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ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORT

FINANCIAL YEAR: 1 January to 31 December 2013

DARWIN FILM SOCIETY INCORPORATED

Principal Activities (including any significant changes)

The Darwin Film Society (DFS) operates the Deckchair Cinema at Jervois Rd, Waterfront Precinct, Darwin. The DFS' Vision is *'to operate a unique place in the community that provides an independent and diverse cinematic experience in a beautiful outdoor setting'*. The Purpose is *'To provide an accessible, people-friendly alternative to the mainstream cinema experience for both locals and visitors with a diverse programming flavour'*.

The mission statement focuses on the Deckchair Cinema, which enhances the diverse cultural experiences of the community by providing a unique tropical alternative to mainstream cinema in Darwin. This is achieved by:

- *Exhibiting film focused on Deckchair Cinema patron needs;*
- *Providing an outdoor atmosphere in keeping with the community lifestyle;*
- *Promoting the Cinema and programs that appeal to visitors to the region;*
- *Supporting local film makers;*
- *Sound financial management; and*
- *Continuous improvement and an open mind to new ideas and technologies.*

In 2013 the DFS through the Deckchair Cinema:

- Screened 110 films plus 28 fundraiser nights.
- Had a total attendance of 42,308
- Screened 17 Australian Films & 4 touring Australian film festivals.
- Including Flix In The Wet & Darwin International Film Festival we screened 120 films, 71 being unscreened anywhere in Darwin.
- Held Flix In The Wet
 - 10 Films, three being Australian with an attendance of 1,960.
- Held 1 special event:
 - Third Annual Darwin International Film Festival (DIFF) with 10 films, with 2,400 attendees
- Developed and maintained strong relationships with:
 - Sydney Travelling Film Festival
 - Darwin Festival
 - Screen Territory
 - National Distributors



An operation of the Darwin Film Society

- Employed 1 fulltime manager, 1 full time operations manager and an average of 10 casual staff.
- Supported local film industry by providing \$2,000 prize money for the 2013 Fistfull of Films.
- Supported local film-makers by screening Sunday night shorts.
- Completed equipment upgrades to the value of \$45000.
- Installed 12 new state of the art speakers
- Stenciled/painted cement area at the entrance to the venue.
- Added additional paving to food service area and purchased a bain marie
- Purchased additional table for seating on the harbourside of the venue
- Recognised the importance of Staff Development and allocated funds accordingly. The Auditor's report shows we spent \$2,050 on staff training. The manager attended the Independent Cinemas of Australia Association conference on the Gold Coast.
- Updated website and social media sites.
- Maintained a membership base of approx., 650 members.

Names of Committee Members

- John Schier Chair
- Di Koser Vice Chair
- Vicky Coleman Treasurer
- Vicki Long Secretary (resigned)
- Sarah Wilkie Public Officer
- Mary Noble
- Jeff Coulter
- Harry Abraham
- Travis Crozier (resigned)
- Stephanie Mattas

Details of disclosures of interest

- Nil

Details of Net Profit or Loss

- Net operating profit was \$16,000

Statement

In our opinion –

- (a) the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial statement, is drawn up so as to present fairly the state of affairs of the DFS as at 18 May 2014 and the results of the DFS for the year ended on that date;
- (b) the accounts of the DFS have been properly prepared and are in accordance with the books of account of the DFS; and
- (c) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the DFS will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

DFS Signatures - Chairperson & Treasurer

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Chairperson

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Treasurer

(Signed at the Deckchair Cinema, Jervois Road, Darwin Waterfront Precinct)