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CITY OF DARWIN

COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2012

MEMBERS: Member R Lesley (Chairman); The Right Worshipful, The Lord Mayor, Mr G R Sawyer; Member H I Galton; Member A R Mitchell; Member J D Bailey.

OFFICERS: Chief Executive Officer, Mr B Dowd; General Manager Community & Cultural Services, Mr J Banks; Executive Manager, Mr M Blackburn; Manager Community Development, Ms K Hearn; Manager Library Services, Ms K Conway; Manager Regulatory Services, Mr D Neall; Arts & Cultural Development Officer, Ms A Gray; Community Services Officer, Ms N McCann; Executive Officer, Ms A Smit.

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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, Playing Fields, Public Pools and other Council Facilities | * Social Planning and Advocacy |
| * Sister Cities Management Community Committee's | * Darwin Entertainment Centre |

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Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting – Monday, 13 February 2012

1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

2.1 Apologies

2.2 Leave of Absence Granted

THAT it be noted that Member J D Bailey is an apology due to a Leave of Absence being previously granted on 31 January 2012 for the period 6 – 15 February 2012.

DECISION NO.20\() (13/02/12)

3 ELECTED MEMBERS CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

4 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

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Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting – Monday, 13 February 2012**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, 13 February 2012 be received and considered individually.

DECISION NO.20\() (13/02/12)

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 Monday, 14 November 2012 tabled by the Chairman, be received and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

DECISION NO.20\() (13/02/12)

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES PERTAINING TO THE PREVIOUS COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES MEETING**7.1 Business Arising**

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Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting – Monday, 13 February 2012

8 INFORMATION ITEMS

- 8.1 Darwin Entertainment Centre 2010/2011 Independent Audit Report**
Document No. 2142640 Common No. 2118668

COMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATION

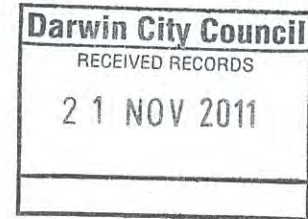
THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

THAT the incoming Darwin Entertainment Centre 2010/2011 Independent Audit Report, Document Number 2142640, be received and noted.



17/11/2011

The Chief Executive Officer,
Darwin City Council,
GPO Box 84
Darwin NT 0801



Dear Sir,

Darwin Entertainment Centre – Audited accounts for 2010 – 2011

We enclosed a bound copy of the audited accounts for Darwin Entertainment Centre for the year ended 30/6/2011, signed by two Board members.

Enclosed with this is the auditors opinion – unqualified.

Yours Faithfully,

S R Gibson
Business Manager



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Independent Audit Report to the members of Darwin Entertainment Centre

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Darwin Entertainment Centre, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2011, the statement of comprehensive income and cash flow statement for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the directors' declaration.

Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Corporations Act 2001. This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the company's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001. We confirm that the independence declaration required by the Corporations Act 2001, provided to the directors of Darwin Entertainment Centre on 26 August 2011, would be in the same terms if provided to the directors as at the date of this auditor's report.

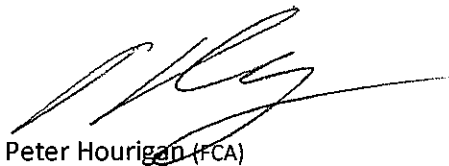
Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion the financial report of Darwin Entertainment Centre is in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2011 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

Emphasis of Matter

Without qualifying our opinion, we draw attention to note 3 (c) which indicates that cash reserves may be drawn on to support operational expenditure in 2012. We also note that the company has currently budgetted for an operating deficit in the 2012 financial year. We further note that whilst the funding bodies have continued to fund the company and have provided verbal advice they will continue do so; the tri-annual funding agreement remains unsigned. These conditions indicate the existence of uncertainty that may cast doubt about the company's ability to continue as a going concern and therefore, the company may be unable to realise its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business.



Peter Hourigan (FCA)

Registered Company Auditor

Darwin, NT

15/11/11

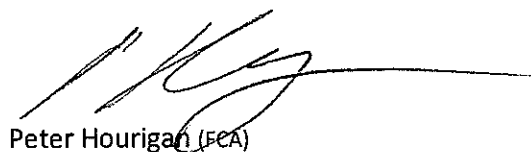


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Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and beliefs, during the year ended 30 June 2011 there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



Peter Hourigan (FCA)

Registered Company Auditor

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Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting – Monday, 13 February 2012

8 INFORMATION ITEMS

8.2 Darwin Entertainment Centre 2011/2012 Second Quarter Funding Reports October to December 2011

Document No. 216811 Common No. 2118668

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

THAT the incoming Darwin Entertainment Centre 2011/2012 Second Quarter Funding Reports October to December 2011, Document Number 2168110, be received and noted.

Darwin Entertainment Centre

Darwin City Council & Northern Territory
Government Acquittal Report
2nd Quarter 2011 2012

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Entrepreneurial Grant utilisation
Activity Report (attachment)
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Management Summary

Management Summary

Shows & Events	This quarter Dec hosted 34 major shows and events, as well as the 9 October Business month meetings and seminars held at the Centre. These covered a wide range of professional and community based productions with many young territorians participating in school events and experiencing ‘the arts’ first hand.
Financial Results	Revenue and profit results were above target for the quarter and Year to date. This is a good result considering the Centre was without a general Manager for most of the half year, and additionally had to absorb additional employment costs arising arising from recruitment and relocation of a new GM plus the implementation of a long overdue EBA settlement process.
Staffing	As of December staffing is at full permanent complement . It is expected that in the next quarter with new business development initiatives in place that some staff duties will change in line with a new strategic plan.
Funding	A separate ‘Funding’ report is being prepared by management for review with the Board and with the Funding Bodies during January 2012.
Strategic Planning	As recommended by the McDonnell report and as funded by the bodies the strategic planning and development processes are underway for the Centre.

Looking Forward

Short Term Programming As DEC was without ‘programming resource’ in the form of a Centre General Manager for 5 of the past 6 months there is a ‘Black Hole’ in shows and events booked for the period March – June 2012. This means that Operational Revenue expectations for that period will not be able to be met by operational Revenue. The Board and Funding bodies will need to consider and implement short term strategies to make up for these losses.

Future Programming

There are many exciting opportunities for DEC to enhance its offerings and bring a broader range of quality shows, events and new services to its NT audiences and these will be reported back to the Funding Bodies by ‘Positive Solutions’ who are conducting the current strategic analysis. These new initiatives and strategic directives, however, will not occur in time to benefit the short term requirements above.

Playhouse Shows and Events

INBA Bodybuilding



	Actual
Dec Income	\$3,638

A straight Playhouse hire

Beccy Cole & Adam Harvey



	Actual
Available Seats	1003
Paid for Seats	468
Ave Ticket Price	\$52.25
% Seats Sold	47%
DEC Income	\$13,900

A popular show, which went down well with her followers. A good example of popular appeal at a good ticket price.

Shaolin Warriors



	Actual
Available Seats	2006
Paid for Seats	1394
Ave Ticket Price	\$61.95
% Seats Sold	69%
DEC Income	\$26,450

A clean profitable hire , two nights and another good example of audience appeal, & ticket price attracting worthwhile audience numbers.

ABC Q&A



	Actual
Available Seats	1003
Paid for Seats	
Ave Ticket Price	
% Seats Sold	
DEC Income	\$26,450

A full house for a popular show. A big DEC effort for the setup and set down. A lot of positive feedback from the community and also the producers.

Bangarra – Mathinna

Entrepreneurial



	Actual
Available Seats	1003
Paid for Seats	537
Ave Ticket Price	\$37.34
% Seats Sold	54%
DEC Income	- \$8,449

For this to be profitable either 80% Audience or \$56 per ticket or a combination – better selection or marketing to get it right

Indian Cultural Society



	Actual
DEC Income	\$4,730

A clean profitable hire from a group bringing in their overseas artists for local Indians to enjoy – private distribution of tickets by the society.

The Happiest Show on Earth



	Actual
Available Seats	3003
Paid for Seats	714
Ave Ticket Price	\$10.40
% Seats Sold	23.7%
DEC Income	<\$9,227>

An Entrepreneurial hire with a 1970's type presentation – didn't compete well with modern entertainment alternatives for young children.

Man vs Wil – Wil Anderson



	Actual
Available Seats	1036
Paid for Seats	974
Ave Ticket Price	\$45.00
% Seats Sold	100%
DEC Income	\$12,330

A popular show, which went down well with his followers. A good example of popular appeal at a good ticket price.

Looking Through a Glass Onion - John Waters



	Actual
Available Seats	1003
Paid for Seats	551
Ave Ticket Price	\$69.85
% Seats Sold	55%
DEC Income	\$19,418

A clean profitable hire , one night and another good example of audience appeal, & ticket price attracting worthwhile audience numbers.

Magic Mystery & Muses – Leisa’s School of Dance



	Actual
Available Seats	2006
Paid for Seats	1281
Ave Ticket Price	\$22.94
% Seats Sold	63.8%
DEC Income	\$17,166

A popular production pitched to her audience at a good price giving DEC an excellent income over 2 nights.

Nutcracker — Jan Hedenig



	Actual
Available Seats	1003
Paid for Seats	839
Ave Ticket Price	\$35.26
% Seats Sold	84%
DEC Income	\$20,720

Well patronised and popular with Darwin & Palmerston where she is domiciled. Profitable for all.

Dance Escapade – Darwin Academy



	Actual
Available Seats	2006
Paid for seats	686
Ave Ticket Price	\$21.80
% Seats Sold	34.2%
DEC Income	\$17,899

A clean profitable hire for DEC, however at this ticket price and audience numbers only a break even for the hirer.

DSO Masters Series 3



	Actual
Available Seats	1003
Paid for seats	226
Ave Ticket price	\$40.74
% Seats Sold	22.6%
DEC Income	\$7,670

A professional performance from the DSO with approx 200 complimentary as well as paid tickets.

School Concerts

- Good Shepherd
- St Pauls
- St Johns
- Marrara
- Oloughlin
- Essington
- Darwin Middle School
- Driver Primary

	Actual
Total DEC Income	
average \$4,705/school	\$37,647

A good series of end of year concerts (now rebooked for 2012) profitable hire for DEC in an otherwise tapering business month.

Other local Concerts

- CIYA Christmas Concert
- Top End Calisthenics

	Actual
Our sponsorship of	
CIYA	200
Top End Showcase	3,267
DEC Income	\$3,467

DEC supports Corrugated Iron Youth Arts as a sponsor.



Studio Shows and Events

Hindu Society



	Actual
DEC Income	\$2,131

Another cultural event with their own target market.

Why Warriors – Bridging the Gap



	Actual
DEC Income	\$5,691

A straight hire for this seminar on understanding the indigenous aboriginal culture.

Blues Brothers Tribute

STUDIO 93

The Darwin Blues and Roots Club

Blues Brothers Tribute

7.30pm Saturday 12 November

\$12 - \$25



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www.darwinentertainment.com.au

Nightcliff News Agency - Nightcliff
 Tourism Top End Info Centre - 6 Bennett St, Darwin
 CMAX Cinemas - Palmerston

Local
Hirers
Subsidy

	Actual
Available Seats	200
Paid for Seats	168
Ave Ticket Price	\$24.13
% Seats Sold	84%
DEC Income	\$2,131

Very popular Cabaret, and a great evenings entertainment, provided by a community based 'all ages' Blues band.

Plop! — Windmill Theatre



	Actual
Available Seats	840
Paid for Seats	264
Ave Ticket Price	\$15.05
% Seats Sold	31.4%
DEC Loss	<\$11,541>

At this audience level and ticket price entrepreneurial shows cannot be profitable. The loss above is the level of funding required by DEC for many children's shows unless audiences can be substantially increased.

Fist Full of Films



	Actual
Complimentary	
DEC Income	-

A good sponsorship event for the Studio showcasing the talent at the local film making awards event.

Darwin vs Matilda



	Actual
Available Seats	840
Paid for Seats	495
Average Ticket Price	\$18.86
% Seats Sold	58.9%
DEC Profit	5,637

A committed to coproduction with Browns Mart. It seemed well received by those attending. Many organisational aspects could be considerably improved.

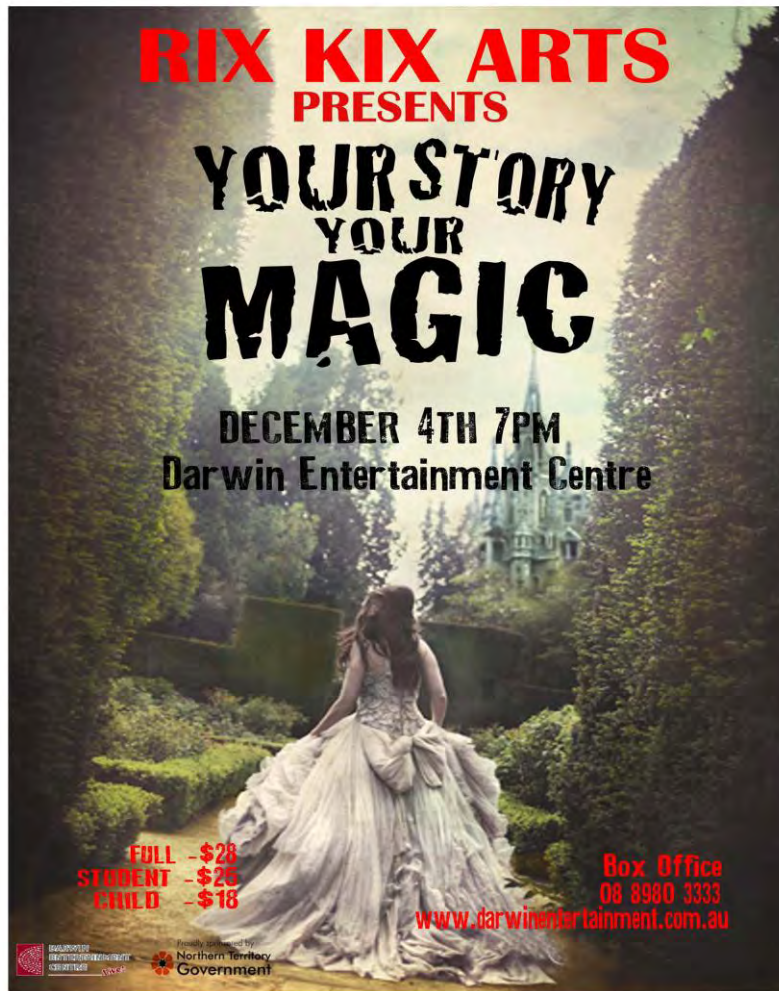
Calling Me Home – Tracy Bunn



	Actual
Available Seats	200
Paid for Seats	200
Ave Ticket Price	\$42.07
% Seats Sold	100%
DEC Income	\$3,190

A very popular cabaret show.

Kix Rix Your Story, your magic



	Actual
Available Seats	280
Paid for Seats	169
Ave Ticket price	\$25.28
% Seats Sold	60.5%
DEC Income	\$2,656

Profitable for DEC and the Hirer.

Bollywood Bling

DRAVIDIANS UNITED INC
Presents

Come & experience the difference...

Bollywood Bling
An evening of food, fun, Music and dance.

DEC 10TH 2011
6.30 PM Onwards
Darwin Entertainment Centre

TICKETS
Adult
Members - \$35
Non-Members - \$40
Child
Members - \$20
Non-Members - \$25

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Kajaliny Ranjith - 0412722121
Anup Christy - 0437913398

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DARWIN ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE
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	Actual
Available Seats	280
Paid for Seats	142
Average Ticket Price	\$34.70
% Seats Sold	50%
DEC Income	\$3,130

A consistent following, profitable for the Hirer and for DEC.

Celebration of Teaching - CDU



	Actual
DEC Income	\$2385

Health Crime & Unsung Heroes - Menzies



	Actual
DEC Income	\$3389

Gallery, Rehearsal & Ticketing

October Business Month

DEC was again successful in tendering for a number of meeting events, hosting 9 in total – using all spaces –Gallery, Studio and Playhouse.

All up Revenue \$22,042

Gallery & Rehearsal Room Hires

- CDU Design Exhibition
- Legal Aid Training Seminar
- Arts in the Grass
- NIDA Auditions

All up \$2,495

External Ticketing

- NT Research & Innovation Awards
- Dancing with Celebrities
- Doing Business with International Companies
- Doing Business – Japan
- Xzibit – Convention Centre

All up \$ 6,139

Financial Summary

Operating Results for July December 2011
Entrepreneurial Results July /December 2011
Liquidity as at 31 December 2011

Operating P&L Results July to December

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Income/Exps	Year To Date
Grants , M/Ships Fundraiser, Interest	418,555
National Hirers Shows	207,237
Local Hirers Shows	264,824
Entrepreneurial Shows (internal charges)	54,490
Ticketing & Other Inc.	65,141
Total Income	1,010,247
Salaries & Wages	592,989
Op. Expenses	337,529
Total Expense	930,518
Op Profit (Loss)	79,729

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Entrepreneurial P&L results July to December

Income	Year to Date
Box Office	84,530
Grants	35,000
Sponsorship	6,085
Total Income	125,615
Artists	84,744
Marketing	24,202
Production	14,142
Venue	30,447
Ticketing	14,237
Total Expenses	167,772
Loss for this Year	< 42,159>
Reserves 1/7/2011	10,994

Liquidity as at December 31

Liquid Assets	31/10/2011
Cash Assets	592,914
Debtors	67,645
Bar Inventory	6,638
Total Liquid Assets	667,197
Liabilities	
Venue & BO in Trust	9,984
Accounts Payable	59,010
ATO – PAYG & GST	73,288
Payroll Liabilities	65,380
Total Liabilities	207,662
Surplus	\$459,535
Coverage Asset/Liabilities 3.2 :1	Coverage Surplus /Liabilities 2.2 :1

Statistical Analysis

- Report attached

Local Hirers Subsidy

DARWIN ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE						
LOCAL HIRERS' SUBSIDY ALLOCATION						
AS AT 31 December 2011						
Date	Organisation	Event	Type	Subsidy Used	Funding	Balance
01-Oct-11	Opening Balance					\$ 40,245.23
01-Oct-11	Funding				\$17,500.00	\$ 57,745.23
21-Oct-11	Hindu Society	Diwali Festival	Music	\$ 678.27		\$ 57,066.96
28-Oct-11	Darwin High School	Concert	C.Music	\$ 2,272.73		\$ 54,794.23
28-Nov-11	Palmerston Dance	Ballet	Dance	\$ 2,272.73		\$ 52,521.50
30-Nov-11	St Pauls School	Concert	Music	\$ 1,300.06		\$ 51,221.44
30-Nov-11	Essington School	Concert	Music	\$ 1,742.34		\$ 49,479.10
30-Nov-11	Darwin Blues & Roots	Jazz Cabaret	Music	\$ 681.52		\$ 48,797.58
30-Nov-11	Leisa's School of Dance	Ballet	Dance	\$ 2,272.73		\$ 46,524.85
30-Nov-11	Browns Mart	Darwin Vs Matilda	Drama	\$ 2,413.70		\$ 44,111.15
09-Dec-11	Driver Primary	Concert	Music	\$ 2,272.73		\$ 41,838.42
09-Dec-11	Tracy Bunn	Musical Cabaret	Music	\$ 914.98		\$ 40,923.44
15-Dec-11	Kristy Ricket	Dance Cabaret	Dance	\$ 827.77		\$ 40,095.67
16-Dec-11	Darwin Symphony Orchestra	Concert	Music	\$ 1,818.18		\$ 38,277.49
23-Dec-11	Dravidians	Bollywood	Musical	\$ 792.27		\$ 37,485.22
31-Dec-11	Darwin Performing Arts	Dance Escapade	Dance	\$ 2,272.73		\$ 35,212.49
Total Local Hirers' Subsidy Used				\$ 22,532.74		

Entrepreneurial Grant Utilisation

DARWIN ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE					
ENTREPRENEURIAL FUND					
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2011					
Show	Date	Show	Subsidy	Funding	Balance
Code			Used		
	01-Oct-10	Opening Balance			-\$25,084.82
	01-Oct-10	Funding		\$17,500.00	-\$7,584.82
12EBAN	October	Bangarra Dance - Mathinna	\$8,449.00		-\$16,033.82
12EHSO	November	Happiest Show on Earth	\$9,227.00		-\$25,260.82
12EPLO	November	Plop Childrens Theatre	\$11,541.00		-\$36,801.82
12EDVM	November	Darwin Vs Matilda		\$ 5,637.00	-\$31,164.82
TOTAL SUBSIDY USED			\$29,217.00		
Balance Per P& L		-42159			
Balance in Reserves		10994			
Net Balance		-31165			

Profit & Loss Statement

July 2011 through December 2011

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Operational Income		
General Income		
Grants		
Operational Grant	\$309,997.00	
Local Hirers' Subsidy	\$35,000.00	
NTG Transitional Grants	\$50,000.00	
Total Grants	<u>\$394,997.00</u>	
Fundraising		
Sponsorship	-\$96.15	
Membership Subscriptions	\$17,136.85	
Total Fundraising	<u>\$17,040.70</u>	
Other Income		
Interest	\$6,210.36	
Other Income	\$307.47	
Total Other Income	<u>\$6,517.83</u>	
Total General Income	<u>\$418,555.53</u>	
Venue Income		
Rental		
Playhouse Rental	\$181,600.74	
Studio Theatre Rental	\$50,395.80	
Gallery Rental	\$4,986.37	
Rehearsal Room Rental	\$6,327.25	
Other Rental Income	\$1,386.35	
Total Rental	<u>\$244,696.51</u>	
Marketing / Promotion		
Marketing Commission	\$2,948.36	
Publicist	\$60.00	
Total Marketing / Promotion	<u>\$3,008.36</u>	
Technical		
Technical time	\$59,673.46	
Equipment Hire	\$32,529.05	
External Hire Commission	\$758.59	
Tech Other	\$1,437.75	
Total Technical	<u>\$94,398.85</u>	
Front of House		
FOH / Bar Staff Time	\$28,660.20	
Bar Sales	\$63,821.23	
FOH Miscellaneous income	\$39.09	
Merchandising Commission	\$1,096.14	
Vendor Machine Commission	\$169.37	
Catering Commission	\$3,315.12	
Total Front of House	<u>\$97,101.15</u>	
Utilities		
Electricity	\$10,026.62	
Lamp Charge	\$5,013.31	
Air Conditioning	\$10,979.61	
Total Utilities	<u>\$26,019.54</u>	
General		
Insurance Recovery	\$4,916.59	
General Other	-\$123.16	
Total General	<u>\$4,793.43</u>	
Total Venue Income	<u>\$470,017.84</u>	
Ticketing Income		
Box Office		
Ticket Service Fee	\$9,949.18	
Ticket Booking Fees	\$80,660.73	
Event Creation Fees	\$3,638.18	
External Ticketing Printing	\$3,244.21	
Credit Card Fees	\$22,711.69	
Box Office - Staff Time	\$1,470.00	
Total Box Office	<u>\$121,673.99</u>	
Total Ticketing Income	<u>\$121,673.99</u>	
Total Operational Income	<u>\$1,010,247.36</u>	
Operational Expenditure		
Salaries and Wages		
Management & Admin		
Management	\$49,542.20	
Administration	\$79,383.34	
Admin Casual	\$204.85	
Marketing		
Marketing	-\$1,288.58	
Marketing Casual	\$40,245.93	
Technical		
Technical	\$110,345.93	
Technical Casual	\$41,136.08	

Profit & Loss Statement

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Technical Labour Hire	\$1,872.73	
Box Office		
Box Office	\$59,268.44	
Box Office Casual	\$11,700.47	
Front of House		
FOH Staff	\$30,024.54	
FOH Casual	\$36,060.09	
Bar Staff	\$14,499.10	
Cleaning	\$26,040.32	
Other	\$115.94	
Total Salaries and Wages		\$499,151.38
Oncosts		
Superannuation	\$46,514.57	
Workcover	\$14,100.11	
Annual Leave Provision	\$12,000.00	
Recruitment/Termination costs	\$11,328.92	
Relocation Expenses	\$1,034.37	
Staff Amenities	\$1,051.26	
Uniforms	\$221.10	
Training	\$1,870.05	
Rent - FBT	\$3,075.00	
Fringe Benefits Tax	\$139.92	
Other	\$2,501.77	
Total Oncosts		\$93,837.07
Office Equipment		
Support contracts	\$1,690.04	
Software Licences	\$1,048.87	
R & M Admin	\$995.90	
Equipment <\$300	\$1,916.62	
ICT Consumables	\$2,685.70	
Total Office Equipment		\$8,337.13
Office & Admin Expenses		
Freight / Couriers	\$1,679.37	
Travel / Parking	\$876.37	
Postage	\$359.67	
Telephone & Internet	\$8,827.47	
Stationery / Office Supplies	\$3,218.21	
Subscriptions & Memberships	\$6,141.85	
General Insurance	\$49,654.96	
Licence Fees	\$292.88	
Financial Fees and Charges	\$4,726.58	
Corporate Compliance	\$756.18	
Board	\$112.96	
Consultancies	\$14.14	
Meetings/Conferences	\$1,359.55	
Fares	\$7,141.40	
Accommodation	\$1,267.73	
Per diems	\$303.64	
Ground Transport	\$237.59	
Artist Cancellation Fees	\$12,500.00	
Rates	\$14,013.46	
Sundries	\$766.16	
Total Office & Admin Expenses		\$114,250.17
Utilities		
Electricity	\$49,603.04	
Airconditioning	\$8,956.81	
Mains Water and Sewerage	-\$80.42	
Waste Removal	\$4,048.96	
Fire Panel & Aircon Maint	\$1,633.64	
Pest Control	\$640.00	
Building R & M	\$95.62	
Personal Protection Equipment	\$109.00	
Total Utilities		\$65,006.65
Sponsorship & Support		
LHS Expended	\$31,204.39	
Community Support	\$381.82	
Sponsors campaign	\$201.09	
Total Sponsorship & Support		\$31,787.30
Membership Program		
Postage - Membership	\$488.81	
Member Functions	\$240.66	
Membership/Marketing	\$831.78	
Total Membership Program		\$1,561.25
Marketing / Promotion		
Design	\$1,821.82	
Printing	\$6,528.00	

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Distribution	\$415.88
Mailouts	\$552.23
Advertising	\$4,377.24
Sponsorships	\$64.00
Venue Marketing	\$400.00
Sundry Marketing	\$28.68
Total Marketing / Promotion	<u>\$14,187.85</u>
Technical	
Maintenance and Repairs - Tech	\$3,094.00
Consumables - Tech	\$7,862.97
Equipment Hire	\$106.25
Other	\$389.99
Total Technical	<u>\$11,453.21</u>
Front of House	
Bar Supplies	\$27,701.03
Wastage	\$1,012.31
Bar Stock Adjustments	\$1,114.61
Bar Freight	\$31.08
Liquor Licence	\$109.09
FOH Equipment	\$3,147.44
Bar/FOH Consumables	\$1,861.04
Cleaning Consumables	\$2,551.74
Catering	\$1,222.67
Total Front of House	<u>\$38,751.01</u>
Box Office	
Software Support	\$3,949.14
Software Licences	\$253.64
E-Ticketing expenses	\$4,866.06
Cheque Guarantee	\$210.00
NAB Merchant Charges	\$12,117.29
AMEX Merchant Charges	\$638.42
Diners Merchant Charges	\$36.66
Agency Expenses	\$1,667.00
Box Office Security	-\$132.55
Total Box Office	<u>\$23,605.66</u>
Depreciation	
Depn - Plant & Equip	\$15,810.00
Depn - Furniture & Fittings	\$11,070.00
Amort - Computer Software	\$1,710.00
Total Depreciation	<u>\$28,590.00</u>
Total Operational Expenditure	<u>\$930,518.68</u>
Operating Profit	<u>\$79,728.68</u>
Entrepreneurial Income	
Entrepreneurial Income	
Box Office	\$84,530.00
Sponsorship	\$6,000.00
Grants	\$35,000.00
Merchandise/Program Sales	\$85.00
Total Entrepreneurial Income	<u>\$125,615.00</u>
Total Entrepreneurial Income	<u>\$125,615.00</u>
Entrepreneurial Expenses	
Artist Fees	
Artist Fees	\$76,491.27
Artist Fees - Other	\$389.86
Royalties	\$7,863.24
Total Artist Fees	<u>\$84,744.37</u>
Marketing	
Print Advertising	\$15,120.50
Radio Advertising	\$2,521.07
TV Advertising	\$5,161.27
Printing	\$639.30
Design	\$661.52
Catering	\$98.38
Total Marketing	<u>\$24,202.04</u>
Production	
Bump In/Out	\$5,877.47
Venue Tech Labour	\$5,432.60
Consumables	\$873.76
Equipment Hire	\$430.00
Other	\$1,529.13
Total Production	<u>\$14,142.96</u>
Venue	
Playhouse Rental	\$11,317.25

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Studio Rental	\$2,045.46
Airconditioning	\$4,822.34
Electricity	\$5,505.33
FOH Co-ordinator	\$2,495.48
Ushers	\$4,260.00
Total Venue	<u>\$30,445.86</u>
Ticketing	
Booking Fees	\$11,114.27
Event Creation	\$688.18
Credit Charges	\$2,435.15
Total Ticketing	<u>\$14,237.60</u>
Total Entrepreneurial Expenses	<u>\$167,772.83</u>
Net Profit / (Loss)	<u>\$37,570.85</u>

DARWIN ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE ACTIVITY REPORT - OCT - DEC 2011

PLAYHOUSE - SHOW PERFORMANCES

Month	#Shows	Performance	Attendance	Capacity	%
October	1	Natural Physique INA Bodybuilding	342	1003	34%
October	1	Beccy Cole & Adam Harvey	468	1003	47%
October	2	Shaolin Warriors	1394	2006	69%
October	1	Bangarra - Mathinna a girls journey between two worlds	537	1003	54%
October	1	Diwali - Festival of lights	721	1003	72%
November	3	Happiest Show on Earth	714	3009	24%
November	1	Wil Anderson - The Man vs Wil	974	1003	97%
November	1	John Waters - Looking through a Glass Onion	551	1003	55%
November	2	Magic Mystery & Muses	1281	2006	64%
November	1	Swan Lake	554	1003	55%
November	1	Nutcracker Ballet	839	1003	84%
December	1	DSO Masters Series	226	1003	23%
December	1	Dance Escapade	686	2006	34%
Total Show Days	17	Total Audience/Capacity	9287	18054	51%

STUDIO THEATRE - SHOW PERFORMANCES

Month	#Shows	Performance	Attendance	Capacity	%
October	1	Hindu Society Cabaret	157	180	87%
November	1	Blues Brothers Cabaret	163	200	82%
November	3	Plop Childrens Theatre	264	840	31%
November	4	Darwin Vs Matilda	130	273	48%
December	1	Calling Me Home Cabaret	180	180	100%
December	1	Your Story, your magic	169	180	94%
December	1	Bollywood Bling	142	180	79%
Total Show Days	12	Total Audience/Capacity	1205	2033	59%

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Hirer	Event	Venue	Approx. attend.
ABC	1 Q & A Invitees	Playhouse	900
Schools	9 School Concerts x 9	Playhouse	4000
CIYA	1 End Of Year Concert	Studio	150
Top End	1 Calistenics End of Year Show	Playhouse	300
Why Warriors	1 Seminar	Studio	100
Arts NT	1 Fist full of films	Studio	150
CDU	1 Celebration of Teaching	Studio	100
Menzies	1 Health Crime & Unsung Heroes	Studios	100
OBM	9 Seminar events	All spaces	900
Total Event Days	25	Total Attendees	6700

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Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting – Monday, 13 February 2012**8 INFORMATION ITEMS****8.3 Incoming Encouragement Letter from Mr Andrew Webb from St Louis Missouri**

Document No. 2169027 (05/01/12) Common No. 2169027

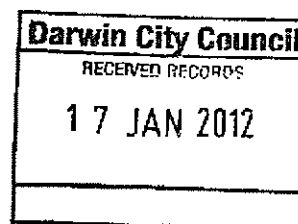
COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

THAT the Encouragement Letter from Mr Andrew Webb, from St Louis, Missouri dated 5th January 2012 in respect to Darwin's flooding, Document Number 2169027, be received and noted.

January 5th, 2012

The Lord Mayor Graeme Sawyer
GPO Box 84
Darwin NT 0801
Australia



Dear The Lord Mayor Graeme Sawyer of Darwin, Australia,

This is an encouragement letter to you and your community. It is encouraging you all to overcome the flooding that has affected the wonderful community of Darwin, Australia. For at least five years, I've written motivational letters to the sports programs of Augsburg College, Minneapolis, MN and currently the University of Missouri-St. Louis. I knew I had to reach out and help more people after the Good Friday tornados hit St. Louis. I consider myself fortunate that day because one of the tornados struck two miles or so away from my house and hit the regions airport. Receiving a response from President Witt of Alabama University only inspired me further to encourage more communities. I've encouraged communities all over the world who have gone through natural disasters and tragedies. I have received responses from the United States President Barack Obama, the Prime Minister of Norway Jens Stoltenberg, and from political attaché Marilynne Audet of the Premier of Quebec Mr. Jean Charest. I have received letters from cities such as Smithville, Mississippi, Dakar, Senegal, and Bangkok, Thailand. We are all one community. It is only the lines on the map that define our boundaries.

I am asking that the attached letter to you all to be read or distributed to your community because it lets them know they aren't alone, that they will rebuild, and they will be better than ever. I know they can. I am writing because I really do care about humanity and yearn to see your community move forward. A response would mean so much to me. I firmly believe that you all will make it through. This encouragement letter is not about me, but what I can do to help humanity move forward and become better than ever and succeed with what I have.

Sincerely,

Andrew Webb
8412 Ardsley Dr.
St. Louis, MO
63121
U.S.A.

*To see all of Darwin succeed in
rebuilding your wonderful community
this letter will help me very much at
less.*

To the wonderful community Darwin Australia,

Because of the recent flooding that you all have experienced, ones emotions can feel like that of losing a loved one unexpectedly. I understand that feeling. It's ok to be frustrated. You must realize that you all have a community to take care of. Let the worry of what happened be laid to rest. It is not time to wane on the past, but rather it is the time to organize and move forward your wonderful community.

To move forward, each of you must use three attributes that you have already inside you. It is important to use these three attributes on daily routine. The first attribute is heart. Heart is in each and every one of you. Heart gives you energy. It gives you power. It is the muscle strength that each of you uses to carry on your daily activities. Heart wakes you up and out of a lost mentality; to "a" we can get through this and will become better mindset. Heart more importantly connects the energy to the will as it serves as the wills foundation.

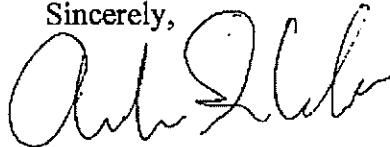
The will is the second attribute. The will uses the hearts energy and transforms it into a calling. In times like these, the will calls each of you to come together and work to transform your neighborhood. The will calls you to not give up nor give in because the will knows there's a better future by not quitting. Driven by the hearts enormous amounts of energy, the will provides a direct connection between one's heart and their skill.

Your third attribute is skill. You have it. Skill is what got you the job. Your skill will be put to the test in various ways through out the months to come. It comes in forms of communication. Skill comes in ways of extending a hand to a neighbor using your skills to help rebuild. Your skill is the willingness to break down barriers in the community that hold up the development of communities from growing and moving forward just by getting to know each other. It takes a heart to move forward, it takes the will to continue the movement and it takes the skillful hands and voices of such a wonderful community like yours to make your community better each and every day.

Coming together as a community is important after disasters like this. Sticking together after your community has move forward is more important. Putting aside differences is important and a key part of moving your community forward. Continue to break down barriers and get to know one another. A community cannot become better if its foundation is not on solid ground. This community has that. Your community can and will bring positive opportunities for all people to experience in moving forward after the event.

Never giving up despite the recent tragedies that unfolded in your area is important. It is important to use the three attributes daily. You all represent a bright future, willing to move forward and get the job done right. I believe so strongly that your community will move forward hand-by-hand, brick by brick and that your community will be better, be stronger, and closer than it was before all this happened. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. We are one community. Only the lines on the maps define our borders. You will move forward. I don't doubt that.

Sincerely,



Andrew Webb

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9 OFFICERS REPORTS

9.1 Community & Cultural Services Team Report – November, December 2011 and January 2012

Report No. 12C0011 KH:es (13/02/12) Common No. 1733166

9.2 Regulatory Services Update November 2011, December 2011 and January 2012

Report No. 12C0005 DN:mrg (13/02/12) Common No. 1330602

9.3 Libraries Information Update for November, December 2011 and January 2012

Report No. 12P0001 KC:md (13/02/12) Common No. 1943023

COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES/OPEN A**AGENDA ITEM: 9.1****COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES TEAM REPORT –
NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2011 & JANUARY 2012****REPORT No. 12C0011 KH:es****COMMON No. 1733166****Date: 13/2/2012****Presenter: Katie Hearn, Manager Community Development****Approved: John Banks, General Manager, Community & Cultural Services****PURPOSE**

The report provides an overview of activities within the Cultural & Community Services portfolio and selected projects. Each Officer within the Community Development Team has prepared their own sections to appraise Council of operational activities during November, December 2011 and January 2012.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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 Cohesive Community
Outcome 5.1 Community access and inclusion

KEY ISSUES

- Disability Services
- Youth Services
- Arts and Cultural
- Family and Children's Services
- Sister Cities and Community Safety
- Recreation Services and Liveability
- Healthy Communities
- Community Grants

RECOMMENDATIONS

That it be a recommendation to Council:-

THAT Report Number 11C011 KH:es entitled Community & Cultural Services Team Report – November, December 2011 & January 2012, be received and noted.

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BACKGROUND

Monthly activity reports are provided to Council on Community Development services.

DISCUSSION

Community Services (CSO)

The Community Services Officer has carriage of disability services, community events, community grants, seniors and community development activities.

International Day of People with Disability (IDPWD) 2011

Council sponsors the major prize of the Arts Access Excellence Awards which are held in December each year in celebration of IDPWD. The 2011 Award was held in Alice Springs with the theme *Excellence in Inclusive Art Practice by Aboriginal Art Centres*.

International Women's Day (IWD) 2012

CSO attends monthly community sector planning meetings for IWD events to be held in March 2012. A varied program of events is planned for IWD 2012.

The International Women's Day Walk and Community Morning Tea, which Council sponsors annually, will be held on 10 March. Walk participants will gather on the steps of Parliament House at 9am for a 9.30am start. The Walk will proceed along Mitchell Street, right onto Knuckey Street, right onto Cavenagh Street, right onto Bennett Street and back to Parliament House where information stalls, entertainment and morning tea will be served between 10.30 and 12.30pm. The Lord Mayor, Madame Speaker and other key note speakers will address attendees following the Walk.

Community Grants Program

Grant applications for projects occurring in the first half of 2012 (through the second round of the 2011/2012 Community Grants Program) were endorsed at Council's November meeting. A total of 28 applications (to the value of \$199,515.50) were received with 11 applicants successful for either part of full funding to the total value of \$50,367.00. The Lord Mayor officiated at a cheque presentation function in mid December.

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.

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GRIND

The GRIND team hosted the Youth Art Exhibition which opened on December 15 and ran through until February 1. The exhibition hosted 37 young artists. The GRIND team helped in the promotion of the school holiday workshops held at Brown's Mart in January.

Youth Advisory Group (YAG)

The YAG's final meeting of the year was held on November 2. The Group hosted Quiz4Dili on November 25. This event was attended by over 100 people and raised over \$3000 for the Action for Change Foundation.

January School Holiday Workshops

Youth Services with assistance from members of YAG held school holiday workshops on January 16 and 17. The workshops focussed on music making and graphic design. January 18 culminated in a showcase of the young people's work and 26 young people attended the 3 day skill building program.

The Gig Gear

The GIG GEAR has been accessed five times over the period November, December and January. The community groups who accessed the equipment were Corrugated Iron Youth Arts, Darwin Community Arts, The Darwin Pride Festival, Heart Foundation Walkers group and the Multicultural Council of the Northern Territory. The GIG GEAR was also used during the school holiday workshops.

Networking

YSO and YST attended the November DARWWYN meeting. The YSO attended the November meeting of the NTYAN sub committee.

Arts & Cultural Development

Public Art – Centenary of the Naming of Darwin

Three local artists have submitted concept designs. Recommendation by the panel for one concept to proceed to design stage was subject of a report to Council. Procedural Motion (CFCOU11/10, Report No. 11C0137) "THAT this item lay on the table until further information is received on the proposed designs". Presentations will be scheduled in the near future.

Public Art – HMS Beagle Ship Bell Chime - maintenance

The artwork is now playing as scheduled, following repair works undertaken in September, which resolved programming issues. The faulty power box has been returned to the Netherlands based supplier to investigate the faults. Occasional requests are made from community groups and members of the public for one-off playing which can be accommodated on an individual basis.

Community Arts - Darwin City Council's Recycled Art Festival 2011

The second of this annual event, Council's Recycled Art Festival highlights the achievements of artists, schools and community organisations creating art from recycled materials and promotes recycling in the community. Held this year on

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Friday November 11 to Saturday November 12 with attendance at capacity for 2 of the 4 workshops. A special highlight was children teaching children in the Stop Motion Animation Workshops convened by Millner Primary Students.

Community Arts - Live Music @ Your Library

The program continues to attract new performers via musicians and youth networks and word of mouth. Resulting in a take up rate of approximately two new performers per month ensuring the programming is fresh and well received by Library patrons.

Community Arts – Community Noticeboards in the Mall

Increasingly evident due to the regular petitioning to the Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee is the requirement for the provision of community noticeboard spaces for arts and cultural non for profit organisations to promote programs and events in public space. Concept, design and location has been the subject of Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee discussions in its recent meetings at which concept design and management strategies were presented. Further Committee advice will be provided to Council.

Community Arts - Civic celebration of 150 Years since the arrival of John McDouall Stuart

Council will host a public event on Wednesday 25 July 2012 to celebrate 150 Years since the arrival of John McDouall Stuart on Australia's northern shore. Staff area continuing consultations with the Historical Society NT and the John McDouall Stuart Society regarding the venue and program for this event.

Community Arts - Community Space at Civic Center

The Celebrating Childhood Art Exhibition concluded on Friday 11 November 2011. In the period prior to the next exhibition the space was freshened up with a new coat of paint.

December through to early February saw an exhibition featuring the creative achievements of 37 local young people. The exhibition was project managed as a major undertaking for the Youth Services Trainee.

The next exhibition to launch is The Community Lens: A community photo exhibition to mark the 70th Anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin. In an effort to share the stories emerging from Darwin and the Top End during World War II, an invitation was submitted to the community to contribute photographs from their personal collections for a community photo exhibition.

Some collections come from veterans themselves, whereas others have been inherited by family and some have been discovered in shoe boxes tucked away for safe keeping.

The Community Lens showcases the multitude of lenses that the Bombing of Darwin was witnessed through, whether by civilian, army recruit, or visitor and opens on February 15th at 5pm.

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The Community Art Space is booked until July 2012, with some tentative bookings thereafter.

Family & Children's Services

The Family & Children's Services Coordinator (FCSC) manages Council's Community and Child Care Centres, the Fun Bus, Fun in the Parks, special projects and facilitates the school civics program.

Community Centres

In September 2011, Foster Care NT from Nightcliff Community Centre relocated to Lyons Community Centre as Lead tenant. The lead tenancy model now allows for the centre to be opened Monday through to Friday for community access. In December 2011, Country Women's Association leased office space at Nightcliff Community Centre.

Child Care Centres

Council sponsors seven Child Care Centres in the provision and maintenance of the buildings.

The Australian Government provided National Quality Framework Transition Support One-off Grants to long day care services in disadvantaged areas. This funding supports services in meeting the National Quality Agenda for Early Childhood Education and Care (DEEWR) requirements.

Malak and Karama Child Care have received one-off grants of \$5,000 to undertake quality improvements in preparation for the implementation of the transition to the National Quality Framework.

Karama Child Care Centre received funding from the NT Government Department of Justice for \$32,000 from the Major Community Grant Program and also \$5,000 from the Community Benefit Grant to upgrade the outside play area. Plans and quotes are currently being sourced.

Fun Bus

The Fun Bus continues to provide high quality mobile play group services for children 0 to 5 years, their parents and carers. The Fun Bus operates weekdays 9.30am to 11.30am in parks and reserves for a total of 40 weeks each year.

- Monday - Bagot Community, Ludmilla
- Tuesday – Wanguri Park, Wanguri
- Wednesday - Water Gardens, Jingili
- Thursday - Malak Caravan Park, Malak
- Friday - Civic Park, Darwin

The last week of operation in 2011 saw the Fun Bus host a Christmas party each day, with Santa gifting a book to every child. The Fun Bus concluded for 2011 on 16

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December 2011 for a 6 week break and recommenced the wet season program on 31 January 2012.

Fun in the Parks

Council's Fun in the Parks is a school holiday program focused on primary school age participants. The program operates from 10am to 12.30pm every Monday, Wednesday and Friday of school holidays.

The December/January six week school holiday program was held at Council's Community Centres, Nightcliff, Malak and Lyons. Santa attended the Fun in The Park's Christmas party on 23 December 2011 and gifted books to every child. Food was also provided for the enjoyment of parents and children at the Christmas party.

The School Holiday program collaborated with Corrugated Iron Youth Arts Snap It Up program, Territory Child Care Group, Kentish Family Day Care, CSIRO and Kevin's Mobile Disco.

Fun in the Parks averaged 89 attendees at each session. The sessions between Christmas and New Year averaged 57 attendees. Only one session was impacted by poor weather which saw 29 participants attend only.

In kind Support

The Fun and Games In-kind Support program supported seven community events during November 2011 to January 2012; Scout Initiative Activity, Asthma Foundation NT, Mental Health Carers NT, Stuart Park Child Care Centre, DCC Library Book club, DCC Fun in the Parks and Red Cross.

Council provided Face Painters as in-kind support to the RAAF for a Christmas event in November and Catholic Care NT Christmas for Kids event in December 2011. Fun in the Parks staff attended Council's East Point Community Planting day and was intending to support the Australia Day Fun Run, however it was cancelled due to the weather.

National Quality Framework

January 2012 a jointly-governed, unified national framework will apply to long day care, outside school hours care and preschool. The national framework will replace the current licensing and accreditation processes undertaken by the states, territories and Commonwealth governments. The National Quality Framework includes:

- a national legislative framework that consists of the Education and Care Services National Law and Education and Care Services National Regulations
- a National Quality Standard
- an assessment and rating system
- a regulatory authority in each state and territory who will have primary responsibility for the approval, monitoring and quality assessment of services in their jurisdiction in accordance with the national legislative framework and in relation to the National Quality Standard.
- the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA).

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ACECQA, the new national body is responsible for providing oversight of the new system and ensuring consistency of approach (www.acecqa.gov.au).

On 1 January 2012, the [Education and Care Services \(National Uniform Legislation\) Act 2011](#) and the [Education and Care Services National Regulations](#) came into effect with key requirements being phased in overtime. Requirements such as qualifications, educator-to-child ratios and other key staffing arrangements will be phased in between 2012 and 2020. In November 2011, Council's Family and Children Services Coordinator attended an information session on the National Regulations.

Sister Cities Program and Community Safety

Community Safety

Council continues to maintain representation on a number of inter-agency committees concerned with safety and actions items identified as being of Council control. The Casuarina Business Precinct Liquor Accord meeting was held 2 November 2011. The Accord has been operational since the beginning of 2011 and the group discussed implementation. The Casuarina Business Precinct Stakeholders Committee Meeting scheduled for the same day was cancelled, as there were no items for the agenda. The Inter Agency Task Force Coordination Group continues to meet fortnightly and resolve any community safety issues brought to the table.

International Relations

The Volunteers Christmas function was held 21 December 2011, hosted by the Lord Mayor, and attended by a number of Sister City Community Committee members. Council has recently investigated a number of requests to establish Friendship or Sister City relationships including: Bali, Indonesia; Tralee, Republic of Ireland; Davao, The Philippines; Yeosu, Republic of Korea and Dongfang, People's Republic of China which will be the subject of a separate report.

Council continues to maintain representation on the Asian Engagement Coordination Group which met 2 December 2011.

The Community Lens

Approximately 14 community members contributed photos from their own collections to the Community Lens project. This has been collated and the exhibition will be opened by the Lord Mayor on Wednesday 15 February.

The Lunar New Year was acknowledged by way of an add in the NT News on behalf of the Haikou Sister City Community Committee/Council.

Anchorage

The Anchorage Committee had no scheduled meetings November – January. The Anchorage and Darwin Art Exchange for 2012 has been launched and we are now accepting entries. Already a number of schools have shown interest.

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A delightful book of hand written thank you letters from Rogers Park Elementary School students has been received, thanking the Committee for its recent Australiana book donation.

Kalymnos

The Kalymnos Committee had no scheduled meetings November – January.

Dili

The Dili Committee last met in November. The Committee Chairman delivered US\$640 to Tuana-Laran School for development of their basketball facilities. \$1450 in sponsorship has been presented to the East Timor Brothers United towards the medals and trophies for the Timor Cup which was held 27 December - 7 January in Darwin. Lord Mayor presented trophies at the presentation night held 7 January 2012.

Ambon

The Ambon Committee last met in November. Kormilda College have confirmed their partnership in a students and teacher exchange planned for August 2012.

Haikou

The Haikou Committee met on 7 November. COMPOSITE: A Sister Cities Photographic Competition has been launched and we are currently accepting entries. The Haikou Office of Foreign Affairs are promoting the competition and collecting entries in Haikou.

Recreation Services and Liveability

Ovals

Wet Season Oval Allocations for training and competition commenced at the start of October. Gardens Ovals One and Two, Jingili, Moil, Nightcliff and Tiwi Ovals are being used by AFL-NT while Football Federation NT has booked Bagot Oval every day except Fridays.

Playgrounds

The new Liberty Swing was installed late last year alongside the existing Regional Playground at Lake Alexander, East Point Reserve where the old four-square concrete slab had been. Three all-abilities play panels have since been installed along the new pathway to link the Liberty Swing with other existing all-abilities equipment at the other end of the playground. Shade will also be installed over the Liberty Swing, however the timeline for this is yet to be confirmed. Infrastructure is leading this project.

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Swimming Pools

All three pools operated well during November and December, with minor works being carried out throughout that time.

Casuarina Pool had its busiest month ever in December 2011 with more than 12,000 patrons recorded. Nightcliff and Parap Pools were also very busy over this period with between 5,600 and 6,500 patrons each per month.

In January, Parap Pool's pump system malfunctioned, resulting in the closure of the venue from the afternoon of Sunday January 15 to the afternoon of Tuesday January 17.

Storm systems forced the closure of all three pools on Wednesday January 25 until late afternoon. Damage to the shade cloths at Nightcliff Pool was such that that venue remained closed until it was safe to remove the shade cloths, which occurred on Friday January 27, and the pool reopened as normal on Saturday January 28. Inclement weather kept patronage to a minimum during this time.

New Recreation Staff

The new Community Recreation Co-ordinator, Aili Robinson will commence in the position in the first week of February.

Healthy Communities

The Healthy Communities final Implementation plan has been finalised in consultation with the Department of Health and Ageing (DOHA) and approved at the end of November. The first progress report was submitted to DOHA on January 24th.

The initiative will be known as 'Healthy Darwin' and marketing material and branding is currently in development.

Extensive internal and external consultations have occurred in the past two months, resulting in valuable input in the design of the project. A number of partnerships with the community sector, government departments and exercise professionals have been established to ensure the delivery of healthy lifestyle activities.

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Current activities include the establishment of a healthy women's group at the Bagot Community, healthy cooking and gardening workshops to be run in February as well as an eight week healthy living behaviour modification program beginning in March.

The Healthy Darwin official launch is planned for March 1st at the Malak Community Centre.

Healthy Communities Staff

Recruitment is currently underway for a Program and Events Officer to support the program.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

Nil.

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COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES OPEN A**AGENDA ITEM: 9.2****REGULATORY SERVICES UPDATE NOVEMBER 2011, DECEMBER 2011 AND JANUARY 2012****REPORT No. 12C0005 DN:mrg COMMON No. 1330602****Date: 13/2/2012****Presenter:** Dave Neall, Manager Regulatory Services**Approved:** John Banks, General Manager, Community & Cultural Services**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update of activities undertaken within the Regulatory Services section during November 2011, December 2011 and January 2012.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal

7 Demonstrate Effective, Open and Responsible Governance

7.1 Effective governance

7.2 Display strong and effective leadership, within Council and across Government

3.1.1 Maintain and enhance public spaces and encourage greater use by the community

KEY ISSUES

- Animal Management
- Parking Enforcement
- Public Places

RECOMMENDATIONS

That it be a recommendation to Council:-

THAT report number 12C0005 DN:mrg entitled Regulatory Services Update November 2011, December 2011 and January 2012, be received and noted.

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 AND JANUARY 2012

BACKGROUND

Monthly activity reports are provided to Council on Regulatory Services.

DISCUSSION

CBD Parking

During the months of November 2011 to January 2012 Rangers regulated Council's on-street and off-street car parking areas. Rangers continued to patrol The Mall to ensure those conducting activities had acquired the appropriate permit and the tactile surface was clear from any obstruction. Rangers also ensured that The Mall area was free from use by skateboarders, bike riders, skaters and dogs.

Rangers continued to regulate parking zones A and B as well as West Lane Car Park on Saturdays between the hours of 8am-2pm.

CBD Rangers continued to regulate parking in the privately owned CBD Plaza (Woolworths) car park.

Suburban Parking

Patrols continued to be carried out in Bradshaw Terrace due to ongoing complaints regarding illegal parking practices in the area including vehicles being parked on the median strip adjacent to Casuarina Square. Rangers also patrolled parking areas located in Cullen Bay, Parap, Nightcliff, Fannie Bay, Hibiscus, Rapid Creek, Alawa, Karama and Stuart Park. All disabled bays continued to be closely monitored with a number of infringements being issued to vehicles parked in disabled bays that were not displaying the appropriate permit. Time restriction zone breaches and complaints in relation to vehicles for sale in a public place were also actioned.

Suburban Rangers also regulated parking in the privately owned Casuarina Village car park.

Generals

Generals Rangers actioned notices for abandoned vehicles, long grass, litter complaints and a full range of By-Law offences.

In the three months from November 2011 to January 2012 Rangers actioned 105 abandoned vehicles and 72 long grass complaints.

Waterfront Precinct

The Waterfront Precinct continued to be regulated by two (2) Rangers during the week and over the weekend period between 11am-4pm.

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Public Places

Public Places Rangers continued to patrol the municipality for illegal camping and unlawful activities. Patrols were carried out in areas known to be popular amongst travellers and included Mindil Beach, East Point and the CBD and all other Council controlled parks.

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. Rangers continue to work closely with the NT Police in addressing instances of illegal alcohol consumption and illegal camping.

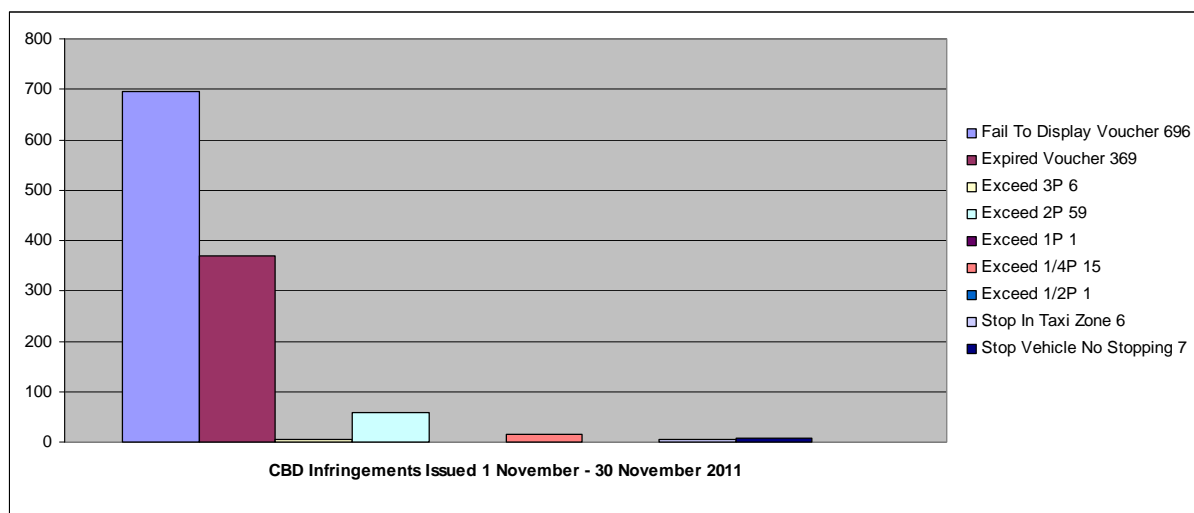
Weekend Markets

Rapid Creek, Parap and Nightcliff Markets continued to be patrolled every weekend. Patrol hours are between 9.00am and 1.00pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

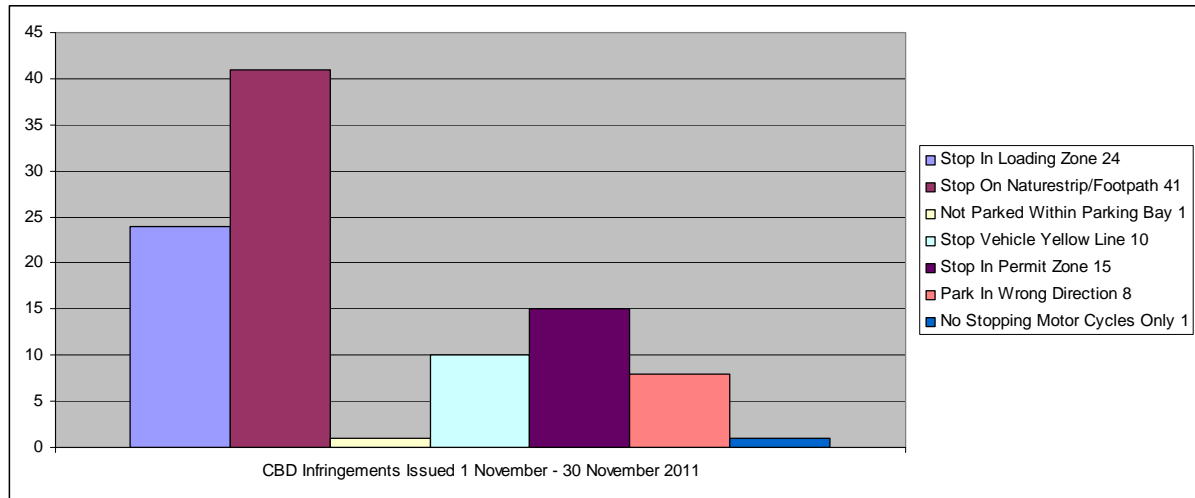
Road Closures and Events

On Thursday 17 November Darwin was visited by the President of the United States, Barack Obama. Many areas of the CBD and some suburbs were subject to road closures and detours to accommodate the visit. Rangers assisted with these closures diverting traffic to facilitate the arrival of the President's entourage.

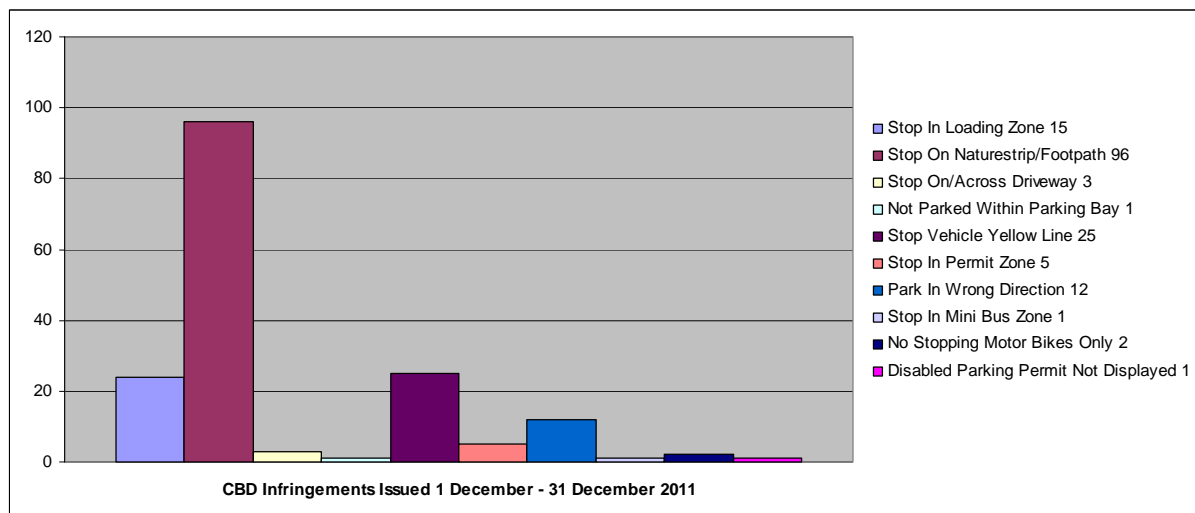
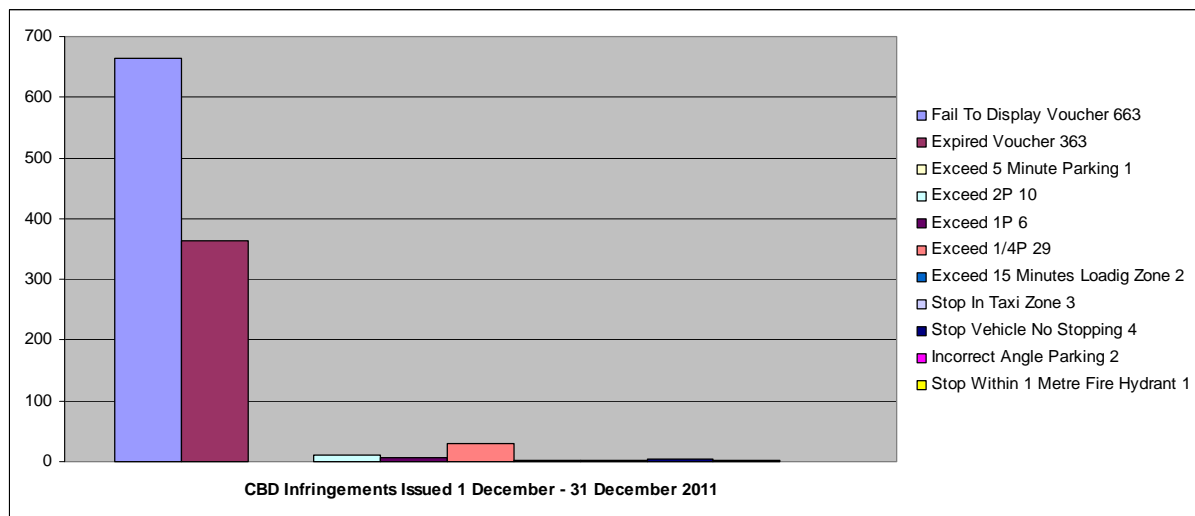
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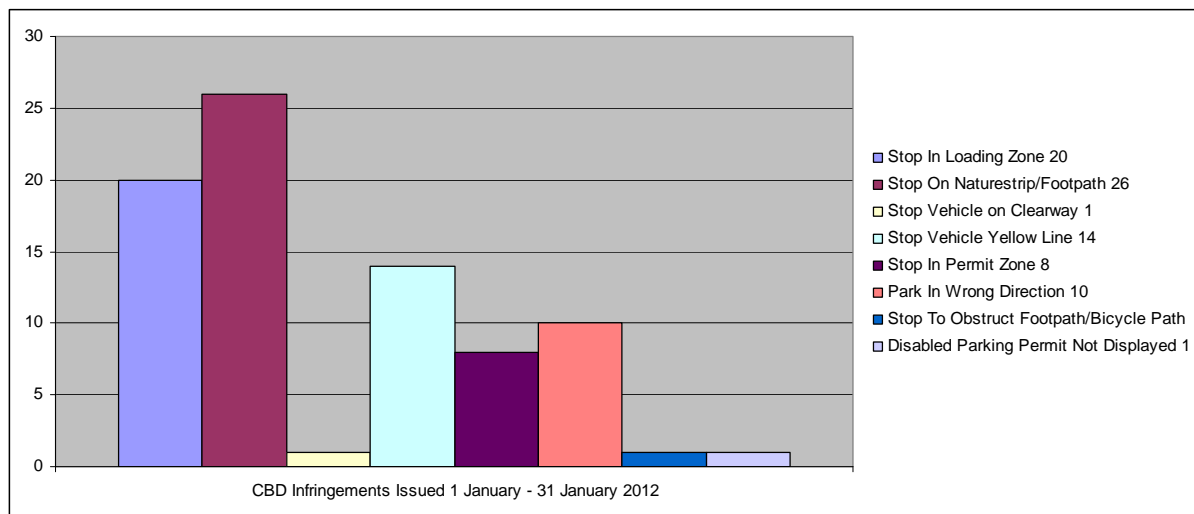
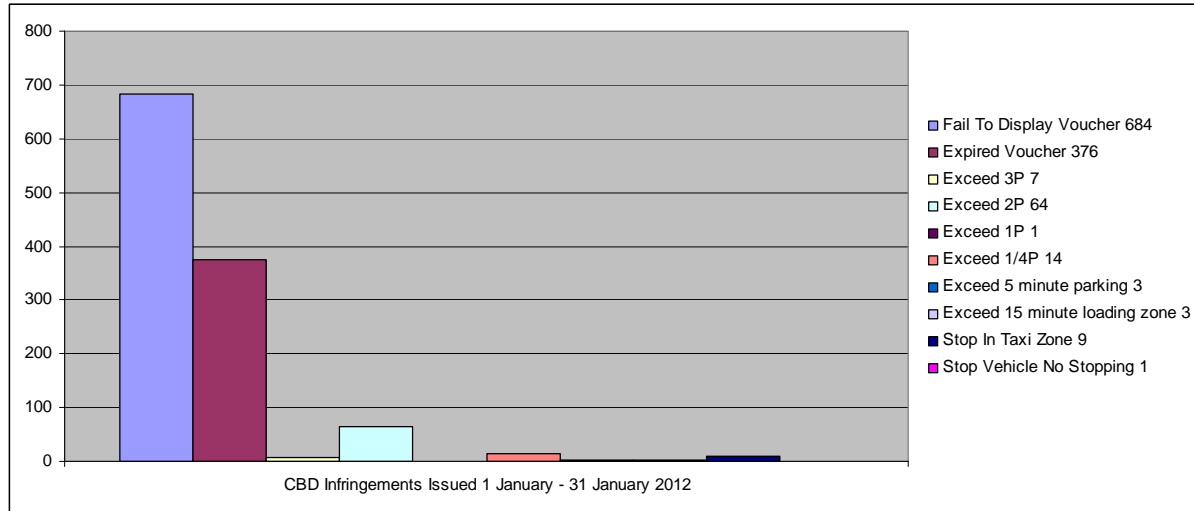


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January 2012 CBD Infringements



Animal Management

Impound figures indicate that a total of 171 dogs were impounded during November, December and January with 100 of these dogs being returned to their owners. The PAWS program also successfully re-homed 45 dogs during this period. 82 cats were impounded in the same period with 36 cats being re-homed via the PAWS program.

In partnership with AMRRIC (Animal Management in Rural and Remote Indigenous Communities) Council conducted a Dog Health Program at Bagot Community during November. 15 dogs and 3 cats were desexed, all of these animals were microchipped. 22 dogs and 3 cats were also registered with Council.

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Education

Due to the recent resignation of Council's Animal Education Officer, Tess Riches, Regulatory Services will begin interviewing applicants during February to fulfil this role.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

Nil

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COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE/OPEN A AGENDA ITEM: 9.3**LIBRARIES INFORMATION UPDATE FOR NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2011
AND JANUARY 2012****REPORT No. 12P0001 KC:md****COMMON No. 1943023****Date: 13/02/12****Presenter:** Manager Library Services**Approved:** General Manager Community & Cultural Services**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this report is to provide an update of November, December 2011 and January 2012 detailing events and comments relating to Darwin City Council Libraries (DCCL).

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN:

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 Enhance Darwin's active, positive and flexible lifestyle

Outcome Increase recreational, leisure and heritage experiences

KEY ISSUES:

This report provides an overview of library activities for the past three months including the activities and attendance at the libraries during the school holidays.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

THAT Report Number 12P0001 entitled, Libraries Information Update for November, December 2011 and January 2012 be received and noted.

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 SUBJECT: LIBRARIES INFORMATION UPDATE FOR NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2011
 AND JANUARY 2012

BACKGROUND:

The purpose of this report is to provide a report detailing events and comments relating to Darwin City Council Libraries.

DISCUSSION:

Staffing

New school aged casual Emma Jackson completed her training and is working hard. Emma has assisted over the school holidays and will continue as a casual this year after school hours. Library Assistant Tammy Sfougaristos has returned from 2 years maternity leave and is working part time at Nightcliff Library. The 2011 trainee Tim Hansen started his permanent full time job as a Library Assistant at Casuarina on 30 January. The Graduate Librarian has settled in well and started to work on her projects. One of these is contacting community groups and suggesting the Library as a venue for tours or outings. Volunteers continue to work hard and there are currently 8 regular volunteers.

Face book – users and “likes” are increasing daily. A communication strategy has been written and implemented. Currently “likes” number 100, so that’s 100 users who receive our news and book reviews through their Facebook news feed. In addition our Twitter account has 124 followers.

Wi-Fi at Casuarina is very popular with customers and use is increasing. December usage statistics showed that there were 691 sessions that month. Preparations are underway for the installation of Wi-Fi at City, Nightcliff and Karama Libraries.

The number of customers who have visited the Libraries in January has increased with a total of over 37,500 visits and over 53,000 items borrowed. Casuarina has regularly had over 950 people visiting daily, with one day a record of 1009 people visiting.

The National Year of Reading “Our Story” competition voting has closed. The ‘winning’ book that best represents the Territory will be announced at the National Year of Reading Launch on 14 February.

Natasha Griggs has held community consultation sessions at all the Libraries.

The Nightcliff Library Manager developed library information sessions for year 9 Nightcliff Middle school students on using the library catalogue and online resources. The first session was held in November with a commitment for these sessions to continue in 2012.

Jayne Hutchison is continuing to work on Bombing of Darwin displays and events as part of her work placement. The display will be put up in the City Library Theatre on Thursday 9 February and will be on open to the public from 11 – 25 February.

Jasmine Jan held another fully booked watercolours art workshop at Casuarina Library on 12 November. Jasmine is available again next year for workshops in the libraries.

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The libraries send an electronic newsletter each month to over 2600 subscribers. The newsletter promotes our coming events and new resources added to the libraries collections. Customers can book online to attend library events.

Collection Development

The Collection Development Librarian met with Amber Hermann to discuss how the libraries can assist in the Healthy Communities Initiative Project and we look forward to assisting with this project.

We continue to submit adult patrons who have outstanding debts in excess of \$30, to the Debt Collector. Most patrons return the items rather than pay, and the return rate is usually around 27%. We are currently working on a letter to be sent to the responsible adult if a child member has a debt in excess of \$30.

Have almost finalised all details behind the provision of downloadable audio books. This project has been coordinated by the Northern Territory Library service and we hope it will be available for our patrons during February. The resources are being provided by Bolinda and the range of titles are very good, catering for all ages and genres.

We are in discussion with two companies for the provision of downloadable e-books. Northern Territory Library has given their approval and support to this project. Funding for the project will come from Council and this will be a valuable addition to our online collection.

We have ordered \$10,000 worth of spoken word resources from Bolinda with the emphasis on Australian content. These resources should begin to arrive shortly.

We have ordered \$5000 worth of Picture Books from Peter Pal Library Services to help boost this specific collection. On average we circulate 5500 items in this collection each month and these resources will be very popular. Content is based on well-known authors and we will receive about 280 new items. Once again, funding for these items has come from Council.

An order of \$5000 for additional adult fiction resources has been ordered. This is one collection we are constantly trying to grow and we average monthly circulation statistics of 8500 items, with new items always very popular. Once again, we have concentrated on boosting our popular authors in this area and we should receive an additional 300 items.

Our collections are continually weeded to eliminate damaged, older items and to identify subject gaps.

Our spending through James Bennett, Northern Territory Government funding, is progressing well and most of these funds will be committed by the end of February. In December we added 1480 items to the collection.

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Children and Youth Services

We had our first Sing and Grow session at Karama Library hosted by Hayley, a qualified music therapist. The program caters for ten families to attend a ten week program. The response was very positive with ten families booked and two on the waiting list.

Sing and Grow is a national early intervention music therapy project working for at-risk families with children aged 3 years and under. The project works to promote optimal child development by encouraging positive parenting skills, building parent confidence and facilitating social networking. Sing & Grow is a trademark of the Playgroup Association of Queensland.

Sing & Grow provides a series of up to ten music therapy sessions to children and their families. Participating families have the opportunity to engage in a range of musical activities including singing, instrument playing, dance and relaxation. Music making is 45 minutes to 1 hour in duration. The program is funded by the Commonwealth Government.

These school holidays we trialled running the Red Hot Reader's book club for Middle School students during the school holidays. The program usually only runs during school terms. The trial was a great success with around ten participants each week.

Santa in the Libraries attracted many children who enjoyed having books read to them by Santa plus being entertained by the Christmas Elf. Storytime Santa with Reindeers was a great success with large numbers of children in attendance at all of the libraries.

Australian author Andy Griffiths conducted an online chat session at Casuarina Library. The monitor and camera were set up in the meeting room and the children gathered around to see and chat online with the author.

Casuarina and Karama Libraries had weekly movies for children during the school holidays.

The last KAOS for the year was held at Karama Library with Corrugated Iron Youth Theatre providing activities for the children. The Melaleuca Refugee Centre brought a group of children to the library for the event.

New flat screen TVs were purchased for Casuarina, Karama and the City Libraries youth areas. These were well used during the school holidays.

December/January 2011/ 2012 Holiday Report

Christmas Bedtime Stories

Christmas Bedtime Stories was held at Casuarina Library during Christmas week and was a success, with 25 children and 39 adults attending. Almost all of the kids were dressed in their pyjamas, many carrying their favourite soft toy and blanket in tow.

Holiday Activities

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The holiday program theme was "The Amazing Holiday Program". We went with the theme the National Summer Reading Club set for 2011/12.

Christmas Craft Activities

The first activity before Christmas was Christmas Craft Activity with local artist Aly De Groot, the queen of turning one person's junk into amazing artwork. Aly demonstrated how to entwine a hose to form the circle of a wreath and then it was just a matter of wrapping wire, rope, fishing nets, wool, baubles etc. to create the colourful and unique Xmas wreaths with no messy glue used. There was lots of positive feedback from parents and kids who left very proud and happy with their finished wreaths. Attendance was 154 children and 99 adults for the Christmas Craft Activity.

All Things Japanese

With our theme being All Things Japanese we invited Sachi from the NT Japanese Association for the second week's Holiday Activity. Sachi showed us the art of Japanese calligraphy and this was a big hit with our kids, with all trying very hard to follow Sachi's instructions. The Origami was a crowd favourite as Sachi circulated, helping groups to create cranes, balloons and hopping frogs. Another much loved holiday activity at all our libraries with lots of happy and excited children leaving with wonderful creations. Attendance was 153 children and 86 adults for the All Things Japanese Activity.

Are we there yet?

Local artist Emma Stocker began the activity asking if anyone had been on a holiday or travelled around Australia with their family, followed by reading some of the families travels around Australia from the story "Are We There Yet?" by Alison Lester. It was then time to create their own postcard and some children did not know what a postcard was. We gave out scrap paper for a practice and got them to think about who they would like to send their postcard to and when they were ready, gave them their white card for the postcards. It was amazing how such a simple activity kept our budding artists so involved and busy for most of the session. Also the three "Are We There Yet?" puzzles were a fun challenge for those that wanted to have a go and there was no stopping them until the puzzle was finished. Attendance was 87 children and 42 adults for the "Are We There Yet?" activity.

Beat box Workshop

Darwin City Council Libraries with assistance from the Northern Territory Government hosted a week of workshops for all aspiring beat box artists between 12 and 18 years of age and all skill levels. The free workshops were held on 18 and 19 January, at Casuarina and Karama Libraries and participants could book to attend as many sessions as they wanted. The workshop began with world renowned Melbourne beat boxer and multi-instrumentalist Mal Webb demonstrating what sounds can be produced with your voice with the right technique and timing.

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Once Mal amazed the participants by showing exactly what was possible, the participants were then taught how to create each individual drum sound that needed to be performed. The participants were really intrigued with all the noises Mal could make and loved joining in and having a go. To round the workshop off participants then performed their new skill as an individual or as a group performance, with each member being responsible for a certain sound. They loved recording the beat box noises and hearing themselves on the speakers. Attendance was 50 youths who enjoyed the workshops.

Australian Animals Bedtime Stories

In celebration of Australia Day the Nightcliff Library hosted an Australian Animals Bedtime Stories story time. This was a hit with 26 children and 21 adults enjoying stories and songs including Possum Magic, Ruby Roars, Olga the Brolga and Here Comes a Bear. Most of our little customers and one or two bigger ones were in their pyjamas. Some even brought along their favourite Aussie stuffed toys. A spotted quoll, dingo, bilby and crocodile were spotted amongst the crowd.

Summer Reading Program

The theme of the December/January Summer Reading Program was "The Amazing Read!" The Summer Reading Program was supported by Angus and Robertson and Cold Rock Ice-Creamery.

Each child registered to join the program. This year we had a greater number in the older age bracket who are continuing to re-join the program each year.

Summer Reading Club Statistics 2010/11

Library	Registered	Prizes collected	No. books read
Casuarina	167	269	2780
City	51	62	525
Karama	35	74	500
Nightcliff	42	58	685
Totals	295	463	4490

Summer Reading Club Statistics 2011/12

Library	Registered	Prizes collected	No. books read
Casuarina	201	501	2805
City	42	107	655
Karama	95	173	1075
Nightcliff	50	146	290
Totals	388	927	4825

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Over 130 people attended the wind-up Summer Reading Club party at Casuarina Library. Many excited children waited to hear if they had won a prize and the party began by thanking our sponsors and announcing that over 4825 books were read, breaking the record with a total of 388 children joining our Summer Reading Program.

It was great to see that most of our winners of the most books read in each library were there to collect their prizes with the most anticipated wait of the two lucky draw winners being William Harrison aged 5 winning the Nintendo and Louisa Graham aged 7 winning the iPod, putting a big smile on her face.

Sara from Life. Be In It conducted games with the children with her amazing parachute and Cold Rock Ice-Creamery provided the food. We also had Tracy and Louise from Council inundated with a never-ending line of children eagerly waiting to have their faces painted.

A big thank-you to our sponsors Angus & Robertson and to Cold Rock Ice-Creamery for their generous donations and for being so willing to be involved with our Reading Programs.

Over the course of the Holiday Program and Summer Reading Program 1175 children under the age of eighteen and parents accessed the activities and fun events on offer at Darwin City Council Libraries.

Training

ABS training
 Authority Training
 Beat box workshop for staff

CONSULTATION PROCESS:

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

BUDGET OR RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

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COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION:

We the Author and Approving Officers declare that we do not have a Conflict of Interest in relation to this matter.

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Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting – Monday, 13 February 2012

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10.1 INFORMATION ITEMS

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10.2 OFFICER'S REPORTS

10.2.1 Dili Sister City Community Committee Meeting 8 November 2011

Report No. 12C0006 HB:es (13/02/12) Common No. 2169279

10.2.2 Ambon Sister City Community Committee Meeting 10 November 2011

Report No. 12C007 HB:es (16/01/12) Common No. 2169505

10.2.3 Haikou Sister City Community Committee Meeting 14 November 2011

Report No. 12C0008 HB:es (17/01/12) Common No. . 2169552

10.2.4 Sponsorship Request for Oz Fest: Australia's Cultural Festival in India 2012

Report No. 12C0001 HB:es (13/02/12) Common No. 2129138

10.2.5 Request for Sister City Relationship Between Darwin and Dongfang, PR China; Yeosu, Republic OF Korea; Davao, Philippines; and Tralee, Republic of Ireland

Report No. 12C0012 HB:es (13/02/12) Common No. 1668592

COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE/OPEN A AGENDA ITEM: 10.2.1**DILI SISTER CITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING 8 NOVEMBER 2011****REPORT No. 12C0006 HB:es****COMMON No. 2169279****Date: 13/2/2012**

Presenter: Hayley Barich, Senior Community Development Officer – Liveability: for enquiries, please phone 8930 0695 or email: h.barich@darwin.nt.gov.au

Approved:

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the minutes of the Dili Sister City Community Committee meeting held 8 November 2011 (**Attachment A**) for Council's information.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN**Goal**

6 Promote Brand Darwin

Outcome

6.2 Promote our Darwin city

KEY ISSUES

- Review Terms of Reference
- Process and delegation for approving Committee allocated funds

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Report Number 12C0006 HB:es entitled Minutes of the Dili Sister City Community Committee Meeting – 8 November 2011, be received and noted.

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 SUBJECT: Dili Sister City Community Committee meeting 8 November 2011

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to present the minutes of the Dili Sister City Community Committee meeting held 8 November 2011 (Attachment A) for Council's information. The Dili Sister City Community Committee meet every six weeks and advise on projects that Council could undertake to strengthen international relations.

DISCUSSION

The Dili Sister City Community Committee met 8 November 2011. At this meeting the Committee undertook a review of projects throughout the year. A key issue raised was the time taken between Committee recommendations and ability to action projects. Particularly, the allocation of small amount of funding in response to grass roots projects and the robust approval process that clearly presents opportunity for review. Whilst the Committee made a recommendation in relation to this issue, it will be the subject of a separate program wide report.

The Committee also reviewed their Terms of Reference and suggested slight amendments. These amendments will be the subject of a separate report to Council. The Committee also agreed they would like to recruit Youth Ambassadors and actions will be undertaken accordingly.

The Committee also discussed languages used in education in Timor as well as the upcoming Quiz4Dili and Volunteers Christmas Party.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

Nil.

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DILI SISTER CITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday 8 November 2011
12:30pm
Meeting Room 1
DARWIN CITY COUNCIL CIVIC CENTRE

1. Meeting Open 12:35pm

2. Present

Alderman Fred Marrone	Elected Member
Hayley Barich	Senior Community Development Officer – Liveability
Alderman John Bailey	Elected Member
Lyn Bigg	Community representative, Chair
Mark Spangler	Community representative
Neil Chadwick	Community representative

3. Apologies

Leigh Gregory
Jill Kuhn

4. Minutes

Minutes of last meeting held 20 September 2011 were approved as a true and correct record.

(Spangler/Bailey)

Carried

5. Committee Review

The Committee reviewed their Terms of Reference and recommended slight changes to current terminology. The Committee contributed to a review of strengths and weaknesses for projects undertaken in 2010 - 2011.

Action: Amend Dili Terms of Reference and send to Committee for comment prior to submitting to Council.

Action: Collate Committee review feedback and forward to members.

Recommendation: THAT in order to maintain transparency, accountability, and an efficient inexpensive means of delivering Council's Dili Sister City program Council consider the following process and delegation for approving Committee allocated funds

1. All projects recommended for approval must satisfy a set of Council preapproved criteria.
2. Projects that meet the preapproved Council set criteria, are not in excess of 50% of Committee annual funds and approved by the Dili Sister City Community Committee are forwarded under delegation directly to the Chief Executive Officer for sign-off and action.
3. Projects that fail to meet the preapproved Council criteria or request more than 50% of Committee annual funds but are recommended by the Dili Sister City Community Committee continue to require consideration by the Community Services Committee and full Council.

6. Identification of Partnerships and Key Stakeholders

Due to insufficient time, this item was not considered and will be tabled at the next meeting.



MINUTES

DILI SISTER CITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 8 November 2011

12:30pm

Meeting Room 1

DARWIN CITY COUNCIL CIVIC CENTRE

Action: Forward to Committee members for feedback

7. **Committee Vacancies and Recruitment**

Action: Promote the Youth Ambassador positions on the Committee and actively recruit to fill positions.

Action: Put an advertisement on GRINDOnline.

Action: Approach Football Federation Northern Territory to circulate information to their members.

8. **General Business**

8.1 ***Volunteers Christmas Party***

Volunteer Christmas party to be held on Thursday December 1st at 5:30pm. Volunteers and their partners/ guests are welcome to attend. Invitations will be forwarded shortly.

8.2 ***Languages in Education for Timor Leste***

Neil provided information on the current language structure in Timor schools.

Action: Neil to follow up with Mary MacKillop foundation to enquire whether there are any publications we can assist to reproduce.

8.3 ***Financial Update***

The Committee has committed \$1450 to the Timor Cup and there is \$2972 in available funds.

8.4 ***Any Other Business***

Quiz4Dili to be held Friday 25 November, tickets are \$20 and can be purchased direct from Youth Services.

Proposed meeting dates were discussed, a draft calendar has been developed.

9. **Meeting Closed 1.30pm**

10. **Date and time of next meeting**

Date: February 28, 2012

Time: 12:30pm

Venue: Meeting Room 1

COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE/OPEN A AGENDA ITEM: 10.2.2**AMBON SISTER CITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING 10 NOVEMBER 2011****REPORT No. 12C007 HB:es****COMMON No. 2169505****Date: 16/01/12**

Presenter: Hayley Barich, Senior Community Development Officer – Liveability: for enquiries, please phone 8930 0695 or email: h.barich@darwin.nt.gov.au

Approved:

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the minutes of the Ambon Sister City Community Committee meeting held on 10 November 2011 (**Attachment A**) for Council's information.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal

6 Promote Brand Darwin

Outcome

6.2 Promote our Darwin city

KEY ISSUES

- Review of Terms of Reference
- Recruitment of Youth Ambassador
- Indonesian Community Christmas Celebration Proposal

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Report Number 12C007 HB:es entitled, Sister City Community Committee Minutes - Ambon 11 November 2011, be received and noted.

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 REPORT NUMBER: 12C007 HB:es
 SUBJECT: Ambon Sister City Community Committee Meeting 10 November 2011

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to present the minutes of the Ambon Sister City Community Committee meeting held on 10 November 2011 (Attachment A) for Council's information. The Ambon Sister City Community Committee meet every six weeks and advise on projects that Council could undertake to strengthen international relations.

DISCUSSION

The Ambon Sister City Community Committee met 10 November 2011. The meeting was preceded by a reception for two Indonesian students on exchange from Ambon. The students were invited by the Committee to visit Council and share a little bit about their experiences in Darwin.

The Committee undertook a review of the 2011 projects as well as the Terms of Reference for the Committee. The Committee suggested slight amendments to the Terms of Reference. These amendments will be the subject of a separate report to Council.

It is the intention of the Committee to support another exchange between Darwin and Ambon, however further details of the exchange need to be agreed on before a recommendation of funds is made.

The Committee also discussed recruiting some Youth Ambassadors to attend Ambon Committee meeting.

The Committee reviewed a proposal received from the Indonesian Community Christmas Celebration Organising Committee and resolved to decline the request.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

Nil.

HAYLEY BARICH
SENIOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

JOHN BANKS
GENERAL MANAGER

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OFFICER - LIVEABILITY**COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES**

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MINUTES
AMBON SISTER CITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday 10 November 2011, 5:00pm – 6:00pm
Meeting Room 1
DARWIN CITY COUNCIL CIVIC CENTRE

1. Meeting Open 5.40pm

2. Present

Rick Setter	Community representative, Chair
Arvinanto Soeriaatmadja	Observer
Maureen Manzie	Community representative
Alderman Allan Mitchell	Elected Member
Judy Miller	Community representative
Christine Silvester	Community representative
Hayley Barich	Senior Community Development Officer - Liveability

3. Apologies

Leigh Gregory
Jherry Matahelumual
Alderman Garry Lambert

4. Minutes

Minutes of last meeting Thursday 22 September were approved as a true and accurate record.

(Silvester/ Ald. Mitchell)

Carried

5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

5.1 Student Exchange SMR 5 Ambon – Report

Action: Send copies of any further correspondence between SMR 5 and Ambon Mayor's Office to Consulate so they can assist where necessary.

Action: Organise meeting with the Principal of Kormilda.

6. Committee Review 2010 – 2011

6.1 Projects, Stakeholders, Terms of Reference

Action: Email a list of all the activities completed in the last 12 months for Committee comment.

Action: Send a copy of the revised Terms of Reference to Committee members for their comment.

6.2 Committee vacancies and recruitment

Action: Use channels available to Council's Youth Services to promote Sister Cities and recruit possible Youth Ambassadors.

7. General Business

7.1 Indonesian Community Christmas Celebration – Proposal



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Thursday 10 November 2011, 5:00pm – 6:00pm
Meeting Room 1
DARWIN CITY COUNCIL CIVIC CENTRE

After discussion about the proposal it was agreed that no Ambon Sister City Community Committee budget will be allocated to the Indonesian Community Christmas Celebration.

Action: SCDO to forward a letter to event organisers advising of decision.

7.2 Financial Update

The Committee have \$1000 committed to the Statues for the Indonesian Garden, leaving \$3422 in available funds.

7.3 Any Other Business

Volunteers Christmas party to be held Thursday 1 December at 5:30pm. Partners/ guests of Committee members are also invited.

Committee would like to have a Christmas break-up, Thursday 8 December. SCDO to forward details to the Committee.

8. Meeting Closed 6.30pm

9. Date and time of next meeting

Date: Thursday 1 March 2012

Time: 5:00 pm

Venue: Meeting Room I

COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE/OPEN A AGENDA ITEM: 10.2.3**HAIKOU SISTER CITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING 14 NOVEMBER 2011****REPORT No. 12C0008 HB:es****COMMON No. 2169552****Date: 17/01/12**

Presenter: Hayley Barich, Senior Community Development Officer – Liveability: for enquiries, please phone 8930 0695 or email: h.barich@darwin.nt.gov.au

Approved:

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the minutes of the Haikou Sister City Community Committee (**Attachment A**) meeting held 14 November 2011 for Councils information.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN**Goal**

6 Promote Brand Darwin

Outcome

6.2 Promote our Darwin city

KEY ISSUES

- No further support be given to Planet Savers Northern
- Review of Terms of Reference
- Recruitment of youth Ambassadors

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Report Number 12C0008 HB:es entitled Sister City Community Committee Minutes – Haikou 14 November 2011, be received and noted.

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 REPORT NUMBER: 12C0008 HB:es
 SUBJECT: Dili Sister City Community Committee Meeting 14 November 2011

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to present the minutes of the Haikou Sister City Community Committee (Attachment A) meeting held 14 November 2011 for Councils information. The Haikou Sister City Community Committee meet every six weeks and advise on projects that Council could undertake to strengthen international relations.

DISCUSSION

The Haikou Sister City Community Committee met 14 November 2011. At this meeting the Chair outlined events of his recent visit to Haikou, including his opportunity to present the Committee's commissioned artwork gift to the Mayor of Haikou.

The Committee discussed and agreed that no further support should be given to Planet Savers North, and that the letters of introduction provided thus far were sufficient.

The Committee undertook a review of projects for the last 12 months as well as recommending adjustments to the Terms of Reference. These amendments will be the subject of a separate report to Council. The Committee discussed the possibility of recruiting Youth Ambassadors and wish to explore options for promoting the Committee to the youth market.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

Nil.

HAYLEY BARICH
SENIOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
OFFICER - LIVEABILITY

JOHN BANKS
GENERAL MANAGER
COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES

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HAIKOU SISTER CITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday 14 November 2011 12:30pm
MEETING ROOM 1
DARWIN CITY COUNCIL CIVIC CENTRE

1. Meeting Open 12.30pm

2. Present

Ken Kirkman	Community representative
Lyn Tam	Community representative
Alderman Fred Marrone	Elected Member
Andrew Leo	Community representative
Judith Dikstein	Community representative
Maureen Manzie	Community representative
Alderman Kerry Moir	Elected Member
Lie Yao	Community representative
Phil Rudd	Community representative (via teleconference)
Hayley Barich	Senior Community Development Officer - Liveability

3. Apologies

4. Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting on 8 August 2011 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

(Kirkman/ Tam)

Carried

5. Business Arising

5.1 *Artwork for Sister City Show Window/ Chairs recent visit to Haikou – Report*

Phil provided details of his recent visit to Haikou where he was able to present the artwork commissioned by the Committee to the new Mayor of Haikou. The artwork will be put on public display for a period and then moved to a special sister cities room in the office complex. The Haikou Foreign Affairs Office are seeking clarification on the photo exhibition. They also confirmed that they had met with Planet Savers and they were interested in learning more, but not ready to commit at this stage. Phil commented on the recent development in Haikou including the fast train and suggested the Committee discuss sending a delegation to Haikou.

Action: Forward details of the photo exhibition to Haikou Foreign Affairs once complete.

6. General Business

6.1 *Planet Savers – Report on Regional Sustainability in Schools Network – Asia Pacific*

The Committee discussed the request received and agreed that the Haikou Sister City Community Committee will not provide further support financially or in kind to Planet Savers North in regards to the Regional Sustainability project. It was agreed that the letters of introduction previously provided were sufficient support.



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HAIKOU SISTER CITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING Monday 14 November 2011 12:30pm MEETING ROOM 1 DARWIN CITY COUNCIL CIVIC CENTRE

Action: Letter forwarded to Planet Savers Northern advising of Committee decision on proposal.

Alderman Marrone and Mr Rudd depart (12:55pm), Mr Kirkman takes over as Chair.

6.2 **Committee Review, Terms of Reference, Stakeholders**

Committee made recommendations to the Terms of Reference and contributed to a Committee review.

Action: Forward details of Committee Review and amended Terms of Reference to Committee for further comment.

6.3 **Committee vacancies and recruitment**

Action: Seek guidance from Manager Community Development in promoting Sister Cities to the youth market to attract youth ambassadors.

6.4 **Volunteers Christmas Party**

Volunteer Christmas Party to be held Thursday 1 December at 5:30pm. Committee members and guest/ partners welcome.

6.5 **Financial Update**

Funds committed: Photo Exhibition \$3500, Maintenance of Gull Force Memorial \$300, LTANT Language Awards \$600. The Committee have \$42 in uncommitted funds.

6.6 **Any Other Business**

Committee is interested in investigating possible funding for a delegation to Haikou to further relationships and liaise with project partners.

Action: Research possible grant funding available.

7. **Meeting Closed 1.35pm**

8. **Date and time of next meeting**

Date: Monday 27 February
Time: 12:30pm
Venue: Meeting Room 1

COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE /OPEN A AGENDA ITEM: 10.2.4		
SPONSORSHIP REQUEST FOR OZ FEST: AUSTRALIA'S CULTURAL FESTIVAL IN INDIA 2012		
REPORT No. 12C0001 HB:es	COMMON No. 2129138	Date: 13/2/2012

Presenter: Hayley Barich, Senior Community Development Officer – Liveability: for enquiries, please phone 89300695 or email h.barich@darwin.nt.gov.au

Approved:

SUBJECT

Sponsorship Request for Oz Fest: Australia's Cultural Festival in India 2012.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to assess the invitation from the Australia High Commission, New Delhi (**Attachment A**) to become a partner in the Oz Fest Cultural Festival to be held across India from October 2012 to January 2013. A recommendation arising from the assessment is presented for Council's consideration.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 6: Promote Brand Darwin

Outcome 6.2: Promote our Darwin city

KEY ISSUES

- Invitation to become an Oz Fest partner.
- Evaluation against key criteria from sponsorship policy reveals that sponsorship would provide limited benefit for the City of Darwin.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- THAT Report Number 12C0001 HB:es entitled Sponsorship Request for Oz Fest: Australia's Cultural Festival in India 2012 be received and noted.
- THAT Council decline the request for sponsorship for Oz Fest: Australia's Cultural Festival in India 2012.

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BACKGROUND

No previous decisions related to this report.

DISCUSSION

Proposal

Council received a request from the Australian High Commission in New Delhi in October 2011 to become a partner in Oz Fest, a cultural festival showcasing Australia's vibrant contemporary culture and its ancient past. Oz Fest events will occur in 2012 across India including Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad and Pune. The aims of Oz Fest are to:

- Reach out to young and influential Indians
- Highlight Australia's world class business and education sectors
- Promote Australia as an investment and tourism destination
- Showcase Australia's capabilities in science, research, innovation and technology
- Profile Australia's energy and resource sector.

The Australian Government has committed over \$1.0 million to Oz Fest and it is expected that state governments will contribute in the vicinity of \$500,000 to the project. The High Commission is in the process of seeking partnerships from the corporate sector, universities and municipal authorities.

Three levels of partnership are offered –

- Platinum \$250,000
- Gold \$100,000
- Silver \$50,000

An evaluation of the proposal against key criteria from the sponsorship policy is detailed in the policy implications section.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

The following stakeholders were consulted in development of this report:

- Australian High Commission, New Delhi

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The following table evaluates the proposal against Council's established sponsorship criterion:

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CRITERIA	COMMENT
Generally excluded: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference • Individual • Record attempt • Fundraiser 	Oz Fest is a Cultural Festival held across India, therefore it is not excluded from sponsorship.
Local/National /International	International. This event will not take place within the Darwin region.
Contribution to identity of City	Negligible, likely that the promotion of Darwin will be blurred amongst the general promotion of Australia.
Contribution to Economic Growth	Negligible, there will be no immediate economic benefit as the event is not being held in the Darwin region. Longer term benefits may emerge.
Promotes Community Participation	No, given that the festival is held overseas, there is no opportunity for community participation by residents.
Sector – Business/Industry/economic/social/sporting/ Environmental/cultural/educational	Cultural, the emphasis will be on Australian culture, not Darwin specific.
Branding and profile raising opportunities	Opportunities exist, however are not aligned with Council's strategic plan.
Leverage via media or advertising	Opportunities exist, however there is possibility for negative media for Council's involvement in a project not clearly aligned to strategic goals.
Leverage through attendance/staging/display/ Or complementary event	Limited. Only the Platinum and Gold partnership levels enable speaking opportunities which require a substantive investment.
Sponsorship benefits	Yes, as described within the sponsorship proposal however of limited benefit to the City of Darwin.
Audience reach	Non traditional audiences would be reached through this event, however brand salience would remain low within this group.
Consistency with Council's core business or Action Plan objectives	Negligible. There is greater focus in the Strategic Plan on promotion of local and national events in Darwin that contribute to the identity of the

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	city and enable community participation.
Capacity to deliver long term benefits	Longer term economic outcomes may be achieved.
Organisational capacity to deliver event	No
Budget provided	No, the partnership packages require considerable commitment of funds.

Conclusion

- Council prioritises the sponsorship of local and national events held in Darwin that enable community participation.
- Limited benefit in promoting Darwin to the identified target market.
- Limited opportunities for Darwin specific marketing.
- Negligible return on investment.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget or resource implications relating to the recommendation of this report.

RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

Nil.

HAYLEY BARICH
SENIOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
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ATTACHMENT A

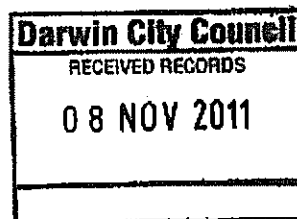
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HIGH COMMISSIONER

AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION
NEW DELHI

24 October 2011

The Right Honourable Graeme Sawyer
Lord Mayor
Darwin City Council
GPO Box 84
Darwin NT 0801
Australia



Dear Lord Mayor

The Australian Government will deliver a major cultural program in India from October 2012 to January 2013, called Oz Fest. I am writing to invite your council to be an Oz Fest partner.

Oz Fest will showcase a broad and spectacular program in performing arts, visual arts and design, music, public art and digital media, drawing on the best of Australia's vibrant contemporary culture and its ancient past. Many Indians don't know about Australia and what it has got to offer. It is time to change that. Events will occur across India, including in Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad and Pune.

Oz Fest will be about much more than the arts. By involving and targeting young and influential Indians and fostering collaboration and exchange, it will send a strong, positive message about the character and capabilities of contemporary Australia. Oz Fest's business programs and associated events will also profile Australia's energy, resources, education and tourism sectors and demonstrate Australia's expertise in science, technology and knowledge industries. Delivered together, the program will expand the bilateral relationship on many levels. It will also provide a valuable opportunity for Australian municipal authorities to expand existing links, or build new links, with India.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade has committed over A\$1.0 million to fund the program and state governments are expected to commit in the order of A\$500,000. The Australian High Commission in New Delhi, working with the Consulates-General in Mumbai and Chennai, is leading program development and implementation in consultation with partners.

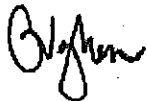
We are now seeking partnerships with the corporate sector, universities and municipal partners among others, creating a strong Team Australia effort.

A formal partnership invitation is attached which provides more information about Oz Fest and partnership benefits. Partners will have the opportunity to align the level of their support with their own strategic priorities.

We hope you will consider our invitation and look forward to hearing from you soon about your interest in partnering with us on this valuable initiative.

In the meantime, should you wish to discuss any aspect of this proposal, you are very welcome to contact the Oz Fest team at the High Commission. Details are attached.

Yours sincerely



Peter N. Varghese AO

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COMMUNITY SERVICES & CULTURAL SERVICES/OPEN A		AGENDA ITEM: 10.2.5
REQUEST FOR SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DARWIN AND: DONGFANG, PR CHINA; YEOSU, REPUBLIC OF KOREA; DAVAO, PHILIPPINES; AND TRALEE, REPUBLIC OF IRELAND		
REPORT No. 12C0012 HB:es	COMMON No. 1668592	Date: 13/02/2012

Presenter: Hayley Barich, Senior Community Development Officer – Liveability

Approved: Katie Hearn, Manager Community Development

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to assess requests received by Council for establishment of Sister City links between Darwin and

- Dongfang, Peoples Republic of China
- Yeosu, Republic of Korea
- Davao, Philippines
- Tralee, Republic of Ireland.

This report presents recommendations for Councils consideration.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 6 Promote Brand Darwin

Outcome 6.2 Promote our Darwin city

KEY ISSUES

- Sister Cities policy for establishment of new links
- Assessment against sister cities selection criteria
- Security and travel warning advice

RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. THAT Report Number 12C0012 HB:es entitled Request for Sister City Relationship Between Darwin and Dongfang, PR China; Yeosu, Republic of Korea; Davao, Philippines; and Tralee, Republic of Ireland, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council seek affirmation from the Haikou Office of Foreign Affairs for the establishment of a Friendship Agreement with Dongfang, Peoples Republic of China, based on the Gull Force memorial at Lao Ou.

Then

- A. THAT Council establish a Friendship Agreement with Dongfang, Peoples Republic of China, based on the Gull Force memorial at Lao Ou.
- B. THAT Council decline the invitation to establish a sister city relationship with Yeosu, Republic of Korea.

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PHILIPPINES; AND TRALEE, REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

- C. THAT Council decline the request to establish a Sister City relationship with Davao, The Philippines.
- D. THAT Council establish a Friendship Agreement with Tralee, Republic of Ireland, formally acknowledging Council's regard for hosting the Rose of Tralee.

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 PHILIPPINES; AND TRALEE, REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

BACKGROUND

PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Decision No. 20\4632 (29/11/11)

- A. THAT Report Number 11C0126 HB:es entitled, Friendship Link – Investigation of Link between Darwin, Australia and Bali, Indonesia September 2011, be received and noted.
- B. THAT the friendship link is not pursued as it does not fall within the guidelines of a Friendship/Sister City relationship.

Decision No. 20\2282 (24/11/09)

- A. THAT Report Number 09c0189 entitled, Request to Establish Sister City Relationship with Darwin – City of Yeosu, Republic of Korea, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council explore the possibility of establishing a Sister City Relationship with the city of Yeosu, Republic of Korea, and a further report be prepared.

Decision No. 20\2283 (24/11/09)

- A. THAT report Number 09C0159 entitled, Sister Cities Community Committee Minutes for Meetings held in September 2009 – with Recommendations, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council further explore the request to establish a friendship agreement with Dongfang city, Hainan Peoples Republic of China, in view of historic military ties with the region.
- C. THAT establishment of the Chinese Garden be referred back to the Haikou Sister City Community Committee for further consideration, in view of cost estimates.
- D. THAT Council write to the Haikou Foreign Affairs Office to seek their assistance and support for the students participating in the Charles Darwin University Chinese In-Country language Program being held in Haikou between 23 November to 18 December 2009.
- E. THAT a maximum amount of \$500 be provided to host an event in Haikou, on behalf of Council for the participants of the Chinese In-Country Program at Charles Darwin university.

Decision No. 20\2166 (27/10/09)

- A. THAT Report Number 09C0155 entitled, Requests to Establish Sister Cities Friendship Agreements with Darwin – Santa Cruz Galapagos, Ecuador; Dongfang, People's Republic of China; Syria; Meizhou, People's Republic of China; Saumlaki, Indonesia; Aridagawa-Cho, Japan, be received and noted.

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- B. THAT as the Sister Cities Program continues to experience high demands on resources, and numerous requests for equally viable cities for affiliations, a relationship not be formed with Syria at this time.
- C. THAT Council decline the request to sign the Memorandum of Understanding dated 24 July 2007 with the City of Saumlaki, West South East Maluku Province, Indonesia.
- D. THAT as the Sister Cities Program continues to experience high demand on resources, and numerous requests for equally viable cities for affiliations, a relationship not be formed with Meizhou in Guangdong Province in the Peoples Republic of China.
- E. THAT in view of the significance of the location and a multitude of shared characteristics, it is recommended that a possible relationship continue to be explored with Gobierno Municipal de Santa Cruz in Galapagos-Ecuador.
- F. THAT the Lord Mayor donate an amount of \$500 in-kind to Dripstone Middle School in support of the Aridagawa-Cho/Darwin Student Exchange.

Decision No. 18\5911 (28/10/03)

- A. THAT Report Number 03C0400 LMG:kl entitled, Requests for New Sister City Relationship, be received and noted.
- B. THAT new requests only be considered in line with program resources, aims and budget.
- C. THAT the policy for assessment of Sister City relations and friendship agreements be reviewed.

Decision No. 18\5190 (12/06/03)

An assessment criteria for the formation of Sister Cities relationships was adopted by the Sister Cities Management Committee in June 2003. The criteria is described below for reference and specifies the following:

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority:-

- A. THAT Report Number 03C215 LMG:kl entitled Sister City Assessment Criteria, be received and noted.
- B. THAT a two-tier level of affiliations with cities and towns seeking Sister City status with Darwin be adopted:
 - i. The existing Sister City relationship which provides a formal agreement to develop and maintain a substantive program with mutual long-term benefits.
 - ii. A 'friendship' relationship which would consist of a less formal arrangement with less administrative and financial expectation, which may be appropriate

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in meeting short term needs and supporting programs run by other sections of the community.

- C. THAT prior to a sister city relationship agreement being formalised, the two cities establishing an affiliation enter into a friendship relationship to explore the potential benefits.

and FURTHER THAT the friendship agreement be reviewed on an annual basis at which time any decision to upgrade the affiliation to that of a Sister City relationship based on actual program outcomes or to discontinue the affiliation, may be made.

- D. THAT the consideration of new Sister Cities be based on an assessment of historical links and cultural and social, economic and educational benefits for the city which may flow from the identified relationship.
- E. THAT existing relationships be reviewed every five years based on the above criteria to ensure relevance in view of global change and to ensure that the original objectives are still appropriate and achievable.
- F. THAT Sister City relationships may be re-classified to become friendship links if sustainability it no longer a viable reality.
- G. THAT the following factors be considered in choosing or reviewing a Sister City:

General:

1. Population and demographics (nationals of one Sister City residing in the other)
2. Geographic location and assets (eg Port, Frontier)
3. Ease of access
4. Comparison of key industries
5. Existing linkages (eg student exchanges)
6. Relevance to local community
7. History of relations and/or cooperation in political, economic, commercial and cultural fields

Economic:

1. Similar economic conditions
2. Trade and investment climates and opportunities
3. Tourism potential's

Social:

1. Similar social infrastructure and issues
2. Opportunity for broad based activity
3. People to people interest, energy and commitment

Educational:

1. Across economic, social and environmental issues
2. Student / teacher exchange programs
3. University linkages

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and FURTHER

THAT in considering the above factors, it is necessary to compare not only the similarities, but the potential for these similarities to provide mutual benefit within the existing scope and limitations of the program.

- H. THAT no more than one Sister City and one Friendship affiliation be established with any one country, except in exceptional circumstances.
- I. THAT any potential Sister City relationships only be explored once mutual interest has been established between Darwin City Council and the municipal authority of the complementary city.

DISCUSSION

Council receives numerous requests to establish Sister City relationships with cities throughout the world. A careful approach to growing sister city relationships is indicated to protect the integrity of the program and to ensure relationships that are formed have meaning and can be resourced and positioned to reach their potential. Council's approach to its sister cities program occurs in a community engagement context and it seeks to maximise person to person linkage and community participation.

Council's Sister Cities

Council currently has six Sister Cities: Ambon, Indonesia; Anchorage, United States of America; Dili, Timor-Leste; Haikou, China; Kalymnos, Greece and Milikapiti, Tiwi Islands. Five of Council's Sister Cities have community advisory committees. Committees comprise of four to six community members and up to two Elected Members. Committees meet regularly and advise on projects to be undertaken between Darwin and its Sister Cities and provide Council with vital community based linkages. Four of Council's six Sister Cities have been operational for over 20 years, with our most recent Sister City being Dili, signed in 2003. Program resourcing has also been fairly consistent with the program resourced typically by one officer.

Since its inception, the Sister Cities program has undertaken a plethora of projects across a number of fields including the arts, education and sport to further the person-to-person linkages between Darwin and its Sister Cities. Projects completed in 2011 include;

- Anchorage and Darwin Art Exchange
- Dili learns the BIG GIG and student exchange (inbound)
- Haikou Sister City Dance Commission,
- Exchange of two students and teacher from Ambon, as well as
- Medal sponsorship for the 2011 Oceania Pan Hellenic games.
- Quiz4Dili

The Sister Cities program engages with a wide range of external partners including State and Federal Government Departments, Non Government Organisations and Schools, as well as internal stakeholders such as the Libraries and Waste Management and Infrastructure Sections in delivering project outcomes.

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Additionally Council has two Friendship cities, Honolulu, United States of America and Galapagos, Ecuador. Friendship links are less formal agreements with less administrative and financial expectation. Based on Friendship Link status, no projects have been entered into between Darwin and its Friendship Cities.

Council receives numerous requests from cities and towns seeking to establish friendship and/or sister city agreements with Darwin through the signing of a Deed of Acknowledgement, a Memorandum of Understanding or a formal sister city relationship agreement. Council currently hosts seven relationships with varying degrees of activity and resources five community committees. On average each year Council receives four to five inbound delegations, participates in two to three outbound delegations, hosts or participates in eight to twelve events and delivers approximately 10 – 12 projects.

In view of the number of relationships Council has established, the current allocation of resources and the sizable number of projects in progress, the establishment of additional relationships requires careful consideration.

The following section reviews each request and provides an assessment of the potential relationship against Sister Cities selection criteria.

Dongfang, Peoples Republic of China

Background

Council initially received a Letter of Intent from Dongfang City, Peoples Republic of China in May 2009 requesting to formalise Friendship links. The Dongfang Municipal Government had been involved in a Sister Cities project which saw the development of a memorial, honouring Australian POWs on the island of Hainan. A delegation from Darwin, including the Lord Mayor, visited the memorial located within the municipality of Dongfang in 2009.

The request went before the Haikou Sister City Community Committee who recommended in principle support for the establishment of a Friendship Agreement with Dongfang with consideration to be given to the historical military links. It was also recommended that advice was sought from the Haikou Foreign Affairs Office to determine their support before signing an agreement with the Dongfang Municipal Government (DECISION No.20\2283).

In August 2010, a delegation lead by Mr Ji Mingjiang, Mayor of Dongfang visited Darwin, anticipating the opportunity to sign a Friendship Agreement. Due to the absence of a dedicated Sister Cities Officer, the decision had not progressed further and the delegation was informed that the request was still under investigation.

Council currently has an active Sister City relationship with Haikou, Peoples Republic of China. Therefore, in accordance with Sister City policy only a Friendship Agreement can be considered with Dongfang.

Summary of Assessment Against Criteria

A detailed analysis of the relationship against set criteria can be found in (**Attachment A: Assessment Against Sister Cities Selection Criteria**).

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- The Hainan Island/ Province has a lot of similarities to the Northern Territory in terms of key industries and climate.
- The City of Dongfang continues to assist City of Darwin with maintenance of the Gull Force memorial at Lao Ou.
- Trade and investment to Dongfang is hampered by the lack of direct sea and air links.
- There is potential for military tourism to the Gull Force memorials in Darwin and Lao Ou.
- The remaining Gull Force members are from the eastern states.
- Council has an active Sister City relationship with Haikou and there is limited interest from the Chinese community to create an additional link with Dongfang.
- A limited number of schools in Darwin offer Mandarin language instruction, therefore limited opportunity to undertake school based projects.
- Charles Darwin University has established relationships with universities in China, including the Hainan University in Haikou.

Whilst the selection criteria does not assess political environment, it should be noted that of utmost importance in exploring this relationship, would be the need to obtain recognition from Council's Sister City partners in Haikou. Given Chinese customs, this subject should only be broached with the Office of Haikou Foreign Affairs if Council intends to establish a formal link with Dongfang.

Conclusion

Council has maintained a friendly relationship with Dongfang since development of the Gull Force memorial at Lao Ou. A Friendship Agreement with Dongfang will officially recognise their cooperation in maintaining the Gull Force memorial.

Recommendation

THAT Council seek affirmation from the Haikou Office of Foreign Affairs for the establishment of a Friendship Agreement with Dongfang, Peoples Republic of China, based on the Gull Force memorial at Lao Ou.

Then

THAT Council establish a Friendship Agreement with Dongfang, Peoples Republic of China, based on the Gull Force memorial at Lao Ou.

Yeosu, Republic of Korea

Background

Council received a request from the Mayor of Yeosu, via the Consul General of the Republic of Korea to establish a Sister City relationship in October 2009. Based on Korean support for the 2007 Darwin hosted Australian Sister Cities conference through KLAFIR (Korea Local Authorities Foundation for International Relations), and continued visits from Korean representatives, it was recommended in an initial report that Council resolve to further explore the possibility of some form of relationship prior to making a final determination (DECISION No. 20\2282).

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Summary of Assessment Against Selection Criteria

A detailed analysis of the relationship against set criteria can be found in (**Attachment A: Assessment Against Sister Cities Selection Criteria**).

- Darwin has a very small Korean population and lacks highly visible cultural groups, event or activities.
- Whilst the Northern Territory has interest in developing trade and tourism with Korea, there are cities more relevant to its needs than Yeosu.
- Limited opportunities to undertake school based activities between Darwin and Yeosu.
- Lack of general interest from the Darwin community to establish a link with Korea.

Conclusions

There is little evidence to suggest that Yeosu, Republic of Korea is a match for Darwin in establishing a Sister City in Korea. Darwin's Korean population is very small, there is no consular representation in Darwin, Korean is not widely spoken, trade is limited and there is almost no history of existing links between Darwin and the Republic of Korea.

Recommendation

THAT Council decline the invitation to establish a sister city relationship with Yeosu, Republic of Korea.

Davao, The Philippines

Background

Council received a request from the Vice Chancellor of Charles Darwin University to consider a Sister City relationship with Davao, The Philippines in November 2011.

Council previously received and investigated a request from the Filipino Australian Association of the Northern Territory, to consider a sister city relationship with Kabankalan City, The Philippines. Due to resource restraints it was recommended that this relationship was not pursued (DECISION NO. 19\1961).

Summary of Assessment Against Selection Criteria

A detailed analysis of the relationship against set criteria can be found in (**Attachment A: Assessment Against Sister Cities Selection Criteria**).

- Darwin and the Northern Territory has a large and relatively active Filipino population.
- The Philippines has consular staff based in Darwin.
- There are no direct sea or air links with Davao City, increasing the difficulty of trade and promotion of tourism.
- There are existing links through sport as athletes from Davao have participated in the Arafura Games.
- Limited opportunity for broad based activity between Darwin and Davao other than official delegations.
- Strong and current university and alumni linkages between Charles Darwin University and the University of Mindanao and the University of South Eastern Philippines.

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Security Advice

Violent crime is a significant problem in the Philippines and recent bombings and kidnappings in Zamboanga demonstrate a heightened threat environment in that area. Terrorist attacks, including bombings, are possible anytime, anywhere in the Philippines. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade continue to receive credible reports indicating terrorists are planning attacks against a range of targets, including places frequented by foreigners. The recent kidnapping of an Australian citizen in Zamboanga, Sibugay has escalated the travel warnings for the central and western Mindanao.

Travel warnings:

- Philippines overall: Exercise high degree of caution (2/4)
- Eastern Mindanao: **Reconsider your need to travel** (3/4)
- Central and western Mindanao, including Zamboanga Peninsula and the Sulu Archipelago: **Do not travel** (4/4)

This Advice was last issued in January 2012. The overall level of advice for the Philippines has not changed.

Given that Davao is located in south eastern Mindanao, the escalated security advice applies to any travel to and from Davao.

As the Sister Cities program centers around person-to-person linkages, and visit to the Philippines by Elected Members and community representatives will ensue, it would be negligent of the program not to consider the increased security advice in light of making a recommendation concerning the relationship between Darwin and Davao.

Duty of Care considerations for Northern Territory Government Officials require special approvals and risk limiting precautions to enable travel to this region. Official travel therefore is very limited. Northern Territory Government School children would not be able to undertake educational exchanges to Davao.

Conclusion

There is merit to establishing a link with the Philippines, given Darwin's Filipino population, proximity to the capital of the Philippines, consular representation in Darwin and overall Northern Territory interests in the Philippines. However, given the current security situation on Mindanao Island, a Sister City link would be impractical at this stage and problematic to administer with any depth.

Recommendation

THAT Council decline the request to establish a Sister City relationship with Davao, The Philippines.

Tralee, Republic of Ireland

Background

A request was received from the Northern Territory (NT) Irish Association to investigate the possibility of establishing a Sister City link with Tralee in the County of Kerry, Ireland.

Each year the NT Irish Association sends a lady of Irish descent from Darwin to Tralee to participate in the International Rose of Tralee. The Rose of Tralee is a week long carnival

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held in County Kerry, Ireland, where the main event is crowning of the 'Rose'. Contestants are judged on their overall personality and suitability as ambassadors, and the festival is a celebration of the "aspirations, ambitions, intellect, social responsibility and Irish heritage" of modern young women.

As part of the event, participants are made honorary citizens of Tralee by the Tralee Town Council and afforded all manner of hospitality during their stay in Tralee. Due to the already long standing cultural exchange to Tralee, the NT Irish Association hope that a Friendship Link could be developed to formalise the relationship and acknowledge the hospitality shown by the Tralee Town Council and the people of Tralee.

Summary of Assessment Against Selection Criteria

A detailed analysis of the relationship against set criteria can be found in (**Attachment A: Assessment Against Sister Cities Selection Criteria**).

- There is a small, growing and active Irish community in Darwin.
- There are no direct air or sea links with Tralee, making trade and tourism difficult and costly.
- Darwin has had a cultural exchange, through the Rose of Tralee, to Tralee for the past 27 years.
- Darwin's finalist for the Rose of Tralee, acts as an ambassador for Darwin and the Northern Territory.
- Limited opportunity for broad based activity between Darwin and Tralee.

Conclusion

Darwin's involvement with Tralee is limited to its participation in the Rose of Tralee. Given the long standing relationship and hospitality shown to the Darwin visitors to Tralee, it would be a gesture of international goodwill to formally acknowledge the relationship between Darwin and Tralee.

Recommendation

THAT Council establish a Friendship Agreement with Tralee, Republic of Ireland, formally acknowledging Council's regard for hosting the Rose of Tralee.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

The following stakeholders were consulted in relation to this report:

- Director, Northern Territory Office, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Director, Asian Relations, Department of the Chief Ministers
- Honorary Consul General, Republic of the Philippines Honorary Consulate General Darwin, Northern Territory
- Chairman, Haikou Sister City Community Committee
- President, Northern Territory Irish Association

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

All recommendations have been made inline with Council's Sister Cities Policy, *DCC Policy 053 – Sister Cities*.

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BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications related to the recommendations from this report. Resource allocation, in terms of Officer hours spent on development and maintenance of Friendship relationships will be kept to a minimum.

RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

We the Author and Approving Officer declare that we do not have a Conflict of Interest in relation to this matter.

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Dongfang, Peoples Republic of China

General:	
Population and demographics (nationals of one Sister City residing in the other)	In 2004 Dongfang had a population of 435,000. It is unknown if any persons of Australian decent live in Dongfang. In 2006 there were 227 persons born in China living in Darwin (LGA, 0.4% of the population). It is unknown what percentage of the Darwin Chinese community is from Dongfang.
Geographic location and assets (eg Port, Frontier)	Dongfang is located on the island of Hainan approximately 223 kilometres south west from the capital Haikou, on the west coast. It has a similar tropical climate to that of Darwin with a wet and a dry season. Dongfang also experiences similar natural events including typhoons and extensive flooding.
Ease of access	There are no direct sea or air links to Dongfang, however a new freeway from Haikou has reduced travel time considerably.
Comparison of key industries	The Hainan Island/ Province has a lot of similarities to the Northern Territory in terms of key industries including, minerals, offshore gas, tourism, education and defence.
Existing linkages (eg student exchanges)	Dongfang is the location of the nearest municipal authority to Lao Ou where the Gull Force memorial has been erected. Council currently supports the maintenance of the memorial at Lao Ou.
Relevance to local community	Limited. The major link to Dongfang is through the Gull Force memorial. The majority of surviving Gull Force members are from the eastern states of Australia.
History of relations and/or cooperation in political, economic, commercial and cultural fields	In 2007 the Gull Force memorial was erected on the site of the grave of two Australian POWs. Additionally the road to the memorial was also upgraded, by way of funding from Council. A delegation, including the remaining survivors of Gull Force and Councils Lord Mayor attended the opening of the memorial. Dongfang Office of Foreign Affairs was the local contact and assisted in all these projects. In 2010 a delegation led by the Mayor of Dongfang visited Darwin.

Economic:	
Similar economic conditions	The Hainan Island/ Province has a lot of similarities to the Northern Territory in terms of weather, climate, minerals, offshore gas, tourism, education and defence.
Trade and investment climates and opportunities	China itself is a major trading partner for the Northern Territory, but not specifically the Hainan Province. Trade and investment is hampered by the lack of an airport in Dongfang with direct flights to Darwin.
Tourism potential's	There is potential for military tourism to the Gull Force memorial, of which a replica is located in Bicentennial Park, Darwin.

Social:	
Similar social infrastructure and issues	Whilst Dongfang experiences similar issues as Darwin, China's form of government dictates a different approach to a number of social issues.
Opportunity for broad based activity	Limited. With an already active sister city relationship with Haikou there is reduced capacity to undertake additional projects with Dongfang.
People to people interest, energy and commitment	There was obvious initial interest from the Dongfang Office of Foreign Affairs as well as the Mayor of Dongfang. There is limited enthusiasm from Darwin's Chinese Community for an additional Sister City.

Educational:	
Across economic, social and environmental issues	Whilst there is a national push to provide Mandarin in schools, there is a limited number of schools in Darwin that teach it at a primary or secondary level.
Student / teacher exchange programs	No current exchange programs between Dongfang and Darwin.
University linkages	No current university linkages between Dongfang and Darwin. Charles Darwin University already has strong relations with universities in China including the Hainan University in Haikou.

Yeosu, Republic of Korea

General:	
Population and demographics (nationals of one Sister City residing in the other)	<p>In the 2009 census the population of Yeosu was 294,416. It is unknown if any Australian expatriates are based in Yeosu.</p> <p>In 2006, 44 persons were born in Korea and now residing in Darwin (LGA, 0.1% of the total population).</p>
Geographic location and assets (eg Port, Frontier)	<p>Yeosu is a city in South Jeolla Province, South Korea. Old Yeosu City, Yecheon City, and Yecheon County were merged in 1998 to form the new city, Yeosu. The city of Yeosu consists of the Yeosu peninsula as well as 317 islands. Lying about midway along the southern coast of South Korea, it is separated from Namhae County in South Gyeongsang province to the east by a natural waterway, and the Bay of Suncheon to the west and northwest.</p> <p>Yeosu has cool summers and mild winters with longer springs and autumns than other regions.</p>
Ease of access	There are no direct air or sea links between the Northern Territory and the City of Yeosu and it is currently not easy to get to and from Darwin.
Comparison of key industries	Limited. There are some similarities between the key industries of Darwin and Yeosu mainly in regards to agriculture and fisheries.
Existing linkages (eg student exchanges)	Limited. No current students exchanges between Darwin and Yeosu were identified.
Relevance to local community	Limited. There is a very small Korean community in Darwin.
History of relations and/or cooperation in political, economic, commercial and cultural fields	Limited. Council has had no prior involvement with authorities in Korea apart from hosting the 2007 Australia Sister Cities Conference.

Economic:	
Similar economic conditions	Agriculture, fisheries, shipbuilding and petrochemical industries are the major industries of Yeosu. Yeosu has one of Korea's biggest national industrial complexes housing 112 enterprises, two local industrial complexes, and one agricultural complex.
Trade and investment climates and opportunities	Limited. Yeosu is considered remote from the capital of Seoul, additionally other cities in Korea are more relevant to Northern Territory trade interests.
Tourism potential's	Limited. Yeosu, like Darwin aims to promote its natural environment to stimulate tourism, but lack of a direct route to and from Yeosu make it difficult to get visitors.

Social:	
Similar social infrastructure and issues	Similar. Korea has a developed economy with similar social infrastructure and issues.
Opportunity for broad based activity	Limited. There is a very small Korean population in Darwin.
People to people interest, energy and commitment	The invitation to become a Sister City appear to part of a wider promotion of the Expo 2012 held in Yeosu.

Educational:	
Across economic, social and environmental issues	Korean culture and languages is not widely taught across Darwin schools.
Student / teacher exchange programs	Limited. No current student exchanges have been identified.
University linkages	Limited. No current university exchanges or MoUs have been identified.

Davao, The Philippines

General:	
Population and demographics (nationals of one Sister City residing in the other)	Davao is the second largest city in the Philippines, with a population of 1,525,665 in 2011. It is unknown how many Australian's reside in Davao. In 2006 there were 1,110 persons born in the Philippines living in Darwin (LGA, 1.7% of the population).
Geographic location and assets (eg Port, Frontier)	Davao City is located in the Province of Mindanao on the southern coast of the Davao region. Davao City is approximately 946 kilometres southeast of Manila and 971 kilometres by sea. The province is a mixture of forest and agriculture land.
Ease of access	There are no direct air or sea links with Davao City. Travel to Davao is via an intermediate destination such as Manila or Singapore.
Comparison of key industries	Limited. Agriculture is the key industry for Davao, mainly in bananas, pineapples, coffee and coconut.
Existing linkages (eg student exchanges)	Links between Davao and the Northern Territory are currently limited, however the Northern Territory relationship with the Philippines as a whole has merit. The Philippines is currently the largest supplier of international students to CDU, with a large portion of students undertaking the Study Migrate Program, particularly for nursing. The Philippines is a growing source of skilled workers to the Northern Territory. Additionally, there is consular representation of the Philippines in Darwin with the Honorary Consul General.
Relevance to local community	The current Filipino population of the Northern Territory is approximately 8000 (6000 in the Top End and 2000 in Central Australia). The majority of Filipinos in the NT are from the Visayan region with a growing proportion from Mindanao.

History of relations and/or cooperation in political, economic, commercial and cultural fields	Davao City has been seeking some form of formal linkage with the NT for at least two decades. In recent years athletes from Davao have participated in the Arafura Games on at least four occasions. Representatives from Davao have also met with the Lord Mayor of Darwin during delegations to Australia.
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Economic:	
Similar economic conditions	In recent years, Davao City has pushed to become a business, investment and tourism hub for the southern Philippines.
Trade and investment climates and opportunities	There are no direct sea or air links with Davao City, increasing the difficulty of trade. The Philippines is part of the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (AANZFTA), a trade agreement covering all sectors including goods, services, investment and intellectual property simultaneously.
Tourism potential's	Lack of a direct transport link lessens the tourism potential between Darwin and Davao.

Social:	
Similar social infrastructure and issues	The Philippines is considered a developing country, with a diverse array of ethnicities and languages. It is likely there are some similarities but also a lot of differences between Davao's and Darwin's social infrastructure and issues.
Opportunity for broad based activity	There is potential to be involved in the annual celebrations undertaken by the Filipino Association of the Northern Territory. At this point however, Davao does not have capacity to undertake activities other than delegations.
People to people interest, energy and commitment	There is a large Charles Darwin University alumni group of Filipino's both in Australia and The Philippines. Dr Maria Monteverde, President of the Davao City Chamber of Commerce and Malu Barros from the Darwin Convention Centre have expressed interest in a sister city relationship.

Educational:	
Across economic, social and environmental issues	There are a number of primary, secondary and tertiary institutions, both public and private located in Davao. Filipinos remain one of the fastest growing immigrant communities in Australia with over 4,800 applications from Filipino students to study in Australia in 2010. At the 2006 Census, 160,000 Australians claimed Filipino ancestry, up from 129,000 in 2001. The Australian Parliament has an Australia-Philippines Parliamentary Group, whose members have participated in exchange visits to study the history, culture and politics of the Philippines.
Student / teacher exchange programs	Charles Darwin University recently signed memoranda of agreement with two universities in Davao that will focus on research collaboration, staff and students exchanges and the development of joint educational programs.
University linkages	Charles Darwin University has a strong and growing cohort of international students from the Philippines with over 130 currently enrolled across a range of programs in VET and Higher Education. Charles Darwin University recently signed a memoranda of agreement with the University of Mindanao and the University of South Eastern Philippines

Tralee, Republic of Ireland

General:	
Population and demographics (nationals of one Sister City residing in the other)	The population of Tralee at the last census was 20,288 and this accounts for 14.5% of the population of County Kerry. It is unknown how many Australian's reside in Tralee. In 2006 there was 142 persons born in Ireland living in Darwin (LGA 0.2% of the population).
Geographic location and assets (eg Port, Frontier)	Tralee is nestled in a valley, with the Slieve Mish mountain range to the south, the Stacks mountain range to the north, and Tralee Bay to the west.
Ease of access	There are no direct air or sea links with Tralee. Once in Ireland Tralee is accessible by road, rail, air and sea. Tralee unlike many regional towns is serviced with its own airport. Kerry International Airport is just 12 miles east of Tralee with daily scheduled flights to Dublin and London with onward connections to all major European destinations.
Comparison of key industries	Darwin and Tralee have a commonality in Tourism being a key industry.
Existing linkages (eg student exchanges)	Darwin's participation in the Rose of Tralee is the only existing link.
Relevance to local community	There is an active Irish community in Darwin particularly in culture and music. The Northern Territory Irish Association has been active in Darwin since 1978 and has shown interest in some sort of formal recognition to the City of Tralee for their hosting of the Darwin entrants in the Rose of Tralee.
History of relations and/or cooperation in political, economic, commercial and cultural fields	Darwin has had a contestant in the Rose of Tralee for the last 27 years. The contestant will spend 10 days in Tralee where they will attend a number of functions included those hosted by the Australian Ambassador to Ireland and the Mayor of Tralee. The contestant is also continuously interviewed about Darwin and the Northern Territory. Council hosts a cocktail function for the Darwin finalists in the lead up to the International event.

Economic:	
Similar economic conditions	Tralee is currently experiencing economic downturn and a rise in unemployment. Tourism and food manufacturing are the key industries for Tralee.
Trade and investment climates and opportunities	Currently there is no merchandise trading between Darwin and Tralee. Ireland's primary export destination is the European Union. Ireland is a source of skilled labour/ migrants for Darwin.
Tourism potential's	Ireland is a small source of tourists, including working holiday/ backpackers for Darwin.

Social:	
Similar social infrastructure and issues	Darwin and Tralee, are both developed economies, experiencing similar social infrastructure and issues. Lifestyle is very different between Darwin and Tralee, with weather dictating Darwin's outdoors culture and Ireland's indoor culture.
Opportunity for broad based activity	Limited. Of the last 27 years of the Rose of Tralee, 4 to 5 winners of the international title have visited Darwin during their tour. There is opportunity for Council to have greater involvement with these visits, but currently they are very sporadic. The Northern Territory Irish Association has previously held an Irish culture community event and there may be opportunity to reignite that.
People to people interest, energy and commitment	Limited. Whilst there is enthusiasm for the Rose of Tralee competitions, there is limited energy from both sides for a Sister City relationship.

Educational:	
Across economic, social and environmental issues	Irish culture and language is not widely taught in Darwin schools.
Student / teacher exchange programs	Limited. Previously there were exchanges between St Johns College and students from the County of Offaly (not from County Kerry)

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University linkages	Limited. Currently CDU does not have a relationship or exchange program with any universities in Ireland.
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