

**AGENDA
ARTS & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, February 16 2021
3.00pm – 4.30pm**

Meeting Room 1, First Floor, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue

MEETING OPENS WITH ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

1. MEMBERS ATTENDING

CJ Fraser Bell

Chairperson

Mark Smith

Vice Chair

Katharina Fehringer

Teghan Hughes

Erica McCalman

Coryn Huddy

Darwin Entertainment Centre

City of Darwin Staff

Vanessa Green

Executive Manager, Governance, Strategy and
Performance

Anneke Barnes

Community and Cultural Development

Carmen Ansaldo

Arts and Cultural Development Officer

Elected Members

Alderman Andrew Arthur

2. APOLOGIES

Andrea Wicking

Marita Smith

Arts NT

Multicultural Council of the Northern Territory

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Nil

4. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: 1 December 2020

Accepted: Alderman Arthur

Second: Teghan Hughes

Carried.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 Sean Pardy – recognition of service

The Lord Mayor has sent Sean a formal letter commending him on his long-standing commitment to ACDAC.

5.2 Motion by Alderman Arthur

Alderman Arthur will submit his motion requesting to increase the Community Grants Program funding from \$100,000 to \$200,000 at the Ordinary Council meeting on 23 February 2021. As per the December meeting, ACDAC are in support of an increase of community grant funding available to \$200,000 as a mechanism to support the arts and cultural sector

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Organisational members recruitment

Arts NT, Multicultural Council of the NT (MCNT), Larrakia Organisation, NT Major Events

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Arts NT – Toni Cutler indicated her willingness to attend ACDAC meetings as the Arts NT rep moving forward. ACD Officer has forwarded Toni all ACDAC meeting dates for first half of the year.

MCNT – Edwin Joseph finds the Tuesday afternoon timeslot challenging to attend. On a Tuesday afternoon organisational representatives not available. Edwin will try to make this time work for future meetings but his attendance might be tentative. ACD Officer to review mid-year whether the arrangement remains suitable.

Larrakia Organisation – Larrakia Development Corporation has been contacted to sit on ACDAC. ACD Officer still pursuing this lead, may approach different representatives to ensure Larrakia representation is present for the April meeting.

NT Major Events – Committee agrees that NT Major Events attend as an observer for a few meetings to see if there is cause to make the organisation a permanent member.

ACDAC has historically invited observers to attend Committee meetings and as per the TOR, can invite more organisations into the future. Committee members can seek information from the observers to bring back to the table to ensure informed decisions are made. Vanessa Green is having discussion with the Marketing and Communications team to ensure the public know the Committee meetings are open, and that conversation about Arts and Cultural Development are taking place at Council.

6.2 City of Darwin Advisory Committees Review and Local Government Act compliance: Vanessa Green, Executive Manager of Governance, Strategy and Performance

Vanessa Green presented regarding governance changes to City of Darwin Advisory Committees to ensure better compliance with the Local Government Act 2008. Items of note include that all Committee meetings who do not reach quorum in 30 minutes must be rescheduled, and that the CEO is a contact point for ACDAC members and must be notified of a meeting change via the Chair, any item that cannot be resolved within the Committee is taken to Council for decision. ACDAC members are bound by the same Code of Conduct as Elected Members, including conflict of interest declarations.

6.3 THRIVE Bicentennial Public Art Project — Concept briefing

Council officers are progressing THRIVE II public art project, in partnership with Larrakia Nation. Informing and seeking ACDAC support before progressing with tender selection.

Recommended applicant supported by ACDAC for engagement on THRIVE II.

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6.4 Working Groups

Art Prize

Working group is meeting at Council at 9am Friday 19 February if any further Committee members are wanting to attend. Joanna Barrkman, Curator of Charles Darwin University Gallery, will be in attendance and has signalled the Gallery's interest in the establishment of a bi-annual prize.

Arts Plan/Policy

Looking at mid-March for the group to come together for the first time to review both the two Arts Policies, and the Arts Plan.

6.5 ACD Officer Update

Citylife Platform next Lightbox instalment: Internal partnership between Arts & Youth Team for Youth Week 2021 in April, including a curatorial mentorship with CDU Bachelor of Arts graduate, Kezia Dilettoso. Citylife Lightbox project coming up for review, that will include evaluation of participation and people impacted.

Committee informed that Council will enter care-taker mode in July 2021 prior to the Local Government elections.

6.6 RAP implementation Group update

Manager of Community and Cultural Development provided a progress report of City of Darwin's Reconciliation Action Plan implementation.

Alderman Arthur raised the issue of dual naming and signage for Vestey's Beach, which is to be dual named as Bundilla, the Larrakia name for the area. He is part of a push to make the beach singularly named as Bundilla and was hoping the Committee could back this as a heritage deliverable.

ACTION	ACD Officer to seek information from Planning and Communications regarding how signage is produced, approved and what avenues exist for ACDAC to comment.
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6.7 Members' Update

Mark Smith – NT Music's Women in Music Plan will be launched on 14 March; a document about Music NT roles, and what can be done in the broader sector to advance the representation and participation of women in music.

Coryn Huddy – Officially resigning from ACDAC as he is stepping down from Darwin Entertainment Centre to start at NT Major Events on 5 March. He will appoint/propose another staff member to ACDAC. DEC has invested \$238,000 in cash and investments back into Darwin through their community program through in-kind rehearsal spaces, gallery and subsidies being applied. DEC has paid out \$100,000 performance fees to local artists. New GM to start mid-March — Mike Harris from Perth. Confident the business will flourish under his leadership, no other substantial changes. Youth Week Program - E-Sports, Future Voices, community space.

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Community based venues that are supporting artists, DEC can support through local artists subsidy scheme.

The Chair thanks Coryn for his time and dedication to ACDAC.

Erica McCalman – Has taken up a role as First Nations delivery producer for Australian Performing Arts Market, with programming scheduled for Adelaide in May and Darwin in August.

CJ Fraser-Bell – Is the set designer for Highway of Lost Hearts, Browns Mart, running 12 March – 27 March. This production is part of the Brown's Mart youth program.

Teghan Hughes – Happy Yess had their soft opening for the year, commencing with a comedy event celebrating Richie Fejo's birthday. Upcoming performances will support young performers and local singer and songwriters. \$34,000 in fees were paid to local artists in the 2020 calendar year and additional front of house staff have been hired. Happy Yess have also received funding from the Federal Government Live Music Program to mentor music technical assistants and provide career pathways for recent graduates. Happy Yess is searching for a new chair and board members. The Epic Fannies will be representing Darwin, performing at Wide Open Spaces this year.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Katharina Fehringer – keen to understand what Council spaces might exist for practising artists and musicians to use as practice spaces. ACD Officer to set up a meeting with Katharina to discuss out of session.

8. MEETING CLOSE

4:33pm

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

13 April 2021, 3pm – 4.30pm, Meeting Room 1, Civic Centre