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DARWIN CITY COUNCIL

COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 11 AUGUST 2009

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

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Committee's Responsibilities

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| * Recreation & Leisure | * Animal Management |
| * Children & Youth | * Inspectorial Services |
| * Arts and Culture | * Parking Control |
| * Community Services & Support | * Public Libraries |
| * Human Services | * Recreation |
| * Community Use of Halls, Ovals,
Playing Fields, Public Pools
and other Council Facilities | * Social Planning and Advocacy |
| * Sister Cities Management Community Committee's | * Darwin Entertainment Centre |
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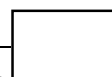


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Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting - Tuesday, 11 August, 2009

1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

2.1 Apologies

2.2 Leave of Absence Granted

Nil

3 ELECTED MEMBERS CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

4 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil



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Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting - Tuesday, 11 August, 2009**5 WITHDRAWAL OF ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION****COMMITTEE'S DECISION**

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority that all Information Items and Officers Reports to the Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 11 August, 2009, be received and all recommendations contained therein be adopted by general consent with the exception of Item Number

DECISION NO.20\() (10/08/09)

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

THAT the Committee resolve that the minutes of the previous Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 14 July, 2009, tabled by the Chairman, be received and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

DECISION NO.20\() (10/08/09)

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

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Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting - Tuesday, 11 August, 2009**8 INFORMATION ITEMS****8.1 Letter of Thanks for Animal Awareness Week – 22 – 28 June 2009**

Document No. 1608388 (02/07/09) Common Number 1519779

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

THAT the incoming letter from the NT Government, Director Animal Welfare, thanking Council for its involvement and support of Animal Awareness Week 22 – 28 June 2009, Document Number 1608388, be received and noted.

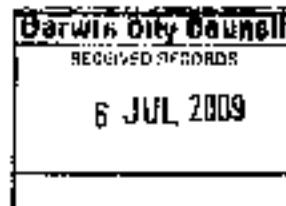




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Mr Jeff Borella
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Dear Mr Borella

On behalf of the Animal Welfare Branch, I would like to express my thanks to you and the team at Darwin City Council for your support of Animal Awareness Week 22-28 June 2009. Your support during our inaugural Animal Awareness Week was greatly appreciated and together we were able to raise important issues regarding animal welfare amongst Territorians.

It is important that we receive support from stakeholders during Animal Awareness Week, as it helps to increase awareness of animal welfare and demonstrates to the public the vested interest in the community.

Should you have any suggestions or advice that may assist us in improving Animal Awareness Week, please contact our branch at your convenience. All feedback and recommendations will be considered for the Animal Awareness Week 2009 evaluation report.

Once again, thank you for your involvement and support of Animal Awareness Week 2009. We look forward to working with you and your team next year.

Yours sincerely

Meryl Gowin
Director Animal Welfare
2 July 2009

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DARWIN CITY COUNCIL

DATE: 04/08/09

REPORT

TO: COMMUNITY SERVICES/OPEN B

APPROVED: KC

FROM: A/GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &
CULTURAL SERVICES

APPROVED: NM

REPORT NO: 09C0132 NM:kl

COMMON
NO:

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES TEAM REPORT - JULY 2009

ITEM NO: 9.1

This report provides Council with an update of activities undertaken within the Community Services program during July 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

Human Resources

Tania Sellers commenced as Family & Children's Services Coordinator on 20 July 2009. The position had been vacant since early this year and the duties of the position were covered by the Community Services Program Support Officer during that time.

Secure Taxi Rank Project

Community and Cultural Services continue to facilitate stakeholder engagement in the secure taxi rank project.

The Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DPI) tabled the evaluation of the rank at a stakeholder meeting on July 2 and options regarding the recurrent funding were discussed. The trial has been extended until September in order for the funding of the rank to be resolved.

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Darwin Alcohol Management Plan

Community and Cultural Services has commenced discussions with the Executive Director of the Department of Justice's Licensing, Regulation and Alcohol Strategy regarding the possible development of an Alcohol Management Plan to address the adverse impacts of alcohol upon the Darwin locale.

Community and Cultural Services has also commenced participation in a cross-sector group which aims to develop a Liquor Accord in the Casuarina Business District as a means to address the adverse effects of alcohol in the precinct.

Interagency Tasking Coordination Group

Community and Cultural Services attended all ITCG meetings in May.

Walkways

Community and Cultural Services continues to undertake a community engagement and problem solving process with a number of residents concerned about aspects of the walkways adjacent to their homes and has reported to COG regarding post-assessment recommendations in relation to the closure and retention of walkways.

Darwin Entertainment Centre

Community and Cultural Services continues to progress and resolve DEC issues as they emerge including the signing and sealing of the one year funding agreement, the request for additional funds and the matter of the constitution in conjunction with the General Manager.

Parap Site Re-development

Community and Cultural Services has secured a commitment from NTG's Sport and Recreation for a contribution to the Parap Site Re-development Master Plan and when NTG procurement processes are clarified, the Master Plan will be progressed.

East Point Military Museum

Community and Cultural Services continues to engage with the East Point Museum Re-development Advisory Committee to progress the formative stages of planning for the redevelopment of the museum. In a report to the 1st Ordinary meeting in August, a recommendation will be made for the NTG to present an overview of the proposal in September and for Elected Members to participate in a workshop in October to ensure Council is fully informed regarding the project.

Community and Cultural Services continues to support the Royal Australian Artillery Association in its resumed role as the operator of the museum (as of July 17) as required.

Lyons Neighbourhood Building

Community and Cultural Services has now met with Elton Consultants to commence collaborative work in relation to this process and is awaiting feedback and clarification from its NT Manager in regards to the repairs and maintenance of public art relevant to the managing of the building.

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Bombing of Darwin and Military History Advisory Committee

The inaugural Bombing of Darwin and Military Advisory Committee meeting has been scheduled for August 19.

Casuarina Business Precinct

Community and Cultural Services continues to participate in the key stakeholder group oversighting the implementation of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design recommendations in relation to the Casuarina Business District, in particular the exploration of the feasibility of the development of a Liquor Accord to address the adverse impact of alcohol on the locale.

Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation Transport Program

Community and Cultural Services provided support to LNAC in an endeavour to locate swags and personal belongings of two "service recipients" via contacts with Parks and Wildlife and the police (including First Response) and reiterated Council's commitment to positive conduct in relation to the application of by-laws regarding the removal of personal property.

Council of Capital City Lord Mayors (CCCLM)

Community and Cultural Services participated in a Housing Affordability and Homelessness workshop jointly hosted by CCCLM and the Federal Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs by presenting an overview of these issues in the Darwin locale and contributing to the development of strategies to address them.

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)

A special meeting of DAC's Planning/Parking Sub Committee was held on 13 July to discuss the ways in which the proposed Australian Disability Parking Scheme will affect disabled parking permit holders in the Darwin municipality and to formulate feedback about the scheme from individual DAC members. Concerns regarding the proposed Australian Disability Parking Scheme raised at the special meeting were the subject of a report to Council on 28 July 2009 and Council resolved that they be endorsed and submitted as Council's initial response to the proposed Australian Disability Parking Scheme.

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Community Grants Program

Darwin City Council's Community Grants Program assists projects or events directly benefiting and promoting the City of Darwin and which have broad community appeal. The funding is disbursed bi-annually in July and January each year. CSO, with the assistance of the Communications and Marketing Officer, is exploring the possibility of updating the grant application form prior to applications for the 2nd round of 2009/2010 Community Grants Program being invited in September.

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 fifth planning meeting for DAW 2009 was held on 28 July and details for events to be held during the week have been finalised. The DAW 2009 poster and flier are nearing completion. The varied program of events for the week include a free movie night at Deckchair cinema and a Happiness and Well Being Market in Raintree Park from which radio Territory FM 104.1 will broadcast live. The live broadcast will provide an opportunity to raise awareness regarding disability issues and services as well as promoting events for the week. The next preparation meeting is scheduled for 11 August at which wording for promotional segments during the live broadcast will be discussed.

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. CSO, 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. A poster and flyer promoting Council's scheduled Seniors Month events were distributed during July and information regarding planned activities is available on Council's website. A high volume of bookings have already been received for the scheduled activities which include a Historical Fiction Writing Workshop, Yoga session, four Tai Chi sessions, two Aqua-Aerobic sessions, two Boxercise sessions, a Bus Tour, MP3/Ipod information session and a film night at the Deckchair Cinema. In addition, the FREEPS event on Sunday 16 August will have activities designed specifically for Seniors with afternoon tea provided. All activities are free of charge for senior members of the community.

Inter-agency Networks

- **Assistive Technology in Council Libraries**
 CSO attended a meeting facilitated by Council's Graduate Librarian to discuss options for improving public access to technology within the Darwin City Council Libraries. The aim of the meeting was to address the possibilities for improving Assistive Technology and inclusivity for all library members - especially members with a disability. The meeting was well attended by representatives from community organisations and members of DAC who provided feedback which will be collated into a report on the Assistive Technology computers found in Council's Libraries.

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ARTS & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee (ACDAC)

ACDAC's third meeting for the year was held on 23 July 2009. One issue that was raised during the meeting was the possibility of allowing for more open and creative discussion during the meeting, based upon the Committee's identified Priorities for the year ahead. The committee is looking forward to contributing to the city planning process for Public Art in the CBD and suburbs.

Origins – 1 July 2009

A debriefing session for Origins was held between Corrugated Iron Youth Arts and Council staff three weeks following the event. CIYA staff undertook a headcount at the event and estimate that up to 3000 people attended over the course of the night, with a peak number of 2200 in the Park at one point in time. The event thus fulfilled the expectations it set out to achieve. CIYA passed on their thanks to Council for its support in making the event happen.

Photos of the event are now available.

Live Music at Casuarina Library

The music program at Casuarina Library continues to grow with great feedback from the musicians, library staff and library goers. The upcoming August program will feature country music icon Beverley McShanag, local guitarist Glenn Bellis, NSW alt-country singer songwriter Kieren Glasgow, and Darwin favourite Jess Ribeiro who will be in town to perform at the Darwin Festival with her band The Bone Collectors.

Traveller's Walk Mosaic

Artist Techy Masero will undertake repair of the Traveller's Walk Mosaic with a view to restoring the mosaic in September – October 2009.

Public Art – Smith St Mall

Council has engaged Cathy Hunt from Positive Solutions to oversee the commission of new Public Art for the Smith St Mall. The Arts and Cultural Development Officer will be mentored during the commission process to build skills in this area.

Visioning process for Public Art in the CBD

Positive Solutions has also been engaged to oversee a planning and visioning process for Public Art in the Darwin CBD, tying into Council's current city planning work. This project will commence in August or September 2009.

Cultural Village Totem Poles

Tract Consultants have undertaken a site analysis of potential sites for the Cultural Village Totem Poles that fulfil the requirements of Cultural Village of the NT, for example a coastal setting, accessibility and the need for amenities. CVNT will now consult with their wider membership and will advise on their preferred sites. A report will then be made to Council for consideration.

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Art Exhibitions in Council Facilities

A letter has been written to local schools inviting the participation of their Arts Department in creating Art exhibitions for Council facilities including the Civic Centre and Council libraries. Meetings will be sought with interested Arts Coordinators to discuss the project. This project may take 3 – 6 months to establish.

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 can be viewed at www.grindonline.com.au

The website was well accessed through July with over 3,600 page views and 522 visits. GRIND met in July and organised the public launch at Casuarina Square Shopping Centre to be held on Friday 31 July. The website has been very well received by the GRIND team.

Youth Advisory Group (YAG)

The Youth Advisory Group did not meet in July due to school holidays. However members of YAG have met informally to help arrange a meeting with the Hon Malarndirri McCarthy and YAG for Thursday 6 August.

Youth Services Trainee

The Youth Services Trainee continues to assist Youth Services in all its projects, of particular note this month the trainee has assisted in the production of posters and promotional material for the GRIND launch on Friday 31 July, Sister Cities' Calendar, Seniors' Month and the Variety Liberty Swing.

Council Libraries

YSO and YST assisted Darwin Libraries with the Harry Potter quiz night.

INTERAGENCY NETWORKS

- TCG Patrol
YSO attended participated in a foot patrol with NT Police, First Response and the Office of Youth Affairs at Lake Leanyer.
- Darwin Community Arts
YSO met with Darwin Community Arts and the Brotherz Project to outline support for a street art project as part of the Darwin Festival.

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- Response Abilities Pathways
 YSO attended an information session "Connecting with Young People in Crisis".

FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Tania Sellers commenced as Family & Children's Services Coordinator on 20 July 2009.

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

Fun in the Parks

Council's Fun in the Parks is a 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. The mid year school holiday program of Fun in the Parks operated successfully from Monday 22 June through to 17 July with high attendance.

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Child Care Centres

Council sponsors seven Child Care Centres in the provision and maintenance of the buildings. Council also assists Childcare Centres in obtaining grants from the NT and Commonwealth Governments and project manages the works where applicable. Council is currently progressing plans for installation of an accessible bathroom in the toddler's area at the Malak Family Centre.

Early Childhood Education and Care - Reform

The Council of Australia Government (COAG) held a public information session on the National Quality Agenda for Early Childhood Education and Child Care in Darwin on the 27 July 2009. COAG released a series of options to improve early childhood education and child care, which are set out in the Consultation Regulation Impact Statement. The Impact Statement sets out the reasons why we need to strengthen the quality of early childhood education and care, explains the changes under consideration, assesses the relative costs and benefits of each of the options and sets out the consultation process.

COAG has agreed that a jointly governed, unified national system will replace current licensing and quality assurance processes for both children's services and pre-school. It also includes:

- Lower staff child ratios;
- Higher staff qualification requirements;
- Quality standards for early childhood education and child care services; and
- A new rating system designed to give parents more information about the quality of their child's early education and care service.

A copy of the Consultation Regulation Impact Statement is available via DEEWR website: www.deewr.gov.au/Earlychildhood or by telephoning DEEWR on 1800 220 425 . The closing date for submissions of feedback regarding the National Quality Agenda for Early Childhood Education and Child Care is Monday 31 August 2009.

Children's Week

Children's Week is held in October every year. FCSC met with Early Childhood Australia NT Branch and Territory Childcare Group (which encompasses the Darwin Family Day Care program) to plan and organise the launch of Children's Week at the Water Gardens on Wednesday 28 October 2009.

SISTER CITIES PROGRAM

There were no Sister Cities meetings held in July 2009, however all committees have meetings scheduled for August 2009. The minutes of these Community Committee meetings will be reported to Council as separate reports for either information of with recommendations.

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Sister Cities Australia Annual Conference 2009

The Sister Cities Officer and one Sister Cities Community Committee member attended the 2009 Sister Cities Australia Conference which was held in Tamworth, NSW from 19 to 22 July 2009.

The 2010 Sister Cities Australia National Conference will be held in Rockhampton, Queensland from 11 to 14 July 2010.

A report will be submitted to Council next year to ascertain Council's attendance at this conference.

RECREATION SERVICES

Playgrounds & Exercise Stations

Urban Enhancement Program (UEP) funded by the Northern Territory Government (NTG) – three parks will be upgraded in August, these parks are:

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

The Community Recreation Coordinator (CRC) has consulted with Parks staff regarding the location of equipment within each park with reference to significant trees and other factors. Orders have been placed with suppliers and installation will commence in August.

Nightcliff Foreshore Exercise Stations and Historical Markers:

- Commence installation 10 August
- Installation to be complete by 20 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. These projects also mark the completion of UEP funded playground upgrades.

FREEPS 2009, 3 – 6pm

- Sun 16 August – Jingili Water Gardens Regional Playground
- Sun 13 Sept – Casuarina Swimming Pool

August FREEPS event will incorporate Seniors Month – a range of community organisations with relevance to Seniors provision will be invited to attend as stall-holders to promote their services &/or programs.

Bagot Oval

- Commence 10 August
- Completion expected by 12 September

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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 and Option 2 will involve lights on the perimeter of the oval.

Casuarina Pool Feasibility Study

The CRC has engaged Strategic Leisure to produce a feasibility study on Casuarina Pool. This study will provide information on:

- The life expectancy of the pool;
- Ongoing feasibility of the pool in relation to the introduction of additional aquatics facilities in the Darwin area;
- Identification of the considerations and operations involved if the pool was recommended for closure.

Parks and Leisure Australia

The Parks and Leisure Australia (PLA) National Conference will be held in Darwin from Sunday 13 September to Wednesday 16 September. This conference is of particular interest to staff in the Parks and Community Services areas.

Waratah Sports Club

CCS continues to participate, in conjunction with the Corporate Services Department, in meetings to progress the future of the Waratahs Sports Club.

Stinger Nets

CCS, in conjunction with Council's Infrastructure Department, met with consultants engaged by NT Department of Planning and Infrastructure to discuss the possibility of the installation of a stinger net at a beach within the Darwin Municipality.

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

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Goal Facilitate and Maintain a Cohesive Community

Outcome Facilitate community access and inclusion

Key Strategies

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

Goal Facilitate and Maintain a Cohesive Community

Outcome Promote Darwin's culture

Key Strategies

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

Goal Promote Brand Darwin

Outcome Promote our Darwin city

Key Strategies

- 6.2.4 Strengthen international relationships through Sister Cities and other activities

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil pertinent to this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

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.

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COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil. This report is informational.

DELEGATION:

This report is presented for information only.

CONSULTATION:

Each Community Service Team Officer has contributed to this report.

PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:

Not pertinent to this report.

APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE

Not pertinent to this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority that Report Number REPORTNUMBER entitled Community Services Team Report – July 2009, be received and noted.

NANCY MCCANN
ACTING MANAGER COMMUNITY
SERVICES

KAREN CONWAY
A/GENERAL MANAGER
COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES

Any queries on this report may be directed to Nancy McCann on 89300560

ENCL: NO

DARWIN CITY COUNCIL**DATE:** 04/08/09**REPORT****TO:** COMMUNITY SERVICES/OPEN B**APPROVED:** KC**FROM:** A/GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &
CULTURAL SERVICES**APPROVED:** GW**REPORT NO:** 09C0129 GW:mh**COMMON NO:** 1330602**SUBJECT:** REGULATORY SERVICES MONTHLY UPDATE – JULY 2009**ITEM NO: 9.2****SYNOPSIS:**

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

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

During the month of July, parking enforcement resources were at full capacity. CBD officers continued to patrol The Mall to ensure performers acquired the appropriate permit and adhered to the conditions of the permit. Officers spoke to several people for riding bikes and provided information to overseas and interstate visitors within the CBD district.

Suburban Parking

A dedicated suburban parking officer carried out patrols of the shopping centre carparks for breaches of traffic regulations including vehicles not displaying the appropriate permit for parking in a disabled bay, parking longer than indicated and illegally parking in bus and taxi zones.

The patrols conducted through the following shopping areas: Cullen Bay, Fannie Bay, Parap, Nightcliff, Alawa, Casuarina, Hibiscus, Karama, Rapid Creek and Stuart Park.

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Council places a public notice advertisement in the Northern Territory News every six weeks advising the general public of the offence under By Law 101 (vehicles for sale in public places). Suburban officers patrolled the municipality for vehicles advertised for sale in public places such as the corner of Stoddard Drive and Tiger Brennan Drive, Stuart Highway opposite the Defence Force Establishment Brerrimah and Vanderlin Drive, Karama.

Parap, Rapid Creek and Nightcliff markets are patrolled every weekend. Patrol hours are between 9.00am and 12 noon on Saturdays and Sundays.

Public Places

The Public Places Officers and General Officers investigated customer action requests covering abandoned vehicles, long grass, litter, storage containers on public places, stacking and storing of items in public places, and encroachment on to a public place from private property.

Regulatory Services Officers have been working with the NT Police to reduce the number of illegal campers at Mindil Beach, East Point, CBD carparks, Vestey's Beach and the Nightcliff foreshore. The action resulted in the identified areas being cleared, making it accessible for all public visitors.

Council Officers were involved in enforcing a Firecracker Freezone at Mindil Beach. 10 Regulatory Officers with the NT Police patrolled entry and exit points and informed the public upon entering the firecracker free zone. The night was deemed a success from the community and only 1 infringement was issued for light/throw fireworks in a public place.

ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

Control

The animal pound tender has been awarded to the Ark Animal Welfare Services. There was a matter with a dog escaping the pound this month by chewing its way out of the rear enclosure of a dangerous dog cage. The wire will be replaced on these cages with the type of material used on the front of the cages and the front entry gate to the pound will be fitted with a self closing mechanism. These actions may help reduce this type of incident in the future. The dog has since been returned to its owner by a member of the public.

No severe animal attacks have been recorded this month; however there was a constant stream of low level attacks. There have been a large number of barking complaints and 2 Officers have been dedicated to investigate the claims.

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On the evening of Territory Day 5 Officers were on duty. 1 of the Officers was situated in the Civic Centre answering calls from the public and the after hours call out phone the remaining 4 Officers were in dedicated dog trucks and responded to the calls. Majority of the dogs caught were returned to their owners without a fine. Where no owner could be contacted the dogs were impounded and no fines were issued.

For the 3 to 4 days after the event dogs continued to escape from their yards due to fireworks. There was a grace period of 3 days whereby the dogs were returned to owners and no fines were issued. The number of dogs at large was significantly less than that of last year.

Education

Council's Animal Education Officer and five other Animal Management staff manned a display at the DCC Stage Tent at the Royal Darwin Show 23 – 25 July. Information sheets and colour-in sheets were given away, staff talked with visitors and discussed various animal management issues.

Networking with local dog breeders and Cat Association members at their displays was very useful to Education staff.

On Wednesday 29 July 2009 the Animal Education Officer presented 2 sessions about pet needs and dog safety to 5 and 6 year old students at Parap Primary School. Surplus goodie bags from the Million Paws Walk were given to the students.

The recently appointed animal education officer has successfully completed her 3 month probationary period.

There are no particular implications pertaining to this report.

DELEGATION:

Decision 20\1642 (16/6/09)

That effective as of 1 July 2009 Council, pursuant to Section 32(2)(b) of the Local Government Act 2008 delegates to the Community and Cultural Services Committee the power to make recommendations to Council and make decisions of a minor nature relating to Community And Cultural matters within the approved budget.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority that Report Number 09C0129 GW:mh entitled Regulatory Services Monthly Update, be received and noted.

GARY WRIGHT
A/MANAGER REGULATORY
SERVICES

KAREN CONWAY
A/GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY
& CULTURAL SERVICES

Any queries on this report may be directed to Gary Wright on 89300421.

ENCL: NO

DARWIN CITY COUNCIL

DATE: 31/07/09

REPORT**TO:** COMMUNITY SERVICES/OPEN B**APPROVED:** KC**FROM:** A/GENERAL MANAGER
COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES**REPORT NO:** 09P0009 KC:md**COMMON NO:** 1518200**SUBJECT:** LIBRARIES INFORMATION UPDATE FOR JULY 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 at the library continues to be well received by our customers and the musicians who are booked to play. This is what Emma Connellan had to say, *"I really enjoyed playing at the library - there was such a lovely community feel to it; the audience was diverse from young to old and it was great to play at a non-smoking venue! Thank you for supporting local musicians."*

The meeting room has been booked regularly over the past six months since the reopening of the Casuarina library after the refurbishment. There are five regular groups who book the room on a weekly basis. In total over 3000 people have used the room and it's had over 435 hours of use.

The electronic returns bin has being installed and is operational at Casuarina Library & we have had the DCC Safety Officer check procedures and use of the bin.

Casuarina Library has engaged a second volunteer to assist in the delivery of our Housebound Service to commence in August.

Council of the Ageing Northern Territory are holding information sessions at Casuarina Library commencing 30 July. First session is Quality Use of Medicines "What Pills are U Popping?".

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A DCC Network outage scheduled for Sunday 5 July caused disruption to the library services as we had no access to E-mail, internet or Virtua, which meant library staff had to use back up procedures for issuing library items and the customers had no access to the public computers.

Karama has experienced a significant increase in the number of temporary members joining the library over the past two months, since the dry season commenced. Our proximity to the Malak Caravan Park means that many Grey Nomads utilise our facilities and often, the same visitors return each year.

From the end of July the libraries have begun SMS'ing all overdue to our customers. We initiated a trial of SMS'ing overdue from Karama Library only for a period of 6 months. This has proved to be successful and most of the feedback we've received from our customers has been positive.

Recruitment for Library Assistants is ongoing, two new staff are due to commence in August. Two new casuals have been trained to work in libraries as needed.

E-mail and Internet training sessions are continuing at Nightcliff, City and Casuarina libraries.

CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES:

July has been a busy rewarding month in C&YS. Holiday activities sessions have again proved very successful. We had 100% capacity across the program. The theme 'Passport to Fun' gave us room to host an interesting array of activities. Each library presented activities for 3 weeks which went very well. Last week of the holidays saw Casuarina Library host a Wind Up Party. The party, as with all the other sessions had a huge response. The library was a buzz with kids participating in the various international acts. The finale included party food, complete with ice-cream, supplied by Cold-Rock Ice-creamery, who once again supported the library programs.

The Children and Youth Services Librarian has begun planning for the book week events to be held in August. The theme this year is 'Book Safari'.

The Children and Youth Services Librarian and the Children and Youth Services Technician will be attending the Australian Gathering of Storytellers Conference in Sydney this month. Storytellers from around the country and from New Zealand will be presenting information sessions on storytelling.

KAOS continues to be a successful evening for the local youth. An average of 12 teenagers attend each session held monthly at Karama Library. The youth thoroughly enjoy having the library all to themselves and have even started borrowing items which is fantastic.

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June / July Holiday Program report - Monday 22 June to 18 July

Week 1 - African Drums

John Kabalo who grew up in Congo was the presenter for this activity. John started the activity by telling the children about the African way of life and then the children wanted to know about the wild animals of Africa. After a short insight into the history of drumming, they got into creating their drums and then John had them drumming in rhyme which they thought was pretty cool. John enjoyed sharing his culture with the many that attended & they all gave him a big thank you applause.

Karama: 31 Children 12 Adults
 Casuarina: 53 Children 16 Adults
 Nightcliff: 31 Children 10 Adults
 City: 32 Children 14 Adults

Week 2 - Sushi

Takako who grew up in Tokyo was the presenter for this activity. Children got a chance to create Samurai hats and origami baskets to store the sushi. It was then time for the children to make their own yummy sushi, again with step by step instructions. They ended up with a tuna & corn roll and a chicken and avocado one. Takako also enjoyed sharing her culture with the many that attended.

Karama: 20 Children 8 Adults
 Casuarina: 44 Children 21 Adults
 Nightcliff: 41 Children 16 Adults
 City: 43 Children 22 Adults

Week 3 - Piñatas

Our Children & Youth Services team presented this activity. At the border of Mexico their passports were stamped so they could enter Mexico to learn how to make piñatas. We had a few illegal immigrants, however they joined in and had a great time making their piñatas. The session started with a few facts about Mexico and a quick lesson on how to make their piñatas and the mad fun began with making piñatas, masks and whacking sticks. This event had lots of enthusiasm, colour & interesting designs, making it a successful holiday programme activity.

Karama: 27 Children 14 Adults
 Casuarina: 48 Children 19 Adults
 Nightcliff: 17 Children 5 Adults
 City: 39 Children 19 Adults

Breakfast with Books at Karama Library

On Saturday July 4th Karama Library held a Breakfast with Books celebrating our favourite American authors as it was American Independence Day. An American visitor explained to the group why Independence Day is important to Americans and how it is celebrated in that country. A group of 36 children and accompanying adults then enjoyed listening to some of our favourite American authors, Eric Carle, Jane Yolen, and Olivier Dunrea. We then feasted on muffins and juice – a fun morning!

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Harry Potter trivia morning at the City Library was attended by the Honourable Minister for Magic Lord Mayor Bufo Marinus. The event apart from a few technical issues went really well. All the kids participated willingly and easily answered all the (so we thought) hard Harry Potter quiz questions. Library staff provided the food, such as Hagrid's rock cakes and Bertie's all flavoured bots. The Honourable Lord Mayor did a fantastic job during the event reading out questions and generally keeping the kids amused. 11 young adults and 10 adults attended this session. Five double passes to movies were kindly donated to us by Birch Carroll and Coyle. Library staff had assistance from Community Services Youth Services and the IT department in organising a laptop for the morning.

Week 4 - Wind-Up Party @ Casuarina Library:

The international Passport to Fun holiday program ended with a piñatas splitting shebang. This was a chance for our excited travellers to gather together before school resumed and win some prizes by entering their passports into a draw. Library staff Karen and Kate dressed in African and Spanish costumes and began the party. It started with the African dancers from Liberia. Debra introduced her troupe and exhibited two dances while we cheered and clapped showing our appreciation for the dancers. We also had Kylie from Melaleuca Refugee Centre demonstrate two dances Japanese style. Kylie skilfully used a hand held fan and twirled an umbrella to tell a Japanese story.

Snacks were provided and consumed pretty quickly and while everyone enjoyed mingling, Kate and Karen pulled out a few names from the entry box and gave away prizes of book and ice-cream vouchers.

It was then time to smash open the piñatas. This created a lot of enthusiastic kids wanting to have their turn at hitting the piñata & it created quite a frenzy when it was finally smashed open. There were a few tears from kids who were knocked over or stomped on in the rush to collect lollies and toys. To soothe them, two ice-cream cakes were brought out. This went down very well with some wanting seconds.

More prizes were given away and the karaoke had a couple of contenders as the party drew to an end. All in all the party was a good achievement making this a successful holiday programme for 2009.

Over the course of the holiday program 473 children under the age of eighteen and 201 parents accessed the activities and fun events on offer from the Darwin City Council Libraries. All activities were run at the Darwin City Council Libraries and venues. We made use of Council owned facilities such as libraries and meeting rooms. The program was publicised through local newspapers, Darwin City Council's web site and through out all Darwin City Council Libraries.

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DISPLAYS:

Holiday Program	Harry Potter
MS Read-a-thon	KROC displays
Seniors month	Numeracy & Literacy
NAIDOC Week	Charles Darwin 200 Celebration
Australian Authors	Insects
Pirates and the Sea	New children's books (JPBs)

STAFF TRAINING:

Staff training is kept to a minimum during the school holidays. All senior staff at the libraries attended Interplan training.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY/VIRTUA:

The Online Resources Coordinator met with technicians from Area9 about the possible installation of wireless technology in the Casuarina and City Libraries.

The Online Resources Coordinator attended a demonstration on Ex Libris Primo library management system at the Northern Territory Library in Winnellie.

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.

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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

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority that Report Number 09P0009 KC:MD entitled Libraries Information Update For July 2009, be received and noted.

**KAREN CONWAY
A/GENERAL MANAGER
COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES**

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

ENCL: YES

DARWIN CITY COUNCIL

DATE: 31/7/09

REPORT**TO:** COMMUNITY SERVICES/OPEN A**APPROVED:** JB**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &
CULTURAL SERVICES**APPROVED:** NM**REPORT NO:** 09C0127 AR:kl**APPROVED:** AR**COMMON NO:** 1622482**SUBJECT:** ARTS AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(ACDAC) MINUTES 23 JULY 2009**ITEM NO: 9.4****SYNOPSIS:**

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

GENERAL:

The Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee (ACDAC) held its third meeting for 2009 on 23 July.

The committee welcomed new Chairperson Alderman Robyn Lesley and new member Hania Radvan, Director Arts NT.

The committee also recommended the reappointment of Mr Bong Ramilo, Executive Officer of Darwin Community Arts, to the Committee.

The committee noted its interest to participate in the city planning process for Public Art being undertaken by Positive Solutions. The committee would welcome the opportunity to be consulted on potential Public Art sites in the CBD.

The committee asked that Council consider purchasing works of art by local artists (including visual arts and music CDs) to be used as gifts in line with Council's gift giving protocol. The Arts and Cultural Development Officer is currently compiling a list of items recommended by the Committee and this will be provided to the Lord Mayor's office for consideration.

The committee were positive about the suggestion that the Crocodile Sculpture owned by Council (currently in Customer Services) be relocated to Jingili Water Gardens and requested that this option be investigated further.

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil pertaining to this report.

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:

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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:

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

COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:

Relocation of the Crocodile Sculpture to Jingili Water Gardens would be undertaken with the aid of the Infrastructure Department in line with Public Safety considerations.

DELEGATION:

A Council decision is required.

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CONSULTATION:

Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee (ACDAC)

PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:

Nil pertaining to this report.

APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE

Nil pertaining to this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 09C0127 AR:kl entitled Arts And Cultural Development Advisory Committee (ACDAC) Minutes 23 July 2009, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council reappoint Mr Bong Ramilo, Executive Officer Darwin Community Arts, as a member of the Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee for a 2 year term commencing 1 August 2009 to 31 July 2011 in accordance with Section 54 of the NT Local Government Act 2008.

ALICE RAE
ARTS AND CULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

JOHN BANKS
GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &
CULTURAL SERVICES

Any queries on this report may be directed to Alice Rae on 8930 0674



MINUTES OF THE ARTS & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

**Held Thursday 23rd July 2009
at Darwin City Council**

1. PRESENT

Alderman Robyn Lesley	Chair, Darwin City Council
Alderman Greg Jarvis	Alternate Delegate Darwin City Council
Ms Hania Radvan	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
Ms Leonie McNally	Community Representative
Mr Ken Conway	Community Representative
Ms Natalie Jacobson	Palmerston City Council
Mr Peter Lindwall	Strategic Planner, DCC
Ms Alice Rae	Arts and Cultural Development Officer, DCC

2. APOLOGIES

Alderman Helen Galton	Alternate Delegate Darwin City Council
Mr Tony Clementson	General Manager, Tourism Top End
Ms Elizabeth Close	Executive Director, National Trust
Mr Bong Ramilo	EO, Brown's Mart
Mr John Banks	GM Community & Cultural Services, DCC

Meeting opened 12.00 pm.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes from the meeting held 14 May 2009 accepted as a true and accurate record, with one amendment:

Item 4.6. 'Chinatown Screening', was amended to say:

"It was suggested that Council look into the feasibility of using a heavy mesh pre-printed canvas scrim. This would not be permanent. A design could be pre-printed onto it prior to installation."

Moved Anne Dunn. Seconded Felicity Green. Carried.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 ACDAC Terms of Reference

The ACDAC Terms of Reference, which have recently been updated, were noted.

4.2 ACDAC membership

Recommendation: THAT Council reappoint Mr Bong Ramilo as a member of the Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee for a 2 year term commencing 1 August 2009 to 31 July 2011 in accordance with Section 54 of the NT Local Government Act 2008:

Moved Peter Lindwall. Seconded Felicity Green. Carried.

4.3 Charles Darwin Commemorative Artwork

The committee noted the positive feedback that has been generated by the HMS Beagle Ship Bell Chime artwork, both at the launch and at the multi Arts event Origins. It was noted that the next stage of development will involve the commission of new works to expand the musical program.

4.4 Public Art Proposal – Carol Phayer

Local Artist Carol Phayer has contacted Council with a proposal for a new work of Public Art titled "3 Red Trajectories".

Action: That the artist be thanked for her submission and notified that Civic Park cannot currently be considered as a location for permanent artworks, however that city planning for Public Art is currently being undertaken and this process will generate a list of sites that may be considered suitable for future works of Public Art. The artist is advised to pursue future Public Art opportunities advertised by Council as they arise.

It was noted that the previous Council at one time endorsed the commission of a Civic Park masterplan to investigate current and future uses of the Park in particular as an Arts venue.

Action: ACDO to research the history and progress of the Civic Park materplan and forward details to the committee.

Action: Civic Park to be included in the city planning process being undertaken by Positive Solutions.

4.5 Arts and Cultural Development Priorities 2009-2010 - Reporting

The Arts and Cultural Development Officer will report against each of the identified Arts and Cultural Development Priorities 2009-2010 starting from the next meeting on 17 September.

4.6 Arts and Cultural Development Project Updates

- Tract Consultants have completed a Site Analysis for The Cultural Village of the NT looking at various sites for the Cultural Village Symbolic Poles which fulfil the criteria of CVNT. The CVNT are now considering possible sites and will report back to Council in the next few months. It is anticipated that the Symbolic Poles will be installed at the start of the next Dry season.
- The Live Music at Casuarina Library program continues to grow and to be enjoyed by all who participate in and attend the concerts.
- Local artist Techy Masero will undertake repairs of the Traveller's Walk Mosaic in September – October.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 Crocodile Sculpture

The committee considered the request to relocate the Crocodile sculpture to the Jingili Water Gardens (fenced off area). The committee was supportive of this option being followed up.

Action: ACDO to contact the artists (Roach and Jane) and liaise with the Infrastructure Dept. about the possibility of relocating the Crocodile Sculpture to Jingili Water Gardens.

5.2 Charles Darwin designs

Local artist Catherine Paton has produced a limited edition of hand drawn framed prints of Charles Darwin and The Beagle which she is offering for sale. It has been proposed that these could be considered for gifts for visitors to the city.

Action: That the request from artist Catherine Paton be referred to the Lord Mayor's office and Sister Cities Officer.

Action: That Council consider, as part of its gift giving protocol, purchasing artworks by local artists as Lord Mayoral gifts.

Action: ACDO to call on the committee to add to a database of artworks that could potentially be purchased as Council gifts including visual arts, music CDs, etc.

5.1 Members Updates

Darwin Festival

The Darwin Festival opens in 3 weeks.

Civic Park is being prepared as main festival venue.

Opening event is free Santos concert, this year at the Amphitheatre (same night as Mindil Beach markets).

There will be shuttle buses running from town so people can park cars in town. Civic Park venue opens on Friday 14 August.

Darwin City Waterfront

Six new Public Art pieces are being installed, another 2 by end September.

Togart awards to be held on 3rd September.

Arts NT

Arts NT has undergone a restructure and now has more positions based in Alice Springs.

Public Forums were held earlier this year to discuss new directions including more focus on regional services and delivery, more partnerships with local government, making art at the heart of what we do, arts and lifelong learning.

Top End Arts

A new web format of Off the Leash is being developed to allow comments.

The Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair being held 13-15 August at the Chan Building, 32 Art Centres registered which is a substantial increase from last year.

Alison Copley has received a Churchill Fellowship to look at indigenous festivals around the world.

Leonie McNally

While visiting the UK had the opportunity to participate in "Darwin 200" bicentennial celebrations for Charles Darwin.

Palmerston City Council

Palmerston Festival was held on 31st May.

Received some great entries for Arts competitions this year including postcard competition.

The Cultural Development Officer position has now been renamed as an Event Coordinator position.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

7. NEXT MEETING

Thursday 18 June 2009 12.30-2pm Meeting Room 1

Meeting closed 1.00 pm.

Summary of Recommendations

Recommendation: THAT Council reappoint Mr Bong Ramilo as a member of the Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee for a 2 year term commencing 1 August 2009 to 31 July 2011 in accordance with Section 54 of the NT Local Government Act 2008:

Moved Peter Lindwall. Seconded Felicity Green. Carried.

Summary of Actions

Action: That the artist be thanked for her submission and notified that Civic Park cannot currently be considered as a location for permanent artworks, however that city planning for Public Art is currently being undertaken and this process will generate a list of sites that may be considered suitable for future works of Public Art. The artist is advised to pursue future Public Art opportunities advertised by Council as they arise.

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9 OFFICERS REPORTS**9.5 Libraries Statistical Report for April, May & June 2009**

Report No.09P0010 KC:md (31/07/09) Common No.1518200

Report Number 09P0010 has been distributed separately with the Business Papers.



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Nil

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