

# Minutes

## Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 4 February 2026



**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN  
DARWIN MILITARY AND CIVILIAN HISTORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ELECTRICALLY VIA TEAMS  
ON WEDNESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2026 AT 10:00 AM**

**PRESENT:**

Lord Mayor Peter Styles (Chair)

Department of Veterans' Affairs Kacie Austin

Darwin Military Museum Norm Cramp

Darwin RSL Sub-Branch Stephen Gloster

General Manager Community Matt Grassmayr

Veterans Engagement and Support, NT Dept People, Sport and Culture Annette Rudd

Aviation Historical Society of the NT Iain Summers

Councillor Sam Weston

**APOLOGY:**

Tourism NT, Dept of Tourism and Hospitality Russel Wills

Warrant Officer Class One/E9, Joint Operational Support Staff – Northern Territory Meika Wright

**GUESTS:**

Councillor Shani Carson

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## 1 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.*

## 2 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC001/26

Moved: Darwin RSL Sub-Branch Stephen Gloster

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

The Chair declared the meeting open at 10.02 am.

**CARRIED 8/0**

## 3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

### 3.1 APOLOGIES

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC002/26

Moved: Darwin RSL Sub-Branch Stephen Gloster

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT an apology from Tourism NT, Dept of Tourism and Hospitality Russel Wills and Warrant Officer Class One Meika Wright be received.

**CARRIED 8/0**

### 3.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

Nil

### 3.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED

Nil

## 4 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

### 4.1 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE GRANTED

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC003/26

Moved: Darwin RSL Sub-Branch Stephen Gloster

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT the Committee note that pursuant to Section 95 (43) of the *Local Government Act 2019*, the following member(s) was granted permission for Electronic Meeting Attendance:

- Department of Veterans' Affairs Kacie Austin
- Darwin Military Museum Norm Cramp
- Darwin RSL Sub-Branch Stephen Gloster
- Aviation Historical Society of the NT Iain Summers

**CARRIED 8/0**

### 4.2 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE REQUESTED

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 MHAC004/26

Moved: Darwin RSL Sub-Branch Stephen Gloster

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT the minutes of the Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee Meeting held on 5 November 2025 be confirmed.

**CARRIED 8/0**

## 7 MOVING OF ITEMS

### 7.1 MOVING OF ITEMS INTO CONFIDENTIAL

Nil

**7.2 MOVING OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS INTO OPEN**

Nil

**7.3 MOVING CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS TO OPEN AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**

Nil

**8 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS**

Nil

**9 OFFICER REPORTS****9.1 BOMBING OF DARWIN DAY UPDATE****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC005/26**

Moved: Darwin RSL Sub-Branch Stephen Gloster

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT the verbal update on the Bombing of Darwin commemoration by the Manager International Relations & Sponsorship Jessica Fry be received and noted.

**CARRIED 8/0****10 MEMBER REPORTS****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC006/26**

Moved: Darwin RSL Sub-Branch Stephen Gloster

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT the verbal Member Reports be received and noted.

Aviation Historical Society of the NT Iain Summers

- Updated its Bombing of Darwin video that is part of the introduction to the Darwin Aviation Museum as visitors arrive.
- Thanked the Lord Mayor for his involvement with the commemoration of the Vickers Landing on 10 December 2025.

Darwin Military Museum Norm Cramp

- Visitor numbers down at this time of the year.
- Upgraded a number of the display areas with works continuing.
- Currently working in conjunction with the Jewish community and NTG to establish a small monument to the victims of the Bondi terrorist attack.

Darwin RSL Sub-Branch Stephen Gloster

- Requested the Eternal Flame lighting is switched on for the Bombing of Darwin commemoration.
- Anzac Day march route will be changed this year to finish at The Esplanade.

## Department of Veterans' Affairs Kacie Austin

- Minister for Veterans Affairs has announced the successful applicants for the 2025/26 Saluting their Service commemorative grants.
- Director of War Graves will be in Darwin for the Bombing of Darwin commemorations.

Veterans Engagement and Support, NT Dept People, Sport and Culture Annette Rudd

- Purple Poppy Day 21 February at Reg Hillier House from 10 am – 12 pm.
- Cor Infinitus ceremony planned to be held in the dry season.

**CARRIED 8/0**

## 11 GENERAL BUSINESS

### 11.1 GENERAL BUSINESS

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC007/26**

Moved: Darwin RSL Sub-Branch Stephen Gloster

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT the following General Business be received and noted.

- Update on Cylone Fina's recovery works and priorities, including East Point Reserve provided by the General Manager Community Matt Grassmayr.
- Councillor Sam Weston informed that he has received positive feedback on the Cor Infinitus memorial.
- Lord Mayor informed that the Australian American Association plans to write to the Chief Minister for an update on the USS Peary.

**CARRIED 8/0**

## 12 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC008/26**

Moved: Darwin RSL Sub-Branch Stephen Gloster

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT the next Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee be held on Wednesday, 6 May 2026, at 10:00 AM (Open Section followed by the Confidential Section),electronivcally via Teams.

**CARRIED 8/0**

## 13 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Nil

**14 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC009/26**

Moved: Darwin RSL Sub-Branch Stephen Gloster

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT the meeting be closed at 10.34 am.

**CARRIED 8/0**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee Meeting held on 6 May 2026.**

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**CHAIR**