



# **ARTS AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

## **REPORT**

**THURSDAY 6 APRIL 2017 AT 9.30 AM**

**TOWNSVILLE CREATIVE TECHNOLOGIES COLLEGE**

## Advisory Committee Members >>

Councillor Colleen Doyle  
Councillor Verena Coombe  
Councillor Russ Cook

Committee Chair  
Townsville City Council  
Townsville City Council

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Terri Brabon  
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Barrier Reef Orchestra, NQ Opera and Music Theatre  
La Luna Youth Arts  
Umbrella Studio Contemporary Arts  
Townsville Eisteddfod Inc  
Practicing Visual Arts  
Dancenorth  
Townsville Choral Society  
Townsville Creative Technologies College  
Full Throttle

Non-member ACAC support Role:  
Julie McTaggart

Meeting Facilitator, Community Planning and Development  
Officer, Townsville City Council

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Townsville City Council would like to acknowledge the Bindal and Wulgurukaba peoples as Traditional Owners of the land on which our Council operates. We pay respect to Elders past, present and future and value the traditions, culture and aspirations of the first Australians of this land. We acknowledge and hold in great significance the valuable contribution that Traditional Owners have made and continue to make within the Townsville Community.

## Goals and Strategies of Townsville City Council >>

### Corporate Plan >>

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#### Goal 1 - Economic Sustainability. A robust, diverse and sustainable economy

The outcomes we want to achieve:

**A robust, prosperous economy which provides opportunities for business and investment.**

- 1.1 Promote investment and assist the development of emergent industries and businesses.
- 1.2 Engage with regional, state and national stakeholders in the creation of a strong and resilient economy.
- 1.3 Increase the city's profile through marketing initiatives, the delivery of festivals and events and support for other community based activities.
- 1.4 Promote the city's distinctive physical character and strong sense of place and identity.

**An integrated approach to long term planning which supports a growing city.**

- 1.5 Develop an integrated approach to the long term provision of infrastructure.
- 1.6 Undertake city and regional planning to reflect the aspirations of the community and create an attractive place to live, work and visit.

**Infrastructure that meets community needs.**

- 1.7 Provide and maintain timely and sustainable infrastructure.
- 1.8 Provide asset management practices which reflect the community's expectations regarding service levels and its ability to pay.

#### Goal 2 - Environmental Sustainability. Our environment is valued, protected and healthy

The outcomes we want to achieve:

**Effective management and protection of our natural and built environment through sustainable growth and development.**

- 2.1 Provide strategic and integrated planning and policy development to sustain our environment.
  - 2.2 Effective management, protection and conservation of our natural environment.
  - 2.3 Preserve and protect places of natural and heritage significance.
- Demonstrated environmental leadership.**
- 2.4 Develop and implement an Integrated Water Management Strategy.
  - 2.5 Develop and implement innovative waste management and recycling strategies.
  - 2.6 Minimise greenhouse gas emissions from council's infrastructure, operations and services through sustainable energy practices.
  - 2.7 Partner with the community and industry stakeholders to develop and promote environmental protection and sustainability initiatives.
  - 2.8 Develop and implement environmental compliance programs and promote community awareness.

**Climatic effects on our community, natural and built environment are minimised.**

- 2.9 Mitigate and communicate the risks and effects of climate change.

#### Goal 3 - Social Sustainability - Enhancement of opportunities for social engagement and wellbeing

The outcomes we want to achieve:

**A safe and healthy community.**

- 3.1 Improve the safety and well-being of the community through the management of public health risks.
- 3.2 Plan for and provide active and healthy lifestyle opportunities.
- 3.3 Coordinate council's response to natural disasters to minimise the effects on the community.

**A cohesive and self reliant community.**

- 3.4 Foster the development of the city as a learning community.
- 3.5 Encourage and facilitate the participation and integration of residents into the community.
- 3.6 Strengthen community networks to collaboratively deliver community services.

**A community with access to services and facilities.**

- 3.7 Plan for community facilities and services to meet the community's current and future needs.
- 3.8 Provide community services and facilities to meet the needs of the community.
- 3.9 Provide community support services to meet the needs of the community.

**A creative community.**

- 3.10 Facilitate and showcase artistic learning and expression through performances, exhibitions, activities and programs.
- 3.11 Support community participation in cultural activities, programs and events.

#### Goal 4 - Responsible Governance - Responsible leadership where decisions are made in a considered and transparent manner

The outcomes we want to achieve:

**Transparent and accountable local government.**

- 4.1 Develop and implement council's Corporate Governance Framework to ensure strategic planning, compliance with all legislation, policies, Codes of Practice and Standards.
- 4.2 Implement robust risk management strategies.
- 4.3 Encourage community participation and ensure that the community is informed and educated about matters that impact their lives.

**A competent, productive and contributing workforce.**

- 4.4 Foster a culture of employee health, safety and well-being.
- 4.5 Implement human resource strategies to become an employer of choice.
- 4.6 Foster diversity, merit and equity, reward and recognition in the workplace.

**Excellence in customer service delivery and organisational management.**

- 4.7 Provide responsive and efficient systems to enable the delivery of council services.
- 4.8 Establish and manage long term financial planning to ensure the future sustainability of council.

## Arts and Culture Advisory Committee

### Purpose of the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee

The Arts and Culture Advisory Committee (ACAC) purpose is to be a peak body of community representatives to provide information and advice about current and emerging arts and culture related matters to Townsville City Council for the purpose of decision-making and planning.

The Committee will conduct much of the investigative and detailed work leading to the provision of advice that will inform the development of a recommendation to council to enable an informed decision to be made.

The Arts and Culture Advisory Committee has been established in accordance with section 264 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 ("the Regulation").

### ACAC Member interaction with media:

Media (TV or newspaper agencies) may be in attendance at meetings and may wish to speak with committee members. It is important to be aware that as a member of the ACAC you are representing and speaking on behalf of your organisation. We would advise that you seek confirmation as to your organisation's media policies, and inform the Coordinator Community Planning & Development if you have any issues / concerns.

### 5.8.6 Audio or video recording of a meeting – as per Townsville City Council, Code of Meeting Practice

Only authorised persons may make an audio or video recording of a meeting in accordance with Section 35 of Local Law No. 1 (Administration) 2011.

A person is authorised to make an audio or video recording of the meeting if the Chairperson consents to the recording being made. A record of the Chairperson's consent made in the minutes of the meeting (or the report of a committee meeting) is "written consent" for the purposes of Section 35 of Local Law No. 1 (Administration) 2011.

**REPORT**                    **ARTS AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**DATE**                    **Thursday 6 April 2017**

**ITEMS**                    **1 to 6**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Colleen Doyle	Committee Chair
Councillor Verena Coombe	Townsville City Council
Justin Ankus	AFCM
Dr Barbara Cheshire	Visual arts educator and practicing artist
Carol Dall'Osto	ACVC
Dr Sylvia Ditchburn	Practicing artist and art gallery owner
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Bjarne Ohlin	Townsville Creative Technologies College
Madonna Davies	Full Throttle
Julie McTaggart	Meeting Facilitator, Community Planning and Development Officer, Townsville City Council

**GUESTS**

Sarah Monts	Public Arts Officer, Townsville City Council
Erwin Cruz	Exhibitions and Collections Coordinator, Townsville City Council
Jeff Jimmieson	General Manager Community Resources, Townsville City Council
Jessica Ward	Indigenous Community Planning and Development Cadet
Chris Carvolth	Student, Community Planning and Development, Townsville City Council

**APOLOGIES**

Dr Anneke Silver	Practicing Visual Arts
Councillor Russ Cook	Townsville City Council
Hilary Martin	La Luna Youth Arts
Judy Hunter	Barrier Reef Orchestra, NQ Opera and Music Theatre
Rod Wilson	Townsville Choral Society
Terri Brabon	Theatre NQ

## **Opening of meeting**

The Chair, Councillor Colleen Doyle opened the meeting at 9.30am.

## **Acknowledgement of Country**

The ACAC Meeting Facilitator provided the Acknowledgement of Country.

## **Apologies and leave of absence**

Apologies were noted.

## **Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting**

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting held on 7 February 2017 to be a true record subject to the following amendments:

- a. that Judy Hunter be added to the list of Committee members that expressed an interest in having input into the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF).Community Capacity Building Workshop; and
- b. that 'Welcome to Country' be changed to 'Acknowledgment of Country'.

## **Business arising from the minutes**

### **Action Register – Update on outstanding items ACAC Meeting Facilitator**

The ACAC Meeting Facilitator provided an update on the Action Register.

- **Outstanding items**

- **Perc Tucker and Pinnacles Galleries** - is an agenda item for this meeting.
- **NQ Arts Awards** - The Chair, Councillor C Doyle advised that a discussion needs to be had as to whether Townsville City Council should hold the NQ Arts Awards again and how will the arts be judged.

- **New agenda items submitted**

- **December Grant Round** - The Chair, Councillor C Doyle apologised for the delay of the December Grant Round and explained the reason for the delay.

The Committee discussed how the grant process could be improved upon.

The ACAC Meeting Facilitator referred to a query regarding if the delay had caused any cancellation of events. The ACAC Meeting Facilitator indicated that no-one has informed council that there has been any difficulty at this stage.

- **Public Art Murals** - is an agenda item for this meeting.

- **Arts facilities in new developments** (submitted by Lorna Hempstead) - The ACAC Meeting Facilitator advised that this item will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

**Committee Action:**

That a representative from Lendlease be requested to give a talk (at a Committee meeting) in relation to Lorna Hempstead's submission concerning arts facilities in new developments.

- **Update on working groups**

The ACAC Meeting Facilitator indicated that she is the facilitator for the following two working groups (formed at the February Committee meeting):

- a. working group for ACAC Action Plan to look at the visioning/priority topics and Ideas; and
- b. working group for the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) - Community Capacity Building Workshops.

**Committee Action:**

That these two working groups meet and feedback to the Committee.

- **Update on Regional Arts Development Fund funding round and council submission**

The ACAC Meeting Facilitator and the Chair, Councillor C Doyle provided an update on the Regional Arts Development Fund funding round and council submission to Arts Queensland for the next year.

The Committee members provided their feedback.

## **Agenda items**

### **Item 1. Feasibility Study - Concert and Recital Hall**

The ACAC Meeting Facilitator and the Chair, Councillor C Doyle provided an overview of the Feasibility Study on Concert and Recital Hall and the feedback from meetings held in March with Jennifer Bott, Arts and Cultural Consultant.

The Committee noted the feedback provided by Committee members who attended the meetings with Jennifer Bott.

The ACAC Meeting Facilitator acknowledged that there is a lot a work happening with regards to this consultation.

Councillor Doyle committed to providing feedback on the progress of this matter.

Deanna Smart advised that she did not get to meet with Jennifer Bott. Deanna provided details on the proposed upgrades to the facilities at the Dancenorth building and hiring out the building.

The Committee discussed the Dancenorth building.

**Committee Action:**

Facilitate a conversation between Jennifer Bott and Deanna Smart for the Dancenorth building.

## **Item 2. Update on other advisory committees/group**

The ACAC Meeting Facilitator advised that council also has the following advisory committees/group:

Inclusive Community Advisory Committee;  
Community Safety Advisory Committee,  
City Image Advisory Committee;  
Heritage Advisory Committee;  
Innovation and Business Advisory Group; and  
Murray User Group Advisory Committee.

The ACAC Meeting Facilitator and the Chair, Councillor C Doyle provided an update on these Advisory Committees/Group.

Madonna Davies advised that we don't have anywhere to advertise events.

The Committee discussed this matter.

Lorna Hempstead suggested that she could draft a proposal (for consideration by the ACAC) for signage to promote events.

Councillor Doyle advised that she would like the proposal for signage to go through the City Image Advisory Committee.

## **Item 3. Video on public art murals - 'weeds by mona caron'**

The Committee watched a video, suggested by Dr Anneke Silver, on public art murals titled 'weeds by mona caron'.

## **Item 4. Townsville City Council - Street Art Activation Framework Street Art CBD Trail Public Art Murals Strand Ephemera**

Sarah Monts, council's Public Arts Officer and Erwin Cruz, council's Exhibitions and Collections Coordinator provided an overview of the following:

- Townsville City Council - Street Art Activation Framework;  
[https://issuu.com/percpin/docs/street\\_art\\_activation\\_framework\\_201](https://issuu.com/percpin/docs/street_art_activation_framework_201)
- Street Art CBD Trail (copies of the brochure 'Street Art City Walking Trail 2017 edition' were tabled at the meeting);  
[https://www.townsville.qld.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0028/29377/Street-Art-CBD-walking-trail\\_SML.pdf](https://www.townsville.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0028/29377/Street-Art-CBD-walking-trail_SML.pdf)
- Public Art Murals; and
- Strand Ephemera.

The Chair, Councillor Doyle talked briefly on the value of street art work.

**Sarah Monts and Erwin Cruz vacated the meeting.**



**Item 5. Creative Director position update**

The status of the Creative Director position was discussed.

Eber Butron has been appointed to the position of Director Planning and Community Engagement.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION:**

**It was MOVED by Lorna Hempstead, SECONDED by Madonna Davies:**

"this Committee expresses grave concern at the delay in appointing the Creative Director of Gallery Services and the longer (and our concerns are specifically) the position remains unfilled the lesser the quality of the programs for 2018-2021 will be and therefore that reflects poorly on Townsville as a City and it is recommended to council that this position be appropriately filled as soon as possible."

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Madonna Davies advised that people are talking about moving away from Townsville to Cairns (because of the arts scene).

**Item 6. ACAC member vacancy - Discussion on replacement**

Committee members suggested replacements for the ACAC member vacancy.

The ACAC Meeting Facilitator will continue to pursue this.

**General business**

**(i) Commonwealth Games - Cultural Arts Festival**

The General Manager Community Resources provided an update on the Commonwealth Games Cultural Arts Festival. The General Manager Community Resources will provide a presentation to the next Committee meeting on the Festival.

**(ii) Update on Pop Up Festival**

Dr Jonathan McBurnie provided an update on the Pop Up Festival. The contact email address for the Festival is [Linda@umbrella.com.au](mailto:Linda@umbrella.com.au)

**(iii) Australian Festival of Chamber Music**

Justin Ankus provided an updated on the Australian Festival of Chamber Music.

**(iv) National Reconciliation Week**

The ACAC Meeting Facilitator advised of the upcoming National Reconciliation Week and advised that as part of this will be the MABO 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.

**(v) Workshop - Bringing NDIS (National Disability Insurance Scheme) to Life in Townsville**

The ACAC Meeting Facilitator provided an overview of the upcoming workshop on Bringing NDIS to Life in Townsville.

**(vi) Request for storage space for Barrier Reef Orchestra**

The ACAC Meeting Facilitator advised of a request for storage space for the Barrier Reef Orchestra.

Committee members suggested some options.

The General Manager Community Resources advised that he is aware of the issue and Community Resources have been working with the Barrier Reef Orchestra on options.

**Next meeting - Tuesday 6 June 2017**

Lorna Hempstead advised that she is an apology for the next meeting.

**Agenda items due - COB Monday 22 May 2017**

**Venue - Civic Theatre**

**Query on how ACAC agenda is formed**

Lorna Hempstead queried how the ACAC agenda is formed.

A discussion followed that supported the majority of the agenda relating to action planning.

**The meeting closed at 12.15pm.**

**COUNCILLOR C DOYLE  
CHAIR**