



**MINUTES  
ARTS & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, June 9 2020**

**3.00pm – 4.30pm**

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

*MEETING OPENS WITH ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY*

**ATTENDING**

Jane Tonkin  
CJ Fraser-Bell  
Mark Smith  
Marita Smith  
Sean Pardy  
Louise Partos

**Chairperson**  
**Deputy Chair**

**City of Darwin Staff**

Carmen Ansaldo  
Lynn Allan

Arts and Cultural Development Officer  
Acting Community and Cultural Development  
Coordinator

**Observer**  
None

**APOLOGIES**

Britt Guy  
Coryn Huddy  
Kieren Grassmayr  
Bilawara Lee

Acting Manager, Darwin Entertainment Centre  
Arts NT Representative

**ABSENT**

Alderman Mick Palmer  
Ron Quinn

Manager Infrastructure Maintenance

***QUORUM REACHED WITH SIX MEMBERS***

**1. WELCOME**

**2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

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

Nil

**4. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

11 February 2020

Moved: Sean Pardy

Seconded: Mark Smith

Carried

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Nil

**6. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**6.1 Outgoing members**

ACDAC committee terms are for a duration of two years. At the end of the 2019 – 2020 financial year, ACDAC has three outgoing members:

CJ Fraser-Bell  
Britt Guy

Louise Partos

Committee Chair thanks outgoing members for their contribution on behalf of ACDAC. Marita Smith and Mark Smith are renewing their terms.

Sean Pardy and Jane Tonkin have completed their terms but will continue to sit until the end of 2020 to see through the induction of new members and implement the revised TOR.

As CJ Fraser-Bell is both an outgoing member and the Deputy Chair, ACDAC voted on a new Deputy Chair.

Mark Smith is nominated as the Deputy Chair

Moved: Jane Tonkin                      Seconded: CJ Fraser-Bell                      Carried

ACTION	ACD Officer to seek Council approval through the presentation of meeting minutes of the nomination of Mark Smith as the new Deputy Chair.
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## **6.2 ACDAC community member recruitment**

Expressions of interest will be collected for the three vacant ACDAC positions. Nominations are accepted through the ACDAC page on Council's website and the ACD Officer will approach qualified community members supported and/or nominated by the Committee to encourage them to submit an application. In the amended draft TOR to be approved later in the year, ACDAC wishes to prioritise the appointment of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse applicants and First Nations applicants to the Committee. Outgoing members requested to be present for the July meeting in order for quorum to be reached regarding the voting in of new committee members.

ACTION	ACD Officer to open community membership EOIs on the ACDAC page of the Council website for a month and encourage Expressions of Interest from suggested community members supported by the Committee.
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## **6.3 Art Prizes**

Pandemonia – ACD Officer notifies ACDAC that City of Darwin is sponsoring an emerging art award for the upcoming Pandemonia exhibition at the Darwin Entertainment Centre. Committee members requested information on the sponsorship decision making process and how it conforms with Council's sponsorship processes and policies.

ACTION	ACD Officer to clarify sponsorship policy re. emerging art prize sponsorship of Pandemonia Exhibition for ACDAC.
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Darwin Art Prize –The launch of the Creative Industries Strategy NT this month presents a possible opportunity to partner with NT Government to develop a Darwin Art Prize model. ACDAC will await the launch of the Strategy and identify a suitable course of action.

## **6.4 Busking Review update**

The Officer and Consultation Report for the recent busking review were presented to Council and all recommendations were adopted. Recommendations include

eliminating one of the busking zones from the Mall that is in close proximity to the playground in Smith Street, that all buskers are to perform no less than 10m away from playground areas, that busking zones are clearly demarcated in the Mall and that all permits feature a photo of the approved busker for ease of regulation.

## **6.5 Update from Working Groups**

Darwin Art Prize – Establishment of new working group

Jane Tonkin and Marita Smith nominated to be part of this working group.

Arts Plan 2015 – 2020 – Establishment of a new working group.

Arts Plan renewal will remain on the agenda for the rest of the year. Jane Tonkin and Mark Smith nominated to be part of this working group.

Artist rates, wages, KPIs – Sean Pardy has created a rates template and will send to the ACD Officer for dissemination to the Committee.

ACTION	Sean Pardy to send rates template to ACD Officer for wider circulation to ACDAC.
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Hirer's subsidy – DEC is currently doing a series of progressive gigs with local hirers, working to COVID-19 audience restrictions. This arrangement is a good test run to see if subsidies and working relationships and local hirers is maintained.

## **6.6 ACD Officer Update**

Jingili Water Gardens Playground Upgrade update

COVID-19 has delayed the timeline for the Jingili Water Gardens Playground Upgrade, however a finalised budget is being secured this month, with a report tabled to Council for final approval by Capital Works. ACD Officer to keep ACDAC updated with progress.

Thrive Public Art Program second project – Bicentennial Park

The second public art project of the Thrive Program will commence in the second half of 2020 within the Doctor's Gully area of Bicentennial Park. The Project artist brief and EOI application are currently in draft form and will be submitted to SDG this month.

ACTION	ACD Officer to send the Committee a draft Artist Brief for the second Thrive Public Art Project to get feedback on concept and process.
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Balunu – Citylife Platforms Lightbox Project

Council is partnering with Balunu Healing Foundation – Strong Warriors and Strong Tiddas program – for the next instalment of the Citylife Platforms Lightbox Project. Contracts are being secured and will include up to ten young emerging artists involved in Balunu programs. The ACD Officer will mentor one Balunu staff member, Ray Ray Mackenzie, in curatorship as part of this project.

## **6.7 Members' Update**

Mark Smith: Top 10 Territory Sounds open for voting, National Indigenous Music Awards to be broadcast August 8<sup>th</sup> on NITV. Bush bands partnering with Tourism Australia for Sounds of Australia.

Marita Smith: Exit Art exhibition reopening at MAGNT

Arts Managers Network: Election asks have been established for the upcoming Territory election, these asks have been split into four prevailing themes. Document to be circulated to the group.

ACTION	ACD Officer to circulate Art Managers Network election asks.
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Louise Partos: Aunty June Mills Artback NT tour happening with workshops for her children's book.

Waterfront Larrakia welcome artwork negotiated with Proper Creative and Artback NT.

## 7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion was held regarding the role of ACDAC in providing input and/or feedback on proposals brought to Council that affect the arts and cultural development sector. Cuts to the capital works line of the arts budget within the City of Darwin Municipal Plan 2020 – 2021 were also discussed. ACDAC agreed to seek clarification on the reason behind the reduction of the Public Art budget from \$150k to \$100k.

RECOMMENDATION	That Council utilises the services of ACDAC regarding discussions about proposals for development which impact on or include an arts and cultural component in their service delivery, such as Throb on Point and the potential RSL proposal impacting the Deckchair Cinema.
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ACTION	ACD Officer to clarify rationale behind the reduction of the Public Art budget from \$150k to \$100k and feedback to ACDAC prior to the next meeting
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## 8. MEETING CLOSE 4.32pm, Tuesday 9 June 2020

## 9. NEXT MEETING DATE - Tuesday 14 July 2020, 3.00pm – 4.30pm