TO: ORDINARY COUNCIL – 27 JULY 2015

SUBJECT: MAYOR’S REPORT

1. MEETINGS AND APPOINTMENTS

1.1 Alice Springs Show Society President: Rosie Gibbons
1.2 PAAC Meeting
1.3 LGANT: Tony Tapsell
1.4 Australia and New Zealand Ministerial Meeting, Chair; Senator the Hon Fiona Nash, Hobart (refer attachment)
1.5 Chief Minister: Adam Giles – Territory Day
1.6 ALGA Campaign Steering Committee
1.7 ALGA Policy Officer Monica Telesny
1.8 Chief Operating Officer Central Australia Health Service - Sue Korner
1.9 Redtails Football Club: Rob Clark
1.10 Alcohol Reference Group: Senior Director of Alcohol Strategy; Jane Alley
1.11 Alcohol Reference Group meeting
1.12 Minister for Sport and Recreation; Gary Higgins and advisor; Jarred Illet
1.13 Meeting: Virgin Australia (Rose Felice – Sales Manager NT) and Silk Air (Qingyi Chen – Manager)
1.14 Minister Children and Families; the Hon John Elferink and ASTC Elected Members – Youth
1.15 Heath Birrer – Fencing issues and traffic control along Traeger Avenue
1.16 Paige Nguyen – TCA campaign
1.17 Minister Children and Families; the Hon John Elferink - Youth
1.18 Tom Slattery Chief Minister Advisor
1.19 Graham McKinnon, Tailor-made Tours - Parking on Anzac Hill
1.20 Ren Kelly - Hamilton Downs Youth Camp
1.21 Richard Hupfield - Former resident offering congratulations on how the town looks in terms of graffiti and rubbish
1.22 Chairman NT Planning Commission; Mr Gary Naim
1.23 Alice Springs Land Use Plan - Project Control Group meeting
1.24 Owen Cole; GM Yeperenye, Pieter Haverhoek Inside Out Retail Property and CEO Rex Mooney
1.25 Murray Stewart; treasurer Jason Reid, Secretary Kate McNelly, ASTC CEO; Rex Mooney, DTS; Greg Buxton and Sport and Recreation Officer; Rachelle Passmore – Rhonda Diano Oval Upgrade
1.26 Outback Highway Development Council
1.27 Redtails Football Club - Rob Clark and lan McAdan
1.28 TCA Executive Meeting
1.29 Road Transport Hall of Fame Reunion 2015 – Parade community consultation plan
1.30 Craig Jervis, COO Lasseters – Alice Springs Liquor Accord
1.31 Top End Health Service Chair Annette Burke
1.32 Ministerial Adviser Jarred Illet, Department Sport & Recreation
1.33 Matt Roberts - Alice Springs Tennis Association
1.34 Margaret Borger; Chair National Seniors (Central Australia Branch)
1.35 Alex Hatzimihal, Mark Traynor and Hannah Shon – Central Australian Development Opportunities
1.36 Treasurer the Hon Dave Tollner – Power and water
1.37 ALGA Pre COAG Teleconference
1.38 Athletics and Netball NTG Grants – Phillip Leslie, Brett Brogan, ASTC CEO; Rex Mooney
1.39 NT Major Events General Manager Andrew Hopper and Chair Alistar Feehan
1.40 CAFL Easter Carnival Strategic Meeting, Department Chief Minister, NT Police, ASTC, McDonnell Regional Council, Chere Artepe and Central Desert Regional Council
1.41 West Arnham Regional Council Mayor Loether Siebert
1.42 LGANT Executive meeting, Darwin
1.43 Minister for Lands and Planning David Tollner, Economic Adviser Tony Musumeci and John Baskerville, Darwin
1.44 Pop Up Shops 2015
1.45 Alice Springs Masters Games Advisory Committee
1.46 City of Palmerston Mayor Ian Abbott
1.47 Rimfire Energy Management Team
1.48 Minister for Local Government and Community Services the Hon Bess Price, Local Government: CEOs, Mayors & Presidents Forum – Darwin
1.49 Review of Local Government Act - Working Party
1.50 ALGA President Mayor Troy Pickard
1.51 Post National General Assembly Board Meeting
1.52 President East Arnhem Regional Council Banambi Wunungmurra
1.53 Jamie Hill, Calabria Family Wines. TBL and plastic wine bottles

2. FUNCTIONS ATTENDED

2.1 Territory Day lunch for seniors – Wichetty’s
2.2 NITV Awaken Program – Telegraph Station
2.3 Alice Springs Show
2.4 CAFL Town versus Country
2.5 Visiting Alice Springs information day
2.6 Opening of the NT Youth Boot Camp Site – Loves Creek Station
2.7 NAIDOC Day March
2.8 GHD Alice Springs Networking Event
2.9 CAFL Dinner with Club Coaches, Presidents and Committee members
2.10 Launch of the Alice Springs Desert Festival - Yubu Napa Gallery
2.11 CAFL Nyirripi v’s Laramba
2.12 Reception aboard USS PREBLE
2.13 2015 Desert Nationals – Saturday and Sunday 25 – 26 July
2.14 2015 Outback Rescue Australasian Rescue Challenge Welcome Function
2.15 2015 Outback Rescue Australasian Rescue Challenge Presentation

3. FUNCTIONS PARTICIPATED IN

3.1 Territory Day – Council barbeque/Street party with Councillors; Chansey Paech, Brendan Heenan and Eli Melky
3.2 Dinner: Senior Australian of the Year Jackie French and NT Young Achiever of the year Chantelle Ober
3.3 Phoney Film Festival Premiere
3.4 TCA Adventurer’s Campaign Launch
3.5 Pisst & Horses Walk/Ride – Ross River
3.6 Alice Springs Animal Shelter Many Paws Walk Fundraiser
3.7 Outback Odyssey
4. INTERVIEWS / MEDIA COMMITMENTS

4.1 ABC 105.7 Darwin with Adam Steer – Territory Day
4.2 ABC Radio 783 with Emma Haskin - Drain Cleaning
4.3 8HA with Sandee Beech x 2
4.4 ABC Radio 783 with Rohan Barwick
4.5 CAAMA Radio Interview with G Man x 4
4.6 Centralian Advocate Editor Michael Gorey – Alice Springs Squash Centre
4.7 ABC Radio 783 – Mark Jeffery – July Council Committee Meetings
4.8 ABC Territory Wide with Lorna Perry

5. CIVIC / MAYORAL RECEPTIONS

5.1 Mayoral Function – Senior Australian of the year Jackie French and NT Young Achiever of the year, Chantelle Ober - Senior Citizens club
5.2 Territory Day – Citizenship ceremony

5.2.1 List of Names

Oath Recipients

Ms Jinu Cherian
Dr Sandeep Reddy
Mr Ephraim Tinashe Chivhoko
Master Samuel Sumukh Reddy
Ms Catherine Comerford
Ms Jade Simpson
Ms Nina Sophia Zepeda Constantino
Ms Emilia Sampa
Mrs Li Chan Deng
Mr Deepak Sharma
Mrs Danuta Anne Havemann
Mrs Shveta Sharma
Mr Leon
Miss Arshita Sharma
Ms Beverly Johnson
Master Aditya Sharma
Mr Muhammad Amin Aziz Khan
Miss Arshhia Sharma
Miss Suzain Khan
Mr Muhammad Aamir Tanweer (with Mr Eman Afroz & Mr Abdul Moiz)
Master Salik Khan
Mr Deepak Thappar
Mr Majad Khan
Mrs Archie Cano Turnbull
Mr Himesh Meprengattil Mohandas
Ms Christy Cyrene Cano Gabiana
Mr Jeconiah Nichol Mpala
Ms Rochelle Tutanes
Mr Manraj Singh Nagra
Mr Marlon Tutanes
Mr Semi Naledawa Novo
Mr Karl Tristienne Tutanes
Mr Umeshbhui Bhikhhabhai Patel
Ms Marianne Kirsten Tutanes
Mr Amit Patiyal
Mr Muhammad Younas
Affirmation Recipients

Mr Charles Ian Castledine
Mr Om Bahadur
Mrs Saima Shakeel Hussaine
Ms Rajbans Kaur
Ms Sherin Jose
Mr Kiran Bir Singh
Mr Praduman Kumar
Miss Tanbir Dhillon
Mr Ka Chun Lau
Mrs Danijela Stojkovski
Mrs Katrin Massmann
Mr Zoran Stojkovski
Ms Hai Hong Pham
Jovan Stojkovski
Mr Galhenage Devapriya Lahiru
Nikola Stojkovski
Mr Ray Prunty
Miss Wan Ping
Ms Nicole Schemionek
Mr James Valloor Chacko
Miss Mariana Kaima Shemesh
Miss Guiying Yang

6. DUTIES PERFORMED IN THE MAYOR’S ABSENCE

Nil

7. OTHER ACTIVITIES

Nil

8. ASTC COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8.1 Development Committee meeting
8.2 Advisory Committee meeting
8.3 Council Forum meeting
8.4 Sports Facility Advisory Committee meeting
8.5 Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee
8.6 Youth Action Group meeting
8.7 Seniors Coordinating Committee meeting

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received.

Damien Ryan
MAYOR
The Australia and New Zealand Ministerial Forum on Food Regulation (the Forum) met in Hobart today and considered a range of food regulation matters. The Forum comprises all Australian and New Zealand Ministers responsible for food regulation, and is chaired by the Australian Government Assistant Minister for Health, Senator Fiona Nash.

**Health Star Rating update**
The Forum was provided with an update on progress of the Health Star Rating (HSR) system. The Forum was pleased to note the large number of products on supermarket shelves in Australia and New Zealand displaying the rating. Over 1000 products in Australia now carry the HSR.

In New Zealand, the HSR system is considered across government to be a major initiative to help address obesity and uptake by the food industry is extremely positive.

The Forum welcomed news that an April survey found a third of Australians are aware of the HSR. Two thirds of respondents said they’d like to see HSR on more products and nearly half said they’d be highly likely to use HSR if it was displayed on most products.

With more products displaying the rating available on supermarket shelves, a second phase of consumer and industry education commenced in June 2015.

The Forum tasked the Food Regulation Standing Committee (FRSC) to provide advice in relation to the clarity that is required on the HSR Terms of Reference to strengthen the governance. This will include advice regarding the process for consultation with and oversight by jurisdictions.

**Nut and seed-based beverages in the Health Star Rating system**
The Forum considered a request to classify nut and seed-based beverages as Category 1D dairy beverages for the purpose of the HSR system.

A majority of Forum members agreed that under the HSR system, nut and seed-based beverages may be classified as Category 1D products, if they meet the calcium requirements for that category.

The Forum also agreed to seek further consideration by the FRSC, with advice from Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) on how dairy alternative beverages should be categorised within the HSR system, and how they should be treated under the relevant food standard. The Forum is also seeking further advice about reconciling recommendations received from the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC). This will also include the outcome of the current application that is under consideration by FSANZ.
Vitamin D in breakfast cereal
The Forum considered a draft standard approved by the FSANZ Board that seeks to permit the voluntary addition of vitamin D to breakfast cereals.

The Forum has asked FSANZ to review the draft standard to ensure consistency with the ‘Ministerial Policy Guideline for the Fortification of Food with Vitamins and Minerals’. Permitting the addition of vitamin D to breakfast cereals of poorer nutritional quality (e.g., cereals high in fat, sugar or salt) is not consistent with this Policy Guideline. The Forum also agreed that the Policy Guideline will be clarified in conjunction with the FSANZ review.

Update on investigation on information gaps in relation to low THC hemp as a food
The Forum noted the progress on work to investigate information gaps identified in relation to the adoption of low-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) hemp as a food. The FRSC Working Group is addressing the knowledge gaps identified regarding roadside drug testing, cannabidiol levels, legal and treaty issues and concerns that the marketing of hemp in food may send a confused message to consumers about the acceptability and safety of cannabis.

The Forum has asked officials to progress this work as quickly as possible and has agreed to consider the report on the project outcomes in the first quarter of 2016.

Update on unpasteurised milk not for human consumption
Australian members of the Forum noted progress on work regarding the consumption of raw cow’s milk that is sold as a cosmetic product labelled ‘not for human consumption’. A national working group has been established to consider options for a nationally-consistent approach to preventing the consumption of unpasteurised (raw) milk sold as ‘bath milk’.

Australian Members of the Forum remain concerned about consumption of unpasteurised (raw) cow’s milk that is sold as ‘bath milk’, a cosmetic product labelled ‘not for human consumption’. People who consume raw milk are at an increased risk of infection causing severe illness and potentially death.

Country of Origin Labelling
The Forum noted that there was broad community interest in improving the Country of Origin Labelling framework in light of consumer concerns about the current Australian labelling framework for food.

The Forum committed in principle to improving the Country of Origin Labelling framework in Australia. New Zealand abstained from discussions noting that it would continue with its current voluntary Country of Origin Labelling scheme.

Next Meeting
The next meeting of the Forum will be held in November 2015 in Canberra.

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