



**MINUTES
ARTS & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, September 15 2020

3.00pm – 4.30pm

Library Hub Meeting Room, Ground Floor, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue

MEETING OPENS WITH ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

1. MEMBERS ATTENDING

Jane Tonkin
Mark Smith
Teghan Hughes
Erica McCalman
Katharina Fehringer
Andrea Wicking

Chairperson (outgoing)
Deputy Chair

Coryn Huddy
Kieren Grassmayr

Acting Manager, Darwin Entertainment Centre
Arts NT Representative

City of Darwin Staff

Anneke Barnes
Carmen Ansaldo

Manager Community and Cultural Development
Arts and Cultural Development Officer

2. APOLOGIES

Sean Pardy
Marita Smith
CJ Fraser-Bell

ABSENT

Alderman Andrew Arthur
Luke Devries

Senior Coordinator Civil Infrastructure

QUORUM REACHED

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Nil

4. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: July 21, 2020

Moved Mark Smith

Seconded Kieren Grassmayr

Carried

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 ACDAC community member recruitment

Welcome and introduction of four new ACDAC members in attendance:

- Katharina (Kathy) Fehringer is a music teacher and performer who is passionate about musical expression.
- Andrea Wicking is a long-term Territorian who creates bespoke events through Salty Plum Events, with a working history at Brown's Mart, Darwin

Theatre Company, Craft NT, Arts NT and Tracks Dance Company. She is currently on the board of Tracks Dance Company. Her background is in marketing, communications and project management.

- Erica McCalman is an event manager and arts project manager specialising in experimental and emerging arts, she also runs an industry consultancy called Art Oracle.
- Teghan Hughes is a musician and sound engineer working at Happy Yess. She is a radio producer and interviewer for TEBA who has previously worked in Yuendumu and Alice Springs, as well as across the Territory for Music NT.

Committee acknowledges that all ACDAC representatives participate as arts sector individuals, not as representatives for the organisations they work for.

6.2 Appointment of a new ACDAC Chair

The Chair notifies the Committee that her term with ACDAC is concluding and that a new Chair needs to be voted in. She suggests that an ongoing experienced Committee member would be an ideal replacement, as this ensures consistency to proceedings.

ACDAC acknowledges outgoing Chair Jane Tonkin's five years of service to ACDAC, sitting two of those years as Committee Chair.

CJ Fraser-Bell has indicated to the Chair her willingness to become the ACDAC Chair for the next two year term.

Motion: That CJ Fraser-Bell be appointed to the Chair position of ACDAC for the term of September 2020 to September 2022.

Erica McCalman moved Seconded Mark Smith Vote carried unanimously

RECOMMENDATION	ACDAC recommends that CJ Fraser-Bell be appointed to Chair of ACDAC for the term of September 2020 to September 2022.
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6.3 TOR draft for recommendation

The draft TOR recommendations approved by ACDAC are currently sitting with the Governance and Legislation Advisor, who is initiating a whole of Council committee review which includes standardising terms of reference.

ACTION	ACD Officer to keep ACDAC informed on the progress of the Council Committee Review and ramifications for the governance and Terms of Reference of ACDAC.
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6.4 Update and amendment of current City of Darwin By-Laws

Angela O'Donnell, Senior Policy Advisor, will be seeking specialist advice over the coming months regarding the review of City of Darwin's By-Laws. The community consultation will occur in 2021, but she is flagging the review with all advisory committees now as they will have an opportunity to provide their perspectives and expertise to this process in the coming months. She will endeavor to attend the November ACDAC meeting to speak about areas of the By-Laws which may benefit from arts and cultural development advice, and to gain targeted feedback from Committee members.

6.5 Major Federal Government Arts Sector consultations: Kieren Grassmayr

Arts NT is canvassing input from the arts and cultural sector in regards to three

federal government consultations occurring now.

- Australia's Creative and Cultural Industries and Institutions: 22nd October 2020 deadline
- Consultation paper on growing the Indigenous Visual Arts Industry: 18th December 2020 deadline. The Federal Government is sitting on their response to the Inauthentic Art Inquiry, this response will be integrated into this current consultation paper.
- Re-imagine: What next? Australia Council for the Arts curated discussions: September, October 2020

Arts NT encourages submissions to as many of these consultations as possible. Arts NT can be contacted directly and can assist with the creation of submissions. It is also useful for Arts NT to have an idea of what recommendations the NT sector is submitting. Submissions to be short, sharp, clear and broken down into best five points. Advocacy for and by individual artists will also be important for the Federal Government to note. Erica McCalman is on the board of Theatre Network Australia and said these submissions will be considered seriously by the Federal Government.

ACTION	Arts NT representative to send Zoom link to Re-imagine discussion to interested parties once released by Australia Council. Arts NT representative to send out the subscription link to Bite Sized news to ACDAC members.
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ACTION	ACD Officer to investigate feasibility of submitting to the Australia's Creative and Cultural Industries and Institutions through Council and contact ACDAC with result.
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6.6 Working Groups

ACDAC has retired two working groups – the DEC Hirer's Subsidy working group and the Artist Rates, Wages and KPI working group. There are two action groups commencing now that new ACDAC members have been established. The first is an action group investigating the feasibility of a Darwin Art Prize, the following members self-nominated to be involved in those discussions:

Kieren Grassmayr
Coryn Huddy
Andrea Wicking
Erica McCalman

The second is an action group will meet regarding the renewal of the City of Darwin Arts Plan and what form this will take. The following members self-nominated for the Arts Plan working group:

Andrea Wicking
Erica McCalman
Mark Smith
Kathy Fehringer
Teghan Hughes

6.7 ACD Officer Update

6.7.1 Jingili Water Gardens Playground Upgrade update

Stage 2 of the Jingili Water Gardens Playground is commencing. The timeline for installation has been pushed back to March/April 2021 due to high likelihood of a monsoonal wet season, in addition to COVID 19 complications regarding fabrication and transportation.

ACTION	ACD Officer to send Jingili Playground Integrated Artwork Concept Plan to new members.
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6.7.2 THRIVE Public Art Project – Bicentennial Park

Council will release an expression of interest in October/November 2020 for the next THRIVE Public Art Project at Bicentennial Park which will be a Larrakia themed stand-alone sculpture in collaboration with Larrakia Nation.

6.7.3 Casuarina Pool Upgrade Masterplan

Casuarina Pool Masterplan announced \$25 million project – investigating what public art contribution could be made to the Project.

6.7.4 Balunu Citylife Platform Lightbox Project

Balunu Healing Foundation are partners in the next CityLife Platform Lightbox Project. ACD Officer working with curator Nadine Lee and Balunu artists for an October install and launch.

6.7.5 Rights on Show

Darwin Community Legal Service is hosting Rights on Show again in November 2020 with the theme this year being 'United We Stand'. Council will be providing \$1500 funding in an out of round grant application for art materials to encourage community and not-for-profit organisations to submit entries.

6.8 Members' Update

Coryn Huddy: DEC is implementing more community participation programs: ESCALATE, which is a program for up and coming performers; and Support Act, which is a program to support upcoming musicians with James Blundell. Both programs have been positively received and will continue. Visual Arts programming will continue in the gallery with a fourth exhibition opening on 18 September.

Andrea Wicking: October Business Month has a regional focus this year and is using the best local business people here in Darwin for their content. Wednesday 28 October will include an arts sector focus, however the whole program has relevance to the arts. Many businesses will be sharing their COVID lessons with a focus on businesses that have been innovative rather than reactive. This taps into the themes for Business Week this year, which are innovation, diversification and resilience.

Erica McCalman: Robert in Crisis – Scott Gooding's theatre production at Browns Mart, focussing on dominant forms of masculinity, commences 27 October.

Kathy Fehringer: Kathy is currently developing 60 young music students between the ages of 5 – 25 with symphonic orchestra training, some of these trainers are from overseas.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

8. MEETING CLOSE 4.32pm

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday, 10 November 2020, 3.00pm – 4.30pm at the Library Hub, Civic Centre