Gift Making  
 Promotion of holiday program and youth events

### **STAFF TRAINING:**

All library staff attended the yearly staff development morning on Friday 13 November. All libraries were closed for the morning, so all staff were able to attend.

A Library Technician is attending a weekly online E mentoring workshop. Library staff attended a cyclone briefing about cyclones and their categories, and what Council's response is to, before, and after a cyclone.

Other training included:

Purchasing  
 Reference interview  
 End Processing  
 Assistive Technology

### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY/VIRTUA:**

Library staff have been meeting DCC staff and Northern Territory Library staff with regards to options for changing the look of the Online Catalogue to correspond with the upgrades occurring with the DCC website.

### **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** Enhance Darwin's active, positive and flexible lifestyle

**Outcome** Increase recreational, leisure and heritage experiences

#### **Key Strategies**

2.2.1 Enhance library facilities

**Goal** Enhance Darwin's active, positive and flexible lifestyle

**Outcome** Promote family friendly and healthy activities

#### **Key Strategies**

2.3.3 Provide facilities and programs which encourage healthy lifestyle choices

**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

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

THAT it be a recommendation to Council that Report Number 10P0001 entitled, Libraries Information Update for November, December 2009 and January 2010 be received and noted.

**KAREN CONWAY**  
**MANAGER LIBRARY SERVICES**

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

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Darwin  
City  
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# TOP 50

adult fiction books

Most borrowed  
2009  
books

## Casuarina Library

17 Bradshaw Tce, Casuarina  
Ph 8930 0200

Monday to Friday 9am – 5.45pm  
Wednesday 9am – 7.30pm  
Saturday 9am – 12noon  
Sunday 1pm – 4pm

## City Library

Civic Centre, Harry Chan Ave  
Ph 8930 0230

Monday to Friday 9am – 5.30pm  
Saturday 9am – 12noon

## Karama Library

Kalymnos Drive, Karama  
Ph 8927 2505

Monday to Thursday 10am – 5.30pm  
Friday 1pm – 5.30pm  
Saturday 9am – 12noon

## Nightcliff Library

Pavonia Place, Nightcliff  
Ph 8985 1461

Monday to Thursday 10am – 5.30pm  
Friday 1pm – 5.30pm  
Saturday 9am – 12noon

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## AUTHOR

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- 1 Born in Fire Nora Roberts
- 2 Bones to Ashes Kathy Reichs
- 3 The Islands Di Morrissey
- 4 Plum Spooky Janet Evanovich
- 5 Run for your Life James Patterson & Michael Ledwidge
- 6 Gone Tomorrow Lee Child
- 7 Cross Country : A Novel James Patterson
- 8 The Pagan Stone Nora Roberts
- 9 The Bodies Left Behind Jeffery Deaver
- 10 Devil Bones Kathy Reichs
- 11 The Associate John Grisham
- 12 Sail James Patterson
- 13 8th Confession James Patterson with Maxine Paetro
- 14 Handle with Care Jodi Picoult
- 15 The Road Cormac McCarthy
- 16 The Brass Verdict Michael Connelly
- 17 Bones : an Alex Delaware Novel Jonathan Kellerman
- 18 True Detectives Jonathan Kellerman
- 19 The Valley Di Morrissey
- 20 Monsoon Di Morrissey
- 21 7th Heaven James Patterson with Maxine Paetro
- 22 Divine Justice David Baldacci
- 23 Swimsuit James Patterson & Maxine Paetro
- 24 Keeping the Dead Tess Gerritsen
- 25 Your Heart Belongs to Me Dean Koontz
- 26 Vision in White Nora Roberts
- 27 The Scarecrow Michael Connelly
- 28 The Unbearable Lightness of Scories Alexander McCall Smith
- 29 6th Target James Patterson & Maxine Paetro
- 30 Double Cross James Patterson
- 31 The Six Sacred Stones Matthew Reilly
- 32 Breath Tim Winton
- 33 Lethal Legacy Linda Fairstein
- 34 Brute Force Andy McNab
- 35 The Tenth Circle Jodi Picoult
- 36 Trace Patricia Cornwell
- 37 You've Been Warned James Patterson & Howard Roughan
- 38 The Witch of Portobello Paulo Coelho
- 39 The Business Martina Cole
- 40 The Memory Keeper's Daughter Kim Edwards
- 41 The Build Up Philip Gwynne
- 42 Nothing to Lose Lee Child
- 43 At Risk Patricia Cornwell
- 44 Book of the Dead Patricia Cornwell
- 45 Corsair : a Novel from the Oregon Files Clive Cussler with Jack du Brul
- 46 Fearless Fourteen Janet Evanovich
- 47 T is for Trespass\* Sue Grafton
- 48 The Appeal John Grisham
- 49 Finger Lickin' Fifteen Janet Evanovich
- 50 The Secret Life of Bees Sue Monk Kidd

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**SNAKES ALIVE:** Malakye Pinto, 7, meets his first python while Andrea Mackay, 19, gets up close and personal — under the watchful eye of “master of disaster” Craig West. Pictures: KATRINA BRIDGEFORD



## Reptiles take hold in name of learning

By EMMA SMITH

CASUARINA Library had some visitors of a different sort this week.

There was definitely no whispering in the place when some reptiles popped in to say g'day.

The “master of disaster” crocodile man Craig West, brought some of his scaly friends along for a special show and tell.

The kids squealed in delight as they were shown bearded dragons, a blue tongue lizard, shingleback lizard, and a goanna.

Nothing drew more gasps both

from the kids and parents than when the snakes came out to play.

Mr West has been doing his show for more than a year now and clearly has a passion for reptiles.

“It’s great to be able to do something that I love,” he said.

“The kids love it too — their faces light up and they learn so much.”

Volunteers from the audience were chosen to help out — Library staff member Andrea Mackay, 19, was blindfolded and handed a 3.5m python. “Holy Dooley, that was crazy!” she said shakily.

All of the kids — providing they were brave enough — got a chance to touch the reptiles.

Malakye Pinto, 7, of Bayview held the enormous python. “I wasn’t that scared but I was breathing very fast,” he said.

“It was very heavy.”

Clare Warthould, 11, of Stuart Park, was delighted to get up-close and personal with a bearded dragon.

“Reptiles are very silly, scary but really awesome and cool,” she said.

Mr West and his friends will be at the City Library today.

*Cooking understanding*

Thursday N.T. NEWS 14/1/2010.

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**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL**

DATE: 02/02/2010

**REPORT****TO:** COMMUNITY & CULTURAL  
SERVICES COMMITTEE/OPEN A**APPROVED:** KH**FROM:** A/GENERAL MANAGER  
COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES**APPROVED:** KC**REPORT NO:** 10P0002 KC:md**COMMON NO:** 1732519**SUBJECT: LIBRARIES BOMBING OF DARWIN COLLECTION****ITEM NO: 9.4****SYNOPSIS:**

This report provides an overview of the items held at the Darwin City Council Libraries relating to the Bombing of Darwin, with a view to develop a local history collection at the City Library. It also details the events to be held at the City Library to commemorate the Bombing of Darwin in 2010.

**GENERAL:****Previous Decision 20\2163 (27/10/09)**

That a report be prepared giving consideration to the enhancement of Darwin City's Library collection in respect to the bombing of Darwin.

**REPORT****Background**

The Library is in a particularly good situation regarding the collection held on the Bombing of Darwin in that they hold a majority of the titles published. Some of these form part of the current NT collection, which aims to provide resources on the cultural, historical, recreational and physical nature of the Northern Territory. Currently there is no institution within Darwin that hold a centralised collection on the subject, or any other significant event in Darwin's history. Public libraries generally hold some form of a Local History collection, so the library has an opportunity to investigate starting such a collection that would be unique to Darwin.

**Current Collections at Darwin City Council Libraries**

The library holds a wide variety of collections which meet customers' information, recreational and self-education needs and interests

<http://www.darwin.nt.gov.au/documents/LibrariesRevisedCollectionDevelopment.pdf>

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This includes material in a variety of formats, including books, audio-visual and electronic resources such as databases. There are a significant number of books on all major wars, including World War II and particularly the Bombing of Darwin, at all libraries. A full list of titles held by the Library attributed to the Bombing of Darwin is included in Appendix 1.

### **Special Collections**

Special collections form an important part of the library's overall collection. These include a Northern Territory (NT), Aboriginal (AB), Motor Manuals, Parenting, Council publications, Young Territory Authors (YTA), Lord Mayor's and Classic collections. All of these aim to address a specific area of interest and importance, and some are unique to libraries in Darwin.

The NT collection at each library houses material relevant to the Northern Territory in a variety of formats and content. These include biographies, reports, occasional papers, DVDs and material of a more general nature. Included in this collection are titles on *Cyclone Tracy* and the *Bombing of Darwin*, with other titles on these subjects also included in the general non-fiction collection. These are available for loan by library members.

### **NTL Library Collections**

The Northern Territory Library (NTL) has collections of non-fiction material in both book and audio-visual materials. These collections include government publications, newspapers and a reference collection. NTL also house aerial photographs, map collections, manuscript collections and a special collections.

The special collections at NTL comprise of the Thea Schmitz collection of rare and valuable books, including William Bligh's *A voyage to the South Seas*, and the Lou Marks collection comprising reports of various origins. NTL also has a variety of online resources which includes *Australia's Northern Territory WW11*. This online exhibition showcases some of the Library's rich holdings relating to the devastation and destruction inflicted on the Northern Territory during the Second World War, especially during the Bombing of Darwin in 1942. NTL do not, however, hold a collection of hardcopy items for the public to access.

### **Bombing of Darwin**

Apart from the titles outlined in Appendix 1 Council hold other material on the Bombing of Darwin as outlined in Appendix 2. These include photographs, commemorative publications, souvenir programs, maps, articles and stories written about the bombing. These have not been accessible to the public for some time, if at all and are currently stored in boxes away from the main library for preservation.

Currently all titles held by the library are interspersed between the NT Collection at Casuarina Library and the general non-fiction collection at each of the libraries. Combining all titles held, and items not catalogued, the library has a significant range of material on the subject in various formats. It can be difficult to locate these items both for staff and customers alike due to varying shelving locations and cataloguing terms used by library staff.

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The library holds all the titles currently produced on the event, with:

- 22 non-fiction
- 2 fiction
- 2 DVD
- 6 Video
- 2 Spoken Word

Some of these items are not in ideal condition, and so have been separated from the main collections in order to preserve them longer. Preservation of these items is important as they are very old, some dating as far back as 1947, and therefore almost impossible to replace. Their significance, however, to the event means they need to be retained but with limited exposure to conditions that may cause further damage. Currently items in precarious condition are isolated and therefore not accessible to the general public, which lessens their value.

Combining all titles held from the four libraries into one single collection would allow greater and easier access to the public and enhance the library's overall collections. Including all other documentation, photographs and materials held by Council into one specialised collection could be beneficial to members of the library and other interested people, such as visitors to Darwin.

#### **Including new items**

The Library holds a thorough compilation of titles on the event. The only other title produced since Peter Grose's *An awkward truth* in early 2009 is *Darwin's battle for Australia* by Rex Ruwoldt, a reprint of a 2005 edition held by the library which includes a DVD. The library has this latest title on order. A search on Libraries Australia, the library catalogue (Virtua) and search engines failed to locate any other titles not already held in the library's collection.

Photographs on the event held by Council are not currently housed in any way that would ensure their long-term preservation, simply loosely placed in plastic containers. These are rare and invaluable and would be difficult, if not impossible, to replace if lost or damaged. An option to preserve these photographs would be to have them digitised and the originals securely stored where they are less prone to the elements. This is particularly relevant to Darwin with its high humidity likely to cause greater damage to photographs than would be the case in southern states. Digitised photographs can then be catalogued and would allow them to be searched on the online catalogue the same as any other item, and would be available for patrons to print subject to any copyright.

Whilst the library currently holds a good collection of materials on the Bombing of Darwin there is likely a greater range of materials in the public domain that could be included. It would take a call to the public to contribute papers, photographs or any other memorabilia to enhance the collection. This could include seeking donations of books in order to replace some of the titles in disrepair or tarnished by environmental conditions which may be difficult to replace through usual suppliers and publishers.

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## Displaying

Major libraries such as Port Adelaide

<http://www.portenf.sa.gov.au/site/page.cfm?u=328>, Norwood

<http://www.npsp.sa.gov.au/site/page.cfm?u=287#e298> and Onkaparinga

[http://www.onkaparingacity.com/libraries/localstudies/about\\_collection.shtml](http://www.onkaparingacity.com/libraries/localstudies/about_collection.shtml) in

South Australia, and Wollongong

<http://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/library/localhistory.asp>

& Penrith <http://photosau.com/penrith/scripts/home.asp> in NSW have a local history section which include all items pertaining to their local area. These local history sections are usually housed in separate secured rooms within the main library and only accessible via keys held by library staff, or at times with a library staff member in attendance.

Many libraries have digitised their local history photographs which allows anyone to search by locality, event, date, or even by photographer and title. The NTL have a digitising machine and, upon previous consultation, would be approachable to offer this service to the library. Any costs associated would need to be considered and budgeted for.

Libraries in country areas such as Berri [http://berrilibrary.info/special\\_collections.htm](http://berrilibrary.info/special_collections.htm) in the Riverland of South Australia, with a population covering no more than 11,000 residents <http://www.berribarmera.sa.gov.au/site/page.cfm?u=143>, have a separate well stocked local history room with access to Family History data on CD-ROM. Included in this room is a locked glass cabinet with photographs, original & copied articles and stories, and books on the local region. This is only accessible to members of the library via keys held by library staff. Some originals, due to their uniqueness, are retained by the owners or stored for long term preservation. Copies are made of these so the public can still have access.

Displaying the Bombing of Darwin collection in the City Library will need careful planning. With no allocated space for further special collections, particularly due to recent reorganising of shelving and furniture, there is not a lot of spare space in the library available. There is however a glass cabinet used for displays that would be ideal for housing material. This cabinet is lockable for security and on wheels, so movable to any part of the library. This is similar to how other libraries previously mentioned house their rare and important material, though not usually movable, to preserve from the elements whilst maintaining access to the public.

As with most other libraries and their local history collections access to the public would require careful consideration, such as having certain items available for loan to members and other elements of the collection for library use only. Incidental items such as articles, brochures, programs, if retained as part of the collection, would require separate housing and consideration for how they can be accessed and used by the public. Most public libraries with local history collections utilise filing cabinets or the like to store these types of material, in alphabetical order by event or topic, so the public can access and use only within the library. In most cases these are copies of the originals so if there is any damage to the item or they go missing the originals are safely stored for posterity and to be copied again as necessary.



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The glass cabinet could house photographs, books and DVDs to prevent over handling and have them maintained in a secure environment to prevent theft or mis-shelving, and presenting a unique permanent display of items relevant to the Bombing of Darwin. The impact this would then have on rotating displays in the City Library would need to be considered as the cabinet is used by community groups and the library for various promotions. The Manager of the City Library, has expressed a willingness to use the glass cabinet as a permanent display for this special collection.

The libraries currently have several special collections as previously outlined. A special Bombing of Darwin collection could be included in the City Library similar to these so all it includes is a collection of books and audio-visual material held by the libraries. A suitable shelving location has been investigated though further consultation with the City Library Manager is required as the City Library has just completed a reconfiguration of their shelving. Consideration would need to be given to appropriate signage so the public are directed to the collection. As the library has several posters relating to the event these could be utilised for promotional purposes.

#### **Local History collection**

There have not been many significant events in Darwin's history, compared to some other major cities or regions, and this could be one explanation of no local history collection held in either the Library or NTL. The only truly significant events have been the Bombing of Darwin, Cyclone Tracy in 1974 and the arrival of the Ghan after connecting the Alice Springs and Darwin rail lines in 2004. The Library holds information, stories, photographs and books on these events, currently housed in the NT Collections. NTL does not hold a Darwin Local History collection as they deal more with the Northern Territory as a whole.

Darwin is rare in that it does not have a Local History collection for the city and surrounds like most major libraries across Australia. Whilst the bombing is a major event in itself, not only for Darwin but for Australia, incorporating Cyclone Tracy and the Ghan could give significant expansion to any collection and be a starting point for a Local History Centre within the library.

#### **Bombing of Darwin Museum (planned)**

The planned Bombing of Darwin, or *Defence of Darwin museum* planned for construction at East Point, would need to be taken into consideration. Libraries hold items that are usually available for loan to its members or at least for in-library use whereas museums display items for interest purposes. Depending on the nature of any special collection the library holds on the Bombing of Darwin, consideration would need to be given to how the planned museum would impact this collection. Questions would arise as to the future of photos and stories on the event the Council and Library holds, dependant on the nature of any special collection. Books and audio-visual would remain in the library regardless as this is their role.

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### **68th Anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin**

The City Library is again featuring a display on the Bombing of Darwin at the library. This has become a regular event on the library calendar and this year will be expanded to include a display in the theatrette. On the 16th February from 10.30am to 11.30am, Ray Chin OAM, will give a public talk about being in Darwin during the bombing then answer questions, with morning tea to follow. This will provide an opportunity to highlight the libraries' collection of books on the Bombing of Darwin.

### **Conclusion**

The Library holds a thorough collection of books and audio-visual titles on the Bombing of Darwin. These are mainly held in the Casuarina and City Libraries. These are interspersed in several shelving locations depending on how they are catalogued, and so do not receive the prominence they deserve. The Libraries hold the most up-to-date publications on the event so there are no additional titles to include. The Bombing of Darwin is a major event not only for Darwin but nationally, and also has strong international relevance. Having a special collection of these titles would clearly enhance the Library's already strong collection.

The inclusion of this special collection will further enhance an already strong collection of NT and Darwin specific titles held by the Library and help to promote the Council as an advocate of Darwin's history. The Library plays an important role in this and will continue to do so, in providing collections relevant to the community's needs and interests.

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<http://www.berribarmera.sa.gov.au/site/page.cfm?u=143>

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

### **STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:**

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

**Goal** Enhance Darwin's active, positive and flexible lifestyle  
**Outcome** Increase recreational, leisure and heritage experiences

#### **Key Strategies**

2.2.1 Enhance library facilities

**Goal** Enhance Darwin's active, positive and flexible lifestyle

**Outcome** Promote family friendly & healthy activities

#### **Key Strategies**

2.3.3 Provide facilities and programs which encourage healthy lifestyle choices

**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

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil



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**DELEGATION:**

Nil

**CONSULTATION:**

Manager Library Services  
 City Library Manager

**PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:**

Nil

**APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE**

Nil

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

THAT it be a recommendation to Council that Report Number 10P0002 entitled, Libraries Bombing of Darwin Collection, be received and noted.

**WARREN WINSHIP**  
**COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT &**  
**ADULT SERVICES LIBRARIAN**

**KATIE HEARN**  
**A/GENERAL MANAGER**  
**COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES**

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## APPENDIX 1 Bombing of Darwin Titles

### Books held by DCC Libraries

Alcorta, Frank. ***Australia's frontline: the Northern Territory's war*** (1991).  
 NT 940.5429 ALC

Bradford, John. ***In the highest traditions...RAN heroism Darwin 19 February 1942*** (2000).  
 NT940.5394 BRAD

Brown, Ron. ***Darwin dilemmas*** (1992).  
 NT 940.5394 BRO

Calley, Graham. ***Fighter sector: control of Australia's air war 1942-45*** (1998).  
 NT 940.544994 CALL

Colligan, Mimi. ***Australians under fire 1942*** (1991).  
 940.541 COLL

Forrest, Peter. ***Federation frontline: a people's history of World War 11 in the Northern Territory*** (2001).  
 NT 940.5429 FORR

Grant, Jim. ***Spitfires over Darwin 1943*** (1995).  
 940.54994 GRAN

Griffiths, Owen. ***Darwin drama*** (c. 1947).  
 940.5394 GRI

Grose, Peter. ***An awkward truth: the bombing of Darwin February 1942*** (2009).  
 940.5426 GROS

Hall, Timothy. ***Darwin 1942: Australia's darkest hour*** (1989).  
 940.5426 HALL

Lewis, Tom. ***A war at home: a comprehensive guide to the first Japanese attacks on Darwin*** (1999).  
 940.54 LEW

Lockwood, Douglas. ***Australia under attack: the bombing of Darwin 1942*** (2005).  
 940.5426 LOCK

Lockwood, Douglas. ***Australia's Pearl Harbour*** (1992).  
 NT 940.5394 LOC

Mulholland, Jack. ***Darwin bombed*** (2006).  
 940.5481 MULH

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Penglase, Joanna. ***When the war came to Australia*** (1992).  
 940.548194 WHEN

Rayner, Robert J. ***Darwin and Northern Territory Force*** (2001).  
 NT 940.544 RAYN  
 Thompson, Peter. ***Pacific fury*** (2008).  
 940.5426 THOM

Vane, Dr Armoury. ***North Australia Observer Unit: unity history of an army surveillance regiment*** (2000).  
 940.541294 VANE

***Darwin and the Northern Territory: 1942-1945*** (2002)  
 NT 940.5429 DARW

***The navy in Darwin 1941-1943: a graphic record from a sailor's sketchbooks***  
 (1992).  
 NT 940.5429 FOR

***Signs of history: a photographic collection of World War II historic sites signs in the Northern Territory, 1992*** (1992).  
 NT 940.5429 SIGN

***The Territory at war: memories of the men and women of Australia's armed forces who played a vital role in Australia's defence during World War II*** (1995).  
 NT 940.5429 TER

#### Fiction Titles

James, Albert. ***No stamp available*** (2007).  
 F JAME

Keneally, Thomas. ***An angel in Australia*** (n.d)  
 F KENE

#### Audio-Visual held by DCC Libraries

***1942: the bombing of Darwin*** (2007).  
 DVD 940.5426 NINE

***1942: the bombing of Darwin*** (1998).  
 NT VID 940.5426 NINE

***Australia*** (movie)  
 DVD AUST

***The battle of Australia*** (1991).  
 NT VID 940.54292 BATT

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***Frontline Federations: a commemoration of the Bombing of Darwin*** (2001).  
 SW 940.5429 FEDE

***The tattered flag*** (2002).  
 CD 940.5426 TATT

***The Territory at war*** (1992).  
 SW 994.29042 FOR

***When the war came to Australia*** (2002).  
 DVD 940.5481 WHEN

#### **Other material held by Darwin City Council**

***Anniversary of bombing of Darwin 2001*** (video) – several copies

***Bombing of Darwin: 19 February 1942*** (video)

***Fortress Darwin*** (video) – several copies

***Northern attack: 19 February 1942*** (video)

#### **APPENDIX 2      Electronic link**

*Bombing of Darwin* miscellaneous items

<J:\COLLECTION\Bombing of darwin\Bombing Darwin.xls>

ENCL: YES

**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL****DATE:** 22/01/2010**REPORT****TO:** COMMUNITY & CULTURAL  
SERVICES/OPEN A**APPROVED:** JB**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &  
CULTURAL SERVICES**APPROVED:** KH**REPORT NO:** 10C0003 KL:es**APPROVED:** KL**COMMON NO:** 1717201**SUBJECT:** YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP MINUTES 4 NOVEMBER 2009 AND  
APPOINTMENT NEW MEMBER**ITEM NO: 9.5****SYNOPSIS:**

Minutes of the Youth Advisory Group (YAG) meeting held on the 04<sup>th</sup> November, 2009 are presented for Council's consideration. This report provides a summary of YAG's meeting with members of Council's Dili Sister City Committee, Council's Communications and Marketing Team and Susan Wills from Planet Savers Australia.

**GENERAL:****PREVIOUS DECISION NO. 19/1648 (15/06/05)**

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:**

The November meeting for YAG welcomed Matthew Haubrick, a potential new member of YAG.

Further discussion was held with representatives from the Council's Dili Sister City Committee, with a proposal to concentrate on providing internet for students at Fundasaun Hafoun Rai Timor (FHRT) in 2010 as a first step in establishing a cooperative link with YAG. The costs associated with installing internet in East Timor are quite high and further investigation is needed to find and identify the best options for the school's needs.

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YAG met with Susan Wills from Planet Savers Australia, who outlined the work they are doing with young people around Australia to raise awareness of climate change, and action they can take to address it. YAG expressed common concern for climate change and requested that more information regarding upcoming events and rallies be provided in 2010.

Finally YAG thanked Callum Poole, Youth Services Trainee, for all his work throughout the year. YAG particularly noted Callum's fantastic work in producing high quality posters, agendas and images for Youth Services. YAG wished Callum all the best for 2010 and hoped that his involvement with YAG could continue where appropriate.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no financial implications pertaining 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':-

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## **5 FACILITATE AND MAINTAIN A COHESIVE COMMUNITY**

### **5.1 Facilitate community access and inclusion**

#### **Key Strategies:**

5.1.4 Encourage and recognise volunteers

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The Youth Advisory Group (YAG) is an advisory committee established under Section 54 of the NT Local Government Act 2008.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Not relevant to this report.

### **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

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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

**DELEGATION:**

Matters contained within this report are not recommended for delegation.

**CONSULTATION:**

Youth Advisory Group membership

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 10C0003 KL:es entitled Youth Advisory Group Minutes 4 November 2009 and Appointment of New Member, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council appoint Matthew Haubrick as a member of the Youth Advisory Group (YAG) for a 3 year term from 30 November 2009 to 29 April 2012 in accordance with Section 54 of the NT Local Government Act 2008.

**KIN LEONG**  
**YOUTH SERVICES OFFICER**

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

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**MINUTES OF THE DARWIN CITY COUNCIL  
YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP (YAG) MEETING  
HELD WEDNESDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2009**

**Chair:** Jacqui Wilcocks

**Minutes:** Chantelle Dobunaba

**1. PRESENT**

Chantelle Dobunaba

Declan Coffey

Liam Parry-Mills

Caitlin Buralli

Casper Tucker

Zenia Xie

Mikki Borton

Matthew Haubrick

Susan Wills

Kin Leong DCC

Callum Poole DCC

Ald. Jo Sangster DCC

Ald. John Bailey DCC

**2. APOLOGIES**

Shannon Hee, Shana Stringer and Candy Wang

**3. SPECIAL GUESTS**

**3.1 Ald John Bailey**

Reported back on his recent trip to East Timor and is investigating the possibility of YAG fundraising to connect FHRT to the internet. Potential costs start at around USD600 for initial set-up and connection with at least USD300 per month to provide a slow speed unlimited account.

Further research will be undertaken during December and January and YAG will begin to organise fundraising activities in February.

**3.2 Peter Moller – Communications & Marketing Officer**

Brief presentation of draft Darwin City Council new website. YAG will be able to trial the new version before it goes live to the public.

**3.3 Susan Wills – Planet Savers Australia**

Informed YAG about a conference they will be holding in Darwin in 2010 and extended an invitation to YAG members to attend. Susan would like to raise awareness through groups, such as YAG, of climate change and actions different people are taking in combating it.

YAG requested that Planet Savers keep them informed of future actions and events.



4. **GRIND\_online**

Kin and Callum presented the GRIND website, with particular emphasis on the section set aside for YAG. Feedback was extremely positive with YAG committing to place more information on the website.

Profile photos for the website were taken at the close of the meeting.

5. **END OF YEAR PARTY**

Jacqui, Zenia, Mikki, Chantelle, Caitlin and Declan confirmed that they will attend the End of Year Party at ZONE 3.

6. **COUNCIL UPDATE**

***School Holiday Program***

***VODS & PODS***

Youth Services will present a series of free workshops for young people at Casuarina Library in producing and publishing vod and podcasts. Posters and flyers will be provided for YAG for distribution.

The workshop will be held on January 11, 12 and 13 from 11am until 2pm.

***YEP***

A progress report will be tabled for Council in November.

***National Youth Week 2010***

A funding application was submitted to the Office of Youth Affairs to run a concert in partnership with Corrugated Iron Youth Arts. Kin will form a working group/project team in early February to organise the event.

7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

**7.1 Recruitment for 2010**

**ACTION:** THAT Matthew Haubrick be nominated as a member of the Youth Advisory Group (YAG) for a three year term.

**Moved:** Caitlin Buralli

**Seconded:** Mikki Borton

**Carried**

**7.2 Callum's last meeting**

YAG thanked Callum for all his excellent work with YAG and Youth Services in 2009.

8. **MEETING CLOSED 7:00PM**

Next meeting 10 February 2010

ENCL: YES

**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL****DATE:** 22/01/2010**REPORT****TO:** COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES  
COMMITTEE/OPEN A**APPROVED:** JB**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &  
CULTURAL SERVICES**APPROVED:** KH**REPORT NO:** 10C0005 NM:es**APPROVED:** NM**COMMON NO:** 1707493**SUBJECT:** SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION FROM SCREEN ARTS FOR FIST FULL  
OF FILMS 2010 FESTIVAL**ITEM NO: 9.6****SYNOPSIS:**

Screen Arts (based in Nightcliff, Darwin) has applied to Council for sponsorship to deliver Fist Full of Films 2010, the Territory's only annual short film competition. The festival intends to expand its activities and reach significantly in 2010.

This report provides information about the project and a recommendation in relation to the sponsorship request.

**GENERAL:**

Fist Full of Films was established in 1999 and is the Territory's only annual short film competition.

Darwin City Council provided funding of \$3,000.00 to Fist Full of Films through the 1<sup>st</sup> round of its 2008/2009 Community Grant Program for neighbourhood screenings of films in Darwin's suburbs.

In 2009, Fist Full of Films re-evaluated its direction with the aim to position itself as a nationally significant festival in 2010. Therefore, rather than holding a competition in 2009, Fist Full of Films celebrated a decade of achievements with a retrospective screening of short films from 1999-2008 at the Deckchair Cinema.

Fist Full of Films is now a project of Screen Arts and intends to expand to a four day festival to be held in June 2010 incorporating workshops and other professional development opportunities for local screen artists. Although a Territory wide festival, Screen Arts aims to position the Fist Full of Films event as a destination for Australian filmmakers nationally, building on the reputation that the Territory is gaining as a filming location following the success of recent films that were filmed in the Territory including *Samson and Delilah*, *Balibo* and *Australia*. By basing the Fist

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Full of Films event in Civic Park, Darwin, Screen Arts intends to market Darwin as a destination for Australian filmmakers.

Screen Arts has requested sponsorship of \$20,000 from Darwin City Council for the Fist Full of Films project, from a projected budget of \$104,500.

#### EVALUATION AGAINST KEY CRITERIA FROM POLICY

CRITERIA	COMMENT
Generally excluded: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conference</li> <li>• Individual</li> <li>• Record attempt</li> <li>• Fundraiser</li> </ul>	N/A
Local/National /International	National
Contribution to identity of City	Medium
Contribution to Economic Growth	Low
Promotes Community Participation	High
Sector – Business/Industry/economic/social/sporting/environmental/cultural/educational	Cultural/Business
Branding and profile raising opportunities	Medium
Leverage via media or advertising	High
Leverage through attendance/staging/display/Or complementary event	Medium
Sponsorship benefits	Medium
Audience reach	Medium
Consistency with Council's core business or Action Plan objectives	High
Capacity to deliver long term benefits	Medium
Organisational capacity to deliver event	High
Budget provided	Yes

It is recognised that the Fist Full of Films 2010 festival, which aims to build upon the successes of previous Fist Full of Films events, has the ability to position itself as a major national film festival providing professional development opportunities to local screen artists. The provision of sponsorship to Fist Full of Films 2010 may be seen as a seed funding venture for an event which has the potential to build capacity and commercial benefit. It is recommended that Council provide sponsorship to the value of \$10,000.00 plus in-kind support to the value of \$5,000.00 for Fist Full of Films 2010 using budget currently available for Arts projects and events.

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### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Currently there are no funds available in Council's sponsorship budget.

A budget established for Arts projects and events currently has capacity to meet this sponsorship request (Budget No. 05/221004/300/320).

### **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**

5.2 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

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil pertaining to this report.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil pertaining to this report.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

As a major sponsor of Fist Full of Films 2010, Council would be acknowledged in all promotional material relating to the event.

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

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:**

As a hirer of Civic Park, Screen Arts is required to abide by Occupational Health and Safety standards and carry its own Public Liability insurance.

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**DELEGATION:**

A Council decision is required.

**CONSULTATION:**

Dixi Joy Bankier, Fist Full of Films Coordinator  
 Alice Rae, DCC Arts and Cultural Development Officer

**PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:**

Nil.

**APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE**

As a major sponsor of Fist Full of Films 2010, Council's logo would be included in all printed material relating to the event.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

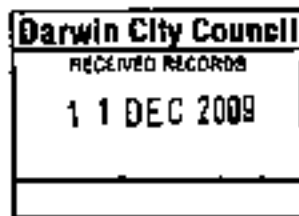
THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 10C0005 NM:es entitled Sponsorship Application for Fist Full Of Films 2010 Festival, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council sponsor Fist Full of Films 2010 to the amount of \$10,000 plus \$5,000 in-kind support from the Arts events and activities budget number 05/221004/300/320.

**NANCY MCCANN**  
**COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICER**

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

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**Darwin City Council  
Sponsorship Proposal  
10 December 2009**



**1999 – 2009**

Celebrating a decade of nurturing and supporting screen culture in the Northern Territory

## **Fist Full of Films Festival 2010**

**SCREEN ARTS presents. . .**

**FFoFF 2010**

**3 – 6 June**

**Civic Park & Browns Mart  
Darwin City**

**Four evenings of Territory made films screening in Civic Park  
in conjunction with the NT Screen Expo and the FESTIVAL Club at Browns Mart.**

We would like to invite Darwin City Council to partner with SCREEN ARTS to assist in delivery of the 11<sup>th</sup> Fist Full of Films Festival. The revitalised and inclusive festival and program encompasses business, industry, economic, social and cultural development. Events that will inform and promote, showcase and celebrate the Territory's creative potential and screen culture.

### **Background**

Fist Full of Films Festival (FFoFF) is the Territory's only annual short film competition, ensuing film festival and awards ceremony. For a decade FFoFF has stimulated filmmaking in the NT and taken those films to audiences across the Territory. During 2009 we consulted with our stakeholders and our much expanded festival is in response to stakeholder suggestions and recommendations.

This new decade sees FFoFF become a project of SCREEN ARTS – Territory Multimedia Resource Centre, the restructured Fist Full of Films organisation. SCREEN ARTS is the NT's federally recognised Screen Resource Organisation taking on a much stronger role in developing our screen industry from grass roots to professional levels. This also includes the development of the arts, digital, multimedia and creative sectors that contribute to filmmaking and/or produce work for screens. FFoFF Darwin is our major event of the year and in June 2010 we will hold our much expanded 11<sup>th</sup> annual film festival.

FFoFF 2010 is a profile raising opportunity for SCREEN ARTS the screen resource organisation and its new focus on industry development assisting to expand our potential members, networks, partners and sponsor fields. FFoFF 2010 encompasses the groundwork needed to begin incubating the collaborations, partnerships and services that are essential to cohesively develop the screen, allied arts and creative industries, in turn initiating our creative economy's growth.

This first industry focused festival provides a time, place and events for NT and National screen related individuals, educators, companies and organisations to communicate and network with each other. A profile raising opportunity for our burgeoning but little known screen industry; and the beginning of the NT's inclusion in the national screen industry.

#### **DCC Sponsorship**

We request \$20,000 seedling sponsorship with a view to DCC continuing sponsorship of FFOFF as it develops into an annual national screen calendar event. The FFOFF 2010 budget is \$104,000 and DCC's support is in partnership with the NT Government and Screen Australia.

DCC may also wish to sponsor a film award - category prize. DCC can initiate its own award - for example, the best film depicting Darwin or its identity. The award initiative will be marketed to filmmakers to stimulate entries. Our judging panel selects the award winning film. Our standard award value is \$500, the winner receives a cash prize. "The Darwin City Council DARWIN Award"

Darwin City Council as a partner of FFOFF 2010 will be seen as supporter of the screen and allied arts and creative industries in the NT. DCC will be a contributor to Territory screen culture enabling Darwin audiences to access our stories on the big screen and get involved in their own screen culture. DCC support will also benefit the development of our screen industry from emerging to professional levels.

We also request in-kind support in the use of Civic Park as our screening venue, details of this in-kind support appears later in this document.

#### **FFoFFs contribution to the identity of the City**

This first creative industry focused festival to be held in the Northern Territory will establish Darwin as the creative hub of the Territory. SCREEN ARTS focus is to promote the Territory's screen and allied arts and creative industries within the NT, nationally and internationally. This will also promote Darwin as a filming location, highlighting its production facilities and vibrant screen craft practitioners.

Whilst we have staged 10 successful previous film festivals they were positioned in the programs of Darwin Fringe Festival or the Darwin Festival within a glut of entertainment options, too few people accessed FFOFF and our home-grown films. 2010 sees FFOFF establish itself as a festival in its own right and its new time of the first weekend in June each year. The new location also allows for expanded audiences and screen culture events to take place.

FFoFF 2010 will include a four night all Territory content screen program including the Galah Awards for our short film competition. This 11<sup>th</sup> annual FFOFF is the first to be open to the general public, all screenings in Civic Park and activities in Browns Mart are free of charge to enable a wider audiences and the emerging and allied industry to access Territory made screen works and their home grown screen culture. We expect over 2000 people to attend the screenings and programmed events.

Our film festival only screens Territory made works, they represent a slice of the Territory's issues, topical affairs, landscapes, lifestyle and evolving character. They truly capture the Territory's identity, culture and our unique northern nature. Many of the films feature Darwin as a location and reveal its idiosyncrasies and distinctiveness. They are our stories up on the big screen.

Screens impact nearly every part of our lives and can be accessed almost everywhere, in our homes cars, workplace and in our hands. Screens are used in business, recreation, communication, education, entertainment and for information. The screen industry and screen culture is not just films it is every application that uses screens and every screen viewing platform.

To meet the demands of the ever hungry screen content market and ever changing technology the Northern Territory must cultivate its screen industry to provide content and keep pace with the rest of Australia and the world. Above all, Territorians should have the opportunity to make our screen stories and take them to the world. Territorians should have the opportunity to create their own screen culture.

The benefits to the Territory's social and cultural economy are intangible. That said the making of our stories and providing access to our stories greatly contributes to identifying ourselves and the place we choose to live within the fabric of the Australian society. Above all, our films expose and preserve the Territory's diverse cultures.

Before and after our screen program the FESTIVAL Club in the Browns Mart courtyard will provide a venue for eating, drinking and socialising, an activity essential for our industry to network and connect. Our MC and guest reviewers will stimulate discussion and debate surrounding our films and screen culture. This is the first time audiences will be able to contribute to their own screen culture.

The NT Screen Expo, in the Browns Mart courtyard and theatre will bring National screen related organisations and services to Darwin, many for the first time, to get to know their northern stakeholders and for their stakeholders to get to know them. Our southern visitors will be exposed to the city and it's most innovative and creative people.

The Expo will also allow the NT's screen, creative and arts related organisations and industry participants to promote, inform, exchange and connect with their stakeholders and customers. The Forum and Session program will provide Territorians access to information and potential collaborators to further their careers, business or interest in screen work.

Attendance and participation in the Expo is free of charge. All costs to attend the Expo and festival are at the participant's expense. FfoFF provides the venue and facilities. This allows for the smallest of businesses and not for profits to participate along side larger businesses, in keeping with the FfoFF's inclusiveness.

Building on Darwin Festivals use of Civic Park as the outdoor entertainment area, the parklands will again become a festival site, further establishing the site as an outdoor entertainment venue in the CBD. Using Browns Mart to its full potential during the festival will marry the parklands and historic precinct with a festival. (The SCREEN ARTS / FfoFF office is currently housed in the Browns Mart complex.) FfoFF 2010 will bring participants and audiences - estimated at 2000+, to the CBD and feature the historical precinct, parklands and access to the Waterfront by the new covered walk link.

#### **FfoFF's contribution to the economic growth of Darwin and the Creative Industries.**

The main goal of FfoFF 2010 is to bring together all screen related sectors of the creative industries to connect, network and communicate. FfoFF 2010 will begin to identify and unite the industry, assisting SCREEN ARTS to incubate the collaborations, partnerships and services that are essential to coalesce and cohesively develop the screen, allied arts and creative industry.

SCREEN ARTS Business Plan 2009 – 2012 has numerous strategies to promote the screen and allied industries, secure and create employment opportunities and initiate creative economy growth. FfoFF 2010 is integral to the groundwork and networks required to evolve the industry and the economy as per our strategies.

Darwin's creative industries are broadly untapped, underdeveloped and virtually unknown, here and nationally. FfoFF 2010 will recognise, identify, unite and strengthen the Territory's arts/creative/screen industries – the estimate of 7% of Territorians who work across the creative sectors as sole traders and small to medium enterprises. Their current contribution to the Territory's economy is estimated at \$150,000,000+.

The Expo component of the festival will assist individuals, businesses, suppliers and organisations promote themselves and services locally, which in turn provides opportunity for growth and economic returns.

Whilst FfoFF 2010 will make inroads to developing the Territory's creative economy the tangible economic benefits will present themselves in future years. The feedback and outcomes from FfoFF 2010 will go towards directing the program for FfoFF 2011 and augment SCREEN ARTS strategies for industry development.



Inviting southern screen bodies, organisations and potential funders to the festival will inform the NT industry of avenues for financing their screen work. Whilst the majority of available arts funding includes few avenues for screen works, FFF will assist create an awareness of the arts inclusion in screen works and its cultural contribution. In the future it is hoped more funding avenues for screen works will develop and be accessed by Territorians to support production.

#### **FFoFF's immediate economic contribution.**

The potential income for FFF from the festival is minimal. Program, DVD and paraphernalia sales are our greatest income contributors. This first free of fees and charges industry building festival program will benefit SCREEN ARTS, as a profile raising event that will expand our potential members, networks, partners and sponsors field. Assisting to identify SCREEN ARTS as a screen resource and development organisation and its work towards the capacity building of the industry. This in itself combined with profile raising far outweighs the financial gain of charging at the box office.

Browns Mart will benefit from venue fees and bar takings. The courtyard will host the FESTIVAL Club and food and non alcoholic drinks will be available from our stall holders. Community, arts and not-for-profit groups will be invited to hold fund raising food stalls throughout the festivals events. Other specifically invited commercial food stalls will pay stallholder fees.

Southern visitors will stay in our hotels, use our taxi's or hire cars, eat at our restaurants and shop in our stores, and contribute to the bar and food stalls at FFF. They may also attend Darwin's tourism attractions.

The FFF 2010 budget included with this document includes income avenues for SCREEN ARTS, which in turn becomes part of the expenditure budget.

#### **FFoFF Participants, Attendees and Audience**

Invited to attend and participate in FFF 2010 are the broad myriad of talents, services and businesses and suppliers that contribute to big and small screen production. FFF 2010 provides an opportunity for our burgeoning creative industries, services and suppliers to gather on mass to communicate connect and network for the benefit of all industry sectors and the economy.

From our creative sectors come: production companies, media, multimedia, digital, IT, audio, technical, graphics, communication, marketing and creative agencies. From our schools, uni's and colleges come students from the arts, multimedia and digital studies, their teachers and lecturers. From the arts come our actors, performers, artistic directors, production designers, musicians, visual artists and writers as well as our designers of sets, props, wardrobe, hair and makeup.

Supplying the screen industry are hire companies, from vehicles to generators, from hospitality are our hotels that accommodate visiting film crews and caterers who feed them. From construction come our set builders. Retailers are our hardware, camping stores, supermarkets, wardrobe and props. Whilst this is not our target group general marketing avenues will create an awareness of FFF and the Expo and those with business market nous should attend or participate.

The NT based not-for-profit arts organisations and associations that initiate and contribute to screen culture and works are also invited to attend and participate. Such as; FATANT, NT Chapter Australian Cinematographers Society / the Performance Hub / Darwin and Cavanagh Theatre Companies / Darwin Community Arts / Darwin and Katherine Film Societies / 24 HR Art / Artback NT / Ausdance NT / Barkly Regional Arts / Corrugated Iron Youth Arts / Darwin Festival / Darwin Symphony Orchestra / DVAA / Katherine Regional Arts / Territory Craft / Top End Arts Marketing / Tracks Inc / Chamber of Commerce.

The Territory's media and broadcast companies will be invited to meet their audiences and potential production partners. From the screen industry participants will come from; ABC, Channel 9, SCBT/7, Imparja, TEABBA, CAAMA, NITV, Larrakia TV and Warlpiri Media and the Chamber of Commerce.

From the people of the NT come our croc wranglers and hunters, our weather, environment, science, history and natural sciences experts. Our Indigenous people are experts in their fields of country, custom, ceremony, issues, wildlife, tradition, bush tucker, dance, arts and crafts. Their talents contribute to the content of many national and international screen works filmed in the NT.

From tourism come out attractions, croc farms, national parks and reserves that are regularly featured in numerous TV programs. This is the first opportunity for the Territory's experts, attractions and locations have had to promote their services to screen works.

FFoFF is an opportunity for CDU and BIITE to promote their tertiary and VET educational courses in multi and digital media, fashion, visual arts, music, design and law in relation to screen craft. CHARTTES, training, adult or open education providers should also take this opportunity to promote their services and get to know their potential students. Teachers and lectures of video production, multi and digital media, the arts and music would benefit attendance to gain knowledge of the industry their students are most likely to be employed in.

Representatives from across the NT Government's corporate communication and marketing services would benefit as attendees to gain knowledge of and access to the local creative industries. Arts NT would benefit by promoting their grants program and brokerage services to their stakeholders. The NT Film Office would benefit by promoting its grants program to professional filmmakers and take this opportunity to meet the grass roots and emerging industry and the corporate and commercial production sector. As well as the creative industry that contributes to screen works.

Representatives from the Department of Education and Training would benefit by meeting the industry they are providing curriculum for potential vocations. Business and Employment would do well to gain knowledge the creative sectors that employ a large percentage of Territorians. Tourism NT would benefit meeting the people that create screen products that that share our stories, characterise our identity and showcase the Territory.

The NT's screen and allied creative industry is virtually unknown in southern parts and FFoFF will begin to remedy this situation. From the south we will invite representatives from national bodies and organisations that have had little opportunity previously to visit Darwin or meet the NT's industry in person, for example; ABC and SBS commissioning editors, Australian Film Television and Radio School, Screen Australia, Media Entertainment Arts Alliance, Arts Law Centre, Australia Council for the Arts, Screenrights Australia, Copyright Council, Artsupport Australia / Australian Business Arts Foundation / Australian Network for Art and Technology, Screen Producers Association, APRA/AMCOS and industry media such as Screen Hub and Inside Film.

A Session program is open to southern counterparts to book time to hold informative and Q & A sessions with stakeholders. They are also invited to be panel members in our forums. The majority of our participants will be invited to be part of sessions, forums, panels and contribute to screen culture discussions.

#### **Ability to reach traditional and non traditional audiences**

Much of our audience will be our filmmakers, their cast and crew, family and friends. Our pre screening events like our Expo, Forums, Sessions and FESTIVAL Club will attract our participants and attendees (as above) to view our films. Two large flat screen TVs will screen the program simultaneously in the Browns Mart courtyard so audiences will not miss films whilst buying drinks and food.

To expand our audience beyond the creative and filmmaking community festival screenings will be free of charge and promoted as an open invitation to Darwinites, attracting a wider audience and potential filmmakers. The event will be promoted for audiences over 15 as our content will be mostly PG and M rated.

The free of charge film festival will readily attract more tourists particularly the abundant but frugal backpackers and grey nomads. FfoFF flyers and poster will be available at tourism information outlets, hotels/motels, caravan/camping parks and backpackers. FfoFF is a rare opportunity for tourists and visitors to see Territory stories on the big screen.

The free of charge program will also assist to attract Indigenous, students, disadvantaged and low income audiences. The FOC screen program will assist in building new audiences and our grass roots screen culture, ultimately enabling access to Territory stories.

Audiences can attend all sessions and forums and the expo, as the audience is a large part of our screen culture, some may even be stimulated to make films for future festivals. The FISTIVAL Club will also provide an avenue for audiences to meet the filmmakers and participate in discussions and debates.

Our FfoFF 2010 Marketing and Promotion Plan includes tactics for attracting wider audiences.

#### **DCC branding and profile raising opportunities**

FfoFF will promote Darwin as an innovative and creative city nationally. FfoFF will provide DCC with an opportunity to promote Darwin as a filming location and DCC's services to screen production. Allowing DCC to build on the reputation created by *Australia* and *Balibo*, also in preparation for the production of *Dusty* a 13 part crime series for SBS to be filmed in Darwin during 2011. Darwin also has an internet TV station and an Indigenous narrowcast TV broadcaster currently in development which will see much more local screen production in Darwin in future years.

The use of Civic Park and the heritage precinct again as a major festival location will assist to promote the CBD as the festival venue, with the city's and the Waterfront's restaurants, cafes, bars, and clubs within walking distance of FfoFF.

Darwin City Council as a partner of FfoFF 2010 will be branded as a supporter of the creative Territorians who greatly contribute to our identity and intellectual property.

The formation of a partnership with FfoFF and FFF will allow DCC to directly contribute to the development of the screen and creative industries. As a partner DCC will be invited to advise and have input into the development strategies of the industry in relation to Darwin City.

#### **Ability to leverage support through attendance / staging / display / complementary event**

- DCC's participation in the Expo will allow DCC to position itself as a supplier and service provider to screen production.
- DCC's participation at forums and sessions will enable stakeholder's direct access to information relating to filming in Darwin.
- DCC's attendance to all FfoFF events will allow DCC to gain insight and knowledge into the screen and creative industries and network directly with stakeholders.
- DCC link from FFF website to DCC Information for film and photography permits.
- The Lord Mayor, Alderman, DCC Executives and customer service staff are invited to participate in launches, events and activities. SCREEN ARTS will work with DCC to determine the inclusion of DCC representatives throughout the festival.

#### **Ability to leverage sponsorship through media or advertising.**

- As a major sponsor of FfoFF, DCC will attract major sponsor logo positioning and acknowledgements on appropriate promotional and marketing materials also through announcements and media coverage.
- DCC logo as major sponsor, DCC support information on sponsors page.
- The Civic Park and Browns Mart venues will allow DCC to display promotional banners or signage.
- Media Releases are able to be co produced with FFF, comment and complimentary advertising is available through print and press advertisements, editorials and articles. SCREEN ARTS will work with DCC to ensure strategic marketing and promotion is effective.

#### Specific sponsorship category benefits

- The Galah Awards include the standard film awards categories - for example best film, best cinematography director etc ...Our film award categories are open for sponsorship.
- DCC can initiate its own award - for example, the best film depicting Darwin or its identity. The award initiative will be marketed to filmmakers to stimulate entries. Our judging panel selects the award winning film. Our standard award value is \$500, the winner receives a cash prize and a Galah Award statuette and certificate. The sponsors name is included on the statuette and certificate and in the program.
- FFF is open to discussion on appropriate category sponsorship for DCC.

**SCREEN ARTS presents. . .**  
**Fist Full of Films Festival / FFoFF 2010**  
**3 – 6 June 2010**  
**Civic Park & Browns Mart**  
**Darwin City**

### The FFoFF 2010 Program

#### Day #1 Thursday 3 June FFoFF

- 5pm – 7.30pm FFoFF Screen Expo and the FESTIVAL Club
- 7.30pm – 10pm Screening *The Rest of Fist Full of Films 2010 Part 1.*  
Entries from the 2010 short film competition featuring music clips
- 10pm – 12 midnight The FESTIVAL Club

#### Day #2 Friday 4 June FFoFF

- 5pm – 7.30pm FFoFF Screen Expo and the FESTIVAL Club
- 7.30pm – 10pm Screening *The Rest of Fist Full of Films 2010 Part 2.*  
Entries from the 2010 short film competition
- 10pm – 12 midnight The FESTIVAL Club

#### Day #3 Saturday 5 June FFoFF Galah Awards

- 10am – 12noon Sessions with Southerners
- 1pm – 3pm Forum *Get to know your industry*
- 5pm – 7.30pm PREAWARDS cocktails at the FESTIVAL Club
- 7.30pm – 10pm Screening *The Best of Fist Full of Films 2010*  
Finalist entries from the 2010 short film competition
- 10pm – 11pm Galah Awards Ceremony
- 11pm – 2am FFoFF AFTERWARDS Party at the FESTIVAL Club

#### Day #4 Sunday 6 June FFoFF

- 10am – 2pm Sessions with Southerners
- 3pm – 6pm Forum *Pitchin It Local*
- 5pm – 7.30pm Afternoon delights at the FESTIVAL Club – FFoFF feedback session
- 7.30pm – 10pm Screening *Territory Screen Showcase* NT industry works
- 10pm – 12 midnight The FESTIVAL Club

### Program Outline

**Screen Program days 1 and 2 – Thursday 3 June / Friday 4 June:** *The Rest of Fist Full of Films 2010 Part 1 and 2*. On the two evenings prior to The Galah Awards we will screen over 40 selected films and music clips that were not selected as finalist. This part of the screen program showcases our grass roots filmmakers. The People's Choice vote tally will be announced at the Galah Awards to provide recognition of their potential.

### **Screen Program day 3 - Saturday 5 June: POFF Galah Awards**

The Galah Awards is our night of nights for our filmmakers, red carpet arrivals, overdressing with VIP's and Industry to mingle with, as well as our screening of the short film competition finalist and a relatively short and painless awards ceremony to announce the winners, then to Browns Mart for the AFTERWARDS Party with entertainment and frivolities.

**Screen Program day 4 - The Territory Screen Showcase** features films and documentaries made by the Territory screen industry or professional filmmakers, likened to a masters section, giving our audience the opportunity to view works by our industry professionals and production companies.

### **The FFOFF FESTIVAL Club @ Browns Mart**

The Browns Mart courtyard will be transformed into the FESTIVAL Club, before, during and after our screen program the FESTIVAL Club is a place and space where people can eat from the food stalls and drink from the bar, mingle and network. Our MC and guests will stimulate screen culture discussion and film critiques. Two large flat screen tellies will screen our program simultaneously with the big screen in Civic Park so Club patrons won't miss any of the big screen action.

### **NT SCREEN EXPO / FFOFFSE 2010 - 5pm - 7.30pm on the Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

The Industry Expo is an opportunity for NT creative, production companies and arts organisations, training and education providers to promote and showcase their services. Expo participants set up information desks to show their wares and talk to potential customers and Industry. National screen and arts related organisation are also invited to attend FFOFF and participate in the Expo allowing southerners access to their Territorian stakeholders and for locals to gain a better awareness and understanding of National services to the screen industry.

### **FFOFF FORUMS - Daytime events and activities @ Browns Mart**

#### **Saturday 5 June, 1pm - 4pm - Get to know your Industry**

A panel of screen industry, media organisations, educators, funders, service providers and southern film related organisations get 5 minutes each to pitch their services to our emerging industry. The audience then get a chance to ask pertinent questions to the Panel to further their knowledge and potential involvement with who the Panel members represent. The Forum is an opportunity for the Panel to use the pertinent questions as examples of the information and knowledge that is most relevant to promote or deliver in the NT.

#### **Sunday 6 June, 3pm - 6pm - Pitchin It Local.**

Through submission and selection process 8 filmmakers will get 20 minutes each to pitch their projects followed by a Q & A with local potential crew and collaborators. Projects will be no or ultra low budget productions that need creatives and crews to get on board to see them made.

**Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 morning SESSIONS WITH SOUTHERNERS** - visiting southern screen organisations will have two opportunities to facilitate their own meetings or sessions at Browns Mart. To pitch their services and connect and meet with their NT stakeholders, giving Territory filmmakers from emerging to professional a chance to talk to people/orgs that can help them make their way independently and professionally.

### **Budget Notes**

2010 sees FFOFF grow from an event within other festival programs to a festival in its own right. 2010 also sees SCREEN ARTS the organisation grow from a program as part of an organisation to an organisation in its own right. Whilst we are in a state of transition, we are actively seeking funding to grow deliver and sustain, and awaiting funding rounds to come into play.

DCC sponsorship of \$20,000 will go towards budget segments such as - Event Hire of \$11,440 and Event Staff \$7,500 and the remainder towards Event Expenses \$11,420 as outlined in the budget below.

FFOFF 2010 Draft Budget #2 at October 2009 follows. . . .

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# INCOME GRANT INCOME

Expended 1 Jan - June 30 2010

Totals

Swanman Australia	\$15,000
Arts NT	\$16,000
Darwin City Council	\$20,000
NT Government DLE	\$20,000

\$70,000

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## GENERATED INCOME

H-F Program Sales	\$2 each x 1000 = \$2000	\$2,000
FFF DVD Sales 400 / 200 FOC	\$10 each x 400 = \$4000	\$6,000
Food Stall Holders fees	10 x \$50	\$500
Donations / Raffle	gold coin donations / raffle	\$1,000
Sponsorship & Discounts		\$21,000

\$31,000

## IN KIND

H-F Stall keepers	volunteers 4000 x \$3 = \$12000	\$12,000
DCC Singing	DCC green stage	\$1,000
DCC Venue - Civic Park		\$1,000

\$3,000

## TOTAL INCOME EVENT EXPENSES

\$104,000

## Start - Event

Tech/Venue Manager	1 week @ \$1000 per week	\$1,500
H-F Stall keepers - in kind	volunteers 4000 x \$3 = \$12000	\$12,000
MC	4 nights @ \$5000/n	\$20,000
Security	24/7 x 4 = 96h x \$300/h = \$28800	\$3,000

\$27,500

## FFF Admin / Event Staff

FFF Producer	part time over 20 weeks @ \$6000/wk	\$120,000
Event Coord / Prod Manager	4 weeks @ \$1200 per week	\$4,800
Admin/Event Assistant	0 weeks @ \$800 per week	\$4,800
Admin/Event runner/assistant	1 week @ \$1200 per week	\$1,200

\$22,800

## Hire - Event

1 Big Screen / Sound	Screen package @ \$2500/n x 4 = \$4,000	\$3,800
2 x large flat screens	screens for Festival Club	\$500
Table/Chair Hire	event hire 200 chairs 50 tables	\$2,500
Toilet Hire	4 x porta loo's	\$1,200
Stage Hire - in kind	DCC green stage	\$1,000
Cordon Tapes / Red Carpet	hire allocation	\$200
1 x rim	40 x 8 days @ \$40/d =	\$160
Lighting	lighting	\$500
PA	mic & speakers for Festival Club stage	\$500
Waikiki 1 album x 6	event comms x 4 days	\$600

\$7,100

## Event Expenses

Venue DCC Civic Park	Park / power / grounds services	\$1,000
Venue Hire Broward Main	Courtyard / Bar / Theatre \$5000 x 5	\$25,000
Food	400 x staff cante	\$4000
Admin expenses	print / comms / expenses	\$2,000
Admin Insurance / Accidents	percentage of fees allocation	\$2,500
Event Production expenses	set up / decor / needs / garbage removal	\$1,500
Contingency	Contingency	\$1,000

\$37,500

# Calah Awards

Document Event	1/2 day @ \$1500 kitchen/sound ops	\$1,500
Pro Awards Event	catering / drinks	\$1,000
Post Awards Event	catering / drinks	\$600
Band / Entertainment	allocation	\$2,000

\$5,000

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## Forums / Expo

Expo Expenses	allocation	\$1,000
1 x Forum - VIP guests	allocation	\$600
1 x Forum - Get to know	allocation	\$500
1 x Forum - Pitcher II deal	allocation	\$500
Forum Expenses	allocation	\$1,000

\$3,600

## TOTAL EVENT EXPENSES

\$82,880

## FESTIVAL EXPENSES

### Compilation screen program and touring

DVD's	40 hours @ \$110ph	\$4,400
Slides Graphics	5 hours @ \$110ph	\$550
Design Graphics	5 hours @ \$110ph	\$550
#1 all compile 80+ films	20 hours @ \$150ph	\$3,000
#2 final compile / slides	5 hours @ \$150	\$750
#3 Rest part #1 compile / slides	5 hours @ \$150	\$750
#4 Rest part #2 compile / slides	5 hours @ \$150	\$750
#5 Rest part #3 compile / slides	continuing 5 hours @ \$150	\$750
DVD duplication x 800	5 hours @ \$150	\$750
Hard Drive Storage	800 x 50inch copy & scan	\$3,000
	1 large capacity hard drive	\$100

\$16,000

## Print / Copy / Design

DVD cover design x 4 (DVD's)	6 hours @ \$110ph	\$660
WIKI DVD inserts x 4 (DVD's)	800 @ \$300 each	\$150
Program design & layout	10 hours @ \$110ph	\$1,100
Program Print	2000 x \$1 = \$2000	\$2,000
Poster Design A1	4 hours @ \$110 ph	\$440
Poster Print	50 x \$5	\$250
Other design / art / cards etc	4 hours @ \$110 ph	\$440
Certificate Print x 30	30 x \$5 each	\$150
1 mailer (Compilation DVD)	300 copies @ \$5 per copy	\$1,500
#3 Rest part #1 (DVD)	100 copies @ \$5 per copy	\$500
#4 Rest part #2	100 copies @ \$5 per copy	\$500
#5 Rest part #3	100 copies @ \$5 per copy	\$500

\$8,790

## Other Expenses

Marketing	Marketing / Promotion / Advertising	\$4,000
TVC production	TVC for TV advertising	\$1,000
Calah Awards x 15	15 @ \$200 each	\$3,750
Prizes	15 x \$500	\$7,500

\$16,250

## TOTAL FESTIVAL EXPENSES

\$41,340

## TOTAL EVENT EXPENSES

\$82,880

## TOTAL FESTIVAL EXPENSES

\$41,340

## TOTAL

\$104,000

## Darwin City Council

### Request for In-Kind Support

**Civic Park** – use as the venue for FfoFF 2010

**Staging** – use of a portable stage for announcements and awards presentations positioned in front of the big screen. (size to be determined)

**Power** – access to 3 phase power for big screen, lighting and sound

#### Lighting

- Access to turn off direct lighting in screening area during screenings.
- Decorative and safety lighting to be determined

**Sprinklers** – onsite to be turned off 2 - 7 June

**Lawns** – request site to be mowed 2 June.

**Gardens** – possible tree trims and maintenance, particularly near big screen area.

**Customer Service staff** – site walkthrough and liaison, time to be determined.

**Grounds Staff** – site walkthrough and liaison, access, information and instruction, time to be determined.

#### Pick up and drop off point / loading zone and access

- Allocation of the 2 parking spaces nearest to Browns Mart on Smith Street from 7am Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> to 11pm Monday 7 June – all day access as loading zone and entry to Civic Park and Browns Mart for event set up and pack up.
- From 4pm each evening of the festival as a drop off and pick up point. Used for our red carpet arrivals on the Galah Awards Night.
- Signage will inform the 2 parking bays as our loading / access zone and pick up and drop off point.

**Parking** – using general public parking spaces on Smith, Harry Chan and Bennett Streets, the Supreme Court and DCC car park, Harry Chan Avenue parking bays. The event will not infringe on parking spaces during business hours.

**Council owned waste receptacles** – additional collections throughout festival period.

### FfoFF Facilitation

#### Hours of festival activity

Thursday 3 June	5pm – 12midnight – Civic Park and Browns Mart
Friday 4 June	5pm – 12midnight – Civic Park and Browns Mart
Saturday 5 June	10am – 2am Browns Mart / 7pm – 11pm – Civic Park
Sunday 6 June	10am – 12midnight Browns Mart / 7pm – 11pm – Civic Park

**The Big Screen** – Large inflatable screen 6 high x 5.2 meters across with sound system. Located at Christ Church Cathedral end of site.

**Viewing Area** – 35 x 35 meters – area used during Darwin Festival for the Lighthouse and launch.



**The Small Screens - simultaneous** feed from big screen 2 to small screens - large flat screens / 2 x small screen in Browns Mart Courtyard stall eating and socialising area, to view in separate area or still be able to view the films when you go to get refreshments etc.

**The Audience** - Estimate audience 300 - 500 people.

- Viewing Area - 35 meters by 35 metres
- 30 x Tables and 120 x chairs - audience at front and sides of viewing area for 120 audience
- 80 x Chairs - 80 audience
- Ground seating 250 + on lawn, with audience encouraged to bring rugs and cushions

**Galah Awards** - Red Carpet arrivals - from allocated parking bays

**Audience Galah Awards** - finalist filmmaking teams and VIP's will be given table and chair seating, cordoned off and in prime viewing positions.

**Browns Mart courtyard** - fencing will be taken down that faces Civic Park to allow the two venues to become one over the 4 days of the festival.

**Toilets** - Browns Mart toilets. Audience numbers considered Portaloos use for Saturday 5th June larger crowd. Discuss Portaloos placement.

**Parking** - using general public parking spaces on Smith, Harry Chan and Bennett Streets, the Supreme Court and DCC car park, Harry Chan Avenue parking bays. The event will not infringe on parking spaces during business hours. Loading zone

**Parking Spaces** - Smith St, 2 spaces nearest to Browns Mart as loading zone, access and drop off and pick up point for the duration of the festival and red carpet arrivals drop off point on Galah Night.

**Security Person(s)** - Crowd control and venue security

1 x security person - 5pm - 12midnight each night x 4

1 x security person - 12midnight - 8am each night x 4

1 x addition security 5pm - 1am on Friday 4th and Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>

#### **Alcohol**

Will be served and drunk in the Browns Mart Courtyard.

During screenings - 7pm - 11pm each night alcohol will be taken to the audience area in Civic Park.

Also during our AFTERWARDS Party until 2am Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

The Browns Mart venue will apply for the liquor licence for extended hours and area.

Re Sean Parry Browns Mart venue manager.

**Rubbish** - additional wheelle bins on site and a skip, delivery and removal by contractor.

**Surrounding Events** - we are aware of Stand Up Productions use of the Town Hall Ruins venue on Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> of June and we are working together to benefit both audiences.

For more information regarding FFOFF sponsorship and in kind support please contact. . .

Dixi Joy Bankier

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ENCL: YES

**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL**

DATE: 22/01/2010

**REPORT****TO:** COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES  
COMMITTEE/ OPEN A**APPROVED:** JB**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &  
CULTURAL SERVICES**APPROVED:** AF**REPORT NO:** 10C0001 AF:kl**COMMON NO:** 1685026**SUBJECT:** MINIMUM DISTANCES AND OTHER ASPECTS OF THE  
MANAGEMENT OF FIREWORKS EVENTS**ITEM NO: 9.7****SYNOPSIS:**

An overview of the current legislative environment and permit processes which define the regulation of fireworks events in the Darwin municipality.

**GENERAL:****Report context**

This report has been prompted by a concern from a member of the public in relation to a number of aspects of the managing of fireworks events, in particular those held at SkyCity a number of times each year. The issues of concern are:

- that the minimum safety distances required in residential areas is insufficient for ensuring the safety of members of the community and their property.
- that the current number of fireworks events per annum in any one locale should be capped to ensure amenity for residents in the locale.
- that, similarly, the events should be required to conclude within certain and reasonable hours in the evenings to further ensure amenity for residents in the locale.

Importantly, Council views fireworks displays as valuable contributions to the celebratory vibrancy and economic well-being of the municipality and supports the fireworks industry in its endeavours to provide an important service to the Darwin community.

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Given that the majority of fireworks events are staged in the amphitheatre, botanical gardens, casino and Mindil beach locales and largely away from residential areas, Council does not anticipate issues of concern resulting in complaints from the public. Whilst Council does not intend to be prohibitive in relation to permit applications, it does, at the same time, require the development of a strategy by which to guide the manner in which any adverse impacts upon residents' amenity, should they emerge, are managed.

## **Regulatory Environment**

### *Permits*

The purchase and use of fireworks in the Northern Territory (NT) is allowed for persons holding a "Permit to Conduct a Fireworks Display". Permits are administered by NT WorkSafe and the types of fireworks allowed depend on the training and experience of the operator and the area available to hold a display.

The application for a permit includes the requirement for the applicant to notify the fire brigade, police and local council of the proposed event. Each of these bodies can object or not object to the application and comment accordingly.

### *Legislation*

In the NT the legislation regulating fireworks events and special displays is the Dangerous Goods Act which, in the matter of prescribed minimum safety clearance distances, defers to the Australian Standard 2187.4. For example, in relation to an aerial shell of 150mm in diameter (commonly used in fireworks events such as those at SkyCity), this standard stipulates this distance to be 100 metres.<sup>1</sup>

In a number of other Australian jurisdictions, however, legislation does not defer to the Australian Standards and, in contrast, has determined these distances to be insufficient for safety purposes.

The South Australian perspective is as follows:

*Schedule 2, Part 8 of the South Australian Explosives (Fireworks) Regulations 2001 deals with minimum separation distances from spectators for discharging fireworks. Aerial shells up to and including 127mm (5.0") require increased distances by Regulation than AS 2187-4. The reason being for this was SA considered the distances of 2187 were not adequate. Aerial shells greater than 64mm (2.5") and up to 300mm (12.0") have 2 distance tables by Regulation, one for fireworks that are angled away from spectators and one for in any other case. You will see this when*

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<sup>1</sup> Fiona Peters, Senior WorkSafe Officer NT WorkSafe Northern Territory Government on November 30 2009

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*you look at the schedule. Further to this SA does not call up AS 2187-4 in the Regulations.<sup>2</sup>*

Similarly, in Western Australia the WA Outdoor Fireworks Code of Practice auspiced by the Dangerous Goods Safety Act of 2004 does not invoke the Australian Standard 2187.4 to define minimum safety clearance distances, described as “too short” by a Senior Dangerous Goods Inspector.<sup>3</sup> Rather, and after research and assessment, the WA government has re-defined safety thresholds and regulatory requirements by multiplying the Australian Standards distances by 1.5.

Queensland also does not view the Australian Standard 2187.4 as sufficient for optimal safety and its regulatory schedule calibrates minimum safety distances to be one metre for every millimetre of shell diameter. This clearance schedule places Queensland mid-range in the context of Australian jurisdictions - distances are longer than the Australian Standard but shorter than those prescribed in South Australia. (Refer to attachments for further technical and regulatory detail.)

### **Council’s Role in Relation to Applications for Permits**

In the previous two years all permits have been approved by Council without comment and no further information regarding the potential for repeated and/or late night impacts upon residents in the vicinity has been sought.

Predictably, there is no legislative provision in any jurisdiction to address the potential for adverse impacts on the amenity (as distinct from the safety) of residential locales in the vicinity of fireworks displays. However, Council could consider a more rigorous approach to its consideration of applications for fireworks displays by developing a tool to assess the impact upon amenity. If in excess of adverse impact thresholds, Council could more properly “object” (per the Form 083) and/or specify conditions in relation to hours of conducting displays (for example, to cease fireworks at 9.30pm and the capping of the number of events to be held in a single locale per annum.)

A simple and effective assessment tool to calibrate risk for this purpose could be triggered in the first instance by any prior complaints received by Council regarding the nature of the prospective event or its location as detailed in the application for a permit.

In the event of a prior complaint/s an investigation would ensue accounting for all aspects of those complaints in terms of the likelihood of risks occurring and the consequences of those risks in relation to further fireworks events. The emphasis of this approach is that it is highly specific to the complaint history and the current permit application and thereby more appropriate and rigorous than a generic risk

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<sup>2</sup> Dave Adams, Principal Inspector Dangerous Substances & Explosives SafeWork SA (Business Unit of Department of the Premier & Cabinet) on November 30 2009

<sup>3</sup> Mark Coomber, WA Department of Mines and Petroleum on December 1 2009

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management formula which is likely to not capture the nuances of both community concern and the imperatives of the event.

In summary the process would be as follows:

1. Ascertain if Council has received prior complaints in any way linked to the current permit application.
2. If not, Council should not object to the permit application.
3. If so, Council should undertake to investigate the frequency, nature and breadth of the adverse impacts captured in the complaint/s.
4. Assess whether Council should object to the application permit in accordance with a risk management framework comprised of two principles – the likelihood of risk and the consequences of such likelihood.
5. Any recommendation to object must be endorsed by the General Manager of Community and Cultural Services with supporting evidence of the investigation.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

#### **STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:**

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

##### **Goal**

- 1 Achieve Effective Partnerships and Engage in Collaborative Relationships

##### **Outcome**

- 1.1 Improve relations with all levels of Government

##### **Key Strategies**

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

##### **Goal**

- 1 Achieve Effective Partnerships and Engage in Collaborative Relationships

##### **Outcome**

- 1.1 Improve relations with all levels of Government

##### **Key Strategies**

- 1.1.5 Influence Government and developers to develop sustainable projects which reflect Darwin's lifestyle

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## Goal

2 Enhance Darwin's Active, Positive and Flexible Lifestyle

### Outcome

2.1 Improve urban enhancement around Darwin

### Key Strategies

2.1.5 Participate and partner in activities that contribute to a safer Darwin

## Goal

3 Assist Individuals and the Community Stay Connected with the Darwin Region

### Outcome

3.1 Promote the use of public spaces

### Key Strategies

3.1.1 Enhance public spaces and encourage greater use by the community

## Goal

7 Demonstrate Effective, Open and Responsible Governance

### Outcome

7.1 Effective governance

### Key Strategies

7.1.2 Minimise exposure of Council through effective risk management practices

## Goal

7 Demonstrate Effective, Open and Responsible Governance

### Outcome

7.1 Effective governance

### Key Strategies

7.1.5 Be active in the review and development of relevant legislation

## Goal

7 Demonstrate Effective, Open and Responsible Governance

### Outcome

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

### Key Strategies

7.2.3 Use contemporary community engagement techniques to inform decision making

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

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**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

**PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil at this stage

**COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:**

Legislative change or enhanced Council input into permit applications could improve community safety, particularly in relation to increased minimum distances.

**DELEGATION:**

Nil

**CONSULTATION:**

- Relevant state and territory jurisdiction portfolios with carriage of legislative regulation of fireworks.
- Community member initiating firework event safety and amenity concerns.

**PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:**

Nil

**APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE**

Nil

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 10C0001 AF:kl entitled Minimum Distances and Other Aspects of the Management of Fireworks Events, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council requests that the NT Government undertakes legislative changes such that the schedule of minimum safety clearance distances for display or special effects fireworks reflects those of other jurisdictions which have considered the Australian Standard (including 2187.4) to be inadequate for community safety purposes.
- C. THAT Council adopts the assessment process outlined 1 – 5 in this recommendation, to comprise how Council reviews a fireworks display or special effects permit application:-

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5. Any recommendation to object must be endorsed by the General Manager of Community and Cultural Services with supporting evidence of the investigation.

**ANNIE FARRELL**  
**PRINCIPAL POLICY OFFICER**

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

Any queries on this report may be directed to Annie Farrell on 5404 or [a.farrell@darwin.nt.gov.au](mailto:a.farrell@darwin.nt.gov.au)



## SECTION 3 SITING OF DISPLAY

**3.1 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS** The operator shall ensure that the point of launch for rockets and aerial shells ensures the safety of the public and protected works from the discharge of pyrotechnic devices, pyrotechnic units, fallout, any missiles and any other associated hazard.

Mortars shall be positioned so that any aerial shell which has not initiated as intended shall fall within the display site (or within a controlled and unoccupied area).

Pyrotechnic devices or units shall not cross over or burst above any area occupied by spectators.

Measures shall be taken to protect all pyrotechnic substances to be used in the display from sparks or adverse weather conditions. Moisture damaged materials shall not be used.

A typical display site is shown in Figure 3.1.

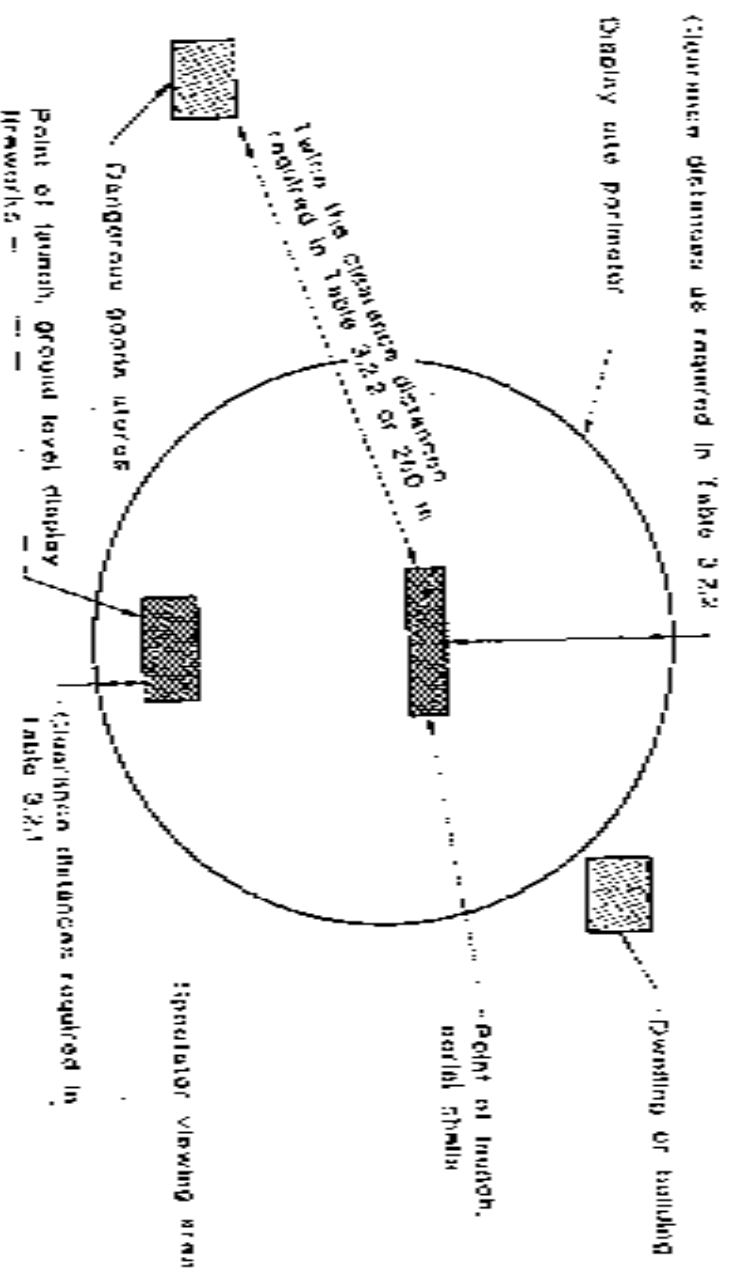


FIGURE 3.1 TYPICAL DISPLAY SITE

### 3.2 MINIMUM CLEARANCE DISTANCES

#### 3.2.1 Ground level displays

**3.2.1.1 Mountains, wheels, waterfalls, illuminations and other set pieces** Mountains, wheels, waterfalls, illuminations and other set pieces shall be sited at or beyond the minimum clearance distances from spectators, dwellings or parking areas given in Table 3.2.1, or at such greater distance recommended by the manufacturer. Since burning sparks from these pyrotechnic devices may touch the ground, the immediate area should be free from dead undergrowth and dry grass. Where the effects of the ground display extend to within 10 m of spectators, dwellings or parking areas, the minimum safety distance is to be increased accordingly.

Ground display pieces shall be positioned or otherwise protected so as to minimize the fallout of burning particles from igniting adjacent pyrotechnic devices or pyrotechnic substances, or both.

TABLE 3.2.1  
MINIMUM CLEARANCE DISTANCES—GROUND  
LEVEL DISPLAY

Display fireworks	Minimum clearance distance m
Set pieces—	
(a) lancework only	10
(b) incorporating fountains	20
Fountains, revolving fountains and flares	20
Mine bags, multishot box items, roman candles, comets and mines	30

**3.2.1.2 Prefabricated bombardos and barrages up to 50 mm, and mines, roman candles, tourbillons and other ground effects pyrotechnics less than 75 mm** Bombardos and barrages up to 50 mm and mines, roman candles, tourbillons and other ground effects pyrotechnics less than 75 mm shall be sited at least 30 m from spectators, dwellings or parking areas, except in the direction of flight, where the distance shall be 60 m.

Where the manufacturer has recommended greater distances, these shall apply.

The firing area shall be free from overhead obstructions.

### 3.2.2 Aerial displays

**3.2.2.1 General** Notwithstanding the minimum clearance distances, display fireworks shall be placed at a sufficient distance from spectators to minimize the risk of an accident occurring.

Except where allowed in Clause 3.3, no spectators, dwellings or spectator parking areas shall be located within the display site.

**3.2.2.2 Aerial shells** Aerial shells not exceeding 300 mm in diameter shall be sited at or beyond the minimum clearance distances given in Table 3.2.2 provided that —

- (a) mortars are manufactured for sizes—
  - (i) equal to or smaller than 200 mm diameter, from cardboard, steel or high-density polyethylene; and
  - (ii) larger than 200 mm diameter, from steel or high-density polyethylene; while
- (b) bursting charges are based on perchlorate and nitrate compositions.

The display site selected for the launch of rockets and aerial shells shall be located so that their trajectory is not within 10 m of any overhead object.

Shells which are designed to have burning particles or stars fall to ground level shall be fired over areas clear from people or property and without causing a fire hazard.

Aerial rockets shall not be fired without the approval of the regulatory authority.

The minimum clearance distance for aerial shells, not exceeding 300 mm in diameter, from the point of launch to premises placarded to indicate the storage of bulk or packaged dangerous goods of Class 1, 2.1, 2.2/5.1, 3 or 4.1 or subrisk Class 1, 2.1 or 3 shall be greater than the lesser of—

- (i) twice the distance given in Table 3.2.2; or
- (ii) 250 m.

**TABLE 3.2.2**  
**MINIMUM CLEARANCE DISTANCES—AERIAL SHELLS**  
**SINGLE BREAK**

Size of aerial shell mm	Minimum clearance distance m	Size of aerial shell mm	Minimum clearance distance m
<75	30	175	120
75	30	200	140
100	50	250	170
125	70	300	200
150	100	> 300	*

\* Satisfactory to the regulatory authority

**NOTES:**

- 1 Size of aerial shell refers to diameter.
- 2 Where the speed of shells is greater than the proposed clearance distances, the clearance distances should be increased accordingly.
- 3 If weapons for the firing of aerial shells or salutes are angled at more than 20° to the vertical, the above distances in the direction of flight shall be doubled.
- 4 If seeking a reduction of the above distance, the applicant should provide to the regulatory authority an outline of the type, size and quantity of aerial shells to be involved in the display, and obtain the authority's approval. An indication of the spread of stars when the aerial shell is fired in the open, just above the ground (400 mm), confirmed by testing for each type of aerial shell to be used in the display, will be of assistance in seeking such a reduction.
- 5 For multi-breaks, the minimum safety distance shall be increased to that for the next larger aerial shell.

SA Schedule 2

**Annie Farrell**

**From:** Adams, David (DPC) [Adams.David@dpc.sa.gov.au]  
**Sent:** Monday, 30 November 2009 12:38 PM  
**To:** Annie Farrell  
**Subject:** RE: minimum safety clearance distances for display fireworks  
**Attachments:** EXPLOSIVES (FIREWORKS) REGULATIONS 2001.htm

Annie

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SA regulates every aspect of the Regulations with pyrotechnician's having certain Special Conditions placed on their licence and it is an offence to breach a condition of licence. You will note this in Part 5 of the Regulations.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Regards

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**Sent:** Monday, 30 November 2009 12:40 PM  
**To:** Adams, David (DPC)  
**Subject:** minimum safety clearance distances for display fireworks

David

Thanks for your assistance this morning.

The "over and above" schedule would be very helpful if you have time to flick it to me.

I'm also interested in how and why SA determined to apply regulatory standards over and above 2187.4. If you have any comments about this matter I would be grateful to learn of them.

In terms of numbers of annual display events conducted by an organisation or the times at which they can be held (eg. no effects after 10pm), does SA regulate these types of issues?

Thanks again.

Regards

Annie

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South Australia

## Explosives (Fireworks) Regulations 2001

under the *Explosives Act 1936*

### 8—Minimum separation distance from spectators

(1) Subject to subclause (2), for the purposes of this clause the size of an aerial firework is—

(a) in the case of an aerial shell—the greater of the diameter of the shell or the length of the shell; and

(b) in any other case—the inside diameter of the tube comprising or containing the firework.

(2) In the case of an aerial shell that is a multi-break shell, the size of the shell will be regarded as being within the range of shell sizes in the Table in subclause (3) that is one greater than the range in which it actually falls.

(3) No spectator is to be closer to a point at which fireworks are positioned for a fireworks display than the distance determined in accordance with the following table:

**Firework Type Distance in metres**

String cracker 5

Indoor firework 5

Aerial firework—

51mm or less

• salute 70

• other 50

greater than 51mm and less than or equal to

64mm—

• salute 75

• other 50

Aerial firework— If fireworks are

angled away from

spectators

In any other case

greater than 64mm and less than or equal to

76mm—

• salute 80 80

• other 55 65

greater than 76mm and less than or equal to

102mm 65 85

greater than 102mm and less than or equal to

127mm 85 110

greater than 127mm and less than or equal to

152mm 100 130

greater than 152mm and less than or equal to

178mm 130 150

greater than 178mm and less than or equal to

203mm 140 170

greater than 203mm and less than or equal to

254mm 170 215

**1.7.2009—Explosives (Fireworks) Regulations 2001**

General requirements for conduct of fireworks displays—Schedule 2

[30.6.2009] This version is not published under the *Legislation Revision and Publication Act 2002* 23

**Firework Type Distance in metres**

greater than 254mm 200 255

Other firework 40

**Note—**

The distances fixed for aerial fireworks (other than fireworks angled away from

spectra) have been based on vertical motion and conditions of no wind.

FM 083

Please refer to Information Bulletin 10.01.03 for current fees and charges.

Please read NT WorkSafe information bulletin 07.01.03 Fireworks Displays - Licence and Permits information

**Application type :** ☐ To conduct a fireworks display

Tick (✓) the appropriate box ☐ To use explosives for special effects

### 1. Details of applicant

Business name	ABN
Trading name	
Applicant's name	
Postal Address	
Town	Postcode
Phone	Fax
Email	

### OFFICE USE ONLY (LICENCE TYPE 38)

Licence No
Business No
Location No
Date received / / 20
Display operator to be used for contact person
Fee received \$
Receipt number
Received by TBC staff member

### 2. Display operator

Name	
Shotfiring Licence No.	
Street Address	Town
Phone (BH)	Phone (AH)
Mobile	Email

### WSO TO COMPLETE

WSO checked conditions on shotfiring licence
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Period
From / / 20
To / / 20
Date received NT WorkSafe
WSO ID
WSO NAME:
WSO signature
Site inspected <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Comments
Conditions for WHIS codes 00099 (00806) 00607 (00808)

### 3. Reason for display

Event Organiser/Controller
Contact Persons No

### 4. Place for display/use

Site Name	
Lot number	Street number
Street Address	Town

### 5. Period of permit

From / / 20	Starting Time
To / / 20	Finish Time



## 6. Storage of display fireworks/explosives

What premises are your fireworks going to be stored at prior to use?

Is this premises licensed to store Dangerous Goods?

Yes ☐

No ☐

## 7. Details of fireworks/explosives

OFFICE USE ONLY	Quantity	Description of goods

## 8 Notification received

### Fire brigade -

Name		
Have/ Have no Objections (if objection, please comment)		
Comments		
Signature	Date	Designation

(00806)

### Police -

Name		
Have/ Have no Objections (if objection, please comment)		
Comments		
Signature	Date	Designation

### Local council -

Name		
Have/ Have no Objections (if objection, please comment)		
Comments		
Signature	Date	Designation

### Notice of Display -

Newspaper advertising	00807
Name of newspaper	
Dates of advertisement	
Letterdrop	
Quantity of letterbox drop	Copy of letterdrop flyer attached <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

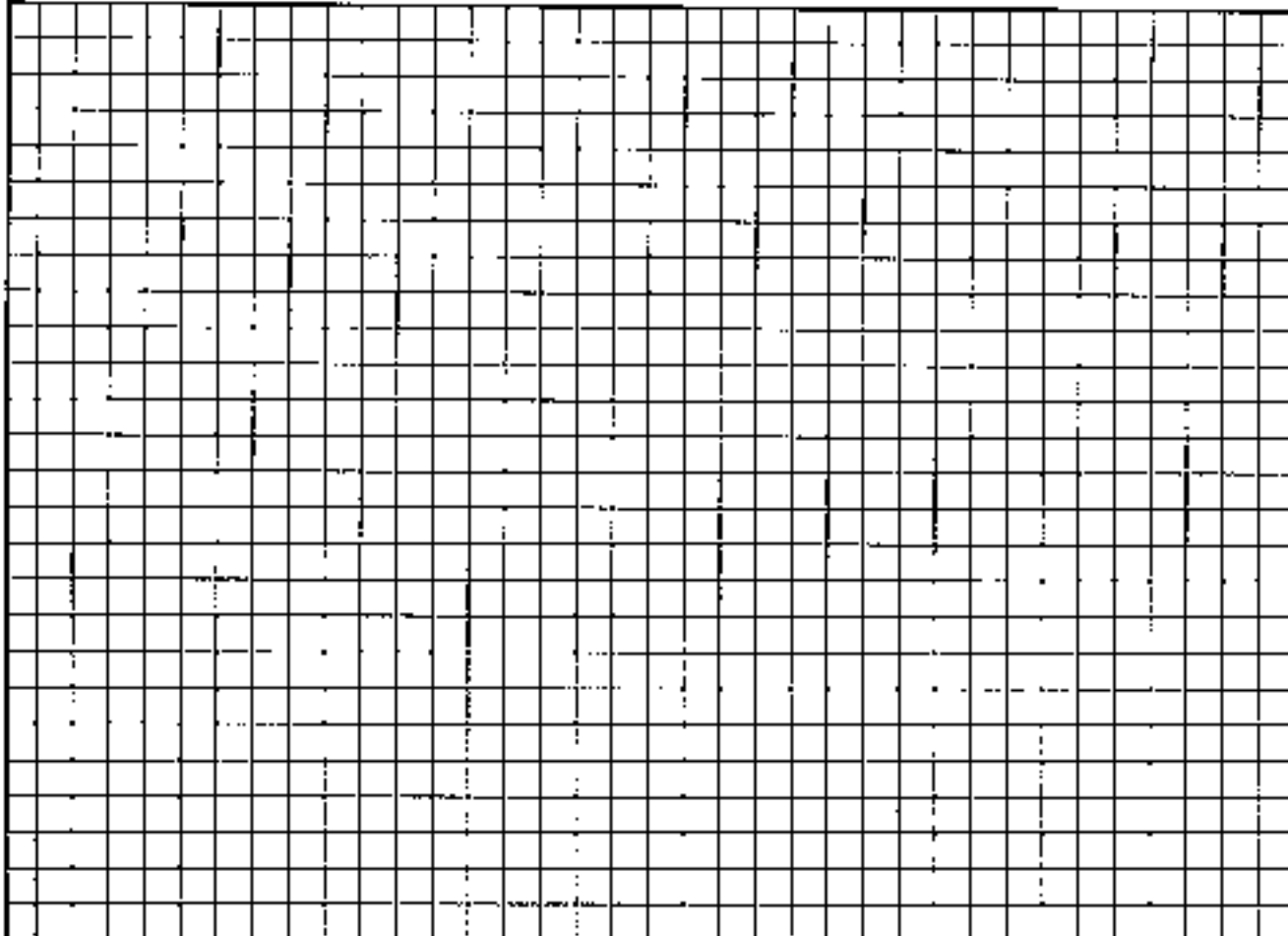
(00808)

### 9. Location sketch – *must be completed in detail*

Indicate here the discharge point(s), and -

- for fireworks display - crowd location, roads, buildings and fire hazards,
- for indoor special effects - location of people, exits, ceiling height and fire hazards;
- for outdoor special effects - distance to people (cast and crew), buildings and fire hazards

Give Distances



### Minimum safety clearance distances display fireworks-

Ground effects	Sol Pieces, Fountains, Flares		20 Metres
	Mine Bags, Multispot Bag Items, Roman Candles, Mines and Corners		30 Metres
Aerial shells	< 3"	< 75 mm	30 Metres
	3"	75 mm	30 Metres
	4"	100 mm	50 Metres
	5"	125 mm	70 Metres
	6"	150 mm	100 Metres

Signature of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/20\_\_

### Lodging application - Territory Business Centres (application forms must be lodged at TBCs)

**Darwin**  
Ground Floor,  
Development House  
76 The Esplanade

**Katherine**  
Shop 1,  
Randazzo Building  
18 Katherine Terrace

**Alice Springs**  
Peter Sitzer Building  
67 North Stuart Highway  
Alice Springs

**Tennant Creek**  
Shop 2, Barkly House  
Chr Davidson  
and Paterson Streets

GPO Box 9800,  
Darwin NT 0801  
Phone: 1800 193 111

PO Box 9800  
Katherine NT 0851  
Phone: (08) 8973 8180

GPO Box 9800  
Alice Springs NT 0871  
Phone: (08) 8951 8524

PO Box 9800  
Tennant Creek NT 0861  
Phone: (08) 8962 4411

ENCL: NO

**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL**

DATE: 08/02/2010

**REPORT****TO:** COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES/  
OPEN A**APPROVED:****FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &  
CULTURAL SERVICES**APPROVED:** AF**REPORT NO:** 10C0011 AF:kl**COMMON NO:** 1176862**SUBJECT:** REPORT ON THE VIABILITY OF FURTHER EXCLUSION ZONES FOR  
FIREWORKS ACTIVITIES ON TERRITORY DAY 2010**ITEM NO: 9.8****SYNOPSIS:**

This report provides an overview of the viability of further exclusion zones for fireworks activities on Territory Day in 2010.

**GENERAL:**

Previous Decision 20\1786 (14/7/09)

- B. THAT Council write to the NT Government requesting compensation for costs associated with the regulation of Territory Day activities.
- C. THAT a further Report be prepared reviewing the potential for further exclusion zones within the Darwin Municipality, noting the success of the Mindil Beach activities during the 2009 Territory Day fireworks.

**REPORT**

To reiterate the major planks of the operation and per a report prepared by the OHS officer, Darwin City Council, in accordance with Section 63(3) of the Interpretation Act, designated that Lot 5772 to the low water mark at Mindil Beach was a Fireworks exclusion zone from the hours 1800 to 2400 – 01 July 2009. DCC and the NT Police conducted a joint operation to ensure the following:

- Policing and support DCC Officers with enforcement and infringements issue
- Inspection and removal of contraband
- Enforce buffer zones
- Traffic management
- General assistance to patrons

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### **Objectives**

The joint operation and prior planning activities achieved all aims and objectives with regards to the following:

- Effective public awareness campaign and advisory initiatives prior to the event
- Detailing of individual, group tasks and responsibilities pre-activity
- Effective allocation of resources and consumables
- Positive coordination between DCC and NT Government agencies

### **Observations**

The crowd started arriving in volume at approx 1730 hrs and by the time the sponsored fireworks were displayed at approx 1930 hrs the Mindil beach and market areas contained conservatively 6 – 7 thousand patrons. The demographic of crowd was as follows:

- Family and children
- Young tourists
- Elderly tourists
- Local youth
- Several disabled and support associations

With regards to the crowd's behaviour and attitudes the following was observed:

- Distinct absence of alcohol throughout the entire venue
- The absence of anti social behaviour
- The police had no requirement to attend any disturbance or behaviour issues
- 1 x infringement notice issued only
- St Johns Ambulance treatments x Nil
- Patrons demonstrated a positive and patient attitude to traffic control during accessing and egressing the venue
- Patrons removed litter to refuse points without request

Council's 2009 Mindil Beach fireworks exclusion zone strategy was well received and deemed to be a significant success in terms of community response and media commentary as a result of the enhanced amenity and safety for residents.

Council acknowledges the significant role of the NT Department of Justice, in particular the police, in relation to the success of Territory Day celebrations broadly and the administering of the Mindil Beach exclusion zone more specifically.

The success of this operation suggests that further exclusion zones on subsequent Territory Days are likely to contribute positively to its celebratory success. Hence it could be asserted that it is time for the Northern Territory to continue to innovatively progress a way forward to achieve this outcome.

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This premise could be tested via consultation with the community in relation to its perception of the need for further exclusion zones and an examination of the feasibility of administering these zones including the prospect of partnerships between Council and relevant NT government departments including the police.

There is also a raft of complementary and/or alternative strategies which could match community aspirations to view and/or detonate fireworks whilst, at the same time, reducing the use of private fireworks in unregulated and potentially dangerous ways. These include:

- the purchase and detonation of private fireworks by residents at designated locales overseen, in safety terms, by a community organisation.
- the detonation of private fireworks by community groups such that residents can view, but not detonate, fireworks displays in their neighbourhoods.
- amendments to the legislative environment, in particular the NT Dangerous Goods Act, in order to formalise exclusion zones in conjunction with the role and responsibilities of the NT government.

Whilst Council is committed to administering the Mindil Beach fireworks exclusion zone again on Territory Day 2010, Council has reached its viability limit, in staffing and other resource terms, in relation to the administering of further exclusion zones. Council therefore seeks engagement with the NT government in relation to an innovative way forward for the Darwin municipality including via the strategic terms outlined above.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

A further allocation of approximately \$48100 (2009 municipality-wide costs for Council's operational response to Territory Day fireworks including approximately \$16000 for Mindil Beach operations specifically).

### **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

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### **Goal**

1 Achieve Effective Partnerships and Engage in Collaborative Relationships

### **Outcome**

1.1 Improve relations with all levels of Government

### **Key Strategies**

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

### **Goal**

2 Enhance Darwin's Active, Positive and Flexible Lifestyle

### **Outcome**

2.1 Improve urban enhancement around Darwin

### **Key Strategies**

2.1.4 Provide a clean and liveable municipality

### **Goal**

2 Enhance Darwin's Active, Positive and Flexible Lifestyle

### **Outcome**

2.1 Improve urban enhancement around Darwin

### **Key Strategies**

2.1.5 Participate and partner in activities that contribute to a safer Darwin

### **Goal**

2 Enhance Darwin's Active, Positive and Flexible Lifestyle

### **Outcome**

2.3 Promote family friendly activities

### **Key Strategies**

2.3.1 Promote and host family orientated recreational and leisure activity

### **Goal**

7 Demonstrate Effective, Open and Responsible Governance

### **Outcome**

7.1 Effective governance

### **Key Strategies**

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

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## **Goal**

7 Demonstrate Effective, Open and Responsible Governance

## **Outcome**

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

## **Key Strategies**

7.2.2 Display Council's leadership across all levels of Government

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

## **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Enhanced environmental amenity should the NT government respond to Council's request for an expansion of prohibited areas for the private use of fireworks.

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

In view of the feedback from the community and media coverage including that received by Council's Elected Members, it is envisaged that the public relations implications of further Council initiatives to expand fireworks exclusion zones will be positive.

## **COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:**

Enhanced public safety should the NT government respond to Council's request for an expansion of prohibited areas for the private use of fireworks.

## **DELEGATION:**

Nil

## **CONSULTATION:**

Nil

## **PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:**

Nil

## **APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE**

Nil

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 10C0011 AF:kl entitled Report on Proposal to Expand Prohibited Fireworks Areas on Territory Day 2010 , be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council retains the existing level of commitment to overseeing the fireworks exclusion zone at Mindil Beach on Territory Day 2010.
- C. THAT Council requests that the NT Government undertake to examine further strategies to restrict the use of private fireworks in preparation for Territory Day 2010 including amendments to the Dangerous Goods Act prescribing exclusion zones.

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**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL**

DATE: 22/01/2010

**REPORT****TO:** COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES  
COMMITTEE/OPEN A**APPROVED:** JB**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &  
CULTURAL SERVICES**APPROVED:** AF**REPORT NO:** 10C0007 AF:kl**COMMON NO:** 1244687**SUBJECT:** UPDATE ON STATUS OF FUNDING FOR THE SECURE TAXI RANK**ITEM NO: 9.9****SYNOPSIS:**

This report provides an update on the funding for the secure taxi rank in Mitchell Street.

**GENERAL:**

The CCS General Manager met with the NT government to progress negotiations regarding the funding of the secure taxi rank which has now been jointly funded by Council and the Australian Hotels Association (AHA) for over 12 months.

To date, the NT government has not formally responded to Council in regards to these negotiations nor has it engaged Council or the industry (via the AHA) regarding the funding model recommended by Council in correspondence pursuant to a report in June 2009 which proposed that the rank be funded via a levy upon licensed premises in the CBD.

At a recent meeting it was proposed that Council and AHA consider the funding of the rank for a 12 month period in order to provide concierge staff and the community with, respectively, stability of employment and security of access to an important facility. A twelve month arrangement could be reconfigured or rescinded should the NT government determine to resource the rank via one or other funding model.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

\$40,000 for the 2010/2011 financial year.

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### **STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:**

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#### **Outcome**

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#### **Key Strategies**

1.1.3 Develop partnerships and joint projects with other levels of government

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

#### **Goal**

2 Enhance Darwin's Active, Positive and Flexible Lifestyle

#### **Outcome**

2.1 Improve urban enhancement around Darwin

#### **Key Strategies**

2.1.5 Participate and partner in activities that contribute to a safer Darwin

#### **Goal**

3 Assist Individuals and the Community Stay Connected with the Darwin Region

#### **Outcome**

3.2 Enhance transport systems

#### **Key Strategies**

3.2.1 Review transport and parking needs

#### **Goal**

7 Demonstrate Effective, Open and Responsible Governance

#### **Outcome**

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

#### **Key Strategies**

7.2.2 Display Council's leadership across all levels of Government

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

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**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

**PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

Positive insofar as Council is likely to be perceived as contributing to the enhanced safety and amenity of the CBD.

**COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:**

Enhanced safety of the CBD as a result of the facilitated transport of late night patrons from licensed premises.

**DELEGATION:**

Nil

**CONSULTATION:**

Nil

**PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:**

Previously undertaken.

**APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE**

Previously established.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 10C0007 AF:kl entitled Update On Status of Funding for The Secure Taxi Rank., be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council continues to request that the NT Government undertake to fund the secure taxi rank via a levy on licensed premises in the CBD.
- C. THAT \$40,000 be allocated from the 2010/2011 budget to fund the secure taxi rank for twelve months.

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## REPORT

TO: COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES  
COMMITTEE/OPEN A

APPROVED: JB

FROM: GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &  
CULTURAL SERVICES

APPROVED: AF

REPORT NO: 10C0014 AF:kl

COMMON NO: 1732635

SUBJECT: OVERVIEW OF LOCAL AND INTERSTATE NEIGHBOURHOOD  
DISPUTE MEDIATION MODELS

## ITEM NO: 9.10

**SYNOPSIS:**

This report provides Council with an overview of neighbourhood dispute mediation models in a local and interstate context.

**GENERAL:**

This report addresses the following Evolving Darwin strategic measures:

*5. Facilitate and maintain a cohesive community*

*5.3 Support harmony in the Community*

*5.3.1 Develop and support programs to promote community spirit, cohesion and safety*

*- Investigate and implement if appropriate services to assist neighbourhood dispute mediation*

**Local**

A neighbourhood dispute resolution mechanism has been established in Darwin by the NT government via the Department of Justice's Community Justice Centre (CJC) which provides mediation services to the community to help people resolve their own disputes without legal action. The service is free, confidential and voluntary and facilitates people coming together to discuss issues in dispute. It allows all people in dispute to have a say in the outcome and come up with their own solutions to the problem providing a means to settle disputes without potentially expensive and time-consuming legal action.

The CJC offers a safe and informal environment where people are able to resolve their disputes with the help of trained mediators.

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### **What is the Community Justice Centre?**

The Community Justice Centre (CJC) was established by the Northern Territory Government to provide mediation services to the community to help people resolve their own disputes without legal action. The service is free, confidential and voluntary.

### **Why choose Mediation?**

Mediation is about people coming together to discuss the issues in dispute. It allows all people in dispute to have a say in the outcome and come up with their own solutions to the problem. It provides a way of settling a dispute without legal action, which can be time consuming, and expensive.

The CJC offers a safe and informal environment where people can sort out their disputes with the help of trained mediators.

Mediation sessions at the CJC are held by one or two trained and impartial mediators who assist to:

- Identify the issues
- Think of ways to solve the issues
- Think about other options
- Work together to reach an agreement.

The mediators guide how the mediation session is run. The people in the dispute decide what is discussed and what is agreed upon.

Mediators are impartial and do not take sides or give legal advice.

Over 85% of mediations result in an agreement being reached. In most cases mediations can be arranged quickly and take approximately 2-4 hours.

### **What disputes are suitable for mediation?**

The CJC can assist with a wide range of disputes including:

- Local community/neighbourhood disputes over such things as a fence, noise, pets, trees, property damage and people's behaviour
- Workplace-communication
- Clubs and organisations whose members are in conflict
- Relationships between family members
- Small claims/civil claims
- Victim Offender Conferencing
- Other types of disputes as required

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Mediation can be arranged via a Freecall number, write, e-mail or in person and free interpreter services are available.

In the first instance, CJC staff will:

- Talk with you about the problem and discuss ways you can resolve it yourself
- Provide information and/or referral
- Assess if your dispute is suitable for mediation and if so, ask for brief information about you, your concerns and the other person/s involved; and
- With your permission, we will contact the other person/s to arrange mediation at a time convenient to both of you.
- Mediations can be arranged during the day, evening or weekends.
- Mediations are held at the Community Justice Centre in Darwin or at suitable local venues across the Territory.
- Telephone conferences can also be arranged.<sup>1</sup>

This service is considered to be a very effective manner by which to resolve disputes between Community members.

Similarly, there are neighbourhood dispute mediation services across most states and Territories in Australia provided either directly by the jurisdiction's justice portfolio or a funded non-government organisation. A sample of three models is as follows:

- In **Victoria**, the Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria provides a free advice for dealing with disputes as well as neutral, objective mediators to assist to resolve disputes of any size or complexity including in relation to fences, tress and gardens, noise, body corporate issues, problems with people's behaviour, shared households, animal behaviour, parking and other issues relating to your land.<sup>2</sup>
- In **NSW**, Community Justice Centres provide free mediation and conflict management services to help people resolve disputes. Funded by the NSW Government as part of the Attorney General's Department the service is free and confidential and deal with those issues listed above as well as relationship issues and disputes between and within communities relating to residential, school, social, business, service and sporting organisations.<sup>3</sup>
- In **Queensland**, the Department of Justice also provides a free and confidential mediation service provided by the Dispute Resolution Branch which will assist with all of the above as well as tenancy disputes, parenting agreements, property settlement and family and intergenerational disputes.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.cjc.nt.gov.au/>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.justice.vic.gov.au/disputes/>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.cjc.nsw.gov.au/>

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.complaintline.com.au/neighbourhood\\_dispute.html](http://www.complaintline.com.au/neighbourhood_dispute.html)

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## **Summary**

In October 2008, Council received correspondence from the NT Government's Community Justice Centre explicitly suggesting that its neighbourhood dispute mediation service could assist disputes occurring between Council constituents including those relating to the behaviour of dogs.

In view of this correspondence, as well as in terms of Council's complaint management procedure which includes the option of referring complainants to this service, Council and its constituents are prospectively well provided for in relation to the NT Government's neighbourhood dispute mediation mechanism in an effective, skilled, equitable and appropriate manner.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

## **STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:**

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### **Goal**

1 Achieve Effective Partnerships and Engage in Collaborative Relationships

#### **Outcome**

1.2 Effectively engage with community

#### **Key Strategies**

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

### **Goal**

5 Facilitate and Maintain a Cohesive Community

#### **Outcome**

5.1 Facilitate community access and inclusion

#### **Key Strategies**

5.1.5 Improve coordination with residents and other service providers

### **Goal**

5 Facilitate and Maintain a Cohesive Community

#### **Outcome**

5.3 Support harmony within the community

#### **Key Strategies**

5.3.1 Explore initiatives to assist in the mediation of neighbourhood disputes



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**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

**PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

**COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil at this stage

**DELEGATION:**

Nil

**CONSULTATION:**

Nil

**PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:**

Nil

**APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE**

Nil

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 10C0014 AF:kl entitled Overview of Local and Interstate Neighbourhood Dispute Mediation Models be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council links this report to its Complaint Management Procedure which highlights the option to refer constituents to the NT Government's neighbourhood dispute resolution service as appropriate.

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**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL**

DATE: 01/02/2010

**REPORT****TO:** COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES  
COMMITTEE/OPEN A**APPROVED:** KH**FROM:** A/GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &  
CULTURAL SERVICES**APPROVED:** TS**REPORT NO:** 10C0018 TS:kl**COMMON NO:** 1520653**SUBJECT:** FEEDBACK REPORT CHILDREN'S WEEK EVENT 2009**ITEM NO: 9.11****SYNOPSIS:**

This report provides feedback regarding Council's participation in national Children's Week and the local event held on 28 October 2009. The report recommends that Council continue to provide a free family event during Children's Week and that the program be expanded to accommodate increasing demand and popularity of events. This report concludes with recommendations for the establishment of a small annual budget allocation to support Council's involvement in National Children's Week on a local level.

**GENERAL:**

Children's Week is an annual event celebrated in Australia during the fourth week in October. A diverse range of events and activities are organised at national, state/territory and local levels. The focus of Children's Week is to direct the attention of the wider community on children, their needs and achievements. Children's Week celebrates the right of all children to enjoy childhood and is also a time for children to demonstrate their talents, skills and abilities. The Aim of Children's Week is to:

- heighten community awareness of the needs of children;
- promote knowledge of services available to children and their families;
- stimulate education in quality child care and child rearing;
- increase communication between children and adults and to provide opportunities for children and adults to share enjoyable experiences.

Darwin City Council Family & Children's Services Coordinator (FCSC) in collaboration with Early Childhood Australia – NT Branch and Territory Childcare Group (Darwin Family Day Care) organised a Children's Family Fun event held at the Jingili Water Gardens on Wednesday 28 October from 9.00am to 12.00pm.

Community organisations as well as government departments were invited to participate in the event, by providing an activity for the children and an informational display.



Approximately 30 organisations attended the event with additional activities or information displays, such as Kid Safe, NT Darwin Toy library, CDU, Parenting Puzzle, Breast Feeding Australia, Mission Australia, Regional and Remote Aboriginal Child Care Services Support Unit (RRACSSU), Water Awareness, Asthma Foundation, Melaleuca Refugee Centre, Catholic Care NT, Children's Development Team and Relationships Australia. A number of paid entertainment activities such as Jumping Castles, Cooper Farmyard, Lindy Loo and Air Brush Tattoos were provided by NAPCAN, Relationships Australia, Territory Childcare Group and Early Childhood Australia – NT Branch. Territory Childcare Group also provided a free sausage sizzle. The Northern Territory Government provided free public transport to and from the event.

Organisations provided a wide range of activities involving children and adults together. Activities included, DCC Fun Bus, art and craft, pretend play with dolls, puppet making, bubble blowing, face painting, free cup cakes, story telling, speech activities, collage, rice play, play dough, block play, colouring in, hop scotch and Life Be In It activities.

The Lord Mayor Graeme Sawyer officially launched Children's Week with Ally Mills – Welcome to Country, Charlie King as MC, Children's Commissioner - Howard Bath guest speaker and Aboriginal dancers - One Mob Different Country.

The 2009 event attracted approximately 750 – 1,000 people over the course of the morning which is almost double the attendance of last year's event. The conduct of Children's Week on a local level illustrated cooperative networking along with diverse organisations working closely together in partnership to provide a free event for families. Community organisations played a vital role in the overall success of the event and are keen to partner again in 2010.

Parents and carers with young children were encouraged to attend the event to enjoy free activities with their children. From evaluation surveys undertaken on the day, many people took the day off work to be with their children and there were a number of fathers and grandparents also in attendance. Thirty five parents were surveyed onsite, all reporting high levels of satisfaction with the event with 51 % of respondents advising they became aware of the vent through word of mouth, see diagram 1.

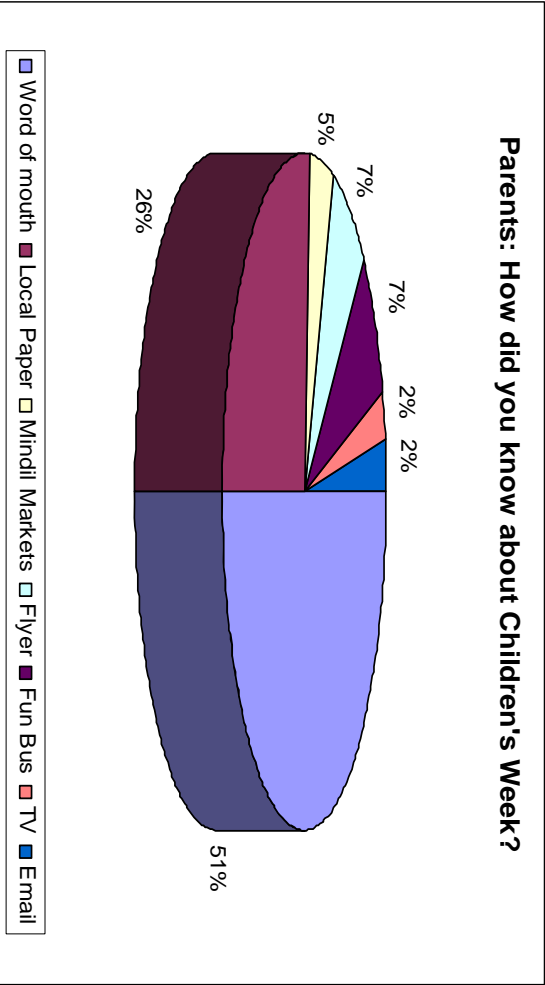
Parents were asked how the event could be improved, with thirty one parents advising no improvements were required. The remaining respondents suggested improvements including the provision of more water, chairs, shade, greater advertising and the inclusion of a coffee vendor.

For some attendees accustomed to air conditioned environments, the heat and humidity can be a challenge during October and it is noted that very few organisations provided their own shade structures. Shade hire is quite expensive for community event organizers and many organizations participate in the absence of a dedicated event budget. It is recommended that Council consider providing shade for this event given the target group, our role as facilitator and as a mechanism of community support.



Diagram 1.

Parents: How did you know about Children's Week?

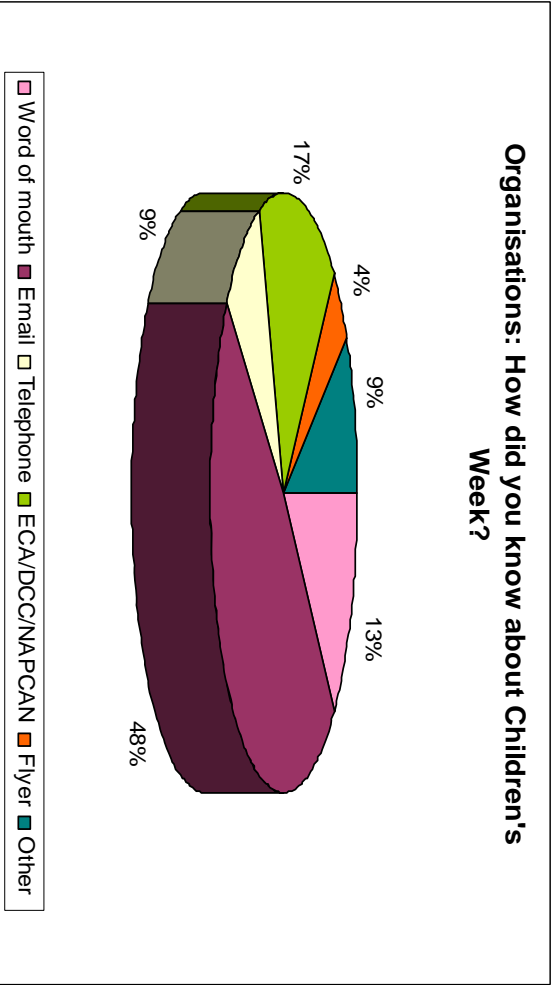


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22 out of 30 participating organisation's provided feedback.100% of responding organizations reported positively on their involvement with improvement suggestions to include a coffee stand, healthy BBQ options and the possibility of using Marrara as a cooler venue. All organisations have requested to be part of the 2010 event.

Diagram 2.

Organisations: How did you know about Children's Week?



Through consultation with families and other organisations, the FCSC has identified a gap in Children's Week activities in that there is no similar event organised for children aged 5 to 12 in the Darwin municipality. Early Childhood Australia – NT Branch has expressed an interested in working with Darwin City Council and other organisations to organise an event targeting the 5-12 years old age group.



To provide an event targeting the older age group, a small funding allocation would be required to allow Council capacity to facilitate the conduct of two separate Children's Week events, that specifically cater for young and older children. The lead in time for the older children's event would be substantially longer to enable Council to employ best practice principles by involving children in the planning and organising of the event. Such an approach encourages young organizers to develop skills and confidence in a community participation setting and ensures the event is responsive to the preferences of older children.



#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Council has supported Children's Week through in-kind support by providing the Fun Bus, MC stand, chairs, water containers, rubbish bins and paid for the connection of power \$490.00 onsite and Council staff time. In regards to the conduct of the event, no budget has ever been allocated for Children's Week and it is evident that the establishment of a moderate allocation would enable Council opportunity to build upon the success of previous years by supporting the event with resources.

It is recommended that \$10,000 be established as an annual allocation commencing 2010/2011 in time for the conduct of the 2010 event. Funds to be allocated to Budget Item No 05/2222000/300/104.

Children's Week	0-5 years event	\$ 3,500
Children's Week	5-12 years event	\$ 3,500
Children's Week advertising & shade		\$ 3,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$10,000</b>

#### **STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:**

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Goal 2 Enhance Darwin's Active, Positive and Flexible Lifestyle  
 Outcome 2.3 Promote family friendly and healthy activities  
 Key Strategies  
     2.3.1 Promote and host family orientated activities  
     2.4.1 Provide facilities and programs which encourage healthy lifestyle choices

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no legal implications pertaining to this report.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

The Children's Week event provided Council with many opportunities for positive publicity and exposure within the community and a number of positive stories evolved along with very positive images.

Promotion of Children's Week event was undertaken via Council's website, the NT News, Sun Newspaper, flyers and emails to child care services and community organisations during the month of October. A display stand was set up at Palmerston, Parap, Mindil, Nightcliff and Rapid Creek markets the week before the event, promoting and distributing balloons advertising Children's Week. There is capacity to improve on event promotion should resources be allocated as a high proportion of attendees relied on word of mouth to learn of the event.

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no community safety implications pertaining to the report.

### **DELEGATION:**

The recommendation arising from this report requires the determination of the full Council.

### **CONSULTATION:**

Early Childhood Australia – NT Branch and Territory Childcare Group.

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

None for the purposes of this report.



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### **APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE:**

Council logos were clearly displayed on site and in all promotional materials.

### **CONCLUSION:**

National Children's Week recognises the talents, skills, achievements and rights of all children. It focuses community attention on the needs and achievements of children as they thrive, learn and grow.

The Children's Family Fun Event held at the Jingili Water Gardens on Wednesday 28 October 2009 provided a large range of activities for event attendees and it is estimated that over 1000 people attended over the course of the morning.

In the absence of any funding allocation, this report seeks the establishment of a \$10,000 budget allocation to support and resource Council's participation in Children's Week events on a local level. The funds will ensure that Council is able to continue to offer a high quality event and will enable a more appropriate response for older children in recognition of the needs of children across the life span.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 10C0018 TS:kl entitled Feedback Report Children's Week Event 2009, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council support national Children's Week on an annual basis and establish a \$10,000 budget allocation for the conduct of Children's Week activities across the Darwin municipality.

**TANIA SELLERS**  
**FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES**  
**COORDINATOR**

**KATIE HEARN**  
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ENCL: YES

**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL****DATE:** 01/02/2010**REPORT****TO:** COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL SERVICES  
COMMITTEE/OPEN**APPROVED:** KH**FROM:** A/GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &  
CULTURAL SERVICES**APPROVED:** NM**REPORT NO:** 10C0019 NM:kl**COMMON NO:** 1257089**SUBJECT:** NEIGHBOUR DAY 2010**ITEM NO: 9.12****SYNOPSIS:**

This report provides background information regarding Neighbour Day which is held nationally on the last Sunday in March each year. The history and aims of Neighbour Day are detailed within this report and it is recommended that Council participate in Neighbour Day 2010 by initiating and distributing a 'Get To Know Your Neighbour' card to every Darwin residence. It is anticipated that a neighbour exchange card will trigger neighbours to exchange key contact details and foster improved social and neighbourly communications, encourage community inclusion, improve passive surveillance in local neighbourhoods and reduce isolation for those Darwin residents who live alone.

**GENERAL:****PREVIOUS DECISIONS****Decision Number 19\5424****(28/01/08)**Procedural Motion

THAT the matter of Options for Neighbour Day 2008, lay on the table until further information regarding funding sources is available.

**Decision Number 19\5283****(26/11/07)**

- B. That Council endorse the conduct of and involvement in 'Neighbour Day' and that a further report be prepared on the range of community development activities that could be undertaken to foster neighbourly relationships in the future.

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- C. That Council allocate \$5000 for the conduct of 'Neighbour Day' activities as a new initiative and this be referred to the second quarter budget variation process.

## REPORT

Neighbour Day was founded in Melbourne by Andrew Heslop as a warning to check on elderly neighbours after the remains of an elderly woman were found inside her suburban home two years after she died. Neighbour Day is held on the last Sunday in March, and since its establishment in 2003, has evolved into an annual observance with residents hosting local street activities, and local government bodies raising community awareness of the initiative.

In 2008 Neighbour Day was publicly endorsed by every Premier and the Chief Minister of the Australian Capital Territory and it was supported by the Lord Mayors of Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Sydney and the City of Darwin along with federal, state and local government politicians.

Neighbour Day has been ratified by the United Nations General Assembly and there are plans for it to become an official UN Observance Day.

The celebration of Neighbour Day encourages residents to develop a greater sense of community caring and inclusion. The five principal aims of Neighbour Day are:

1. Strengthen communities and build better relationships with the people who live around us.
2. Create safer, healthier and more vibrant suburbs and towns.
3. Promote tolerance, respect and understanding.
4. Break down community barriers.
5. Protect the elderly, the vulnerable and the disadvantaged.

Getting together with neighbours creates vibrant, healthy and cohesive communities. It breaks down barriers of isolation experienced by the elderly, recently arrived community members and people who live alone - making suburbs and towns safer, happier places to live.

The aims of Neighbour Day align with those of Council's Strategic Directions and it is proposed that Council participate in the national celebration of Neighbour Day on 28 March 2010. It is recommended that Council establish an annual project that would see a *Get Neighbourly* type of card produced each year for distribution to every letterbox across the municipality. The card would provide space for resident contact details along with Council and/or Ward Aldermen contacts. The neighbourly exchange card goes some way to responding to the population mobility typical of the Darwin region.

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It is envisaged that the card would raise the profile of Neighbour Day locally and highlight positive neighbourly conduct while encouraging residents to meet each other, exchange emergency contact details and communicate on a localized level. The distribution of a friendly neighbour exchange card would position Council to reach all residents, including those who may not routinely attend community events, and place responsibility for capacity building with individual residents. The card exchange also supports community safety and increased passive surveillance activities as people get to know one another and share information regarding their movements and whereabouts more readily.

**Suggested card information: (not to scale)**

CARD FRONT	CARD BACK
<p><b>Celebrate Neighbour Day</b>          Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2010</p> <p><b>Know your neighbour?</b></p> <p>Complete this card &amp;          pop it in your neighbour's letterbox.          Stop and say hello!</p> <p><b>The community you want          starts at your front door</b></p> <div data-bbox="300 1186 485 1373"> </div> <div data-bbox="558 1190 704 1400"> </div> <p>A community initiative          proudly supported by Darwin City Council</p>	<p>Hi - we are neighbours – nice to meet you!</p> <p>I am at ...(address).....</p> <p>My name is .....</p> <p>In case of emergency you can contact          me on.....</p> <p>For community activity information &amp; details          of how to get in touch with your Ward          Aldermen ph 08 89300300 or  <a href="http://www.darwin.nt.gov.au">www.darwin.nt.gov.au</a></p>

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Budget estimates for design, printing and distribution of 27,500 x DL size (210mm x 99mm) 'Get To Know Your Neighbour' cards, full colour front and back is \$4,677.00 which includes design, printing and distribution costs. Promoting the Get To Know Your Neighbour card in the print media is \$800.00 approximately.

Total project cost will be approximately \$5500.00

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Council's participation in Neighbour Day would also be promoted through Council's web site and Community Service advertising avenues and Officer networks. Capacity exists within the Community Services Operational Project Budget (05/221040) for this initiative and no additional resources are required.

### **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**    5.3        Support harmony within the community

### **Key Strategies**

5.3.2 Develop and support programs to promote community spirit, cohesion and safety

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil for the purposes of this report.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no environmental implications arising from matters contained in this report.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

Being part of a national Neighbour Day event will demonstrate Council's commitment to encouraging community harmony, participation and connectedness and will be viewed positively by Darwin residents. Promotion of Neighbourhood Day can occur via Council's website, print media, community service announcements, Officer networks and other organisations regularly used for distribution of information.

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:**

Promotion of neighbour communications encourages passive natural surveillance in respect of community safety as neighbours become more aware of each others movements and activities. Exchanging a contact card amongst neighbours is a helpful tool that encourages neighbours to be more observant and in tune with local activities and of each other.

### **DELEGATION:**

Not applicable.

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**CONSULTATION:**

Manager Community Development  
 Communications and Marketing Manager

**PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:**

Nil.

**APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE**

Council logos will be clearly displayed on all promotional material, along with the concept slogan of 'The community you want starts at your front door'.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 10C0019 NM:kl entitled Neighbour Day 2010, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council participate in the annual conduct of Neighbour Day by establishing a 'Get To Know Your Neighbour' card project for distribution to all letterboxes in the Darwin municipality prior to Neighbour Day on Sunday 28 March 2010.

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**COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICER**

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## About

Neighbour Day is Australia's annual celebration of community, bringing together the people next door, across the street or on the next farm for a beer, a barbie or just a cuppa.

Held on the last Sunday in March every year, it's the perfect day to say thanks for being a great neighbour and for being there when I needed you most

## Five Principal Aims

1. Strengthen communities and build better relationships with the people who live around us.
2. Create safer, healthier and more vibrant suburbs and towns.
3. Promote tolerance, respect and understanding
4. Break down community barriers.
5. Protect the elderly, the vulnerable and the disadvantaged.

## How to Celebrate Your Community

It's easy to participate in Neighbour Day because how you celebrate is entirely up to you. Australians have been getting to know their neighbours since 2003 in many different ways. Whether it's a simple cup of tea and a slice of cake with an older neighbour, hosting drinks and nibbles with the people next door or having a party for everyone in your street participation is easy.

In the WA goldfields town of Kalgoorlie neighbours are firing up the barbie on a front lawn so all the neighbours can celebrate together ... just like the residents of Way Way on the NSW Central Coast and in the Sydney suburbs of Turrumurra, Narrabeen, Meadowbank and Sadleir.

There are major council-sponsored festivals in Unley, SA and Mosman Park, WA; community events in Mackay, Qld and celebrations for public housing residents in NSW and Qld.

On Queensland's Gold Coast a residents association has organised a major festival with opera singers, hip-hop, belly dancers and magicians with food and refreshments donated by local

retailers and suppliers.

The City of Banyule in Victoria is launching a Neighbourhood Smile Zone and a Neighbourhood Street Party Kit. Leichhardt Municipal Council has launched the 'Good Ideas Coffee Cart' for residents to borrow and The City of Melbourne has provided free bags, street cricket sets and other items so neighbours can get together and meet.

Within Docklands a series of community 'open house' events has been organised by Lend Lease and the City so residents in the precinct's apartment towers can meet and discover the local facilities and attractions.

The Shire of Yarra Ranges, an area devastated by the February 2009 bushfires, has developed a Neighbour Day Resource Kit for residents containing flyers, invitations, posters and introduction cards. Frankston City Council and Peninsula Health have mailed all residents with a Neighbour Day information card with details of local services and community programs.

Visit the Resources

section to download the Neighbour Day poster and check sheet with tips for a successful event.

## Logo

The logo for Neighbour Day was created by Melbourne designer Dianne Treble. The circle represents the global aims of Neighbour Day while the lower case 'n' represents both the day's name and a home – the focus for developing harmonious communities.

The bold yet simple design and striking colour is intended to be instantly recognisable and easy to reproduce while promoting a direct link to the website.

It is a registered trademark.

## Slogan

The positioning statement 'The community you want starts at your front door' was developed by Andrew Heslop, the Founder of Neighbour Day. It is an active, positive and **challenging** challenge for residents to be responsible for making their suburbs and towns great places to live.



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## Founder

**Andrew Heslop** is the Founder of Neighbour Day. He is a former National Communications Manager for Australian Red Cross and Project Manager with British Red Cross; served as a non remunerated Board Member with the Victorian Relief Committee until it was disbanded and was Chair of the annual Winter Blanket Appeal in Victoria for three years.

After beginning his career working in commercial talk radio he has since provided high-level strategic media, communications and marketing advice in government and to the corporate and public sectors.

Read more about Andrew here

[Profile](#)

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## Awards & Nominations

Andrew was nominated for the **Australian of the Year Award** in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009. In 2008 he was also nominated within the **Commonwealth Bank Local Hero Awards** as part of the judging process for the Australian of the Year Award.

He was a semi-finalist for the **2006 Australia Post Events and Tourism Award** in the **Regional Achievement and Community Awards** sponsored by **The Weekly Times** and **Prime Television**.

In 2007 Andrew was nominated for a **Melbourne Award** within the **Individual Contribution to Community** category for raising the international profile of The City of Melbourne through the development of Neighbour Day.

Andrew was invited to participate as a **Samsung Torch Relay Ambassador** during the **Beijing 2008 Olympic Torch Relay** through Canberra on Thursday 24th April 2008 in recognition of his community involvement.

Media Release

In May 2008 Andrew spoke at the **United Nations** headquarters in New York about the global development of Neighbour Day, which has grown from a simple idea expressed in a letter to the editor to become a national community event.

Presentation

Following Andrew's presentation to the United Nations, Neighbour Day was a finalist at the **2008 Melbourne Awards** within the **Individual Contribution to Community** category for the global promotion of Melbourne.

On Sunday 15th February 2009 he delivered the keynote address at the launch of the **Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras** to an audience of 70,000 people at Fair Day in Victoria Park.

Speech

ENCL: YES

**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL****DATE:** 01/02/2010**REPORT**

**TO:** COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE/OPEN A **APPROVED:** KH

**FROM:** A/GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES **APPROVED:** NM

**REPORT NO:** 10C0020 NM:kl

**COMMON NO:** 1695956

**SUBJECT:** INVITATION TO DARWIN CITY COUNCIL TO BECOME AFFILIATED WITH THE NORTHERN TERRITORY COMPANION CARD PROGRAM

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**ITEM NO: 9.13****SYNOPSIS:**

Council has received an invitation from the NT Department of Health and Families to become an affiliate of the Northern Territory Companion Card program which is part of a national initiative available to people with a disability who require lifelong attendant care and support to participate at community venues and activities.

This report provides information regarding the NT Companion Card program and recommends that Council accept the invitation to become an affiliate of the program.

**GENERAL:****PREVIOUS DECISIONS****Decision No. 19/2554 (28/02/06)**

THAT the fees and charges schedule for Council's Public Swimming Pools be amended, commencing 1 March 2006, to:

- recognise and apply a 10% discount for Seniors Card holders
- remove entrance fees for carers accompanying a person with a disability
- remove entrance fees for children under 4 years of age supervised in the water by a fee paying adult

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## REPORT

The Director, Aged and Disability Program, NT Department of Health and Families has invited Council to become an affiliate of the NT Companion Card Program (**refer Attachment 1**) which is part of a national initiative, the National Companion Card program.

The Companion Card program enables people with a disability who require lifelong attendant care support from a companion, to participate in identified activities without incurring the cost of a second ticket for their companion. The program aims to support greater social inclusion for people with a disability and their carers as well as to provide businesses with a practical way to meet some of their obligations under anti-discrimination legislation. The program is also a practical way of supporting carers of people with a disability by easing some of the additional costs incurred while undertaking their caring role. There are more than 2,000 venues and activities around Australia who support the Companion Card program.

The NT Companion Card program is administered by the NT Department of Health and Families and will form part of the National Companion Card program with consistent eligibility criteria and reciprocal recognition of the card across all states and territories. The card will only be issued if an applicant meets all the criteria for the program and will be issued in the name of the person who has a disability, not to their carer or service providers. The free ticket issued to companions is not valid unless the card holder is present. There are no income tests, asset tests or fees associated with the application process.

Companion Card business affiliates officially register to participate in the Companion Card program and agree to –

- issue the Companion Card holder with a ticket for their attendant carer at no charge;
- accept a Companion Card issued in any Australian state or territory
- display the Companion Card logo in a prominent position at premises or on promotional material (where possible); and
- abide by the Companion Card Affiliate Terms and Conditions.

In February 2006 Council resolved to remove entrance fees to Council's Public Swimming Pools for carers accompanying a person with a disability. Acceptance of the Companion Card at Council's Public Swimming Pools is a positive way for Council to continue to assist people with a lifelong disability to participate equally in community life.

It is recommended that Council accept the invitation to become an affiliate of the NT Companion Card Scheme. It is further recommended that Council's Fees and Charges be updated to reflect that entry to Council's Public Swimming Pools is free for a person accompanying the holder of a Companion Card and that the information "Companion Card Accepted Here" be included on signage at Council's Public Swimming Pools.

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### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

It is envisaged that providing free entry to Council's Public Swimming Pools to persons accompanying Companion Card holders will improve revenue by encouraging residents who are eligible for a Companion Card to utilise Council's Pools.

### **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

#### **Key Strategies**

5.1.3 Improve access for people with disabilities

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil for the purposes of this report.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no environmental implications arising in relation to matters contained in this report.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

Council becoming an affiliate of the Companion Card Scheme would be viewed positively by all members of the community as an initiative to improve social inclusion of residents with a disability.

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:**

None identified for the purpose of this report.

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**DELEGATION:**

Nil.

**CONSULTATION:**

Community Recreation Coordinator  
 Council's Pools Manager

**PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:**

Nil for the purposes of this report.

**APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE**

Council's acceptance of the Companion Card would be posted on signage at Council's Public Swimming Pools and documented in Council's Fees and Charges schedule.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 10C0020 NM:kl entitled Invitation To Darwin City Council to Become Affiliated with The Northern Territory Companion Card Program, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Darwin City Council accepts the invitation from the Director, Aged and Disability Program, NT Department of Health and Families, to become an affiliate of the Northern Territory Companion Card Scheme.
- C. THAT Darwin City Council's Fees and Charges Schedule be updated to reflect that entry to Council's Public Swimming Pools is free for a person accompanying the holder of a Companion Card, commencing 1 March 2010.
- D. THAT the text "Companion Card Accepted Here" be included on signage at Council's Public Swimming Pools.

**NANCY MCCANN**  
**COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICER**

**KATIE HEARN**  
**A/GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY**  
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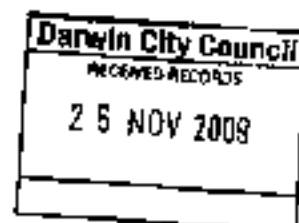
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Northern  
Territory  
Government



Mr Brendan Dowd  
Chief Executive Officer  
Darwin City Council  
GPO Box 84  
DARWIN NT 801



Dear Mr Dowd

I am writing to inform you about the Northern Territory Companion Card Program and invite your organisation to become an affiliate.

The Companion Card is a national initiative. It is available to people who, due to their disability, require lifelong attendant care and support to participate at most community venues and activities. This support may include significant assistance with mobility, communication or learning. Affiliate businesses and organisations accepting the Companion Card provide a ticket for the companion carer at no charge.

The program promotes the right of people with such a disability to fair ticketing practices and equal participation in community life and assists businesses and venue operators who are committed to social inclusion, by providing a consistent method of assessing and identifying persons who require a companion. All applicants must meet strict criteria to be eligible for a Companion Card, and when purchasing their ticket they must show their photo identification card to access a free ticket for their companion.

Over 2 000 venues and activities around Australia support the Companion Card and are recognised by the "Companion Card Accepted Here" decal displayed at their premises. Companion Card affiliates enhance a positive public image by demonstrating their commitment to social inclusion.

I hope you will consider registering your organisation as an affiliate of the Companion Card by completing the application form included in the enclosed Affiliate Pack.

For more information about the program, please contact Ione Jolly, Policy Officer, Aged and Disability Program, Department of Health and Families, on telephone 8999 2757 or email [companioncard@nt.gov.au](mailto:companioncard@nt.gov.au). You may also wish to visit the NT Companion Card website at [www.companioncard.nt.gov.au](http://www.companioncard.nt.gov.au)

Yours sincerely

Penny Fielding  
Director, Aged and Disability Program

24 November 2008

Encl. Northern Territory Companion Card Potential Affiliate Pack

Phone: 1800 439 656 • Email: [companioncard@nt.gov.au](mailto:companioncard@nt.gov.au) • Website: [www.companioncard.nt.gov.au](http://www.companioncard.nt.gov.au)  
Address: PO Box 40596 CASUARINA NT 0811

## Business Affiliation Form

Please complete the affiliation form in BLOCK LETTERS using blue or black pen

### Business details

Business Name			
Address			
Telephone		Fax	
Website			

Please provide the following details about all the services/venues/events/activities operated by your organisation where the Companion Card will be recognised.

Service / Venue / Event / Activity	Address	Telephone

### Contact person

Name			
Position			
Postal Address			
Email			
Telephone		Fax	



## Affiliate Statement

I am an authorised representative of the business listed on this form and on behalf of the business/organisation:

- I understand and accept the Companion Card Program Affiliate Terms and Conditions;
- I consent to the business' name and contact details (including physical location and website address) being listed as a Companion Card affiliate on the Companion Card website, and in other promotional communication; and
- I understand the Department of Health and Families may use my details to undertake research, evaluation or review (e.g. a voluntary survey/questionnaire) to ensure continuous improvement in the Companion Card Program.

Name of authorised representative	
Position	
Signature	
Date	

**Please return this form to:**

NT Companion Card Program  
 Department of Health and Families  
 PO Box 40596  
 CASUARINA NT 0811

**If you have any questions:**

Please contact the NT Companion Card Program on 8999 2757 or [companioncard@nt.gov.au](mailto:companioncard@nt.gov.au).

### Privacy

Information provided to the NT Department of Health and Families must be used, disclosed, recorded and secured subject to the *Information Act*.

## Affiliate terms and conditions

1. Affiliates understand that the Companion Card will only be used when the card holder requires the assistance of a companion to participate at a particular venue/activity.
2. The minimum expectation of Companion Card affiliates is that they will issue card holders from any Australian State or Territory with one Companion Ticket, or admission, at no charge. This ticket will be exempt from all booking fees.
3. Where a card holder needs more than one companion to provide the attendant care support, the card holder will negotiate this with the venue/activity operator at the time of booking.
4. The Companion Card can be used to obtain a Companion Ticket for any programs, services and sessions run by affiliated venue/activity operators. This will be subject to the usual admission availability and conditions.
5. Booking and ticket distribution practices for Companion Tickets should not be more difficult than the standard ticketing practices of the affiliated venue/activity.
6. The Companion Card can be used in conjunction with any recognised concession cards.
7. The venue/activity must ensure card holders can be seated or located physically close to their companions. Companions will remain close to card holders to assist them as required. Card holders with specific seating requirements will inform the venue/activity at the time of booking.
8. Some venue/activity operators may charge for participation over and above general admission costs (e.g. a fee for rides in addition to an entry fee at a fun park). Affiliated venue/activity operators must issue a Companion Ticket for both admission, and for additional components, such as rides etc., if the card holder requires assistance in order to participate.
9. Companion Cards may be used to purchase a package deal for the card holder that combines admission costs with ancillary components such as meals etc. When taking a booking for a package deal, affiliates should provide details of what is included with the Companion Ticket. It is essential that the companion's support to the card holder is not disrupted if the ancillary components are not included in the Companion Ticket. For example, if meals are not included, the companion must be able to bring or access food in a manner that enables them to provide continual support to the card holder.
10. Affiliated venues/activities agree to, where possible, display the Companion Card logo in a prominent position at their business premises or ticketing outlet, and in promotional material.
11. Only the person whose photograph and details appear on the Companion Card can use the card.
12. Companion Tickets cannot be used without the Companion Card holder being present.
13. Companion Card holders must inform the venue/activity of their requirement for a Companion Ticket at the time they book or purchase their own ticket.
14. Acceptance of the Companion Card does not indicate that the venue/activity is accessible. Card holders will be advised to check accessibility with the venue/activity before booking tickets.
15. Card holders must provide their Companion Card details when making telephone bookings, and must present their valid card during ticket collection and at any time when asked during the activity. If card holders cannot present their card, they may be charged for the Companion Ticket.
16. If a venue/activity suspects a Companion Card is being misused, they can report this to the Companion Card Program, which will investigate the report. Proven misuse of the Companion Card may result in card cancellation, and the card holder being ineligible to reapply.
17. It is understood that venue/activity operators and organisations agree to and accept the Companion Card Affiliate Terms and Conditions when they submit the Industry Affiliation Form.


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### About the Companion Card

The Companion Card enables people with disability who require lifelong attendant care support from a companion to participate in identified activities without incurring the cost of a second ticket for their companion.

The program aims to:

- support greater social inclusion for people with disability and their carers
- provide businesses with a practical way to meet some of their obligations under anti-discrimination legislation

Card holders present the card when booking or purchasing a ticket from a participating business. Participating businesses will recognise the Companion Card and issue the cardholder with a second 'companion ticket' for their companion at no charge. The companion ticket is also exempt from all booking fees.

**Note:** Acceptance of the Companion Card does not indicate that a venue/activity is accessible. Card holders should check accessibility with the venue/activity operator before booking tickets.

### Why has the Companion Card been developed?

The Companion Card program was first introduced by the Victorian Government in 2003 as a response to concerns from people with disability that the pricing policies of some entertainment, leisure and recreation venues were discriminatory.

It was considered unfair to require people with disability to purchase two tickets - one for themselves and another for their companion - when, without the support of the companion, they would not be able to visit the venue or participate in the event.

The NT Government is committed to ensuring people with disability have the opportunity to participate equally in community life and has adopted the Companion Card program as a further way of upholding this right.



The program is also a practical way of supporting carers of people with disability. It may assist carers when advocating on behalf of the person with disability to not incur the cost of an additional ticket. The Companion Card may also ease some of the additional costs incurred while undertaking their caring role.

The NT Companion Card Scheme is an initiative of the NT Government administered by the NT Department of Health and Families

## Who is eligible for the Companion Card?

To be eligible for an NT Companion Card you must demonstrate that you:

1. are living in the NT, and
2. have a permanent disability, and
3. because of the impact of your disability, you are unable to participate at most community venues or activities without attendant care support, and
4. you need or are likely to need lifelong attendant care support.

The card will only be issued if you meet ALL the criteria for the program.

The Companion Card is issued in the name of the person who has the disability. Carers and service providers are not eligible to apply for a Companion Card.

There are no income, asset tests, or fees associated with the application process.

The Companion Card is not issued to every person who has a disability.

There may be circumstances where an individual may use the support of a companion but will not qualify to receive a Companion Card. Examples include:

- a person who is experiencing a temporary impairment
- a person whose expected development or recovery may mean that they will not require lifelong attendant care support
- a person who is affected by the inaccessibility of a particular venue
- a person who chooses to have a companion to provide social company or reassurance
- a person who chooses to have a companion rather than use available aids, equipment or alternative strategies to access an venue or activity

The Companion Card program must be advised of any changes affecting a cardholder's eligibility

It is the responsibility of the operators of venues and activities to consider all requests for companion tickets. If a person who does not hold a Companion Card requests a companion ticket, the operator may negotiate alternative methods to verify the person's need for attendant care support.

## Who is a companion?

A companion is any person who accompanies a card holder for the purpose of providing significant attendant care support.

The card holder's chosen companion may be a paid or unpaid assistant or carer, friend, family member or partner. The card holder's companion will not necessarily be the same person each time.

Attendant care support includes significant assistance with mobility, communication, or learning, where the use of aids, equipment or alternative strategies does not enable the person to carry out these tasks independently. The need for attendant care support must be, or is likely to be, lifelong.

It does not include the companion providing only social company, reassurance or encouragement.

## How to apply for a Companion Card

To apply for a Companion Card, contact the NT Companion Card program on 1800 139 656.

The Companion Card Application Form is also available [here](#).

## Assessment of applications

The NT Government will assess each application against the four eligibility criteria for the Companion Card program.

If more information is needed in process applications, the Companion Card program may contact the applicant (or authorised contact) to ask for additional information.

All persons applying for a Companion Card will be notified of the outcome of the application in writing.

Please note that completion of an application form does not guarantee a Companion Card will be issued.

### Unsuccessful applications and the review process

Unsuccessful applicants will be informed about their rights to review and the processes and timeframes involved.

Any person who is not satisfied with the outcome of his or her application may request a review.

## Card features and security

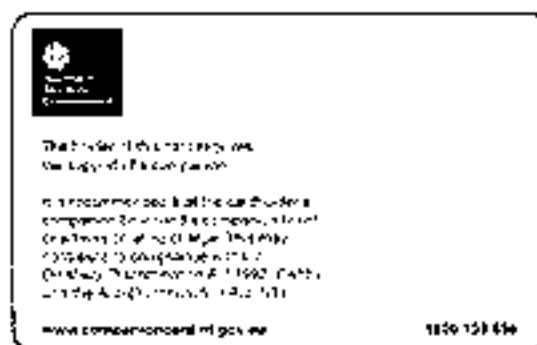
Companion Cards are issued for five years to approved applicants. The card is issued in the name of the person with the disability for his or her use only.

The Companion Card includes the card holder's name, card number, card expiry date, as well as a photograph of the card holder.

The card incorporates a number of security features that are provided to businesses affiliated with the program. Affiliates may be able to use these features to verify cardholder information when taking telephone bookings or issuing tickets.

Card holders must renew their cards periodically. Card holders must also advise the program of a change in their circumstances that may affect their eligibility to hold a card.

The card remains the property of the Companion Card program and a card will be cancelled if a card holder's eligibility is no longer maintained. Misuse of a Companion Card may also lead to cancellation.



## Using a Companion Card

The Card Holder Terms and Conditions provide full details about how to use your Card.

You must present your Companion Card when booking or buying a ticket from a participating business ("Affiliate"). Affiliates will issue you with a second 'companion ticket' for your companion at no charge. The companion ticket is also exempt from all booking fees.

If you book your ticket over the telephone, you must tell the operator that you require a companion ticket. You may need to provide your name, your Companion Card number and the card expiry date.

You may be required to show your Companion Card when purchasing or collecting tickets, or at any time during your attendance at a venue or activity. If you cannot present your Card, you may be charged for the companion ticket. The companion ticket is not valid unless the card holder is present. Only the person whose photograph and name appear on the Card may use the Companion Card.

If you require more than one companion, you must negotiate this with the business affiliate at the time of booking.

How to use your Card appropriately

The success and expansion of the Companion Card is dependent upon the good will of both Card Holders and Affiliates. Attempts to use the Companion Card when a companion is not required may jeopardise the willingness of businesses to participate in the program.

You should only use your Companion Card when you require the assistance of a companion to participate at a particular venue or activity. If you previously attended a venue or activity independently, this arrangement should continue, unchanged.

Attempts to misuse the Companion Card can result in card cancellation

Where can I use the Companion Card?

Look for the distinctive Companion Card logo displayed by Affiliates at the entrance of business premises or on their promotional and advertising material.

NT-based businesses, venues and events that have formally agreed to accept the Companion Card are listed [here](#).

You can also use your card interstate. Information on interstate programs and participating businesses operating throughout Australia is available on the National Companion Card web site.

If there is a venue or activity that you wish to attend, it is your responsibility to check with the venue, at the time of booking your tickets, if they will accept your Companion Card.

Some venue/activity operators may not know about the Companion Card (or may not display the logo), but may still accept your card if it is presented or when informed about the program. If a venue or activity operator needs more information, or would like to affiliate with the program, they can contact the Companion Card program via the website address and telephone number shown on the back of the card. By raising awareness in this way, it is hoped that more businesses will affiliate with the program.

Replacement cards

Card holders may request a replacement Companion Card prior to the expiry date if the card is lost, stolen or damaged, or they have changed their name. If required, photographs may also be updated.

To request a replacement card, please contact the NT Companion Card Scheme by calling 1800 139 666 or emailing [ntcompanioncard@nt.gov.au](mailto:ntcompanioncard@nt.gov.au).

Change of contact details

Card holders may update their address details or telephone number by calling 1800 139 666 or emailing [ntcompanioncard@nt.gov.au](mailto:ntcompanioncard@nt.gov.au).

Renewing cards

NT Companion Cards are issued for two years to approved applicants. The card is issued in the name of the person with the disability for his or her use only. The card expiry date is printed on the front of the card.

Card holders will receive a reminder letter ahead of the expiry date with advice on the renewal process. As part of the renewal process, card holders will be required to confirm their ongoing need for the Companion Card. Card holders are also required to provide new photographs when renewing their card.

Cancelling a card

Where a change in circumstances means that a card holder is no longer eligible for a Companion Card (e.g. death, change in medical condition, moving interstate) a card may be cancelled by calling 1800 139 656 or emailing [\[click here to email now\]](#)

## Card Holder concerns

Card holders who have a complaint about recognition of their Companion Card are encouraged to resolve the issue with the venue or activity management in the first instance before contacting the NT Companion Card program.

Affiliated businesses are encouraged to develop their own complaints procedure to manage issues relating to the Companion Card.

For more information, contact the Northern Territory Health and Families Department, Privacy Officer, at [\[click here to email now\]](#)

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ENCL: YES

**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL****DATE:** 01/02/2010**REPORT****TO:** COMMUNITY SERVICES & CULTURAL  
SERVICES/OPEN A**APPROVED:** KH**FROM:** A/GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &  
CULTURAL SERVICES**REPORT NO:** 10C0012 KH:es**COMMON NO:** 1731987**SUBJECT:** REQUEST TO INCREASE IN-KIND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
SUPPORT CAPACITY REPORT**ITEM NO: 9.14****SYNOPSIS:**

Council currently makes available a range of measures that provide either direct assistance, subsidized use of facilities, funding or in-kind equipment supports, largely aimed at facilitation and support for community events, community groups and local celebratory activities. This report identifies from existing budget allocations, capacity to build upon Council's current resources with the aim of enhancing its mechanisms for timely, in-kind grass roots community support. This report seeks Council's endorsement to increase the capacity of its in-kind support efforts to better meet the changing and diverse needs of local community groups, charity and community organizations.

**GENERAL:****PREVIOUS DECISIONS:****Final Youth Strategy Report 2009 – 2014**

DECISION NO.20\1234 (24/02/09)

- 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:
  - I. Gig gear initiative \$18,500 (one off).
  - II. Youth centre facility development (costs to be determined).



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- III. Establishment of Young Women's Health & Wellbeing outreach program \$70,000 annually.
- IV. Establishment of a Youth Leisure/Activities Officer and program implementation costs \$120,000 annually.
- V. 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 communicates 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 launches *Loud & Clear* during National Youth Week 2009, in partnership with the Youth Advisory Group.

## **REPORT**

This report seeks Council endorsement for the purchase of a range of equipment pieces that can be loaned to community groups and not for profit organizations as a means of furthering Council's support for community participation and community created events. The second element of in-kind support concerns Council's most sought after community service, face painting, and a one off capability building initiative is presented for Council's consideration.

## **OVERVIEW**

For many years Council has provided various types of support for community groups and not for profit community agencies who deliver services, events and activities at a localized level.

Current forms of support include Community Grants, fee waivers, the loaning of a very limited range of equipment, subsidized access to community facilities and infrastructure and limited one off donations and sponsorships.

Council is contacted on a very frequent basis by community groups and organizations who seek some type of support as a means of bolstering efforts in their delivery of free to access community events, entertainment and community celebrations. Elected Members are also contacted by the public regularly seeking support for community initiatives such as neighbourhood barbeques, children's functions and fund raisers.

Council's current in-kind response for very community based activities is some what limited in its capacity and the opportunity exists for Council to build upon its current resources as a means of providing greater community support options for relatively low expenditure in view of the frequency in which Council is called upon for support.

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Identified within the 2009-2010 Youth Strategy, Loud & Clear, was the establishment of the *Gig Gear* initiative, which comprises basic equipment necessary to run a small scale music event. Equipment includes a P.A, a mixing board and speakers. Council also has a giant chess board suitable for the outdoors, eskies, bins and witches hats, all of which are regularly borrowed.

### **IN-KIND RESOURCES EQUIPMENT INITIATIVE**

Council Community & Cultural Services Department is approached on an increasingly frequent basis by community groups and not for profit organizations who seek support in the delivery of community events, activities, charity fundraising activities and programs for marginalized members of the community. Requests include support with venues, fee waivers, equipment, direct services such as face painting or children's activities, provision of refreshments, assistance with printing, staff advice, and practical support with event promotion. Face painting services can be requested on an almost weekly basis during the dry season and festive period, and a capability building activity is suggested as an ideal means of responding to this need whilst providing genuine youth opportunities, across programs.

Council's role of supporter and facilitator is firmly established, and it is well evidenced that local government is viewed as a primary access point for the community seeking support and information when organizing a community initiative.

Council staff have identified a range of equipment pieces that are readily transportable and that can also be used by Council's own programs. The equipment identified is relatively low cost and would serve to broaden the range of activities on offer at community events. Equipment has been chosen for uniqueness, durability, capacity for various ability levels, equipment that encourages physical activity and that can be used in the outdoors and in some cases the indoors.

**Attachment 1** profiles the equipment pieces and approximate cost. Depending on stock availability and freight costs, it is suggested that a range of items as identified in Attachment 1 be purchased up to the value of \$5500.00. to form part of Council's In-kind Resources. This would translate to approximately 40 pieces of equipment.

### **FACE PAINTING WORKSHOP**

Council is asked to consider the hosting of a skills workshop (from the budget allocation already identified) as part of the strategy to increase in-kind support resources.

The concept of hosting a series of face painting skill workshops is underpinned by recognition that face painting is an activity that is consistently in great demand, that there is an absence of skilled face painters in the area who are readily available for casual employment, particularly during popular events, that face painting is largely a skill that can be learned and perfected with solid training and practice and that a range of positive opportunities to facilitate employment options for young people exists whilst responding to unmet need for low cost community services.

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It is anticipated a series of free of charge training workshops with a highly skilled facilitator from interstate be held as a mechanism for up-skilling local youth whilst growing our own local capabilities in this area. A highly skilled face painter has been identified and has advised that several 6 hour workshops could be run ranging from sessions most suited to children's faces and sessions that respond to the interests of young people can also be crafted, such as glitter tattooing, jewellery painting, lace work for faces and clothing etc. It is envisaged that local young people could apply to attend Council's face painting skills workshops with the view to registering to be part of a face painters 'bank'. The *bank* could be accessed when community groups seek the services of face painters. Some casual employment opportunities with Council would also emerge as face painting is a service provided regularly as part of our own Children's, Recreation and Major Events programs and as an in-kind activity for community events, fundraisers and celebrations.

The facilitator identified, hosts workshops Australia wide, provides workshops for beginners, teenagers (including glitter tattoos) and theatre/arts groups and has capacity to provide workshops in Darwin.

It is recommended that Council direct \$6500.00 as a one off allocation from existing budgets for the hosting of three six hour workshops comprising a beginners workshop, a youth focussed workshop and a workshop for professionals. The Community Development Team in partnership with the Youth Advisory Group would take carriage of workshop bookings, venue organization, catering, advertising and the facilitation of establishing the employment bank for young people who show aptitude and interest in casual face painting work. Working With Children Checks would also form part of the 'bank' registration process.

Depending on facilitator availability, workshops could be held during the current Wet season, in readiness for the large number of community events and festivals held in Darwin during the Dry.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

This report recommends an investment of up to \$12,000 which can be absorbed by existing Cultural & Community Services budget allocations for 2009/2010.

### **Equipment**

Equipment for in-kind resources bank (see Attachment 1) \$5500  
 (to include freight and Council branding)  
 this would allow for the purchase of approximately 44 pieces of equipment.

### **Face painting capacity building workshop**

Project	\$6500
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workshop fees (3 days of 6 hr workshops)</li> </ul>	\$3000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Travel &amp; Accommodation</li> </ul>	\$1500

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| • Venue hire   | in-kind |
| • Materials (\$20 per person)<br>(material costs will depend on participant numbers) | \$ 800  |
| • Advertising  | \$1000  |
| • Catering   | \$ 200  |
| • Workshop organization  | in-kind |

It is recommended that funds be obtained from the following budgets;

Community Development Activities	05/221002/300/104	\$2500
Youth Projects	05/222010/300/104	\$3500
Recreation Services	05/223000/300/104	\$1000
Special Community Services Projects (earmarked for special projects)	05/221040/300/104	\$5000

Total expenditure within existing budgets	\$12000
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Council should also note that considerable time has been invested by staff in efforts to identify grant funds to increase in-kind equipment and the face painting project, however, grant funds have been successfully obtained for alternative youth and community projects which primarily focus on music and entertainment experiences.

### **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':-

<b>Goal</b>	5	Enhance Darwin's Active, Positive and Flexible Lifestyle
<b>Outcome</b>	2.3	Promote family friendly activities

<b>Key Strategies</b>	2.3.1	Promote and host family orientated recreational and leisure activity
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<b>Goal</b>	5	Facilitate and Maintain a Cohesive Community
<b>Outcome</b>	5.2	Promote Darwin's culture

#### **Key Strategies**

5.2.2 Create opportunities for the expression of cultural diversity through art

<b>Goal</b>	6	Promote Brand Darwin
<b>Outcome</b>	6.1	Increase Council's profile

<b>Key Strategies</b>	6.1.1	Provide strategic sponsorship for major events
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### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

All participants engaging in Council run activities are provided for by Council's Public Liability insurance.

Any youth project participants who wish to register for casual employment as face painters will be required to self fund a Working With Children Check, prior to any casual employment opportunities being offered.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The face painting workshop sessions cover issues such as working with children, hygienic work practices and environmentally friendly materials are used.

Equipment will be stored when not in use in the Project Work Room next to the Youth Projects office for ease of access.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

Council's closest interface with community is frequently through its provision of grass roots community services, events and community celebrations. Elected Members are also regularly contacted and asked for support with community activities. Council has at this time, a small offering of in-kind supports available for community groups, however, there is great scope to enhance this capacity while simultaneously responding to unmet community need, build local capabilities and supplement the efforts of community groups, charity organizations and the not for profit sector.

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:**

Council's officers (Community Development Team) will facilitate the loaning of equipment pieces and shall inspect equipment on return to Council. Equipment will be loaned out through the Customer Service Centre and a security deposit will be required, refundable on the return of equipment in good condition. Amendments to Council's Fees and Charges will be made to reflect the new equipment.

### **DELEGATION:**

Requires full Council determination.

### **CONSULTATION:**

Cultural & Community Services officers  
 Recreation Services Coordinator  
 Customer Services Team  
 Communications & Marketing

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

The promotion of available resources via Council's web site and through existing youth, recreation, community support and community arts networks will provide positive exposure of Council's support mechanisms. The opportunity to announce the arrival of the new event resources also exists depending on Council's decision to support this initiative or otherwise.

### **APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE**

As a donor of in-kind supports, Council will negotiate opportunities for logo exposure on an individual support request basis. Small promotional banners could also be made to accompany any equipment loaned as a means of demonstrating Council's support and promoting the availability of the resources further.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**








THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 10C0012 KH:es entitled, Request to Increase In-Kind Community Development Support Capacity Report, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council endorse the expenditure of \$12,000 to increase the capacity of its in-kind support mechanisms through the purchase of associated equipment and conduct of skills workshops.

**KATIE HEARN**  
**MANAGER COMMUNITY**  
**DEVELOPMENT**

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

Any queries on this report may be directed to Ms Katie Hearn on 89300560 or email [k.hearn@darwin.nt.gov.au](mailto:k.hearn@darwin.nt.gov.au)

Equipment type	Name
	Mega 4
	Super 4
	Belly Bumpers X 2 sizes
	Jumbo noughts & Crosses
	Stilt Buckets (for walking, coordination and balance)
	Jumbo Jam basketball
	1.0m soccer ball



**Sack racing pack  
(5 to a pack)**



**Space Hoppers**



**60cm Nylon Cageball**



**Lite Flite balls**



**Dart ball (Velcro, for  
all ages)**



**Plastic Chess Pieces  
Large 60cm (24 inch)**



**Hopscotch for indoor  
and outdoor use  
65cm x 200cm**



	<b>Foot pump</b>
	<b>High pressure inflator</b>
	<b>Buddy Walkers</b>
	<b>9.0m parachute</b>
	<b>Quoits</b>

ENCL: YES

**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL****DATE:** 02/02/2010**REPORT****TO:** COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES  
COMMITTEE/OPEN**APPROVED:** KH**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &  
CULTURAL SERVICES**APPROVED:** NM**REPORT NO:** 10C0022 NM:kl**COMMON NO:** 1693771**SUBJECT:** REQUEST FOR THREE YEAR SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT FOR  
THE BEAT FOUNDATION AND DARWIN LIONS BEER CAN REGATTA  
ASSOCIATION INC**ITEM NO: 9.15****SYNOPSIS:**

This report details a request for ongoing funding from The Beat Foundation Inc for its annual 'The Beat' event and provides background information regarding previous funding provided to 'The Beat' and another annual local event, 'The Darwin Lions Beer Can Regatta'.

A recommendation is made that Council enter into a 3 year sponsorship agreement for each of these events.

**GENERAL:****Previous Decisions****Decision No. 18/8983****(24/02/04)**

- B. THAT from 2004/2005 the existing Community Support Program and Local Community Grant Program be combined into one Darwin City Council Community Grant Program.
- C. THAT the funding level for the revised Community Grant Program be retained at a total of \$100,000 per annum and be disbursed bi-annually in two equal amounts in July and January each year.
- D. That an amount of \$15,000 be withheld from the advertised grant funding rounds to allow consideration of any submission of interest to Council out of turn of the funding rounds.

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- E. That the Community Grant Program continues to offer the opportunity for community organisations to apply for developmental funding over a 3 year period.
- F. THAT Council retains the existing format of Special Community Services Committee to assess applications for grants on a bi-annual basis and making its recommendations on grant allocations to the Council.
- G. THAT through the Community Grant Program process Council continue to support at least one youth specific application per year.
- H. THAT the operation of Council's in-kind support program be retained and that consideration be given to the total pool of funds being increased from \$12,000 to \$15,000 in 2004/2005.
- I. THAT Council endorse the eligibility criteria for the Community Grant Program which requires that applicants must be organisations incorporated under the NT Association Incorporation Act or groups sponsored by an incorporated organisation and that through the Community Grant Program Council will not support:
  - Requests for any individual pursuits.
  - Applications for recurrent funds.
  - Requests for salaries or the ongoing/ core functions of an organisation.
  - Proposals for events and activities held out of Darwin.
  - Requests for commercial events or competitions.
  - Funding for capital funds or improvements on private property.
  - School based projects that do not involve the wider community.
  - Applications where an applicant has not fully acquitted any previous Darwin City Council grant.

## REPORT

Council has established a 'Community Grants Program' that is aimed at supporting and assisting community organisations to develop activities and or services that will benefit the broader Darwin community.

Under the program, a pool of funds is identified from which community organisations are invited to make application for funding for various community projects. The funding level of the Community Grant Program is \$100,000 per annum and is disbursed bi-annually in two equal amounts in July and January each year. Of this, an amount of \$15,000 is withheld to allow consideration of any submission of interest to Council for out of turn funding which leaves approximately \$42,500.00 to be allocated in each of Council's two rounds of funding each year.

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The Beat Foundation and Lions Beer Can Regatta Association Inc apply for funding in the 1<sup>st</sup> round of funding every year for the annual events 'The Beat' and 'The Darwin Lions Beer Can Regatta' respectively. Both events are family orientated, community events that are well supported by Darwin residents and are firmly established on the local event calendar. Council's support is prominently recognised at both events.

A request has been received from The Beat Foundation Inc for ongoing annual sponsorship for 'The Beat' event (**refer Attachment 1**). The granting of this request would ensure the organisers of 'The Beat' of Council's continued support as well as reduce uncertainty and administrative tasks undertaken each year by The Beat Foundation Inc and Council in applying for and administering the grant funding.

It is considered that ongoing funding of "The Darwin Lions Beer Can Regatta" event would reap the same benefits.

In recent years the Beat Foundation and Darwin Lions Beer Can Regatta Inc have been funded to the value of \$5,000.00 each under the 1<sup>st</sup> round of Council's Community Grants program. This considerably reduces the amount of funding available for the 30 to 40 other organisations who apply for funding for a wide variety of projects and new initiatives in the same round of funding.

The aim of Council's Community Grant Program is to facilitate and empower community groups and organisations however established institutions such as 'The Beat' and 'Darwin Lions Beer Can Regatta' raise much needed funds and act as an enabler for community participation.

Given that 'The Beat' and 'Darwin Lions Beer Can Regatta' are popular annual community events facilitated by respected local community groups, Council's continued support would have many positive benefits. It is therefore recommended that Council fund 'The Beat' and 'Darwin Lions Beer Can Regatta' to the amount of \$5,000 per year for the financial years 2009/2010, 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 from a budget external to the Community Grants Program and that a funding agreement similar to the current funding agreement between Council and Darwin City Brass Band be entered into with each organisation. This will facilitate continued support of two worthwhile annual community events whilst allowing increased funding to the vast variety of other community projects and initiatives worthy of Council's support.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There is no current budget allocation for ongoing sponsorship of 'The Beat' and the 'Darwin Beer Can Regatta' Event.

This report recommends that a sponsorship agreement of \$5,000 per year for three years be entered into with each organisation and that a 3rd quarter budget variation for \$10,000 be submitted for 2009/2010 and that a new initiative for 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 be referred to the 2010/2011 budget deliberations.

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### **STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:**

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

#### **Goal**

2 Enhance Darwin's Active, Positive and Flexible Lifestyle

#### **Outcome**

2.3 Promote family friendly activities

#### **Key Strategies**

2.3.1 Promote and host family orientated recreational and leisure activity

#### **Goal**

6 Promote Brand Darwin

#### **Outcome**

6.1 Increase Council's profile

#### **Key Strategies**

6.1.1 Provide strategic sponsorship for major events

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Community organisations entering into agreements with Council for funding are required to fully acquit funds and provide an evaluation report, in keeping with funding and service agreement guidelines.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no environmental implications arising in relation to matters contained in this report.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

Council will be acknowledged and promoted as a sponsor with any grant or sponsorship provided.

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**COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no community safety and security implications arising from matters contained in this report.

**DELEGATION:**

A Council decision is required.

**CONSULTATION:**

Manager Communications and Marketing  
Manager Community Development  
Arts and Cultural Development Officer

**PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:**

Nil for the purposes of this report.

**APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE**

All Council sponsored projects are required to publicly acknowledge Council's support.

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 ASSOCIATION INC

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### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 10C0022 NM:kl entitled Request for Three Year Sponsorship Agreement for The Beat Foundation and Darwin Lions Beer Can Regatta Association Inc, be received and noted.
- B. THAT a three (3) year sponsorship of \$5,000 per year be offered to The Beat Foundation Inc for 'The Beat' event.
- C. THAT funding of \$5,000 for 'The Beat' 2010 event be referred to the 3rd quarter budget variation process.
- D. THAT funding of \$5,000 for 'The Beat' event be established for the period 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 and referred to the 2010/2011 budget deliberations.
- E. THAT a three (3) year sponsorship of \$5,000 per year be offered to The Darwin Lions Beer Can Regatta Association Inc for 'The Darwin Lions Beer Can Regatta' event.
- F. THAT funding of \$5,000 for 'The Darwin Lions Beer Can Regatta' 2010 event be referred to the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter budget variation process.
- G. THAT funding of \$5,000 for 'The Darwin Lions Beer Can Regatta' event be established for the period of 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 and referred to the 2010/2011 budget deliberations.
- H. THAT Darwin City Council, pursuant to Section 32(2) of the Local Government Act 2008, hereby delegates to the Chief Executive Officer, the power to negotiate the terms of the sponsorship agreements with The Beat Foundation Inc and The Darwin Lions Beer Can Regatta Association Inc.

**NANCY MCCANN**  
**COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICER**

**KATIE HEARN**  
**A/GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY**  
**& CULTURAL SERVICES**

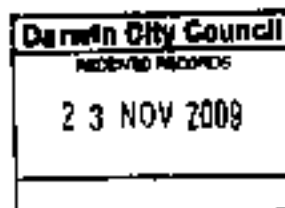
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## THE BEAT FOUNDATION INC.

GPO Box 1223 DARWIN NT. 0801

The General Manager Community and Cultural Services  
Darwin City Council  
GPO Box 84  
DARWIN NT 0801



Dear Sir/Madam

**RE: 2009/2010 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM**

We wish to thank you sincerely for the \$5000 grant which helped us to stage our 30<sup>th</sup> performance. We really appreciate your ongoing sponsorship.

The performance was highly successful and enabled over 800 young people to enjoy being involved.

Enclosed is a copy of the poster which was widely displayed in the community and through the schools showing your Darwin City Council Logo.

Also enclosed is a copy of the program showing your logo on the cover and acknowledging your sponsorship in the list of sponsors.

You sponsor The Beat Foundation every year and we are extremely grateful.

Would it be possible to include us in your Annual Budget as an ongoing expense?

As you know The Beat has been an icon of the Darwin Performing Arts scene for the past thirty years and we plan to continue for many years to come!

Once again, many thanks.

Yours faithfully,

**DAPHNE E READ AO**  
Hon Secretary

21 November 2009

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**"Promoting excellence for NT students in the Performing Arts"**



ENCL: NO

**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL**

DATE: 03/02/2010

**REPORT****TO:** COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES  
COMMITTEE/OPEN A**APPROVED:** KH**FROM:** A/GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &  
CULTURAL SERVICES**REPORT NO:** 10C0017 KH:es**COMMON NO:** 1733166**SUBJECT:** COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES TEAM REPORT –  
NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2009 AND JANUARY 2010**ITEM NO: 9.16**

This report provides Council with an update of activities undertaken within the Community Services program during November, December 2009 and January 2010. It is presented for Council's information.

**GENERAL:**

This report provides an update of activities within the Cultural & Community Services portfolio and selected projects. Each Officer within the Community Development Team has prepared their own sections to appraise Council of operational activities during November, December 2009 and January 2010.

**REPORT:****COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT****Human Resources**

The Sister Cities Officer, Sam French concluded with Council in December to relocate to Queensland and the team has now been joined by Kareen Pillar who has assumed the Sister Cities Program Coordinator role. Youth Services has successfully hosted its fifth traineeship with Callum Poole successfully completing a certificate in graphic arts during his traineeship – a first for Youth Services. A new trainee will undertake a Certificate in Community Services commencing in February 2010.

**Lakeside Drive Community Garden**

Preparations are underway for the Community Garden on Lakeside Drive to plant its first fruit and vegetable patches in March and April. This vast and very motivated group of volunteers who are supported by Charles Darwin University have continued to meet regularly and are working hard on progressing the project. Whilst Council has provided in principle support to the Lakeside Community Garden and establishment of it on Council land, a final report will be provided to Council in late

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February detailing all management, legal and leasing aspects to enable the initiative to progress unabated, pending Council's final endorsement.

### **Graffiti Service Level Agreement**

Since the meeting of the Capital Cities Committee in December, negotiations for the agreement have progressed substantially with final drafting of the agreement now underway. At this time, the City of Palmerston are joining with Darwin City Council and approximately 18 NTG properties have been identified for inclusion in the agreement. The agreement will provide for a six month trial period with review at the three month mark. It is anticipated that the agreement will be ready to launch following the Capital Cities Committee meeting to be held in early February 2010.

### **Youth Projects**

Unfortunately in late November 2009, Council's Civic Centre was burglarized. Although NT Police investigated the crime, the perpetrators were not apprehended despite CCTV footage. The Youth Projects work room window was smashed in order to gain access and staff owned Ipods and bags were stolen. Council's two newly acquired portable Apple Mac computers were also stolen. The police advised that the likelihood of having the computers returned was very small if at all.

Staff reported the incident to Council's Risk Officer with the view to processing an insurance claim however were advised that the value of the loss was insufficient to progress a claim. The replacement of the portable Apple Macs was of extreme importance as Youth Projects staff had been successful in obtaining school holiday grant funds to conduct *Vods and Pods* workshops for young people. The workshops could not be run without the equipment and the grind online project was also at risk given its reliance on the equipment.

Fortunately for the many youth participants, the GM Cultural & Community Services was able to identify funds to replace the two portable Macs and the workshops and grind online projects were able to proceed. A secure vault has now been installed in the Project workroom to mitigate risk of theft. The cost to replace the hardware was approximately \$3800.00

### **Homeless Connect**

Preparations are underway for the hosting of Darwin's first Homeless Connect event – an initiative of the Council of Capital City Lord Mayors. With Darwin and Hobart's participation this year, Homeless Connect will become a national action for the first time in 2010.

The event will be held on World Health Day, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at the Water Gardens from 10am-1pm. The event aims to act as a one stop shop location for numerous services and wellbeing experiences that people who are homeless might not otherwise experience.

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Whilst not a panacea for the complexities of homelessness, Homeless Connect does go some way to reducing barriers of access to services and is underpinned by volunteers and partnerships. Although in the beginning stages, a number of key service providers have indicated their intention to participate including; Corrugated Iron, NT Anti-Discrimination Commission, Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation, St Vincent de Paul (Vincent Care), Anglicare, Catholic Care NT, NT Aids & Hepatitis Council, Mission Australia, Street Swags, Aboriginal and Islander Women's Domestic Violence Shelter and Street Soccer.

Many more service providers and material aid donors are being engaged. It is hoped that visiting Doctors, podiatrists, dental services, sexual health, massage therapists, hairdressers and other services can be provided at the event however, negotiations are still in their infancy. Ideally, the provision of a hot meal, hygiene packs, clothing packs and food packs can all be provided on the day. Shellie Morris has been confirmed to perform and an interactive musical outdoor lounge will be set up. Anglicare's Mum's and Drums program will be available and Larrakia Nation's Arts in the Grass program will also run.

Events in other regions have included activities and experiences such as free photography where by attendees have a professional photo taken after their hair cut and the photo is printed on a card. Participants are encouraged to write a message and send the card to a friend or family member and postage is provided. Free hair cuts and treatments, new clothing and footwear, a massage and pedicure along with the opportunity to play music and share stories and importantly connect with services beyond the scope of the event. It is anticipated that some of the elements of the events hosted in other regions can be made available at the Darwin event.

### **Workforce Wellbeing Committee**

The committee has made substantial progress over the past three months and has met on three occasions in efforts to develop a range of activities for staff in 2010. A men's health seminar has been arranged and will be conducted on February 25<sup>th</sup> at the Operations Centre and a Women's Cancer Awareness session was attended by approximately 25 participants in December.

An organizational wide health and wellbeing survey has been launched and staff have until March 1<sup>st</sup> to provide feedback. The survey is available online and in hard copy and will provide the Committee with valuable insights as to the needs and preferences for staff health and wellbeing initiatives. A further activity entitled Dining with the Stars has been established and involves the COG hosting a healthy lunch for staff who share the same star sign. This activity fosters positive cross department communications and the opportunity for staff to engage directly with the Executive in an informal setting.

### **Staff Development**

All Community Development staff had formal appraisals in December and completed Professional Development Plans which form the basis for identifying professional development goals for the coming year.

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### **In-kind support**

On account of the high numbers of requests Council receives for in-kind support for community events and celebrations and from the not for profit sector, staff have worked together to develop a number of in-kind support options that Council could invest in as a means of better responding to expressed community need. A number of event and indoor/outdoor leisure, play and recreational pieces of equipment have been identified that could be loaned to groups seeking Council support at no cost. In addition, research has been undertaken to identify a skilled face painter that offers diverse and unique skills for local face painters and for young people who are interested in learning the art. Council is approached on a very regular basis by community groups, as are Elected members, and currently there is limited capacity to respond. Subsequently, a workshop is proposed as a mechanism for building community capability whilst responding to community need. This initiative is the subject of a separate report.

### **Australian Early Development Index**

Community Services staff attended a Department of Education and Training information session detailing the recently available Australian Early Development Index. The Index compares and provides performance indicators for all Australian children in an early learning setting.

### **Sector networks**

The Community Services Management Team attended the launch of Larrakia Nation's research, *Being undesirable: law, health and life in Darwin's Long Grass* in late November 2009. The Lord Mayor was also in attendance.

### **NT Aids & Hepatitis Council**

Council has been invited to participate in a newly formed reference group for the Beat program. The NT Aids & Hepatitis Council are establishing a reference group to help guide the work of the program, its clients and issues associated with public space. Staff from Community Development and Regulatory Services will attend with the first meeting scheduled for late February.

### **United Nations International Human Rights Day**

Community Development staff attended the UN International Human Rights Day Breakfast on 10 December 2009 which was jointly facilitated by the NT Anti-Discrimination Commission and United Nations Association Australia NT. The presentations by the two keynote speakers centred on the theme of "Embrace Diversity – End Discrimination".

### **NT Government Tobacco Reforms**

Community & Cultural Services has undertaken multiple engagements with the NT Government's Department of Health and Families in relation to tobacco reforms introduced in January 2010 with further legislative changes to take effect from January 2011.

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Community & Cultural Services has commenced a process of consultation with Council's Outdoor Dining and Sidewalk Café permit holders to gauge the impact of the legislative changes upon those businesses.

Community & Cultural Services has met with one permit holder in relation to concerns about the potential for an adverse impact as a result of the reforms. CCS will report to Council in March detailing the new legislative environment, the impact on businesses drawn from the consultation with permit holders and desk top research outcomes based on legislative reforms in other jurisdictions.

### **Secure Taxi Rank Project**

The funding of the secure taxi rank remains unresolved. Community & Cultural Services continue to endeavour to progress this matter via discussions with the NT Government, including with the Chief Minister at the Capital Cities forum and the provision to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure with Council's report detailing a raft of rank funding models operating in other jurisdictions.

Council and the Australian Hotels Association continue to fund the rank's concierge service although seek a resolution regarding funding as soon as possible.

### **Alcohol Management**

Council submitted a comprehensive submission to the NT Licensing Commission's enquiry into cheap and "problem" alcohol products detailing a raft of strategies required to develop a substantive and effective municipality-wide approach to the management of alcohol in Darwin.

After repeated lobbying by Council to Government, Community & Cultural Services is scheduled to meet for the second occasion with the Executive Director of the NT Government's Licensing, Regulation and Alcohol Strategy to progress the development of an Alcohol Management Plan.

Community & Cultural Services continues to participate, as part of a key stakeholder group, in the application for a Liquor Accord in the Casuarina Business District to address the adverse impact of alcohol on the locale. The group recently submitted an *application for authorisation* to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission in relation to progressing discussions with Woolworths and Coles regarding the prospect of an Accord.

### **Interagency Tasking Coordination (ITCG) and Community Safety Working Group (CSWG)**

Community & Cultural Services attended ITCG meetings in October, November, December and January and a CSWG meeting in October.

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### **Darwin Entertainment Centre (DEC)**

Funding negotiations for the 2009 -10 financial year and for a subsequent 3 + 1 funding term have not yet been completed as a result of NT Government delays.

Community & Cultural Services continues to progress and resolve DEC issues as they emerge via monthly meetings with the General Manager and participation in the Project Control Group meeting.

Community & Cultural Services has sought legal advice on a number of occasions to progress the drafting of an updated DEC constitution which will then be tabled to the Elected Members, the NT Government and the DEC Board and General Manager.

### **East Point Military Museum**

Community & Cultural Services continues to participate in the East Point Museum Re-development Advisory Committee. The NT government is in the process of finalising a draft Memorandum of Understanding between Council and the NT Government in order to capture the terms of the partnership and project.

### **Parking Infringement Increases**

The NT Government has advised that a Bill, endorsed by the relevant Minister, requesting an increase to parking infringements across the jurisdiction, will be sent to Parliament as soon as possible.

### **Abandoned Vehicle Legislation**

The NT Government has advised that Council's request for changes to the abandoned vehicle legislation to expedite the removal of vehicles manifestly abandoned will be considered as soon as possible.

### **Housing Summit**

Community & Cultural Services attended a Housing Summit to develop further insights into the affordable and social housing policy and funding environment from Federal, Territory and non-government perspectives.

### **Engagement with Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation (LNAC)**

Liaison with Larrakia Nation's Arts in the Grass coordinator in relation to the use of Council's land for the delivery of this multi-purpose program to homeless Aboriginal people.

On-going engagement with LNAC's principal researcher in relation to issues of mutual interest regarding the regulation of public places and the vulnerability of homeless Aboriginal people.

### **Operational Business Planning Input – NT Government Licensing and Regulation**

Upon invitation, Community & Cultural Services engaged with the NT Government's Director of Licensing and Regulation and licensing inspectors to provide input into its operational business planning process with partnership strategies emerging from the collaboration.

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### **Minmarama Community**

Community & Cultural Services undertook to lobby FaHCSIA (more particularly the Indigenous Coordination Centre in Darwin) to remedy the compromised amenity of Minmarama Community and the municipality as a result of uncut grass.

### **Research and policy support to the CEO**

Community & Cultural Services undertook a number of policy and research briefs for the CEO in relation to the links between national urban policy, the CCCLM and other local government representative mechanisms.

### **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)**

The Planning/Parking sub-committee of the Disability Advisory Committee met on 16 November 2009. Amongst the issues discussed at the meeting was whether there is a need for tactile ground surface indicators to be installed at Nightcliff Shopping Centre and it was suggested that a representative from Guide Dogs SA/NT be requested to undertake a site visit to provide advice.

A concern regarding inadequate disabled car parking spaces at Darwin Convention Centre was also raised at the meeting and will be followed up by staff. The minutes from the meeting will be presented to the next Disability Advisory Committee meeting which is scheduled for 11 February 2010.

On 25 November, CSO and DAC members attended a Public Information Forum regarding the NT Taxi Subsidy Scheme administered by the NT Department of Planning and Infrastructure.

### **Inclusive Access Disability Forum**

Council's Disability Advisory Committee hosted an Inclusive Access Disability Forum on November 27<sup>th</sup> 2009 at the Casuarina Library Meeting Room. Representatives from the NT Department of Planning and Infrastructure presented information regarding accessibility of public transport and the NT Taxi Subsidy Scheme, Liam Hunter provided information regarding inclusive recreational activities in the Darwin region and Melanie Hall shared her experiences as a Paralympian. Approximately 50 people attended the Forum and discussion following the presentations centred mainly on barriers faced by people with a disability accessing taxi services in the Northern Territory. Debriefing notes from the Forum will be presented to the next Disability Advisory Committee.

### **Disability Car Parking Advertisement**

CSO, in conjunction with staff from Communication and Marketing section and a community volunteer, has facilitated the production of a new DCC Disabled Car Parking Advertisement entitled "If you're Able". The advertisement has been placed on the DCC website and will be shown on Channel 9 during January and February 2010.

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### **International Day of People with Disability (IDPWD)**

International Day of People with Disability (IDPWD) is celebrated on 3 December every year to bring together people with disability and the general community with the aim of showcasing the skills, abilities, contributions and achievements of people with disability.

A morning tea to celebrate IDPWD 2009 was hosted by Minister Malandirri McCarthy on 3 December at Parliament House at which Awards for Inclusive Art Practice were presented. Council sponsored the Excellence Award for Inclusive Art Practice 2009 which was presented by A/Deputy Lord Mayor, Alderman Kerry Moir to Artback NT: Arts Development and Touring who has been a leader in inclusive art practice for many years. The award was a framed artwork by Dion Beasley, a young Aboriginal person from Tennant Creek who has a severe hearing impairment.

At Council's Volunteer Christmas Party, which was held in the evening of IDPWD, attendees were entertained by a short performance piece by The Cement Works Theatre Company, an inclusive, community responsive theatre group which was supported through Council's Community Grants Program as a new community initiative.

### **Disability Awareness Week (DAW) Website**

Following the success of DAW 2009, Charles Darwin University offered to host and design a DAW website with content provided by members of the Disability Awareness Week Preparation Committee. The website has an overview of past Disability Awareness Week activities, a photo gallery, and the opportunity for organisations to register interest in participating in DAW 2010. CSO, the Community Development Team Leader from the City of Palmerston, the National Disability Coordination Officer (Northern Territory) and a staff member from Arts Access Australia Darwin coordinated the submission of website content from organisations who participate in DAW annually. The website was officially launched at a celebration morning tea on International Day of People with Disability at Parliament House on 3 December 2009 and is available for viewing at [www.cdu.edu.au/daw/](http://www.cdu.edu.au/daw/)

### **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 2010 – 30 June 2010) through the second round of the 2009/2010 Community Grants Program were presented to Council's November round of meetings.

A total of 34 applications were received seeking grants for a wide variety of community projects and initiatives to the total of \$180,604.00. Projects were prioritised on the basis of outcomes in context of maximum benefit to the Darwin community and 19 applications were successful for either part of full funding to the total value of \$56,089.00. Cheques were presented to successful applicants by Lord Mayor at an afternoon tea function on 17 December 2009.



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### **Inter-agency Networks**

#### **Big Issue/Street Soccer**

Following the successful introduction of a Street Soccer program to Darwin, a Big Issue Advisory Group has been formed to assist with a feasibility study regarding the introduction of the magazine program to the Darwin area. CSO attended the Big Issue Advisory Group's December meeting at which results of a feasibility report that was completed by the Big Issue Coordinator in Darwin were discussed. The Big Issue Executive Team in Melbourne are currently seeking funding opportunities and further evaluating its feasibility for Darwin.

Community Street Soccer uses football as a catalyst for transforming lives and providing participants with a real sense of purpose and belonging. During the dry season Council provided Chrisp Street Oval as in kind support for the Community Street Soccer program however since the onset of the wet season it has been necessary for the program to move to an indoor venue. To celebrate the beginning of the wet season program, a Street Soccer Challenge was held on 9 November. Teams were entered by various organisations and CSO participated in the DCC Team which also included the Community Development Administration Officer and two Regulatory Services Officers. The Coordinator of Darwin's Community Street Soccer Program forwarded thanks to Council for entering a team and commented that the program participants feel valued when organisations such as Council participate in Street Soccer events.

### **NT Falls Prevention Management Committee**

CSO represents Council at the NT Falls Prevention Management Committee which is a joint initiative of General Practice Network NT and Department of Health and Families. The committee was formed in 2008 in response to an identified need to promote communication and co-ordination of services in the NT that interact with our older community to address the significantly high rates of falls in the NT. CSO attended the November meeting of the Committee as well as the official launch of the "Getting Out and About Locally" directory which provides information regarding healthy activities and exercise programs for the ageing population in Darwin and Palmerston. The directory was launched by Mr Tom Pauling AO QC, Administrator of the NT and a Referral Pathways flyer which provides a flowchart to General Practitioners for their patients who are at risk of injury due to falls was launched at the same event.

### **TEAMhealth (Top End Association for Mental Health Inc)**

TEAMhealth offer a range of programs across the Territory for people affected by mental illness. In January CSO met with TEAMhealth staff and visited a range of programs including a long-term supported accommodation facility in Parap, supported accommodation operating under the Recovery Assistance Program in Nightcliff and a socially based day program located in Rapid Creek.

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## **ARTS & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT**

### **Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee (ACDAC)**

ACDAC's first meeting for 2010 is scheduled for 11th February.

### **Live Music @ Your Library**

The music program at Casuarina library continues in 2010 and at the request of City library, a music program has now begun at City Library as well.

### **Traveller's Walk Mosaic**

Local artist Techy Masero has undertaken repair of the Traveller's Walk Mosaic and the repaired section of the mosaic will be installed early this year.

### **Public Art – Smith St Mall**

Positive Solutions are in the process of preparing documents outlining a curatorial rationale and framework for the Public Art opportunities identified in The Mall. This will be presented to Council in March 2010.

### **City Planning for Public Art in the CBD**

Council has resolved to create a pooled fund for Public Art projects representing not less than 2 per cent of the annual Capital Works budget. This decision will inform a new initiative budget submission. Arts consultants Positive Solutions will assist with creating guidelines for the use of these funds.

### **Cultural Village Symbolic Poles**

A report commissioned by Tract Consultants has been provided to Cultural Village of the NT outlining possible sites to install the poles. CVNT have consulted their membership on the locations proposed and have advised Council that their preferred location for the poles is Bicentennial Park. A meeting is being arranged to discuss the exact location and once this has been established, a report will be presented to Council.

### **Art Exhibitions in Council Facilities**

Darwin High School's Year 12 Art Exhibition was held in the Function Area during November – December 2009 with a Lord Mayoral reception to open the exhibition on 13 November. Much positive feedback was received about this event and other local High Schools have shown interest in this opportunity for 2010.

A flexible picture railing system has been installed on the corridor wall outside the Lord Mayor's Office and is now available for exhibitions by local artists, schools and community groups.

### **Grassroots Music Exchange**

The Grassroots Music Exchange, a partnership between Council's Arts and Youth sections, will continue in 2010 and local bands will be encouraged to donate CDs to Grind to review and give away. The project will aim to profile one local band every month. See [www.grindonline.com.au](http://www.grindonline.com.au)

### **HMS Beagle Ship Bell Chime**

At a request from a member of the public, and after consultation with stakeholders including Christ Church Cathedral and Brown's Mart, The HMS Beagle Ship Bell Chime is now playing on Saturdays at 12 noon, 1 pm and 2 pm. The current musical program is available from Customer Services and on Council's website.

A bronze plaque has now been installed at the site.

### **Casuarina Library Temporary Art Project**

In 2009 Casuarina Library hosted two temporary art exhibitions by CDU art and design students, "A Very Important Date" by Emily Hearn and an exhibition of chairs reflecting the natural environment made from cardboard. This opportunity will be readvertised to CDU students in 2010.



### **YOUTH PROJECTS**

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 meetings were not held during Christmas and January with the exception of the Vods and Pods workshops. The GRIND website can be viewed at [www.grindonline.com.au](http://www.grindonline.com.au)

The website was well accessed through November with over 1,460 page views and 656 visits and through December with over 1,125 page views and 564 visits. Visits to GRIND were expected to fall a little as GRIND does not meet in December or January. However new articles continue to be placed and published. GRIND and the Casuarina Library hosted a series of Vod and Podcasting workshops in January which were attended by over 25 young participants. Funding from the office of Youth Affairs supporting this activity in addition to Council.

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GRIND members revisited the publication of the 'zine and the low distribution rates. GRIND members agreed that a more formalised and concerted effort in distribution would be required if a 'zine or similar was to be produced again.

### **Youth Advisory Group (YAG)**

In the November meeting, the Youth Advisory Group met with the Dili Sister City Committee, Council's Communications and Marketing Team and Planet Savers Australia.

YAG has begun investigating the possibility of providing an internet connection for Fundasaun Hafoun Rai Timor (FHRT) and other more long term cooperative projects. YAG agreed to undertake further enquiries into internet services in East Timor as all current information demonstrates a considerably high cost for initial setup and an ongoing connection,

Staff from Council's Communications and Marketing Team presented a draft of Council's new website and invited members to be involved in a trial of the site before it goes public.

Planet Savers Australia, presented an over view of the organisation and its work in raising awareness of and tackling climate change. YAG were invited to be part of a proposed conference in Darwin next year and will be kept informed of further activities of Planet Savers.

The Youth Advisory Group did not meet in December or January and Youth Services staff have been concentrating efforts on planning and recruitment. Contact has been made with schools and other youth service providers to promote Youth Projects and Youth Services will visit schools in February to directly recruit new members.

### **Youth Energy Precinct (YEP)**

A special workshop for the YEP was held in November. A further report addressing specific sites will be prepared for Council in February 2010.

### **Council Libraries**

Youth Services have worked closely with Council Libraries to present the school holiday program for the December and January school break which were very well attended.

### **Funding opportunities**

Youth Services applied to the Office of Youth Affairs for funding to present an event in National Youth Week 2010 and applied for the Beyond Blue grant of \$10,000.

### **Darwin and Rural Workers With Youth (DARWWYN)**

YSO attended the November meeting of DARWWYN.

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## **FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

The Family & Children's Services Coordinator (FCSC) manages Council's Community and Child Care Centres, the Fun Bus, Fun in the Parks, a range of community information tools, special projects and facilitates school visits to Council.

### **Community Centres**

Nightcliff Community Centre (NCC) continues to operate at capacity under the management of user groups and tenants in partnership with Council.

Currently Malak Community Centre 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 Family & Children's Services Coordinator has undertaken community consultation activities with centre users at Malak Community Centre to determine the top priority for capital works. Air- conditioning the centre has been identified as one of the key priorities.

### **Child Care Centres**

Council sponsors seven Child Care Centres in the provision and maintenance of the buildings. Council also assists the Child Care Centres in obtaining grants from the NT Government, Commonwealth Government and project manages the works when applicable.

Council will support the application on the basis that all works completed comply with all relevant legislation to meet building board, licensing and any other statutory bodies' requirements/standards. Parap and Nightcliff have been given approval for up grading the children's bathrooms.

Council has completed minor works at most Centres and is continuing with grant funded building related works including capital works. Ongoing maintenance costs required to meet licensing and other statutory changes and requirements have substantially increased in the past four months.

FCSC facilitated a meeting at the Civic Centre with Centre Directors in November. The main purpose of the meeting was to share and to up date their centres Cyclone Plans, policy and procedures.

In December, Macutex carried out a property condition audit on each of the child care centre's. A full report will be provided in late February 2010.

Karama Child Care Centre received media attention in January as it closed for two days due to staff shortages. Staff shortages in the childcare industry continue to be a major problem with this being highlighted on a national scale.

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### **Fun Bus**

The Fun Bus continues to provide high quality mobile play group services for children 0 to 5 years, their parents and carers. Operating weekday 9.30am to 11.30am in parks and reserves for a total of 40 weeks each year.

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

The Fun Bus finished a very busy year with a host of Christmas parties for the last week of operation in 2009. Santa attended each day and gave a book to every child. The Fun bus finished for 2009 on Friday 11 December 2009 for a 6 week period and recommenced its wet season program at Malak Community Centre on Wednesday 28 January.

The Fun Bus service agreement with Department of Health and Community Services expired on the 31/12/09. Meetings were held with Department of Health and Community Services to discuss future funding arrangements and a new service agreement was signed in December 2009 for a further three years. Council highlighted the need for additional funds and service enhancements and the Department advised these issues will be considered later in the year when funds may become available.

### **Fun in the Parks**

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

Santa attended Fun In The Parks for a Christmas party on 23 December 2009 and provided colouring books to every school aged child and stickers to the younger children. Food was also supplied for parents and children at the party.

In December and January the FCSC needed to make alternative venue arrangements for the Fun in The Parks due to the weather. Six sessions were changed from the parks to Malak Community Centre so that the activities could be held indoors. The FCSC has identified from feedback, that parents found it difficult to know when venues changed. A variety of indoor venues will be sourced for the next December and January school holiday program.

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The staff reported a very high presence of young children from the Fun Bus (0-5 years). Despite explaining to parents, that the Fun In the Parks program is targeted to school age children they continued to attend as Fun Bus was not operational during this period. Some activities were modified to cater for the younger children but as a result of so many young children attending it is a concern, that this may discourage the older target group.

A Bachelor of Education student from University of Southern Queensland participated in, The Fun in The Parks program for a five day placement and will participate in a five day placement with Fun Bus from the 29<sup>th</sup> of January 2010.

Staff from the Fun in the Parks program attended the following locations to provide face painters as in-kind support:

- Wagaman Primary School
- Salvation Army Christmas Party

Positive feedback is always received at these events with the community acknowledging Council's contribution by providing free activities for families.

### **School Civic Visits**

Darwin City Council facilitates School Civic Visits for Primary School as well as middle 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 requirements.

The FCSC presented a session at the Parap Primary School in November. The school was unable to visit the Civic Centre due to limited school funds for excursions. In December, Stuart Park Primary School attended a School Civic Visit.

### **Early Childhood Reference Group**

FCSC attended the Early Childhood Reference group meeting in November at Catholic Care. The group is made up of organisations that support children and families in the Darwin and Palmerston region. The group meet every term and discuss current and new programs and any emerging issues for the organisation or for families.

### **Early Years Learning Framework Session**

FCSC attended a Early Years Learning Framework full day session in Darwin on 6 November. Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) is the first phase in the implementation of the Australian Government's National Quality Agenda for early childhood education and care. The Learning Framework is an early childhood curriculum framework which will guide early childhood educators in developing quality early childhood education programs. The Learning Framework describes the principles, practice and outcomes to support and enhance children's learning from birth to five years of age, as well as transition to school.

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## **SISTER CITIES PROGRAM**

### **Commencement of Sister Cities Program Coordinator**

The new Sister Cities Program Coordinator Kareen Pillar commenced on the 24 November to 4 December 2009 for a handover and induction with the previous Officer Samantha French. During this period Kareen had an opportunity to attend two of the meetings and met with members from the Dili and Ambon Committees. The Sister Cities Program Coordinator officially commenced on the 21 December 2009 and is progressing meetings with all the SSCC Chairpersons prior to the first round of Sister Cities Committee meetings to gain greater understanding of key priorities for 2010.

### **Developing Darwin City Council Staff Awareness of Darwin's Sister Cities Program**

A new initiative for the Sister Cities Program has been introduced to Council staff and the community committees. It is designed to promote greater understanding of Darwin's Sister Cities program. In recognition of significant holidays and observances of each of our sister city countries, an email is circulated on that particular day with the history and interesting facts of the occasion. It has been well received by staff and community committee members alike who have provided positive responses to this initiative. This activity will be progressed to Council's website when the new site is operational.

### **City of Tarpon Springs Florida USA Visit**

Tina Bucuvalas, a member of the Tarpon Springs Sister Cities Committee also an employee of City of Tarpon Springs, Curator of Arts & Historical Resources visited Darwin from 1-6 January for research. During her stay, she met with the SCPC to discuss potential future connections. Both Darwin and Tarpon Springs are sister cities of Kalymnos, Greece and share a substantial Kalymnian population. Tarpon Springs is a unique community in semi-tropical Florida. Due to the importance of the sponge industry, for many years the majority population was Greek and particularly Kalymnian.

Information was provided on the Darwin Sister Cities Program and processes for establishing friendship links and sister city relationships. A Darwin's Sister Cities Program Handbook was provided to Tina to take back to the Tarpon Springs Sister Cities Committee.

## **RECREATION SERVICES**

### **Cycle Paths**

A consultant (GHD) has been engaged by the Northern Territory Government (NTG) to commence work on a cycle path strategy. Council officers will provide input into the strategy and the consultants will include an assessment of all paths and linkages in the municipality (DCC and NTG paths).



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Community consultation and key stakeholder workshops have been conducted, 31 people attended the community workshops and 53 written submissions have been received via the website, feedback forms and direct email.

A draft report is expected to be presented to Council in March.

### **Casuarina Pool Feasibility Study**

Strategic Leisure has been engaged to produce a feasibility study on the Casuarina Pool. This study will provide information on:

- The life expectancy of the pool;
- Ongoing feasibility of the pool in relation to the introduction of additional aquatics facilities in the Darwin area;
- Identification of the considerations and operations involved if the pool is recommended for closure.

Key stakeholder consultation will occur in February 2010.

### **Parap Master Plan**

Strategic Leisure has been engaged to commence work on a Master Plan of Parap site including the netball and tennis courts, club rooms, swimming pool area and the vacant block adjacent to the pool. Council and the Department of Sport and Recreation have each committed funding (\$32,500) to the project.

At the 1<sup>st</sup> Ordinary Meeting in October 2009, Council endorsed the Communication Plan for this project. Community and key stakeholder consultation will commence in February 2010.

### **Casuarina Regional Playground**

Draft concept plans have been produced by Cloustons in consultation with Council's Parks, Recreation Services, Children's Services and Disability/Seniors Services staff and Parks and Wildlife (NTG),. Minor adjustments will be made to the drawings in preparation for their presentation to the Richardson Ward Aldermen in February.

Community consultation will commence for this project in March and it is expected that construction will commence in August 2010.

### **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':-

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**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

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil pertinent to this report.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

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**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, Community and Cultural 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**

Not pertinent to this report.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

THAT it be a recommendation to Council that Report Number 10C0017 KH:es entitled Community & Cultural Services Team Report – November, December 2009 and January 2010, be received and noted.

**KATIE HEARN  
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ENCL: YES

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COMMITTEE/OPEN A**APPROVED:** KH**FROM:** A/GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &  
CULTURAL SERVICES**APPROVED:** NM**REPORT NO:** 10C0023 NM:kl**COMMON NO:** 1660483**SUBJECT:** INVOLVEMENT OF DARWIN CITY COUNCIL IN GOLDEN GURUS  
PROGRAM**ITEM NO: 9.17****SYNOPSIS:**

This report provides information regarding the Golden Gurus program, an Australian Government initiative arising from the Australia 2020 Summit which encourages and supports skilled volunteering and small business mentoring opportunities for mature age people aged 50 years and over.

A recommendation is made that Council apply to become a Member Organisation of the Golden Guru Program, and if successful in its application, to allocate adequate staff resources for the successful implementation of the program.

**GENERAL:**

In September 2009, Council received notification that the Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion and the Voluntary Sector had extended an invitation to a range of community and not-for-profit organisations to apply to deliver the Golden Gurus program. The aim of the Golden Gurus program is to encourage and support skilled volunteering and small business mentoring opportunities for mature age people aged 50 years and over.

The national Golden Gurus program is facilitated by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) and commenced on 1 January 2010. The program will continue until 30 June 2012, with a review of the program to be undertaken during 2012. A range of quality organisations across Australia have become Member organisations however to date the only member organisation in the Northern Territory is Volunteering SA & NT.

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The role of Member Organisations is to connect volunteers (Golden Gurus) to individuals (including young people, people with a disability or the elderly), or community organisations (Host Organisation) who require volunteers. Some Member Organisations will connect suitably skilled mature age people with small business owners as small business mentors. A small business mentor will not work for the business but will help the business owner with networking, to identify areas for business improvement, or to support self-development and growth.

To become a Member Organisation it is necessary to apply to, and be approved by, DEEWR. Member Organisations must ensure that the program is delivered according to the Golden Gurus Quality Standards which are detailed in the Golden Gurus Quality Guidelines (**refer Attachment 1**) and stipulate that the following processes are in place:

- A suitable checking/screening process for both Golden Gurus and Host Organisations.
- An appropriate process for connecting potential Golden Gurus to suitable Host Organisations.
- An appropriate plan for risk management including appropriate insurance arrangements to ensure protection is in place for Member Organisation, Golden Gurus and Host Organisations.
- An appropriate training/education program for Golden Gurus about their role and associated risks (suitable training modules can be obtained from DEEWR).
- A relationship management plan to ensure that a grievance handling process is available to participants in the Member Organisation's program.

Across Australia, there are currently 22 organisations listed as Member Organisations to the Golden Gurus program, some offering both skilled volunteering services and small business mentoring and others offering only one of the services. Of the 22 Member Organisations, two are local government bodies. The City of Salisbury in South Australia is offering small business mentoring services as well as skilled volunteering services. The Hills Shire Council in New South Wales is offering skilled volunteering services only.

## LOCAL CONTEXT

A Member Organisation can nominate whether they will connect mature age people to skilled volunteering roles, small business mentoring roles, or both. It is considered that Darwin City Council is well placed to connect mature aged volunteers to skilled volunteering roles in community and not for profit organisations. Council also has capacity to utilise volunteers more widely and volunteerism has been prioritized by Council as identified within its Action Plan. It is envisaged that a Golden Gurus program would include a database of volunteers, their skills and special interest areas, and a database of participating organisations.

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Information provided by Volunteering SA & NT, which offers skilled volunteering services as a Member Organisation of the Golden Gurus program, is that a volunteer worker has spent 3 days per week for the past 3 months setting up required systems to successfully instigate their involvement in the Golden Gurus program across South Australia and Northern Territory. Volunteering SA & NT estimate that the same time commitment will continue for a further six months to successfully implement the program. Information provided by the City of Salisbury, another Member Organisation of the Golden Gurus program, suggests that staffing resources required to set up the program was much less than that of Volunteering SA & NT, due to the City of Salisbury already having a volunteer program and appropriate policies in place.

It is estimated that for Council to apply to become a Member Organisation of the Golden Gurus program, and then to implement the program if the application is successful, would be equivalent to 2.5 days per week for one Level 4 Officer.

Figures indicate that the proportion of people over 50 years of age in Darwin's population has increased in recent years and will continue to increase in coming years (ABS 2006). Given the consistent increase in the amount of seniors in the Darwin region and the continued need for volunteers by community organisations, coupled with Council's own potential needs and knowledge of local community organisations, it is recommended that Council apply to become a Member Organisation of the Golden Gurus program to connect skilled mature aged volunteers (Golden Gurus) to community organisations (Host Organisations). If Council's application is accepted it is further recommended that staff resources of a Level 4 Community Development Officer for 2.5 days per week be allocated to implement the program for a trial period of 12 months.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

An additional Level 4 staff resource equivalent to 2.5 days per week for 12 months would be required to set up and implement Council's involvement in the Golden Gurus program should Council become a Member organisation.

Estimated total cost to Council to instigate and implement the Golden Gurus program for 12 months is \$37,931. This includes the cost of \$30,931 (including on-costs) per year for a Level 4 Officer for 2.5 days per week and activity costs of approximately \$7,000 per year for program promotion, advertising, printing, training workshops, basic catering and plant.

There is currently a work space available in the Community and Cultural Services Department that could be utilised by the Golden Gurus/Volunteer Coordinator on a part time basis, without cost implications for Council.

The total budget recommended is \$37,931.00.

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### **STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:**

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#### **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**

5.1 Facilitate community access and inclusion

#### **Key Strategies**

5.1.4 Encourage and recognise volunteers

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Should Council be accepted as a Member Organisation of the Golden Guru program a risk management including volunteers insurance, police checks and grievance procedures will be required to ensure protection for Council as a Member Organisation as well as for the Golden Gurus and Host Organisations involved in the program.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no environmental implications arising in relation to matters contained in this report.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

Council becoming a Member Organisation of the Golden Gurus program would be viewed positively by all members of the community as an initiative to improve social inclusion of mature age residents of the municipality.

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 and potential issues or any media interest is brought to the attention of the General Manager, Cultural & Community Services.

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**COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:**

None identified for the purpose of this report.

**DELEGATION:**

Nil.

**CONSULTATION:**

Volunteering SA & NT  
 Volunteer Development Coordinator, Hills Shire Council, NSW  
 Volunteer Development Coordinator, City of Salisbury, SA

**PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:**

Nil for the purposes of this report.

**APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE**

Member Organisations of the Golden Gurus program are requested to display the Golden Gurus logo on their website and promotional material.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 10C0023 NM:kl entitled Involvement of Darwin City Council In Golden Gurus Program, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council apply to the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) to become a Member Organisation of the Golden Gurus program.
- C. THAT, if accepted as a Golden Gurus Member Organisation that Council allocate a part time program coordinator (EFT .5) for a 12 month trial period.
- D. THAT \$37,931 be allocated to resource and implement Council's participation in the Golden gurus program and that these costs be referred to the third quarter budget variation process.

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**KATIE HEARN**  
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## 4. Member Organisations

### 4.1 Role

Member Organisations appropriately connect Mature Age people to Suitable Golden Gurus Opportunities and have been approved by the Department to promote their services as part of the Golden Gurus program. The Member Organisation is responsible for ensuring that the program is delivered according to the Golden Gurus Quality Standards.

A Member Organisation can nominate whether they provide a service that connects Mature Age people to Skilled Volunteering roles, Small Business Mentoring roles, or both in their application.

A Member Organisation need not deliver a program that focuses exclusively on connecting Mature Age people to voluntary opportunities, however, Mature Age people must be one of the Member Organisation's target groups and only Mature Age people will be recognised as Golden Gurus.

### 4.2 Eligibility

To become a member of the Golden Gurus Community, organisations must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Department that their primary purpose is to provide an altruistic service to the community and that they will meet and maintain the program's Quality Standards contained in the application form at Appendix E to these Guidelines.

### 4.3 Quality Standards

In order to meet the Quality Standards an organisation must demonstrate in their application that they have and will maintain:

**Quality Standard 1:** a suitable checking / screening process in place for both Golden Gurus and Host Organisations which ensures that:

- legislative requirements concerning checks for people working with vulnerable persons such as children are complied with (this may include Police Checks and Working with Children Checks)
- the Golden Guru and Host Organisation are satisfied that appropriate checking or screening has taken place as relevant to the role so they can make an informed decision about entering into a Skilled Volunteering or Small Business Mentoring relationship (these checks may be carried out by the Member Organisation, the Host Organisation and/or the Golden Guru and may include referee checks and identification checks).

**Quality Standard 2:** an appropriate process in place for connecting potential Golden Gurus to suitable Host Organisations ensuring that:

- the prospective Golden Guru is satisfied they have enough information about the Host Organisation and about the role that is being presented to them so they can make an informed decision about entering into a Skilled Volunteering or Small Business Mentoring relationship; the Host Organisation has consented to have this information made available to potential Golden Gurus
- the Host Organisation is satisfied they have enough information about the Golden Guru (for example, through a CV, profile or similar) so they can make an informed decision about entering into a Skilled Volunteering or Small Business Mentoring relationship; the Golden Guru has consented to have this information made available to the Host Organisation.

**Quality Standard 3:** an appropriate plan in place for risk management including appropriate insurance arrangements to ensure protection is in place for Member Organisation, Golden Gurus and Host Organisations in the instance that:

- a Golden Guru is involved in a workplace accident and is injured
- a Golden Guru causes injury or damage
- a Golden Guru provides negligent advice to a Host Organisation.

**Quality Standard 4:** an appropriate training / education program for Golden Gurus about their role and associated risks (this may be through use of the Department's training modules)

**Quality Standard 5:** a relationship management plan in place to support the relationship between Golden Gurus and Host Organisations to ensure that there is a grievance handling process in place which is made available to participants in the Member Organisation's program.

## 4.4 Delivery of the Program

### 4.4.1 Communication and promotion

The role of a Member Organisation includes that they will:

- display (if desired) the Golden Gurus logo on the Member Organisation's website and promotional material in accordance with the Style Guide and promote the Member Organisation (if desired) as a member of the Golden Gurus Community
- after receipt of the starter kit, order any additional promotional and / or program material required (up to the pre-approved annual limit) from the Department (paying postage for this additional material) (see **Section 9**).

### 4.4.2 Connecting processes

A Member Organisation will:

- identify Suitable Golden Gurus Opportunities
- flag / promote Suitable Golden Gurus Opportunities to potential Golden Gurus
- facilitate the connection of a Mature Age Person to a Suitable Golden Gurus Opportunity

*Note: if you wish to connect a Golden Guru to a Host Organisation in a different state or territory than your own, before doing so you should ensure that you have considered the relevant volunteer protection legislation in that state or territory as it may differ from the legislation in your own state or territory.*

- ensure that Mature Age volunteers and Host Organisations are aware of, and understand, the requirements of the Member Organisation's own program and agree to act within the requirements of that program (for example, by signing an agreement / terms and conditions as required by the Member Organisation).

### 4.4.3 Awareness and training

A Member Organisation will:

- provide Golden Gurus, Host Organisations and Ambassadors with the 'Fact sheet for Golden Gurus', 'Fact sheet for Host Organisations' and 'Fact sheet for Ambassadors' (respectively)
- provide information to Host Organisations about any costs associated with involvement in the Member Organisation's own program (it is acknowledged that some organisations may charge a fee to the Host Organisation to assist with reimbursement of reasonable costs associated with delivering the program or may encourage the Host Organisation to reimburse reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Golden Guru in doing the work for their organisation.)
- provide induction and / or training to Golden Gurus specific to the needs of the Member Organisation's program **OR** ensure that Golden Gurus complete the 'Introduction to Golden Gurus' training module provided by the Department (through LiveMeet; a self-paced downloadable/CD ROM module with audio, or as a print version)



- provide Mature Age people who have completed the 'Introduction to Golden Gurus' training (or equivalent), and who have commenced in a Skilled Volunteering role or Small Business Mentoring role, with a Golden Gurus certificate of appreciation and gold membership card
- if desired, identify Golden Gurus that meet the criteria to become Ambassadors for the program and, if desired, appoint up to five Golden Gurus annually (or as negotiated with the Department) to become Ambassadors (this is not a compulsory requirement)
- ensure that Golden Gurus Ambassadors complete the 'Training for Ambassadors' provided by the Department and, upon completion, issue the Ambassador with a Golden Gurus lapel pin
- with the Ambassador's consent, provide the Ambassador's contact details to the Department so that the Department can invite them to participate in promotional activities from time to time, as required
- provide Golden Gurus and Ambassadors with information about how to access other free training provided by the Department (through LiveMeet, self-paced training or print versions) and support them so they can access this training
- work with Ambassadors to decide how they will perform their role (Ambassadors will be advised in their training that they are not to promote the Member Organisation without the Member Organisation's agreement / consent)
- provide information to Golden Gurus and Ambassadors about the Golden Gurus online networking forum and assist Golden Gurus to access this forum, if required.

#### 4.4.4 Relationship management

A Member Organisation will:

- support the relationship between a Golden Guru and Host Organisation
- assist Mature Age volunteers that the Member Organisation feels may be better suited to another type of program by referring them back to the Golden Gurus website (and telephone hotline) or by facilitating connection with another Host Organisation
- have a grievance handling process in place which is made available to participants in the Member Organisation's program
- provide feedback to the Department about the operation of the program, as required.

#### 4.4.5 Risk management

In each state and territory there is legislation which provides volunteers with some protection from personal civil liability in certain circumstances. However, the legislation varies from state to state in terms of how it applies and how liability is transferred to community organisations. Similarly, the insurance arrangements for Golden Gurus, Host Organisations and Member Organisations will also need to vary depending on the particular circumstances.

Member Organisations will be responsible for ensuring appropriate insurance arrangements are in place to protect Golden Gurus and their own organisation. Before connecting a volunteer with a Host Organisation, Member Organisations should ensure that all parties (the Member Organisation, Golden Guru and Host Organisation) have discussed and are satisfied that appropriate insurance arrangements are in place for each Suitable Golden Gurus Opportunity.

The Department recommends that as a minimum the following insurance measures should be considered:

- Professional Indemnity Insurance for any loss caused by the Member Organisation or Golden Gurus
- Public Liability Insurance for any loss caused by the Member Organisation or Golden Gurus

- Workers Compensation or Personal Accident Insurance for Golden Gurus.

In addressing the Quality Standards, prospective Member Organisations will be required to outline how they intend to manage insurance arrangements in their application to become a member of the Golden Gurus Community.

All parties should be made aware that the Commonwealth has not purchased any insurance cover in relation to the Golden Gurus program and accepts no legal liability arising from, or in connection with, the Golden Gurus program.

#### 4.4.6 Out of scope

A Member Organisation will not:

- pay a wage to a Golden Guru or Ambassador (reimbursement of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses is acceptable)
- charge a Golden Guru or Ambassador with a fee to be connected to a Suitable Golden Gurus Opportunity (recovering the costs of a Police Check or Working with Children Check, while not encouraged, is acceptable if that is part of the Member Organisation's pre-approved program structure)
- Charge a Host Organisation any amount other than on a reasonable cost recovery basis.



## Fact sheet for Host Organisations

### Welcome to the Golden Gurus program.

#### What to expect

Golden Gurus is facilitated by a range of quality organisations across Australia (Member Organisations). Each Member Organisation is different and will deliver the program in its own unique way. Member Organisations will provide you with information about:

- the way their program works (for example, checking / screening processes, agreements, terms and conditions)
- the type of role that a Golden Guru may undertake
- the skills and experience of the Golden Guru, so that you can make an informed decision about whether or not they are suited to the role you have available
- insurance arrangements that may be required or that should be in place while you are participating in the program
- whether or not there is any cost associated with your involvement in the program (some Member Organisations may ask that you provide a reimbursement on a reasonable cost recovery basis, although this will not be a feature of all Golden Gurus activities)
- what to do if you have a problem at any time during your involvement in the program.

If you haven't received this information yet, or you would like to know more, please ask your Member Organisation.

#### Role of a Golden Guru

The role of a Golden Guru is to empower others to think through the choices available to them and to make their own decisions.

In Community Organisations, the role of a Golden Guru may include:

- helping you or one of your clients think through decisions, explore new ideas and see things from a different perspective
- listening to (and being a sounding board for) a person's ideas, hopes, goals and problems
- sharing examples of life experiences, empathising with you or a client, showing encouragement and support
- assisting you or a client to identify areas for self-development, skills improvement and appropriate training
- helping you or a client to find information that will help you or them achieve goals—including information about training / learning opportunities, government programs, or community supports
- providing motivation and building confidence.



Golden Gurus who support Small Businesses could:

- help you identify / review opportunities for business improvement
- explore strategies that could be useful in addressing barriers to business success
- assist you to network
- help you find out about appropriate government and non-government services, incentives and supports
- share with you relevant business experiences, providing examples of how a situation could be approached.

## Role of Host Organisation

It is important that you make appropriate enquiries to enable you to make informed decisions about the Golden Gurus program and proposed Golden Guru. Your Member Organisation will collect some information from you (for example, about your organisation or business) and, with your permission, will provide this to a Golden Guru. This will allow the Golden Guru to make an informed decision about entering into the relationship with you as well.

- Does the Golden Guru have the skills and experience you are looking for? Will they suit the role and your organisation? Do you want to meet them before entering into the relationship?
- Would you like a trial period to begin with? How long is your involvement in the program expected to last? How will you work with the Golden Guru and Member Organisation to make the most out of the opportunity?
- What sort of insurance is in place?
- What are your health and safety responsibilities toward those who provide voluntary support to your business or organisation? The occupational health and safety fact sheets below are kindly provided by Volunteering Australia:

ACT: [www.volunteeringaustralia.org/files/L8ATQCK7YO/OHS%20ACT.pdf](http://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/files/L8ATQCK7YO/OHS%20ACT.pdf)

NSW: [www.volunteeringaustralia.org/files/4M470AJYX9/OHS%20NSW.pdf](http://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/files/4M470AJYX9/OHS%20NSW.pdf)

NT: [www.volunteeringaustralia.org/files/BVVD4121KN/OHS%20NT.pdf](http://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/files/BVVD4121KN/OHS%20NT.pdf)

QLD: [www.volunteeringaustralia.org/files/LS6Jl93TVY/OHS%20QLD.pdf](http://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/files/LS6Jl93TVY/OHS%20QLD.pdf)

SA: [www.volunteeringaustralia.org/files/WIXG6YZ9XF/OHS%20SA.pdf](http://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/files/WIXG6YZ9XF/OHS%20SA.pdf)

TAS: [www.volunteeringaustralia.org/files/G8ARMQZGD3/OHS%20TAS.pdf](http://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/files/G8ARMQZGD3/OHS%20TAS.pdf)

VIC: [www.volunteeringaustralia.org/files/NI8N9PTO4L/OHS%20VIC.pdf](http://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/files/NI8N9PTO4L/OHS%20VIC.pdf)

WA: [www.volunteeringaustralia.org/files/HDl7ICQB40/OHS%20WA.pdf](http://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/files/HDl7ICQB40/OHS%20WA.pdf)

**Remember that you are the decision maker.** You should avoid:

- giving permission for a Golden Guru to make decisions, or to act, on your behalf
- seeking psychological counselling support from a Golden Guru (defer to the experts for this, for example, Lifeline)
- inviting a Golden Guru to become materially involved in any way with your business or organisation
- asking a Golden Guru to undertake work that would normally be carried out by a paid employee
- providing a wage to a Golden Guru for the support they provide
- divulging confidential information provided to you as part of the voluntary relationship to others, except with the Golden Guru's express permission or as required by law
- contacting a Golden Guru where the individual has asked to end the relationship and has requested that no further contact be made
- acting outside of any agreement that you have made with your Member Organisation and the Golden Guru.

For more information, please contact DEEWR on 1300 650 925 or go to [www.deewr.gov.au/goldengurus](http://www.deewr.gov.au/goldengurus).



## Fact sheet for Golden Gurus

Thank you for volunteering to share your skills and experience as a Golden Guru.

### What to expect

Golden Gurus is facilitated by a range of quality organisations across Australia (Member Organisations). Each Member Organisation is different and will deliver the program in its own unique way. Your Member Organisation will help you to access:

- skilled volunteering and mentoring opportunities in either Community Organisations or Small Businesses (Host Organisations)
- the 'Introduction to Golden Gurus' training package—or will provide you with other induction or training specific to your role
- online networking events through the Golden Gurus online networking forum.

Your role as a Golden Guru will involve the voluntary transfer of your skills and experience to another person or group of people. You will be connected to either a Small Business or Community Organisation. Your role will not attract the payment of a wage and it will not involve tasks that would normally be carried out by a paid employee.

Member Organisations will also provide you with information about:

- the Host Organisation that it is proposed that you will be supporting, so that you can make a decision about whether or not you would like to be involved with that organisation
- the volunteering or small business mentoring role that you will be undertaking, so that you can make a decision about whether it suits your interests, skills and experience
- insurance arrangements that will be in place while you are participating in the program
- whether or not a reimbursement is available to you for any reasonable out-of-pocket expenses (this will not be a feature of all Golden Gurus activities)
- what to do if you have a problem at any time during your involvement in the Golden Gurus program.

If you haven't yet received this information or participated in training / induction, please discuss this with your Member Organisation.

### Getting the most out of Golden Gurus

There are some things that you can do to make your participation in Golden Gurus more rewarding.

#### 1. Be pro-active and informed

Before agreeing to perform a volunteering or small business mentoring role, ask your Member Organisation for the information you need to make an informed decision about your involvement.

- Has the Member Organisation carried out any checks on the Host Organisation that you will be supporting?
- Do you know enough about the Host Organisation to be comfortable with your decision to support them?



- Does the mentoring role identified for you suit your skills and experiences?
- Have you been provided with a position description? How long will your involvement last?
- Are you satisfied that appropriate insurance arrangements are in place?
- Are you aware of your rights as a volunteer in respect of Health and Safety in the workplace?

The occupational health and safety fact sheets below are kindly provided by Volunteering Australia:

ACT:	<a href="http://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/files/L8ATQCK7YO/OHS%20ACT.pdf">www.volunteeringaustralia.org/files/L8ATQCK7YO/OHS%20ACT.pdf</a>
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SA:	<a href="http://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/files/WIXG6YZ9XF/OHS%20SA.pdf">www.volunteeringaustralia.org/files/WIXG6YZ9XF/OHS%20SA.pdf</a>
TAS:	<a href="http://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/files/G8ARMQZGD3/OHS%20TAS.pdf">www.volunteeringaustralia.org/files/G8ARMQZGD3/OHS%20TAS.pdf</a>
VIC:	<a href="http://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/files/NI8N9PT04L/OHS%20VIC.pdf">www.volunteeringaustralia.org/files/NI8N9PT04L/OHS%20VIC.pdf</a>
WA:	<a href="http://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/files/HDI7ICQB40/OHS%20WA.pdf">www.volunteeringaustralia.org/files/HDI7ICQB40/OHS%20WA.pdf</a>

Your Member Organisation will also collect some information about you (for example, through a resume) and will seek your permission to provide this information to a Host Organisation. This will allow the Host Organisation to make an informed decision about entering into a Golden Guru relationship with you.

## 2. Empower others; avoid risks

Your role as a Golden Gurus is to empower others to think through the choices available to them and to make their own decisions. Your role could include, for example:

- helping someone think through decisions, explore new ideas and see things from a different perspective
- listening to (and being a sounding board for) a person's ideas, hopes, goals and problems
- sharing examples of life experiences, empathising with another person and showing encouragement and support
- assisting another person to identify areas for self-development, skills improvement and appropriate training
- helping a person to find information that will help them achieve their goals, including information about training / learning opportunities, government programs, or community supports
- helping someone with motivation and confidence.

In addition, Golden Gurus who support small businesses could:

- help the small business owner identify / review opportunities for business improvement
- explore strategies that could be useful in addressing barriers to business success
- assist the small business owner to network
- help the small business owner find out about appropriate government and non-government services, incentives and supports
- share with the small business owner relevant business experiences, providing examples of how a situation could be approached.



In performing your role as a Golden Guru you should avoid:

- making decisions on another person's behalf or pressuring another person to take a certain course of action or to make a certain decision
- attempting to provide psychological counseling (defer to the experts on this, for example, Lifeline)
- becoming materially involved in any way with a Host Organisation while participating in the program
- undertaking any work that would normally be carried out by a paid employee
- accepting a wage in respect of the support you provide
- divulging confidential information provided to you as part of the voluntary relationship to others, except with the Host Organisation's express permission or if you are required to by law
- contacting a Host Organisation where that organisation has asked to end the relationship and has requested that no further contact be made
- acting outside of any agreement that you have made with your Member Organisation and / or Host Organisation.

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**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL**

DATE: 03/02/2010

**REPORT**

**TO:** COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE/OPEN A **APPROVED:** KH

**FROM:** A/GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES **APPROVED:** AF

**REPORT NO:** 10C0016 CD:kl **APPROVED:** SD

**COMMON NO:** 1655059

**SUBJECT:** COMMUNITY CONSULTATION - INSTALLATION OF A BASKETBALL COURT AT MALAK SHOPPING CENTRE IN RESPONSE TO PETITION RECEIVED FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MALAK

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**ITEM NO: 9.18****SYNOPSIS:**

A petition (Attachment A) was received by Council from Neighbourhood Watch Malak seeking to install a basketball court at the Malak Shopping Centre car park.

Public consultation (Attachment B) for this proposal has been undertaken and substantial feedback has been received and collated (Attachment C).

This report appraises Council of the results from the community consultation.

**PREVIOUS DECISIONS**

DECISION NO. 20\2060 (29/09/09)

- A. THAT the Petition, Document Number 1655059, in relation to a request for a Basketball Court in the Car Park at Malak Shopping Centre, be received and noted.
- B. THAT the Petition, Document Number 1655059, be referred to the next Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting.

DECISION NO. 20\2162 (27/10/09)

- B. THAT community consultation be undertaken and a further report submitted to Council detailing resident feedback, detailed costings, technical requirements and any CPTED considerations pertaining to the installation/positioning of basketball hoops into the car park at Malak Shopping Centre.

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### **GENERAL:**

As per Decision No. 20\2162 (27/10/09), a community survey was mailed out to approximately 135 residences and businesses within a 250m radius of Malak Shopping Centre.

Approximately 35 survey responses (a response rate of just over 25%) have been received from residents, business operators and the Malak Shopping Centre owner. Of those received, there have been three negative responses to this proposal, one of whom would support a trial before supporting a permanent installation.

The remainder of responses (approximately 90%) were supportive of the proposal, including several business operators, one of whom wrote "...I am wholeheartedly in favour and in support of this idea and believe it could be a great success."

On the community consultation mail-out, it was stated that time restrictions for the use of the court would be implemented to minimise noise disturbance late at night. Use would also be restricted to after school hours on school days to ensure the facility does not encourage truancy.

However, Neighbourhood Watch Malak believes this would not be necessary or practicable. To remove and replace the hoops each day and each night would involve storage, a ladder, appropriate tools, two staff (for safety while one was up the ladder) twice a day every day, which would draw on more volunteer resources than can be expected to be available.

They also believe that it would not exacerbate truancy. Youth would not "wag" school just to play basketball, but it may give them something constructive to do if they have chosen to skip school, rather than being bored and engaging in [risk taking behaviours]. They made the analogy that playgrounds are not closed during school hours. This analogy could also be extended to include public pools or sporting grounds, cricket nets and goal posts which are all open to the public at any time.

Neighbourhood Watch Malak has also hosted a number of "Midnight Basketball" events. These were widely advertised yet only attracted around 50 participants. Even with music, food, games and other entertainment, noise was negligible when measured at the front of adjacent residents' properties. Behaviour was also self-policed amongst the participants – use of bad language was chastised and endeavours were made to include all attendees, usually by the older participants setting a good example to the younger ones.

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Neighbourhood Watch Malak believes that this installation should initially be unlimited and unrestricted to give the youth of Malak a show of support and as a reward for getting mobilised and getting the petition off the ground, and in support of the general decline in [risk taking behaviours] that has been experienced in the area recently. Neighbourhood Watch Malak will also work with the young people in the area to ensure that while good behaviour can be rewarded, poor behaviour will have the consequence of losing the community's trust and the tangible loss of facilities.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

#### **Recommended combination:**

Engineer's report	\$1,500 approx.		
1 x BB610-W50	\$1,801	<b>Or</b>	
1 x BB1022	\$2,800	2 x BB610-W50	\$3,602
Delivery	\$1,500 approx.	Delivery	\$1,500 approx.
Line marking	\$600	Line marking	\$600
Installation	\$5,000 approx.	Installation	\$8,000 approx.
Signage	\$990 approx.	Signage	\$990 approx.
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$14,191</b>	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$14,692</b>

Alternatively, install one hoop and mark it out as a three-on-three court.

See Attachment E for pictures and technical descriptions.

### **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**

1.2 Effectively engage with community

#### **Key Strategies**

- 1.2.1 Increase involvement of the Business Community for developing solutions to local issues
- 1.2.2 Develop ways in which Council can enhance relationships and work collaboratively with Community Groups
- 1.2.3 Engage, communicate and consult with the community including schools

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## Goal

2 Enhance Darwin's Active, Positive and Flexible Lifestyle

### Outcome

2.1 Improve urban enhancement around Darwin

#### Key Strategies

2.1.4 Provide a clean and liveable municipality

2.1.5 Participate and partner in activities that contribute to a safer Darwin

## Goal

2 Enhance Darwin's Active, Positive and Flexible Lifestyle

### Outcome

2.2 Increase recreational, cultural and heritage experiences

#### Key Strategies

2.2.5 Provide facilities and resources that promote Darwin as a city rich in culture, harmony and diversity

## Goal

2 Enhance Darwin's Active, Positive and Flexible Lifestyle

### Outcome

2.3 Promote family friendly activities

#### Key Strategies

2.3.1 Promote and host family orientated recreational and leisure activity

## Goal

2 Enhance Darwin's Active, Positive and Flexible Lifestyle

### Outcome

2.4 Increase community facilities

#### Key Strategies

2.4.1 Provide facilities and programs which encourage healthy lifestyle choices

## Goal

3 Assist Individuals and the Community Stay Connected with the Darwin Region

### Outcome

3.1 Promote the use of public spaces

#### Key Strategies

3.1.1 Enhance public spaces and encourage greater use by the community

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### **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

### **Goal**

5 Facilitate and Maintain a Cohesive Community

### **Outcome**

5.2 Promote Darwin's culture

### **Key Strategies**

5.2.1 Promote and support activities and programs that celebrate cultural diversity

### **Goal**

5 Facilitate and Maintain a Cohesive Community

### **Outcome**

5.3 Support harmony within the community

### **Key Strategies**

5.3.2 Develop and support programs to promote community spirit, cohesion and safety

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

This issue is not considered confidential.

The basketball facility will be covered by Council's existing insurance policies as a community access facility.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

Considerable positive feedback has been received through the distribution of a community survey to local residents and business operators surrounding the proposed location of a community basketball court at Malak Shopping Centre.

For example, recent basketball tournaments have received media coverage and this community initiative would provide Council with positive public exposure.

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### **COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:**

All equipment installed will be in accordance with Australian Standards.

This installation has been proposed by Neighbourhood Watch Malak as a diversionary initiative for the youth of Malak. It is envisaged that this active recreational facility will help build community spirit amongst the young people in the area and provide a positive activity in which they can engage.

The installation of a recreational facility in the Malak Shopping Centre carpark would attract informal use at any time, implying a risk of witnesses to the commission of a crime in the vicinity, therefore providing another layer of security to the Shopping Centre and surrounding residents. This is supported by current CPTED principles as described below.

### **CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design):**

The principles of CPTED evolve around the proper design and effective use of the built environment which can lead to a reduction in the fear and incidence of crime and an overall improvement in the quality of life for members of the public.<sup>[1]</sup>

The multi-use approach of the car park adheres to the central principles of CPTED insofar as the basketball facility will ensure regular use of the locale out of business hours and will attract positive community utilisation.

### **DELEGATION:**

Nil.

### **CONSULTATION:**

Community consultation was undertaken with residents and businesses in the vicinity, with a response rate of just over 25% and approximately 90% were supportive of the proposal.

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

Nil.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.cpted.net/> - International CPTED Association - Home page, sourced on January 18 2010.

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### **APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE:**

It is recommended that signage be included so as to communicate:

- Parties involved in the initiative
- Rationale
- Recommended hours of usage
- Code of Conduct
- Parking advice to patrons

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT 10C0016 CD:kl entitled Community Consultation - Installation of a Basketball Court at Malak Shopping Centre in Response to Petition Received from Neighbourhood Watch NT, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council endorse the installation of one Heavy-Duty Competition Basketball Tower (BB610-W50) and a Swing System (BB1022) attached to the wall, dependent upon an engineer's report.
- C. THAT a budget of \$14,692 is referred as a new initiative to 2010/2011 budget deliberations for the purchase of one Heavy-Duty Competition Basketball Tower (BB610-W50) and a Swing System (BB1022).

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**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL**

DATE: 04/02/2010

**REPORT****TO:** COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES  
COMMITTEE/OPEN A**APPROVED:** BD**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &  
CULTURAL SERVICES**APPROVED:** JB**REPORT NO:** 10C0009 AR:kl**APPROVED:** AR**COMMON NO:** 1378819**SUBJECT:** STEVE ABALA ROLE MODEL PROJECT – RESOLUTION ON STATUS  
OF PROJECT JANUARY 2010**ITEM NO: 9.19****SYNOPSIS:**

This report seeks a resolution regarding the Trust fund for the Steve Abala Role Model project. While this is not a Council project, Council has managed the Trust fund since 2005 at the request of the project coordinator Mr Ted Egan AO.

Some of the sponsors and grant bodies who have contributed to the Trust fund have approached Council requesting information on the status of this project. The project coordinator Mr Ted Egan AO has asked that Council take the leading role in deciding upon the use of the funds held in Trust.

The project was established in 2004 to fund a 1.5 times life size sculpture of Steve Abala to be installed on Northern Territory Government land at the Marrara sports complex.

**GENERAL:***Previous Decisions*

Decision No. 20\1184 (10/02/09)

- A. THAT Report Number 09C0006 entitled, Steve Abala Role Model Project – Update, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council convene a meeting of the Steve Abala Committee to review the status of the Steve Abala Role Model Project and the funds being held in Trust by Council.

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- C. THAT the Steve Abala Committee be requested to advise Council as to their preferred project outcome.

Decision No. 20\0706 (16/09/08)

- A. THAT Report Number 08TC0071 ARM:JP entitled "Steve Abala Role Model Project", be received and noted.
- B. THAT the letter, Document Number 1438135, Common Number 1378819, dated 12 August 2008 from Ted Egan, be received and noted.
- C. THAT the concept of an annual "Administrator's Medal" or similar to an appropriate role model be raised with the Minister for Sport and Recreation.
- D. THAT subject to the collected funds being available for the purpose of a scholarship, the annual award be accompanied by a cash scholarship to assist the awardee undertake study and that the funds for the scholarship be drawn from the interest raised from investing the donated funds.
- E. THAT the various sponsors/donors to the Steve Abala Role Model Project be informed of the current status of the project and seeking their views on the use of the funds should the project be limited to an annual award and scholarship.

*Procedural Motion*

*THAT the matter lay on the table and a report with further information be presented to Council.*

Decision No. 19\4613 (12/06/07)

- A. THAT the Presentation given by His Honour, Mr Ted Egan AO, Administrator of the Northern Territory, in relation to the Steve Abala Role Model Project, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council write to the Chief Minister requesting consideration in joining with Council to finance the shortfall for the Steve Abala Role Model Project.
- C. THAT Council write to the Federal Government through the local Members for the Legislative Assembly, seeking financial support for the Steve Abala Role Model Project.
- D. THAT Council offer to sell "The Role Model" books through its Customer Services area and other special events that arise from time to time.

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Decision No. 19\3894 (12/12/06)

- B. THAT the Council confirm that subject to all funds being raised by the Administrator of the Northern Territory it will support the Steve Abala Role Model project by:
- i). providing financial management and accounting services;
  - ii). Commissioning the bronze statue and project managing its construction at Marrara.
  - iii). Cash sponsorship of \$30,000
- C. THAT Ministerial exemption from the need to invite public tenders for the statue be sought.

Decision No. 19\3114 (27/06/06)

- A. THAT in recognition of the significance of the Steve Abala Role Model Awards, the Council supports the proposal to construct a statue of Steve Abala on Abala Road, Marrara as follows:
- (i) continue to provide banking service for donations and sponsorship;
  - (ii) a cash contribution of \$30,000 towards the project;
  - (iii) in-kind support as project manager for the project, including the commissioning of an artist to produce the sculpture.
- B. THAT the 2005/06 budget be varied to provide \$30,000 sponsorship towards the cost of the Steve Abala statue.

Decision No. 19\1597 (31/05/05)

- B. THAT the Council make a contribution of \$2,000 towards the cost of the Steve Abala memorial statue.
- C. THAT the Council continue to provide the facility to receive and hold donations for the Steve Abala Role Model Fund in terms as set out in the Chief Executive Officer's letter of 10 February 2005, to the Official Secretary, Office of the Administrator, Document Number 482533.

Decision No. 19\296 (17/08/04)

- A. THAT Letter, Document Number 439927, tabled at the meeting, from the Administrator of the Northern Territory, Ted Egan, proposing the erection of a bronze statue in commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Steve Abala, to be located in the park facing Abala Road or at Gardens Oval, be received and noted.

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- B. THAT the Council support the erection of a bronze statue in commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Steve Abala, to be located in the park facing Abala Road or at Gardens Oval, in principle.

Decision No. 19\149 (26/07/2004)

- A. THAT letter from Ted Egan AO, Administrator of the Northern Territory proposal for suitable recognition of the late Steve Abala, document no. 439927, be received and noted.
- B. THAT the CEO reply to the Administrator of the NT indicating in principle support for the proposal and informing him that the matter will be further discussed at the 1<sup>st</sup> Ordinary Council meeting in August 2004.

## REPORT

The Steve Abala Role Model Project was initiated by Mr Ted Egan AO in 2004 in his capacity as the Administrator of the Northern Territory to seek support for the project.

At its meeting of 17 August 2004, Council registered its support in principle for the project.

The project was multifaceted, including a retrospective sporting awards program, the publication of a book ("The Role Models"), and a fundraising initiative to commission a memorial to Steve Abala in the form of a statue to be installed in the vicinity of the Marrara sporting complex, on Northern Territory Government land. Since 2006 the Steve Abala Role Model Sports Award has been awarded annually at an event hosted by the NT Administrator.

Mr Ted Egan AO personally committed funding to the Steve Abala Role Model project, commissioning the original 30 cm bronze maquette of the statue from sculptor Mr Peter Latona, featured on the cover of the book "The Role Models". Copyright in this design is jointly owned by Mr Peter Latona and Mr Ted Egan AO.

In 2005 Council confirmed its commitment to the project, agreeing to manage the Trust fund for moneys received from sponsors for the statue of Steve Abala. Currently \$83,804.50 is held in trust by Council for the project. This includes a \$30,000 cash commitment by Council, a \$30,000 cash commitment by a corporate sponsor and a \$10,000 cash grant from Arts NT. Council also at the request of the Steve Abala Committee published 2,000 copies of the book "The Role Models" in anticipation that sales from the book would help to fund the statue commission, however few copies have been sold.

There remains a significant shortfall between the cost of the proposed 1.5 times life size sculpture and the funds held in trust, and with several years lapsed, many sponsors have requested advice on the status of the project.

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In February 2009, Council resolved to convene a meeting of the Steve Abala Role Model Committee (Mr Ted Egan, Mr Peter Bailey, Mr Dennis Booth, Mr Paul Cattermole, Ms Dottie Daby, Mr Bob Elix, Ms Sadie McGuinness Ludwig, Mr Keith Kemp, and Ms Sally Abala McDowell). This meeting was convened in September 2009, however only the Chairperson Mr Ted Egan and Mr Paul Cattermole were able to attend. As a result of this meeting Mr Ted Egan indicated that he would not be pursuing the project and asked Council to make a decision regarding the funds.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Administratively, income currently held for the Steve Abala project can be returned depending on Council's decision.

The project's major corporate sponsor has indicated that if the funds were not to be spent on the project for which they were originally granted, these funds would be expected to be returned along with any interest earned on the investment.

### **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

#### **Key Strategies**

5.2.1 Promote and support activities and programs that celebrate cultural diversity

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil pertaining to this report.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil pertaining to this report.

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**PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

The project and its outcomes are likely to generate media interest.

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

**COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil pertaining to this report.

**DELEGATION:**

Nil

**CONSULTATION:**

Mr Ted Egan AO  
Mr Paul Cattermole  
Mr Brendan Dowd, CEO  
Mr John Banks General Manager Community and Cultural Services  
Ms Alice Rae Arts and Cultural Development Officer

**PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:**

Nil.

**APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE**

Nil pertaining to this report.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 10C0009 AR:kl entitled Steve Abala Role Model Project – Update January 2010, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council advise Mr Ted Egan AO that funds donated to the Steve Abala Role Model Trust fund will be returned to sponsors and grant bodies, and that remaining Steve Abala Role Model books will be donated to Northern Territory libraries and schools.
- C. THAT Council return donated funds to sponsors and grant bodies advising that the proposed commission of a 1.5 times life size bronze statue of Steve Abala will not be proceeding.
- D. THAT remaining Steve Abala Role Model books be donated to libraries and schools in the Northern Territory.

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**ARTS AND CULTURAL**  
**DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**

**JOHN BANKS**  
**GENERAL MANAGER**  
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Nil





ENCL: YES

**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL****DATE:** 03/02/2010**REPORT****TO:** COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES  
COMMITTEE/OPEN A**APPROVED:** KH**FROM:** A/GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &  
CULTURAL SERVICES**APPROVED:** KP**REPORT NO:** 10C0021 KP:kl**COMMON NO:****SUBJECT:** SISTER CITIES COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR  
MEETINGS HELD IN NOVEMBER 2009 AND SISTER CITIES  
CALENDER OF EVENTS JANUARY – MARCH 2010**ITEM NO: 10.2.1****SYNOPSIS:**

This report presents to Council the minutes of the November 2009 Sister Cities Community Committee meetings for consideration. Also attached to this report is the Sister Cities Calendar of Events for January to March 2010 (Attachment 1) relating to events and significant observances for each of Council's Sister City countries.

**GENERAL:**

This report presents the minutes of the Sister Cities Community Committees held during November 2009. All Sister Cities Community Committees achieved a quorum for the last meeting for the year.

In efforts to streamline the reporting and administration process, all Sister City minutes are presented for Council's consideration within a single report. The calendar of events and observances is also included as a regular program standing item (Attachment 1). The process is being trialled as a means of reporting more efficiently and to avoid duplication for Council.

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## **REPORT**

### **Committee: Ambon Community Committee Meeting – 26 November 2009**

The Ambon Community Committee discussed at length the budgetary implications of not receiving their requested carry forward funds. The Ambon Committee have at their disposal \$1409 to be expended by the 30 June 2010. This does not include the \$1345 of funds raised from the Deckchair Cinema Fundraising event. The Committee formulated the following recommendation, however it should be noted that Council policy sees the return of unspent funds. It is also important to note that Council did approve the request for a carry forward, however, Council Administration were required to fund a significant shortfall of \$330,000 on account of the Cullen Bay ratings and uncommitted and unexpended funds needed to be identified as a priority.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

*THAT the Ambon Sister City Community Committee express its disappointment to Council that the carry forwards of 2008/2009 were not allocated to the Ambon SCCC budget despite the commitment of funds in Council's 2009/10 budget and request that Council reconsider this item with the view to re-allocating the \$2500 to the Ambon Sister City Community Committee.*

### **Committee: Anchorage Community Committee Meeting – 19 November 2009**

#### **Previous Decisions**

**Decision:** 20\1352 (31/03/09)

- B. THAT \$1000 be spent annually for the purchase of books/multimedia with reference to Darwin and the Northern Territory, and to be gifted to Anchorage Elementary schools as detailed in the Anchorage Sister City Action Plan and subject to available funds.
- C. THAT a specialized resource book be added to the University of Anchorage Alaska collection annually to a maximum amount of \$200 as detailed in the Anchorage Sister City Action Plan and subject to available funds.

The Anchorage meeting also achieved a quorum and discussed a number of outstanding projects together with the possibility of developing a new exchange initiative. The decision to progress the purchasing of books and multimedia items for Anchorage Elementary Schools is yet to be actioned and the Committee resolved that this now occur as a priority. The SCPC will identify the priority schools and action as soon as possible.

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In respect of the proposed project between Darwin and Anchorage, the Committee seek Council endorsement to progress the concept development of a skills exchange in the area of Indigenous health training. The committee are seeking to further explore the possibility of skill and information exchanges given the similarity both regions encounter in addressing Indigenous health issues. It is anticipated that the project would act as a catalyst for bringing together relevant agencies, partners and health professionals to assist in the development of a project plan.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

*THAT the concept of an exchange between Anchorage and Darwin specifically in areas of Indigenous Health training be explored further and a project plan be developed for Council's consideration.*

#### **Committee: Dili Community Committee Meeting – Tuesday 24 November 2009**

##### **Previous Decisions**

##### **Decision: 20/2165 (27/10/09)**

- E. THAT the Dili Sister City Community Committee in collaboration with the Council's Youth Services Officer and members of the Youth Advisory Group (YAG) and GRIND develop and support projects and exchanges to directly benefit Fundasaun Hafoun Rai Timor.

The Dili Sister City Community Committee has been working with Council's Youth Services staff on a youth project that would see resources provided to allow for the provision of internet access at Fundasaun Hafoun Rai Timor (FHRT), the English language school ran by young people in Dili.

The high cost of internet services in Timor Leste is cost prohibitive for the students themselves and the provision of internet access would greatly enhance the capacity for Dili students at FHRT to form new friendships and connections as well as access a diverse range of educational resources, not previously available. The Committee have requested that \$3000 of their project budget be allocated for the purpose of supporting the development and connecting Fundasaun Hafoun Rai Timor (FHRT) with internet, thus benefiting a great number of students in Dili.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

*THAT Council endorse the allocation of \$3,000 from the Dili Sister City Community Committee project budget for the purpose of facilitating and supporting internet connection and internet services for the young students at Hafoun Rai Timor Foundation (FHRT) Dili, Timor Leste in conjunction with YAG and GRIND participants.*

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### **Committee: Haikou Community Committee Meeting – 23 November 2009**

A number of items were discussed at the meeting with the most significant item relating to the Chinese Garden project.

#### **Previous Decisions**

#### **Decision: 20\2283 (24/11/09)**

THAT the establishment of the Chinese Garden be referred back to the Haikou Sister City Community Committee for further consideration, in view of the cost estimates.

#### **Historical Context**

In July 2006, the Catholic Church expressed plans to establish a Chinese Garden on the grounds of St Mary's Cathedral in Smith Street, Darwin. Council and the Haikou Sister City Committee supported this project in principle however the project did not progress at that time. The project has continued to be of interest to the Committee however in the absence of a clear scope of works and limited resources, the notion of a Chinese Garden has since diversified.

In January 2008, the then Sister Cities Officer met with Council's Parks Manager to discuss the progression of the Chinese Garden in regard to location, drainage and plant selection. The Committee has since re-evaluated the concept of a Chinese Garden and agree that broadening the concept to be inclusive of all sister cities would have greater benefits across the program. The Committee also envisage a much smaller project that a full scale garden given the major cost implications.

The Sister Cities Garden project would involve each community committee identifying a simple testament for their sister city to be included within the garden and feature small sculptures and plants from each of the Sister Cities (where possible) or plaques from each of Darwin's Sister Cities. For the purpose of progressing the concept, the Haikou Sister City Committee have identified the area of land outside the City Library in the courtyard (opposite the tree of Knowledge) and request endorsement to develop the concept using this site for planning purposes. This will allow the project opportunity to progress whilst providing time for issues pertinent to the site to be fully explored.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

*THAT the Sister Cities Garden proposal be endorsed in principal for the purpose of developing the concept and exploring all issues associated with the establishment and maintenance of a Sister Cities Garden.*

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*THAT the parcel of land outside the City Library in the courtyard opposite the Tree of Knowledge at the Civic Centre be identified as a possible site for the Sister Cities Garden, for the propose of developing the concept.*

#### **Committee: Kalymnos Community Committee Meeting – 23 November 2009**

There are no particular recommendations arising from the Kalymnos Sister City Community Committee meeting and the minutes of the November 2009 meeting are presented for Council's information.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Budget Item Number 05/224001/300 (W1582)

Each Sister City Community Committee has an annual budget allocation of \$4000 for committee projects. All project funds are to be expended by 30 June 2010.

Community committees are required to submit final requests for project funds prior to the March Council meeting to allow time for uncommitted project funds to be allocated to other community projects if required.

#### **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':-

<b>Goal 6</b>	Promote Brand Darwin
<b>Outcome</b>	6.2 Promote our Darwin city
<b>Key Strategies</b>	6.2.4 Strengthen international relationships through Sister Cities and other activities

#### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

None applicable for 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.

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**COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:**

Not applicable to this report.

**DELEGATION:**

Nil.

**CONSULTATION:**

None required for this report.

**PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:**

None required for this report.

**APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE**

Nil

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 10C0021 KP:kl entitled Sister Cities Community Committee Minutes for Meetings held in November 2009 & Calender of Events January to March 2010 be received and noted.
- B. THAT the Ambon Sister City Community Committee express its disappointment to Council that the \$4800 carry forward from 2008/2009 were not allocated to the Ambon Sister City Community Committee budget despite the commitment of funds in Council's 2009/10 budget and request that Council reconsider this item with the view to re-allocating the \$4800 to the Ambon Sister City Community Committee.
- C. THAT the concept of an exchange between Anchorage and Darwin specifically in areas of Indigenous Health training be explored further and a project plan be developed for Council's consideration.
- D. THAT Council endorse the allocation of \$3,000 from the Dili Sister City Community Committee project budget for the purpose of facilitating and supporting internet connection and internet services for the young students at Hafoun Rai Timor Foundation (FHRT) Dili, Timor Leste in conjunction with YAG and GRIND participants.

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- E. That the Sister Cities Garden design concept incorporate the existing trees and feature sculptures and plants from our Sister Cities (where possible) or plaques from each of Darwin's Sister Cities.
- D. THAT a Sister Cities Garden design concept be obtained from Cloustone based on the 330m<sup>2</sup> area of land outside the City Library in the courtyard opposite the "Tree of Knowledge" at the Civic Centre.

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## **ATTACHMENT 1**

### **SISTER CITIES CALENDAR OF EVENTS - January to March 2010**

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

#### **January 2010**

No Sister Cities Committee Meetings Scheduled for January 2010.

#### **1 January St Basil's Day - Kalymnos, Greece**

St Basil was one of 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.

#### **1 January New Years Day**

##### **Public Holiday in - Anchorage, Kalymnos, Ambon, Darwin, Haikou, Dili,**

New Year's Day falls on January 1 and marks the start of a new year according to the Gregorian calendar.

#### **6 January Epiphany - Kalymnos, Greece**

Epiphany is a day full of symbolisms and traditions, during which the Church celebrates Jesus' baptism in Jordan River by John the Baptist. The celebration of this day has a particular protocol. In Darwin the blessing of the waters happens on the following Sunday, 10am at the Wharf Front. This day, takes on a special meaning in Greece. On the stroke of January 6th, the "twelve days" of Christmas officially come to an end.

#### **11 January Coming of Age Festival - Aridagawa-Cho, Japan**

Coming of age ceremonies (成人式, *Seijin-shiki*) are generally held in the morning at local city offices. All young adults who turned or will turn 20 between April 1 of the previous year and March 31 of the current one and who maintain residency in the area are invited to attend. Government officials give speeches, and small presents are handed out to the newly-recognized adults.

#### **11 January Stephen Foster Memorial Day - Anchorage, USA**

The United States president issues an annual proclamation calling on people in the country to observe Stephen Foster Memorial Day with:

- Appropriate ceremonies.
- Pilgrimages to Stephen Foster's shrines.
- Musical programs featuring his compositions.

Events for the day may be organized at places that pay tribute to Stephen Foster, such as the Stephen Foster Culture Centre State Park in Florida. Some schools provide music and history lessons that focus on Stephen Foster's life and works



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around this date. Many music appreciation societies and organizations dedicated to the songwriter, such as the Stephen Foster Citizen Support Organization, also pay tribute to Stephen Foster.

### **18 January Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Anchorage, USA**

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

### **30 January The Three Holy Hierarchs - Kalymnos, Greece**

With the feast of the three Hierarchs at the end of January—the month in which we keep the memory of so many glorious bishops, confessors and ascetics—the Church in a way recapitulates the memory of all the Saints who have witnessed to the Orthodox faith by their writings and by their lives.

## **February 2010**

### **February Sister Cities Committee Meetings**

Thursday 4 February	5:00pm	Ambon Sister City Meeting
Tuesday 9 February	12:30pm	Dili Sister City Meeting
Wednesday 10 February	12:30pm	Kalymnos Sister City Meeting
Tuesday 16 February	12:30pm	Haikou Sister City Meeting
Thursday 18 February	5:00pm	Anchorage Sister City Meeting

### **1 February National Freedom Day – Anchorage, USA**

National Freedom Day is an observance in the United States that honours the signing of a resolution that proposed the 13th amendment of the nation's constitution on February 1, 1865. Abraham Lincoln, who was the president at the time, signed the resolution to outlaw slavery.

### **2 February Groundhog Day – Anchorage, USA**

Groundhog Day falls on February 2 in the United States. It is a part of popular culture among many Americans and it centres on the idea of the groundhog coming out of its home to “predict” the weather. 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.

### **2 February World Wetlands Day - United Nations**

It marks the date of the adoption of the Convention on Wetlands on 2 February 1971, in the Iranian city of Ramsar on the shores of the Caspian Sea. Each year since 1997, government agencies, non-governmental organisations, and groups of citizens at all levels of the community have taken advantage of the opportunity to undertake actions aimed at raising public awareness of wetland values and benefits and the Ramsar Convention.

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#### **4 February World Cancer Day - United Nations**

World Cancer Day is marked on February 4th to raise awareness of cancer and to encourage its prevention, detection, and treatment. The World Health Organization (WHO) promote ways to ease the global burden of cancer. Recurring themes over the years focus on preventing cancer and raising the quality of life for cancer patients. World Cancer Day targets the public through global communications marking, and encourages policy makers to make cancer a political priority.

#### **11 February National Foundation Day - Aridagawa-Cho, Japan**

National Foundation Day is a national holiday in Japan celebrated annually on February 11. On this day, Japanese celebrate the founding of the nation and the imperial line by its legendary first emperor, Jimmu, who established his capital in Yamato. In contrast with the events associated with earlier Kigensetsu, celebrations for National Foundation Day are relatively muted. Customs include the raising of Japanese flags and reflection on the meaning of Japanese citizenship.

#### **12 February Lincoln's Birthday – Anchorage, USA**

Abraham Lincoln was born February 12, 1809.

President Lincoln was the 16th president of the United States. He was assassinated on Good Friday, April 14, 1865, by John Wilkes Booth while attending a play entitled Our American Cousin at Ford's Theatre. This was the first Presidential assassination in American history. The first formal observance of his birthday took place in 1866, the year after his assassination, when both houses of Congress gathered for a memorial address.

#### **13 – 15 February Spring Festival Golden Week - Haikou, People's Republic of China**

Golden Week (黄金周) in the mainland of the People's Republic of China is the name given to two annual 7-day national holidays, implemented in 2000. Three days of paid holiday are given, and the surrounding weekends are re-arranged so that workers in Chinese companies always have seven continuous days of holiday. These national holidays were first started by the government for the People's Republic of China National Day in 1999 and are primarily intended to help expand the domestic tourism market and improve the national standard of living, as well as allowing people to make long-distance family visits. The Golden Weeks are consequently periods of greatly heightened travel activity.

#### **16 February National Pancake Day - Anchorage, USA**

Known as Shrove Tuesday, as it is the last day before the long fast for Lent in many Christian churches.

#### **19 February Anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin**

A tribute to honour and remember those who helped defend Darwin, the Anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin is commemorated each year on 19 February at the Cenotaph, Bicentennial Park, Darwin and attracts many veterans who served in Darwin around that time.

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### **20 February World Day of Social Justice - United Nations**

The United Nations' (UN) World Day of Social Justice is annually observed on February 20 to encourage people to look at how social justice affects poverty eradication. It also focuses on the goal of achieving full employment and support for social integration.

### **26 February Prophet Muhammad's Birthday – Ambon, Indonesia**

Mawlid al-Nabi This holiday celebrates the birthday of Muhammad, the founder of Islam. It is fixed as the 12th day of the month of Rabi I in the Islamic calendar. As the Islamic calendar is a lunar calendar, the corresponding date in the Gregorian calendar varies each year. Mawlid means birthday of a holy figure and al-Nabi means prophet. The day is commemorated with recollections of Muhammad's life and significance.

### **28 February The Lantern Festival - Haikou, People's Republic of China**

The Lantern Festival has a long history, dating back to the Tang (618-907) and Song (960-1279) dynasties. During the festival, outstanding samples of China's colourful traditional lanterns are shown. In addition, 'dragons' made of porcelain dinner sets, 'peacocks' made of glass bottles, and bamboo, silk and paper lanterns will also be on display, integrating beautiful shapes, bright colour lights, movement and sound and displaying a high degree of workmanship. During the festival, various commodity exhibitions and trade fairs are held. In Haikou the Lantern Festival is held at the Evergreen Park, a large urban grassland and public plaza with tropical scenery.

## **March 2010**

### **March Sister Cities Committee Meetings**

Monday 8 March	12:30pm	Haikou Sister City Meeting
Thursday 18 March	5:00pm	Ambon Sister City Meeting
Tuesday 23 March	12:30pm	Dili Sister City Meeting
Wednesday 24 March	12:30pm	Kalymnos Sister City Meeting

### **March 5 - World Day of Prayer United Nations**

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement which brings Christians of many traditions together to observe a common day of prayer each year. Through preparation and participation in the worship service, we can come to know how our sisters of other countries, languages and cultures understand the Biblical passages in their context. We can hear their concerns and needs and can feel ourselves in solidarity with them as we pray with and for them. In this way, it is possible to enrich our Christian faith as it grows deeper and broader in an international, ecumenical expression

### **March 6 Iditarod Starts 2010 - Anchorage, USA**

From Anchorage, in south central Alaska, to Nome on the western Bering Sea coast, each team of 12 to 16 dogs and their musher cover over 1150 miles in 10 to 17 days. It has been called the "Last Great Race on Earth" and it has won worldwide acclaim and interest. The race started in downtown Anchorage since 1983. The teams leave

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the start line at the corner of 4th and “D” at two minute intervals, starting at 10 a.m. There are usually over 65 teams starting and some years even more.

### **March 8 International Women’s Day - United Nations**

Each year around the world, International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated on March 8. Hundreds of events occur not just on this day but throughout March to mark the economic, political and social achievements of women. Organisations, governments and women's groups around the world choose different themes each year that reflect global and local gender issues. Some years have seen global IWD themes honoured around the world, while this year groups have preferred to 'localise' their own theme to make them more specific and relevant. This year's theme for Australia is: **Unite to End Violence Against Women**

### **March 12 Arbor Day - Haikou, People's Republic of China**

China celebrates Arbor Day or Tree Planting Day as a public holiday on March 12. China commemorates the passing of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, the Father of the Nation, in 1925.

### **March 17 Zhonghe Festival - Haikou, People's Republic of China**

The Zhonghe Festival is on the second day of the second lunar month, and they celebrate it by eating Chinese fajitas.

### **March 25 Independence Day - Kalymnos, Greece**

The celebration of Greek Independence Day on March 25th draws inspiration from one of the holiest days for Greek Orthodox Christians, the Annunciation of the Theotokos. In 1821, Greeks rose up against the Turks who had occupied Greece for nearly four hundred years, embarking on the ultimately successful war of independence.

### **March 27 - Lazarus Saturday - Kalymnos, Greece**

Lazarus Saturday, in the Eastern Orthodox Church and those Eastern Catholic Churches which follow the Byzantine Rite, is the day before Palm Sunday, and is liturgically linked to it. The feast celebrates the resurrection of Lazarus of Bethany, the narrative of which is found in the New Testament Gospel of Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday together hold a unique position in the church year, as days of joy and triumph interposed between the penitence of Great Lent and the mourning of Holy Week.

### **March 29 Seward's Day - Anchorage, USA**

A legal holiday in Alaska. It commemorates the signing of the Alaska Purchase treaty on March 30, 1867. It is named for then-Secretary of State William H. Seward, who negotiated the purchase from Russia.

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