



# **MINUTES**

**Cyclone Tracy Commemoration  
Advisory Committee Meeting  
Monday, 21 August 2023**

**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN  
CYCLONE TRACY COMMEMORATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE MEETING ROOM CHAMBERS (DARRANDIRRA), LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE,  
HARRY CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN  
ON MONDAY, 21 AUGUST 2023 AT 11:00AM**

**PRESENT:**

Chairperson Kon Vatskalis

Councillor Kim Farrar

Libraries and Archives NT, Dr Wendy Garden

Museum and Art Gallery NT, Jared Archibald

NT Major Events Company, Chief Executive Officer Suzana Bishop

Community Member, Remembering Cyclone Tracy Inc Richard Creswick

Community Member Marie-Louise Pearson

Community Member Gerard Reid

**OFFICERS:**

Alice Percy (General Manager Innovation)

Emma Struys (Executive Manager Growth and Economic Development)

Kate Hardman (Senior Coordinator Place Activation and Events)

Jessica Fry (Events Producer)

**APOLOGY:**

Australian Defence Force, Brigadier Nick Foxall AM, DSM

Larrakia Nation, Chief Executive Officer Michael Rotumah

**OBSERVER:**

Supervisor Councillor Governance Jane Bland

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## **1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN**

The Chair declared the meeting open at 11:04 am.

## **2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Australian Defence Force, Brigadier Nick Foxall AM, DSM  
Larrakia Nation, Chief Executive Officer Michael Rotumah

## **3 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE**

Councillor Kim Farrar

Community Member Marie-Louise Pearson

### **3.1 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE GRANTED**

Nil

### **3.2 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE REQUESTED**

Nil

## **4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF**

### **4.1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

Nil

### **4.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY STAFF**

Nil

## **5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Nil

## 6 OFFICER REPORTS

### 6.1 CYCLONE TRACY COMMEMORATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CTCAC001/23

Moved: Chairperson Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Libraries and Archives NT, Dr Wendy Garden

1. THAT the report entitled Cyclone Tracy Commemoration Advisory Committee Terms of Reference be received and noted.

**CARRIED 8/0**

## 7 MEMBER REPORTS

### 7.1 MEMBERS VERBAL UPDATES

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CTCAC002/23

Moved: Chairperson Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Community Member Richard Creswick

THAT the report entitled Members Verbal Updates be received and noted.

**CARRIED 8/0**

- Community Member Richard Creswick:
  - Background information of Remembering Cyclone Tracy Inc was provided with the aim to represent the views of Cyclone Tracy survivors in any commemorative activities,
  - the first project initiated was the creation of a register of Cyclone Tracy survivors through an online survey tool as well as distribution of paper forms which has already garnered around 200 forms for registration. Posters have likewise been prepared that contains a QR code for ease of access in registration by the public,
  - Royal Mint has been approached with a request and petition to produce commemorative coins for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Cyclone Tracy,
  - lastly, an agreement with the Northern Territory Government (NTG) is in place to issue special numbered plates to commemorate this event, and
  - the Lord Mayor reaffirmed that Remembering Cyclone Tracy Inc can still continue the outstanding initiatives it has started and collaboratively work with Council.

## 8 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Nil

## 9 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

**10 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC****RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT pursuant to Section 65 (2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 99(2) of the Local Government Act:

**10.1 Cyclone Tracy Commemoration Background and Update**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

**10.2 Member Update**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

**The Meeting closed at 11:48 AM.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Cyclone Tracy Commemoration Advisory Committee held on 21 August 2023.**

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**CHAIR**