



# **MINUTES**

**Darwin Military and Civilian History  
Advisory Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, 8 December 2021**

**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN  
DARWIN MILITARY AND CIVILIAN HISTORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE MEETING ROOM 1, LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE, HARRY CHAN AVENUE,  
DARWIN  
ON WEDNESDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2021 AT 11.00 AM**

**PRESENT:**

Alderman Paul Arnold

RSL Darwin Branch President, Stephen Gloster

Aviation Historical Society of the NT President, John Hart

Department of Veterans' Affairs A/Deputy Commissioner NT, Louise Ruhl

Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade, Defence NT Director Community Engagement, Linda Fazldeen

Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities, Heritage Libraries and Sport, Director Heritage Branch Michael Wells

Tourism NT, Director Sector and Distribution Development, Nicole Campbell

City of Darwin Executive Manager Growth and Development Services, Alice Percy

City of Darwin General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr

Senior Administration Officer, Karen Long

**APOLOGY:**

Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Alderman Ed Smelt (Alternate)

Darwin Military Museum Manager, Norm Cramp

Tourism NT, Regional Planning Officer North, Jessica Keirle

Community Events Producer, Kylie Salisbury

**GUESTS:** Nil

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Alderman Paul Arnold Chaired.

## **1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN**

The Chair declared the meeting open at 11.04 am.

## **2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

City of Darwin acknowledges that we are living and working on Larrakia Country. We acknowledge the Larrakia people as the Traditional Owners of the Darwin region. We pay our respects to the Larrakia elders past and present and support emerging Larrakia leaders now and into the future. City of Darwin is committed to working together with all Larrakia to care for this land and sea for our shared future.

## **3 APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

### **3.1 Apologies**

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC033/21**

Moved: Member Michael Wells  
Seconded: Member Linda Fazldeen

That the apologies from the Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis, Alderman Ed Smelt, representatives Norm Cramp and Jessica Keirle and City of Darwin Officer Kylie Salisbury be received and noted.

**CARRIED 9/0**

### **3.2 Leave Of Absence**

Nil

### **3.3 Leave Of Absence Notified**

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC034/21**

Moved: Member Stephen Gloster  
Seconded: Alderman Paul Arnold

That the leave of absence of the Department of Veterans' Affairs representative Meghan Bailey for six months be received and noted, noting that Louise Ruhl will be the Department of Veterans' Affairs representative.

**CARRIED 9/0**

**4 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE**

Nil

**5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF**

**5.1 Declaration of Interest by Members - Nil**

**5.2 Declaration of Interest by Staff - Nil**

**6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC035/21**

Moved: Member Stephen Gloster

Seconded: Alderman Paul Arnold

That the minutes of the Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee Meeting held on 13 October 2021 be confirmed.

**CARRIED 9/0**

**7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES****7.1 BLACK WATCH / AS ONE****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC036/21**

Moved: Alderman Paul Arnold

Seconded: Member Stephen Gloster

That the verbal update provided by the General Manager Community Matt Grassmayr be received and noted, noting the following

- permit issued for use of marquee infrastructure for a story telling and recording event on the 19 February 2021
- Community and Cultural Services team liaising on smartygrants application process for funding.

**CARRIED 9/0**

## 7.2 COMMUNITY MEMORIAL PROJECT - FRIENDS OF THE CENOTAPH

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC037/21

Moved: Alderman Paul Arnold

Seconded: Member Stephen Gloster

That it is noted that correspondence was forwarded to Friends of the Cenotaph dated 22 October 2021.

**CARRIED 9/0**

## 7.3 BOMBING OF DARWIN DIGITAL COMMORATION PROJECT – MR GARETH BENSON

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC038/21

Moved: Alderman Paul Arnold

Seconded: Member Stephen Gloster

That it is noted that correspondence was forwarded to Mr Gareth Benson dated 22 October 2021.

**CARRIED 9/0**

## 8 PRESENTATIONS

### 8.1 I-124 MEMORIAL

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC039/21

Moved: Alderman Paul Arnold

Seconded: Member Linda Fazldeen

That the presentation on the I-124 Japanese Submarine Memorial by representative Michael Wells be received and noted.

**CARRIED 9/0**

#### Discussion

Concept plans distributed

Dripstone Cliffs, Casuarina

New rock plinth to match existing memorial

Japanese Ambassador will unveil new memorial in February 2022

Australian Japanese Association will also unveil a small plaque

Announcement to be made in January 2022 on better sonar image of sunken ship

## 9 OFFICER REPORTS

### 9.1 BOMBING OF DARWIN DAY UPDATE

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC040/21

Moved: Alderman Paul Arnold

Seconded: Member Stephen Gloster

That the verbal update on the Bombing of Darwin Day Update be received and noted.

**CARRIED 9/0**

#### Actions

Executive Manager Growth and Development Services, Alice Percy to confirm Brian Winspear and carer has received an invitation and extend an invitation to Defence Australia. Representative Linda Fazldeen will provide details.

## 10 MEMBER REPORTS

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC041/21

Moved: Member Michael Wells

Seconded: Member John Hart

That the Members' verbal reports be received and noted.

**CARRIED 9/0**

#### Discussion

- Remembrance Day
- Representative Linda Fazldeen presented a three minute video of the Lights of Remembrance project which displayed projections in various locations in Darwin and Palmerston as well as the first travelling semi trailer cinema in regional centres. Linda will provide a shorter version when this is available.
- Similar project may be considered for Anzac Day.
- Department of Veteran's Affairs has been approached regarding two unmarked graves – one at the Katherine Cemetery and one at the Thorak Cemetery. In early stages of possible official commemoration.
- Aviation Historical Society will have new displays for 2022 – F18 fighter and Macchi aircraft.
- Mat McLachlan Battlefields tours – arrive 16 February 2022.
- Tourism NT – forward information to the PR team of anything new on military tourism that can be promoted.

## **11 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **11.1 MILITARY HISTORY IN THE CBD**

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC042/21**

Moved: Alderman Paul Arnold

Seconded: Member John Hart

That Alderman Arnold and representative Michael Wells investigate options for the Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee to be represented at the Activate Darwin workshop discussions on the CBD developments to further support military tourism.

**CARRIED 9/0**

## **12 NEXT MEETING**

9 February 2022, 11.00 am

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 12.02 pm