



MINUTES

**Darwin Military and Civilian History
Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 9 June 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, 9 JUNE 2021 AT 11.00 AM**

PRESENT:

The Right Worshipful, The Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis (Chair)
Alderman Paul Arnold
Mr John Hart, Aviation Historical Society of the NT, President
Ms Meg Cotter, Tourism NT, Trade and Industry, Marketing Executive
Ms Meghan Bailey, Department of Veterans' Affairs, Deputy Commissioner NT
Ms Linda Fazldeen, Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade, Defence NT, Director Community Engagement
Ms Jo Madin, City of Darwin Manager Engagement and Events
Mr Matt Grassmayr, City of Darwin General Manager Community and Regulatory Services

OFFICERS:

Ms Kylie Salisbury, Community Events Producer
Mrs Karen Long, Senior Administration Officer

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1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

The Chair declared the meeting open at 11.02 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 BODMH014/21

Moved: Alderman Paul Arnold

Seconded: Matt Grassmayr

That the apologies from Mr Stephen Gloster, Mr Norm Cramp and Mr Peter Stanek be received.

CARRIED 8/0

3.2 Leave of Absence Granted

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION BODMH015/21

Moved: Alderman Paul Arnold

Seconded: Matt Grassmayr

That it be noted Mr Michael Wells is an apology due to a Leave of Absence notified on 14 April 2021 for this meeting.

CARRIED 8/0

3.3 Leave of Absence Notified

Nil

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 BODMH016/21

Moved: John Hart

Seconded: Meg Cotter

That the Minutes of the Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee Meeting held on 14 April 2021 be confirmed.

CARRIED 8/0

7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

8 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 OFFICER REPORTS

9.1 KEY MILITARY EVENTS AND PLANNING FOR THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOMBING OF DARWIN DAY

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION BODMH017/21

Moved: Alderman Paul Arnold

Seconded: Meg Cotter

1. THAT the report entitled Key Military Events and Planning for the 80th Anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin Day be received and noted.

CARRIED 8/0

10 MEMBER REPORTS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION BODMH018/21

Moved: John Hart

Seconded: Alderman Paul Arnold

1. That the Members' verbal reports be received and noted.

CARRIED 8/0

Discussion

John Hart

- Hosting Back to the Track in August. Military vehicles to be parked at the Aviation Museum and combined with Museum Open Day
- Spit Fire will be back on display by August following refurbishment
- Masterplaning underway
- Australian American Association planning a plaque for Bombing of Darwin commemorations next year on the wall at the Aviation Museum

Megan Bailey

- Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide – focusing on the Terms of Reference
- Commemorative service held to mark the 50th anniversary of the Battle for Long Hai (Operation Hammersley)

Meg Cotter

- Finalised the heritage link attraction pass through Tourism Top End
- History and heritage plan factsheet (tabled)
- Working with Tourism Top End promoting local touring to visiting naval ships

Linda Fazldeen

- Assisting Royal Commission
- Military study tour from Victoria visiting Darwin in late June/early July
- Alternative study tours planned for NT students this year
- Met with new President Council of Veterans
- Defence NT new Senior Director appointed

- Receiving enquiries about Bombing of Darwin commemorations next year
- Australian Japanese Association NT – planning a commemorative ceremony during the Bombing of Darwin next year at the current plaque site in Brinkin. The Association is working with Michael Wells.

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 REPRESENTATIVE TOURISM NT

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION BODMH019/21

Moved: Alderman Paul Arnold

Seconded: Linda Fazldeen

Representative for Tourism NT, Meg Cotter expressed thanks to the Committee and advised that she will be leaving Tourism NT in August.

.CARRIED 8/0

11.2 CIVILIAN MEMORIAL WALL

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION BODMH020/21

Moved: Alderman Paul Arnold

Seconded: John Hart

General Manager Community and Regulatory Services Matt Grassmayr provided an update on the civilian memorial wall. Once detailed design has been completed the Committee will be consulted for feedback.

CARRIED 8/0

10 NEXT MEETING

To be advised following the Local Government elections in August 2021 and the new Council resolving Council Committees and Elected Member appointments.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 11.29 am