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## DARWIN CITY COUNCIL

### COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

**MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2009**

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

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

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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,<br>Playing Fields, Public Pools<br>and other Council Facilities | * Social Planning and Advocacy |
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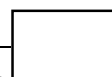


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Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting – Monday, 14 September, 2009

## 1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

## 2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

### 2.1 Apologies

### 2.2 Leave of Absence Granted

THAT it be noted that The Right Worshipful, The Lord Mayor, Mr G R Sawyer is an apology due to a Leave of Absence being previously granted on 30 June 2009 for the period 11 – 27 September 2009.

DECISION NO.20\() (14/09/09)

## 3 ELECTED MEMBERS CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

## 4 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil



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Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting – Monday, 14 September, 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 Monday, 14 September 2009, be received and all recommendations contained therein be adopted by general consent with the exception of Item Number .....

DECISION NO.20\() (14/09/09)

**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, 11 August 2009, tabled by the Chairman, be received and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

DECISION NO.20\() (14/09/09)

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

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Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting – Monday, 14 September, 2009**8 INFORMATION ITEMS****8.1 Letter of Thanks for Support from Top End NAIDOC**

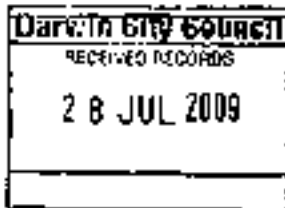
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**COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION**

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

THAT the incoming letter from Top End NAIDOC, thanking Council for its support of the 2009 Top End NAIDOC Celebrations, Document Number 1620634, be received and noted.





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 Lord Mayor  
 Darwin City Council  
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 E-mail: [lord.mayor@darwin.nt.gov.au](mailto:lord.mayor@darwin.nt.gov.au)

Dear Lord Mayor,

**RE: 2009 TOP END NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS**

On behalf of the 2009 Top End NAIDOC Committee I would like to thank the Darwin City Council for its sponsorship of the 2009 NAIDOC week celebrations. As you may be aware this year's celebrations were bigger and better than last year's.

My committee and I worked tirelessly to create and deliver a program of events that caters for the entire community and we are still receiving positive feedback from members of the public.

My committee and I are now finalising the necessary processes to close-off this year's NAIDOC week celebrations and appreciate your sponsorship to make this year's events so successful.

I am sure the 2010 Top End NAIDOC Committee (once up and running) will be in touch to discuss your involvement for next year's celebrations and the possibility of funding for the next three years.

Yours sincerely,

NGAREE AH KIT  
 Chairperson  
 2009 Top End NAIDOC Committee (Darwin)

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Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting – Monday, 14 September, 2009**8 INFORMATION ITEMS****8.2 Darwin Entertainment Centre 2008/2009 Fourth Quarter Funding Reports April to June 2009**

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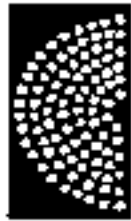
**COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION**

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

THAT the Darwin Entertainment Centre 2008/2009 Fourth Quarter Funding Reports April to June 2009, Document Number 1625555, be received and noted.







**Live!**

## **Darwin Entertainment Centre**

### **Quarterly Acquittal Report April - June 2009**

As staffing levels returned to normal, particularly in the finance area, work commenced in earnest on clearing up the large backlog in the accounts. The Board and GM began to focus on longer term strategic issues that had been put on hold during the crisis, particularly reform of the constitution.

#### **1. Shows**

Commercial bookings were good during the quarter, particularly for comedy, with Akmal and The Kransky Sisters in June, but also David Campbell, *Rhythms of Ireland* and *The New Dorothy the Dinosaur Show* in April. May was memorable for the presence of the Arafura Games weightlifting and the ensuing damage to the Playhouse stage (duly repaired by the hirer).

There were some notably successful local productions, including Komilda College's production of *The Wizard of Oz*, Duprada Dance Company's production of *Coppelia*, and Corrugated Iron Youth Arts' new work *Your Music Sux*, commissioned by DEC through funding from the Australia Council. The *NT Blues Brothers Revue* also did well in the Studio towards the end of June.

The entrepreneurial fund did very well, with the *Melbourne Comedy Festival Roadshow* achieving two sell-out performances and *Menopause the Musical* going to a third show. *Il Dago* returned to coincide with Glenti, and *Basic Training* and *The Needle and the Damage Done* were both minor successes in the Studio Theatre.

#### **2. Staffing**

DEC finally returned to a full complement of permanent staff with the appointment of a new Marketing Assistant, Emma McGrath, in June.

#### **3. Financials**

Due largely to the success of *Menopause the Musical*, the Entrepreneurial Fund will finish well ahead of budget for the year.

The operational P&L was helped by the commitment of \$50,000 additional funding from Darwin City Council, and other income also finished \$50,000 ahead of budget. Nevertheless, the company still finished with an operational deficit in the order of \$86,000 against a revised budget outcome of a \$121,000 deficit. (With the success of the Entrepreneurial Fund, the net total deficit is around \$44,000). Contributors to this final result included a doubtful debt provision of \$23,000, and excess internet usage charges caused by electrical spikes of around \$13,000.

The Local Hirens' Subsidy was virtually fully spent for the year. While this is good in terms of local use of the venue, the fund is now effectively over-subscribed. While the Eisteddfod will likely fold (freeing up \$8,000 each year), it would be impossible to accommodate Superstar Productions every second year if this level of usage continues. The Board may have to tighten the criteria further to accommodate all users.

Hamish McDonald  
General Manager

# **DARWIN ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE**

## **ENTREPRENEURIAL FUND AS AT 30 JUNE 2009**

Show Code	Date	Show	Subsidy Used	Funding	Balance
	01-Apr-09	Opening Balance			\$67,334.66
	01-Apr-09	Funding		\$17,500.00	\$104,834.66
9ERDA	02-May-09	Melbourne Comedy Festival Roadshow	-\$26,693.41		\$131,529.27
9EMAR	25-May-09	Mark Isaacs Resurgence Band	\$6,584.59		\$124,943.68
9EILD	04-Jun-09	Idaga	\$703.50		\$124,235.18
9EMEN	06-Jun-09	Menopause the Musical	-\$27,794.62		\$152,529.70
9EBAS	10-Jun-09	Basic Training	\$6,585.76		\$145,443.92
9ENEE	19-Jun-09	Needle and the Damage Done	\$5,665.19		\$139,778.73
<b>TOTAL SUBSIDY USED</b>			<b>-\$34,943.87</b>		

# **DARWIN ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE**

## **LOCAL HIRERS' SUBSIDY ALLOCATION AS AT 30 JUNE 09**

Date	Organisation	Type	Subsidy Used	Funding	Balance
01-Apr-09	Opening Balance				\$ 10,354.97
01-Apr-09	Funding			\$12,500.00	\$ 22,854.97
04-Apr-09	Tracey Sum / Leah Fanagan	Music	\$ 431.21		\$ 22,423.76
10-Apr-09	Darwin Chorale	Choral Music	\$ 2,272.73		\$ 20,151.03
09-Apr-09	Worldly	Music	\$ 681.82		\$ 19,469.21
22-Apr-09	Good Shepherd Lutheran College	Musical	\$ 1,269.39		\$ 18,199.82
24-Apr-09	Kornikla College	Musical	\$ 2,272.73		\$ 15,927.09
24-Apr-09	Sex in the Desert	Music	\$ 681.82		\$ 15,245.27
12-Jun-08	Rotary Club of Darwin	Mixed	\$ 801.10		\$ 14,444.17
08-May-09	2 Cats, 1 Hat	Music	\$ 322.82		\$ 14,121.35
09-May-09	Mark Hilton	Music	\$ 218.89		\$ 13,902.46
23-May-09	Corrugated Iron Youth Arts	Drama/Music	\$ 2,272.73		\$ 11,629.73
30-May-09	Duprada Dance Company	Ballet	\$ 2,272.73		\$ 9,356.99
21-Jun-09	Salsita Dance School	Dance	\$ 2,169.79		\$ 7,187.20
27-Jun-09	Raw NT	Music	\$ 681.82		\$ 6,505.38
<b>Total Local Hirers' Subsidy Used</b>			<b>\$ 16,348.78</b>		

# DARWIN ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE QUARTERLY ACTIVITY REPORT: APRIL - JUNE 2009

## PLAYHOUSE - PERFORMANCES

Date	Day	Time	Performance	Attendance	Capacity	%
10/04/09	Friday	8:00pm	Darwin Choral Society Concert	638	885	72%
11/04/09	Saturday	10:00am	The New Dorothy the Dinosaur Show	1001	1007	99%
12/04/09	Sunday	10:00am	The New Dorothy the Dinosaur Show	936	1007	93%
16/04/09	Wednesday	5:15pm	The Rhythms of Ireland	290	1043	28%
19/04/09	Wednesday	8:00pm	The Rhythms of Ireland	1032	1043	99%
17/04/09	Friday	8:00pm	David Campbell - The Grand Tour	cancelled		
18/04/09	Saturday	8:00pm	David Campbell - The Grand Tour			
23/04/09	Thursday	10:00am	Korralda College - The Wizard of Oz	701	885	79%
23/04/09	Thursday	7:30pm	Korralda College - The Wizard of Oz	331	885	34%
24/04/09	Friday	10:00am	Korralda College - The Wizard of Oz	324	885	34%
24/04/09	Friday	7:30pm	Korralda College - The Wizard of Oz	348	885	39%
01/05/09	Friday	8:00pm	Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roundup*	1020	1043	98%
02/05/09	Saturday	8:00pm	Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roundup*	1024	1043	98%
29/05/09	Friday	7:00pm	Lalawa School of Dancing - Coppelia	147	1007	15%
06/06/09	Thursday	8:00pm	Lalawa School of Dancing - Coppelia	242	1007	24%
07/06/09	Friday	4:00pm	Manoanua the Musical*	548	1043	52%
07/06/09	Friday	8:00pm	Manoanua the Musical*	904	1007	90%
07/06/09	Saturday	4:00pm	Manoanua the Musical*	342	1007	34%
13/06/09	Saturday	4:00pm	Manoanua the Musical*	957	1007	95%
20/06/09	Sunday	7:00pm	The Kranny Sisters	522	1043	50%
27/06/09	Friday	8:00pm	Darwin Latin Dance Festival - Fiesta Culiente	124	1007	12%
			Akmal - Live and Uncensored	702	1043	67%
Total				14330	23125	62%

## STUDIO - PERFORMANCES

Date	Day	Time	Performance	Attendance	Capacity	%
04/04/09	Saturday	8:00pm	Tracy Burn with special guest Josh Hannigan*	78	180	43%
08/04/09	Wednesday	8:00pm	Worritly - It's Too Late for Turning Back album launch	177	273	65%
24/04/09	Friday	8:00pm	Sex in the Park*	126	180	70%
25/04/09	Saturday	8:00pm	Liar - Shadows and Light Tour	272	273	100%
08/05/09	Friday	8:00pm	2 Cuts 1 Hit & Blackcorp*	63	180	35%
21/05/09	Thursday	11:00pm	Mark Hilton & the Lavender Girls*	33	180	18%
22/05/09	Friday	8:00pm	Your Music Box... But You're OK	91	180	51%
22/05/09	Friday	8:00pm	Your Music Box... But You're OK	57	180	32%
29/05/09	Friday	8:00pm	Your Music Box... But You're OK	64	180	35%
10/06/09	Wednesday	11:00pm	Your Music Box... But You're OK	142	180	79%
10/06/09	Wednesday	11:00pm	Mark Isaacs Renaissance Band*	111	180	62%
10/06/09	Wednesday	11:00pm	Mark Isaacs Renaissance Band*	79	273	29%
10/06/09	Wednesday	11:00pm	Basic Training*	185	273	68%
10/06/09	Wednesday	8:00pm	The Needle and the Damage Done*	117	180	65%
26/06/09	Friday	8:00pm	NT Blues Brother Revue*	88	180	49%
27/06/09	Saturday	8:00pm	NT Blues Brother Revue*	131	180	73%
Total				1702	2252	55%

\*Darwin performance presented or co-presented by Darwin Entertainment Centre

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

Date	Event/Activity	Activity	Venue	App attend
06/04/09	Parade	Parade Music Video shoot	Playhouse	12
21-22/04/09	Good Shepherd Lutheran College Musical Jr		Studio	360
8-16/05/09	Madison Territory Major Events	Academy Dance Workshop/Training & Powerlifting Competition (Physique)	Physique	450
15-17/05/09	NT CulturalWeeks Activities	Cultural/Dance/Solo CulturalWeeks Competition	Physique	150
03/06/09	The Australian Child Welfare Council	Every Child is Important Parent Seminar	Studio	27
17/06/09	Levy School	Dance Showcase	Studio	220
20/06/09	Levy School	Darwin Latin Dance Festival - party	Studio	100
20-21/06/09	Levy School	Darwin Latin Dance Festival - workshops	Studio	60
Total				1450

# DARWIN ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE

## QUARTERLY ACTIVITY REPORT: APRIL - JUNE 2009

### VENUE HIRE SUMMARY

Month	Total (Days)		Usage Breakdown (Days)	
	April-Jun 82	% Occupancy	Performance	Other
Playhouse	35	36%	17	10
Studio Theatre	22	24%	13	6
Exhibition Gallery	74	77%		
Rehearsal Room	76	83%		
Rehearsal Room - hours	339,215			

\*includes rehearsal

Note: Empty or usage breakdown column may exceed total days usage due to a venue being used for more than one purpose in a day

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

#### REHEARSAL ROOM HIRERS

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

Agency	Hires	Approx attend
Theresa Ferguson	4	40
Paul Shokopanta	6	25
Concepted Teen Youth Arts	1	23
Darwin Entertainment Centre	9	129
Darwin High School	1	30
Darwin Latin Dance Festival	3	39
Grey Lady	2	60
Grey School	30	234
Latin Studio	3	18
Jamaican Belly Dancers	8	86
Linda's School of Dancing	1	50
Michael Tsangaris	30	468
Paragon Talent School	11	163
Pinetree Theatre	9	549
Total	140	1987

#### GAIL FRY HIRERS

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

	Approx attend
NT Major Events - Artform Centre Installation work	150
Northern Territory Major Events - Artform Centre Accreditation Centre	2000
Grand Entry - Will to Freedom Exhibition	60
The Paul Shokopanta Company - The Taming of the Shrew Auditions	20
The Paul Shokopanta Company - The Taming of the Shrew Teacher Workshop	11
Changwee - training museum	35
Aboriginal Arts Festival Auditions	6
MAVS - Integrated Workshop Series	40
Corruption Teen Youth Arts - Sleep It Off	150
Total	2442

# **DARWIN ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE** **QUARTERLY ACTIVITY REPORT: APRIL - JUNE 2009**

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTINUED**

### **BOX OFFICE CLIENTS**

The following clients utilized the services of the Box Office during the months April - June:

Accurus Entertainment - Glenn Shoreack, The Gungah (ticket printing)  
 Accurus Entertainment - Jimmy Barnes, ANZAC Oval, Allan Spinks (ticket printing)  
 ALIA NL - ALIA Awards for Excellence, Sky City Lounge (ticket printing)  
 Australian Football League - 2009 Toyota AFL Premiership Season match: Western Bulldogs v Port Adelaide, TIO Stadium  
 Beachfront Hotel - The Beckwiths John, The Beachfront Hotel (ticket printing x 2)  
 Category 4 Entertainment - Dub Brooklyn Dancers & Dots, Three Nightclub (ticket printing)  
 Category 4 Entertainment - PFD (\$5 discount tickets), Jane Nightclub (ticket printing)  
 Fairfax Finance - XXXX \$20000 Foundation Fundraiser, Fashion Fashion Fashion (2 events)  
 Darwin Comedy Club - Gungah Karaoke, Old Town Hall Rooms  
 Darwin Comedy Club - Greg Fleet, Old Town Hall Rooms  
 Darwin Comedy Club - Nik Coppin, Old Town Hall Rooms  
 Darwin Theatre Company - Onstage The King, Gungah More (2 performances)  
 Discovery - Ministry of Sound Summer 6, Discovery (ticket printing)  
 Discovery Entertainment - Essential Evolution, Discovery (ticket printing)  
 Gully Fly Ltd - Gungah Party, Civic Park  
 Football Federation Northern Territory - A League Pro women game: North CAI v Turkey v Adelaide United, Darwin Football Stadium  
 Minister Woods - Darwin City Museum, Darwin Amphitheatre  
 Northern Territory State Society - State of Knowledge, Darwin Convention Centre  
 NT Major Events - 2009 Australia Olympic Ceremony, TIO Stadium  
 Performance Promotions - 'The War', Mervyn Archer Stadium (ticket printing)  
 Peter Thomas Entertainment - 1 Year Show in the Park, Darwin Amphitheatre  
 The Vic Hotel - Wet Dream Ball 2009, The Vic (ticket printing)  
 Top End Arts Marketing - Mervyn Archer Football Concert (with Backy Band & HMM), Mervyn Community

**Darwin Entertainment Centre**  
*CFO Box 1083*  
*MALVERN VIC 3009*

**Balance Sheet [Last Year Analysis]**

**June 2009**

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	This Year	Last Year	\$ Difference	Diff(%)
<b>Assets</b>				
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Cash at Bank	\$604,930.43	\$600,442.77	\$4,487.66	(0.7%)
Trade Receivables	\$75,770.60	\$5,409.35	\$70,361.25	(1.0%)
Prepayments	\$103,204.07	\$177,119.09	-\$73,915.02	(34.2%)
Inventory	-\$1,197.04	\$2,197.04	-\$3,394.08	(0.0%)
Other Assets	\$21,147.00	\$20,000.00	\$1,147.00	(0.0%)
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$702,854.06</b>	<b>\$725,768.25</b>	<b>-\$22,914.19</b>	<b>(0.0%)</b>
<b>Plant and Equipment</b>				
Cost of Purchase & Transport	\$63,897.00	\$17,879.04	\$46,017.96	(34.3%)
Depreciation	\$50,300.00	\$51,431.23	-\$1,131.23	(0.1%)
<b>Total Plant Assets</b>	<b>\$13,597.00</b>	<b>\$69,310.27</b>	<b>-\$55,713.27</b>	<b>(0.0%)</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$716,451.06</b>	<b>\$795,078.52</b>	<b>-\$78,627.46</b>	<b>(0.0%)</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
Credit Card	\$4,619.07	\$1,208.00	\$3,411.07	212.0%
Monies in Advance	724,117.20	\$11,000.00	\$713,117.20	733.0%
Other Control	\$50,000.00	\$5,729.00	\$44,271.00	7.3%
Unapportioned Profit	\$2,500.00	-\$4,418.00	\$6,918.00	167.3%
Prepaids	\$104,200.00	\$523,200.00	-\$419,000.00	(74.3%)
Other Liabilities	\$4,000.00	-\$420.00	\$4,420.00	1,293.7%
Payroll Liabilities	\$77,700.00	\$70,833.70	\$6,866.30	(1.0%)
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$877,136.27</b>	<b>\$17,400.70</b>	<b>\$859,735.57</b>	<b>(0.0%)</b>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>				
Long Term Liabilities	\$10,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$9,000.00	0.2%
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$9,000.00</b>	<b>(0.0%)</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$887,136.27</b>	<b>\$18,400.70</b>	<b>\$868,735.57</b>	<b>(0.0%)</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$529,314.79</b>	<b>\$576,677.82</b>	<b>-\$47,363.03</b>	<b>(0.0%)</b>
<b>Equity</b>				
Shareholders	\$0,000.00	\$0,000.00	\$0,000.00	0.0%
Governmental Reserve	\$1,000.00	\$07,000.00	-\$6,000.00	42.0%
Residual Earnings	\$400,000.00	\$304,000.00	\$96,000.00	32.0%
Current Year Earnings	-\$80,000.00	\$120,000.00	-\$200,000.00	(100.0%)
Total Equity	<b>\$529,314.79</b>	<b>\$576,677.82</b>	<b>-\$47,363.03</b>	<b>(0.0%)</b>



**Darwin Entertainment Centre**  
 (SPC) Hix 1003  
 DARWIN NT 0801

**Profit & Loss [Budget Analysis]**

April 2009 through June 2009

	Actual Period	Budgeted	\$ Difference	% Difference
<b>31/07/2009</b>				
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<b>Operational Income</b>				
General Income	\$276,291.29	\$190,500.00	\$85,791.29	30.9%
Vehicle Income	\$276,070.00	\$100,000.00	\$176,070.00	11.0%
Leasing Income	\$66,027.21	\$83,300.00	-\$17,272.79	-6.7%
Total Operational Income	\$568,388.50	\$373,800.00	\$194,588.50	21.4%
<b>Operational Expenditure</b>				
Salaries and Wages	\$200,200.00	\$200,000.00	\$20,200.00	10.1%
Concessions	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00	-\$20,000.00	-10.0%
Office Equipment	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00	-6.6%
Office & Admin Expenses	\$80,500.00	\$80,000.00	\$500.00	1.2%
Utilities	\$25,000.00	\$50,000.00	-\$25,000.00	-10.0%
Advertising & Promot	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Maintenance Program	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Marketing / Promotion	\$14,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$3,000.00	3.2%
Travel	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	-\$3,000.00	-10.0%
Travel of Union	\$1,000.00	\$10,000.00	-\$9,000.00	-17.0%
Dues Office	\$21,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$11,000.00	3.2%
Leasing Office	\$22,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$12,000.00	7.0%
Insurance for Employees	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	0.0%
Utilities	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	0.0%
Total Operational Expenditure	\$452,000.00	\$400,000.00	\$52,000.00	11.0%
<b>Operating Profit</b>	<b>-\$24,502.00</b>	<b>\$50,200.00</b>	<b>-\$74,702.00</b>	<b>-30.0%</b>
<b>Developmental Income</b>				
Developmental Income	\$220,000.00	\$147,000.00	\$73,000.00	6.9%
Total Developmental Income	\$220,000.00	\$147,000.00	\$73,000.00	6.9%
<b>Total Profit (Loss)</b>				
Operating Profit	\$14,000.00	\$50,000.00	-\$36,000.00	-12.0%
Developmental Income	\$220,000.00	\$147,000.00	\$73,000.00	6.9%
Total Profit (Loss)	\$234,000.00	\$197,000.00	\$37,000.00	1.9%

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*DARWIN NT 0801*

**Profit & Loss [Budget Analysis]**

July 2008 through June 2009

	Actual Period	Budget	\$ Difference	% Difference
<b>31/07/2009</b> <b>6:54:44 PM</b>				
<b>Operational Income:</b>				
General Income	\$200,000.00	\$600,104.40	\$380,368.40	4.7%
Venue Income	\$076,409.00	\$647,062.70	\$570,550.70	4.4%
Ticketing Income	\$063,041.41	\$200,170.40	\$137,010.02	4.0%
<b>Total Operational Income</b>	<b>\$312,050.41</b>	<b>\$1,407,337.50</b>	<b>\$1,095,287.09</b>	<b>4.0%</b>
<b>Operational &amp; Capitalization</b>				
Subsistence and Wages	\$910,024.70	\$1064,700.07	\$154,675.37	2.0%
Utilities	\$140,414.40	\$130,110.00	\$10,304.40	0.7%
Office Equipment	\$20,477.70	\$10,045.71	\$10,432.99	7.5%
Office & Admin & Supplies	\$226,479.00	\$210,027.42	\$16,451.58	5.0%
Utilities	\$126,909.01	\$120,440.02	\$6,468.99	0.7%
Membership & Support	\$06,452.00	\$00,000.00	\$6,452.00	0.7%
Membership Program	\$5,720.20	\$7,417.40	\$1,697.20	4.7%
Marketing / Promotion	\$54,433.07	\$46,001.01	\$8,432.06	1.3%
Food & Beverage	\$24,000.25	\$21,067.41	\$2,932.84	7.4%
Liquor	\$0,671.47	\$0,302.40	\$0,369.07	(3.0)%
Lunch & Office	\$06,720.04	\$57,044.82	\$40,324.78	14.0%
Depreciation	\$74,204.00	\$60,028.00	\$14,176.00	0.7%
Transfer to Warehouse	\$111.00	\$1.00	\$110.00	0.0%
<b>Total Operational Expenditure</b>	<b>\$1,012,000.25</b>	<b>\$1,700,260.10</b>	<b>\$688,074.75</b>	<b>3.0%</b>
<b>Unoperating Profit</b>	<b>\$309,416.24</b>	<b>\$127,310.55</b>	<b>\$182,002.27</b>	<b>20.0%</b>
<b>Latent/Unrealized Income:</b>				
Entrepreneurial Income	\$002,004.30	\$004,712.00	\$22,007.70	0.0%
<b>Total Entrepreneurial Income</b>	<b>\$002,004.30</b>	<b>\$004,012.00</b>	<b>\$22,007.70</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Latent/Unrealized Expenditure</b>				
Artist Fees	\$234,000.00	\$221,070.00	\$12,930.00	1.3%
Travel	\$17,400.10	\$10,075.00	\$7,325.10	(11.1)%
Marketing	\$00,757.41	\$10,500.00	\$10,220.41	12.0%
Bookkeeping	\$53,001.01	\$02,002.00	\$50,999.01	1.0%
Wages	\$00,000.00	\$00,411.00	\$1,398.00	1.4%
Liquor	\$00,000.00	\$00,110.00	\$110.00	0.7%
Liquor	\$10.00	\$06,640.00	\$6,629.00	(100.0)%
Liquor	\$02,400.04	\$0.00	\$2,400.04	NA
<b>Total Latent/Unrealized Expenditure</b>	<b>\$302,153.10</b>	<b>\$344,112.00</b>	<b>\$41,958.90</b>	<b>10.0%</b>
<b>Net Profit / (Loss)</b>	<b>\$309,416.24</b>	<b>\$184,310.55</b>	<b>\$125,105.69</b>	<b>20.0%</b>

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Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting – Monday, 14 September, 2009**8 INFORMATION ITEMS****8.3 Minutes Bombing of Darwin & Military History Advisory Committee 19 August 2009**

Document No. 1642433 (19/08/09) Common Number 1071899

**COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION**

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

THAT the Minutes Bombing of Darwin &amp; Military History Advisory Committee 19 August 2009, Document Number 1642433, be received and noted.





# **MINUTES OF THE BOMBING OF DARWIN AND MILITARY HISTORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Held Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2009  
at Darwin City Council, Meeting Room 1**

## **1. PRESENT**

### **ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Mr G R Sawyer,	The Right Worshipful, The Lord Mayor (part of the meeting)
Alderman Robyn Lesley	Chair, Darwin City Council
Ms Melanie Reichmeier	Tourism NT
Mr Paul Cattermole	Major Events
Ms Tiffany Manzie	Major Events
Ms Apolline Kohen	Department Natural Resources, Environment, the Arts and Sport
Mr Malcolm Uhe	Department of Veterans' Affairs
Mr Stephen Gloster	Returned and Services League (RSL)
Ms Karen Conway	AVGM Community & Cultural Services, Darwin City Council
Grant Fenton	Manager Communications & Marketing, Darwin City Council
Mrs Amanda Adams	Assistant Committee Administrator

## **2. APOLOGIES**

Nil

Alderman Lesley declared the meeting open at 10 am, welcomed those present to the first meeting and proceeded to outline the specific goals of the committee.

## **3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Nil

## **4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Nil

## **5. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **5.1 Aim**

For the Bombing of Darwin and Military History Advisory Committee to strengthen the Tourism, Historical, Cultural and Educational prospects of the raft of events and activities relating to Darwin's Military heritage.

## 5.2 Objectives

The objectives of this Committee will be to:

- Develop the Tourism, Historical, Cultural and Educational prospects and aspects of both the Bombing of Darwin event and Darwin's broader Military History.
- Provide a strong vision for the infrastructure, activities and events that promote the Bombing of Darwin and Darwin's broader Military History.
- Establish effective partnerships with key stakeholders engaged in participating in and promoting the Bombing of Darwin event and Darwin's broader Military History.
- Participate in the development of the East Point Military Museum and other Military History projects currently proposed by the NT Government.
- Explore the prospect of a formal link between Darwin and Honolulu via the development of a Sister City or Friendship City Relationship.

## 5.3 Members Updates

Alderman Lesley explained briefly the goals/objectives of the meeting and discussed the objective of –

- ✓ Developing the "product" Bombing of Darwin as a national and international event of significance, encompassing all aspects of that time in Darwin and its regions history through the annual commemoration on 19 February.
- ✓ Identifying and planning for 19 February 2012 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration as a significant event with national and international representation and
- ✓ Formalising a friendship relationship between Darwin and Honolulu, Hawaii based on our shared experiences of the Bombing of Pearl Harbour and Darwin.

Each guest introduced themselves and outlined the role their organisation will play in relation to BOD commemorations each 19 February and leading up to a major event in 2012. All members present expressed their support for the direction and involvement.

### 5.3.1 NT Major Events

Mr Paul Cattermole, accompanied by Ms Tiffany Manzie, provided a 25 minute overview of NT Major Events role in the Commemoration Event in 2001 (Federation Front Line)

Mr Cattermole offered the Committee the resources from NT Major Events for key marketing and publicity issues in the future, but declined an offer to remain a constant member of the Committee.

### 5.3.2 Department of Natural Resources, Environment, the Arts and Sport

Ms Apolline Kohen commented on how they would like to have a stronger community involvement and their goal would also be to turn the Bombing of Darwin event into a combined Tourism, Museum spin off. She also advised that they hoped to have the Museum at East Point completed for 2012.

### 5.3.3 Returned and Services League (RSL)

The Lord Mayor asked Mr Stephen Gloster if it was possible to identify how many people are left who fought in WWII. During this conversation the Lord Mayor made comment on how these sorts of events, such as Gallipoli and Australia Day seem to be turning into bigger and stronger events and to have more interaction between Veterans, children and the Community as a very important part of their history and future. It was agreed by all that the Bombing of Darwin Event should be an event like Anzac Day, recognised Australia wide for its position in our history.

### 5.3.4 Department of Veterans' Affairs

Mr Malcolm Uhe from The Dept of Veteran Affairs told us about the 3 programs they have under their banner which consist of:

- Providing grants to construct and maintain monuments
- Valuing Veterans - Organising schools to invite Veterans into their School
- Memories and Memorabilia – Inviting people to come forward with any photos or information from WWII

He reflected on the support provided by the Department in the 2002 commemoration and felt that support for the event in 2012 would be forthcoming.

### 5.3.5 Tourism NT

Ms Melanie Reichlmeier commented that it would be good to keep the bombing of Darwin alive 12 months of the year. To be able to educate people that the Bombing of Darwin helped put Darwin on the map. Education adds value and helps tap into the creative sensors of people. She also added that the commercial tourist sector should be included.

## 6. OTHER BUSINESS

- The large task is going to be on organising the Bombing of Darwin event for 2012 as it will be celebrating 70 years. This occasion will be one of the last in which the original veterans and civilians of that time will be around to participate. Staff are already working on the 2010 event.
- Alderman Lesley advised that a recommendation was going forward to next Council to consider approval of her trip to Honolulu to participate in the Pearl Harbour Commemoration ceremony, to talk about a US presence at the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of BOD and progress a friendship city relationship with the Honolulu Council. 2010 and 2011 would provide opportunities to get marketing plans in place to get international recognition of BOD by 2012.
- Some discuss revolved around engaging the school children via education systems and a possible role for the History Trades Association. Other opportunities included a Bombing of Darwin Schools Award like the Anzac Day Schools Awards for both primary and secondary school children.
- Grant Fenton asked Karen Conway if Annie Farrell might provide some research into the NT Education Department's commitment to WWII curriculum based activities. Alderman Lesley referred also to the DCC website links for information.
- Grant Fenton has agreed to be the contact for the group.
- All in attendance agreed with the Report's Terms of Reference.
- In addition, its important that Major Events be listed as expressing a desire not to be included in the Committee, but having a preparedness to offer support on key issues such as marketing when ever the need arises.
- The representatives of the Committee agreed universally that the role of the Committee was broader than that of an Events Committee and acknowledged that the Bombing of Darwin Commemoration Event was one of many key elements for this Committee to consider. It was acknowledged that the composition of the committee might change from time to time, dependent on the issues being addressed.

## 7. NEXT MEETING

Alderman Lesley asked if everyone was happy for the Information Exchange Meetings to be held quarterly to which everyone agreed.

Next Meeting will be Wednesday 18 November 2009 10 - 11am Meeting Room 1.

Meeting closed 11.04 am.

ENCL: NO

**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL**

DATE: 07/09/09

**REPORT****TO:** COMMUNITY & CULTURAL  
SERVICES/OPEN A**APPROVED:** JB**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &  
CULTURAL SERVICES**APPROVED:** KH**REPORT NO:** 09C0149 KH:ems**COMMON NO:** 1517201**SUBJECT:** COMMUNITY SERVICES TEAM REPORT - AUGUST 2009**ITEM NO: 9.1**

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

Katie Hearn, Manager Community Services, was on sick leave throughout August and returned to work on 2 September. The team are pleased that Katie has returned to work in full health. Nancy McCann deputised for Katie during her absence.

One of the highlights of the month of August was the announcement that Council's Fun Bus staff, Cathy Stevens and Megan Fernando, had been awarded a Territory Proud Service Excellence Award for the month of May 2009. Cathy and Megan were nominated for the award by one of the parents who regularly attend Fun Bus and were presented with their award by Geoff Goodrich, Founder of Territory Proud, at a business breakfast hosted by Bendigo Bank on 13 August.

**Secure Taxi Rank Project**

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



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The Department of Planning and Infrastructure 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.

#### **Darwin Alcohol Management Plan**

Community & Cultural Services Department 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.

At Council's 1<sup>st</sup> Ordinary meeting in August, a decision pursuant to a report was made for Council to continue to engage with stakeholders in the development of an Alcohol Management Plan.

#### **Interagency Tasking Coordination Group**

Community & Cultural Services attended ITCG meetings in August.

#### **Walkways**

Community & Cultural Services continues to undertake a community engagement and problem solving process in conjunction with residents concerned about aspects of walkways.

Community & Cultural Services will also assist in the progression of decisions pursuant to the Walkway Assessment report tabled at Council's 2<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary meeting in August.

#### **Darwin Entertainment Centre (DEC)**

Community & 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 of DEC.

#### **Parap Site Re-development**

Having secured a commitment from NT Government's Office of Sport and Recreation for a contribution to the Parap Site Re-development Master Plan, discussions with Strategic Leisure Group has commenced in relation to its progression.

#### **East Point Military Museum**

Community & 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. At Council's 1st Ordinary meeting in August a decision pursuant to a report was undertaken for the NT Government 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.

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### **Lyons Neighbourhood Building**

CCS has now met with Elton Consultants twice 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.

### **Bombing of Darwin and Military History Advisory Committee**

The inaugural Bombing of Darwin and Military History Advisory Committee meeting, chaired by Alderman Lesley and attended by the Lord Mayor and a raft of federal and territory government stakeholders and the RSL, took place on August 19 and positive outcomes emerged from discussion.

### **Casuarina Business Precinct**

Community & Cultural Services continues to participate in the key stakeholder group overseeing 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.

### **Graffiti Remediation Service Level Agreement**

Community & Cultural Services has provided and facilitated regular support and information to the Chief Minister's Office and Department of Justice to facilitate the NT Government's development of Service Level Agreements in relation to the removal of graffiti from NT Government and PowerWater assets.

### **Gifts and Benefits**

Community & Cultural Services provided research and policy development support to the CEO in relation to best practice public sector approaches to the management of gifts and benefits.

### **Parking Infringement Increases**

Community & Cultural Services met with the NT Department of Planning and Infrastructure to progress Council's request for a legislative amendment to facilitate an increase in parking infringements.

### **Regulatory Orders**

In conjunction with Cridlands, Community & Cultural Services met with the NT Government to progress Council's concerns regarding the current Regulatory Orders regulatory environment.

### **Port Hedland Shire**

CCS met with a consultant project manager from the Port Hedland Shire to discuss a raft of community safety and alcohol management strategies currently being undertaken in respective jurisdictions.

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## **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 Disability Advisory Committee met on 13 August 2009. Amongst items discussed at the meeting was the finalised program of events for Disability Awareness Week 2009 and traffic issues at Vanderlin Drive, Karama. The minutes from the meeting will be the subject of a separate report to the Community Services Committee.

### **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. Preparations have commenced to ensure that applications for the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of 2009/2010 Community Grants Program will be invited early 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 program of events for DAW 2009 has been finalized and posters and fliers have been distributed. Information regarding DAW 2009 is available on Council's website and an advertisement detailing the program of events was placed in the NT News on Saturday 29 August. 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.

### **Seniors Month**

August is Seniors Month in the Northern Territory and CSO, in conjunction with Libraries Project Officer, facilitated Council's program of events and activities during the month which promoted active ageing and a positive understanding of ageing in the community. The varied program of events included a Historical Fiction Writing Workshop, Yoga session, four Tai Chi sessions, one Aqua-Aerobic session, 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 had activities designed specifically for Seniors with afternoon tea provided. All activities were free of charge for senior members of the community. A high volume of bookings were received for the activities with all but Boxercise and Aqua-Aerobics being filled to capacity. Attendees thoroughly enjoyed the activities offered and feedback has been very positive.

An overview of Council's 2009 Seniors Month Program will be the subject of a separate report to Council.

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### ***Inter-agency Networks***

- **Big Issue/Street Soccer**

The Big Issue is an organisation that facilitates a magazine initiative and a community street soccer program that benefit homeless and marginalised people. Both programs have been very successful in other states and the Street Soccer program, which uses football as a catalyst for transforming lives and providing participants with a real sense of purpose and belonging, was launched in Darwin during National Homelessness Week on 7 August. CSO attended the Launch and participated in the DCC soccer team which also included officers from Council's Recreation and IT sections.

The magazine initiative of Big Issue is designed to assist disadvantaged people become economically independent and an Advisory Group has been formed to assist with a feasibility study regarding its introduction to the Darwin area. CSO attended the Big Issue Advisory Group's August meeting at which ideas regarding how and where to operate the program were tabled and discussed. Ideas will be finalised at another meeting during September and the feasibility report will be completed in October.

### **ARTS & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT**

A special meeting of ACDAC was held on 25 August 2009 with consultant Cathy Hunt to discuss the city planning work for Public Art being undertaken by Positive Solutions. Cathy asked "What is your favourite piece of Public Art, where is it, and why is it your favourite?" She offered to report back on the history, commission process and cost of nominated works.

#### **Live Music at Casuarina Library**

The music program at Casuarina Library in September features classical guitarist Dan Davies, guitar/clarinet duo Emma Connellan and Jenny Young, country singer Mark Hilton and Moving Targets frontman David Garnham.

#### **Traveller's Walk Mosaic**

Artist Techy Masero will undertake repair of the Traveller's Walk Mosaic during September – October 2009.

#### **Public Art – Smith Street 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 is being mentored throughout the commission process to build skills in this area. A current project is the compilation of an internal database of Northern Territory artists who may be invited to submit Expressions of Interest for Public Art commissions.

#### **City Planning for Public Art in the CBD**

Positive Solutions has also been engaged to oversee a planning exercise for Public Art in the Darwin CBD, tying into Council's current city planning work. This project has now commenced and will build upon previous consultations with the Darwin arts community undertaken by Positive Solutions in 2008. ACDAC met with consultant Cathy Hunt during her recent visit to Darwin to discuss this project.

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The objectives of this work include:

- To professionalize the approach of Council in commissioning public art
- To create appropriate budgets
- To develop a planned commissioning process
- To create opportunities for local / transient Northern Territory artists
- To promote specific cultural histories of the city
- To define Public Art
- To develop an overall vision for public art in Darwin city
- Strategies for achieving this vision.

### **Cultural Village Totem Poles**

The Cultural Village of the NT have been provided with a site analysis of potential sites for the Cultural Village totem poles and will report back to Council on their preferred sites. A report will then be made to Council for consideration.

### **Art Exhibitions in Council Facilities**

A number of local schools have responded to Council's invitation to exhibit artwork in the Civic Centre. This project is addressed in a separate report.

### **HMS Beagle Ship Bell Chime**

The first "open day" for the public to play The HMS Beagle Ship Bell Chime using a MIDI keyboard was held on Friday 28 August 2009. For an hour between noon and 1pm a keyboard was set up under the awnings of the Civic Centre for everyone to try. Around 30 people participated. ABC Darwin broadcast a story on the Bell Chime which brought several people to the event, however most people who participated were tourists heading towards the Waterfront, or visitors to the library. "Open days" will be held regularly on the last Friday of each month and it is suggested that future events will begin with a talk and/or performance at 12 noon. These will be promoted through the Council website, distribution of brochures, and signage at the event. The next "open day" will be held on Friday 25 September at which artist Anton Hasell will be in attendance to talk about the artwork and technology involved.

Interpretative signage in the form of a rectangular bronze plaque to be installed in the ground plane in front of the sculpture has been designed by Dot Dash in Sydney and quotes are being sought for its manufacture. It is anticipated that this will be installed in September or October 2009.

Brochures including information on the artwork and a current program of melodies are available from Customer Services and will soon be available to download from Council's website.

### **NT Music Month**

NT Music Month commenced on 16 August 2009 and will run until 16 September 2009. Council resolved on 28 July 2009 to support this event through a number of Council activities. Due to the small lead time between the announcement and start of the event, a number of activities initiated in August 2009 will take several months to establish. For example, Grind Online 'for youth, by youth' magazine will offer local

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bands the opportunity to have their CDs promoted, reviewed and distributed to Grind Online readers as part of a new local music initiative. The commission of a new work for The HMS Beagle Ship Bell Chime has also been initiated and a new work by a local young artist is expected to be completed by November or December. One of the proposed projects, the "Music in the Mall" event that was to coincide with the Darwin festival, was unable to be effectively coordinated in the given time and was not pursued. It is proposed that the funds allocated for this project be directed towards funding an additional commission opportunity for The HMS Beagle Ship Bell Chime.

This event, initiated by Music NT, was the inaugural "NT Music Month" and it is likely that future events will be planned further in advance allowing more time for planning and promotion.

### **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](http://www.grindonline.com.au)

The website was well accessed through August with over 2,110 page views and 561 visits. GRIND was launched at Casuarina Square Shopping Centre on Friday 31 July with over 200 young people participating over the afternoon. The GRIND Team are now working towards a launch at the Casuarina Library Youth Space on Thursday 17 September. GRIND writers have been attending and reviewing events in the Darwin Festival.

The GRIND team is working towards a simple 8 page 'zine for distribution in October.

There has been a marked increase in GRIND membership since changing to an online format.

#### **Youth Advisory Group (YAG)**

In their August meeting the Youth Advisory Group met with the Hon. Malarndirri McCarthy, Minister for Children and Families, and Strategic Leisure.

The meeting with the Minister was very well attended by YAG and interested young people of Darwin. The meeting gave the opportunity for young people to raise their concerns regarding the mandatory reporting requirements under the *Care and Protection of Children Act (2007)*. YAG were also informed of the amendments to the legislation by the Minister in response to YAG's concerns.

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After this meeting YAG participated in the Youth Energy Precinct (YEP) Design Workshop facilitated by Strategic Leisure. The design workshop explored what specific spaces and facilities should be contained in the proposed precinct.

### **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 Thursday 17 September, a general Council staff slideshow, Seniors' Month and GRIND\_online.

### **Youth Energy Precinct (YEP)**

Strategic Leisure returned in August to present a progress report and facilitate a design workshop. The design workshop was well attended and featured a strong mix of youth and service providers. Strategic Leisure aim to present a final report to Council in October 2009.

Youth Services coordinated a consult/survey table at Mindil Beach Sunset Markets on Thursday 20 August. YAG and GRIND members surveyed passing young people about YEP and what they would like in the proposed precinct. Similar survey stalls are planned for Smith Street Mall and in the northern suburbs with Mission Australia's Youth Beat.

### **Council Libraries**

YSO assisted Libraries with the Office of Youth Affairs Youth Engagement Grants.

## **FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

The Family & Children's Services Coordinator manages Council's Community and Child Care Centres, the Fun Bus, Fun in the Parks, a range of community information tools, special projects and facilitates school visits to Council.

### **Community Centres**

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 shown by the NCC meeting room continually being booked to maximum capacity.

### **Child Care Centres**

Council sponsors seven Child Care Centres in the provision and maintenance of the buildings. Council also assists the Child Care Centres in obtaining grants from the NT Government, Commonwealth Government and project manages the works when applicable.

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Council has completed minor works at most Centres and is continuing with grant funded building related works including capital works. During this period, Council has completed Casuarina Child Care Centre bathroom up grade and the Malak Family Centre's kitchen upgrade.

The Family & Children's Services Coordinator (FCSC) and Council's Building Services visited all the childcare centres this quarter and discussed capital upgrades and ongoing maintenance. The directors of the Council child care centres met at the Civic Centre, with the FCSC. The facilitation of continuing improvement of the child care centres was discussed.

### **Fun Bus**

The Fun Bus continues to provide high quality mobile play group services for children 0 to 5 years, their parents and carers and operates weekday mornings in parks and reserves for a total of 40 weeks each year.

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

The Fun Bus attended the Teddy Bears Picnic on Sunday 24 August from 9am to 12noon as in-kind sponsorship. This is an extremely popular event attracting exceptionally large numbers.

Fun Bus staff, Cathy Stevens and Megan Fernando, were recently announced as the recipients of a Territory Proud Service Excellence Award for the month of May 2009. They were presented with an award this month by Geoff Goodrich, Founder of Territory Proud, at a business breakfast hosted by Bendigo Bank. Cathy and Megan were nominated for the award by one of the parents who regularly attend Fun Bus.

### **Fun in the Parks**

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

The FCSC is currently planning for the September/October school holiday program which will operate from Monday 28 September through to Friday 2 October 2009.

Fun in the parks attended the FREEPS event at Jingili Water Gardens on Sunday 16 August 2009. Face painting continues to be the most popular attraction with Fun in the Parks.

Staff from the Fun in the Parks program attended the following locations to provide face painters as in-kind support:



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- Parap Family Centre 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration
- National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day at Bagot Community
- Camp Quality Seafood Beach Picnic
- Teddy Bears Picnic

Positive feedback is always received at these events with the community acknowledging Council's contribution by providing free activities for families.

### **School Civic Visits**

Darwin City Council facilitates School Civic Visits for Primary School as well as Middle School students to assist Teachers meet their curriculum requirements in the area of Governance. Various Council staff attend as 'guest speakers' to meet a specific class requirement. It is a very popular program but attendance is determined by the Teachers program.

One School Civic Visit was held in August with 25 students attending. 75 Middle School students were also booked to undertake a School Civic Visit in August, but unfortunately the visit was cancelled by the school at the last minute due to unforeseen circumstances. Currently there is one school group booked for a School Civic Visit during the month of September.

The FCSC attended the Casuarina Senior College and talked to Year 11 students who are studying Childcare. Information provided to the students included, Council's Family and Children Services programs and community resources that Council provides to residents and visitors of Darwin.

### **SISTER CITIES PROGRAM**

All of the Sister Cities Community Committees met in August 2009, the minutes of the Community Committee meeting will be reported to Council as separate reports for either information or with recommendations. A separate report will also be submitted providing a status update of Sister Cities projects and the calendar of events for the months of September to December June 2009. Program administration continues to be substantial.

### **Combined Fundraising Event – The Deckchair Cinema**

On 2 July 2009 a Combined Fundraising Event was held at The Deckchair Cinema. The movie screened was "Night at the Museum 2 – Battle of the Smithsonian". The event was very successful and well received by the general public. 449 entrance tickets were sold, making this one of the biggest fundraising events held at the Deckchair Cinema in recent times. A separate report will be submitted to Council regarding the Combined Fundraising Event.

### **2009 Pesona Indonesia Festival**

On Saturday 15 August the Pesona Indonesia Festival was held at the Darwin Amphitheatre as part of the Darwin Festival. This event is held annually and is coordinated by local Indonesian Community groups and supported by the Consulate of the Republic of Indonesia and organisers of the Darwin Festival.

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The Ambon Sister City Community Committee sponsored artists who perform traditional Ambonese dance or music at this year's event, and a promotional display was held at the event to promote Darwin's Sister City connections with Indonesia, specifically Ambon.

### **Sister Cities Signage**

The Sister Cities Officer (SCO) has commenced work on a report to Council discussing the design of a sign for the Darwin International Airport and the creation of a complete sign concept to promote Council and the Sister Cities program.

## **RECREATION SERVICES**

### **Playgrounds & Exercise Stations**

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

- Worgan Park – Fannie Bay – commence Monday 07 September
- McDonald Park – Parap – COMPLETED
- Hinkler Park – Parap – commence Monday 07 September

The Community Recreation Coordinator (CRC) has consulted with staff from Council's Parks and Reserves section regarding the location of equipment within each park with reference to significant trees and other factors.

The exercise equipment has been installed along Nightcliff foreshore with seven stations commencing at Sunset Park and finishing near the Rapid Creek footbridge. There has been significant media and community interest in the equipment with very positive feedback and media stories since the stations were completed.

### **FREEPS 2009, 3 – 6pm**

The final FREEPS for 2009 will be:

- Sun 13 Sept – Casuarina Swimming Pool

The August FREEPS event (at Jingili Water Gardens) combined with Seniors Month under the banner "Across The Generations. Fun For All Ages". A free afternoon tea was provided for the Seniors in attendance who also received a gift, which comprised of the new Pools bag, DCC promotional collateral, information materials from a number of relevant community organisations and a Darwin 200 bag.

Many of the Seniors stayed for the afternoon taking advantage of the seats set up near the stage where they enjoyed the entertainment.

### **Bagot Oval Upgrade**

- Commence 10 August
- Completion expected by 12 September

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### **Cycle Paths**

A consultant has been engaged by the Northern Territory Government to commence work on a cycle path strategy. Council officers will have considerable input into the strategy and the consultants will include an assessment of all paths and linkages in the municipality (DCC and NTG paths).

### **Casuarina Pool Feasibility Study**

Strategic Leisure has been engaged 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.

### **Parap Master Plan**

Strategic Leisure has been engaged to commence work on a Master Plan of the site at Parap including the netball and tennis courts, club rooms, swimming pool area and the vacant block adjacent to the pool. All relevant stakeholders will be engaged to determine the future of this site and regular reports and presentations will be arranged for relevant Council meetings.

### **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**

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

### **Activate NT 2009 awards update**

It is pleasing to announce that Activate NT – MBF Healthy Lifestyle Challenge 2009 has just won another award. It has received a Highly Commended in the 2009 Heart Foundation Local Government Awards.

This complements the Parks and Leisure Australia State Award in the Inclusive and Connected Communities section that was announced in July and which will be officially presented at the Parks and Leisure Australia National Conference.

As a State winner, we will be delivering a short presentation on the program to the judges, with the hope of taking out the National Award. This is scheduled for 4.15-4.45 on Day 1 of the Conference, Monday 14 September at the Holiday Inn Esplanade.

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### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil pertinent to this report.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:**

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

**Goal** Achieve Effective Partnerships and Engage in Collaborative Relationships

**Outcome** Effectively engage with community

#### **Key Strategies**

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

**Goal** Facilitate and Maintain a Cohesive Community

**Outcome** Facilitate community access and inclusion

#### **Key Strategies**

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

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

5.1.3 Improve access for people with disabilities

5.1.5 Improve coordination with residents and other service providers

**Goal** Facilitate and Maintain a Cohesive Community

**Outcome** Promote Darwin's culture

#### **Key Strategies**

5.2.1 Promote and support activities and programs that celebrate cultural diversity

5.2.2 Create opportunities for the expression of cultural diversity through art

5.3 Support harmony within the community

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

**Goal** Promote Brand Darwin

**Outcome** Promote our Darwin city

#### **Key Strategies**

6.2.4 Strengthen international relationships through Sister Cities and other activities

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**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil pertinent to this report.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

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

**COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil. This report is informational.

**DELEGATION:**

This report is presented for information only.

**CONSULTATION:**

Each Community Service Team Officer has contributed to this report.

**PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:**

Not pertinent to this report.

**APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE**

Not pertinent to this report.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

THAT it be a recommendation to Council that Report Number 09C0149 entitled, Community Services Team Report – August 2009, be received and noted.

**KATIE HEARN**  
**MANAGER COMMUNITY SERVICES**

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

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**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL****DATE:** 07/09/09**REPORT****TO:** COMMUNITY & CULTURAL  
SERVICES/OPEN A**APPROVED:** JB**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &  
CULTURAL SERVICES**APPROVED:** DN**REPORT NO:** 09C0139 DN:mrg**COMMON NO:** 1330602**SUBJECT:** REGULATORY SERVICES MONTHLY UPDATE – AUGUST 2009**ITEM NO: 9.2****SYNOPSIS:**

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

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

With a full complement of officers on patrol in the CBD during August, traffic and parking regulations were monitored and enforced in all five patrol areas of the city.

A large part of the CBD traffic and parking patrol involves liaising with members of the public and providing education and awareness of parking legislation, regulations and timed zones.

The Mall was patrolled by Officers on a daily basis. Officers regulate By-Law offences relating to dogs, skateboards and bicycles, sandwich board displays and compliance with busking requirements.

**Suburban Parking**

Traffic and parking regulations were enforced in the suburban areas by a dedicated suburban patrol. The patrol officer actioned a large number of residential parking complaints received by members of the public. A large part of the Customer Action Request program involves education and proactive measures to achieve compliance with parking regulations in areas outside of the CBD centre.

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Council Officers patrolled the weekend market areas at Parap, Rapid Creek and Nightcliff between 8am and 1pm on Saturdays and Sundays. Traffic and parking regulations were enforced to maintain public safety and minimise traffic congestion within the immediate market areas. This has proven to be an effective preventative measure.

## **Generals**

Throughout August, a dedicated Generals Patrol was responsible for actioning customer complaints relating to Council By-law offences.

The patrol officer managed an ongoing workload and actioned between 15 to 20 new complaints received on a weekly basis. New complaints are actioned within 2 days and complainants are kept informed on the progress of their complaint.

A large number of the offences investigated related to abandoned vehicles in public places, works and activities carried out without permits, matter being deposited in public places and only a small number of traffic complaints due to the Suburban Patrol actioning the majority of the traffic complaints.

From the large number of abandoned vehicle complaints received and investigated by the Generals Officer, compliance was achieved resulting in several vehicles being removed by the owners and between 15 to 20 vehicles being removed by Council Officers from public places and impounded at Council's Bishop Street Operations Centre.

## **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. Council actively works in conjunction with the NT 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. Early morning initiatives were carried out throughout the month targeting areas such as Mindil Beach, East Point and Vestey's Beach. New information pamphlets have been printed informing campers and visitors of Council By-Laws. The pamphlets have been distributed to all hostels within the city and in person to all campers at Mindil Beach, Vestey's and East Point Reserve. In conjunction with this, all information has also been published on various Travel internet sites.

## **ANIMAL MANAGEMENT**

On 1 September 1 The Ark Animal Hospital will officially take over as Council's service provider at the pound.

Animal Management officers were kept busy this month with the report of a serious dog attack in the Nightcliff area. Council officers along with the N.T. Police attended

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the scene and impounded the primary offending animal, the second dog was voluntarily removed from the municipality by its owner.

The primary offending animal is now the responsibility of Council and will not be released. Substantial fines were issued to both dog owners for the offences that occurred.

### **Education**

Council's Animal Education Officer spoke to young children and their caregivers at Karama Library on 11 and 13 August as part of their pet themed story-time sessions. Dogs and cats were the main interest of the sessions.

Three Animal Staff, including the Animal Education Officer, participated in three days of training from August 21 to 23. The courses were 1 day Puppy Trainer and a 2 day Dog Obedience Trainer and were presented by the Australian Dog Trainers Academy. The courses will be of immediate and lasting benefit to the staff tasked with resolving barking and other dog behavioural issues.

The steady stream of customer action requests relating to nuisance barking has been well addressed with two Animal Education officers dedicated to resolve these type of complaints. Several long term nuisance barking complaints were also satisfactorily resolved during August.

There are no particular implications pertaining to this report.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

THAT it be a recommendation to Council that Report Number 09C0139 entitled, Regulatory Services Monthly Update August 2009, be received and noted.

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

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

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**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL**

DATE: 07/09/09

**REPORT****TO:** COMMUNITY & CULTURAL  
SERVICES/OPEN B**APPROVED:** JB**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER  
COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES**APPROVED:** KC**REPORT NO:** 09P0012 KC:md**COMMON NO:** 1518200**SUBJECT:** LIBRARIES INFORMATION UPDATE FOR AUGUST 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:**

Libraries have a new full time Library Assistant based at Casuarina Library. Further recruitment is taking place to fill Library Assistant positions at the City, Karama and Nightcliff. Library Assistants were rotated in August, with five staff moving from their home library to another library. This enables staff to gain experience at another library and develop new skills. Two new casuals have been trained and are available to fill in when needed.

A Sanderson Middle School work experience student is located at Casuarina Library for four weeks. The Housebound Service at Casuarina Library has recruited a second volunteer to assist with the delivery of the service.

The Graduate Librarian met with staff from Vision Australia to discuss the Assistive Technology computers at the libraries, with a view to updating the current software.

At short notice Walkabout Chef Steve Sunk drew an audience of about 40 to his talk at the City Library. Steve has expressed an interest to do another talk at Casuarina Library in November.

Casuarina Library has continued to have problems with the new air conditioner. The Council Strategic project manager has advised that the system is on defects liability and the period has been extended to January 2010. A full assessment will be made

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of all of the faults, and reasons for same will be submitted by Mobile Electrics before we consider taking the system on ourselves, for paying for maintenance.

Karama Library has had their front door motor replaced. The locking mechanism has also been updated and we now have an emergency exit release on the inside, as per Australian standards.

Tess Richards, Council's Animal Education Officer visited Karama Library for both story time sessions for the week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> August. Tess spoke about the importance of caring for your pet properly, registering your pet and what to do in a dangerous situation. We also had a special guest, Paddy (a 4 year old red heeler) who thoroughly enjoyed the attention from all the children. He was very obliging and it added another aspect to our story time session.

Karama added another spinner in their children/youth areas to house series for both these age groups. The junior age group are especially avid series readers, so the spinners work well in this situation.

Acquisitions training on the VIRTUA Library software module is now up and running and the first orders from the system have been received. Whilst it is initially quite time consuming, it will improve our control over orders and ensures our customers can be better informed of reader requests. The Reference Librarian has been ordering new reference materials for collections at all libraries.

Inter Library Loan staff will meet in September to evaluate the decentralisation of the process which occurred a few months ago.

The Living, Learning, Leisure program continues to attract good attendances and feedback at both the Casuarina and City Libraries.

The Reference Librarian has organized an iPod/MP3 information session for the public as part of Adult Learners Week in September.

### **Seniors Month**

A joint effort between the Library Project Officer and Council's Community Services Officer (with assistance from various Council departments and staff) hosted a very successful program of events for 2009.

The events organised by the libraries were as follows:

**Yoga & Relaxation:** Presented by Sanjit Das from Om Yoga and held in Casuarina Library's meeting room. This was a perfect venue for the 25 seniors. Although the air conditioning failed on this morning the aid of two fans made the room cool and airy.

**A Night at the Deckchair:** This was held on a Wednesday night which is usually an average night for the Deckchair. We booked 145 seniors to see Young at Heart and provided individual plates of nibbles, tea and coffee. This catering worked well. Alderman Allan Mitchell welcomed everyone and the evening was enjoyed by all.

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Only two people required transport which was provided by way of cab charge vouchers.

MP3/iPod Info Session: Library Technician, Sam Messina presented the session to approx 35 seniors. This proved extremely popular with many bringing in their iPods and attachments for advice. The session booked out well in advance so those on the wait list were advised of a further session to be held on 2 September during Adult Learners Week.

Historical Fiction Writing Workshop: A Seniors Month grant of \$880 was (again this year) received for this event from the Northern Territory Department of Health and Families. Aply presented by author Linda Jaivin, the feedback received from the 20 participants was that the workshop was extremely helpful and encouraging. The following is an email received from one of the participants.

*Dear Barbara*

*I want to thank you and DCC for sponsoring the Seniors Writing workshop with Linda Jaivin.*

*I enjoyed the workshop very much. It was efficiently organised by DCC, and Linda presented effectively, ensuring that she covered her planned program and achieved her outcomes.*

*Thanks for the lunch and morning tea too.*

*Yours sincerely*

*Kaye Aldenhoven*

Bus Tour & Lunch: This was the most popular event on the program and after being overwhelmed with bookings and enquiries it was decided to extend the numbers and put on an extra bus. A total of 105 seniors participated in the event.

After an initial setback with transport, the tour got underway. General Manager Infrastructure, Luccio Cercarelli outlined the scheduled route, Arts and Cultural Development Officer, Alice Rae spoke about and played the HMS Beagle Ship Bell Chime in Civic Park, Infrastructure staff, Dave Cash and Roman Maher boarded the buses with Luccio and conducted a running commentary on Council's works in progress before arriving at the Tracy Village Club for lunch, where the Lord Mayor welcomed everyone. Later in the day the ABC interviewed one of our travellers on air, for her thoughts – it was all positive.

## **CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES:**

Story time sessions continue at all libraries. In addition to the regular sessions extra ones are held for crèche groups at Casuarina and the City libraries. The City Library also conducts a monthly story time at the fun bus in Civic Park on Friday mornings.

KAOS continues to be a successful evening for the local youth with an average of 12 teenagers attending each session. The kids thoroughly enjoy having the library all to themselves & have even started borrowing items, which is fantastic.

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The Caught Read Handed book group continues fortnightly at Casuarina Library. A regular group of approximately 16 young people aged 7 to 14 participate in the group.

Book Week is celebrated each August, with this year's theme being 'Book Safari'. The Territory Wildlife Park donated tickets to visit the park as part of the promotion. The lucky winners will be randomly drawn from children who borrowed books in August.

### **The Young Territory Author Awards (YTA)**

The Young Territory Author Awards (YTA) were held at the Civic Centre courtyard on Wednesday 26 August. This was the seventeenth year of the awards and ninety seven young people from all over the Territory entered the competition this year. Sponsorship was received for the awards from the City of Palmerston, Alice Springs Town Council and Angus & Robertson.

The three judges were Barry Jonsberg local author; Kate King and Cate Richmond representing the Northern Territory Library; and Karen Cocks representing the Darwin City Council Libraries. The judges were very impressed with the overall standard of entries.

This year NT Crime Stoppers sponsored an award for best School Class Group. Teachers were encouraged to enter their class by submitting books written as part of a school project. The two judges were Alderman Robyn Lesley representing Crime Stoppers and Frances O' Reilly representing the Darwin City Council Libraries. The judges were delighted with the Crime Stoppers entries however they did not meet the criteria specified on the entry form. Therefore no prize was awarded.

About 220 young people and families attended the presentation hosted by the Lord Mayor of Darwin, Graeme Sawyer. Guests included Mayor of Palmerston Robert Macleod, Chief Executive Officer Brendan Dowd, Alderman Robyn Lesley (Crime Stoppers), Alderman Allan Mitchell, Alderman Heather Sjoberg, and Dorothy Fox (Crime Stoppers). Joel and Amanda from The HOT 100 Entourage Program were the MC's for the presentations.

The overall winner of the YTA was Timothy Hansen for his book Abstraction. Timothy received a \$500 cheque and a perpetual trophy. In addition to the prize Barry Jonsberg has arranged to have the winning entries sent to his publisher for her comment. Palmerston's regional winner was Sean Guy. He was also the winner of the 13 to 15 age group.

The YTA Awards were publicised through local newspapers, Darwin City Council's web site, schools, libraries, Councils and throughout all Darwin City Council Libraries.

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This year's YTA sponsors:

Angus & Robertson  
 Hot 100  
 Palmerston City Council  
 Alice Springs Town Council

#### **DISPLAYS:**

KROC Awards	Steve Sunk Bush Food
Farm animals	Disability Awareness Week
Depression	Pets

The Charles Darwin rotating display continued at all libraries. This display is to celebrate Charles Darwin's 200th birthday, and concentrates on The Beagle's voyage from 1831-1836. The display is informative and visually exciting with a model of The Beagle being the centrepiece and the Charles Darwin and Tree of Life DVD also being played. This has received positive feedback from the community. A quiz is being run in conjunction with the display.

#### **STAFF TRAINING:**

New Supervisor  
 Excel spreadsheet  
 Recruitment and Selection  
 Staff Development  
 Internet and Online  
 Information Act  
 Virtua Refresher  
 Copyright  
 Online resources

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

SMS overdue notices have proved very successful with no negative feedback thus far. Essentially half the overdue notices are being communicated by SMS which is saving time in enveloping the letters and in postage costs.

The Reference Librarian liaised with IT staff to update the favourites folder on all library computers as some of the links were broken and some sites had to be renamed.

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

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

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

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

**Key Strategies**

2.2.1 Enhance library facilities

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

**Outcome** Promote family friendly & healthy activities

**Key Strategies**

2.3.3 Provide facilities and programs which encourage healthy lifestyle choices

**Goal** Facilitate and Maintain a Cohesive Community

**Outcome** Facilitate community access and inclusion

**Key Strategies**

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

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

THAT it be a recommendation to Council that Report Number 09P0012 entitled, Libraries Information Update for August 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 phone 8930 0210.

ENCL: YES

**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL**

DATE: 07/09/09

**REPORT****TO:** COMMUNITY & CULTURAL  
SERVICES/OPEN A**APPROVED:** JB**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &  
CULTURAL SERVICES**APPROVED:** NM**REPORT NO:** 09C0140 KL:ems**APPROVED:** KL**COMMON NO:** 1639332**SUBJECT:** MINUTES YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP 6 AUGUST 2009**ITEM NO: 9.4****SYNOPSIS:**

Minutes of the Youth Advisory Group (YAG) meeting held on the 06<sup>th</sup> August, 2009 are presented for Council's consideration. This report provides a summary of YAG's meeting with Hon. Malarndirri McCarthy in respect of the changes to *Care and Protection of Children Act*. Attached is the Northern Territory Government Media Release (20 August 2009) and correspondence received from the Minister (27 August 2009), for Council's interest, outlining changes made in response to community feedback regarding the mandatory reporting requirements introduced after the previous amendments.

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

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

**PREVIOUS DECISION NO. 20\1522 (12/05/09)**

- B. THAT the matter of mandatory reporting of underage sex be referred to the Youth Advisory Group (YAG) for comments and a Report be provided to Council

**PREVIOUS DECISION NO. 20\1819 (28/07/09)**

- B. THAT the Youth Advisory Group (YAG) hold an open forum for young people to comment and give their views regarding the new Mandatory reporting Requirements of Underage Sex under the *Care and Protection of*

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*Children Act (2007)* and that YAG invite the responsible Northern Territory Government Minister.

### **REPORT:**

The August meeting of the Youth Advisory Group (YAG) welcomed The Hon Malarndirri McCarthy, Minister for Families and Children, to hear young peoples views and concerns of the mandatory reporting requirements under the *Care and Protection of Children Act (2007)*. The Minister outlined the changes she would be tabling to Parliament when it resumed on 11 August 2009, which are attached for Council's interest.

After meeting with the Minister YAG members attended the Youth Energy Precinct (YEP) Design Workshop facilitated by Strategic leisure.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no financial implications pertaining to this report.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:**

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

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

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

#### **Key Strategies:**

5.1.4 Encourage and recognise volunteers

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

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

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Not relevant to this report.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no public relations implications arising from this report.

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



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**COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:**

Not relevant to this report.

**DELEGATION:**

Matters contained within this report are not recommended for delegation.

**CONSULTATION:**

Nil

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

THAT it be a recommendation to Council that Report Number 09C0140 entitled, Minutes Youth Advisory Group 6 August 2009 be received and noted.

**KINLEONG**  
**YOUTH SERVICES OFFICER**

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

Any queries on this report may be directed to kin Leong on 8930 0635

**MINUTES OF THE DARWIN CITY COUNCIL  
YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP (YAG) MEETING  
HELD WEDNESDAY 6 AUGUST 2009**

**Chair:** Paddy McCann

**Minutes:** Ailsa Liebrick

**1. PRESENT**

CJ Fraser-Bell	
Cammy	
Angus Ronson	
Ailsa Leibrick	
Allana Drake	
Paddy McCann	
Alexa Morris-Lovell	
Chantelle Dobunaba	
Caitlin Buralli	
Shannon Hee	
Lachlan Lindsay	
Bronson Ingham	
Jacob Martin	
Zenia Xie	
Robert Gilbert	
Rishi Dasgupta	
Tony Cullen	
Kin Leong	DCC
Callum Poole	DCC
Ald. Jo Sangster	DCC
Hon Malarndirri McCarthy	Guest
Beth Midgley	Guest

**2. APOLOGIES**

Shana Stringer, Tom Wickham, Neville Baluyot, Mikki Burton, Honeylyn Lisson, Liam Parry-Mills

**3. SPECIAL GUEST**

Hon Malarndirri McCarthy  
Minister for Children and Families  
Minister for Child Protection  
Minister for Statehood  
Minister for Women's Policy  
Minister for Indigenous Policy

Regarding:

**COUNCIL DECISION NO.20\1522**

B. THAT the matter of mandatory reporting of underage sex be referred to the Youth Advisory Group (YAG) for comments and a report be provided to Council.

**COUNCIL DECISION NO.20\1819**

B. THAT the Youth Advisory Group (YAG) hold an open forum for young people to comment and give their views regarding the new Mandatory Reporting of underage sex under *The Care and Protection of Children Act (2007)* and that YAG invite the responsible Northern Territory Government Minister.

The Minister outlined the changes to the legislation she would tabling in Parliament the following week.

The amendments to section 26 of the Act;

- all people to report harm and exploitation, including sexual abuse;
- all people to report sexual offences (which includes underage sex) against children aged under 14 years; and
- health practitioners to report sexual offences (which includes underage sex) against children aged 14 or 15 years where there is a greater than 2 year difference between the alleged victim and offender.

YAG members commented the changes addressed their concerns regarding the current mandatory reporting regime.

The Minister committed to inform YAG of the outcome of parliamentary sittings (press release received 21/08/2009 and is attached for circulation).

YAG thanked the Minister for her time and extended a welcome to her at any other future meetings.

**4. YEP DESIGN WORKSHOP**

YAG members joined the YEP Design with Strategic Leisure at 5:30pm.

**5. MEETING CLOSED 5:15PM**



## **Malarndirri McCarthy**

MINISTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

20 August 2009

### **Greater Protection of Children**

The NT Legislative Assembly today passed amendments to the *Care and Protection of Children Act*.

"These amendments seek to address community concerns about potential unintended consequences of mandatory reporting requirements under the existing Act," Minister for Children and Families Malarndirri McCarthy said.

"It is important we refine the balance between the need to protect our children and the need to ensure our young people feel confident they can seek medical, psychological and other support in relation to their sexual health.

"The amendments maintain strict mandatory reporting requirements for all Territorians to report harm and exploitation, including sexual abuse, of our children.

"This amended legislation is about protecting our young Territorians."

The amendments to section 26 of the Act, introduced to Parliament as a matter of urgency and passed today require:

- all people to report harm and exploitation, including sexual abuse;
- all people to report sexual offences (which includes underage sex) against children aged under 14 years; and
- health practitioners to report sexual offences (which includes underage sex) against children aged 14 or 15 years where there is a greater than 2 year difference between the alleged victim and offender.

"These amendments reflect the extensive consultations we have had with a range of groups, including lawyers and medical practitioners," Ms McCarthy said.

"I would like to thank those who provided input into these amendments especially the members of the Government Working Group and the Really Caring for Kids Coalition.

"A full review of the Act, including section 26, will take place in April 2010, but it was imperative that these changes were made as soon as possible.

"The NT Government is committed to protecting the safety and wellbeing of all children in the NT and these amendments reflect this."

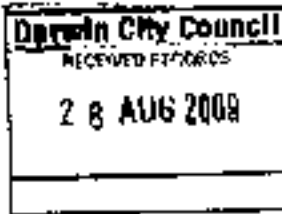


Members of the Really Caring for Kids Coalition are:

- Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance of the Northern Territory
- Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine
- Australian General Practice Network
- Australian Medical Association
- Australian Nursing Federation
- Council of Remote Area Nurses of Australia
- Family Planning Welfare Association of the NT
- General Practice Network Northern Territory
- Law Society Northern Territory
- National Centre for HIV Epidemiology and Clinical Research
- North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency
- Public Health Association of the Northern Territory
- Royal Australian College of General Practitioners
- Royal Australian College of Physicians
- Royal Australian College and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
- Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (NT branch)
- Services for Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health

**Contact: Natasha Fyles 04488 66312**





27 AUG 2009

## MINISTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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Graeme Sawyer  
Lord Mayor  
Darwin City Council  
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Kin Leong  
Youth Services Officer  
Darwin City Council  
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Darwin NT 0801

Dear Mr Sawyer and Mr Leong

Thank you for your invitation to attend the Darwin City Council's Youth Advisory Group forum on 6 August 2009.

It was great to meet with the young people there and to have the opportunity to hear their views and concerns about the *Care and Protection of Children Act* and mandatory reporting of underage sex.

As I indicated in that meeting, from June 2009, the NT Government undertook intensive consultation in relation to the community concerns around mandatory reporting requirements in the *Care and Protection of Children Act*. This consultation was primarily undertaken with a Working Group comprising the Department of Health and Families, the NT Police and the Really Caring for Kids Coalition, which represented 17 community organisations.

I am pleased to inform you that, following this consultation process, the *Care and Protection of Children Amendment Bill* was passed through Parliament on 20 August 2009.

The Bill will amend the *Care and Protection of Children Act* to address the concerns raised by the community and professional groups about mandatory reporting of underage sex, while ensuring universal mandatory reporting requirements in situations where children and young people are being harmed or exploited.

The amendments require:

- all people to report harm and exploitation, including sexual abuse;
- all people to report sexual offences (which includes underage sex) against children aged under 14 years; and
- health practitioners to report sexual offences (which includes underage sex) against children aged 14 or 15 years where there is a greater than two year age difference between the alleged victim and offender.

The amendments provide scope for additional categories of child related employment, such as teachers and social workers, to be included in Regulations at a later time. People working in the categories of child related employment included in Regulations will have the same reporting obligations as health practitioners.

A process of consultation will commence shortly with peak bodies and organisations who work in areas of child related employment to determine which categories of employment should have these additional reporting requirements.

The NT Government is committed to the safety and wellbeing of our young people and will continue to explore ways in which we are able to effectively support our young people.

Thank you again for the invitation to attend the Youth Advisory Group forum in early August. Please contact Karen Broadfoot on (08) 8901 4082 with any questions in relation to this letter

Yours sincerely

  
MALARNDIRRI MCCARTHY

ENCL: NO

**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL**

DATE: 07/09/09

**REPORT****TO:** COMMUNITY & CULTURAL  
SERVICES/OPEN A**APPROVED:** JB**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &  
CULTURAL SERVICES**APPROVED:** KH**REPORT NO:** 09C0148 AR:ens**APPROVED:** AR**COMMON NO:** 1644871**SUBJECT:** ART EXHIBITIONS IN COUNCIL BUILDINGS**ITEM NO: 9.5****SYNOPSIS:**

This report presents information on opportunities to exhibit artwork by local school students in Council buildings including the Civic Centre and Council libraries.

**GENERAL:**

The possibility of using Council buildings as exhibition spaces for artwork is indicated in a number of strategies included in Council's Five Year Arts Plan, for example:

- Regularly promote and celebrate the achievements of Darwin's artists and creative practitioners in Council documentation and Council managed facilities.
- Identify opportunities for housing arts groups or promoting arts activities in the development of new community facilities including libraries and community centres

In July 2009 a letter was sent to the Art Coordinators of local schools inviting them to exhibit school artworks in Council's Civic Centre and Council libraries. Schools interested in exhibiting work at the Civic Centre have been invited to discuss their needs with the Arts and Cultural Development Officer and to propose possible dates for an exhibition. To date three primary schools and one high school have responded to this invitation and Charles Darwin University's School of Art and Design has also expressed an interest.

Darwin High School has proposed to hold their Year 12 (SACE Stage 2) Art exhibition in the Civic Centre Function Area and Upstairs Corridor, from 6 November – 4 December 2009, with moderation occurring on Wednesday 11 November and an official exhibition launch on Friday 13 November. The Arts and Cultural Development



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Officer has been working with the Lord Mayor's Office and Communications and Marketing section to plan for this proposed event.

Anula Primary School is interested in producing artwork in November – December to be displayed between January and March, celebrating the renovation of the school's Art Room. The School has asked if there is any possibility that Council could provide materials (e.g. square canvases) for this work, which would be created especially for an exhibition at the Civic Centre. The school has also lent three artworks currently on display in the Civic Centre.

Essington School is interested in holding a four week exhibition of artworks in various media by students in all grades. The School is interested in exhibiting these works in October – November prior to the Darwin High School exhibition.

Parap Primary School has recently completed a collage 'Story Book' made by the whole school, which they have offered for display for the remainder of 2009.

Note that schools interested in exhibiting work at their local library will be referred to the relevant library staff. Council libraries have often held exhibitions of artwork by local schools in the past.

Regarding major exhibitions such as the Darwin High School Year 12 exhibition, it is necessary that Council first carry out an exhaustive inventory of current artwork and other wall hangings throughout the Civic Centre. Art Décor have been invited to submit a quote to undertake this work. It is anticipated that a number of items will be put in storage for a period of several months while exhibitions take place.

Where deemed appropriate a Lord Mayoral function may be held to celebrate the official opening of major exhibitions such as the Darwin High School Year 12 Art Exhibition. The Lord Mayor's Executive Assistant will be consulted to determine appropriate opportunities for such functions.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

A budget of \$3,000 per year is estimated to realise the objectives of this community arts project. These funds will enable Council to partner with schools by providing materials for specific arts projects and hiring or purchasing display equipment (e.g. display boards) for exhibitions when required, for example for the Darwin High School exhibition. This amount may be absorbed within the Arts Expenditure budget 05/221002/300.

A quote is being sought from Art Décor to undertake an inventory of Council artworks and wall hangings in the Civic Centre. This is a once-off expense and will deliver an inventory and valuation of Council Assets not undertaken previously. It is envisaged that this can be met within the current Arts Expenditure budget 05/221002/300.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:**

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following

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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**

5.2.2 Create opportunities for the expression of cultural diversity through art

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

A formal letter outlining the details of the exhibition will be sent to each school participating in the exhibition program. While Council will take due care with artworks, it cannot accept responsibility for any damages that may occur while the artworks are on display.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil pertaining to this report.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

Art exhibitions in the Civic Centre may generate media interest and the media will be alerted of each exhibition. This activity provides an excellent opportunity to promote the participation of children and young people in the arts whilst engaging with the school community.

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil pertaining to this report.

### **DELEGATION:**

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

### **CONSULTATION:**

Executive Assistant to the Lord Mayor  
 Manager Communications and Marketing  
 Darwin High School Art Coordinator  
 Anula Primary School Art Coordinator  
 Essington School Art Coordinator  
 Parap Primary School Art Coordinator  
 Dr Andrea Ash, Charles Darwin University

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Manager Community Services  
 Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee (ACDAC)  
 Arts and Cultural Development Officer

**PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:**

Nil.

**APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE**

Exhibition signage will be prepared in consultation with participating schools.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 09C0148 entitled, Art Exhibitions In Council Buildings, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council endorse the conduct of the project entitled Art Exhibitions in Council Buildings.

**ALICE RAE**  
**ARTS & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT**  
**OFFICER**

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

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

ENCL: YES

**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL**

DATE: 8/09/09

**REPORT****TO:** COMMUNITY & CULTURAL  
SERVICES/OPEN A**APPROVED:** JB**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &  
CULTURAL SERVICES**APPROVED:** NM**REPORT NO:** 09C0150 NM:kl**COMMON NO:** 1628050**SUBJECT:** MINUTES DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING 13  
AUGUST 2009 FOR INFORMATION**ITEM NO: 9.6****SYNOPSIS:**

This report presents the minutes of the Disability Advisory Committee meeting held on 13 August 2009 (**Attachment A**) for Council's information.

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

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

**REPORT**

Minutes of the Disability Advisory Committee meeting held on 13 August 2009 are presented for Council's information.

Amongst items discussed at the meeting was the finalised program of events for Disability Awareness Week 2009 and traffic issues at Vanderlin Drive, Karama.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

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

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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**

5.1 Facilitate community access and inclusion

#### **Key Strategies**

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

5.1.3 Improve access for people with disabilities

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

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

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Not pertinent to this report.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

No immediate public relations 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, Community & Cultural Services.

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:**

Not pertinent to this report.

### **DELEGATION:**

Nil.

### **CONSULTATION:**

Members of the Disability Advisory Committee.

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**PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:**

Nil.

**APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE**

None for the purposes of this report

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

THAT it be a recommendation to Council that Report Number 09C0150 NM:ems entitled Minutes Disability Advisory Committee Meeting 13 August 2009 For Information, be received and noted.

**NANCY McCANN**  
**COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICER**

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

Any queries on this report may be directed to Nancy McCann on 8930 0645

**MINUTES**  
**DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**THURSDAY 13 AUGUST 2009**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, DARWIN CITY COUNCIL**

**1. PRESENT**

Alderman Allan Mitchell	Darwin City Council
Lynne Strathie	Chair - Community Representative
Rosemary Burkitt	Deputy Chair - Community Representative
Penny Campton	Community Representative
Josephine Clark	Community Representative
Peter Mahony	Community Representative
Bonnie Solly	Community Representative
Fabio Finnochiaro	Building Advisory Services, DPI
Nancy McCann	Community Services Officer, DCC

**2. APOLOGIES**

Debb Lovett	Community Representative
Robert Reid	Community Representative
Steve Vitone	Community Representative
Pero Peric	Road Network, DPI
Val Molloy	Specialist, CRS
Drosso Lelekis	Manager Infrastructure Projects, DCC

**3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

None declared.

**4. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF 18 JUNE 2009**

Minutes from the meeting held 18 June 2009 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Fabio Finnochiaro. Seconded: Rosemary Burkitt. Carried.

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES OF 18 JUNE 2009**

**5.1 Facility Access Survey Forms**

CSO provided an update on the return of Facility Access Survey forms which were distributed during the 2009 Arafura Games. Seven forms were emailed to CSO and approximately 100 completed forms were collected by a member of the Australian Paralympic Committee who mailed the forms to Council upon returning from Darwin to Brisbane. However, the forms were lost in transit and Australia Post has been unable to track the envelope they were mailed in. The representative who collected the completed forms has reported that the main feedback focused on the availability of accessible transport. Of the seven forms that were emailed to CSO, three are marked that public transport and taxi services were not used and four state that public transport and taxi services were adequate. It is intended to provide survey forms to Paralympic Athletes during the 2011 Arafura Games.

**ACTION:** Nancy to collate the information provided by the received responses and present it at the next DAC meeting.

## **5.2 Lack of Pedestrian Crossings at Vanderlin Drive, Karama**

It has been noted by Committee members that even though the speed limit is 80km along Vanderlin Drive in Karama, there are no pedestrian crossings provided for pedestrians who wish to cross the road, which leads to safety issues. It has also been noted that the pathway on the suburban side of Vanderlin Drive in Karama is not adequate for wheelchair access. Vanderlin Drive is a major road and the responsibility of the Northern Territory Government. Suggested action from last meeting that a letter be forwarded to Department of Planning & Infrastructure (DPI) outlining access issues at Vanderlin Drive, Karama has not yet been undertaken. The Committee requested that a letter be drafted to DPI requesting a reply regarding access issues at Vanderlin Drive, Karama.

**ACTION:** Nancy to add this item to Access Action List and to draft a letter on behalf of DAC to CEO, Department of Planning & Infrastructure.

Moved: Peter Mahony. Seconded: Josephine Clark. Carried.

## **6. ACCESS ACTION LIST**

### **6.1 Access issues near Rapid Creek Business Village**

Action is pending a site visit to be carried out by CSO and Manager Infrastructure Projects who is currently on leave.

### **6.2 Access Issues at Hazell Court, Coconut Grove**

Issues have been addressed. Peter will visit site and provide feedback to the Committee.

### **6.3 Overhanging Trees and Foliage in Nightcliff and Rapid Creek areas**

CSO explained that specific locations are required so that CARR (Customer Action Request) can be raised and issues addressed by Council officers. This item can now be removed from list.

### **6.4 Traffic Issue in Progress Drive, Nightcliff**

Waiting on outcome of budget deliberations and advice from Manager Infrastructure Projects who is currently on leave.

### **6.5 Damaged Footpath between Hart Court and Trower Road, Nightcliff**

Action is pending a site visit to be carried out by CSO and Manager Infrastructure Projects who is currently on leave .

### **6.6 Driveway at 4 Norcock Place, Rapid Creek**

Action is pending a site visit to be carried out by CSO and Manager Infrastructure Projects who is currently on leave.

### **6.7 Lack of Pedestrian Crossing across Leanyer Drive near Hibiscus Shopping Centre**

Waiting on further update from Pero Peric on behalf of Department of Planning & Infrastructure.



### **6.8 Proposed Fishing Pontoon or Platform at Rapid Creek**

Peter has sought feedback from Jane Aagaard, MLA and is currently awaiting reply. It was suggested that Eileen Farrell, Chief Executive Officer of Total Recreation be asked to attend a DAC meeting to discuss the proposed fishing platform.

## **7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Minutes of Planning/Parking Sub-Committee Special Meeting held 13 July 2009**

At its Ordinary meeting of 28 July 2009 Council resolved that concerns raised by members of DAC about the proposed Australian Disabled Parking Scheme at the Planning/Parking Sub-Committee Special Meeting of 13 July 2009 be endorsed and submitted as council's initial response to the proposed Australian Disability Parking Scheme.

### **7.2 Disabled Parking at Nightcliff Shopping Centre**

An email was tabled which detailed a complaint that one of the disabled parking bays at Nightcliff Shopping Centre is being used all day by someone who works at the Shopping Centre. As it has been established that the disabled car parking bay is being utilised by a holder of a Council disabled car parking permit, and that there are four other disabled car parking spaces in the car park of the Shopping Centre, the Committee considered that there was no issue to be addressed.

### **7.3 Reporting of overhanging trees on footpaths by Australia Post**

The Committee agreed that employees of Australia Post should be encouraged to report foliage which overhangs footpaths and causes access problems when they are delivering mail.

### **7.4 Lack of Seating and Shade at Bus Stop, Marina Boulevard, Cullen Bay**

It was reported that the bus stop half way up the hill on Marina Boulevard in Cullen Bay has no shade or seating provided.

**ACTION:** Nancy to check with DPI whether the bus stop is on the priority list for bus stop upgrades.

### **7.5 Program of Events for Disability Awareness Week 2009**

The program of events for Disability Awareness Week 2009 which will be celebrated from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> September was tabled and members commented on the number and variety of scheduled activities. CSO asked advice on access issues that might arise at any of the venues being used during the Week and it was suggested that additional disabled car parking spaces may be required at the Deckchair Cinema on the evening of the Official Opening. Alderman Mitchell offered to be car park attendant for the night.

**ACTION:** Nancy to liaise with Deckchair cinema re the provision of extra disabled car parking spaces for the Official Opening event.

CSO advised that Council has offered to purchase tickets for DAC members wishing to attend the Willing & Able Breakfast on 10 September 2009. The Breakfast is the closing event for the week and has been jointly facilitated by National Disability Coordination Officer at CDU, the Chamber of Commerce and YouthWorX. The guest speaker, John Bennett OAM, will speak on the benefits of employing people with a disability. John and his brother own and operate Benbro Electronics in New South Wales which is a small manufacturing business where 35% of the employees are people with a disability.

**ACTION:** Nancy to ascertain number of attendees and purchase tickets.

## **8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Date:** 22 October 2009

**Time:** 2.00pm - 3.30pm

**Venue:** Council Chambers

**Meeting Closed at 3.20pm.**

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Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting – Monday, 14 September, 2009

### 10 SISTER CITIES COMMUNITY COMMITTEE ITEMS

#### 10.1 INFORMATION ITEMS

Nil



ENCL: YES

**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL****DATE:** 07/09/09**REPORT****TO:** COMMUNITY & CULTURAL  
SERVICES/OPEN A**APPROVED:** JB**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &  
CULTURAL SERVICES**APPROVED:** NM**REPORT NO:** 09C0142 SF:ems**APPROVED:** SF**COMMON NO:** 1631533**SUBJECT:** MINUTES DILI SISTER CITY COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MEETING 18 AUGUST 2009 FOR INFORMATION**ITEM NO: 10.2.1****SYNOPSIS:**

This report presents the Minutes of the Dili Sister City Community Committee meeting held on 18 August 2009 and are presented to the Community Services Committee for information.

**GENERAL:**

The purpose of this report is for the Community Services Committee to receive and note the minutes of the Dili Sister City Community Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 18 August 2009.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Budget Item Number 05/224001/300 (W1583/1)

The Dili Sister City Community Committee has an annual budget allocation of \$4000 from the 2008/2009 budget for committee projects.

Total funds of \$4001 is currently available to be spent, however must be expended by 30 June 2010.

**STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:**

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

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### **Goal**

6 Promote Brand Darwin

### **Outcome**

6.2 Promote our Darwin city

### **Key Strategies**

6.2.4 Strengthen international relationships through Sister Cities and other activities

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

None pertaining to this report.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

None 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. Potential issues or any media interest is brought to the attention of the General Manager, Cultural & Community Services.

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:**

None pertaining to this report.

### **DELEGATION:**

None applicable.

### **CONSULTATION:**

No consultation required for this report.

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

No public consultation required for this report.

### **APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE**

None for this report.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

THAT it be a recommendation to Council that Report Number 09C0142 entitled, Minutes Dili Sister City Community Services Committee Meeting 18 August 2009 For Information, be received and noted.

**SAMANTHA FRENCH**  
**SISTER CITIES OFFICER**

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

Any queries on this report may be directed to Samantha French on 8930 0695

**DILI SISTER CITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Tuesday 18 August 2009**  
**12:30pm**  
**Meeting Room 1**  
**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL CIVIC CENTRE**

**Meeting Open at 12:52pm**

**1. Present**

Lynne Bigg	Community Representative, Chair
Catherine Halkon	Community Representative
Leigh Gregory	Community Representative
Alderman Greg Jarvis	Elected Member, DCC
Alderman John Bailey	Elected Member, DCC
Samantha French	Sister Cities Officer

**2. Apologies**

Veronica Pereira	Community Representative
Neil Chadwick	Community Representative
Ana Gil	Community Representative

**3. Minutes**

- 3.1 Minutes of Dili Sister City Community Committee meeting 23 June 2009.

All minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.  
(Gregory/Bigg) Carried

**4. Business Arising**

- 4.1 DCC Delegation to Timor-Leste, 27-29 May 2009
- The Committee discussed how they can progress and initiate projects that were identified from the most recent Sister Cities delegation visit to Timor-Leste in May of this year.
  - This matter to be discussed in General Business.
- 4.2 2009 Sister Cities Fundraising Event – Thursday 2 July 2009
- SCO advised that the fundraising event at the Deckchair Cinema on Thursday 2 July 2009 was very successful and well received by the general public. 449 tickets were sold at the event, making this one of the biggest fundraising event held at the Deckchair in recent times. DCC Sister Cities Community Committees made a profit of \$2105 from the sale of movie tickets, which is 50% of the tickets sales.
  - \$1450 was the profit raised from the sale of food and raffle tickets at the event, after expenses.
  - SCO thanked all members for their contributions on the night and in the lead up to the event.

## 5. General Business

### 5.1 Peanut Paste Project Timor-Leste

- The Chair provided information on the peanut paste project. Malnutrition is very high throughout Timor-Leste and the Peanut Paste project is based on work done in Malawi where they are successfully treating malnutrition with peanut based food. This paste is used in cooking and provides supplements to treat malnutrition.
- This project involved taking locally grown peanuts in Timor-Leste and mixing it with specific vitamins and minerals to produce specially balanced peanut paste that will be used in cooking to assist with the fight against malnutrition in Timor-Leste.
- This project would increase the local production of peanuts, and encourage sale of crops for sale and personal use by local families.
- The incoming email circulated to Dili SCCC members was seeking assistance in sourcing basic equipment needed to produce the peanut paste mix. This has since happened.
- The Chair will keep the committee updated on the progress of this project.

### 5.2 2009 July – December Meeting Schedule

- This meeting schedule was attached for the Committee's information to ensure a quorum is achieved at all upcoming meetings.

**ACTION:** SCO to note at the next Dili SCCC meeting scheduled for 15/9/09 that Lynn Bigg is an apology.

### 5.3 Waste Management Mentoring Program

- The Committee unanimously agreed that they would concentrate their efforts on bringing a staff member from Dili to Darwin to be mentored by Council staff from Climate Change and Environment Section in waste management.
- The Waste Management Training program was identified as a project when Council delegates met with the Dili District Administrator in May 2009.
- SCO to progress this matter with the Climate Change and Environment Manager.

**ACTION:** The following steps are to be taken to establish this project:

- The Chair, Lynn Bigg to contact the Dili District Administration and enquire as to the challenges they face with waste management and what procedures are currently in place in Dili.
- A meeting to be arranged between Dili SCCC, CEO, and the Manager of Climate Change and Environment to discuss how to implement the mentoring program



for Dili District Sanitation. Discussion will need to be held as to how the project will be funded, considering the Dili SCCC has a limited budget of \$4000 and if funds could be sourced from other budgets within Council.

- Contact be made with Airnorth, to ascertain their interest in being involved in this project and the possibility of assistance with airfares to bring someone from Dili to Darwin and return.
- A formal letter to be written from the Lord Mayor to the Dili District Administrator inviting Mr Foameises dos Santos, Dili District Sanitation to Darwin to be mentored in Waste Management once the logistics and program has been worked out.
- SCO to meet with the Climate Change and Environment Manager, to progress the mentoring program to bring one staff member from Dili District to Darwin to mentor in Waste Management for a period of 2 weeks.

#### 5.4 Youth Projects with Fundasuan (FHRT)

- The Committee will also focus their efforts on working collaboratively with Council's Youth Project Officer, YAG and GRIND members to initiate projects with Fundasuan (FHRT) in Dili as per the Dili SCCC Action Plan.
- The Dili SCCC are very keen to support Fundasuan after meeting with young people in Dili during the Sister Cities visit in May 2009.
- SCO to discuss with Council's Youth Service Officer (YSO) projects to benefit FHRT.
- A suggestion was made about offering a scholarship to Darwin young people to visit Dili and work with youth in Timor-Leste and to grow and build relationships.

**ACTION:** SCO to meet YSO to discuss how to involve Darwin young people with young people in Dili and to discuss initiating projects with FHRT.

**ACTION:** SCO to invite YSO to the next scheduled Dili meeting to discuss project with FHRT.

#### 6. Meeting Closed at 1.25pm

#### 7. Date and time of next meeting

Date: Tuesday 15 September 2009  
 Time: 12:30pm  
 Venue: Meeting Room 1

ENCL: YES

**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL**

DATE: 07/09/09

**REPORT****TO:** COMMUNITY & CULTURAL  
SERVICES/OPEN A**APPROVED:** JB**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &  
CULTURAL SERVICES**APPROVED:** NM**REPORT NO:** 09C0141 SF:ems**APPROVED:** SF**COMMON NO:** 1634963**SUBJECT:** INFORMAL MEETING NOTES HAIKOU SISTER CITY COMMUNITY  
COMMITTEE MEETING 16 AUGUST 2009 FOR INFORMATION**ITEM NO: 10.2.2****SYNOPSIS:**

The Informal Meeting Notes for the Haikou Sister City Community Committee meeting held on 16 August 2009 is presented to the Community Services Committee for information.

**GENERAL:**

A full quorum was not achieved at this meeting; therefore the Informal Meeting Notes for the meeting held on the 16 August will be presented at the next scheduled Haikou Sister City Committee meeting for endorsement by the committee.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Budget Item Number 05/224001/300 (W1579/1)

The Haikou Sister City Community Committee has an annual budget allocation of \$4000 for committee projects.

A request to carry forward funds of \$2956 from the 2008/2009 budget to the 2009/2010 budget has been made to Council. These funds include \$300 which is the Haikou SCCC contribution to the Deckchair Combined Sister Cities Fundraising event and the balance of \$2656 to be used towards the establishment of the Chinese Garden.

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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**

6 Promote Brand Darwin

#### **Outcome**

6.2 Promote our Darwin city

#### **Key Strategies**

6.2.4 Strengthen international relationships through Sister Cities and other activities

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

None applicable for this report.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

None applicable for this report.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

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

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:**

Not applicable to this report.

### **DELEGATION:**

Nil

### **CONSULTATION:**

None required for this report.

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

None required for this report.

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**APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE**

Nil

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

THAT it be a recommendation to Council that Report Number 09C0141 entitled, Informal Meeting Notes Haikou Sister City Community Committee Meeting 16 August 2009 for information, be received and noted.

**SAMANTHA FRENCH**  
**SISTER CITIES OFFICER**

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

Any queries on this report may be directed to Samantha French on 8930 0695

**HAIKOU SISTER CITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Monday 16 August 2009**  
**12:30PM**  
**Meeting Room 1**  
**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL CIVIC CENTRE**

**Meeting Opened**

Declared open at 12:40pm

**1. Present**

Andrew Leo	Community Representative
Lie Yao	Community Representative
Maisy Latif	Community Representative
Lyn Tam	Community Representative
Alderman Fred Marrone	Elected Member, Darwin City Council
Samantha French	Sister Cities Officer

**2. Apologies**

Phil Rudd	Community Representative
Leigh Gregory	Community Representative
Maureen Manzie	Community Representative
Ken Waugh	Community Representative
Silva Lai	Observer
Alderman Kerry Moir	Elected Member, Darwin City Council

A quorum was not achieved at this meeting so an informal meeting was held. Andrew Leo chaired the meeting in the absence of Phil Rudd.

**3. Minutes**

- Informal meeting notes from the Haikou Sister City Community Committee meeting held on 7 July 2009 were accepted as a true and accurate.

(Leo/Yao)

Carried

**4. Business Arising**

**4.1 2008/2009 Haikou SCCC Budget**

- SCO has requested that \$2656 be carried forward to the 2009/2010 budget to be used towards the establishment of the Chinese Garden.
- SCO suggested the garden bed opposite the "Tree of Knowledge" in the Civic Centre courtyard as a possible site for the Chinese/Sister Cities Garden.
- This would allow visitors to the Civic Centre the opportunity to visit the garden, you would be able to see it from the City Library and the Civic Centre grounds is a significant landmark in local Chinese history.
- All Committee members present at the meeting were very supportive of this suggestion as the proposed site for the Chinese Garden.

**ACTION:** SCO to contact Charles Darwin University and gauge their interest in involving horticultural students to assist with the establishment of the Chinese Garden, as a part of their assessment or a one off project.

**ACTION:** SCO discuss with Council's Parks Section the possibility of using the garden bed opposite the Tree of Knowledge in the Civic Centre courtyard as the site for the Sister Cities Garden and provide feedback at the next scheduled Haikou meeting.

#### 4.2 2009 Sister Cities Fundraising Event

- SCO advised that the fundraising event at the Deckchair Cinema on Thursday 2 July 2009 was very successful and well received by the general public. 449 tickets were sold at the event, making this one of the biggest fundraising event held at the Deckchair in recent times. DCC Sister Cities Community Committee's made a profit of \$2105 from the sale of movie tickets, which is 50% of the tickets sales.
- \$1450 was the profit raised from the sale of food and raffle tickets at the event, after expenses.
- SCO thanked all members for their contributions on the night and in the lead up to the event.

#### 4.3 Dongfang Municipal Government

- The Committee discussed the attached Letter of Intent received from Dongfang in May 2009.
- There were some concerns raised about the wording of the letter with reference to exchange and cooperation with regards to economic trade.
- Lie Yao will translate the letter from Chinese to English before the next scheduled meeting to ensure that there is no error in translation from Chinese to English.
- After the letter has been translated this item will be discussed further at the next Haikou meeting with a quorum present to make a recommendation to Council on the progression of this matter.
- SCO also advised that a document has been received from Dongfang Municipal Government. Unfortunately this document is written in Chinese and will need to be translated before circulating.
- Committee members present advised that the covering letter from Dongfang states that the road from Lao Ou Village to the Soldiers Memorial will cost a total of \$USD600,000 to complete the 800metre road in concrete.

**ACTION:** Maisy Latif to translate the incoming letter from Dongfang with regards to the road to the Soldiers Memorial and Lie Yao to translate the letter of intent from Dongfang.

**ACTION:** SCO to make contact by email with Dongfang to clarify their expectations from forming a Friendship with Darwin. This will enable the Committee to discuss further if it supports the signing of a Friendship agreement with Dongfang.

**ACTION:** SCO to make contact with the NTG's Economic and Trade Department to inquire if they have any connections directly with Dongfang.

**ACTION:** This item to be discussed at the next meeting.

## 5. General Business

### 5.1 Membership of Haikou SCCC

- Some concern was raised by the Committee in attendance at the lack of quorum at the last few meetings.

**ACTION:** The SCO will contact each Haikou Community Committee members and ascertain their availability to attend meetings and to ensure that the meeting date and times are still convenient for members.

### 5.2 LTANT – Language Speaking Competition

- Maisy advised the committee that the annual language speaking competition will be held on Saturday 22 August 2009.
- There are over 260 participants this year across all languages including Chinese.

**ACTION:** SCO to raise a cheque for sponsorship to the competition as per Haikou SCCC Action Plan, once a Tax Invoice has been received from LTANT.

### 5.3 Request for Funds – Chinese Tutor for Darwin High School

- Maisy advised that the Federal Government is injecting funds into schools to bring the teaching of Asian languages back into schools.
- An informal request was made to gauge the interest of the committee in assisting Darwin High in hiring a Chinese tutor to help students studying Chinese.
- The Committee agreed that a full quorum is required to consider any budget/sponsorship requests once a formal request was made.

## 6 Meeting Closed

Closed at 1.40pm

## 7 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Date: Monday 28 September 2009  
Time: 12:30pm  
Venue: Meeting Room 1

ENCL: YES

**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL**

DATE: 0709/09

**REPORT****TO:** COMMUNITY & CULTURAL  
SERVICES/OPEN A**APPROVED:** JB**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &  
CULTURAL SERVICES**APPROVED:** KH**REPORT NO:** 09C0144 SF:ems**APPROVED:** SF**COMMON NO:** 1637204**SUBJECT:** INFORMAL MEETING NOTES ANCHORAGE SISTER CITY  
COMMITTEE MEETING 27 AUGUST 2009 FOR INFORMATION**ITEM NO: 10.2.3****SYNOPSIS:**

The Informal Meeting Notes for the Anchorage Sister City Community Committee meeting held on Thursday 27 August 2009 are presented to the Community Services Committee for information.

**GENERAL:**

A full quorum was not achieved at this meeting; therefore the Informal Meeting Notes for the meeting held on the 27 August 2009 will be presented at the next scheduled Anchorage Sister City Committee meeting for endorsement by the committee.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Budget Item Number 05/224001/300 (W1582/1)

The Anchorage Sister City Community Committee has an annual budget allocation of \$4000 for committee projects.

**STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:**

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



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### **Goal**

6 Promote Brand Darwin

### **Outcome**

6.2 Promote our Darwin city

### **Key Strategies**

6.2.4 Strengthen international relationships through Sister Cities and other activities

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

None applicable for this report.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

None applicable for this report.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

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

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:**

Not applicable to this report.

### **DELEGATION:**

Nil

### **CONSULTATION:**

None required for this report.

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

None required for this report.

### **APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE**

Nil

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

THAT it be a recommendation to Council that Report Number 09C0144 entitled, Informal Meeting Notes Anchorage Sister City Committee Meeting 27 August 2009 For Information, be received and noted.

**SAMANTHA FRENCH**  
**SISTER CITIES OFFICER**

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

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



## INFORMAL MEETING NOTES

**ANCHORAGE SISTER CITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Thursday 27 August 2009**  
**5:00pm**  
**Meeting Room 1**  
**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL CIVIC CENTRE**

**Meeting Opened**

Declared open at 5:10pm

**1. Present**

Michael Myers	Community Representative
Bill Hodge	Community Representative
Greg Nettleton	Community Representative
Christina Spargo	Observer
Samantha French	Sister Cities Officer

**2. Apologies**

Sue Wainwright	Community Representative
Angella Francis	Community Representative
Kate Boyd	Community Representative
Alderman Kerry Moir	Elected Member, Darwin City Council
Alderman Joanne Sangster	Elected Member, Darwin City Council

A quorum was not achieved therefore an informal meeting was held with those members present.

The Chair welcomed Christina to the meeting as an observer.

**3. Minutes**

The Minutes of the last Anchorage meeting held on the 11 June 2009 were accepted as a true and accurate.

(Hodge/Nettleton)

Carried

**4. Business Arising****4.1 Anchorage SCCC Budget 2009/2010**

- SCO advised that carry forwards have not yet been approved by Council.
- The Anchorage SCCC has available to date their annual allocation of \$4000 to be used toward projects this financial year, 2009/2010.
- All funds however must be expended by 30 June 2010.

**4.2 2009 Sister Cities Fundraising Event**

- SCO advised that the fundraising event at the Deckchair Cinema on Thursday 2 July 2009 was very successful and well received by the general public. 449 tickets were sold at the event, making this one of the biggest fundraising events held at the Deckchair in recent times. DCC Sister Cities Community Committees made a profit of \$2105 from the sale of movie tickets, which is 50% of the tickets sales.

- \$1450 was the profit raised from the sale of food and raffle tickets at the event, after expenses.
- SCO thanked all members for their contributions on the night and in the lead up to the event.

## 5. General Business

### 5.1 July – December 2009 Meeting Schedule

- This meeting schedule was attached for the Committee's information to ensure a quorum is achieved at all upcoming meetings.
- No changes were made to the current schedule.

### 5.2 Multicultural Council of the NT – 2010 Calendar

- SCO advised that in collaboration with the Multicultural Council of the NT (MCNT) that the entry forms, promotional poster and the conditions of entry forms have been completed.
- SCO would like to thank Callum Poole the Youth Services Trainee for designing all the forms
- A letter will be sent to a number of schools from each of Darwin's Sister Cities in support of the Harmony Calendar Competition.

### 5.3 Returned Darwin Fire Officer

- Greg Nettleton gave background on the Anchorage Fire Officer Exchange program for the benefit of Christina.

**ACTION:** SCO to invite Darwin Firefighter Simon Burt and his wife, Fiona to attend our next scheduled Anchorage SCCC meeting.

### 5.4 University Memorandum of Understanding.

**ACTION:** Christina to seek further information with regards to a memorandum of understanding that may have been signed between Charles Darwin University (formerly Northern Territory University) and the University of Alaska Anchorage.

## 6 Meeting Closed

Closed at 6:10pm

## 7 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Date: TBA  
Time: 5:00pm  
Venue: Meeting Room 1

ENCL: YES

**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL****DATE:** 07/09/09**REPORT****TO:** COMMUNITY & CULTURAL  
SERVICES/OPEN A**APPROVED:** JB**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &  
CULTURAL SERVICES**APPROVED:** KH**REPORT NO:** 09C0146 SF:ems**APPROVED:** SF**COMMON NO:** 1637162**SUBJECT:** INFORMAL MEETING NOTES KALYMNOS SISTER CITY COMMUNITY  
COMMITTEE MEETING 3 SEPTEMBER 2009 FOR INFORMATION**ITEM NO: 10.2.4****SYNOPSIS:**

This report presents to the Community Services Committee the informal meeting notes from the Kalymnos Sister City Community Committee meeting held on Thursday 3 September 2009 for information.

**GENERAL:**

A full quorum was not achieved at this meeting; therefore the Informal Meeting Notes for the meetings held on the 3 September and the 13 May 2009 will be presented at the next scheduled Kalymnos Sister City Committee meeting for endorsement by the committee.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Budget Item Number 05/224001/300 (W1584/1)

The Kalymnos Sister City Community Committee has an annual budget allocation of \$4000 for future projects.

All funds must be expended by 30 June 2010.

**STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:**

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

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### **Goal**

6 Promote Brand Darwin

### **Outcome**

6.2 Promote our Darwin city

### **Key Strategies**

6.2.4 Strengthen international relationships through Sister Cities and other activities

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

None pertaining to this report.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Not applicable.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

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

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:**

No Community Safety implications specific to this report.

### **DELEGATION:**

None for this report.

### **CONSULTATION:**

None for this report.

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

Not applicable

### **APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE**

Not applicable for this report.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

THAT it be a recommendation to Council that Report Number 09C0146 entitled, Informal Meeting Notes Kalymnos Sister City Community Committee Meeting 3 September 2009 For Information, be received and noted.

**SAMANTHA FRENCH**  
**SISTER CITIES OFFICER**

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

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

**KALYMNOS SISTER CITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Thursday 3 September 2009**  
**12:30pm**  
**Meeting Room 1**  
**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL CIVIC CENTRE**

**Meeting Opened**

Declared open at 12:45pm

**1. Present**

Dina Tsougranis	Community Representative
Alderman Allan Mitchell	Elected Member, Darwin City Council
Samantha French	Sister Cities Officer

**2. Apologies**

George Lambrinidis	Chair, Community Representative
Tony Miaoudis	Community Representative
Costa Miaoudis	Community Representative
Alderman Bob Elix	Elected Member, Darwin City Council

A quorum was not achieved so an informal meeting was held. In the absence of the Chair, the Sister Cities Officer chaired the meeting.

**3. Minutes**

As a quorum was not achieved the meeting notes from the previous meetings were not endorsed.

**4. Business Arising**

**4.1 Greek Glenti Overview**

- Those members in attendance briefly discussed the 2009 Greek Glenti stall worked by the Kalymnos SCCC.
- It was agreed that next year, consideration be given to reducing the overall cost for the weekend to maximize profit from the event.
- A report will be submitted to Council, in consultation with the Kalymnos Committee.

**4.2 2009 Sister Cities Fundraising Event – Thursday 2 July 2009**

- SCO advised that the fundraising event at the Deckchair Cinema on Thursday 2 July 2009 was very successful and well received by the general public. 449 tickets were sold at the event, making this one of the biggest fundraising events held at the Deckchair in recent times. DCC Sister Cities Community Committee's made a profit of \$2105 from the sale of movie tickets, which is 50% of the tickets sales.
- \$1450 was the profit raised from the sale of food and raffle tickets at the event, after expenses.
- SCO thanked all members for their contributions on the night and in the lead up to the event.



## **5. General Business**

### **5.1 July – December 2009 Meeting Schedule**

- To ensure a full quorum is achieved at each Kalymnos SCCC, the SCO confirmed that the meeting dates and times were still suitable to all the members present.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 14 October 2009 in Meeting Room 1.
- SCO advised that Aggeliki Zagorianou has resigned from the Kalymnos SCCC.

### **5.2 2009/2010 Kalymnos Sister Cities Budget**

- SCO advised that carry forwards have not yet been approved by Council.
- The Kalymnos SCCC has available to date their annual allocation of \$4000 to be used toward projects this financial year, 2009/2010.
- All funds however must be expended by 30 June 2010.

### **5.3 Multicultural Council of the NT – 2010 Calendar**

- SCO advised that in collaboration with the Multicultural Council of the NT (MCNT) that the entry forms, promotional poster and the conditions of entry forms have been completed.
- A letter will be sent to a number of schools from each of Darwin's Sister Cities in support of the Harmony Calendar Competition.
- SCO is seeking assistance from the member for the name of the school in Kalymnos that Council donated some computers to in the past.

## **6. Meeting Closed at 1:50pm**

## **7. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Date: Wednesday 14 October 2009  
 Time: 12:30pm  
 Venue: Meeting Room 1

ENCL: YES

**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL**

DATE: 07/09/09

**REPORT****TO:** COMMUNITY & CULTURAL  
SERVICES/OPEN A**APPROVED:** JB**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &  
CULTURAL SERVICES**APPROVED:** NM**REPORT NO:** 09C0143 SF:ems**APPROVED:** SF**COMMON NO:** 1631538**SUBJECT:** MINUTES AMBON SISTER CITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING  
20 AUGUST 2009 WITH RECOMMENDATION – NATIONAL SISTER  
CITIES DAY**ITEM NO: 10.2.5**

This report presents the Minutes of the Ambon Sister City Community Committee meeting held on 20 August 2009 and are presented to the Community Services Committee for their endorsement.

**GENERAL:**

The purpose of this report is for the Community Services Committee to receive and note the minutes of the Ambon Sister City Community Committee meeting held on Thursday 20 August 2009.

Recommendations from the Ambon Sister City Community Committee meeting held on 20 August 2009 are:

*THAT the Ambon Sister City Community Committee recommends to the Community Services Committee that a combined Sister Cities Fundraising event be held annually to coincide with National Sister Cities Day on 5 July.*

(Gregory/Silvester)

Carried

**Previous Decisions:**

Decision No. 20\1826 (28/07/09)

THAT \$300 be allocated from the 2008/2009 Ambon budget towards the Sister Cities Fundraising Deckchair Event held at The Deckchair Cinema on 2 July 2009, and this amount be carried forward to the 2009/2010 budget.

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### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Budget Item Number 05/224001/300 (W1581/1)

The Ambon Sister City Community Committee has an annual budget allocation of \$4000 and \$2000 carried forward from the 2008/2009 budget allocated towards funding a short student exchange program.

Total funds of \$6000 is currently available to be spent, however must be expended by 30 June 2010.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:**

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

#### **Goal**

6 Promote Brand Darwin

#### **Outcome**

6.2 Promote our Darwin city

#### **Key Strategies**

6.2.4 Strengthen international relationships through Sister Cities and other activities

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

None pertaining to this report.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

None 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. Potential issues or any media interest is brought to the attention of the General Manager, Cultural & Community Services.

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:**

None pertaining to this report.

### **DELEGATION:**

None applicable.

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**CONSULTATION:**

No consultation required for this report.

**PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:**

No public consultation required for this report.

**APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE**

None for this report.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 09C0143 SF:ems entitled Minutes Ambon Sister City Community Committee Meeting 29 August 2009 With Recommendation – National Sister Cities Day, be received and noted.
- B. THAT the Ambon Sister City Community Committee recommends that a combined Sister Cities Fundraising event be held annually to coincide with National Sister Cities Day on 5 July.

**SAMANTHA FRENCH**  
**SISTER CITIES OFFICER**

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

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

## MINUTES

**AMBON SISTER CITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Thursday 20 August 2009**  
**5:00pm**  
**Meeting Room 1**  
**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL CIVIC CENTRE**

### Meeting Opened

Declared open at 5:12pm

#### 1. Present

Sue Pattiselano	Community Representative
Christine Silvester	Community Representative
Leigh Gregory	Community Representative
Judy Miller	Community Representative
Linda Fazldeen	Community Representative
Samantha French	Sister Cities Officer

#### 2. Apologies

Rick Setter	Chair, Community Representative
Ken Waugh	Community Representative
Angella Setter	
Ken Conway	
Alderman Greg Jarvis	Elected Member, Darwin City Council
Alderman Garry Lambert	Elected Member, Darwin City Council

In the absence of the Chair, Leigh Gregory chaired the meeting.

#### 3. Minutes

The Minutes from the meeting held on Thursday 11 June 2009 were accepted as a true and accurate account of the meeting.

(Silvester/Miller)

Carried

#### 4. Business Arising

##### 4.1 2009 Sister Cities Fundraising Event – Thursday 2 July

- SCO advised that the fundraising event at the Deckchair Cinema on Thursday 2 July 2009 was very successful and well received by the general public. 449 tickets were sold at the event, making this one of the biggest fundraising event held at the Deckchair in recent times. DCC Sister Cities Community Committee's made a profit of \$2105 from the sale of movie tickets, which is 50% of the tickets sales.
- \$1450 was the profit raised from the sale of food and raffle tickets at the event, after expenses.
- SCO thanked all members for their contributions on the night and in the lead up to the event.
- The Ambon SCCC are in support of holding an annual combined Sister Cities Fundraising event to coincide with National Sister Cities Day which is celebrated on the 5 July.

**RECOMMENDATION:** THAT the Ambon Sister City Community Committee recommends to the Community Services Committee that a

combined Sister Cities Fundraising event be held annually to coincide with National Sister Cities Day on 5 July.

(Gregory/Silvester)

Carried

#### 4.2 2009 Pesona Indonesia – Saturday 15 August

- The SCO advised the Committee that the recommendation for sponsorship of \$2500 was endorsed by Council and that the funds had been forward to Flobamora Indonesia, as per decision.
- SCO also advised that a static display was held at the event to promote the Sister Cities relationship between Darwin and Ambon.
- The Committee are keen to meet with representatives from the Indonesian Consult to discuss bringing artists or performers directly from Ambon to the 2010 Pesona Indonesia event.
- To ensure that we have ample time to find and contact performers in Ambon for next year's event the Ambon SCCC would like to begin discussions about the 2010 Pesona sooner rather than later.

**ACTION:** The SCO to invite representatives from the Indonesian Consulate to the next Ambon SCCC meeting scheduled for Thursday 24 September 2009 to begin discussions about the 2010 Pesona Indonesia festival and Darwin City Council's involvement specifically.

### 5. General Business

#### 5.1 2009 July – December Meeting Schedule

- To ensure a full quorum is achieved at each Ambon SCCC, the SCO confirmed that the meeting dates and times were still suitable to all the members present.
- The meeting scheduled for Thursday 10 September has been changed to Thursday 24 September 2009 at 5:00pm.

#### 5.2 Youth Exchange

- The committee asked for a progress on the proposed youth exchange project.
- This item to be discussed at the next meeting.

**ACTION:** The SCO to provide a progress of the proposed youth exchange between Darwin and Ambon at the next scheduled Meeting.

### 6 Meeting Closed

Closed at 5:40pm

### 7 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Date: Thursday 24 September 2009  
 Time: 5:00pm  
 Venue: Meeting Room 1

ENCL: YES

**DARWIN CITY COUNCIL**

DATE: 07/09/09

**REPORT****TO:** COMMUNITY & CULTURAL  
SERVICES/OPEN A**APPROVED:** JB**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY &  
CULTURAL SERVICES**APPROVED:** KH**REPORT NO:** 09C0145 SF:ems**APPROVED:** SF**COMMON NO:** 1565447**SUBJECT:** FEEDBACK REPORT FROM COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE AT  
THE 2009 SISTER CITIES AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CONFERENCE  
TAMWORTH NSW 19-22 JULY 2009**ITEM NO: 10.2.6****SYNOPSIS:**

This report is presented to the Community Services Committee for information with feedback on the 2009 Sister Cities Australia (SCA) National Conference held in Tamworth, NSW between 19 July to 22 July 2009, which was attended by a Community Member of the Anchorage Sister City Community Committee.

**GENERAL:**

The 2009 Sister Cities Australia National Conference was held in Tamworth, New South Wales between the 19 to 22 July at the Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre. The theme of this year's conference was "Back to Basics".

The Sister Cities Officer and Mr William (Bill) Hodge, a Community Representative on the Anchorage Sister City Community Committee represented Council at this conference.

Attached is a report written by Bill Hodge with feedback on the 2009 SCA Conference for information by the Community Services Committee.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

No financial implications required for this report.

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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**

6 Promote Brand Darwin

#### **Outcome**

6.2 Promote our Darwin city

#### **Key Strategies**

6.2.4 Strengthen international relationships through Sister Cities and other activities

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

None for this report.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

None for this report.

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

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:**

No Community Safety implications for this report.

### **DELEGATION:**

No delegation for this report.

### **CONSULTATION:**

Mr Bill Hodge provided feedback and his thoughts on the 2009 SCA Conference.

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

None applicable for this report.



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**APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE:**

No signage issues for this report.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

THAT it be a recommendation to Council that Report Number 09C0145 entitled, Feedback Report From Community Representative At The 2009 Sister Cities Australia National Conference Tamworth NSW 19-22 July 2009, be received and noted.

**SAMANTHA FRENCH**  
**SISTER CITIES OFFICER**

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

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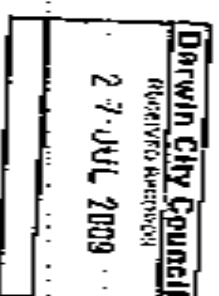
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Samantha Francis

Dawn Spurr



JUST BEFORE YOU LEAVE THAT THE  
VISIT THE TWO SISTER CITIES REPRESENTED, THAT  
BEING A GREEN SUBURB AND DEER ME?

I HAVE MANY THOUGHTS FOR MYSELF, HOW  
AM I EVEN GOING TO LEARN ANYTHING ABOUT  
SISTER CITIES, WITH MYSTERY BEING IT'S  
EVERY 6 WEEKS, IT WILL TAKE ME YEARS.

HOWEVER, AFTER BEING AT THE TOWN COUNCIL  
CONVENTION, I WOULD THINK AT THE VERY LEAST  
SHOULD BE MEMBERS.

IT WOULD BE A LOT TO LEARN, THAT SO MANY  
PEOPLE WOULD TO TAKE ABOUT WITH THE COUNCILS  
WERE DONE HAVE HOME, RE SISTER CITIES.

EVERY ONE I SPEAK TO, WITH PEACE OF MIND  
THAT IT'S DECIDED IN THE PAST.

BY ATTENDING ALL THE PLACES AT THE CONVENTION,  
I NOW FEEL THAT I HAVE LEARNED A LOT OF  
ABOUT SISTER CITIES, AND FEEL WITH YOU.

LEARNED THE BEST HAS NOT BEEN ASKED AT ALL.

I HOPE NOW TO BE MORE HELPFUL AND HAVE  
MORE INPUT AT ALL OF THE MEETINGS AND VIDEOS.  
YOUR TRUTHFULLY ... W. O. HODGE

W. O. Hodge

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