

<b>SPORTS, ARTS, CULTURE &amp; COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE</b> <b>10 MARCH 2010</b>	<b>6</b>
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## CAIRNS PEACE WEEK FESTIVAL 2010

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Council notes the status of planning for the Cairns Peace Week Festival 2010, including the relocation of the celebrations from July to September 2010.**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

This report advises Council of the community's decision to move the date of Annual Cairns Peace Week Festival 2010 from July to September.

At the Peace Week meeting held 3 February 2010, representatives from participating communities, state government departments and non-government organisations discussed the large number of community events taking place in July 2010, such as the Cairns Show and NAIDOC Week and the impact on community groups' ability to participate in Peace Week celebrations. In addition, NAIDOC Week celebrations conflicted with Peace Week celebrations in Mossman in 2009.

The decision to move the Peace Week celebrations to September 2010 will mark the end of the Decade of Peace and the Declaration of the International Day for Peace on 21 September, which is a component of the project "Mayors for Peace" recently considered and endorsed by Council.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Peace Week is an annual week long Festival commemorating the United Nations Education and Science Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) International Decade for the Culture of Peace 2000-2010.

Peace Week is the only festival of its kind celebrated in Australia supported by Local Government to commemorate the UNESCO International Decade for the Culture of Peace.

Cairns Regional Council supports Peace Week through the Local Area Multicultural Partnership (LAMP) program.

Councils offer support for community proposed activities through the assistance of the LAMP officer. The LAMP officer provides links to networks, assistance in promotion, information and accessing resources, advice on projects or event development/management, and the inclusion of community activity details in a combined advertising and marketing campaign.

There is no specific funding available for Peace Week. The LAMP Officer will assist communities by providing advice on funding programs and sponsorship that they may be able to access independently, in addition to, providing linkages to other projects or networks.

Invitations, proposed agenda, meeting schedule and registration form seeking participation in Peace Week 2010, was sent to 116 community organisations and service departments for the first Peace Week Community meeting of 2010 held on 3 February. Twenty-three participants responded and attended the first meeting held at the City Library on 3 February 2010.

The working group have discussed their proposed participation, access to information and links into other projects and events. It was an informal and spontaneous process where everyone shared information.

The participants have also discussed celebration dates, previous years implications and the declaration of the International Day for Peace of 21 September 2010. Discussions addressed the implication of overlapping activities for both July and September before deciding on the celebration date.

The LAMP officer has agreed to report back to the working group with information on access to marquees, use of Fogarty park, Public Liability policy and access to in kind support.

The next Peace Week community meeting is scheduled on 4 March. Proposed activities will be discussed further.

### **COMMENT:**

Sixteen community representatives attended the first 2010 Peace Week meeting. After lengthy discussions regarding the implications of the previous date and the new proposed date, it was agreed unanimously to move the celebrations to the week of 20-26 September 2010, marking the end of the Decade of Peace and the beginning of the celebrations of the International Day for Peace.

### **CONSIDERATIONS:**

#### Corporate and Operational Plans:

2.2	Improve the quality and opportunity for use of public space across the region.
2.3	Provide enhanced arts and cultural activities that add value to the life of residents and visitors alike.
2.6	Improve the capacity and wellbeing of valued areas of the community that traditionally have difficulty being heard.

Statutory:

Queensland Anti-Discrimination Act 1991.

Policy:

Cairns Region Cultural Diversity Policy: A Unique-Changing-Productive-Vibrant-People  
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Financial and Risk:

There will be no additional financial implication associated with the change of date.

Sustainability:

This event will mark the end of the celebration of UNESCO's International Decade for the Culture of Peace 2001-2010 and the Declaration of the International Day for Peace on 21 September.

**CONSULTATION:**

The Peace week 2010 community meeting took place on 3 February 2010 to discuss planning for the event. The following people participated in this meeting.

Janice McFadden	Anti Discrimination Commission Queensland
Letizia De Rosa	Book Creators Circle
Martin Truman	Brahma Kumaris
Quentin Riley	Buddhist & PNG Association
Kate Wanchap	Cairns Regional Council
Keiko Berry	Queensland Police Services
Lee Finkelstein	Cairns Regional Council
Stephen Tillett	Queensland Police Services
Marsha Spark	Migrant Settlement Services
John Caimotto	Centrelink
Suri Moore	Indonesian Association
Tracy Callager	Anti Discrimination Commission
Olive Tau Davis	Migrant Settlement Services
Vandana Sami	Australian Red Cross
Masumi Morimoto	Cairns Japanese Codomo Kai
Sarah Gosling	Cairns Regional Council
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**OPTIONS:**

That Council notes the community's decision to move the Annual Cairns Peace Week Festival 2010 celebration from July to September 2010.

**CONCLUSION:**

It is recommended that Council notes the community's decision to move the Annual Cairns Peace Week Festival 2010 celebration from July to September 2010.

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