



MINUTES

ARTS & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday 8 May 2018

12.30pm – 1.30pm

Council Chambers, City of Darwin Civic Centre

1. PRESENT

Members

Alderman Andrew Arthur
Louise Partos
Sean Pardy
Jane Tonkin
CJ Fraser-Bell
Danielle Cullen

Chairperson, City of Darwin
Executive Officer, Artback NT
Executive Director, Brown's Mart Arts
Executive Producer, CIYT
Director, Darwin Fringe Festival
Regional Arts Broker, Arts NT

City of Darwin Staff

Robyn Higgins

Arts and Cultural Development Coordinator

Observer

Tahlia Joy

Community Inclusion Coordinator, City of Darwin

2. APOLOGIES

Members

Eliza Nolan
James Gough
Alderman George Lambrinidis

Tourism NT
Business Manager, Darwin Entertainment Centre
Alternate Member, City of Darwin

City of Darwin Staff

Emma Lewis

Acting Technical Services Manager

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Nil

4. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

That the minutes of the meeting held on 1 February 2018 be accepted as a true and accurate.

Moved: Jane Tonkin

Seconded: CJ Fraser-Bell

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 Public Art Guidelines

The Public Art Guidelines have been amended to include a review every two years and that the next review is due to take place in 2020. This document is going through internal processes and will be publically released shortly.

5.2 Busking Working Group

The busking working group reconvened to further refine a proposal and this has been sent to Arts and Cultural Development Committee (ACDAC).

ACTION: The ACDAC working group proposal will be circulated by the ACDAC with members for their feedback and recommendations. The committee will provide feedback to the ACDAC to collate before 26 June 2018 in preparation for next meeting.

5.3 ACDAC Nominations

- Nominations for new membership to the ACDAC committee were received from Mark Smith, Britt Guy, Marita Smith and Louise Tegar.
- ACDAC noted that the Committee terms of reference requires a 'minimum of 10 positions and (4) additional places *(if further skill sets required)*.' ACDAC informed the members that all 4 nominations could be recommended.
- There was discussion around the importance of having diversity amongst ACDAC members and it was noted that having some new members who are practicing artists and/or not representing local arts organisations was desirable.
- All 4 nominations were recognised by the members as being appropriate for recommendation to Council as experienced arts and cultural advisors with specialist skills pending additional background checks.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT Mark Smith, Britt Guy, Marita Smith and Louise Tegar be recommended for appointment to the Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee as community representatives for the term 14 March 2018 to 14 March 2020 pending additional background checks.

Moved: Jane Tonkin

Seconded: Sean Pardy

5.4 Update on Chairperson

ACDAC advised the committee of Council Decision No.22\0391 – Ordinary Council Meeting – Open – 13 February 2018 - 19.3 Arts & Cultural Development Advisory Committee (Common No. 375173) B. THAT *Alderman A Arthur be appointed to the Arts & Cultural Development Advisory Committee for the period of 13 February 2018 to 30 June 2018.*

5.5 ACDAC Meeting Time and Schedule 2018

Members confirmed daytime meetings were most appropriate and there were no known clashes with the schedule.

5.6 Professional Development Opportunities

ACDAC called for suggestions for Fuel Up, the City of Darwin's Arts and Cultural professional development program.

ACTION: ACDAC Committee members to email ACDAC.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Continuing and Departed Members

ACDAC confirmed that formal letters acknowledging continuing and thanking departed members were received.

6.2 Public Art Proposal Briefing

ACDAC advised the committee that an artist has made an initial approach to Council regarding a fallen tree in Yanyula Park that he has carved after cyclone Marcus. He requested that Council clean-up of the fallen trunk be stalled and has enquired as to whether Council would be interested to acquire the work into its Public Art collection.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT Council investigates the possibilities and implications of temporary acquisition of the carved tree in line with Council's position on acquisitions in its Public Art Policy.

Moved: Sean Pardy

Seconded: Jane Tonkin

6.3 Update on 2018 projects and programs from the Arts & Cultural Development Coordinator

- *Arts and Cultural Development Coordinator appointed:* ACDAC started on Tuesday 1 May 2018. ACDAC formally welcomed by committee.
- *CITYLIFE Platform:* ACDAC informed committee of the next launch of the CITYLIFE Platform (light box) program on Friday 8 June 2018. This program showcases local artists across eight purpose build lightboxes in three sites across Darwin: The Mall, Chinatown Carpark and the Nightcliff Pool. This round is curated by Koulla Roussos and will run till 30 September 2018. Submissions have closed and the curator is currently selecting works. The title of this exhibition is *Glamorama-Futurama*. The Committee congratulated Kieran Grassmayr on the successful launch of the program earlier in the year.

6.4 Members' Update

- Artback NT and other Frog Hollow residents are hoping to extend their stay along with Darwin Festival till October 2018. Artback NT has partnered with Music NT to deliver Desert Divas. They will be performing at Railway Club on 29 June 2018.
- Brown's Mart Arts current show *The Turquoise Elephant* is selling out. The 2018 program involves collaborating on a First Nations theatre writing development program, hosting *Word Storm* NT Writers Festival Darwin (24-27 May 2018) and delivering *A Smoke Social* in the town hall ruins 21-30 June 2018. Happy Yess is temporarily closed and has its AGM 15 May 2018 at 5.30pm.
- Arts NT staff are currently shifting. Senior Arts Broker position is being filled. Arts Fellowships closed 7 May 2018. Professional Development Fund only currently open grants funding.

- Darwin Fringe Festival fundraising quiz night is on 27 May 2018, Program Launch is Wednesday 7 June 2018 at Accomplish and Fringe Festival is from 6-15 July 2018. Advertising is available for purchase in the program. Fringe Festival is collaborating with City of Darwin Libraries to co-program Kids Fringe activities.
- CIYT Executive Producer is on the Darwin Middle School rebuild working group and its integration of art into the infrastructure. Nightcliff Community Centre is celebrating 20 year celebration in June 2018.
- Darwin Country Music Muster featuring Warren H Williams will be at Royal Darwin Showgrounds Saturday, 30 June 2018 – Sunday 1 July 2018.
- Darwin Blues and Roots Festival 21 July 2018 at PINTS Club.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Role of the committee as an advocate in support of the value of arts and culture in relation to Public Art was raised. The committee discussed the importance and responsibility of their position as members in engaging in public discourse, endorsing arts and cultural developments and establishing a standing agenda item to raise discussion amongst members of current areas of arts and cultural engagement in the City of Darwin particularly in relation to public art and the importance of the 1% levy on new construction developments for Public Art.

ACTION: ACDAC Committee meetings to have a standing agenda item of public arts achievements and discourse.

8. MEETING CLOSE

Meeting closed at 1.40pm

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 3 July 2018 12.30pm – 2.00pm

All meetings are held in Meeting Room 1 (upstairs) at the Civic Centre.