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DARWIN CITY COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

MONDAY 15 JUNE 2009

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| * Arts and Culture | * Parking Control |
| * Community Relations | * Public Libraries |
| * Human Services | * Recreation |
| * Community Use of Halls, Ovals, Playing Fields, Public Pools and other Council Facilities | * Social Planning and Advocacy |
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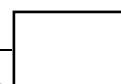


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Community Services Committee Meeting - Monday, 15 June, 2009

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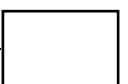
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5 WITHDRAWAL OF ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

COMMITTEE'S DECISION

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority that all Information Items and Officers Reports to the Community Services Committee Meeting held on Monday, 15 June, 2009, be received and all recommendations contained therein be adopted by general consent with the exception of Item Number

DECISION NO.20\() (15/06/09)



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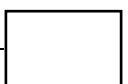
Community Services Committee Meeting - Monday, 15 June, 2009**6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES PERTAINING TO THE PREVIOUS COMMUNITY SERVICES MEETING****COMMITTEE'S DECISION**

THAT the Committee resolve that the minutes of the previous Community Services Committee Meeting held on Monday, 11 May, 2009, tabled by the Chairman, be received and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

DECISION NO.20\() (15/06/09)

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES PERTAINING TO THE PREVIOUS COMMUNITY SERVICES MEETING**8 INFORMATION ITEMS**

Nil



ENCL: NO

DARWIN CITY COUNCIL
REPORT

DATE: 9/06/09

TO: COMMUNITY SERVICES/OPEN A

APPROVED: JB

FROM: GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &
CULTURAL SERVICES

APPROVED: KH

REPORT NO: 09C0089 KH:mrg

COMMON NO: 1517201

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY SERVICES TEAM REPORT – MAY 2009

ITEM NO: 9.1**SYNOPSIS:**

This report provides Council with an update of activities undertaken within the Community Services program during May 2009. 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 Services Team has prepared their own sections to appraise Council of operational activities.

REPORT:**COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGEMENT**

May has been an extremely active and dynamic month for the Community Services Team with substantial youth community consultation occurring for the Youth Energy Precinct, a delegation to Dili and recruitment and workforce development activities all taking place.

Human Resources

The position of Family & Children's Services Coordinator has now been recruited for with the successful applicant, Ms Tanya Sellers commencing on July 20th 2009. Several interviews have also been held in order to manage the dry season casual staff requirements for Fun Bus relief and Fun In The Parks programming.

As all staff working with children and young people are required to have current national police checks, the issue of having the checks processed in a timely manner has been problematic with some checks taking as long as 3 months to be processed. It is hoped the new Working With Children Checks when fully implemented across the Territory will alleviate some of these delays.

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The Manager Community Services has been appointed Chairperson for the recently formed Workforce Planning Committee. This committee will review and consider workplace policy development in the interests of all Council staff.

Information Technology

Representatives of the Community Services team met with Marketing & Public relations staff to forward community recommendations relating to functionality of Council's web site. The capacity to make real time facility bookings, community event resources, planning and resource information, online interactive Graffiti reporting and venue/ public space and permits have also been suggested to enhance community access to Council's resources.

Following the 08/09 carry forward of funds for Youth Projects, a number of Apple computers will be purchased this month to assist the Youth Projects Team action a number of activities contained within Council's new Youth Strategy as well as progressing Grind-On-Line.

Community Networks

The Manager Community Services attended a public administration forum, entitled Indigenous Community Engagement, Where To From Here? The forum presented by Mike Sizzler (Commander, Northern Territory Emergency Response Operations Centre) was very well attended and highlighted the critical need for government agencies and services to take time to develop relationships with communities and invest in engagement activities in addition to service delivery.

Community Services staff met with Larrakia Aboriginal Corporation staff this month to discuss ways that our youth and arts programs might work more closely together in the future and possible projects that could be the basis of partnerships such as legal art programs and GRIND-on-line activities.

The Community Services Team attended a special launch of the Corrugated Iron, Your Music Sux performance at the Darwin Entertainment Centre in the latter part of May. The performance highlighted the intrusion and impact of information technology on the lives of our community's young people.

Graffiti Management

Community Services staff met with City of Palmerston and Building Services Staff to discuss the current graffiti management program. Statistics are being collected each month which indicate hot spots, the number of requests for removal and the number of kits distributed for self removal by ward. Council will undertake advertising activities to promote the free removal resources available at both Councils in the coming weeks.

Community Services has been contributing to the development of a stakeholder graffiti management forum in which all key stakeholders will participate with the view to developing a shared way forward in graffiti management. The forum is being coordinated by the Department of Justice and is scheduled for mid June.

Secure Taxi Rank Project

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Community and Cultural Services (CCS) continues to facilitate stakeholder engagement in the secure taxi rank project.

The taxi rank consultancy is not yet concluded whilst Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DPI) has assured the CCS General Manager that the views of key stakeholders such as members of the Interagency Tasking Coordination Group (ITCG) and Territory Insurance Office will be incorporated into the consultancy.

CCS will report to Council regarding the possibility of funding a rank via a levy on licensed premises in the Central Business District.

Interagency Tasking Coordination Group

CCS attended all ITCG meetings in May.

Darwin Entertainment Centre

CCS and the Northern Territory Government (NTG) have agreed to negotiate a one-year funding agreement for 2009-10 rather than a triennial to enable Darwin Entertainment Centre (DEC) to undertake a more rigorous and substantive strategic planning process to inform the basis for a three agreement at the commencement of the next financial year.

CCS continues to meet regularly with DEC's General Manager to provide information and support regarding forecast requirements and funding negotiation updates.

Parap Site Re-development

As reported previously, Strategic Leisure has furnished Council with a "Write-Back Brief" detailing the master plan for the Parap site re-development. The scope of the master plan will be extended to incorporate traffic management and urban enhancement issues associated with Ross Smith Avenue.

CCS has formally requested NTG Sport and Recreation contribute to the Master Plan process and is still awaiting a response.

East Point Military Museum

CCS continues to engage with the Museum Advisory Group and, more particularly, the NTG Director of Museums, to clarify and progress the formative stages of planning for the redevelopment of the museum.

East Point Reserve

CCS contributed, in conjunction with Strategy and Outcomes and Infrastructure, to the development of an application for Federal heritage enhancement and preservation funding to refurbish aspects of East Point Reserve.

Lyons Neighbourhood Building

CCS continues to progress the Expression of Interest process with Contracts and Elton Consultancy regarding the management of the Lyons Neighbourhood Building.

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Strategic Land Use Plan

CCS, in conjunction with Parks, participated in a consultation session with Elton Consulting in relation to the NTG's Greater Darwin Region Strategic land Use Plan 2025.

Casuarina Business Precinct

CCS continues to participate in the key stakeholder group overseeing the implementation of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design recommendations including contributing to the development of a Liquor Accord in conjunction with the expertise of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission.

Car Park Basketball

CCS participated in the discussions with key youth agencies as well as Neighbourhood Watch to assist the possible progression of Car Park basketball in the northern suburbs.

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 18 May 2009. Amongst the issues discussed at the meeting were the proposed improvements to be made to disability car parking spaces in the car park of Casuarina Plaza and access issues at Rapid Creek Business Village. The minutes from the meeting will be presented to the next Disability Advisory Committee meeting which is scheduled for 18 June 2009.

Community Grants Program

Submissions for the funding of projects through the first round of the 2009/2010 Community Grants Program were presented to Council's May round of meetings.

A total of 43 applications were received seeking grants for projects to the total of \$242,854.62. Projects were prioritised on the basis of outcomes in context of maximum benefit to the Darwin community and 13 applications were successful for either part or full funding to the total value of \$42,682.00. Cheques will be presented to successful applicants by Lord Mayor at a function to be held at 11.00am on Friday 26 June 2009.

Disability Awareness Week 2009

Disability Awareness Week (DAW) is a week long program designed to highlight the achievements of people with a disability and the positive contributions they make to the Darwin community. It also aims to raise public awareness on disability issues. This year Disability Awareness Week will be celebrated from Thursday 3 to Thursday 10 September 2009. The third planning meeting for DAW 2009 was held on 26 May and the attendance of 19 representatives from organisations across the sector gives an indication of the positive support for the week. A varied program of events for the

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week has been drawn up and work will shortly commence on the design of a poster and flyer. Regular preparation meetings will continue until celebrations commence.

Seniors Month

Seniors Month is held in August every year in the Northern Territory and enables people and organisations to work together to promote active ageing whilst promoting a positive understanding of ageing in the community. CSPO, in conjunction with Libraries Project Officer, has finalised Council's program of events and activities that will be held during August 2009 for Seniors Month. Council's program of events has been supplied to Office of Senior Territorians for inclusion in a Seniors Month calendar of activities that is mailed to all Seniors Card holders Territory-wide. Work has commenced on a poster and flyer promoting Council's scheduled Seniors Month events.

Inter-agency Networks

- **The Big Issue/Community Street Soccer Program**
 CSO and Recreation Coordinator met with The Big Issue's newly appointed representative in Darwin. The Big Issue is an organisation that facilitates a magazine program and also a community street soccer program. Both programs benefit homeless and marginalised people and following successful implementation overseas and in other Australian states, the programs are now being introduced to the Territory. The street soccer program will commence in Darwin in early July 2009 and a feasibility study is being carried out regarding the introduction of the magazine program to the Darwin area.
- **NT Falls Prevention Management Committee**
 CSO represented Council at the NT Falls Prevention Management Committee which is convened by the Coordinator Safety and Injury Unit, Department of Health and Families. The committee was formed last year 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. Meetings are held bi-monthly and discussions at the May meeting centred on proposed education and exercise programs to assist in falls prevention and the distribution of the booklet "Choose Health: Be Active" which is a physical activity guide for older Australians. Following the meeting, the Committee was provided with a short tour of the upgraded facilities at the Masonic Homes Therapy Centre and Seniors Village in Tiwi.
- **Accessible Cinema – captioned and audio described movies**
 CSO attended the launch of Accessible Cinema at CMAX Cinemas in Palmerston which provided information on captioned movies for the hearing impaired and audio described movies for the visually impaired. Captioned movies for the hearing impaired are also available at Birch Carroll & Coyle Cinema in Casuarina.

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ARTS & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee (ACDAC)

ACDAC's second meeting for 2009 was held on 14 May 2009. The committee reviewed its membership and put forward suggestions for representatives from relevant agencies to whom a formal invitation will be made. It also made recommendations regarding the Chinatown Carpark Screening and the repair of the Traveller's Walk mosaic. The next ACDAC meeting is scheduled for 18 June 2009.

Charles Darwin Commemorative Artwork – The HMS Beagle Ship Bell Chime

Installation of the Charles Darwin Commemorative Artwork is nearing completion. Local musician Kris Keogh has been invited to compose the inaugural piece of music for the Bell Chime and will assist with the software setup and programming. A MIDI keyboard and wireless MIDI transmitter have been ordered which will allow for the bells to be played by keyboard up to 30 feet from the PCE box (computer/bell interface) installed in the Community Services stairwell.

On the advice of ACDAC, interpretative signage for the artwork is being prepared in conjunction with sign company Dot Dash.

A media launch will be held outside the Civic Centre on Monday 29 June 2009 from 10 – 11 am. This will include a presentation by the artist and a musical performance by local composer Kris Keogh. Morning tea will be provided.

A public launch of the artwork will be held on Territory Day, Wednesday 1 July 2009 at Civic Park, from 7.30 – 9 pm. Titled "Origins", this major arts event is being coordinated by Corrugated Iron Youth Arts in conjunction with the Darwin Symphony Orchestra, Darwin Theatre Company, the Darwin Chorale and Charles Darwin University. The director Alex Ben Mayor has been profiled in the July edition of *Off the Leash*. Darwin City Council is a major sponsor of this event including providing in-kind support and publicity.

Chime Conservatory

During his visit to Darwin, artist Anton Hasell noted that the Dragon feature has been removed from the top of the Chime Conservatory sculpture. He intends to sculpt a new feature to be welded to the top of the sculpture. It has not been possible to determine the time and date of the incident as the top of the sculpture is not visible in the CCTV footage.

Recycled Art Program

A Recycled Art Program will be established by Darwin City Council in conjunction with other stakeholders in 2009-2010. Intended to raise awareness about recycling, the program will include the development of a webpage with relevant information, a Public Art workshop focusing on Recycled Art, a major Public Art project using Recycled materials, a public exhibition of works in Council facilities and a Council hosted function recognising achievement in recycling.

Consultation with stakeholders began in late 2008 and will continue as the program is established.

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Arts NT Special Purpose Grant

Darwin City Council has been granted \$10,000 by Arts NT towards the professional development of its Arts workers including the Arts and Cultural Development Officer and an artist employed as a Public Art Manager to oversee a major Public Art project for the CBD. This project will be undertaken under the mentorship of Cathy Hunt from Positive Solutions, who worked with Council on the Five Year Arts Plan 2008-2013. It is likely that this Public Art project will tie into the Recycled Art Program.

Live Music at Casuarina Library

Casuarina Library will continue its live music program throughout the year and in December will conduct a review of the program. Feedback has been very positive from library goers and performers alike. The monthly programs can be accessed online at <http://www.darwin.nt.gov.au/aboutdarwin/musiclibraries.htm>

Traveller's Walk Mosaic

Advice is being sought from a local artist regarding the repair of the Traveller's Walk mosaic.

Interagency Networks

The Arts and Cultural Development Officer attended a number of community events including the Arts Vision Forum facilitated by Arts NT on 14 May, the Australia Council forum on the Indigenous Australian Art Commercial Code of Conduct on 25 May, and the National Human Rights Consultation on 1 June.

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 continues to meet regularly. The GRIND website has gone live and can be viewed at www.grindonline.com.au. GRIND is fine tuning the website with Capovate with the aim to have the site ready for the school holidays for GRIND team members to upload content. GRIND elected its editors for 2009.

GRIND obtained media passes for team members to attend BASSINTHEGRASS and interviewed members of Augie March for publication.

GRIND meets every second Thursday of the month and has informal weekly meetings in the Youth Space every other Thursday.

Youth Advisory Group (YAG)

The Youth Advisory Group met in May with Strategic Leisure and presented their views and input on the Youth Energy Precinct (YEP). Strategic Leisure provided YAG with an update on the progress of the YEP consultation process and outlined further activities and up coming milestones to be achieved.

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Youth Services Trainee

The Youth Services Trainee continues to assist Youth Services in all its projects, of particular note this month was the trainees assistance in the many consultation activities during May in regards to YEP.

Youth Energy Precinct (YEP)

Youth Services continues to work with Strategic Leisure to gather input, views and feedback from young people in relation to YEP. Key consultation activities in May included:

YAG

Strategic Leisure met with YAG and gathered their views on what they envisaged a Youth Energy Precinct could be and what it might include.

Visioning Workshop

Strategic Leisure facilitated a visioning workshop with members of the youth community, Government and non-government sector. The workshop attracted a diverse group with representatives from the Government's youth sector including the Youth Round Table and the non-government sector with representatives from Red Cross, Darwin Community Arts, Mission Australia, Multicultural Council NT, Melaleuca Refugee Centre, United Nations Youth Association, The SHAK and a number of High and Middle Schools

Government Workshop

Strategic Leisure met with a number of NT Government Departments including The Office of Youth Affairs, NT Police Youth Diversion Unit, Health & Families, Education and Training in a dedicated workshop.

Individual Organisations

Strategic Leisure met with the following organisations on site to get a feel for services that currently exist in the Darwin area, The SHAK, Police and Community Youth Club, Corrugated Iron Youth Arts, Casuarina Square Management and Palmerston City Council.

Casuarina Square Consult

YAG, GRIND and the YEP Youth Consult Team formed a team of 30 people and set up a feedback stall in Casuarina Square Shopping Centre on Friday 15 May to directly seek the input and feedback of young people on YEP. Over 200 face to face surveys were completed in four hours. A particular feature of the consult included a mobile e-kiosk which featured three small e-PCs that allowed young people to participate directly with the online version of the survey.

Online

Youth Services created an online survey <http://grindonline.com.au/yepsurvey/> accessible via the GRIND website and Darwin City Council's homepage

School Visits

Youth Services and the YEP Youth Consult Team presented YEP and solicited feedback from Darwin's High and Middle Schools and a number of Primary Schools.

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Interagency Networks

DARWWYN

YSO attended the first DARWWYN meeting hosted by Human Services Training Advisory Council Inc (HSTAC). The issue of mandatory reporting of underage sexual activity was highlighted for action at this meeting.

Youth Housing Forum

YSO attended a planning session for a Youth Homelessness Forum to be hosted by NT Shelter and Palmerston City Council

CHILDREN & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Staff recruitment

Following the resignation of the Family and Children's Services Coordinator, a new experienced Officer has been recruited and will commence in mid July.

Community Centres

Council's Community Centres at Malak (MCC) and Nightcliff (NCC) continue to operate at capacity under the effective management of user groups and tenants in partnership with Council.

Demand for the meeting room at NCC continues to be very high with constant requests to provide an air-conditioned venue for meetings and other small gatherings. The meeting room is heavily booked by long term tenants who have office space leased at the centre. Due to the high demand from the tenants this leaves limited capacity for casual user access. The availability of air conditioned low cost meeting rooms is identified as a current unmet community need as the NCC meeting room is booked to maximum capacity.

Malak Community Centre small hall has been identified as a possible option to air-condition. Currently Malak is not utilised to a maximum level due to being a non air-conditioned venue. Community Services staff are working with Building Services to identify possible funding sources to improve this venue and respond to community need.

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 mornings in parks and reserves for 40 weeks annually, the Fun Bus is now delivering its Dry season program:

Monday - Bagot Community

Tuesday - Old McMillans Park Coconut Grove

Wednesday - Water Gardens Jingili

Thursday - Malak Caravan Park Malak

Friday - Civic Park Darwin

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Fun in the Parks

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

Child Care Centres

Council sponsors seven Child Care Centres in the provision and maintenance of the buildings. Council also assists Centre's in obtaining grants from the NT and Commonwealth Governments and project manages the works where applicable. Council is assisting the Malak Family Centre with documentation to help with the certification for building works in the toddler's room that has been an ongoing issue for over four years. The works to this room were not completed by Council and as such, proved a problem when the works were not certified.

SISTER CITIES PROGRAM

Sister Cities Delegation to Timor-Leste (27 – 30 May 2009)

The Lord Mayor, Alderman John Bailey and Alderman Greg Jarvis accompanied the Chief Minister to Dili, Timor-Leste as part of the official Northern Territory Government business delegation from the 27-30th May 2009.

A group of 2 Council Officers, 3 Dili Sister City Community Committee Members and 1 Youth Representative also visited Dili between 27-30 May.

During their 3 day visit in Dili, all delegates including the Elected Members met with a number of Government representatives and community groups to discuss establishing Sister Cities projects that will benefit both cities. The focus of this visit was to establish communication and connections with NGO's and other Community groups that work specifically with the youth of Dili and initiate long term relationships between the young people of Darwin and the young people of Dili.

A further report on the visit to Dili will be submitted to Council in the near future.

Sister Cities at the 2009 Greek Glenti (6-7 June 2009)

Since 1982, Darwin City has enjoyed a sister city relationship with Kalymnos, Greece. Darwin City Council through the Sister Cities program will have a promotional static display in the cultural tent at the Greek Glenti this weekend (Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th June) and will also be selling traditional Greek dishes at the event. The Glenti presents a unique opportunity to promote the strong relationship between Kalymnos and Darwin, Council's Sister Cities program and the re-establishment of the Kalymnos Sister City Committee.

All the proceeds from the sale of food will be used to purchase Kalymnian artefacts, books and other items to start the collection of objects for the Kalymnos Museum project initiative.

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Community Development staff, Elected Members and Community representatives from the Kalymnos Sister City Community Committee have volunteered their time over the weekend to help “man” the food stall at these years Glenti.

RECREATION SERVICES

Playgrounds & Exercise Stations

Urban Enhancement Program (UEP) – three additional parks have been nominated for upgrade before the Northern Territory Government’s UEP ceases in June 2009. The three parks are:

- Worgan Park – Fannie Bay
- McDonald Park – Parap
- Hinkler Park – Parap

Community consultation has been completed for these three parks and equipment will be installed in June.

Nightcliff Foreshore Exercise Stations and Historical Markers – the successful contractor has been engaged to supply and install the exercise equipment at Nightcliff. Omnitech will be working with local Landscape Architects, Clouston and Associates, to arrange the supply and install in the coming months. Due to the equipment being sourced from Europe for its quality, installation is not expected to commence until July with completion by 13 August.

This will bring to a total of 11 playgrounds upgraded in 2008/09 and the first set of exercise stations in the Northern Territory will also be completed.

FREEPS 2009, 3 – 6pm on dates as below

- Sat 2 May – Nightcliff Foreshore as part of Seabreeze Festival
- Sun 10 May – Marrara Central as part of Arafura Games
- Sun 16 August – Jingili Water Gardens Regional Playground
- Sun 13 Sept – Casuarina Swimming Pool

Both May events went well. Numbers at Seabreeze may have been impacted slightly due to the scheduling of the Opening of the Wave Pool. Location of FREEPS at Arafura Games was somewhat hidden from public view due to solid fencing, so participation was lower than anticipated compared to similar events.

Arafura Games 2009

Council’s involvement in the 2009 Arafura Games involved arrangements for the use of Casuarina Swimming Pool for training and competition, road closures for cycling and triathlon events and placement of signage being organised between Recreation Services, Regulatory Services and Customer Services.

Bagot Oval

Tenders have been received for the upgrade of Bagot Oval and the Recreation Team has advised the user group (FFNT) regarding a minor shortfall in funding. FFNT is pursuing a facilities grant through NTG and we are awaiting an outcome.

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Nakara Oval Lights

Negotiations are continuing with the user group (FFNT) regarding the installation of lights at Nakara Oval. Two plans will be made available for Council's consideration. Option one will involve lights in the centre of the oval which will restrict use to soccer only and therefore the oval will not be able to be used by any other sport and half of the space will be wasted. Option 2 will involve lights on the perimeter of the oval allowing greater flexibility for the entire community.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil pertinent to this report.

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:

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

Goal Achieve Effective Partnerships and Engage in Collaborative Relationships

Outcome Effectively engage with community

Key Strategies

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

Goal Facilitate and Maintain a Cohesive Community

Outcome Facilitate community access and inclusion

Key Strategies

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

5.1.2 Encourage employment opportunities within the Council for marginalised members of the community

5.1.3 Improve access for people with disabilities

5.1.5 Improve coordination with residents and other service providers

Goal Facilitate and Maintain a Cohesive Community

Outcome Promote Darwin's culture

Key Strategies

5.2.1 Promote and support activities and programs that celebrate cultural diversity

5.2.2 Create opportunities for the expression of cultural diversity through art

Outcome Support harmony within the community

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

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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.

PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

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

COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil. This report is informational.

DELEGATION:

This report is presented for information only.

CONSULTATION:

Each Community Service Team Officer has contributed to this report.

PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:

Not pertinent to this report.

APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE

Nil.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

THAT Report number 09C0089 KH:ems entitled Community Services Team Report – May 2009, be received and noted.

KATIE HEARN
MANAGER COMMUNITY SERVICES

JOHN BANKS
GENERAL MANAGER
COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES

Any queries on this report may be directed to Katie Hearn on 8930 0560.

ENCL: NO

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TO: COMMUNITY SERVICES/OPEN A

APPROVED:

FROM: GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &
CULTURAL SERVICES

APPROVED: DN

REPORT NO: 09C0090 DN:mrg

COMMON NO: 1330602

SUBJECT: REGULATORY SERVICES MONTHLY UPDATE – MAY 2000

ITEM NO: 9.2**SYNOPSIS:**

This report provides Council with an update of activities undertaken within the Regulatory Services Section during May 2009. It is presented for Council's information.

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

Regulatory Services continued to regulate CBD parking with a full complement of officers rotating through all areas of the City and Council car parks. Officers actively patrolled the Smith Street Mall to ensure By-law breaches were not occurring including the regulation of buskers with the appropriate permit. One new staff member was employed.

Suburban Parking

A dedicated Suburban Officer conducted daily Suburban enforcement patrols of Nightcliff, Casuarina, Parap, Cullen Bay, Fannie Bay, Alawa, Hibiscus, Karama, Rapid Creek and Stuart Park. The Suburban Officer regulated all disabled bays, timed zones and any traffic offence complaints received from the public.

As a result of numerous complaints being received by Council in relation to vehicles parking in disabled bays without permits Council has increased its regular daily patrols through both the Nightcliff and Casuarina Shopping centres to ensure appropriate permits are displayed.

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During the month of May a dedicated Generals Officer was responsible for actioning notices for abandoned vehicles, long grass, and litter complaints and a full range of By-Law offences. Regulatory Services is continuing to work closely with the Manager of Infrastructure in relation to long grass complaints and relative procedures to provide a better level of customer service and to meet appropriate timeframes for the finalisation of jobs.

2 officers are permanently rostered on during Sunday markets to regulate parking at Rapid Creek between 9am-1pm as a response to numerous complaints relating to illegal parking in the immediate market area. This enforcement action has seen a significant decrease in parking breaches occurring during the market period.

PUBLIC PLACES

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. Officers work in conjunction with Police to keep the problem of anti social behaviour in the municipality to a minimum.

Public Places Officers noticed a large number of interstate and overseas campers arriving in Darwin in the early stages of the dry season. New information sheets have been printed informing campers and visitors of Council By-Laws. The information sheets have been distributed to all hostels within the city, in person to all campers at Mindil Beach, Vestey's and East Point Reserve and also on various Travel internet sites.

ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

There were no significant dog attacks recorded during the month of May.

The Council Dog Registrations Officer conducted household checks for unregistered animals in the northern suburbs. This resulted in an increase in registrations and licences to house more than two dogs. This was supported by a administration officer who contacted customers by telephone reinforcing the compliance issues with dog registrations.

Several Animal control Officers attended a Dog Bite Symposium on the 22 May at the Convention Centre in conjunction with the 2009 A.V.A Conference. This proved to be a rewarding experience with the attendees gaining valuable information which will contribute to their development as Animal Management Officers.

Animal Education

Council's Animal Education Officer deals specifically with education initiatives and is currently developing a range of educational programs for use:

- in schools
- during public events

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- at Council libraries and
- at public facilities including Casuarina Square.

On Sunday 17 May 2009 Council Officers participated in the RSPCA's Million Paws Walk. Officers provided advice to members of the public on responsible pet ownership in conjunction with legal requirements associated with pet ownership within the Darwin municipality. Show bags containing Council's responsible dog ownership information, (prove that you love me campaign) and give-aways were distributed.

Council continued to work closely with the RSPCA, by providing 250 paper bags for the Million Paws Walk registration packs for use on the day.

Planning is underway to map out the Education Programme for the coming year, including opportunities for promotion of Council's Animal Management Plan and By-laws at events and venues across Darwin.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That it be a recommendation to Council:-

THAT report number 09C0090 DN:mrg, entitled Regulatory Services Monthly Update – May 2009, be received and noted.

DAVE NEALL
MANAGER REGULATORY SERVICES

JOHN BANKS
GENERAL MANAGER
COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES

Any queries on this report may be directed to Dave Neall on 8930 0421.

ENCL: NO

DARWIN CITY COUNCIL**DATE:** 9/06/09**REPORT****TO:** COMMUNITY SERVICES/OPEN A**APPROVED:** JB**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER
COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES**APPROVED:** KC**REPORT NO:** 09P0007 KC:md**COMMON NO:** 1518200**SUBJECT:** LIBRARIES INFORMATION UPDATE FOR APRIL AND MAY 2009**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:

Music in the library program at the Casuarina Library has proved very popular with a growing waiting list of established and emerging musicians eager to be part of the program. This program resulted as an initiative by Council's Arts & Cultural Development Officer. Each Friday lunchtime Casuarina Library hosts a singer/musician who entertains our library customers.

City Library conducted a library tour for 8 Telstra trainees, the tour included a library familiarisation and each trainee was given tasks to complete using the online databases and the reference tools set up on the Internet PCs.

City Library has a young student volunteering for the Duke of Edinburgh. She comes in on Saturday mornings.

Manager Nightcliff Library is currently reviewing the Northern Territory and Aboriginal collections. This is a project to review the collections and a report will be produced to ascertain how best to maintain and utilise the collections.

Nightcliff Library has installed a water bubbler for the library customers.

Training sessions in using the Internet are ongoing at the Nightcliff, Casuarina and City libraries. Numbers are small but we have regular interest and a need for this training.

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As part of February's Library Lovers month promotion, every child who borrowed a picture book automatically went into the draw to win tickets to meet Dorothy the Dinosaur and stay for her show on Easter Sunday (12 April) at the DEC. Twenty tickets, compliments of the Wiggles, were drawn from 2418 entries. All the feedback was positive from the mums and dads who took advantage of the photo opportunity and enjoyed the show afterwards.

The relatively short lead-in time for songwriter/satirist Bruce Watson's performance at the Nightcliff Library may have kept the audience small, but those who attended enjoyed his performance and the morning tea that followed. Bruce appreciated the opportunity to perform in such a 'different' environment as the library.

Jasmine Jan's Pen & Ink Drawing Workshop was held at Casuarina Library on 17 May. As always, Jasmine's workshop was fully booked long before the event, so didn't need too much promotion. Her art workshops are always successful and at this stage, budget permitting, we are looking at a series of her workshops in November.

In May libraries all over Australia celebrate Library and Information Week – 25 to 31 May. Our program of events included: A Reference Quiz & online database and catalogue demonstrations. Also, a special story time at Karama with a crocodile from Crocodylus Park which attracted 50 children into the library. City Library had special Hippo Story time to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the book "There's a hippo on my roof eating cake" by Hazel Edwards. Hazel came to the story time and read to the children, also ceremoniously cutting the Hippo's 30th birthday cake. The kids and their parents loved her.

National Simultaneous Storytime was held at Casuarina and the City Libraries on Wednesday 27 May. This is an event held throughout Australia and the book read this year was "Pete the Sheep" by Jackie French. Crèche's and childcare groups were invited to participate in the morning.

A 'Non-boring' Family History writing workshop with Hazel Edwards was held at the City Library in the theatre. Seventeen people attended for the all day workshop.

CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES:

Easter was celebrated at all libraries with the Easter Bunny making an appearance at all libraries' story times & a special visit to the COG, middle managers meeting at Casuarina.

On 24 April Casuarina Library hosted a Twilight Evening after library hours in the library meeting room to celebrate the release of the movie "Twilight" on DVD. It was a great success with 47 young people attending and enjoying a variety of activities. There was a quiz, games, pizza and then the movie was shown.

Kaos continues at Karama Library on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Twelve children attended in April and 15 in May.

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April Holiday Program was held at all libraries. The theme was "Puppets" and the Miss Ophelia's Shadow Theatre went to each library for a performance. The children got to make a puppet with a total of 162 children participating in the program.

Casuarina Library invited Liz Cruise from NT Royal Life Saving Association to come to our Babes n Books story time to promote their free Water Safety awareness program for children under five years of age.

Questacon science play show for 2 to 5 year olds went to Karama and the City Libraries in May and will be going to Nightcliff and Casuarina in June. It is provided free of charge by the Federal government and the libraries organised children from the Murraya Children's Centre and Karama Childcare Centre to attend the Karama Library. Forty-eight children came to the City from the local crèche. The event was extremely popular as it's a great introduction to science for young children.

Captain Crabclaw Pirate Party was held in the Casuarina Library meeting room on Sunday 24 May. Visiting authors David and Frances presented a treasure chest of adventure and fun for apprentice pirates. There was also drawing by David, the illustrator of the book, swashbuckling story telling, adventure trails and hearty songs. Some came dressed in their best pirate gear and joined Captain Crabclaw on his pirate ship, the Speedy Squid. A great afternoon had by all! A big thank you goes to The Little Big Book Club and Angus & Robertson who sponsored the event.

Nick Bland a local children's author held writers workshops at the City Library to promote the Young Territory Author Awards on Tuesday 26 May. Six teachers and 64 kids attended the workshops. All the children got an exercise book and some ideas to create a short story during the session which yielded interesting results, so Nick told us later on.

Local author Barry Jonsberg held a writers workshop after school at Casuarina Library on Thursday 28 May for children interested in entering the Young Territory Author Awards. Twenty-seven children participated in the workshop.

DISPLAYS:

Ruby Gaea House - Darwin Centre Against Rape held the launch of Sexual Awareness month at Casuarina Library. A display was also mounted in the glass display cabinets. NAPCAN: Preventing Child Abuse presented a workshop for parents and interested members of the public on Protecting Children from Sexual Abuse, in the meeting room during the month.

Other displays throughout the four libraries were:

Darwin Harbour Advisory Committee	Young Territory Author Awards
Twilight Evening	The Big Gig
Captain Crabclaw	Easter
Gardens in Pots	Dinosaurs
Food	Hazel Edwards
Rock Star – Kristin Weidenbach	National Simultaneous story time

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Barry Jonsberg writers workshop	How To, Where To, Learn To!
Anzac Day	Bears
Youth week	A Journey Through Food
Library and Information Week	Australian Animals
Under the sea	Families/Multicultural

STAFF TRAINING:

DCCL reinstated the in-house program of staff development and training in May. The program had been put on hold while Casuarina was refurbished and the subsequent changes that have occurred to the way we operate at Casuarina. A full year program has been developed and staff nominate which training they attend each month. Staff response to this month's training was good, feedback was specific and highlighted that new knowledge was gained from the following:

End Processing Training	Readers Advisory
Reader Request online	Mending
Story time sessions	Xbox/Play Station
Fire Warden training	General ledger training

Children & Youth Services Team attended the Children & Youth Services storytelling workshop with Sally Howarth and Claudine Garonzi.

Other training attended included:

Virtua Searching Refresher Training conducted by Northern Territory Library Virtua support staff.

A library visit to the Police, Fire & Emergency Services Library.

Information Act Training conducted by the DCC Information Manager.

Mediation Training conducted by the Employee Assistance Service (EAS).

First aid training conducted by Australian Red Cross.

A two day New Supervisor's course held at Charles Darwin University.

Cross Cultural Awareness training conducted by staff from the Melaleuca Refugee Centre.

Graduate Librarian attended the Youth Energy Precinct (YEP) Youth Visioning Workshop.

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY/VIRTUA:

Met with web designer Michael Hawkes from Captovate, and relevant staff from all Council departments to begin planning for a new Council website. Consultation and input from all library staff will be encouraged so the libraries will ultimately end up with a website that is attractive, informative and easy to navigate.

DCC Communications and Marketing Officer has assisted library staff with the current set up of the libraries Online Resources and Online Public Access Computers websites, as well as history and how to improve what we have now.

Meeting with Northern Territory Library Virtua support staff about options currently existing to alter the email form for the Online Catalogue. Changes identified were implemented, and so far feedback has been positive.

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, cultural 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 resources that promote Darwin as a city rich in culture, harmony and diversity.

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 09P0007 KC:md entitled Libraries Information Update for April and May 2009, be received and noted.

KAREN CONWAY
MANAGER LIBRARY SERVICES

JOHN BANKS
GENERAL MANAGER
COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES

Any queries on this report may be directed to Karen Conway on extension 8930 0210.

ENCL: NO

DARWIN CITY COUNCIL**DATE:** 9/6/2009**REPORT****TO:** COMMUNITY SERVICES/OPEN A**APPROVED:** JB**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &
CULTURAL SERVICES**APPROVED:** AF**REPORT NO:** 09C0093 AF:kl**COMMON NO:** 1562281**SUBJECT:** OVERVIEW OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE NT
GOVERNMENT'S REVIEW OF THE COMMERCIAL PASSENGER
VEHICLE INDUSTRY**ITEM NO: 9.4****SYNOPSIS:**

This report provides an overview of the recommendations emerging from the NT Government's recent review of the commercial passenger industry review.

GENERAL:

In April 2009 the NT Government Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DPI) concluded its review of the Commercial Passenger Vehicle (CPV) industry in the NT.

SCOPE

- review of jurisdictional and international CPV regulatory environments
- analysis of current regulatory regime and the provision of alternatives
- review of existing taxi licensing, regulatory and incentive regimes
- analysis of transferability of CPV licenses
- analysis of effect of capping taxi numbers and methods of allocation
- analysis of effect of multiple CPV licenses by single operators and the impact upon those entering the market
- analysis of role of CPC Board
- analysis of training, testing and licensing requirements for CPV drivers

METHOD

- extensive consultation across all CPV sectors and service recipient sectors
- aggregation of core issues relevant to most parties

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

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- To declare three licence categories instead of the current nine. The intention is to provide a clear division between the service types expected by passengers – taxi, bus and individually chartered transport – while allowing the industry to respond flexibly in providing services for meet customer needs. The existing ranking requirements for minibuses and private hire vehicles will remain.
- To create a long term industry investment fund which will provide for training, equity of access and some physical infrastructure.
- To reduce gradually the “cap ratio” in order to better match a demand for, and supply of, taxis. The reduction will be on a trial basis and industry data will be used to monitor the effect of a gradual increase in the availability of taxi licenses and the effect on meeting shortfalls in supply. This is not deregulation of the industry.
- To introduce a rigorous, standards-based accreditation regime that ensures only suitably capable and established entities can become CPV operators and drivers. This would be overseen with regulated processes that monitor industry performance to ensure licence holders deliver services in accordance with their licence conditions.
- To clarify regulations so that compliance by the industry is simpler and that regulatory enforcement by DPI can become more proactive.
- To restructure the CPV Board to ensure representation of taxi operators chartered and bus sector operators, as well as passenger and driver groups. This would include a commitment by DPI to senior staff representation who can inform the discussion and respond quickly. The Board would focus on strategic issues and encourage groups to form in each major centre, aiming to assist local and immediate issues.

These recommendations formed the basis of further consultations with CPV industry stakeholders which concluded at the end of May. DPI is currently collating the outcomes of the review, preliminary recommendations and consultations in order to provide advice to the Minister for Transport. The final recommendations in relation to the CPV industry will be available in “due course” with substantial work still to be undertaken to complete the review process.¹

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:

¹ Discussion with Katherine Matarazzo, DPI officer, on June 2 2009

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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

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

DELEGATION:

Nil

CONSULTATION:

Nil

PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:

Nil

APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE

Nil

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VEHICLE INDUSTRY.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

THAT Report Number 09C0093 AF:kl entitled Overview of the Recommendations of the NT Government's Review of the Commercial Passenger Vehicle Industry, be received and noted.

ANNIE FARRELL
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

JOHN BANKS
GENERAL MANAGER
COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES

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ENCL: NO

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CULTURAL SERVICES**APPROVED:** KH**REPORT NO:** 09C0092 AR:mrg**APPROVED:** AR**COMMON NO:** 1194213**SUBJECT:** LAUNCH OF CHARLES DARWIN COMMEMORATIVE ARTWORK, THE
HMS BEAGLE SHIP BELL CHIME BY DR ANTON HASELL**ITEM NO: 9.5****SYNOPSIS:**

This report presents information about the official media launch and public launch of the Charles Darwin Commemorative Artwork, The HMS Beagle Ship Bell Chime by Dr Anton Hasell.

GENERAL:**Previous Decisions**

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- A THAT Report Number 09C0061 entitled, Sponsorship for Origins Event and Public Launch of Charles Darwin Commemorative Artwork (Beagle Ship Bell Chime), be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council provide sponsorship of \$10,000 cash and \$5,000 in-kind towards the Origins event, which will incorporate the launch of the Charles Darwin Commemorative Artwork from existing budget allocations.
- C. THAT Darwin City Council Commission the Charles Darwin Commemorative Artwork (Beagle Ship Bell Chime) prior to the 1 July 2009 at a date to be advised.

Report

Installation of the Charles Darwin Commemorative Artwork, "The HMS Beagle Ship Bell Chime", is nearing completion.

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A stand-alone PC is being installed in the Community Services area of the Civic Centre and a MIDI keyboard and wireless MIDI controller have been ordered to allow for the bells to be played by keyboard up to 30 feet from the "PCE" bell interface which is installed in the community services stairwell.

Interpretative signage has been drafted in consultation with the artist and, upon the advice of ACDAC, will be developed in consultation with sign company Dot Dash.

An official media launch of the artwork is scheduled for Monday 29 June at 10 am, in the Civic Centre courtyard. Invitations have been issued and a media release will be distributed to local media by the Public Affairs section. The artist will be in attendance at the launch and will introduce the artwork.

The artist has supplied two Windows programs along with the "PCE" electronic bell system, enabling the bells to be programmed using Windows-XP. Compositions for the bells may be supplied as Musical Instrument Digital Interface (MIDI) files or may be played and recorded directly through the MIDI keyboard. Over time, a collection of compositions may be compiled and the Bell Chime may then be programmed to play different compositions at different times throughout the year.

Local musician and composer Kris Keogh has been invited to compose the inaugural piece of music for the Bell Chime and will perform this piece at the official media launch on 29 June 2009. He is also assisting in the programming of the bells.

A public launch of the artwork will be held on Territory Day, 1 July 2009, in the form of a public performance event in Civic Park from 7.30 pm – 9 pm, titled "*Origins*". Coordinated by Corrugated Iron Youth Arts in conjunction with the Darwin Symphony Orchestra, Darwin Theatre Company, Darwin Chorale and Charles Darwin University, *Origins* is a major event on the national Arts calendar and is expected to gain national and international media attention.

Prior to the *Origins* event, a Lord Mayoral Reception for Sponsors of the event will be held from 6.00 – 7.00 pm in the Civic Centre Function Area. The Lord Mayor will speak at this event which is being coordinated in partnership with Corrugated Iron Youth Arts.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Catering costs for the media launch will be met from operational budget number 05/221000/300/343.

As a major sponsor of the performance event "*Origins*", Council is providing \$10,000 cash and \$5,000 in kind sponsorship to the coordinating body, Corrugated Iron Youth Arts, from its Darwin200 Celebrations budget (05/221004/300). This incorporates the Lord Mayoral Reception for Sponsors of the event on 1 July 2009.

No further costs have been identified.

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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

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:

Council's Chief Officers Group review all reports and potential issues or any media interest is brought to the attention of the Department General Manager.

COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:

The use of fireworks is legally allowed in the Territory on Territory Day, 1 July 2009 and Council currently has no authority to prohibit the use of fireworks on Council land on this day.

However, the use of fireworks at the "Origins" event on 1 July 2009 will be strongly discouraged in promotion of the event.

DELEGATION:

This report is for information only. No Council decision is required.

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CONSULTATION:

Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee (ACDAC)
 Corrugated Iron Youth Arts
 Manager Community Services
 Manager Communications and Marketing
 Dr Anton Hasell
 Kris Keogh, independent artist

PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:

Nil.

APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE

Council is acknowledged as a sponsor of the "Origins" event on 1 July 2009 and the Lord Mayor will speak at the Sponsors Function prior to the event on 1 July 2009.

Interpretative signage for the artwork has been drafted in consultation with the artist and will be developed in consultation with sign company Dot Dash. It is anticipated that signage will be installed prior to the launch.

Further information about the artwork and the program of musical compositions will be accessible from a dedicated webpage on the Darwin City Council website.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 09C0092 AR:mrg entitled Launch of Charles Darwin Commemorative Artwork, The HMS Beagle Ship Bell Chime by Dr Anton Hasell, be received and noted.

ALICE RAE
ARTS & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
OFFICER

JOHN BANKS
GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &
CULTURAL SERVICES

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ENCL: NO

DARWIN CITY COUNCIL**DATE:** 9/6/09**REPORT****TO:** COMMUNITY SERVICES/OPEN A**APPROVED:** JB**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &
CULTURAL SERVICES**APPROVED:** AF**REPORT NO:** 09c0098 CD:mrg**APPROVED:** CD**COMMON NO:** 1312817**SUBJECT:** 2009 ACTIVATE NT END OF PROGRAM REPORT**ITEM NO: 9.6****SYNOPSIS:**

This report provides a summary of the Activate NT MBF Healthy Lifestyle Challenge – Darwin 2009 program which ran for 10 weeks from March 16 to May 24, 2009. Activate NT was a whole-of-community initiative provided through a partnership with General Practice Network NT and MBF with support from the Department of Health and Community Services and in conjunction with Activate NT MBF Healthy Lifestyle Challenge – Palmesstonnes, co-ordinated by General Practice Network NT and City of Palmerston.

GENERAL:**Activities Schedule**

Activate NT attracted around 200 participants and volunteers this year. There were over 1200 instances of participants engaging in Activate NT physical activity and health information sessions/special events, plus other service providers supported the program by offering discounted or free activity options to participants. This increased the number of instances of involvement in physical activity to well over 2000 throughout the 10 weeks.

The activities schedule was a combination of events provided specifically for the Activate NT MBF Healthy Lifestyle Challenge, along with programs/classes that exist in the community which were utilised to broaden the number and diversity of physical recreation opportunities and to encourage ongoing participation in physical activity.

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Printed Materials

- 23 page glossy, full-colour Information Program
- A3 glossy, full-colour Calendar of Events poster for fridge or noticeboard
- Health Diary – to record meals, activities, goals, changes, measurements
- Registration Form
- Weekly Newsletters with information on how the program was proceeding and highlighting any special events. Each was uploaded to the website and e-mailed to all participants or a hard-copy posted to those without an e-mail address.
- The website contained up-to-date information, and blogging/forum pages for participants, www.activate-nt.com

Other Collateral

- Shoulder Bag
- Drink Bottle
- Baseball Cap
- Polo Shirt – CoolDry fabric; overprinted with Program and Sponsor Logos; distinctive colour chosen to heighten visibility and create awareness / interest in the wider community
- Pedometer
- Tape measure to take waist measurements
- Information from activity providers and other supporting organisations

Awards and Prizes

AirNorth Participation Awards – To be eligible to win this award, registered participants were required to attend at least 30 of the Activate NT-specific events. Names drawn from the hat.

Darwin Prize – two return airfares to Kununurra.

Palmlesstonnes Prize – two return airfares to Broome.

Darwin Winner – Tony Magnoli

CDU Sport Get Measured Prizes – Eligibility – having measurements (weight, waist, height, blood pressure) taken in Weeks 1 and 10. Names drawn from the hat. Darwin and Palmlesstonnes Prize – one twelve-month Unlimited Memberships to Fitness Unlimited – CDU Sport Gymnasium.

Darwin Winner – Jackie Stanger

The Spirit Award – awarded to the participant who has best shown commitment and encouragement to other participants throughout the 10 week program, and embodies the spirit of Activate NT. Nominations were called for from participants towards the end of the program and voted on by organising committees.

Darwin and Palmlesstonnes Prize – a family pass on the Spirit of Darwin Harbour cruise donated by General Practice Network NT.

Darwin Winner – Tony Magnoli

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Steps Challenge Perpetual Trophy – sees the City of Palmerston versus each of the Darwin Wards (Chan, Lyons, Richardson and Waters) in a race to accrue the most number of steps on their pedometers per team. Each team member counts their daily steps and enters the amount on our website www.activate-nt.com.au. Award sponsored by NTG Sport and Recreation.

Winner – Palmerston

Lucky Draw Prizes – eight (8) Prize Packs containing a Healthy Eating Cookbook and GPNNT and DCC promotional merchandise.

This was a lucky giveaway for all those participants attending the Final Event and Weigh-In and Measure at Flight Path Golf and Archery.

Sponsors

- MBF – Gold Sponsor
- AirNorth – Silver Sponsor
- Darwin City Council
- General Practice Network NT
- CDU Sport

Media Partners

- Darwin and Palmerston Suns
- Channel Nine – NTD-9
- Territory FM

Program Supporters

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| • Alzheimer's NT | • Healthy Living NT |
| • Athletes Foot Casuarina | • Heart Foundation Walking groups |
| • Australian Wu Tang Chuan | • The P.A.W.S Centre |
| • BodyFit NT | • Palmerston Bowls and Country Club |
| • Breastscreens NT | • Palmerston Community Care Centre |
| • Cervicalscreen NT | • Palmerston Indoor Sports Centre |
| • Darwin Bicycle Tours | • Palmerston Regional Business Association |
| • Darwin Bushwalking Club | • Politician and Alderman Walk Leaders |
| • Darwin Cycling Club | • Spokes NT |
| • Darwin Triathlon Club | • St Johns ambulance |
| • Dept Health and Families | • Top Health Physiotherapy and Acupuncture |
| • Dept Sport and Recreation | |
| • Dept of Veterans' Affairs | |
| • Fitness Unlimited – CDU Sport | |
| • Fitness Works For You | |
| • Good Beginnings NT | |

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil at this stage

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:

The issues addressed by this program are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies of the Evolving Darwin – Towards 2020 and Beyond:

Enhance Darwin's Active, Positive and Flexible Lifestyle

Outcome 2.2: Increase recreational, leisure and heritage experiences

- Key Strategy 2.2.3: Manage and improve the pathway and cycleway network and encourage safe cycling and walking

Outcome 2.3: Promote family friendly and healthy activities

- Key Strategy 2.3.1: Promote and host family orientated activities

- Key Strategy 2.3.3: Provide facilities and programs which encourage healthy lifestyle choices

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Council staff and volunteers were covered by current insurances.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:

A risk assessment of all walking routes was completed by the walk leaders and Recreation officers. Walk leaders were briefed on their requirements to encourage appropriate warm-up and cool-down exercises, they carried a phone for emergencies and at least one of the leaders at all times held a current Senior First Aid Certificate.

DELEGATION:

Nil

CONSULTATION:

General Practice Network NT
 Department of Health and Community Services
 Heart Foundation

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PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:

An online survey has been developed and the link sent to all participants (and a printed copy for those without e-mail)

APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE

Banners and Tear-drop flags were produced and displayed at meeting points for activities.

CONCLUSION

Activate NT MBF Healthy Lifestyle Challenge 2009 was a successful partnership engaging numerous organisations to provide a positive lifestyle program to residents at a reasonable cost. The program attracted around 200 participants and volunteers, and offered numerous opportunities for participants to engage in active recreation activities. Many participants tried the range of activities for the first time and found they enjoyed the new challenge, choosing to take up new activities after the program ceased. By engaging service providers and other organisations, the program was designed to ensure ongoing activity at the cessation of the organised activities. Participants were introduced to activities in a non-threatening environment and also met new friends which assisted in encouraging participants to continue their own walking groups and take up new challenges.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 09C0098 CD:mrg entitled 2009 Activate NT End of Program Report, be received and noted.

CLAIRE DANDIE
RECREATION SERVICES OFFICER

JOHN BANKS
GENERAL MANAGER
CULTURAL & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Any queries on this report may be directed to Claire Dandie on Ext 8930 0419.

ENCL: YES

DARWIN CITY COUNCIL**DATE:** 4/6/09**REPORT****TO:** COMMUNITY SERVICES/OPEN A**APPROVED:** JB**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &
CULTURAL SERVICES**APPROVED:** AF**REPORT NO:** 09C0085 AF:kl**COMMON NO:** 1563115**SUBJECT:** ADVICE TO COUNCIL REGARDING AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE
CITIES FOR SAFE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES PROGRAM
AUSPICED BY ICLEI OCEANIA**ITEM NO: 9.7****SYNOPSIS:**

This report advises Council regarding the invitation from the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) Oceania to join a new social sustainability initiative called Cities for Safe and Healthy Communities (CSHC).

GENERAL:

Council has received an invitation (see attached) from ICLEI to join, via annual subscription, the CSHC program which describes its intention to "build vibrant and resilient communities fundamental to community sustainability (via the building of capacity for) local government to understand, take action and measure their impact by building safe and healthy communities".

More precisely, its objectives are:

- Recognition of the need for more integrated and cohesive planning across local governments.
- Greater strategic use of fit-for-purpose data to aid planning, reporting and monitoring.
- Assistance to identify the most equitable and effective suite of actions for each local government area, taking into account community priorities and local context issues.

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The first of five elements of this program focuses on alcohol, tobacco and drugs harm minimisation by seeking to “use local government functions to better plan safe and healthy communities by managing liquor outlet density and operating hours, encouraging mixed use and diverse economic activities, supporting sporting facilities and clubs and leading local networks to manage alcohol and other drugs-related harms”.

The remaining four program elements to be auspiced by CSHC are:

- Physical activity and food access
- Community well-being
- Local economies and affordable housing
- Climate change and health

The program is driven by five-stage “milestone framework” which:

- Establishes an inventory to map local health, social and environmental data
- Sets local goals and gain political support
- Develops strategic and evidence-based action plans
- Implements actions with a focus on equity, effectiveness and efficiency
- Monitors and reviews progress

Expected program outcomes in 2009-10 are:

- Improved access to relevant local data in a timely fashion
- Great support across Council for local government to take action
- Cross-Council skills in identifying and managing risks from alcohol and other drugs
- Staff networking and support amongst other Councils facing similar issues

Benefits

- May enhance Council’s capacity to plan, implement and report on projects relating to these issues via a specific program methodology.
- May enhance networking with other local governments with shared themes and issues towards improved strategic planning.

Drawbacks

- That membership of the program may be unwarranted in view of Council’s existing capacity for research, policy development, project management, social planning, external stakeholder networking and access to source information as well as current corporate, conceptual and intellectual strengths in relation to these issues.

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- That the annual subscription fee of \$8000 (plus GST) may be disproportionate in relation to benefits gained from membership of the program and/or prohibitive to Council generally.

On balance, and at this juncture, existing internal resources are able to drive strategic planning in relation to community safety, security and health issues and hence there is no current merit in membership.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The annual subscription fee to CSHC for Councils with a municipal population under 100 000 is \$8000 (pus GST).

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

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:

Potential for enhanced strategic and program approaches by Council to safety and security issues.

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DELEGATION:

Nil

CONSULTATION:

Nil

PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:

Nil

APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE

Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 09C0085 AF:kl entitled Advice to Council on an Invitation to Join the Cities for Safe and Healthy Communities Auspiced by International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives Oceania be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council declines the invitation to subscribe to the Cities for Safe and Healthy Communities program.

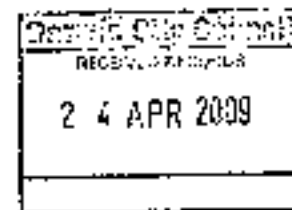
ANNIE FARRELL
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

JOHN BANKS
GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &
CULTURAL SERVICES

Any queries on this report may be directed to Annie Farrell on 5404

22 April 2009

Lord Mayor Graeme Sawyer
Darwin City Council
GPO Box 84
Darwin NT 801



Dear Lord Mayor Sawyer,

Announcing Cities for Safe and Healthy Communities

I am writing to invite your council to join a new social sustainability initiative called Cities for Safe and Healthy Communities (CSHC). This new program to commence in July 2009 assists councils to build vibrant and resilient communities, fundamental to community sustainability.

This program aims to build the capacity of local governments to understand, take action and measure their impact by building safe and healthy communities locally.

The first program element of Cities for Safe and Healthy Communities focuses on alcohol, tobacco and drugs harm minimisation and seeks to use local government functions to better plan safe and healthy communities by managing liquor outlet density and operating hours, encouraging mixed use and diverse economic activities, supporting sporting facilities and clubs, and leading local networks to manage alcohol and other drugs-related harms.

With the valued input from 20 Foundation Member Councils who have worked with ICLEI Oceania in an establishment phase since 2008, we have gained valuable feedback to develop the basis of a complete program management process.

The program is built on a proven program methodology that has had great success over the past decade in creating and maintaining a local government response to reducing greenhouse gas emissions known as Cities for Climate Protection. This is done by providing a robust strategic milestone framework and enables an understanding of the importance of data to make decisions and report against annually.

Its strong capacity-building methodology assists to identify local government's role in building safe and healthy communities, and provide them with the tools, technical expertise and political will to play that role effectively.

ICLEI Oceania is therefore pleased to announce the programs launch and invite you to join, attend a briefing sessions in your state or request further information. Mark Boyd, Director Cities for Safe and Healthy Communities, Martin Brennan Deputy CEO and Maria Simonelli, Executive Manager are available to speak to you and your council staff about this priority issue and how it will add to your council's response to building safety, wellbeing and social cohesion in your municipality.

Yours sincerely,

Wayne Wescott
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Mr Brendan Dowd, Chief Executive Officer
encl: Cities for Safe and Healthy Communities - Program Overview

Resilient
Ecosystems

Thriving
Communities

Sustainable
Development

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Local
Governments
for Sustainability
ICLEI Oceania

Cities for Safe and Healthy Communities

An ICLEI Oceania Capacity Building Program focused on social sustainability

Cities for Safe and Healthy Communities, is a new ICLEI Oceania program developed in partnership with the National Local Government Drug and Alcohol Advisory Committee and with the input of 20 Foundation Member Councils across Australia. It will build local government's capacity to effectively plan to meet our communities' social sustainability goals.

Cities for Safe and Healthy Communities is a capacity-building program focused on identifying local government's role in building safe and healthy communities, and ensuring the sector has the tools, technical expertise and political will to play that role effectively.

Why has ICLEI Oceania entered this space?

This new frontier in sustainable development matches ICLEI Oceania's goals of supporting local governments to foster vibrant, resilient and adaptive communities.

Current ICLEI Oceania activities – the mature decade long Cities for Climate Protection Campaign, the Water Campaign, our sustainability services and our emerging new Adaptive and Resilient Communities program– all increasingly build a triple bottom line approach to sustainable communities.

Cities for Safe and Healthy Communities is the next generation of sustainable development planning and focuses on opportunities to build sustainable social communities.

What are the objectives of Cities for Safe and Healthy Communities?

Across Australia, local governments have the responsibility to ensure the health and wellbeing of their community. These responsibilities are often legislated in State and Federal legislation, or are recognised by local governments themselves as key functions. Analysis of Council plans by ICLEI Oceania has identified current gaps and social sustainability planning needs that require capacity-building support:

- Need for more integrated and cohesive planning across Council
- Greater strategic use of fit-for-purpose data to aid planning, reporting and monitoring
- Assistance in identifying the most equitable and effective suite of actions for each local government area, taking into account community priorities and local context issues.

Cities for Safe and Healthy Communities has prioritised five domains of health and wellbeing requiring local government capacity to plan and act (see diagram 1). Over the next few years we'll develop these domains into programs. We are currently developing the *Alcohol, tobacco and drugs harm minimisation program element*.

Diagram 1



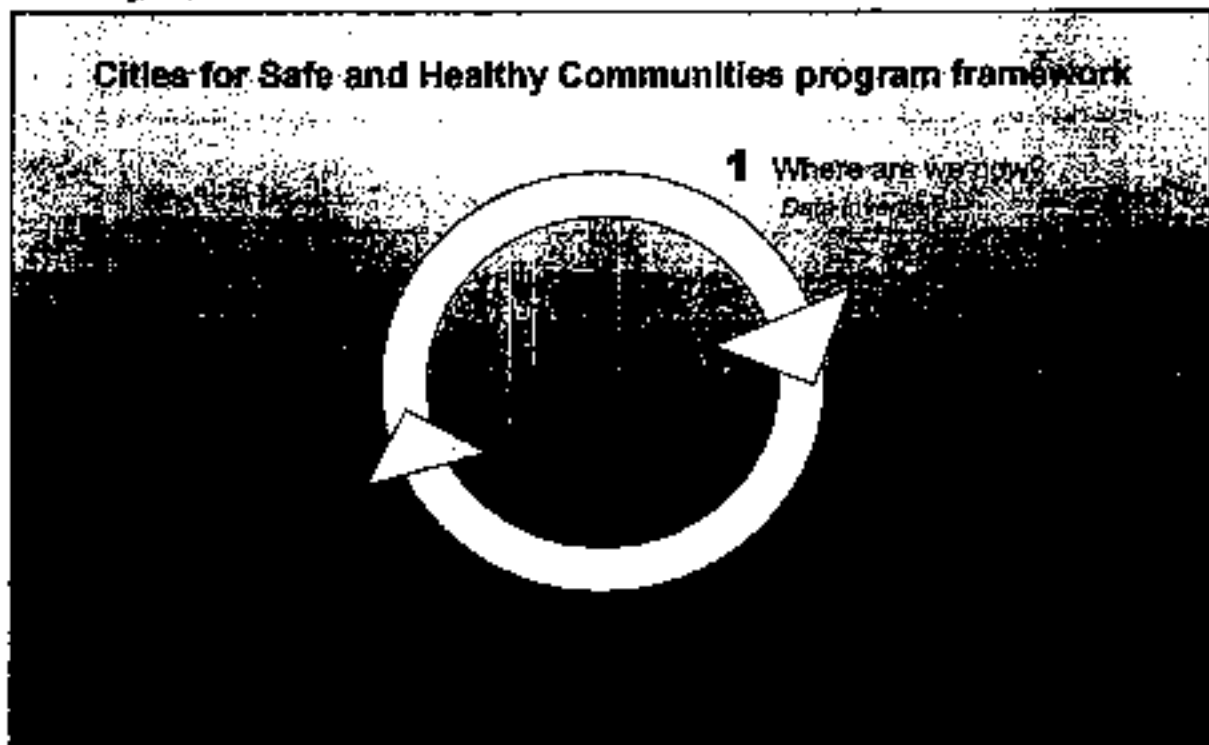
**Cities for Safe and Healthy Communities:
The Alcohol and Drugs Harm Minimisation Program Element**

This program element aims to build the capacity of local governments to develop and implement a whole-of-council plan that enhances social sustainability by reducing alcohol, tobacco and other drug related harms.

Diagram 2 outlines how each domain will utilise a five milestone framework that:

1. Establishes an inventory to map local health, social and environment data
2. Sets local goals and gain political support
3. Develops strategic and evidence-based action plans
4. Implements actions, with a focus on equity, effectiveness and efficiency
5. Monitors and reviews progress.

Diagram 2



What is the benefit to Council of participating?

Our program works through an effective, evidence-informed model to enable Councils to track measurable health and social sustainability outcomes for their local community. It uses the proven ICLEI model that has over time provided Australian councils with evidence to undertake actions that lead to cost savings and reductions in resource use.

In 2009/10, our program will provide each Council with:

- A clear strategy on how to use data to plan, report and monitor actions to reduce alcohol-related harms. This includes a data inventory tool, and training and capacity building tools,
- Guidance in establishing data agreements with data holders such as the police and health to ensure timely access to relevant data for planning,
- Assistance in gaining support from across Council for social sustainability goals.

The key program outputs in 2009-10

- A Data Inventory – a valuable tool and reference guide on alcohol, tobacco and other drug related harms,
- 3 workshops/year to network, share information, gain feedback and explore new approaches,
- Access to best practice resources in alcohol, tobacco and other drug related harms and related capacity building tools and resources,
- A Council baseline data report on current local impacts of alcohol,
- Political support and recognition of effort to embed the program across Council.

The key expected program outcomes in 2009-10

- Improved access to relevant local data in a timely fashion,
- Greater support across Council for local government to take action,
- Cross-Council skills in identifying and managing risks from alcohol and other drugs,
- Staff networking and support amongst other Councils facing similar issues.

In 2009-10, we will be looking to expand our existing data strategy and alcohol-related best practice guide to include tobacco-related harms and illicit drugs.

How to join:

ICLEI Oceania is seeking funds to roll this program out across Australia commencing mid-2009 from government and non-government sources. Councils will also be asked to pay a subscription fee based on this payment schedule in 2009-2010:

Councils with a municipal population of greater than 100 000	\$10 000 plus GST
Councils with a municipal population of less than 100 000	\$8 000 plus GST
Existing Foundation Member Councils (flat rate includes ICLEI members)	\$5 000 plus GST

ICLEI members receive a 10% discount

Next steps and for more information:

Go to the how to join page of www.iclei.org/oceania/cshc or contact Mark Boyd, Director – Cities for Safe and Healthy Communities

E: mark.boyd@iclei.org

P: 03 9660 2224 (Switch 03 9639 8668)

WANT TO FIND OUT MORE?

Expression of Interest: CITIES FOR SAFE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES 2009

Please fill in this preliminary information and fax or email back to ICLEI Oceania. FAX BACK on 03 9639 8677, or EMAIL BACK to mark.boyd@iclei.org

Yes I'm interested in more information.

Provide us with your contact details and we'll be touch soon.

Name	
Title	
Council & Address	
City & State	
Postcode	
Phone	
Email	
Fax	
Website	

READY TO JOIN!

Confirmation form to join: CITIES FOR SAFE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES: Alcohol and Drugs Harm Minimisation Program Element 2009

Please fill in this preliminary information and fax or email back to ICLEI Oceania by 30 June 2009. Upon receipt of this form your council invoiced. FAX BACK on 03 9639 8677 EMAIL BACK to mark.boyd@iclei.org

1. Provide the following details of the contact officer for all correspondence/contact in regard to this initiative

Name	
Title	
Council & Address	
City & State	
Postcode	
Phone	
Email	
Fax	
Website	

2. Provide the following details of the Finance / Accounts contact to send invoice to. If details are as per question 1 reply with as above.

Name	
Title	
Council & Address	
City & State	
Postcode	
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ENCL: YES

DARWIN CITY COUNCIL**DATE:** 4/6/2009**REPORT****TO:** COMMUNITY SERVICES/OPEN A**APPROVED:** JB**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &
CULTURAL SERVICES**APPROVED:** AF**REPORT NO:** 09C0087 SD:kl**APPROVED:** SD**COMMON NO:** 1163073**SUBJECT:** REGIONAL PLAYGROUND FOR RICHARDSON WARD**ITEM NO: 9.8****SYNOPSIS:**

This report provides Council with further information on the placement of a Regional Playground at the Casuarina Coastal Reserve. The report also recommends the endorsement of a proposed location subject to community consultation and a further report.

GENERAL:**PREVIOUS DECISIONS**

DECISION NO. 20\1004 (25/11/08)

THAT Report Number 08C0119 entitled Proposed New Regional Playground Locations, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.19\4767 (31/07/07)

- B. THAT the Director Community Services commence action to identify suitable future sites for discussion by Council in relation to the development of a Regional Playground, nominally for Richardson Ward.

REPORT

Council Decision No. 19\4767 (31/07/07) requested identification of future Regional Playground sites nominally for Richardson Ward. Report 20\1004 (25/11/08) detailed possible locations utilising Council property (as listed below).

- i. Gardens Oval – (a) behind Oval One
– (b) adjacent to Oval Two

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- ii. Mindil
- iii. Nakara Oval
- iv. Tiwi Oval
- v. Wanguri Oval
- vi. Peace Park, Leanyer

Further investigation and consultation was required to determine if the Northern Territory Government would be agreeable to accepting a Regional Playground on their land at the Casuarina Coastal Reserve in Lyons Park. Officers met with representatives from the Parks Division of the Department of Natural Resources, Environment, the Arts and Sport (NRETAS) recently. A letter has been received (attachment B) from NRETAS accepting the possibility of placing the regional playground at Casuarina Coastal Reserve.

The Casuarina Coastal Reserve location provides exciting opportunities to create a playground which is unique and different to those at the Water Gardens, Lake Alexander and Anula. The park already contains community infrastructure such as BBQ's, toilets and seating and there is a significant amount of natural shade. Through the constructive use of natural shade costs can be reduced and funds utilised to produce unique recreation opportunities for residents and visitors.

Through utilising environmentally friendly materials and careful colour selection the playground can be built to ensure minimal impact on the area. Slides can be built into small 'mounds' instead of introducing large man-made structures, points of interest in the park can be identified and highlighted to introduce an educational aspect to the park and planting of native species around the play equipment can assist with blending the built aspects with the natural environment and also provides sensory stimulation ie touch and visual stimulation.

Access points and equipment will require careful consideration to ensure access for a range of ages and abilities. Local schools and community groups could be invited to contribute artwork, volunteers for planting and to provide feedback on concept plans to ensure the local community is engaged and assumes some sense of ownership over the area.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Council allocated \$100,000 for the 2008/09 Financial Year to commence site identification, consultation and concept plans. The 2009/10 financial year marks the second year of this staged project which now has a total of \$200,000 available. In 2010/11 a final \$100,000 will be allocated to the project giving a total of \$300,000 and completion would be expected in late 2010.

Ongoing repairs and maintenance costs will require further negotiation with the Northern Territory Government pending approval of the location.

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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':-

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

All new playground equipment must meet the current Australian Standards.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:

The new site should be chosen to maximise provision of natural shade for associated activities such as family picnics, informal ball games/sports and community gatherings.

Choice of location should also consider use of existing open space to minimise the impact on existing trees, reducing the requirement to remove trees or compact root systems.

PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

Council activities routinely generate considerable public interest. This project provides Council with the opportunity to promote its role in providing community infrastructure. It is also an opportunity to display a collaborative partnership with the Northern Territory Government should the Casuarina Coastal Reserve be chosen as the preferred location.

COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:

Australian Standards for playground equipment were introduced in October 2004. AS 4685-2004 1-6 applies as of 13 October 2004 which provides for general safety requirements and test methods for swings, slides, runways, carousels, rocking equipment and general safety requirements. Compliance with these standards will be a guiding feature of the development of a new Regional Playground.

DELEGATION:

Not considered suitable for delegation.

CONSULTATION:

General Manager Community and Cultural Services
 Recreation Services Project Officer
 Parks Division, NRETAS

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PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:

Upon selection of an appropriate location, community surveys will be distributed within a 500m radius. Details will be advertised in the NT News and Darwin Sun, inviting all residents to complete a survey. Surveys will be available at Public Libraries, the Civic Centre and by post or e-mail upon request.

APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE

Nil at this stage.

CONCLUSION:

Council Decision No. 19\4767 (31/07/07) requested identification of future Regional Playground sites nominally for Richardson Ward. Further investigation of the preferred site at Casuarina Coastal Reserve has determined that this site can be available. A formal direction is now required to enable officers to commence consultation and concept plans.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report No 09C0087 SD:kl entitled "Proposed New Regional Playground Locations", be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council endorses the proposed location of the regional playground in the Richardson Ward being at Casuarina Coastal Reserve.
- C. THAT community consultation commence and a further report be prepared presenting the outcomes of the consultation in relation to the regional playground in Richardson Ward.

SIMONE DRURY
COMMUNITY RECREATION
COORDINATOR

JOHN BANKS
GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &
CULTURAL SERVICES

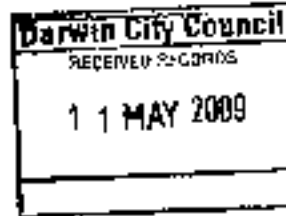
Any queries on this report may be directed to Simone Drury on 8930 0627



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DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES, ENVIRONMENT, THE ARTS AND SPORT

Our ref: D2009/0697-0001
Your ref:



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PALMERSTON NT 0831
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Email: graham.phelps@nt.gov.au

Mrs Simone Drury
Community Recreation Coordinator
Darwin City Council
PO Box 84
Darwin NT 0801

Dear Simone

I have considered the Darwin City Council offer of a regional playground proposed for location in the Casuarina Coastal Reserve. The development of a regional playground in the reserve would be consistent with the existing use of the reserve. The playground could be easily integrated into the concept development process that is currently underway for this reserve.

I understand that the value of the playground is estimated to be in the order of \$300,000 and that the Darwin City Council would cover all of the cost of construction through the Regional Playground Program and that construction is planned for 2010.

The Parks and Wildlife Service would like to take advantage of this offer. Please contact Barry Scott A/Director Northern Region Parks to discuss issues relating to selection of appropriate, low maintenance equipment and other necessary site requirements.

Yours sincerely

Graham Phelps
Executive Director Parks

11 May 2009

ENCL: YES

DARWIN CITY COUNCIL**DATE:** 9/6/2009**REPORT****TO:** COMMUNITY SERVICES/OPEN A**APPROVED:** JB**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &
CULTURAL SERVICES**APPROVED:** AF**REPORT NO:** 09C0082 AF:kl**COMMON NO:** 1437996**SUBJECT:** ADVICE ON STATUS OF PARAP SITE REDEVELOPMENT MASTER
PLAN AND RATIONALE TO EXPAND ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE.**ITEM NO: 9.9****SYNOPSIS:**

This report updates Council regarding the status of the Parap site redevelopment Master Plan, the role of the NT Government in relation to this matter and provides a recommendation to expand the Plan's Terms of Reference to include the potential impact of the development upon Ross Smith Avenue.

GENERAL:

In March 2009 Strategic Leisure provided Council with a Write Back Brief regarding the commissioning of a Master Plan for the redevelopment of the Parap site (see attached).

In March and April this year, CCS GM liaised with the NT Government (NTG) Department of Sport and Recreation in relation to the prospect of a contribution by the NTG to the Master Plan.

To date Council has not received an indication from the NTG regarding this matter and, given that negotiations with the NTG have been on-going for a number of months, it is now essential for the development of the Master Plan to proceed notwithstanding.

Since the development of the Terms of Reference for the Master Plan some months ago, there have been further considerations regarding the impact of the redevelopment on Ross Smith Avenue, particularly in relation to traffic management (proximity to Parap Markets and, prospectively, a redeveloped East Point Military Museum currently being progressed by a multi-stakeholder Steering Committee) and roadway and urban aesthetics. CCS has recently met with Council's Infrastructure Department and requested an overview of the scoping required for the additional

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traffic management and urban enhancement aspects. These further considerations will comprise STAGE TWO of the master planning process.

It is imperative, therefore, for the Master Plan to now be commissioned in order to progress the redevelopment.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Proposed costs for STAGE ONE of the master plan process is captured in the following indicator from Strategic Leisure:

"Based on the above we believe we would be looking at between \$55k and \$65k to undertake the project which would be inclusive of all travel and associated expenses (estimated to be circa \$10k) for the project. The range largely will depend on the level of output and detail required by Council from the architectural components after the consultation and facility mix strategy has been developed."

Funds for Stage One are identified within current Capital Budget item number 221060 .

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

2 Enhance Darwin's Active, Positive and Flexible Lifestyle

Outcome

2.2 Increase recreational, cultural and heritage experiences

Key Strategies

2.2.4 Progress aquatic facility planning and delivery

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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

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

Nil at this stage.

COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

DELEGATION:

Nil

CONSULTATION:

Nil at this stage.

PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:

Nil at this stage.

APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE

Nil at this stage.

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 TO EXPAND ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 09C0082 AF:kl entitled Advice on Status of Parap Site Master Plan and Rationale to Expand its Terms of Reference., be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council endorses STAGE ONE of the Parap Site Re-development Master Plan and associated costs of between \$55,000 and \$65,000.
- C. THAT Council expands the Terms of Reference of the Parap Site Master Plan to include STAGE TWO in consideration of the impact of the redevelopment of the Parap site on traffic management and urban aesthetics from the vantage of Ross Smith Avenue.
- D. THAT the sum required for STAGE TWO of the Parap Site Master Plan be referred to the Council budget review.

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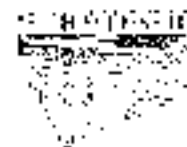
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Parap Swimming Pool Precinct Master Plan Update

Write Back Brief

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1. PURPOSE

Darwin City Council (DCC) owns and operates (under contract management arrangement) three swimming pools in Darwin – Parap Swimming Pool, Casuarina Swimming Pool and Nightcliff Swimming Pool. DCC has made a substantial financial contribution to the Parap Swimming Pool Precinct over many years and the Northern Territory Government (NTG) has invested heavily in aquatic and sport provision as a direct provider and/ or facilitator in these areas.

Both DCC and the NTG wish to update strategic planning already undertaken for the Parap Swimming Pool to determine the most appropriate way forward for this facility, including the opportunities that may be presented by the adjoining land (ie existing netball courts, child care centre, car parking and vacant lands). The update also needs to take into account recent and planned aquatic developments elsewhere in Darwin.

This brief has been prepared to assist DCC and the NTG to consider the opportunities and issues associated with the future redevelopment of the Parap Swimming Pool Precinct to inform and guide the preferred direction.

2. BACKGROUND

In 2002 DCC began the process of strategic planning for the future development of each of its three swimming pools. Subsequently in 2004, Master Plans were prepared for these three pools. The intent of these plans was to capture Darwin's unique sport, leisure and lifestyle characteristics and ensure that each of the pools was positioned, via a differentiation strategy, to meet the aquatic competition, leisure and recreational requirements of the Darwin community.

In May 2004, Council adopted 'in principle' a preferred theme for its three aquatic facilities. At that time the preferred direction for Parap Swimming Pool was described as:

- *'To be recognised for a feeling of fun, entertainment, excitement, youth attractions and general family appeal. It could consist of a feature pool, general 50 metre pool, skate park, learn to swim facilities and toddler's water play pool or area, and swimming club facilities. The opportunity to link Parap pool with the neighbouring tennis and netball courts and use of the adjacent land to the east is to be taken into account. Further, the potential for the development of a health and fitness/ gymnasium is to be examined.'*

Since that time however, a number of new developments have occurred which are likely to impact on the 'aquatic landscape' in Darwin. These include:

1. Development of the Darwin Harbour Waterfront

An NTG project, this is primarily focused on the construction of a Convention Centre with associated retail centre and high rise residential components. The Waterfront Master Plan also includes significant aquatic features including a wave pool and public leisure and lagoon water. It is recognised that the capacity for a redeveloped Parap Pool (the DCC pool closest to the Waterfront Precinct) to compete in this new unknown environment will be difficult to test until the Waterfront facilities are operational.

2. Lake Leanyor Aquatic Recreation Park

A \$5.2 million expansion by the NTG of this popular free entry facility for additional elements including three new waterslides, tennis courts, skatepark upgrades, kiosk and additional shade and family based areas.

3. Charles Darwin University

More recently, the development of a new aquatic facility at Charles Darwin University's Casuarina Campus has been proposed. Investigation on behalf of the University and DCC has included how this proposed development could integrate with Council's long term strategy for the future of Casuarina Swimming Pool.

After discussing a range of options in response to points 1 and 2 above (including closure), informal consideration by Council of the proposed Master Plan for Parap Swimming Pool resulted in its modification in 2005 to focus on:

- (a) A "Community Sports and Leisure" precinct that 'incorporates' a water component
- (b) Provision for a 25 metre pool to replace the existing 55 yard pool
- (c) Incorporating a Health and Fitness Centre, and
- (d) Maintaining linkages and expanding options for the use of the site's 'dry' facilities.

The amended Master Plan for this pool has not yet been progressed by Council, and in the interim more recent developments have impacted on the site – these are outlined below.

3. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS – PARAP SWIMMING POOL PRECINCT

An 8 court netball complex (including large two storey clubhouse) adjacent to Parap Swimming Pool was leased by DCC to Netball NT under a 'peppercorn' lease arrangement and used by Darwin Netball Association for training and competitions. The NTG has since announced that a purpose built netball complex will be developed at Marrara Sporting Complex. DCC had undertaken significant maintenance and upgrading of these courts prior to this announcement but no further funds have been invested since. The proposed relocation of netball has triggered interest from other groups interested in this site, namely:

1. Tennis Australia (TA)

TA has expressed an interest in developing the former 8 netball courts (plus 2 adjacent community tennis courts) into a commercially operated tennis centre, including:

- 12 floodlit courts (of which 8 would be commercially leased)
- Tournaments to have priority
- Tennis headquarters
- Conference/meeting rooms
- Tournament office
- Toilets
- Canteen/pro shop

The proposal would provide for domestic competitions as well as Pro-Circuit events, AMI events, and ITF Junior Circuit tournaments. TA has indicated that significant financial input to undertake this development would be provided by them. The governance, commercial arrangements and community benefits associated with this proposal require further investigation and will need to be addressed as part of this study.

2. *Life. Be in it*

Life. Be in it propose to develop a multi-purpose activity centre for community use on the site of the former netball courts to 'meet differing sporting and recreational needs' which would be targeted at schools, corporate groups, and a wide range of community groups. The proposal would involve resurfacing of courts, utilisation of existing facilities/ amenities and a peppercorn lease arrangement is sought. Again, further investigation of the need/ viability/ community benefit of this proposal is required as part of this study.

4. OTHER OPPORTUNITIES – PARAP SWIMMING POOL PRECINCT

Other opportunities exist that need to be taken into account in the Master Plan Update for the Parap Swimming Pool Precinct.

1. *Vacant Land*

To the east of the Parap Swimming Pool, Council owns vacant land that was considered for development in one of the leisure water design options prepared for the original DCC Aquatic Facilities Strategy in 2004. This land should be included as part of the 2009 Master Plan Update for the Parap Swimming Pool Precinct.

2. *Road Safety Unit*

A road safety/ bicycle education facility owned by NTG Department of Education is situated in the Precinct. This facility has recently reopened.

3. *Pre-School*

The Parap Pre-School (dual campus of Parap Primary School) is situated in the Parap Swimming Pool Precinct. The Primary School has had plans in the past to either relocate or redevelop this facility. Relocation of the Pre-School could potentially enable the building and vacant land to accommodate an expanded Parap Family Centre which currently occupies a nearby Council facility approximately 1km away in Charlotte Street. The potential to develop an early childhood learning centre on the site has been raised in the past.

4. *DCC Child Care Centre*

DCC owns a Child Care Centre in the vicinity (approx 800m) of the Parap Swimming Pool. There could be an opportunity to relocate this community-managed facility to a more prominent location at the Parap Swimming Pool Precinct.

5. FUTURE PLANNING

Given the recent developments in aquatic facility provision in Darwin since DCC first began the strategic planning process for its pools, and the changed situation at the Parap Swimming Pool Precinct, there is a need to update the Master Plan for this pool.

DCC plans to undertake a Recreation and Open Space Plan in the near future. The broader strategic framework of this plan will identify gaps in recreation provision by demographic and geographic segments of the city. It would inform potential uses of the Parap Swimming Pool Precinct but would not be completed for approximately 12 months. There is a need to respond in a more timely manner to the specific development proposals for the Parap Swimming Pool Precinct and, given the age and condition of the swimming pool, update the existing Master Plan.

The Master Plan Update needs to consider:

1. Clarification of DCC/ NTG position on the extent of commercial vs community sport and non-profit elements to be catered for in the precinct
2. The most appropriate aquatic redevelopment scenario which integrates with other existing and planned aquatic provision in Darwin
3. The sport and recreation needs of the surrounding catchment that could be met by redevelopment of the Precinct
4. The broader community needs of the surrounding catchment that could be met by redevelopment of the Precinct (including the possible expansion of the Parap Pre-School, and relocation of Parap Family Centre)
5. Opportunities for improving active living in the surrounding catchment
6. Potential for partnerships which deliver community and/ or financial benefits to DCC (including, but not limited to, proposals by Tennis Australia and Life. Be in It)
7. Development of a preferred facility for the Precinct based on the research and consultation
8. Land use classification and tenure issues arising out of the recommended facility mix
9. Consideration of management arrangements

Council anticipates that, as a minimum, the Master Plan Update process will require the following tasks to be undertaken.

1. Detailed review of previous research and plans
2. Investigation of land classification and issues to resolve if commercial or other changed uses are proposed
3. Focused consultation with:
 - NTG representatives
 - DCC representatives/ Aldermen
 - Tennis Australia/ Tennis NT
 - Life. Be in It
 - Parap Primary School/ Pre-School
 - Parap Family Centre
 - Other potential recreation/ community groups identified by DCC that may be interested in the Precinct (eg by way of survey, expressions of interest etc)
 - Other commercial operators of aquatic and recreation services
4. Benchmarking industry standards in 2010
5. Development of a preferred facility mix
6. Preparation of architectural concept plans and indicative capital costs
7. Consultation with residents in the surrounding catchment on concept plans
8. DCC/NTG analysis of resident feedback and any necessary amendments

9. Analysis of potential funding sources
10. Consideration of the most appropriate management arrangements
11. Preparation of concise report and final concept plans

6. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

There has been consultation with residents in recent years about the future of the aging swimming pool, which combined with the relatively recent loss of the netball courts has generated considerable community interest in the Precinct.

It will be important to ensure that residents' expectations are managed and that unrealistic wish lists (which either cannot be funded or are inappropriate in the broader context of aquatic facility provision in Darwin) are avoided. To that end a consultation strategy will need to be developed as an integral part of the Master Plan Update.

7. MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

The most appropriate management and tenure arrangements for the Parap Swimming Pool Precinct will be dependent on the agreed facility mix and the level of commerciality involved. The management and tenure arrangements will need to be taken into account in final concept plans so that economies of scale are maximised and duplication is avoided (eg supervision).

Accordingly the Master Plan Update will need to consider management arrangements that most adequately address the redevelopment strategy for the Precinct.

ENCL: NO

DARWIN CITY COUNCIL
REPORT

DATE: 9/6/2009

TO: COMMUNITY SERVICES/OPEN A

APPROVED: JB

FROM: GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &
CULTURAL SERVICES

APPROVED: AF

REPORT NO: 09C0088 AF:kl

COMMON NO: 1244687

SUBJECT: POSSIBILITY OF FUNDING SECURE TAXI RANKS VIA A LEVY ON
LIQUOR LICENSED PREMISES**ITEM NO: 9.10****SYNOPSIS:**

This report provides Council with information regarding the prospect of resourcing secure taxi ranks in Darwin via a levy on premises which hold liquor licenses and an overview of funding sources in some other jurisdictions.

GENERAL:

This report is provided to Council pursuant to the following decision at the 1st Ordinary meeting of May 12 2009:

THAT a further report be prepared on the possibility of funding Secure Taxi Ranks through a levy on premises that hold a levy on liquor licenses.

According to the Australian Hotels Association (AHA), all fifteen of the late night licensees in the Darwin CBD who are members of the AHA contribute voluntarily to the costs of the secure taxi rank currently on trial. The contribution is calculated upon a percentage of the capacity of the premises. Two late night licensees are currently not members of the AHA and do not contribute to the rank.

Notwithstanding this voluntary contribution by most late night licensees, a formal mechanism such as a levy would reduce the arbitrariness and increase the scope of the current approach and reflect the fact that all licensed premises are likely to benefit from the instituting of secure taxi ranks in the Darwin CBD. To this end, a levy could be implemented such that all licensed premises would contribute to the costs associated with such ranks.¹

¹ Discussion with Lee Portelli, Australian Hotels Association, on May 29 2009

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Aside from premises with late night licenses and according to the NT Government's Liquor Licensing Section of the Department of Justice,² there are approximately 55 licensed premises in the Darwin CBD. The ratio of current contributors (15) to the total number (55) is relatively low and again suggests that a mechanism for equitable and prescribed contributions by licensed premises should take place.

Overview of mechanisms in other jurisdictions:

- In Sydney approximately five secure taxi ranks operate in the CBD with a "guard" service which are resourced via a proportion of the taxi accreditation fee required by the NSW Ministry of Transport and "hypothecated" to purchase the security service. There is no contribution by licensed premises which the taxi industry believes is inequitable given the benefit to the restaurant, pub and nightclub industries.³
- In Melbourne there are four safe taxi ranks in the CBD. The cost of security for the ranks is entirely resourced by the City of Melbourne and has been so since 1995.⁴
- In Adelaide these types of taxi ranks are referred to as "safer taxi ranks" and the security service is resourced via equal contributions from the Taxi Council and the South Australian Government conducted via the Office of Women and conceptualised as a "safety for women" initiative.⁵
- In Brisbane there are 4 secure taxi ranks in the CBD and security is funded via a 40% contribution by the Taxi Council (\$314 annual levy) and 60% via the Queensland Department of Transport.⁶
- In Perth there are currently two secure taxi ranks in the CBD. Security staff and marshals are funded by the WA government's Department of Planning and Infrastructure from a Taxi Industry Development Fund auspiced by the WA Taxi Act of 1994 rather than consolidated revenue.⁷
- In Canberra an 18-month trial of a secure taxi rank in the CBD has just concluded. Whilst the ACT government fully funded the taxi driver's contribution to the rank for the entire trial, since its on-going inception one month ago the ACT Taxi Council fully funds the "marshal" function (via a \$2 fare levy) and the ACT government funds the security component.⁸

Other potential sources of funds for secure taxi ranks include via:

² Data sourced via Malcolm Richardson, NT Department of Justice, on June 2 2009

³ Discussions with Peter Ramsay, NSW Taxi Council, on June 2 2009

⁴ Discussion with Maria Plakourakis, City of Melbourne, on June 4 2009

⁵ Discussion with Sabine Jung, Adelaide City Council, on June 2 2009

⁶ Discussion with Peter Gilbert, Queensland Department of Transport, on June 2 2009

⁷ Discussion with Jessica Vandenberg, WA Department of Planning and Infrastructure, on June 2 2009

⁸ Discussion with Brenda Appleton, ACT Department of Transport, on June 2 2009

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- rates revenue
- levy on taxi fares
- GST sourced from tax on alcohol

This information demonstrates that there is a raft of possibilities in relation to the resourcing of secure taxi ranks, many of which represent hybrid models. However, in the instance of Darwin, a levy upon licensed premises which stand to gain substantially from a secure taxi rank and prescribes an investment in community services and functions with significant community benefit, could be viewed as the most appropriate.

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

1.1.3 Develop partnerships and joint projects with other levels of government

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

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

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LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

DELEGATION:

Nil

CONSULTATION:

Nil

PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:

Nil

APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE

Nil

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 09C0088 AF:kl entitled Possibility of Funding Security Taxi Ranks Via a Levy on Liquor Licensed Premises, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council write to the NT Government to request consideration of the placing of a levy upon licensed premises in the Darwin CBD in order to fund secure taxi ranks.

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JOHN BANKS
GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &
CULTURAL SERVICES

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

ENCL: YES

DARWIN CITY COUNCIL**DATE:** 9/6/09**REPORT****TO:** COMMUNITY SERVICES/OPEN A**APPROVED:** JB**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &
CULTURAL SERVICES**APPROVED:** KH**REPORT NO:** 09C0091 AR:mrg**APPROVED:** AR**COMMON NO:** 1572832**SUBJECT:** ARTS AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(ACDAC) MINUTES 14 MAY 2009 – APPOINTMENTS, TRAVELLERS
WALK MOSAIC & CHINATOWN CARPARK SCREEN FACADE**ITEM NO: 9.11****SYNOPSIS:**

Minutes of the Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee (ACDAC) Meeting of 14 May 2009 are presented for Council's information.

The report recommends a number of membership appointments, and requires a decision from Council regarding Public Art at Chinatown Carpark and repair of the mosaic at Traveller's Walk.

GENERAL:**Previous Decisions**

Decision No. 19\4706 (26/06/07)

THAT the issue of commissioning artwork to improve the appearance of the existing ground level external wall screening at the Chinatown Car Park be referred to the Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee.

Report

The Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee (ACDAC) meets five times per year and held its second meeting for the year on Thursday 14 May 2009. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 18 June 2009.

ACDAC membership

The committee has endorsed the nominations of four members for re-appointment to the committee, and one new nomination to the committee:

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- i). Ms Leonie McNally, Community Representative
- ii). Mr Tony Clementson, General Manager, Tourism Top End
- iii). Ms Felicity Green, Public Art Manager, Darwin City Waterfront
- iv). Mr Ken Conway, Community Representative
- v). Ms Hania Radvan, Director Arts NT.

Charles Darwin Commemorative Artwork – Launch

Installation for the Charles Darwin Commemorative Artwork, “The HMS Beagle Ship Bell Chime” by Dr Anton Hasell, is nearing completion.

A media launch for the artwork will be held on 29 June 2009 with a public launch on Territory Day, 1 July 2009, in conjunction with a major public performance event, “Origins”, coordinated by Corrugated Iron Youth Arts. This matter is addressed in a separate report.

Charles Darwin Commemorative Artwork – Interpretative signage

Interpretative signage for the Charles Darwin Commemorative Artwork has been drafted in consultation with the artist.

Damage to Traveller’s Walk Mosaic

The mosaic at Traveller’s Walk is a large scale community artwork fabricated from local materials and depicting the history of the area. It was commissioned by the Northern Territory Government in 2001, facilitated by local artist Ro Koch Laurie and presented to Darwin City Council in 2002. Damage to the mosaic was noted in March 2009, possibly due to vandalism. The committee has recommended that repairs be undertaken by a local artist and that Council investigate the option of installing a Perspex front or additional lighting to protect the mosaic.

Chinatown Screening

Council referred to ACDAC for comment the issue of commissioning an artwork to improve the appearance of the existing ground level external wall screening at the Chinatown Car Park. The committee considered this item on a number of occasions and has investigated several options including the involvement of local Chinese-Australian artists through the Chung Wah Society. In accordance with Council’s Five Year Arts Plan which recommends a planned rather than ad hoc approach towards the funding of Public Art projects, the committee has recommended that this issue be considered by Council’s planning section in the context of planning for the CBD area.

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no immediate financial implications associated with this report.

A quote is currently being sought from a local artist to undertake repair of the Traveller's Walk mosaic. Repair of the mosaic, including the installation of additional lighting and/or a Perspex front, is estimated to cost between \$5,000 and \$10,000. This matter will be addressed in a future report once costs have been established.

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:

Council will seek a local artist to undertake repair of the Traveller's Walk Mosaic, which was undertaken by a community group facilitated by artist Ro Koch Laurie. The moral rights of the artist will be respected in line with copyright law.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil pertaining to this report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

Council's Chief Officers Group review all reports and potential issues or any media interest is brought to the attention of the Department Director.

COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil pertaining to this report.

DELEGATION:

A full Council decision is required.

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CONSULTATION:

Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee (ACDAC)
Manager Community Services
Building Services Manager
Chung Wah Society
Corrugated Iron Youth Arts

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 09C0091 AR:mrg entitled Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee (ACDAC) Minutes 14 May 2009 – Appointments, Travellers Walk Mosaic & Chinatown Carpark Screen Facade, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council reappoint as members of the Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee for a 2 year term commencing 1 June 2009 to 31 May 2011 in accordance with Section 54 of the NT Local Government Act 2008:
 - Ms Leonie McNally, Community Representative
 - Mr Tony Clementson, General Manager, Tourism Top End
 - Ms Felicity Green, Public Art Manager, Darwin City Waterfront
 - Mr Ken Conway, Community Representative
- C. THAT Council appoint as a member of the Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee for a 2 year term commencing 1 June 2009 to 31 May 2011 in accordance with Section 54 of the NT Local Government Act 2008:
 - Ms Hania Radvan, Director Arts NT
- D. THAT Council commission an artist to undertake restoration of the Traveller's Walk mosaic and investigate options of installing a Perspex cover and/or additional lighting to the area to prevent further vandalism.
- E. THAT Council incorporate initial scoping of an artwork to improve the appearance of the screen façade of the Chinatown Carpark in its city planning for the CBD.

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GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &
CULTURAL SERVICES

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MINUTES OF THE ARTS & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Held Thursday 14th May 2009
at Darwin City Council

1. PRESENT

Alderman Heather Sjöberg	Chair, Darwin City Council
Alderman Greg Jarvis	Alternate Delegate Darwin City Council
Ms Christine Silvester	Assistant Director, Arts NT
Ms Anne Dunn	General Manager, Darwin Festival
Ms Janice McEwan	Director, Top End Arts Marketing
Ms Felicity Green	Public Arts Manager, Darwin City Waterfront
Mr Peter Lindwall	Strategic Planner, DCC
Ms Alice Rae	Arts and Cultural Development Officer, DCC

2. APOLOGIES

Mr Tony Clementson	General Manager, Tourism Top End
Mr Bong Ramito	EO, Brown's Mart
Ms Elizabeth Close	Executive Director, National Trust
Ms Leonie McNally	Community Representative
Mr Ken Conway	Community Representative
Ms Tania Lieman	Palmerston City Council
Mr John Banks	GM Community & Cultural Services, DCC

Meeting opened 12.30 pm.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes from the meeting held 19 February 2009 accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved Anne Dunn. Seconded Felicity Green. Carried.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 Arts and Cultural Development Priorities 2009-2010

- Council has endorsed nine Arts and Cultural Development Priorities for 2009-2010 from the list provided by ACDAC.
- A memo was provided in regards to #8, "Explore the commissioning of all types of creative work which considers the histories and contemporary stories of the city", requesting the committee's advice. The committee noted that the Darwin Festival has recently taken on the role of commissioning new works and that this could also be an important role for Council. The committee was also positive about broadening the definition of "Public Art" to include live/performance works in public spaces.

4.2 ACDAC membership

- Christine Silvester, Assistant Director Arts NT, has fulfilled a two year term on the committee and noted her thanks to the committee.

- The Chairperson thanked Christine for her commitment and contribution to the committee.
- Renominations to the committee have been received from Leonie McNally, Tony Clementson, Felicity Green and Ken Conway. A nomination has been received from Hania Radvan, Director Arts NT.

Recommendation: THAT Council reappoint as members of the Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee for a 2 year term commencing 1 June 2009 to 31 May 2011 in accordance with Section 54 of the NT Local Government Act 2008:

- i). Ms Leonie McNally, Community Representative
- ii). Mr Tony Clementson, General Manager, Tourism Top End
- iii). Ms Felicity Green, Public Art Manager, Darwin City Waterfront
- iv). Mr Ken Conway, Community Representative

Moved Christine Silvester. Seconded Anne Dunn. Carried.

Recommendation: THAT Council appoint Ms Hania Radvan, Director Arts NT as a member of the Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee for a 2 year term commencing 1 June 2009 to 31 May 2011 in accordance with Section 54 of the NT Local Government Act 2008.

Moved Christine Silvester. Seconded Anne Dunn. Carried.

The committee discussed its current membership and made a number of suggestions regarding representatives of relevant organisations to whom a formal invitation will be made.

4.3 Charles Darwin Commemorative Artwork – Launch and Publicity - Origins

- "The HMS Beagle Ship Bell Chime" by Dr Anton Hasell will be installed in Civic Park in 2009 to commemorate 200 years since the birth of Charles Darwin (1809-1882).
- A public launch of the artwork has been planned to be held in conjunction with the multi-disciplinary arts event, "Origins", being coordinated by Corrugated Iron Youth Arts in partnership with the Darwin Symphony Orchestra, Darwin Theatre Company, the Darwin Chorale and Charles Darwin University. Corrugated Iron Youth Arts have employed Alex Ben Mayor of Well Theatre Company as project coordinator.
- The "Origins" event is scheduled to be held on Wednesday 1 July 2009 (Territory Day) in Civic Park, running for approximately 90 minutes from 7.30 pm – 9 pm. Other arts activities may be held in the park prior to the main event which is timed to commence after the close of fireworks at Mindil Beach, which are coordinated every year by the Northern Territory Government.
- The "Origins" event is planned as a free, "walk in" multi-disciplinary performance event featuring music, dance, and video projection. It will feature the world premiere of the complete four-movement orchestral suite "Age of Wonders" by British composer Michael Stimpson, performed by the Darwin Symphony Orchestra. It will also feature performances by the Darwin Chorale, Darwin Theatre Company and around 120 young people from Corrugated Iron Youth Arts. An audience of two to three thousand is expected.

- To ensure that the event is well attended it will require strong promotion in the months and weeks leading up to the event.
- Darwin City Council will also celebrate the launch of the artwork at a media reception, tentatively scheduled for Monday 29 June 2009.
- Council will seek to commission composers, especially local composers and young composers, to undertake works of composition for the bells.

4.4 Charles Darwin Commemorative Artwork – Interpretative signage

- The committee noted that the position of interpretative signage in relation to the artwork should be carefully considered.
- Graffiti management may be an issue
- A plaque may be installed for the opening of the artwork; with a "storyboard" type of interpretative signage installed at a later date.

4.5 Damage to Traveller's Walk Mosaic

- The committee noted the photos of damage to the mosaic.
- It was suggested that quotes be sought from local mosaic artists (e.g. through Territory Craft) to undertake repairs of the works, and also for a Perspex front which could protect the artwork.

Recommendation: THAT Council commission an artist to undertake restoration of the Traveller's Walk mosaic and investigate options of installing a Perspex cover and/or additional lighting to the area to prevent further vandalism.

Moved Felicity Green. Seconded Christine Silvester. Carried.

4.6 Chinatown Screening

- The committee revisited the idea of commissioning an artwork to improve the appearance of the screen façade of the Chinatown Carpark.
- It was suggested that Council look into the feasibility of using a heavy mesh canvas scrim – this would not be permanent but would provide a flat screen on which painting could be made.
- The committee noted the need to preserve ventilation in the screen façade, as a building standard.

Recommendation: THAT Council incorporate initial scoping of an artwork to improve the appearance of the screen façade of the Chinatown Carpark in its city planning for the CBD.

4.7 Arts and Cultural Development Project Updates

Purchase of Chime Conservatory at Chinatown Carpark

Council has resolved to purchase the Chime Conservatory artwork by Anton Hasell currently installed at the Chinatown Carpark in Smith St. Opportunities to include the artwork in future arts events will be explored.

Recycled Art Project – Jewellery Workshop

Approximately 40 young people participated in a jewellery making workshop using donated jewellery as part of Council's Youth Week event, "The Big Gig" on 4 April 2009. The workshop ran for 2 hours (4-6 pm) during The Big Gig and was facilitated by jewellery artist Penny Cameron. Participants made necklaces, bracelets, anklets and earrings and took their creations with them on the day. The event was photo documented. A drive for jewellery donations provided materials for use on the day, which were supplemented by materials and equipment purchased from Spotlight.

Live music in Casuarina Library

Casuarina Library will host regular live music performances on Friday lunchtimes in April, May and June 2009, providing a new opportunity for local musicians to gain experience and audience exposure. The program provides for both contemporary and classical music.

It has been noted that the current program clashes with Charles Darwin University's performance music lecture on Fridays 12noon – 1 pm. Should the concert series continue in the next financial year, the library may shift some of the concerts to Wednesday evenings to facilitate the participation of CDU students.

John McDouall Stuart Statue – Plaque

A new plaque has been installed on the John McDouall Stuart statue, replacing the current plaque. The new plaque includes spelling and date corrections as requested by the John McDouall Stuart Society as well as acknowledgement of artist Geoff Todd who undertook restoration of the statue in 2008.

Handover at Public Art at Lyons

The Canberra Development Corporation is negotiating with Darwin City Council to handover the ownership and maintenance of Public Art at the Lyons community centre. A site visit has been conducted and the Canberra Development Corporation has been requested to address current maintenance and repair issues prior to the proposed handover.

Cultural Village Symbolic Poles

Peter Nelson of Tract Consultants has been contracted by Council's Infrastructure Department to ascertain possible sites for the Cultural Village Symbolic Poles. A meeting was held with Peter Nelson and representatives of the Cultural Village of the NT and a process for consulting with the Cultural Village community members has been established. It is envisioned that the consultation process may take 3 to 6 months. The Cultural Village Symbolic Poles are currently being stored by Council in a storage facility in Berrimah.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 Members Updates

Arts NT

Hania Radvan has been appointed as the new Director of Arts NT.

Lucy Mendelsohn has been appointed the interim Program Manager Arts NT.

Artists in Schools program offering additional funds for programs this year.

Arts NT will host "Arts Lives" event tonight, a Forum for the Arts sector introduced by Minister Alison Anderson.

Darwin Festival

Festival plans are progressing. Short term 3 month contract staff will start in the next 3 weeks.

Festival program launch 8 July 2009.

Darwin City Waterfront

The Waterfront is now open. All but two of the public art pieces have been installed. There is one more public art opportunity.

TOGArt awards had approximately 125 entries this year and is being shortlisted.

Awards will be held 3 September 2009 in Parliament House, with a 3 week exhibition.

Public Art commissions will continue in Stage 2A of the Waterfront development.

Top End Arts Marketing

Working with DEC on box office project to develop marketing and audience data.

Working with a number of regional arts festivals, and starting to develop long-term regional arts festival projects.

Working with 30 arts centres for the Aboriginal Art Fair, being held in the Harry Chan building just before NATSIAA.

Off the Leash continues to grow – funding to cover costs is being sought, however if no funding is accessed advertising rates may rise which may see community groups priced out.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

7. NEXT MEETING

Thursday 18 June 2009 12.30-2pm Meeting Room 1

Meeting closed 1.25 pm.

Summary of Recommendations

Recommendation: THAT Council reappoint as members of the Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee for a 2 year term commencing 1 June 2009 to 31 May 2010 in accordance with Section 54 of the NT Local Government Act 2008:

- i). Ms Leonie McNally, Community Representative
- ii). Mr Tony Clementson, General Manager, Tourism Top End
- iii). Ms Felicity Green, Public Art Manager, Darwin City Waterfront
- iv). Mr Ken Conway, Community Representative

Recommendation: THAT Council appoint Ms Hania Radvan, Director Arts NT as a member of the Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee for a 2 year term commencing 1 June 2009 to 31 May 2010 in accordance with Section 54 of the NT Local Government Act 2008.

Recommendation: THAT Council commission an artist to undertake restoration of the Traveller's Walk mosaic and investigate options of installing a Perspex cover and/or additional lighting to the area to prevent further vandalism.

Recommendation: THAT Council incorporate initial scoping of an artwork to improve the appearance of the screen façade of the Chinatown Carpark in its city planning for the CBD.

ENCL: YES

DARWIN CITY COUNCIL

DATE: 9/6/2009

REPORT

TO: COMMUNITY SERVICES/OPEN A

APPROVED: JB

FROM: GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &
CULTURAL SERVICES

APPROVED: AF

REPORT NO: 09C0095 AF:kl

COMMON NO: 1294240

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON STATUS OF FUNDING AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS
FOR THE DARWIN ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE

ITEM NO: 9.12

SYNOPSIS:

This report provides Council with an update regarding the funding negotiations between Council and the NT Government and the Darwin Entertainment Centre (DEC).

GENERAL:

On 1 July this year the triennial funding agreement between Council and the NT Government (NTG) and the Darwin Entertainment Centre (DEC) expires. To this end, Community and Cultural Services General Manager commenced discussions with NTG and DEC in late 2008 regarding the development of a new triennial agreement.

Council and NTG were recently furnished with DEC's Strategic Plan which was determined by Council officers to be inadequate in terms of the rigour of both its process and content. More particularly, whilst the Strategic Plan demonstrates some aspects of the business DEC undertakes, it is generally under-developed, poorly formatted and lacking in clarity and rigour in relation to strategic planning. Significantly, DEC's Board did not participate in the development of the Strategic Plan nor did it endorse it.

As a result of these concerns, the progression of a triennial agreement is not considered to be a viable funding strategy at this stage. Council and the NTG will, however, fund DEC for a one year period only (2009/10) as an interim measure whilst a triennial agreement could commence in 2010/11 should DEC develop a significantly more substantive Strategic Plan and submit it to the funding bodies by 31 December 2009. This document will then form, in part, the basis of triennial funding negotiations for the 2010/11-2012/13 term to be completed by March 2010.

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Should the requirement to submit the Strategic Plan by 31 December 2009 not be achieved, a triennial agreement will not be considered by Council.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

A further 12 months funding to DEC (see attached funding agreement).

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

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

2.2 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

5 Facilitate and Maintain a Cohesive Community

Outcome

5.2 Promote Darwin's culture

Key Strategies

5.2.2 Create opportunities for the expression of cultural diversity through art

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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:

Nil

PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

DELEGATION:

Nil

CONSULTATION:

Nil

PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:

Nil

APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE

Nil

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 09C entitled Update on Status of Funding Agreement Negotiations for the Darwin Entertainment Centre, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council proceeds to fund the Darwin Entertainment Centre for the 2009/10 financial year in accordance with the attached funding agreement with a view to the development of a triennial agreement commencing in 2010/11 upon the development of a rigorous and substantive Strategic Plan endorsed by the Darwin Entertainment Centre Board.
- C. THAT funding for the Darwin Entertainment Centre be referred to the 2009/2010 First Quarter budget review.

ANNE FARRELL
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

JOHN BANKS
GENERAL MANAGER
COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES

Any queries on this report may be directed to Anne Farrell on 8930 0404

The Northern Territory of Australia

FUNDING AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made the day of 2009.

BETWEEN:

THE NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA, C/- the Department of Natural Resources, Environment, the Arts and Sport - Arts NT, PO Box 496, Palmerston, in the Northern Territory of Australia ("the Territory")

AND:

DARWIN CITY COUNCIL, a body corporate established pursuant to the *Local Government Act* of GPO Box 84, Darwin, in the Northern Territory of Australia ("the Council")

AND:

DARWIN PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE (ACN 009 624 248) trading as the Darwin Entertainment Centre of GPO Box 1993 Darwin, in the Northern Territory of Australia ("the Company").

RECITALS

- A. The Council owns the land, being Unit 11 of Lot 5335 comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 204 Folio 88, on which the Darwin Performing Arts Centre ("the Centre") is located and has given a lease of the Centre to the Darwin Performing Arts Centre (ACN 009 624 248) trading as the Darwin Entertainment Centre ("the Company").
- B. The Company is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Centre.

The Territory and the Council have agreed to jointly fund the operational costs of the Centre on the terms and conditions provided for by this Agreement.

THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS

1. Definitions and interpretation

1.1 Definitions

In this Agreement, unless inconsistent with the context, the following terms shall have the meaning set out below:

"*entrepreneurial activity*" means the staging of presentations at the Centre where there is a box office risk in staging the presentation.

"*Entrepreneurial Funding*" means the funding specified or determined in accordance with clause 3.3(a).

"*Funding*" means the aggregate of the funding contributed in each year by the Council or the Territory or both, as the case may be, in respect of Operational Funding, Local Hirer's Subsidy Funding and Entrepreneurial Funding.

"*funding year*" means each period of twelve months commencing 1 July and ending 30 June.

"*Local Hirer's Subsidy Funding*" means the funding specified or determined in accordance with clause 3.1(b).

"*Operational expenditure*" means the day to day running costs of the Centre.

"*Operational Funding*" means the funding specified or determined in accordance with clause 3.1(a).

"*Reporting year*" means the period of twelve months ending on the date on which the Company bases its financial statement for the preceding year.

1.2 In this Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) words importing the singular number include the plural number and vice versa;
- (b) words importing any gender include all other genders;
- (c) "person" includes a corporation;
- (d) all references to statutes also refer to statutes amending or reenacting or replacing the statutes referred to and includes a reference to all proclamations, orders in Council, regulations, rules, by laws, ordinances and any other instruments and directions (if any) made under those statutes;
- (e) all covenants, warranties, undertakings and agreements if entered into by more than one person are deemed to be joint and several;
- (f) headings and sub headings have been included for ease of reference only and this Agreement is not to be construed or interpreted by reference to the headings or sub headings;
- (g) the Schedules to this Agreement are to be read and construed as part of this Agreement; and
- (h) except as otherwise provided above, this Agreement is to be interpreted in accordance with the Interpretation Act of the Territory as if it were otherwise a document subject to interpretation in accordance with that Act.

2. Period of the Agreement

- 2.1 The term of this Agreement is three years commencing on 1 July 2009 and ending on 30 June 2010.
- 2.2 The Council and the Territory may agree to extend the term of this Agreement pursuant to clause 16 or they may agree to enter into a new agreement for a further period on such terms and conditions as are agreed provided that any agreement to extend the term of this Agreement or to enter into a new agreement is dependant on:
- (a) any review by the Council and the Territory undertaken under clause 7 for the purpose of assessing the Centre's operation and whether further funding should be provided, being completed; and
 - (b) where it is decided that a new agreement should be entered in to, the terms and conditions of that agreement, being agreed, by no later than 30 June 2009.

3. Funding

- 3.1 The Territory and the Council will each contribute an annual amount of:
- (a) \$285,000.00 to assist the funding of the operational expenditure of the Centre by the Company; and
 - (b) \$25,000.00 which is to be used by the Company to provide subsidies to local hirers of the Centre.
 - (c) It is a condition of the Territory and the Council providing Operational Funding and Local Hirer's Subsidy Funding that any monies not expended for the purposes in subclauses (a) and (b) above for any funding year, shall be notified to the Territory and the Council, and shall be carried forward to the following funding year for use in respect of the purposes in subclauses (a) and (b) above.
- 3.3 (a) The Territory will pay to the Council an annual amount of \$70,000.00, which is provided for the specific purpose of funding entrepreneurial activity by the Company to present shows or artists at the Centre.
- (b) It is a condition of the Territory providing the Entrepreneurial Funding each year that, any amount of the annual Entrepreneurial Funding not expended by the Company, or any surplus made by the Company, in undertaking entrepreneurial activity, is redirected into the bank account established for the Entrepreneurial Funding for use in respect of future entrepreneurial activity by the Company.
- 3.5 (a) The Territory will pay its share of the funding specified in clause 3.1 and 3.3 to the Council in accordance with the method of payment described in Item 1 of Schedule 1.

- 3.6 It is a pre condition to the Territory paying its yearly contribution of funding as provided for in clauses 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3, that it is satisfied with the reports and information it receives pursuant to clauses 5.1, 5.4 and 5.5 and is satisfied from the reports and information that the Company has complied satisfactorily with those matters specified in clause 4(b).

4. GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

- (a) For the purposes of this clause unless the context otherwise requires:

"GST" means any tax imposed on Supply by or through the New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999 ("the Act");

- (b) If the recipient is registered for GST:

- (i) the Grant provided for under this Agreement is inclusive of GST and therefore the Territory will not be liable to pay the Recipient any additional amounts, over and above the Grant, for any GST incurred when the grant is received;
- (ii) The Recipient agrees that the Territory will create and issue a tax invoice and/or adjustment notes in respect of the Grant; and
- (iii) if the Recipient ceases to be registered for GST, the Recipient must repay the Territory an amount equal to 1/11 of the Grant less the actual GST cost incurred by the Recipient.

- (c) If the Recipient has an ABN but is not registered for GST:

- (i) the Grant provided for under this Agreement is exclusive of GST; and
- (ii) if the Recipient becomes registered for GST, the Recipient must inform the Territory within 7 days, and allow amendment of this Agreement to account for any GST which may be payable.

Application of Funding

The Council shall:

- (a) pay the Funds to the Company in a timely manner and in accordance with the method of payment described in Item 2 of Schedule 1; and
- (b) do all things reasonably within its power and control to ensure that the Company:
 - (i) deposits the Funds and retains them at all times in a bank account in the name of the Company;
 - (ii) applies the Funds for the specific purpose for which each sum comprising the Funds has been given, as provided in clause 3; and
 - (iii) carries out its activities for the purposes described in Schedule 2 in the manner described in Schedule 3.
 - (iv) complies with the condition specified in clause 3.3(b) and 3.1(c).
 - (v) complies with the Performance Requirements specified in Schedule 4 and Schedule 5 (if any).

5. Working with children in art

The Company agrees that, if the Agreed Program involves:

(a) employing people under the age of 18 with or without financial compensation;

or

(b) exhibition or distribution of depictions of children under the age 18 years,

then the Company will comply with the Australia Council's *Protocols for Working with Children in Art* as well as the *Northern Territory Care and Protection of Children Act* and any relevant laws as they exist in the state or territory in which the Company will be working. This may include the Company obtaining permits and parental consents, copies of which will be provided to the Territory if requested.

If the Company fails to do so, the Territory may immediately terminate its agreement with the Council and require the return of the funding provided to the Council under this Agreement.

5 Reporting

6.1 The Council shall do all things reasonably within its power and control to supply to the Territory within four months from the anniversary of the commencement of this Agreement an annual report in a form satisfactory to the Territory which shall include:

- (a) the Company's audited annual financial statements for the relevant reporting year certified by an independent licensed company auditor or qualified accountant to Australian Accounting Standards and which shall clearly identify:
 - (i) the total amounts of the Operational Funding, Local Hirers Subsidy Funding and Entrepreneurial Funding provided by the Territory and the Council;
 - (ii) the amount of the Funding spent in respect of each category of funding and the purposes to which the moneys were applied;
 - (iii) the amount of any funds which have not been expended; and
 - (iv) the amount of money which has been added by the Company to the bank account established for the Entrepreneurial Funding;
- (b) a comprehensive report on the Company's activities and performance for the reporting year which shall, without limitation, demonstrate the Company's achievements in relation to Funding Purposes (Schedule 2) and show compliance or otherwise with each of the Performance Requirements in Schedule 4.

6.2 The annual report prepared pursuant to clause 5.1 and the reports submitted pursuant to clause 5.5, if satisfactory, will be used to acquit the Funds provided for the reporting year.

- 6.3 (a) The Council and the Territory shall approve the Company's proposed budget program and for this purpose the Council shall do all things reasonably within its power and control to provide to the Territory, no later than 31 March in each year, the Company's proposed budget program and business plan targets for the next financial year.
- (b) The proposed budget program shall, among other things, include details of proposed entrepreneurial activity and operational expenditure.
- (c) If the Territory is not satisfied with the proposed budget program submitted to it pursuant to sub clause (a), it shall discuss the matter with the Council who may be required to instruct the Company to make necessary changes to the proposed budget program and the Council shall resubmit the amended budget program to the Territory for its approval.
- 6.4 Notwithstanding any other clause of this Agreement, the Council shall do all things reasonably within its power and control to provide any additional information that the Territory may require before the Territory provides any further funding pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.
- 6.5 In addition to the reporting requirements contained in clause 5.1:
- (a) the Council shall do all things reasonably within its power and control to provide to the Territory, within four weeks of the conclusion of each quarter during the Funding Period:
- (i) copies of the Company's income and expenditure against budget and details of the program in respect of the period from the end of the last reporting period to the commencement of the next quarter;
 - (ii) a statement which details the payment of funding moneys required to be paid by the Council to the Company pursuant to this Agreement;
 - (iii) copies of the reports provided to Council by the Company pursuant to Item 1 of Schedule 4.
- (b) The Territory may require the Council to do all things reasonably within its power and control to submit additional financial statements in accordance with a format and time frame to be agreed and additional reports on the Company's activities and compliance with the Performance Requirements specified in or identified in accordance with Schedule 4.
- 6.6 The Council shall immediately report to the Territory of any significant redirection or change in the Company's aims, objectives or activities which are forecast during the term of this Agreement and of the impact such redirection or change will have on this Agreement in particular on the ability of the Company to comply with clause 4(b) and to adhere to the approved budget for that period.

6. Planning and Evaluation

The Council shall ensure that the Company carries out planning, development and self evaluation on an ongoing basis of its existing activities, identification of priority needs and target groups and its ability to comply with the Performance Requirements specified in or identified in accordance with Schedule 4.

7. Reviews

The Territory may, in conjunction with the Council carry out reviews to determine the extent to which the Company is meeting its purposes and using the funding provided pursuant to this Agreement for the purposes for which it is provided.

8. Confidentiality of Information

- (a) The Territory acknowledges that information provided to it by the Council may be of a confidential nature and as such the Territory will, subject to clause 9(b), treat all information provided by the Council as confidential.
- (b) The Council acknowledges that the Territory is subject to the *Information Act (NT)* and that if the Territory receives a freedom of information request relating to information the Council has provided, it will be required by law to disclose such information.

9. Acknowledgment

The Council shall ensure that the Company acknowledges the funding from the Territory in a form approved by the Territory as advised from time to time, and currently in the following manner:

- (a) Northern Territory Government (as represented below):



Northern Territory Government

- (b) Where it is not possible or appropriate to use the logo (eg during a speech), the Funding must be acknowledged by the phrase "Sponsored by the Northern Territory Government through the Department of Natural Resources, Environment and the Arts".

The logo is available from Arts NT and on the website at: www.arts.nt.gov.au

Where funding is granted for a special purpose, as in the case of the Local Hirers Fund and the Entrepreneurial Fund, acknowledgement may be in an alternative form as previously agreed by the Territory.

10. Release and Indemnity

- 10.1 The Council hereby releases and will procure the Company to release to the full extent permitted by law the Territory, its employees, its servants, agents, contractors and invitees from all responsibility or liability for loss of, or damage to, any property, or injury or death to any person arising out of any involvement by the Territory, its employees, servants, agents, contractors or invitees pursuant to this Agreement.
- 10.2 The Council hereby indemnifies, and shall procure the Company to, indemnify the Territory, its employees, servants, agents, contractors and invitees against all claims, demands, losses, suits, actions, damages, costs and expenses which the Territory, its employees, servants, agents, contractors or invitees may sustain or incur, or be, or become, liable in respect of, either arising from, caused by or contributed to (to the extent of such contribution) the carrying out of the activities of each of the Council or the Company and including (without limiting the generality of the above):

- (a) any act or omission (negligent or otherwise) of the Council or the Company or their respective employees, servants, agents, contractors or invitees; or
- (b) any default or failure by the Council or the Company to observe or perform any of the terms, conditions, covenants, assurances or warranties on the part of the Council under this Agreement or by the Company under any agreement it has with the Council which is related to the subject matter of this Agreement.

10.3 The indemnities required to be procured from the Company pursuant to this Clause must be given on or before the first funding payment under Schedule 1.

11. Assurances by the Council

11.1 The Council warrants that:

- (a) the Company is properly established and constituted at law;
- (b) it has the power and authority to enter into this Agreement;
- (c) It will do all things reasonably within its power and control to ensure that the Company takes out and maintains appropriate insurance policies for:
 - (i) public liability cover for a minimum amount of \$20,000,000 in relation to any single event; and
 - (ii) insurance under the *Work Health Act* where necessary;
- (d) the Territory or its nominees, upon the Territory providing reasonable written notice, will have reasonable access to the Council's premises and records relating to its funding activities to the Company as provided for in this Agreement and that it will do all things reasonably within its power and control to ensure that the Company provides similar access to its premises and records.

12 Remedies of the Territory

12.1 For the purposes of this clause, an "event of default" means if the

- (a) Council breaches or fails to make its funding contributions as required by this Agreement, or fails to observe and comply with the reporting requirements, or other terms, conditions, covenants, assurances and warranties of this Agreement;
- (b) Company suspends or ceases to carry on the activities specified in or identified in accordance with Schedule 2 in the manner contemplated in clause 4(b)(iii);
- (c) Company fails to use the Funding provided for the specific purposes for which it was provided;
- (d) Company fails to satisfactorily comply with the Performance Requirements specified in or identified in accordance with Schedule 4;

- (e) Company takes or has taken or instituted against it any action or proceeding whether voluntary or compulsory which results in the winding up of the Company other than a voluntary winding up by members for the purposes of reconstruction or amalgamation; or
- (f) Company enters into a compromise or other arrangement with its creditors or is placed under official management.

12.2 Upon the occurrence of an event of default, the Territory may at its option:

- (a) withhold and suspend payment of the whole or any part of the Funding which it is required to pay under the terms of this Agreement indefinitely or for such time as the Territory in its absolute discretion thinks fit; or
- (b) terminate this Agreement without notice.

12.3 In the event that this Agreement is terminated by the Territory pursuant to sub clause 12.2(b) any payments provided by the Territory to the Council, which have not been expended or committed in accordance with this Agreement, shall be a debt due to the Territory which shall be repayable and shall be repaid within thirty days by the Council, or as agreed by the parties.

13. Territory Representative on the Company's Board

The Council shall ensure that the person as advised by the Minister for Arts and Museums from time to time shall be appointed by the Council to be a Director on the Company's Board of Management for the term of this Agreement and the Council shall take all necessary steps to ensure that this is able to be achieved under the Articles of Association of the Company.

14 Severability

14.1 If a court determines that a word, phrase, sentence, paragraph or provision in this arrangement is unenforceable, illegal or void then it shall be severed and the other provisions of this Agreement shall remain operative.

14.2 This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the law of the Northern Territory of Australia.

15 Entire Agreement

This Agreement terminates and supersedes all previous written and oral agreements between the Council and the Territory and constitutes the entire agreement between the parties in respect of operational funding.

16. Amendments or Extension

No alteration, addition or amendment or extension of the term shall be made to this Agreement other than in writing signed by each of the parties.

17. Waiver

A breach of this Agreement is not waived by a failure to exercise, a delay in exercising or the partial exercise of any remedy available under this Agreement, at law or in equity.

18. Notices

18.1 All notices, approvals, consents, demands or other communications required or permitted to be given under this Agreement must be in writing and served:

- (a) personally;
- (b) by pre-paid post; or
- (c) by facsimile transmission,

at the address of the party set out below or at such other address as a party may have substituted for it by written notice to the other.

18.2 A notice is deemed to be given by the sender and received by the addressee, if:

- (a) given by delivery in person, when delivered to the addressee;
- (b) sent by mail, on the second business day from and including the date of posting; or
- (c) sent by facsimile, on receipt of a complete and correct transmission report by the sender and if received by the addressee before 4.00 pm (addressee's time) on a business day on that day otherwise it is deemed to be received at 9.00 am on the next following business day in the place of receipt.

18.3 For the purposes of this clause the address for service of each party is as follows:

- (a) The Northern Territory of Australia

Director
Arts NT
First Floor
9/11 Cavenagh Street
DARWIN NT 0800

or:

PO Box 496
PALMERSTON NT 0831
Telephone: (08) 8999 8981
Facsimile: (08) 8999 8949

- (b) General Manager,
Community and Cultural Services
Darwin City Council
Civic Centre
Harry Chan Avenue
DARWIN NT 0800

or:

GPO Box 84
 DARWIN NT 0801
 Telephone: (08) 8930 0633
 Facsimile: (08) 8930 0644

- 18.4 The Council shall within seven days of any change of the details specified in clause 18.3(b) advise the Territory of the change by sending a letter by mail to the Territory.

Disputes

- 19.1 If either party considers there is a difference or dispute between the parties as to any matter or thing arising out of this Agreement, then that party may notify the other party of the difference or dispute and if the parties cannot agree on a resolution of that difference or dispute within thirty days of notification, then the parties will agree upon the identity of an independent expert to determine the matter or thing in dispute and in the event of failure to agree upon such identity within seven days, either or both of the parties may refer the matter to the President of the Law Society who shall nominate an independent expert to determine the matter or thing in dispute.
- 19.2 The decision of an independent expert shall be absolute and final and bind the parties accordingly and this Agreement will be deemed to be amended to incorporate the terms of the expert's decision.
- 19.3 The independent expert shall be deemed to be acting in making any decision as an expert and not an arbitrator.
- 18.4 The independent expert shall determine which party or parties will bear the costs of any such determination and in what proportion, having regard to the degree to which he or she considers such a party was at fault or unreasonable in failing to agree to the matter under reference to the independent expert and that party or parties shall bear the costs accordingly.

19. Special Conditions

The provisions of this Agreement shall be subject to the special conditions, if any, set out in Schedule 5.

SCHEDULE 1

Method of Payment of the Funding

1. The Territory will pay the aggregate of the annual amount of Operational Funding, Local Hirers Subsidy Funding and Entrepreneurial Funding, being \$380,000.00 plus GST to the Council in two equal instalments over that funding year as follows:

First installment on or around 1 August 2009

Second installment on or around 1 February 2010

2. (a) The Council will pay the aggregate of its share of the annual amounts of Operational Funding and Local Hirers Subsidy Funding, together with the money it receives from the Territory as provided in item 1 above, to the Company in four equal instalments over that funding year as follows:

First installment on or around 1 July 2009,

Second installment on or around 1 October 2009,

Third installment on or around 1 January 2010,

Fourth installment on or around 1 April 2010,

SCHEDULE 2

Funding Purposes

The purposes which the Company is to comply with, are to:

1. **Manage, operate and promote the Darwin Entertainment Centre as a performing arts facility;**
2. **encourage and facilitate arts activities within the Centre by acting as a producer, co-producer, presenter or partner for those activities, including activities produced by Northern Territory artists and arts organisations;**
3. **maximise audiences and develop audience appreciation and expectations through presentation of a wide range of arts activities and associated marketing and development strategies;**
4. **encourage and facilitate arts related training, workshops and other services and assistance taking account of potential partnerships to stimulate amateur, semi professional community and professional industry development;**
5. **increase professional, corporate and public support for the Company's activities;**
6. **make available on such terms as it thinks fit any building or facility comprised in the Centre or any other buildings or facility under its control for any purpose for which such building or facility is suited;**
7. **maximise revenue generation through ancillary activities.**

SCHEDULE 3

Manner of Carrying out Activities

For the purposes of this Agreement 'activities' are those Funding Purposes specified in Schedule 2.

The Council shall ensure that the Company's activities are carried out in a manner which:

1. duly considers the dignity, worth, independence and basic human rights of individuals;
2. provides information about the operations of the Company, including enquiry and complaint procedures;
3. provides a safe working environment;
4. facilitates the participation of individuals in decision making;
5. complies with equal opportunity principles and all relevant legislation;
6. complies with all applicable employment legislation;
7. generally seeks to encourage excellence, access, diversity and participation; and
8. funding for local hirers and entrepreneurial subsidies is to be used in accordance with the local hirers and entrepreneurial policies developed in conjunction with the funding bodies.

SCHEDULE 4

Performance Requirements

The Company shall submit to the Council quarterly financial and activity reports which include, but not limited to, the following information:

1. Core Report Data
 - (a) total number of performances per venue
 - (b) total number of attendances per performance
 - (c) total number of other activities and participants
 - (d) total number of dates with activities
 - (e) total number of names and diversity of organisations assisted through the Local Hirer's Subsidy Scheme and the amount of assistance given to each such organisation
 - (f) a list by of presentations facilitated through Entrepreneurial Funding by type, name and diversity and the amount of assistance given to each presentation
 - (g) total number and source of grants administered, who the grants were administered for and the amount of each grant.

2. Venues and Services

The Company shall, in each year of this Agreement ensure that:

2.1 Use of Venues

- (a) the number of performances and attendances per performance in the Playhouse and Studio Theatre will increase annually, with variation in keeping with targets adopted in the annual business plan
- (b) the entrepreneurial fund will increase annually, with variation in keeping with targets adopted in the annual business plan
- (c) the number of days booked in the Playhouse and Studio Theatre will increase annually, with variation in keeping with targets adopted in the annual business plan
- (d) the number of days with performances in the Playhouse and Studio Theatre will increase annually, with variation in keeping with targets adopted in the annual business plan
- (e) the number of other activities and participants in the Playhouse and Studio Theatre will increase annually, with variation in keeping with targets adopted in the annual business plan.

2.2 Hires of Venues

- (a) the number of performances and attendances per performance, whether non-assisted local or interstate (straight hires) activity, or assisted local or interstate entrepreneurial activity, will increase annually, with variation in keeping with targets adopted in the annual business plan

2.3 Utilisation of Venues

- (a) the capacity utilisation (number of seats purchased on a 365 day year basis/total seats available) of all venues will increase annually, with variation in keeping with targets adopted in the annual business plan

2.4 Box Office Program

The Company shall, in each year of this Agreement report on the Company's involvement in external events through commissioned ticketing services:

- (a) organisation and event,
- (b) number and value of tickets sold,
- (c) rate of commission charged and gross commission generated through the Company's external events and commissioned ticketing services,
- (d) arrangements regarding external ticketing outlets established

3. Arts and Cultural Development

The Company shall, in each year of this Agreement report on the Company's activities undertaken using the Entrepreneurial Funding to include:

- (a) Description of activity (including but not limited to company/artist, show title/creator, artform/s)
- (b) Projected and actual financial and artistic outcomes
- (c) Level of employment of NT professional/non-professional arts workers
- (d) Audience development strategies including local partnerships
- (e) Associated research information including involvement and outcomes of the national Audience Data & Visitor Information Collection Enterprise (A.D.V.I.C.E) project

4. Demonstration of Solvency

The Company shall demonstrate solvency to the Council by:

- (a) On a year to date basis, revenue being more than drawn cheques plus commitments.
- (b) On a monthly basis actual expenditure (drawn cheques and commitments) does not vary from budget estimates by more than 10%.
- (c) Income minus expenses (from all sources) will be positive annually.
- (d) Income will increase annually, with variation in keeping with targets adopted in the annual business plan.

5. Business Planning

- 5.1. The Company will undertake a strategic business planning process, as outlined in Schedule 5, and present the funding agencies with a three year business plan detailing measurable objectives and strategies against which performance will be reported to funding agencies.

6. Marketing Strategy

The marketing strategy for 2009/10 will be provided by 31 January, 2010

In parallel and as part of its business planning, the Company will maintain and make available the marketing strategy to Council and Government to orient the Company towards serving the needs and expectations of customers and stakeholders and to assist the Company to position itself in the highly competitive market in Darwin.

The Strategy will include reference to any relevant national initiatives and standards that will assist the Company to achieve its Marketing Goals.

SCHEDULE 5

Special Conditions

1. All formal dealings with the Company relating to the subject matter of this Agreement will be conducted by the Territory through the Council.
2. Notwithstanding 5 (1), liaison between the Centre and Arts NT will take place on issues in regard to entrepreneurial, programming and cooperative arts activities.
3. Regular meetings will be held between the General Manager of the Company and Darwin City Council to discuss operational issues.
4. A weekly cash flow statement will be forwarded to the Council.
5. The Company will set in place and undertake a review process of its Memorandum of Understanding
6. The Company will undertake a strategic business planning process, as outlined below:

Activity	Milestone	Due to funding bodies
Strategic business planning with Board and staff commences	1 st Draft Plan	31 October 2009
Feedback from funding bodies incorporated and marketing strategy completed	2 nd Draft Plan and Marketing Strategy completed	31 January 2010
Final changes incorporated Board agree and endorse final plan	2010 – 2012 Business Plan accepted and endorsed	30 March 2010

SCHEDULE 6

Renegotiation of Agreement

Within six months of the commencement of this agreement extension the parties undertake to complete a:

1. re-examination of arrangements and principles for support of repairs and maintenance of the building; and a review of the
2. level of operational subsidy

New arrangements and terms to be agreed within three months of the commencement of any new agreement for the period 2009- 2012

Executed as an Agreement

SIGNED for and on behalf of the Northern) Territory of Australia, through the Department) of Natural Resources, Environment the Arts and Sport)

this day of 2009)

in the presence of:

 Witness

 Name of Witness

 The **COMMON SEAL** of)
DARWIN CITY COUNCIL)
 was hereunto affixed in accordance with law)

this day of 2009)

 MAYOR

 Name of Mayor

 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

 Name of Chief Executive Officer

SIGNED for and on behalf of the Darwin Performing Arts Centre

this day of 2009)

in the presence of:

 Witness

 Name of Witness

ENCL: NO

DARWIN CITY COUNCIL

DATE: 10/6/09

REPORT

TO: COMMUNITY SERVICES/OPEN A

APPROVED: JB

FROM: GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY
SERVICES

APPROVED: AF

REPORT NO: 09C0101 AF:kl

APPROVED: DN

COMMON NO: 1002654

SUBJECT: REGULATING PRIVATE PROPERTY PARKING

ITEM NO: 9.13

SYNOPSIS:

This report relates to the development of a policy for Council's Regulatory Services Officers (RSOs) to regulate privately owned public property in accordance with the Northern Territory Traffic Regulations (NTTR) including Australian Road Rules.

GENERAL:

Privately owned public property is generally defined as land open to and used by the public whilst owned by private organisations including shopping centres.

Many councils across Australia have undertaken to regulate private property parking and have developed both policies and contractual pro formas to support specific geographical and business model requirements.

Until recently Council RSOs patrolled the Woolworths car-park located in the CBD as the result of an owner/occupier request. This practice has now ceased pending Council's decisions regarding the development of policy and the formalising of contractual arrangements.

NTTR 52(1) enables RSOs to patrol and issue infringements on land not under the care and control of Council. RSOs patrolling private parking bays do so for specific regulation breaches including vehicles parked in taxi and mini bus bays, disabled persons parking bays, yellow edge lines and, as was the case of Woolworths in the CBD, exceeding the two hour parking limit.

For RSOs to legally regulate private parking the owner/occupier is required to erect traffic signs indicative of time-restriction and permit-related regulations as well as signage at the entrance of the car park stipulating that NTTRs apply to the car park and that fines may be issued for breaches.

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CBD PARKING ENFORCEMENT

RSOs currently regulate the Municipality in relation to on- and off-street parking in Council-operated car-parks, five of whom regulate CBD sites in relation to the full raft of regulation breaches.

The CBD includes two major shopping centres which could be incorporated into the current patrol area on a schedule determined appropriate by the Manager of Regulatory Services in accordance with the requirement to prioritise the regulation of Council-owned property and the availability of resources.

Council's experience indicates that a significant decrease in breaches occurs as drivers become increasingly aware that sites are being regulated. To this end, it is envisaged that, after an initial period of regulation, sites would require regulating approximately two or three times per week or as resources determine.

The regulation of private parking within the CBD should be afforded priority as this would improve the function of, and access to, parking for both visitors to and residents of Darwin.

SUBURBAN PARKING ENFORCEMENT

Regulation of suburban shopping centres is currently restricted given that minimal resources are available to undertake patrols in these areas. One RSO currently patrols Parap, Fannie Bay, Nightcliff, Rapid Creek, Alawa, Casuarina, Karama and Leanyer shopping centres on a daily basis as part of the regular 'golf' patrol.

FUTURE MANAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

With the large number of unregulated privately owned public parking facilities in Darwin there is a significant opportunity for Council to enter into arrangements with owner/occupiers in order to better meet the requirements of the community.

The optimal approach is for Council to enter into arrangements which require that all prescribed signage be erected by the owner/occupier and for Council to provide a threshold of service specific to each locale. Council would retain the revenue generated by infringements in exchange for the regulatory service.

Council has recent experience in this type of arrangement in which Colliers International, managers of the Plaza parking area at the CBD Woolworths, installed advisory signs at all entry points as well as time-limitation signs to the standard required under the NTTRs. Once the signage was installed, Council provided training to Colliers staff who then took carriage of regulating the car park as well as issuing infringement notices. This was found to be an untenable arrangement and an agreement was implemented in accordance with the model described above. That is, Colliers maintained the property and signage while RSOs assumed responsibility for undertaking regulatory tasks.

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Whilst Council does not currently patrol any privately owned car-parks within the CBD apart from disabled and taxi bays, to do so would encourage the use of Council-owned facilities including the Chinatown car-park which is currently under utilised with a daily occupancy of 73%. It would also promote the use of on-street parking and all-day parking facilities made available through Westlane and Chinatown, significantly increasing revenue sourced from infringements.

It should be noted that the NT Government, at an officer level, has expressed an interest in engaging Council to regulate their car parks.

Regulation of these sites would also increase the availability of parking in shopping centres and, as a result, increase revenue for local businesses.

Policy is required to be developed to formalise the contractual arrangements between Council and owner/occupiers including the stipulation that, in the event of staff fluctuations and operational priorities, capacity to regulate privately owned car-parks may, from time to time, vary.

Council would be required to meet with owner/occupiers to determine the threshold of interest in these arrangements. Community perceptions and actual need for such arrangements would similarly require assessment. An analysis of the viability of entering into arrangements with owner/occupiers would be informed by factors such as:

- thresholds of usage
- perception of public benefit
- type of car park
- value of location
- design factors such as co-location
- level of service to the community
- service being cost neutral to Council
- availability of Council resources.

This can be conceptualised using the following diagram:

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

- Revenue from infringements would constitute Council revenue.
- Costs for the purchase and erecting of signage would be the responsibility of the owner/occupier.
- Resources relating to the regulation of private property parking would be comprised of wages and administration costs. For example, three visits by an RSO officer per day would cost \$75.00 including on-costs **which sets out a formula for calculating a set retainer fee for service.**
- All administration costs would be the responsibility of Council; for example, the issuing of an infringement and, subsequently, a reminder letter and, if required, the lodging of the matter with the Fines Recovery Unit at a cost of \$20.00.
- Furthermore, if an infringement was challenged and required hearing in the Court Of Summary Jurisdiction, Council would be responsible for a cost of \$2,500.00 - \$5,000.00 per matter.
- Should Council recommend the regulation of private property parking, additional RSOs would be required to undertake these measures.

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ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS:

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with Council's Strategic Directions: Towards 2020 and Beyond:

Strategic Area Goal 3

3.2 Enhance transport systems

3.2.4 Provide parking facilities and management systems which meet the needs of the community.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Council policies and measures should adhere to the NTTRs and the Local Government Act.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

Complaints regarding infringements will be directed to the authority which has entered into such an arrangement with Council.

Given the proposal to increase the number of sites to be regulated, some degree of negative community comment is expected hence any introduction of a new regime at any site should be preceded by public notification and education.

Subsequently, and as is standard practice, the first week of regulating new sites should focus on the issuing of warning notices prior to infringements being issued.

COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

DELEGATION:

Nil

CONSULTATION:

Proposal:

- To invite the public to comment on the proposal to regulate privately owned parking in the CBD.

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- Prior to the commencement of the regulation of private car parks, to provide the community with information relating to imminent changes.

APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE

As required by the NTTRs.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 09C0101 AF:kl entitled Regulating Private Parking be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council commences negotiations with third parties regarding the enforcement of parking regulations on private property.
- C. 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 enter into agreements with third parties regarding the enforcement of parking regulations on private property in consideration of:
 - thresholds of usage
 - perception of public benefit
 - type of car park
 - value of location
 - design factors such as co-location
 - level of service to the community
 - availability of Council resources
 - service being cost neutral to Council
 - any other factor relevant to a specific site.

ANNIE FARRELL
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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GENERAL MANAGER
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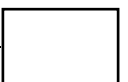
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Nil

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