



MINUTES

Cyclone Tracy Commemoration Advisory Committee Meeting Monday, 23 September 2024

Date: Monday, 23 September 2024

Time: 11:00 am

**Location: Meeting Room 1
Level 1, Civic Centre
Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin**

**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN
CYCLONE TRACY COMMEMORATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT MEETING ROOM 1, LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE, HARRY CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN
ON MONDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 11:00AM**

PRESENT:

The Right Worshipful, the Chairperson Kon Vatskalis
City of Darwin, A/Chief Executive Officer Matt Grassmayr
Councillor Kim Farrar
Australian Defence Force, Brigadier Douglas Pashley, CSC
Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet Jo Smallacombe
Deputy CEO, Larrakia Nation Victor Williams
Library and Archives NT, Tessa Blake
Community Member Sally Courtney
Community Member Richard Creswick
Community Member Gerard Reid

OFFICERS:

Alice Percy (General Manager Innovation),
Emma Struys (Executive Manager Growth and Economic Development)
Jessica Fry (Events Producer)
Sophie Walkington (Events Facilitator)

APOLOGY:

Museum and Art Gallery NT Jared Archibald
NT Major Events Company Suzana Bishop
Member for Solomon Luke Gosling OAM, MP
Community Member Marie-Louise Pearson
Library and Archives NT Charlie Ward

GUESTS:

Juliet Beale, Collection Development Manager, Library and Archives NT
Anjana Sharma Adhikari, Australian Red Cross NT
Heather Prendergast, Australian Red Cross NT

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1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CTCAC015/24

Moved: Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet Jo Smallacombe

Seconded: Deputy CEO, Larrakia Nation Victor Williams

The Chair declared the meeting open at 11:00 am.

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2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Museum and Art Gallery NT Jared Archibald

NT Major Events Company Suzana Bishop

Member for Solomon Luke Gosling OAM, MP

Community Member Marie-Louise Pearson

Library and Archives NT Charlie Ward

3 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

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**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CTCAC016/24**

Moved: Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet Jo Smallacombe
Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

THAT the minutes of the Cyclone Tracy Commemoration Advisory Committee Meeting held on 29 July 2024 be confirmed.

CARRIED 10/0**6 OFFICER REPORTS****6.1 CYCLONE TRACY PROGRAM UPDATE****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CTCAC017/24**

Moved: Chairperson Kon Vatskalis
Seconded: Community Member Gerard Reid

THAT the report entitled Cyclone Tracy Program Update be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/0**6.2 CYCLONE TRACY COMMEMORATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATED TERMS OF REFERENCE****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CTCAC018/24**

Moved: Chairperson Kon Vatskalis
Seconded: City of Darwin, A/Chief Executive Officer Matt Grassmayr

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

CARRIED 10/0

7 MEMBER REPORTS

7.1 MEMBERS VERBAL UPDATES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CTCAC019/24

Moved: Community Member Gerard Reid

Seconded: Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet Jo Smallacombe

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

CARRIED 10/0

Community Member Richard Creswick, provided an update on the status of activities from the Remembering Cyclone Tracy Inc (RCTI).

- Grant received from Federal Government amounting to \$300,000 for the proposed East Point memorial
- Design of the proposed shelter is going through the drafting, engineering and certification processes ahead of submitting a works permit application
- Works have begun on the frangipani elements of the memorial
- Engaged event managers for the two major events that has been planned, which are, the welcoming function to be held at the Pavilion at the show grounds on Monday, 23 December and the memorial unveiling plan for sunrise on Christmas morning
- RCTI is still fundraising to meet the actual costs of the two major events and donations can still be made through the 'Go Fund Me' page
- Exploring the costs for some street banners which are similar to those that the V8 Supercars had and once costs have been determined and finalised, RCTI will seek Council cooperation in the installation of these banners
- The initiative to have special Cyclone Tracy number plates issued by the Motor Vehicle Registry has resulted in the sale of 94 plates. Further, the Remembering Cyclone Tracy number plates have likewise sold 200 and this initiative has been well-received. A second offering may be proposed in October or November.

Library and Archives NT, Tessa Blake

- Progressing the photographic exhibition which will be opened on 1 November
- There would be around 30 images for the exhibition which tells the narrative of events leading to the cyclone on Christmas Day
- The photo exhibition will be at the mezzanine level of the NT Library at Parliament House
- Charlie Ward has been seconded onto other projects, so moving forward, Tessa Blake will be acting as the Library and Archives NT's representative on the Committee.

Community Member Sally Courtney, provided some updates regarding activities being undertaken by Salvation Army.

- Display at Casuarina Square on Monday, 2 December following the public events for a week
- Holden car used during the cyclone will be part of the Saturday event and the Salvation Army display. There will also be a small Emergency Services truck with free water at the event.

8 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Nil

9 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

10 PRESENTATION**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CTCAC020/24**

Moved: Chairperson Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

THAT the presentation from the Australian Red Cross NT on a "Red Cross Psychosocial Support Session" be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/0**11 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 2019*:

14.1 Cyclone Tracy Program Update

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(e) 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 subject to subregulation 51(3) – information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.

The Meeting closed at 11:38 AM.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Cyclone Tracy Commemoration Advisory Committee held on 28 October 2024.

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CHAIR