



Community Development Committee

Business Paper for February 2020

Monday, 10 February 2020
Council Chamber, Civic Centre

Councillor Jimmy Cocking
(Chair)

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ALICE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA
FOR THE MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2020
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, ALICE SPRINGS

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Robert Jennings
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
6 February 2020

Note: A recording of the Open section of this Community Development Committee meeting can be found on Council's website from the Wednesday after the meeting. Go to: www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au then to Council meetings.

MINUTES OF THE CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2019, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE,
ALICE SPRINGS

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor D. Ryan
Councillor G. Auricht
Councillor M. Banks (*via phone*)
Councillor J. Cocking (Chair)
Councillor J. de Brenni
Councillor E. Melky
Councillor M. Paterson
Councillor J. Price
Councillor C. Satour

OFFICERS: Mr R. Jennings - Chief Executive Officer
Ms S. Duke - Acting Director Corporate and Community Services
Mr T. Charlie - Acting Director Technical Services
Mr E. Włodarczyk - Acting Director Finance
Mrs T. Ociones - Executive Assistant (Minutes)

The meeting was declared open at 6.26pm

1. APOLOGIES

Mr S. Allen – Director Technical Services

2. WELCOME TO THE PUBLIC VISITORS AND PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

3.1 Councillor Cocking declared interest in respect of Agenda Item 10.5.2,
Traeger Park Oval Wall EOI.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 Minutes of meeting held 14 October 2019

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council

**That the minutes of the Open Section of the Corporate and Community Services
Committee meeting held 14 October 2019 be taken as read and confirmed as a
true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.**

(6899 ccs)
CARRIED

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4.2 Business Arising

4.2.1 Councillor Banks – Item 4.2.2, Media Relations Policy

Councillor Banks asked for an update on the meeting with ABC Radio regarding this matter.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that Council had spoken with ABC Radio and the outstanding matter was resolved.

5. IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 Identification of items for discussion

The following items were identified for discussion:

9.2, 9.3, 9.4, 9.5, 9.6, 9.7, 10.2

5.2 Identification of items to be raised in General Business by Elected Members and Officers

- Letters regarding NAAG - CEO

6. DEPUTATIONS

6.1 8CCC Community Radio Inc. – Benjamin Erin, Station Manager

This Agenda item was brought forward and held in the Finance Committee at 5:44pm.

Benjamin Erin presented a deputation to Council as a requirement for the Community Assistance Grant. The grant amount of \$1,490 excluding GST was used to purchase seven sets of headphones and two microphones to assist in delivering the volunteer broadcasters and community media training programs. The headphones will be accessible for use in the Media Lab by 110 members and to the broader community through partnerships with community organisations and public events.

Benjamin thanked Council for the Community Assistance Grant provided to 8CCC Community Radio Inc.

8CCC Community Radio will be holding its AGM on 23 November 2019 at Watch this Space at 11:30am. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Chair thanked Benjamin Erin for his presentation.

6.2 Gap Youth and Community Centre – Danny Sgro

This Agenda item was brought forward and held in the Finance Committee at 5:55pm.

Danny Sgro presented a deputation to Council as a recipient of the Community Development Grant. Council provided \$5,000 excluding GST to run a school holiday program with a focus on introducing arts for all skill levels in the Yeperenye Shopping Centre titled *Off the Wall Art for All*. The program aims to provide a safe space for reflection for children and youth participants. The art program did not get as much attention from youth with attendance of 10 to 20 people per day. The funds were divided between having an arts contractor and having a staff member.

Questions and answers followed with Elected Members.

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The Chair thanked Danny Sgro for his presentation and for the hard work and support of the Gap Youth Centre team for the youth in Alice Springs.

7. PETITIONS

Nil

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

9. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

9.1 Corporate and Community Services Directorate Update
Report No. 197/19ccs (A/DCCS)

This report provides an update of current Corporate and Community Services projects, programs and events.

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the Corporate and Community Services Directorate report be received and noted.

(6900 ccs)

9.2 Library Security Review Update
Report No. 198/19ccs (MLS)

This report details how the findings and recommendations from the Library Safety and Security Review carried out in August 2019 by the Ranger Unit have been considered and implemented within the Alice Springs Public Library.

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

A. That the Library consult further with local schools, service providers, NTG and PFES around the impacts of implementing a stricter 'No School, No Service' policy.

B. That Council further explore a sustainable solution for a collaborative youth service within the CBD, catering specifically to after-school periods.

(6901 ccs)

Discussion ensued about recommendations C and D. Recommendation C refers to the Library expansion for which Council has a standing motion. Some concern was expressed regarding the wording relating to expansion of current library space. Recommendation D refers to a contracted Library Security Officer and its evaluation report. An evaluation report is to be provided monthly on the placement of the Library Security Officer, negating the need for original recommendation (D) regarding 6 monthly reporting.

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The Acting Director Corporate and Community Services advised that the Library recently received \$10K funding from the NT Government to engage the services of Roger Henshaw Consulting Services to review the current library space and what would be needed for future requirements to deliver a library facility that can accommodate all visitors in the long term. The progress of the consultation can be discussed at a Council Forum.

Councillor Banks would like to put on record that Council should keep recommendation C and note the amended recommendation: *That Council review the current library space to deliver a library facility that can accommodate all visitors in the long term.*

Councillor Banks strongly feels that Council needs to set an intention as Elected Members moving forward about improving the library space by expanding and moving into a bigger space that would be safe for all users, whether on its current location or on a custom-built location.

*Acting Director Technical Services left the Chamber at 6:47pm
Acting Director Technical Services returned to the Chamber at 6:49pm*

The Chair advised that Elected Members will be meeting with Roger Henshaw through a Council Forum and Council can revisit recommendation C after the consultant has provided his report and recommendation to Council.

9.3 Review of Council Policies
Report No. 199/19ccs (RCO)

The process of reviewing Council's existing policies is ongoing. The purpose of this report is to present a selection of policies for consideration by Elected Members with a view to rescission.

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the following Elected Member policies be rescinded:

- **332 Stallholder Permits**
- **405 Developer Contributions for Land Development**
- **414 Sporting Facilities Trust Fund**
- **329 Staff Training and Development**

(6902 ccs)

Deputy Mayor Paterson left the Chamber at 7:04pm

9.4 Child Safety Policy
Report No. 200/19ccs (A/DCCS)

This report presents a draft Child Safety Policy for Council's consideration and endorsement. The Child Safety Policy articulates Council's commitment to ensuring all reasonable measures are put in place to support the safety of children in Council run programs and facilities.

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That Council endorse the Child Safety Policy.

(6903 ccs)

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Deputy Mayor Paterson returned to the Chamber at 7:07pm

Councillor Melky is not prepared to endorse this policy unless it includes a stronger approach. Councillor Melky enquired why the Education Act was not considered in the policy, given that it is a relevant Act and it has concerns in child safety in relation to education. This policy needs to be strengthened with the legislation that is currently present under the Education Act.

Councillor Melky asked to be excused and left the Chamber at 7:08pm

Councillor Melky returned to the Chamber and resumed discussion at 7:09pm

The Acting Director Corporate and Community Services advised the reason that the Education Act was not referenced in the writing of this policy is because the scope of this policy is about what Council's role is in terms of duty of care and its responsibilities in providing a child safe environment for any children engaged in Council programs or under its duty of care.

The Acting Corporate and Community Services advised that Council officers will review the Education Act with the proposed policy and will report on any changes required, if any.

Councillor Melky asked where the Ochre Card sits in this policy. The Acting Director Corporate and Community Services advised that the draft policy would require all Library, ASALC, Community Development and Rangers staff to have ochre cards. The wording in the policy is about child related work. There has been some discussion internally whether Depot staff who maintain Council Parks should have ochre cards. The policy makes it clear that any volunteer, including Elected Members, in a Council run program involving children should have an ochre card. This could be expanded and made clearer if this is the desire of Elected Members.

Councillor Satour left the Chamber at 7:12pm

Councillor Satour returned to the Chamber at 7:14pm

Councillor Auricht commented about young itinerants who have missed early years of education and are too embarrassed to go back to school. The Library offers a safe place for these children and access to computer where they can receive education on their own terms when there is very little opportunity that is available to them or that they can take up. Councillor Melky advised that the Library is not a recognised education place and the education system is failing these children.

9.5 Elected Member Allowances and Expenses Policy
Report No. 201/ccs (A/DCCS)

This report outlines updates to the Elected Member Allowances and Expenses Policy that was initially endorsed on June 24, 2019. The changes proposed to the updated policy ensure it is suited to the requirements of Council and that the Extra Meeting Allowance is attained within the confines of the Act to compensate for the time and effort of Elected Members in fulfilling their role.

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That Council endorse the updated Elected Member Allowances and Expenses Policy to supersede the Elected Member Allowances and Expenses Policy adopted on 24 June 2019.

(6904 ccs)

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Councillor Melky asked if implementation of this policy will be backdated to 1 July 2019. The Acting Director Corporate and Community Services advised that the policy will start from the date it is adopted by Council.

Mayor Ryan expressed concerns regarding the Elected Members Allowances and Expenses Policy.

Mayor Ryan referred to the ASTC Municipal Plan 2019/20, page 29, which states that, *“The daily travel allowance for the Mayor and Elected Members when away on Council business is \$205 per day”*. Under the Ministerial Guideline 2, Allowances for Council Members; page 4, number (5) Maximum Rates of Allowance states that, *NOTE-Section 128(2) of the Local Government Act provides that once allowances for the members of the council for a particular financial year have been set, they cannot be changed by an amendment.*

Mayor Ryan is not disputing that Elected Members are paid for their extra meeting allowance; however, a travel allowance should be set and should be entitled to Elected Members and not removed.

The Acting Director Corporate and Community Services advised that he will follow up with the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development on this matter as a matter of urgency, so that it can be discussed at the next Council Forum if required.

The Acting Director Corporate and Community Services referred to the Ministerial Guideline 2, Allowances for Council Members; page 5, number (6) Rules Regarding Allowances under (d) Extra Meeting Allowance Claims; item (iv) states that, *When a council member is required to travel in order to attend an approved extra meeting, the council member may claim an extra meeting allowance for each full day of travel, unless that travel falls on the same day on which the meeting is held. In this context, a full day of travelling means at least four hours of travelling, which may include time in transit.*

9.6 Public Art Policy
Report No. 202/ccs (A/DCCS)

This report presents a revised Public Art policy for Council’s consideration and endorsement.

The Public Art policy demonstrates Council’s commitment to enhancing the Alice Springs’ urban environment and increasing the use and enjoyment of public spaces by enabling investment in public art projects.

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That Council adopt the revised Public Art policy, superseding policy 112 Public Art and the Public Art Policy and Procedure (2006).

(6905 ccs)

DEFERRED to Council Forum

Councillor Banks referred to the Public Art Policy and Procedure document and pointed out a typographical error on page 6, bullet point 5 from the bottom page. The spelling of ‘organizations’ should be changed to ‘organisations’.

Councillor Price left the Chamber at 7:30pm
Councillor Price returned to the Chamber at 7:32pm

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Mayor Ryan raised the following queries on the Public Art Policy and Procedure:

- The word Alderman appeared in a couple of places in the document
- Concerned about the determination of a minimum amount of 2% and concerned about how the budgeting will go forward

Councillor Auricht left the Chamber at 7:34pm

Councillor Auricht returned to the Chamber at 7:36pm

The Acting Director Corporate and Community Services advised that the existing policy lacked clarity, definition, very blanket and difficult to follow. The policy has been presented in terms of re-drafting and Council officers are open to direction from Elected Members.

Councillor de Brenni sought clarification about the 2% not being applied to maintenance or repair to existing buildings. The Acting Director Corporate and Community Services advised that the policy states that maintenance and repair of existing buildings or roads would not count as an eligible project for which the 2% will be allocated against. The maintenance for public art is allocated anyway as a part of the budget process to its own budget line. The past policy did have some restrictions, but it needs to be tightened up.

Elected Members agreed to defer discussion to a Council Forum.

Councillor Price left the meeting at 7:42pm.

9.7 Anzac Hill and Civic Centre Flags
Report No. 203/ccs (A/DCCS)

This report has been provided as requested in the resolution carried on 26 August 2019 at the Ordinary Council meeting:

That Council receive a report about including the flying of the Torres Strait Islander flag on Anzac Hill and Civic Centre Policy 103

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That Council provide direction on the matter relating to the flying of the Torres Strait Islander flag on Anzac Hill and Civic Centre Policy 103.

(6906 ccs)
DEFERRED

Defer discussion until more information is provided by the Acting Director Corporate and Community Services through consultation with Lhere Artepe.

10. REPORTS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES

10.1 Minutes and Recommendations from the Seniors Coordinating Committee Meeting held 16 October 2019

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the minutes of the Seniors Coordinating Committee meeting held 16 October 2019 be received and recommendations adopted.

(6907 ccs)

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10.2 Minutes and Recommendations from the Australia Day Coordinating Committee meeting 17 October 2019

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the minutes of the Australia Day Coordinating Committee meeting 17 October 2019 be received and recommendations adopted.

(6908 ccs)

10.2.1 2020 Australia Day Awards (Item 5.1)

The nomination form for the 2020 Australia Day Awards (*Centralian Citizen of the Year; Young Centralian Citizen of the Year; Event of the Year; Volunteer of the Year; Senior Citizen of the Year Award*) has been updated to ensure that nominees acknowledge and consent to being nominated.

Nominations open 1 November 2019 and close 2 December 2019. There will be two quarter page advertisements in the Advocate on 1 November and 15 November 2019. There will also be social media posting and promotion boosting in the week of 18 November.

Judging panel will assess all applications after the ADCC meeting on 12 December 2019.

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the judging panel for the 2020 Australia Day Awards are Mayor Ryan, Councillor de Brenni, Councillor Melky, Graeme Anning and June Noble.

(6909 ccs)

10.3 Minutes and Recommendations from the Youth Action Group Committee meeting 30 October 2019

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the minutes of the Youth Action Group Committee meeting 30 October 2019 be received and recommendations adopted.

(6910 ccs)

10.4 Minutes and Recommendations from the Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee meeting 31 October 2019

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the minutes of the Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee meeting 31 October 2019 be received and recommendations adopted.

(6911 ccs)

10.4.1 Sponsorship Application – Alice Springs Running and Walking Club (Item 6.1)

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An application was received from the Alice Springs Running and Walking Club requesting financial sponsorship of \$500 for the Australia Day Fun Run Race on 26 January 2020.

The Committee discussed the application and agreed to support the request.

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That Council support the application from the Alice Springs Running and Walking Club to the value of \$500 for the Australia Day Fun Run Race on 26 January 2020.

(6912 ccs)

10.5 Minutes and Recommendations from the Public Art Advisory Committee meeting 6 November 2019

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the minutes of the Public Art Advisory Committee meeting 6 November 2019 be received and recommendations adopted.

(6913 ccs)

10.5.1 Todd Mall Entrance EOI (Item 4.2)

Banner System

The Manager Technical Services presented a concept proposal for a Todd Mall banner system using an LED screen. The estimated cost for this banner system is \$85K to \$100K.

On average, the current banner system advertises up to 20 events a year, which require two staff at the Depot to hire machinery (cherry picker) to be able to install and un-install banners, with a yearly cost to Council of \$14,400.

The Committee discussed the proposed banner system with the following feedback:

- The whole design is a massive structure for the size of the Mall, especially with the aim being to declutter the space
- The Todd Mall entrance sign and the banner system would compete with each other and it defeats the purpose of getting rid of clutter
- It takes away historical reference, maybe the whole LED structure can be relocated to the northern end of the Mall
- It is a good use of technology
- Keep the two concepts separate
- PAAC members agreed not to merge the two concepts and to keep the current bespoke project design by Sue Dugdale and Associates.

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the feedback from the Public Art Advisory Committee regarding the banner system proposal from the Manager Technical Services presented at this meeting be noted.

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That the Public Art Advisory Committee continue to support the process that is underway for the Todd Mall Entrance Sign and not withdraw from this process.

(6914 ccs)

10.5.2 Traeger Park Oval Wall EOI (Item 4.4)

Kim Donald having declared an interest in Item 4.4, left the meeting at 2:15pm, prior to discussion of this matter.

Unfortunately, the link provided by Karine Tremblay to her portfolio was missed by Council Officers when putting together the Traeger Wall Mural EOI documentation, and therefore the Committee did not have the chance to consider her application inclusive of her portfolio of work. An apology from Manager Community and Cultural Development was noted for the minutes.

The Committee discussed the conversations held previously about this application, the selection of the successful EOIs at the previous PAAC meeting, and what steps might need to occur to allow consideration of an additional EOI from the full group of applicants. The Committee agreed that the portfolio did not change their existing views on who the artists progressing to the next stage of the EOI process should be.

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the Public Art Advisory Committee does not desire an additional artist to progress to the next stage of the EOI process for the Traeger Park Wall Mural.

(6915 ccs)

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 Chief Executive Officer - Correspondence on the National Aboriginal Art Gallery

Council received a letter from Minister Dale Wakefield on Friday, clarifying some issues regarding the National Aboriginal Art Gallery. A letter of response from Council was sent this afternoon, addressing those queries. These letters have been sent to Elected Members this afternoon via email.

Councillor Melky commented on the intent of the Minister's letter to Council. The Council's position on the National Aboriginal Art Gallery to the NT Government has been very clear publicly from the comments made by the Mayor and the media. The minutes from the meetings reflect accurately the position of Council as per the resolutions. Should Council consider providing all correspondence previously received and those that remain in confidential be put into open for transparency and clarification?

The Chief Executive Officer will look at the documents to ensure that there is nothing confidential as required by the Act. This information can be provided if this is the direction of Council.

Mayor Ryan left the Chamber at 7:51pm

Mayor Ryan returned to the Chamber at 7:55pm

Discussion ensued about supporting a NAAG in Alice Springs and Council's motion being open to interpretation.

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The Chief Executive Officer will present to Elected Members on 6 December 2019 the results of the negotiations as discussed in the letter and at this point a definitive decision can be made.

12. NEXT MEETING: **Monday 10 February 2020**

The meeting stands adjourned and resumes in the Confidential Section.

The meeting adjourned at 7:59pm

Confirmed on _____

CHAIRPERSON _____

Date _____

REPORT

**TO: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE –
MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2020**

SUBJECT: DIRECTORATE UPDATE

AUTHOR: ACTING DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – SIMON DUKE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update of current Community Development projects, programs and events.

RECOMMENDATION

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the report be received and noted.

REPORT

1. DISCUSSION

The attached reports summarise activities that occurred within the Community Development Directorate for the month of January 2020.

1.1 Summary of Business Arising from Previous Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting 28 January 2020

All matters actioned.

1.2 Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony and Celebrations

On Sunday 26 January, 2020 Council delivered a range of events for Alice Springs. At 6am the Australia Day Fun Run, supported by Council through the Tourism, Events and Promotions Committee saw over 300 participants completed the 3.5km course.

The Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony saw 68 conferees receive their citizenship certificates. Additionally, the following awards, judged by the Australia Day Coordinating Committee were given.

Centralian Citizen of the Year – Emma Kraft
Centralian Senior Citizen of the Year – Brendan Heenan
Centralian Young Citizen of the Year – Zhengxiong (Sean) Xiao
Centralian Event of the Year – Apex Christmas Icy Pole Treat, 2019
Centralian Volunteer of the Year – Simon Casey

Later in the day the Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre was open to the public to partake in the Australia Day Pool Party with free sausage sizzle cooked by Mayor Ryan, inflatables and other features. 585 people were in attendance for the event.

A range of contributions from across Council were made to ensure the various aspects of the day were delivered smoothly starting with the work of the Australia Day Coordinating Committee, Depot and ASALC staff. Of particular note were the significant organisational efforts of Telly Ociones, Executive Assistant to Director Community Development who co-ordinated the many aspects of the Citizenship Ceremony, a particularly significant occasion for the 68 conferees and their families.

1.3 School Holiday Youth Activities

The Library, ASALC and Community Development Team delivered a range of youth activities during January with NT Government assistance and cooperation from local youth service providers.

Event/Program	Combined attendance	Dates
4x ASALC Splash Parties	1,093	5,12,19 & 26 Jan
4x ASALC Wet Wednesday's	1,881	1,8,15 & 22 Jan
Library Geek in Residence Youth Program	2,121	Daily
Desert Hoops	225	20-22 Jan

The Library also reached a significant milestone of a record 18,000 visits during the month of January and reached 13,000 members.

2. POLICY IMPACTS

All projects relate to *Alice Springs Town Council Strategic Plan* objectives.

3. FINANCIAL IMPACTS

All projects are being implemented within their respective budgets.

4. SOCIAL IMPACTS

As per individual project plans.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

As per individual project plans.

6. PUBLIC RELATIONS

Nil

7. ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment A – ASALC Report
- Attachment B – Community and Cultural Development Unit Report
- Attachment C – Library Report
- Attachment D – Ranger Unit Report



Simon Duke
ACTING DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

ATTACHMENT A

REPORT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2020

TO: ACTING DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – SIMON DUKE

AUTHOR: ACTING MANAGER ALICE SPRINGS AQUATIC & LEISURE CENTRE – PETINA FRANKLIN

SUBJECT: ALICE SPRINGS AQUATIC AND LEISURE CENTRE – JANUARY 2020 REPORT



The Australia Day Pool Party at ASALC saw 585 attendances with free sausage sizzle being cooked in preparation for the arriving crowds by Mayor Damien Ryan and Australia Day Ambassador for Alice Springs Bob Shewring.

REPORT SUMMARY

January attendance was 13340 visits, 2998 less visits than for the same month last year despite the hot weather and a range of events being offered. Four 'Wet Wednesdays', three 'Sunday Splash' parties, four 'Sploosh' and the Australia Day Pool Party totalled 12 events in January. Two Learn to Swim Intensive blocks and two Kids Day Out programs were also delivered over the January school holiday period to assist students to improve their swimming ability over the school holiday period.

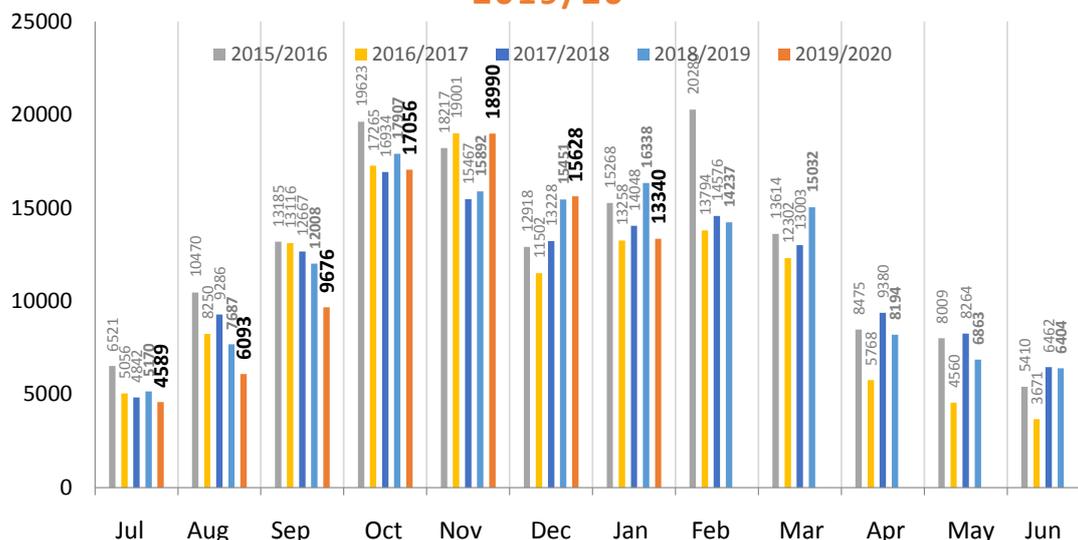
TOTAL MONTHLY ATTENDANCE

Total attendance for the month of January 2020 was 13,340 visits: 2998 less than the January 2019 total of 16,338 visits.

2018/2019 financial year total visits was **141,183**

2019/2020 financial year total visits as at 31 January, 2020 is **85,372**

ASALC MONTHLY PATRONAGE 2015/16 - 2019/20



9.1

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Learn to Swim

Two swim intensive blocks were held over the month of January. The two Kids Day Out days followed the learn to swim blocks over a period of 2 weeks and private lessons were on offer for those who had special requests.

Aqua Classes

Aqua classes continued over the January period except for the Monday and Wednesday morning sessions which are very popular during the school term.

Events

Events included the Sunday Splash Parties, Wet Wednesdays, Sploosh on Saturdays and the Australia Day Pool Party. Below are attendance figures for the events in January.

SATURDAY SPLOOSH (4)	WET WEDNESDAYS (4)	SUNDAY SPLASH (3)	AUSTRALIA DAY
577	1881	508	585

Healthy Communities

The Healthy Communities Program recorded a total of 196 attendances in January, representing an increase from 186 for the same period in 2019.

USER GROUPS

Majority of User groups have had a break over the month of January but the Alice Springs Swimming Club and Aussi Masters did have a few casual bookings over this period. Alice Springs Canoe Polo, Triathlon and CAIS will be back with their regular bookings next month and the Alice Springs Running and Walking Club have started using the pool on a regular basis so we hope to see them join us as one of our regular users in the next few months.

STAFF

Matthew Somerville resigned from the full time Senior Lifeguard position in January. This will open up two full time senior lifeguard positions in 2020 which will be advertised in February. The position of Customer Service Assistant and Marketing & Promotions Officer has been advertised in January.

CUSTOMER FEEDBACK

Feedback received from customers for the month of January.

Wednesday 8 January via feedback form

Compliments to ASTC & Town Pool for Sunday Open days. To see such a mass of town kids having fun is a real joy, and a great contribution to easing the town's social (read online social) issues.

Monday 13 January via feedback form

We enjoyed this facility very much. Very clean and spacious. A great complex. We will be back. Thanks very much. Geraldine, Kai and Zai

Friday 31 January via feedback form

Thank you to all for your hard work over difficult summer months, look forward to keeping on swimming in winter. Yvonne

CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

ASALC Water Play Splash Pad Fence: Waiting for suppliers/contractors to return from holiday period.

ASALC Chemical Shed: Building has been completed – waiting for permit to occupy

OPERATIONS

The following maintenance was carried out in January:

Trisleys Scheduled Maintenance

January plant room service included the following additional works:

- Leisure Pool Filter sock replacement
- Chlorine gas line and fittings replacement
- Splash Pad Hydrochloric Acid pH balancing pump installation
- 25m Chlorine boost pump replacement
- Chlorine safety shutdown ratchet replacement

Office/Reception/Kiosk

- LCR - Ice Cream Freezer repair, 21 January
- T.V. Workshop - Printer drum and toner replacement 14,15,17 January

Plumbing

- Centre Plumbing – Outdoor shower tap repair 15 January
- Centre Plumbing - Concrete replacement post underground leak repair 31 January

Pools

- Trisleys – Quarterly maintenance plant rooms, 20 – 24 January
- Baney Electrical – Waterslide pump fault troubleshoot 17 January

ENERGY EFFICIENCY**Electricity Usage**

	May 19	May 19	Jun 19	Jun 19	July 19	July 19	Aug 19	Aug 19	Sep 19	Sep 19
PROVIDER	Rimfire Usage kWh	Rimfire Charges								
Peak	17919.70	\$5,079.20	18377.20	\$5,208.87	17910.96	\$4,697.27	16952.72	\$4,445.97	15188.93	\$3,983.40
Off-peak	52038.46	\$11,181.71	48541.74	\$10,430.36	43200.48	\$8,797.99	47516.14	\$9,676.90	45,987.22	\$9,365.53
Network		\$5,887.19		\$5,875.50		\$5,806.03		\$5,997.30		\$6,087.59
Total	69,958.16	\$22,148.10	66,918.94	\$21,514.73	61,111.44	\$19,301.29	64,468.86	\$20,120.17	61,176.15	\$19,436.52

	Oct 19	Oct 19	Nov 19	Nov 19	Dec 19	Dec 19	Jan 20	Jan 20	Jan 2019	
PROVIDER	Rimfire Usage kWh	Rimfire Charges								
Peak	13161.89	\$3,451.80	10143.38	\$2,660.17	12460.59	\$3,267.88	17730.32	\$4,649.90	9949.60	\$2,820.13
Off-peak	47331.89	\$9,639.38	44560.29	\$9,074.93	52515.52	\$10,695.05	56283.50	\$11,462.42	40873.86	\$8,782.73
Network		\$6,231.77		\$5,582.87		\$6,223.64		\$6,402.67		\$4,750.13
Total	60,493.78	\$19,322.95	54,703.67	\$17,317.97	64976.11	\$20,186.57	74,013.82	\$22,514.99	51823.46	\$16,352.99

Gas Usage

	Jan-Mar 19	Jan-Mar 19	Apr-Jun 19	Apr-Jun 19
PROVIDER	Origin Usage MJ	Origin Charges \$	Origin Usage MJ	Origin Charges \$
First 4,350	4,950	\$123.90	4,600	\$126.65
4350 – 130200	148,500	\$3,323.43	138,000	\$3,397.28
130201 – 466200	549,450	\$8307.68	368,000	\$7,711.44
466201 +	1,027,488	\$15,535.63	1,039,904	\$17,295.68
Supply Charges		\$55.43		\$56.66
Total		\$27,290.64		\$28,587.71

	Jul-Sep 19	Jul-Sep 19	Oct-Dec 19	Oct-Dec 19
PROVIDER	Origin Usage MJ	Origin Charges \$	Origin Usage MJ	Origin Charges \$
First 4950	4,600	\$126.65	4,250	\$118.49
4951 – 153450	138,000	\$3,397.28	127,500	\$3,179.85
153451 – 549450	368,000	\$7,711.44	34,0000	\$7,218.20
549451 +	785,507	\$13,064.55	34,6616	\$5,837.01
Supply Charges		\$56.66		\$53.03
Total		24,356.58		16,406.58



Petina Franklin
MANAGER ALICE SPRINGS AQUATIC AND LEISURE CENTRE

ATTACHMENT B

REPORT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – 10 FEBRUARY 2020

TO: ACTING DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**AUTHOR: MANAGER COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT –
JEANETTE SHEPHERD**

**SUBJECT: REPORT FROM COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT UNIT
FOR JANUARY 2020**

This report provides an update of current Community and Cultural Development Unit projects.

1. Events

In-Kind support

Council has confirmed \$9,388 of in-kind support as of 31 January 2020.

Night Markets

Planning is underway for the first night market of 2020 happening on Thursday 5 March in conjunction with the FABalice festival.

Twilight in the Mall

Planning is underway for the next Twilight in the Mall series to be held in the Todd Mall during the month of March. This year we are incorporating movies, music and Learn to Sing/Dance which will be run across Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

Democracy Dash

Council will be participating again in the next Democracy Dash, to be held Wednesday 4 March 2020.

NAIDOC Week

One NAIDOC Week meeting attended.

2. Programs

Desert Hoops

Round three of the Desert Hoops basketball program was successful with a total of 225 young people participating over three days. Run in the last week of the summer holidays, attendance increase by 33% on December. Workshops included sound recording by 8CCC and CAYLUS followed by the ever popular Reptile Centre.

Community Grants

The 2020 Community Grants Program opened 24 January 2020. Two information sessions will be held in the Andy McNeill Room on 22 January 2020 and 5 February 2020. Grant guidelines, application and acquittal forms have been updated.

Public Art Masterplan

A revised draft of the plan will be provided by consultants Tracker Development for the February 2020 PAAC meeting.

International Women's Day

Council was successful in obtaining a grant for the project "Celebrating Centralian Women – A visual story", as part of the International Women's Day grants program.

Australia Day and Centralian Awards

Council's Australia Day event was held 26 January. There were 68 conferees. Winners of the Centralian Awards were presented with trophies and certificates.

Stand Up!

Advertising for the 'Stand Up!' leadership program has been arranged, with posters distributed to schools and youth service providers. Applications for the program close Friday 24 February 2020

Seniors Dance Program

Planning is underway for a program of seniors dance classes, in partnership with GUTS Dance Studio.

Interpretive Signs

Interpretive signs are being placed at Alice Springs Town Council connected public artworks in Alice Springs. Work is ongoing.

Traeger Park Wall Mural

People who submitted EOIs for the Traeger Park Wall Mural have been notified whether they were chosen or not to move on to stage two of the commissioning process. The Public Art Advisory Committee will review concept proposals as part of stage two at the February 2020 committee meeting.

Health & Wellness Centre (HAWC)

Council's Health & Wellness Centre (HAWC) received two referrals from GP's and allied health professionals in January. There are 10 Keep You Moving classes per week aimed at improving strength, flexibility and cardiovascular fitness for people with chronic health conditions. Participants in each class have been ranging from 10-12 at each time.

Heart Foundation Walking

Council's Heart Foundation Walk participants averaged 30 this month, coming off of Christmas there have been a number of people still away. For our end of month walk, we enjoyed the off road walk of Flynn's Grave.

Mental Health

Healthy Communities has been re-invited to deliver exercise for people with mental health conditions with the Mental Health Association of Central Australia.

Aqua for Arthritis

Council's Aqua program, held at the Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre, targeted at people with arthritis and other musculoskeletal conditions is receiving regular participation of 15-20 per class.

Old Timers

Get Physical delivered two (2) sessions weekly at Old Timers during January on behalf of Council's Healthy Communities program. Residents enjoy a variety of strength, balance and flexibility exercises to music continue. Participants range from 10-15 each session.

Life without Barriers

Council's Healthy Communities program for people with a disability is averaging 9 participants weekly, for 2x45min sessions per week. We have in partnership Get Physical have added another weekly ongoing class to the HWAC timetable.

Staff Fitness Classes

Participation for January at Civic Centre was 17.



Jeanette Shepherd

MANAGER COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

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ATTACHMENT C

REPORT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2020

TO: ACTING DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

AUTHOR: MANAGER LIBRARY SERVICES – CLARE FISHER

SUBJECT: REPORT FROM ALICE SPRING PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR JANUARY 2020

This report provides an update of current Library projects, programs and events.

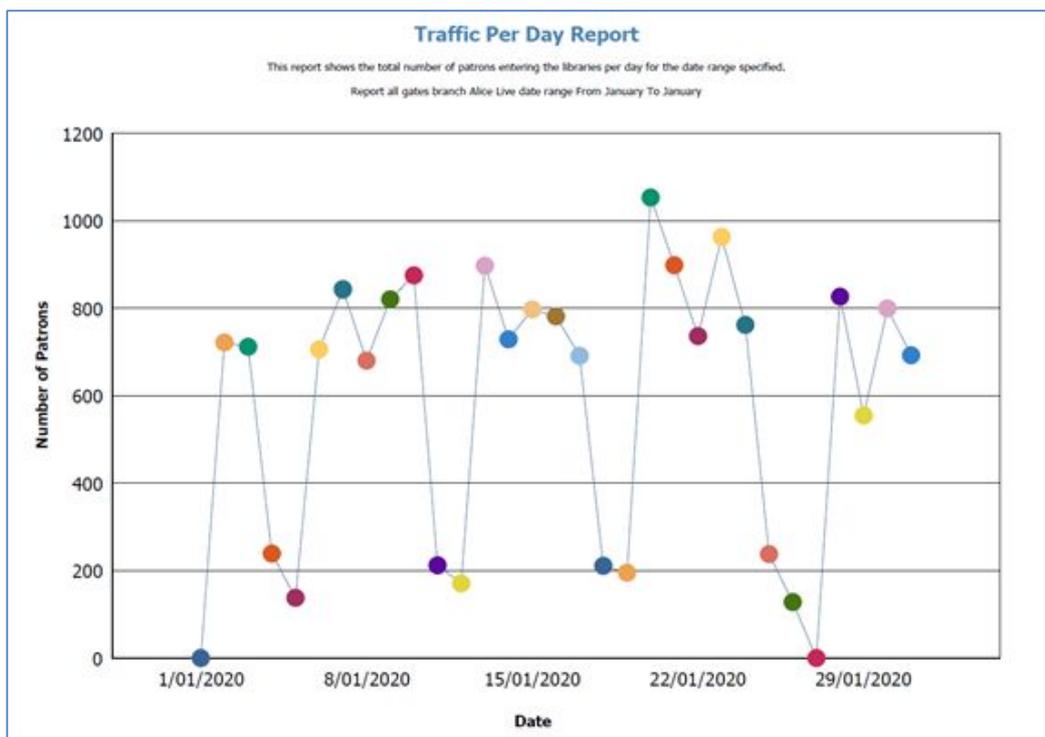
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1. LIBRARY MANAGER’S UPDATE

January saw a record number of 18,071 customers - averaging 788 visits per day during the week, and 171 on the weekends.

A number of external factors contributed to the high numbers:

- School holidays
- Hot weather – customers looking for a cool location with access to water and toilets
- Internet outage in the Ampilatwatja/Sandover region has seen around 40% of its residents moving to town to access money, internet and basic needs
- Flooding of the Sandover highway has impeded residents in returning home and attending school



Library welcomes its 13,000 member

The Alice Springs Public Library has hit 13,000 members – the highest amount in the history of the service.



(L) Mr Jinto David (with his partner Jilu) accepts his prize pack for being the library's 13,000th library member

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Grants

Project	Provider	Amount	Status
Youth Engagement: Holidays 2020 (Dec 2019-Jul 2020)	Territory Families, NTG	\$45,000	In Progress
Library Animated Explainer Videos (in language)	National Indigenous Australians Agency	\$30,000	Applied
Alice Springs Public Library Service Review and Strategy Development Report (Dec 2019 – Feb 2020)	Business Growth Assistance Program	\$10,000	In Progress

Recruitment Update

We are very excited to announce that Felicity Thorne (Library Programs Coordinator) has been successful in obtaining the Library Team Leader role.

Felicity started her career with Alice Springs Town Council as the Indigenous Trainee back in 2009 and has held a number of positions since then. Felicity's dedication, growth, corporate knowledge, professionalism and passion means she will continue

to do wonderful things for our library service. Felicity officially starts in the role on Monday 3 February 2020.

Alice Springs Public Library Business Case

The completed *Alice Springs Public Service Review and Strategy Development Report* will be provided to Council in the March Community Development Committee meeting.

2. CUSTOMER FEEDBACK

Really impressed by collection + display of books on fires/bushfires. Never seen such a big varied collection. Always loved this library for the variety of people's experiences.

Customer feedback form, 24 January 2020

Thank you so much for organising this program. It really inspired my daughter to read more these holidays. The little prize at the first 5 hours was just enough encouragement to get her into the habit and since then she's been reading all holidays!

Summer Reading Club feedback, 25 January 2020

Samantha was lovely! I really enjoyed everything she had to say, inspiring lady and the information I learnt from everyone's questions was unreal too. I learnt something new today and it was nice to just go out and do something "out of the box"

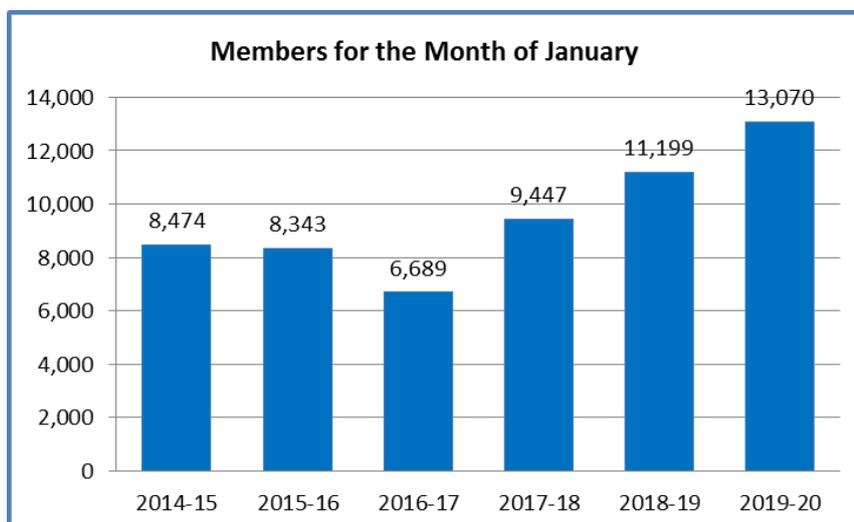
Samantha Wood Author Talk event feedback, 29 January 2020

3. STATISTICS

Note: ↓↑ denotes an increase or decrease from the previous month

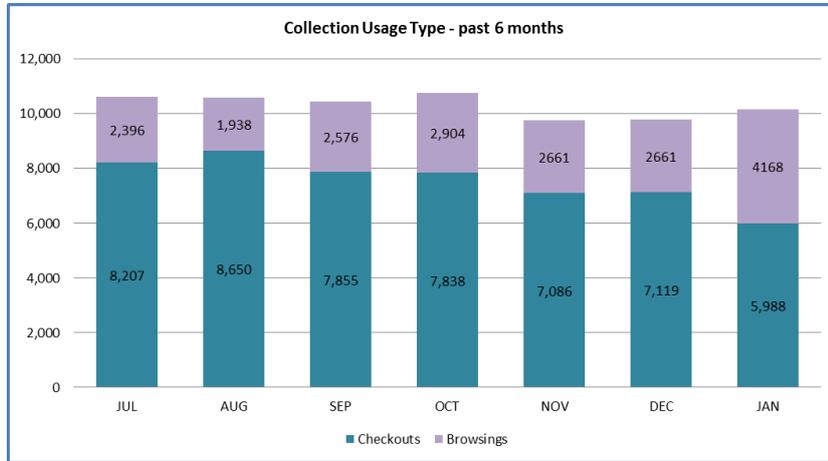
Library Membership

Members	13,070↑
New Members	195↓



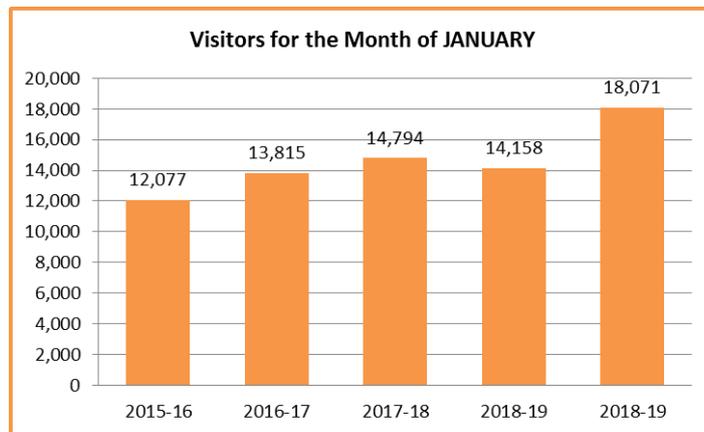
Collection Usage

Items Borrowed	5988↓
Items Browsed	4168↑
Total	10,156↑



Visitors

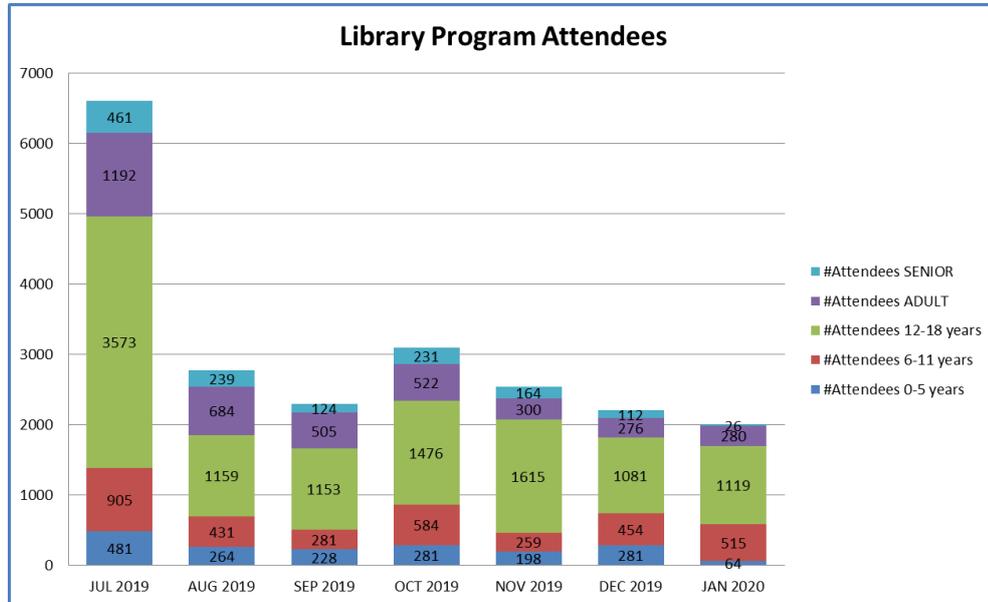
Total Visitors	18,071↑
Average daily visits per weekday	755↑
Average daily visits per weekend	171↓



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Programs

Programs	20↓
Attendees	2004↓



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4. PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Special Events

- Author Talk with Samantha Wood – 20 attendees

Children’s Services

- School Holiday Program
 - Craft Tables
 - Board Games
 - Crafts
- Summer Reading Club
 - Almost 50% increase in the number of SRC members from last year with 278 members
 - This year, adults were invited to join the Club
 - Almost 4,000 hours of reading were logged by participants
- Summer Reading Club Splash Party
 - 85 attendees
 - Held at the Aquatic Centre with water games supplied by ASALC
 - Major prizes awarded by Mayor Damien Ryan and NT Senior Australian of the Year recipient Bob Shewring



(L) Library Manager Clare Fisher, Mayor Damien Ryan and Bob Shewring presenting young reader Makhael R. with the SRC major prize for the Secondary age group

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Families enjoying the Summer Reading Club Splash Party, held at ASALC on Saturday 25 January 2020

Youth Services – School Holiday Report

Total individual attendances engaging in program: 2121

- 5 to 11 years old: 506
- 12 to 17 years old: 1400
- 18 + years old: 215

Daily average weekday attendance: 65

Daily average weekend attendance: 25

- Very few negative incidents recorded over the school holidays.
- The Library's youth program is consistently popular with young people who seek the library for positive engagement and wellbeing activities
- Transport partnerships with GYCC and Brown St youth services worked really well, with regular daily buses to and from the library
- Offering lunch was extremely popular as young people consistently present at the library hungry. Brumbies pie vouchers supplied by CAYLUS for young people assisted to deescalate some of the food security issues experienced. The vouchers assist greatly in transitioning out of holiday into term time.
- Parrtjima Outreach Program (PoP) partnership was popular with over 32 entries into the competition by over 16 artists. Not all art created was able to be entered into the competition due to lack of completed consent forms, there is potential to increase the role of the PoP program next year to engage with more young people
- A new partnership with Territory Families YORETs, Central Australian Aboriginal Congress (CAAC) and the Department of Education's School Engagement Officers will see representatives from these 3 agencies present at the library from 10am-11.30pm Monday-Friday with the aim of re-engaging young people with school.

STEAM

- 1 x STEAM Club
- 2 x LEGO Club

Adult Literacy

- 2 x Connect to Tech sessions (digital literacy)
- 2 x Spoken English Meetups
- 4 x Read & Write literacy support sessions

5. DISPLAYS/EXHIBITIONS

- Bushfire Display
- Summer Reading Club

6. SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Usage:

Akaltje Antheme	220
Local Languages	31
Alice Springs Collection	697

Sensitive Items Cabinet	15
Nevil Shute Collection	0

Indigenous Services:

- Library Team Leader Felicity Thorne attended NAIDOC Coordination Committee meeting on Friday 31 January.
- Indigenous Service Officer in discussion with iTalk Media around digital youth engagement activities – such as animation - in 2020
- Indigenous Service Officer liaised with Arrernte Grandmothers Group to attend the library throughout 2020
- Congress Child Care and Learning Families to launch their 'Pop up' Indigenous Playgroup and information stalls in the library from February onwards

7. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & PROMOTION**Meeting Room Usage**

- 11 Internal (library & Council use)
- 10 External (public)
- When not booked by internal or external programs, space is available for the youth program for calm spaces, film, games.

Social Media – Library Facebook Page

- 1770 total likes = increase of 1%

Media Interviews

- Book Review – Centralian Advocate

Work Experience & Volunteers

- Ben – weekly library volunteer
- Nella – weekly Housebound Service

8. UPCOMING IN FEBRUARY**Special Events**

- Library Lovers Day
- Launch of online Library Loyalty program
- Congress Child Care and Learning Families to launch weekly 'Pop up' Indigenous Playgroup



Clare Fisher

MANAGER LIBRARY SERVICES

REPORT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE 10 FEBRUARY 2020

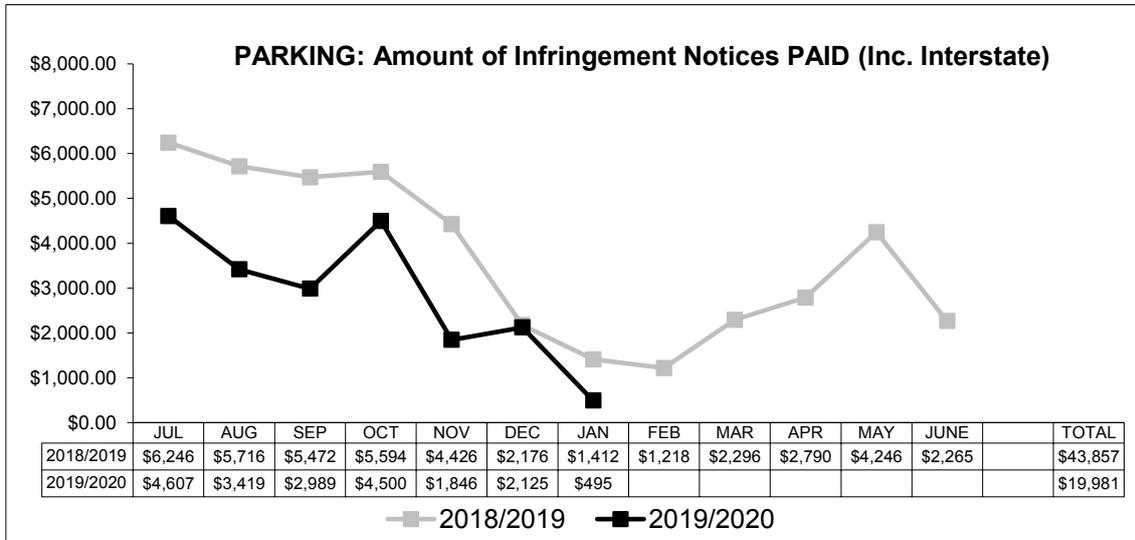
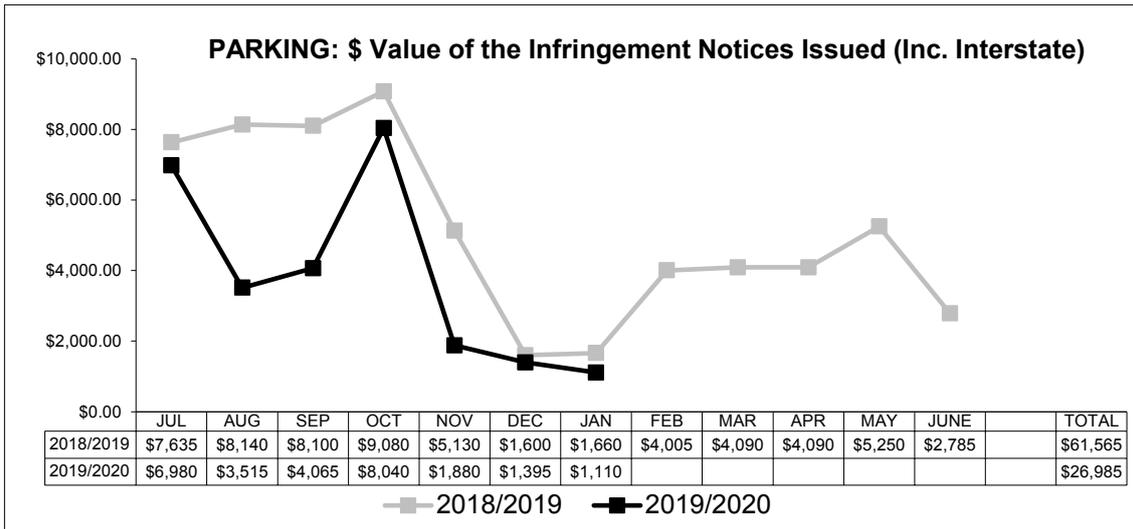
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AUTHOR: MANAGER RANGER UNIT – KEVIN EVERETT

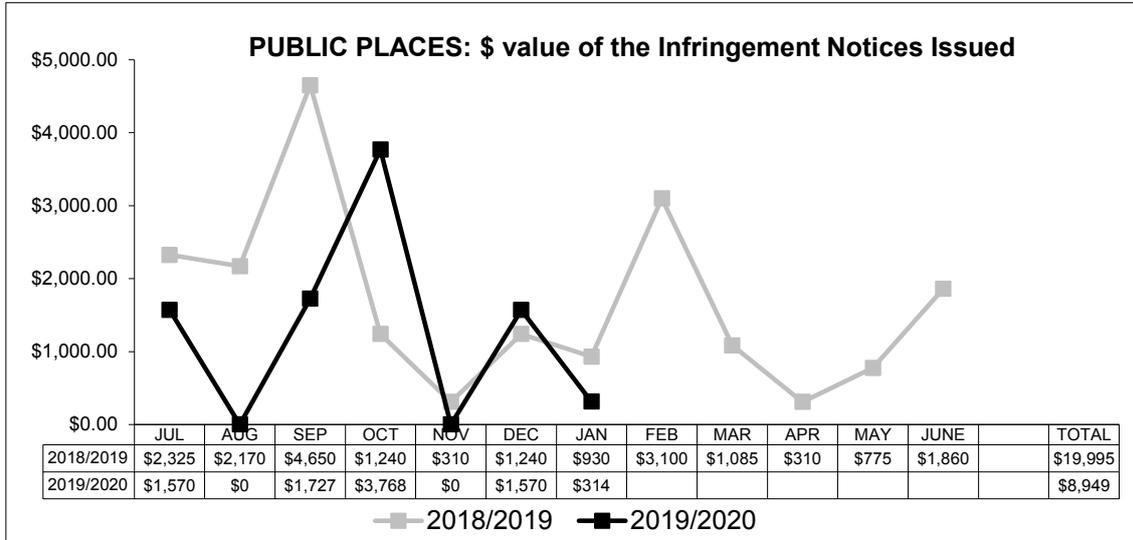
SUBJECT: REPORT FROM RANGER UNIT FOR JANUARY 2020

This report provides an update of current Ranger Unit projects, programs and events.

1. INFRINGEMENT NOTICES – PARKING

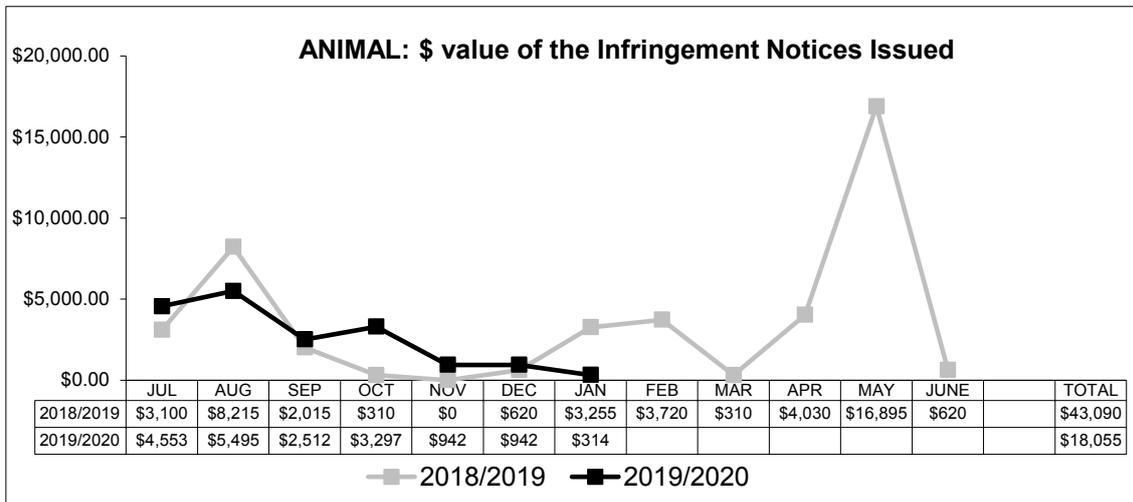


2. INFRINGEMENT NOTICES – PUBLIC PLACES



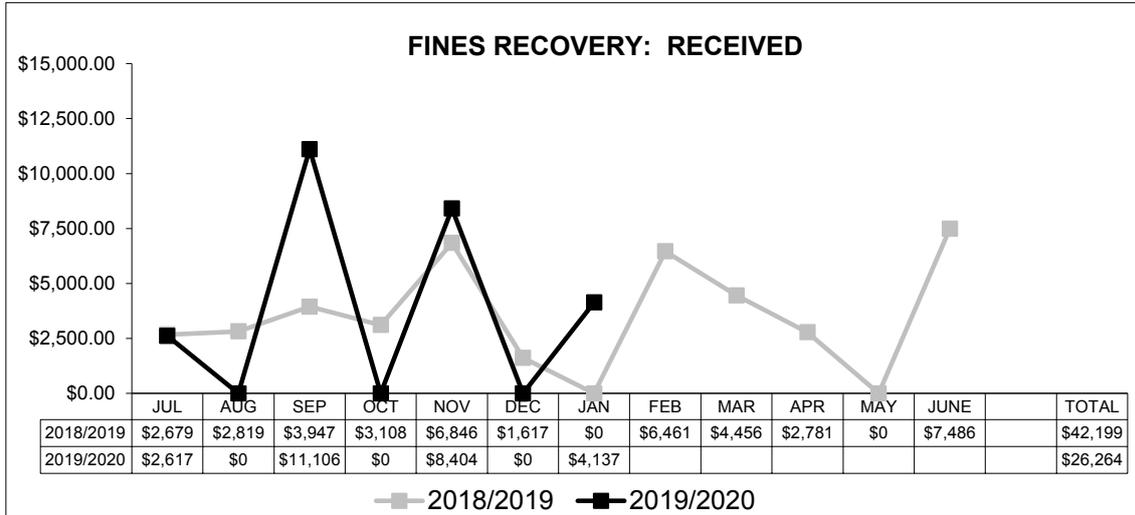
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3. INFRINGEMENT NOTICES – ANIMAL CONTROL



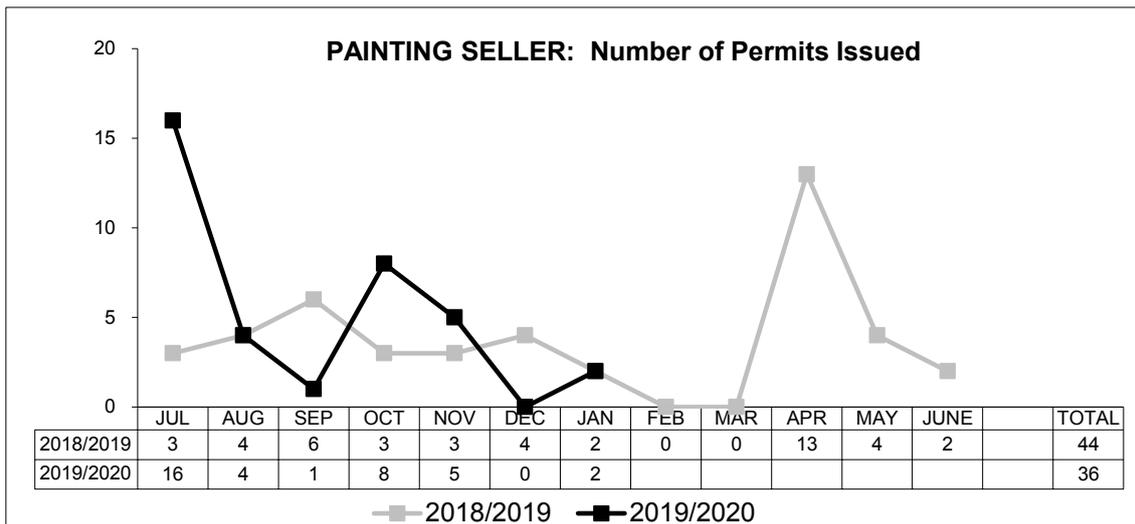
Following the Christmas period, January is traditionally our quietest month for infringement notices as Ranger activities are usually reduced due to annual leave.

4. FINES RECOVERY UNIT



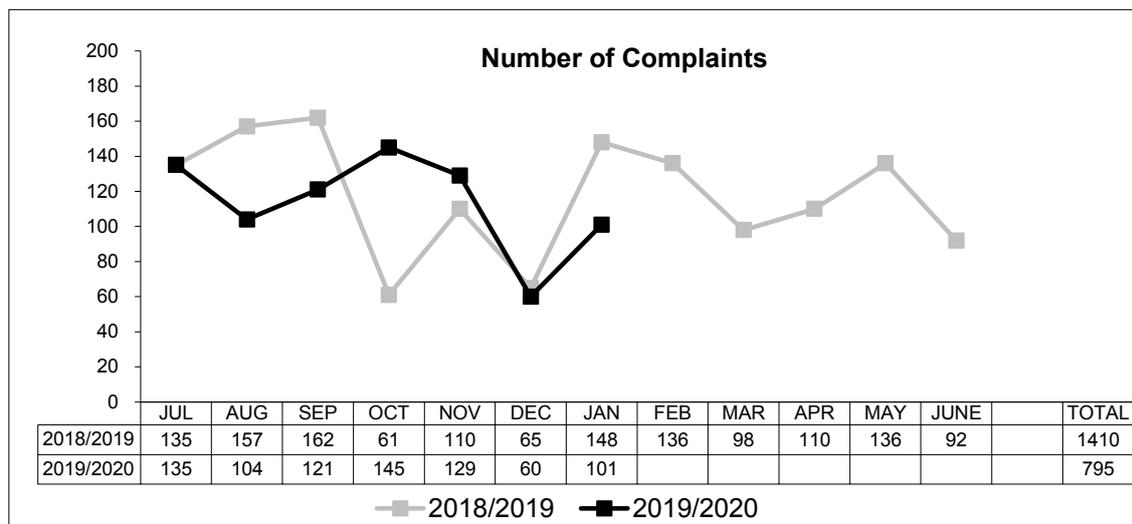
The amount received from the Fines Recovery Unit is beyond our control and depends on staffing levels and workloads in their Darwin office. It is not unusual for Council to receive no payment in one month, followed by a large payment in the next month.

5. PERMITS



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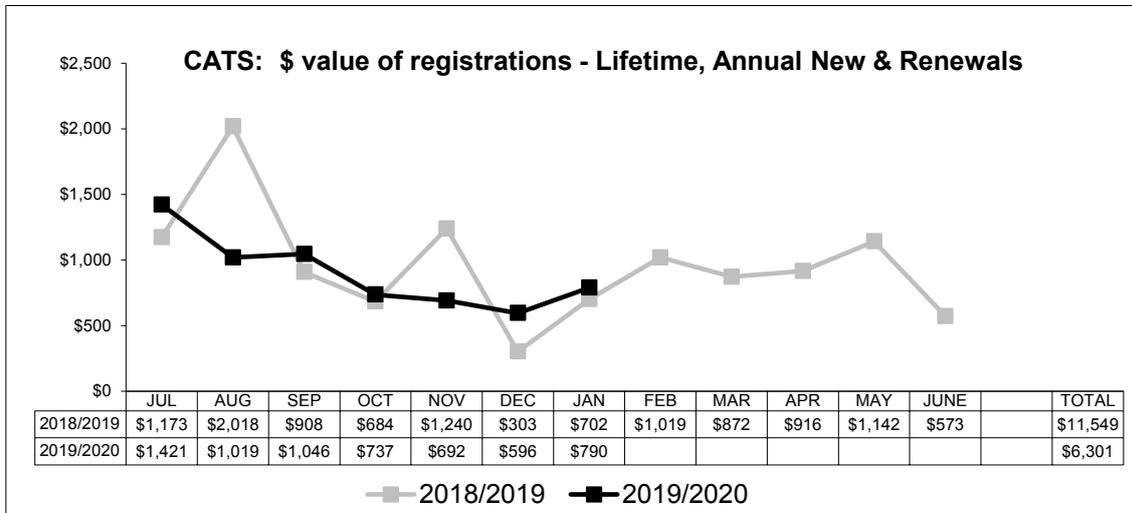
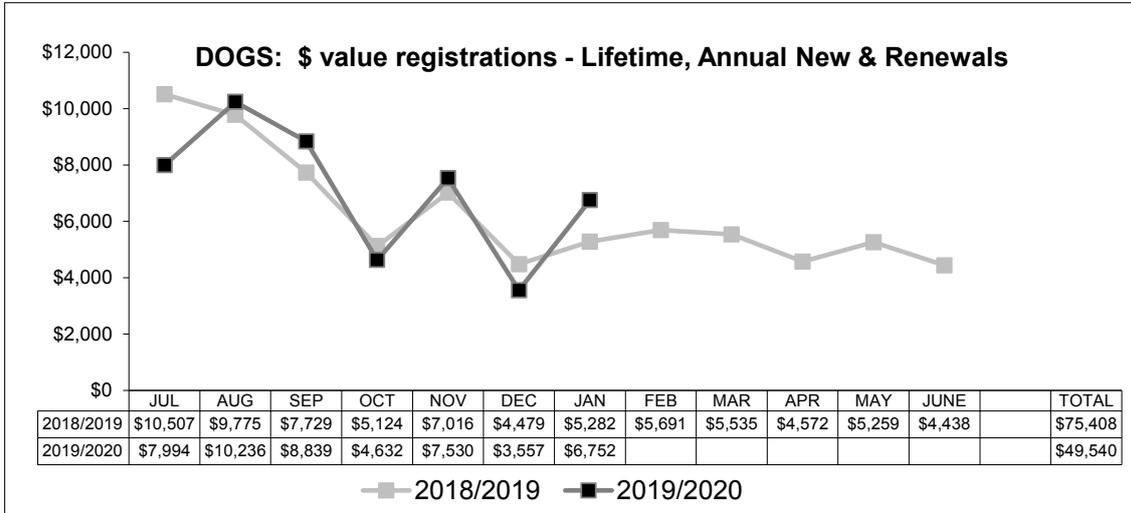
6. COMPLAINTS



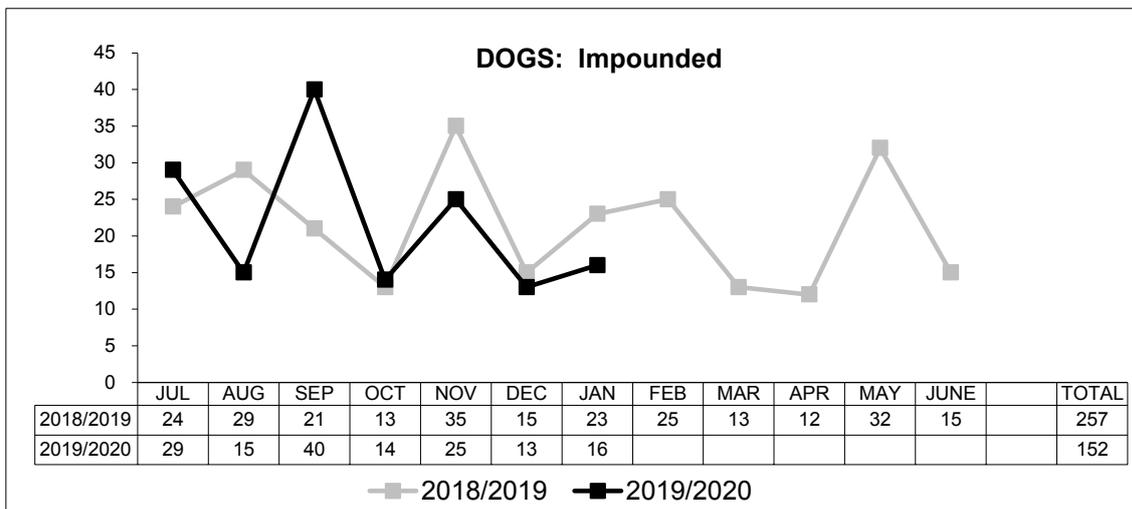
Breakdown of Complaints

Abandoned Vehicle	28
Cat Surrender	2
Cat Trap – Own	3
Cat Trap – Ranger	17
Cat Welfare/Cruelty	1
Dog at Large	13
Dog Attack Animal	3
21/01/2020 – Closed	
15/01/2020 – Closed	
04/01/2020 – Closed	
Dog Attack Human	2
02/01/2020 – Closed	
27/01/2020 – Current	
Dog Injured/Dead	1
Dog Menace	1
Dog Nuisance	2
Dog Surrender	4
Dog Trap	1
Dog Welfare/Cruelty	1
Kennel Licence	1
Multiple Animal Surrender	1
Other Animal – Joey	1
Parking Traffic	2
Public Places	7
Security – Library	1
Security – Impound Yard	1
Neatstreets - Abandoned Vehicles	6
Neatstreets – Parking/Traffic	1
Neatstreets - Public Places	1

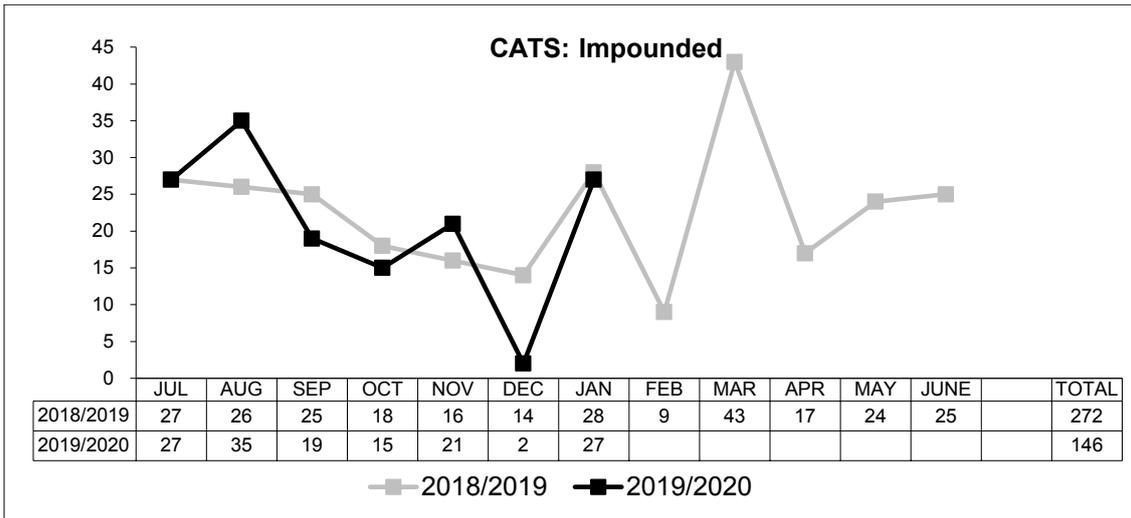
7. ANIMAL REGISTRATION



8. ANIMALS IMPOUNDED

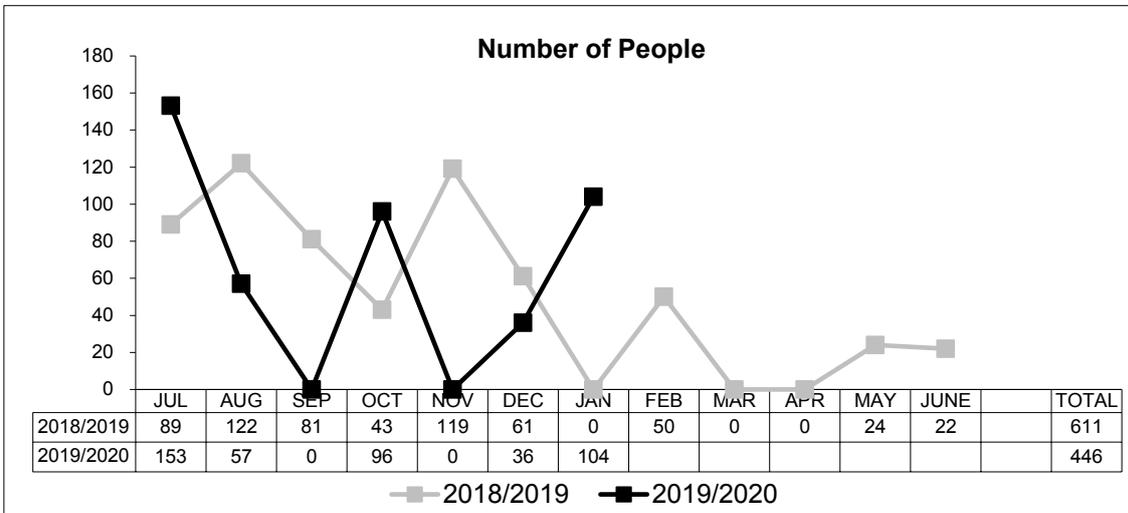


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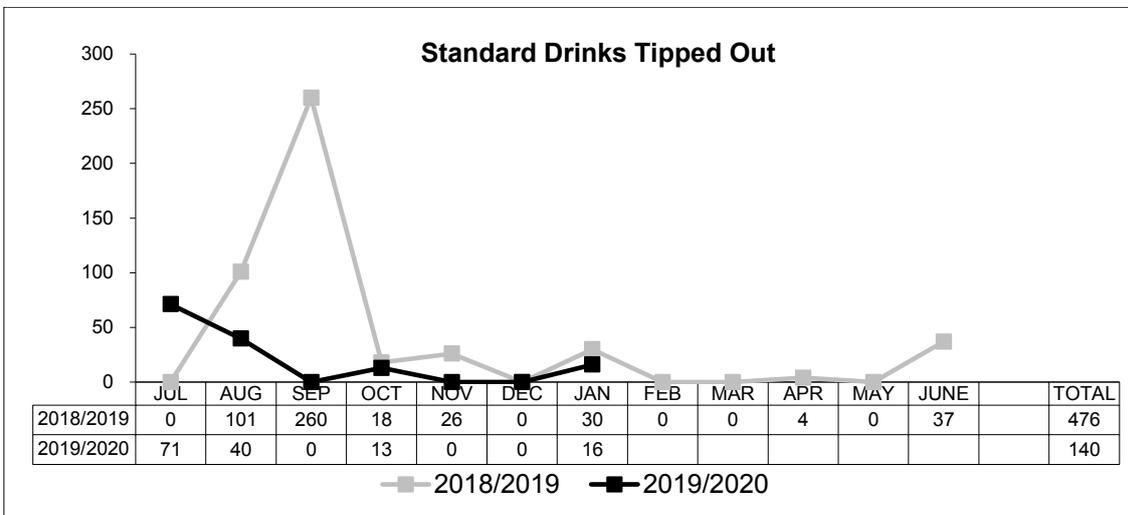
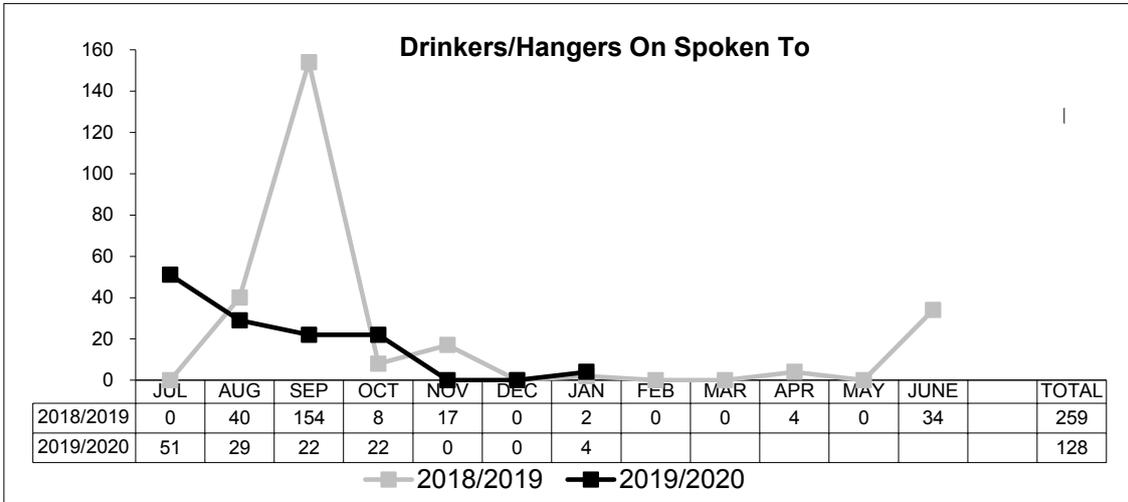
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9. RIVER RUNS



This high figure represents an influx of people visiting town for the Christmas break and camping in public places. Morning river runs have been increased to rectify the situation and will continue until the number of people camping in public places is reduced.

10. PUBLIC CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL



Kevin Everett
MANAGER RANGER UNIT

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MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
 ON WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2020 at 1:00 PM
 ARUNTA ROOM, CIVIC CENTRE, TODD STREET

1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES:

PRESENT:

Councillor Catherine Satour (Chair)
 Councillor Marli Banks
 David Rilstone, Operations Manager - PlazArt
 Steve Anderson, Art Curator - Bachelor Institute
 Bron Field, Coordinator - Central Craft
 Madeleine Krenek, Arts Development Officer - Red Hot Arts Central Australia
 Tamlyn Neck, Festivals and Events Manager - Red Hot Arts Central Australia
 Kieren Grassmayr, Arts NT (phone-in)

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Simon Duke, Acting Director Corporate and Community Services
 Jeanette Shepherd, Manager Community and Cultural Development
 Takudzwa Charlie, Manager Technical Services
 Telly Ociones, Executive Assistant - (minutes)

APOLOGIES:

Mayor Damien Ryan
 Councillor Eli Melky
 Miriam Wallace, Architect - Susan Dugdale & Associates
 Kim Donald, visual artist

13th Alice Springs Town Council Public Art Advisory Committee	3 Jul-19	7 Aug-19	4 Sep-19	2 Oct-19	6 Nov-19	5 Feb-20
Mayor Damien Ryan	✓ phone	✓ phone	A	✓	A	A
Councillor Marli Banks	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓
Councillor Catherine Satour	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓
Councillor Glen Auricht	✓	✓				
Councillor Eli Melky			✓	✓	✓	A
Steve Anderson	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
David Rilstone	A	A	✓	A	✓	✓
Miriam Wallace	A	✓	A	✓	✓	A
Madeline Krenek	✓	A	A	✓	✓	✓
Bron Field	✓	A	✓	✓	A	✓
Kim Donald	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	A
Kieren Grassmayr (started 7/8/19)	A	✓ phone	A	A	A	✓ phone

✓	Attended	A	Apology received
✓ Proxy	Proxy attended in place of committee member	--	No attendance and no apology recorded

The meeting opened at 1:00 pm.

The deputations listed as Agenda Item 5 was brought forward to facilitate presentation by Hayden Williams and Joe Weiley; Michael Fikaris and Sean Carroll; and Alison Hittmann. However, it is recorded according to its agenda sequence.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Public Art Advisory Committee meeting held 6 November 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Moved: Steve Anderson

Seconded: Councillor Marli Banks

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Nil

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

4.1 Traeger Oval wall EOI

The Manager Community and Cultural Development explained the Council EOI process:

1. Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC) reviews the concepts and recommends to Council which concept proposal should progress to the design development stage.
2. Once approved by Council, the successful artist is contracted through a Letter of Offer to develop their concept proposal into a developed design guided by the Design Development Brief, which will be supplied by council.
3. Unsuccessful artists are notified in writing.
4. After reviewing the developed design, PAAC recommends to Council to either accept or reject the developed design.
5. If the developed design is accepted, Council will enter into a contract for the fabrication and installation of the public art work. If the developed design is not accepted, the artist will be notified in writing of Council's decision. In developing the contract, consideration will be given to the payment schedule to ensure viability of the fabrication process whilst retaining financial protection to Council.
6. A timeline will also be negotiated with the artist, which acknowledges critical timelines within capital works programs if applicable, as well as incorporating the artist's desired timeframe to deliver the work.
7. Developed Design comes back to PAAC for approval, and then contract signed, and work to begin.

4.2 Public Art Master Plan

The *Public Art Masterplan 2020-3030* has been updated by the consultants after meeting with PAAC in late 2019. The revised version has been circulated to the Committee. It has been updated to include content from the new Public Art Policy.

A draft *Public Art Action Plan 2020-2025* document has been developed to sit alongside the masterplan. This would be supplementary to the Public Art Masterplan, and would provide ASTC and PAAC direction on new public work opportunities, tangible actions and suggested timelines, to achieve the broader strategic priorities and vision of the masterplan. PAAC was supportive of having a draft action plan. The draft Masterplan will go out to the community for their feedback. When the masterplan is finalised, the draft action plan will be properly reviewed by PAAC.

The PAAC agreed to hold the endorsement of the Public Art Master Plan to the next round of meetings to give the Committee more time to read the document thoroughly.

Takudzwa Charlie left the meeting at 2:43pm

4.3 Interpretive Signs Update

The interpretive signs are nearly completed. Community and Cultural Development is talking with Power and Water about installing the remaining two signs on existing concrete next to two transformer boxes. Manager Community and Cultural Development reported that new art projects will need to budget for the installation of an interpretive sign.

4.4 Todd Mall Seat Tiles

Tiles have been received back from the Girls Academy. Steve Anderson and Madeleine Krenek have now provided the tiles to an art teacher at Central Middle School.

4.5 Todd Mall Entrance EOI

Tender documents from Sue Dugdale and Associates will be ready for approval at the March PAAC meeting.

A report on the Todd Mall banner system was submitted to the Council Committee meeting and has been put on hold. This will be tabled again at the PAAC meeting but no urgency.

5. DEPUTATIONS:

5.1 Michael Fikaris – Traeger Oval Wall Concept Proposal

The design is an abstract expression of the sports played at Traeger Park, using colours, shapes and movements of these sports. Michael Fikaris has incorporated nature and geometry to compliment the area with a sophisticated colour palette for longevity and discovery of the story in the design. Images are made from research of the area and three elements from each sport: hockey, footy, cricket, tennis, baseball, basketball, rugby and track and field.

The mural production will be led by Michael Fikaris, with assistance from a professional painter and selected community members sourced through community engagement workshops. The artwork will be painted with industry standard quality outdoor acrylic paints (“Dulux Weatherguard” or similar) using rollers and brushes as well as high quality muralists industry standard aerosol paints.

5.2 Hayden Williams and Gap Youth Centre – Traeger Oval Wall Concept Proposal

Artist Hayden Williams intends the work to be an inclusive perspective of the diverse, wide and varied range of sports played at Traeger Park. These sports are enjoyed by

male and female athletes and spectators alike – both young and old – and are a vital part of the sporting life of Alice Springs.

Hayden Williams has chosen to depict eight sports being played. The figurative imagery of both competition and individual pursuit is meant to draw the passers-by into the composition. The patterned work pays respect to the art and artists of Central Australia. The following eight sports will be depicted: AFL, Women's AFL, hockey, soccer, tennis, basketball, baseball and cricket.

The work will be fabricated with exterior house paints and aerosol cans. Methods of installation will include brushwork, stencilling, layering and cutting in. The Gap Youth and Community Centre will be engaged, and as many as 60 young people will help paint the wall.

An undercoated and air brushed Besa Block sample was presented to the Committee.

5.3 Alison Hittmann – Traeger Oval Wall Concept Proposal

Alison Hittmann proposed a mural painting, hand-painted with brushes and small rollers. The materials and equipment will be sourced locally if possible., and using Viponds acrylic exterior gloss paints.

The imagery for the wall is bold and colourful, easily read by the public walking or driving by. The background series of colourful lines and negative shapes reflect the colourful nature of our community and natural environment, and give the appearance of movement. The individual stylised images depict many of the varied sports played in Alice Springs. The shadows add a 3D appearance as though the images come toward you. The designs will be projected onto the wall, and then traced before painting as the mural progresses.

Alison will paint the mural herself with assistance from a local artist and a local youth artist.

Discussion

The Committee discussed the three concept proposals presented. After careful consideration based on the end result, community engagement and proposed design, the Committee agreed to accept the application from Hayden Williams and Gap Youth Centre.

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

- A. That the concept proposal from Hayden Williams and Gap Youth Centre be accepted and advanced to the next stage of design development for the Traeger Oval Wall.**
- B. That Hayden Williams and Gap Youth Centre follow appropriate processes for approval to use images relating to Dreaming stories, keep sports depicted relevant to Traeger precinct, that sports figures reflect diversity of age, gender and background, and make sports figures more prominent.**

Moved: David Rilstone

Seconded: Bronwyn Field

6. OTHER BUSINESS:**6.1 Legal Graffiti Wall**

Baxter Donohoe attended a Youth Action Group meeting in September 2019 and brought up the idea to have a legal graffiti wall for those in town that would like a safe and legal space to practice the art. It was suggested that the discussion regarding a legal graffiti wall should go through the Public Art committee.

PAAC discussed the idea of a legal graffiti wall, and requested that a detailed proposal be brought to the committee. The Manager Community and Cultural Development will bring back additional information regarding this proposal, incorporating the Skate Park and other possible public space, OH&S issues, identifying partnership opportunity with other groups, maintenance, insurance, etc.

6.2 Sporting Ovals EOI

Technical Services Department has provided a public art budget allocation of \$20,000 to go towards public art at the new sporting oval buildings at Albrecht, Jim McConville, Ross Park and Flynn Drive.

Councillor Banks asked whether this budget needs to be integrated with these projects. Manager Community and Cultural Development informed the committee that the ASTC Public Art Policy states that for projects over \$250,000, a target of 2% should be allocated for the development of integrated public art works.

When choosing a curatorial theme, the committee would like one that is inclusive of the surrounding environment, and of other groups using these spaces. The committee also discussed exploring commissioning of sculptural artworks at these sites over murals.

Due to the meeting going over time, this discussion was deferred to the March 2020 meeting.

6.3 Public Art Digital Map

A grant through the Northern Territory Government's Visitor Experience Enhancement Program was successfully received to go towards the delivery of a digital Alice Springs Public Art Map. This will include interviews with local artists, and a CBD art walk. A digital art map is one of the strategic actions from the Alice Springs Town Council Arts and Cultural Plan 2017-2021.

8. NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, **4 March 2020**, at 1:00pm

9. CLOSURE OF MEETING:

The meeting adjourned at 3:03pm.

Resolution

Stop the US extradition of Wikileaks publisher Julian Assange! Free Assange and Manning!

1. This meeting, on Sunday, November 24, 2019 in Alice Springs, condemns the nine-year persecution of WikiLeaks' publisher Julian Assange by the US, British, Swedish and Australian governments. The vendetta against Assange is a fundamental attack on all democratic rights, and an attempt to intimidate and silence all opponents of great power war crimes, diplomatic conspiracies and intelligence agency intrigues.
2. We demand that the Australian government immediately deploy all available diplomatic and legal means to compel the British government to cease supporting the US attempt to extradite Assange on false charges of espionage and release him immediately from custody.
3. Assange must be freed without any conditions and fully compensated for the torment inflicted on him. He must be able to return to Australia, or to wherever he chooses, so he can seek urgently required medical treatment, with a guaranteed immunity from any US extradition application.
4. This meeting also extends its full support to Chelsea Manning, the courageous whistleblower who leaked the historic exposures published by Wikileaks in 2010. Manning has been re-imprisoned by the American government and is being fined \$1,000 per day for refusing to testify before a grand jury against Assange. We demand her immediate and unconditional release.

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