



MINUTES

Cyclone Tracy Commemoration Advisory Committee Meeting Monday, 29 July 2024

Date: Monday, 29 July 2024

Time: 11:00 am

**Location: Meeting Room 1 (Bidjpidji)
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, 29 JULY 2024 AT 11:00AM**

PRESENT:

The Right Worshipful, the Chairperson Kon Vatskalis
City of Darwin, Chief Executive Officer Simone Saunders
Councillor Kim Farrar
NT Major Events Company Suzana Bishop
Community Member Sally Courtney
Member for Solomon Luke Gosling OAM, MP
Australian Defence Force, Brigadier Douglas Pashley, CSC
Community Member Marie-Louise Pearson
Community Member Gerard Reid
Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet Jo Smallacombe
Larrakia Nation, Deputy CEO Victor Williams
Library and Archives NT Charlie Ward
Library and Archives NT Wendy Garden

OFFICERS:

Alice Percy, General Manager Innovation
Emma Struys, Executive Manager Growth and Economic Development
Jessica Fry, Events Producer

APOLOGY:

Museum and Art Gallery NT Jared Archibald
Community Member Richard Creswick

GUESTS:

Jane Bland, Supervisor Councillor Governance
Bonne Zhao, Councillor and Committee Support Officer

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1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CTCAC027/24

Moved: Chairperson Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Member for Solomon Luke Gosling OAM, MP

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

CARRIED 13/0

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Museum and Art Gallery NT Jared Archibald

Community Member Richard Creswick

3 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

3.1 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE GRANTED

THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 95 (43) of the *Local Government Act 2019*, the following members were granted permission for Electronic Meeting Attendance:

- Councillor Kim Farrar
- Community Member Marie-Louise Pearson

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 CTCAC028/24

Moved: Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet Jo Smallacombe

Seconded: Chairperson Kon Vatskalis

THAT the minutes of the Cyclone Tracy Commemoration Advisory Committee Meeting held on 27 May 2024 and the Cyclone Tracy Commemoration Advisory Committee Special Meeting held on 24 June 2024 be confirmed.

CARRIED 13/0

6 OFFICER REPORTS

6.1 CITY OF DARWIN PROGRAM UPDATE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CTCAC029/24

Moved: Chairperson Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: City of Darwin, Chief Executive Officer Simone Saunders

1. THAT the report entitled City of Darwin Program Update be received and noted.
2. THAT the Cyclone Tracy Commemoration Advisory Committee promote the Cyclone Tracy 50th anniversary commemoration website and the opportunity to add events and initiatives to the website.
3. THAT the Cyclone Tracy Commemorative Advisory Committee provides advice on locations that could be included in the Cyclone Tracy Commemorative Trail.

CARRIED 13/0

7 MEMBER REPORTS

7.1 MEMBERS VERBAL UPDATES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CTCAC030/24

Moved: Library and Archives NT Charlie Ward

Seconded: Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet Jo Smallacombe

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

CARRIED 13/0

Chairperson, Kon Vatskalis

- Informed the Committee members that he has spoken to the Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Darwin, Charlie Gauci, and the Cyclone Tracy Ecumenical Service in commemoration of its 50th anniversary will be held on Sunday, 22 December 2024, at 2:30 pm at St Mary's Cathedral, Smith Street, Darwin.
- Thanked the Member for Solomon Luke Gosling OAM, MP for the invitation extended to the Prime Minister for his attendance at the 50th Anniversary of the Cyclone Tracy Commemorative event.

Library and Archives NT Dr Wendy Garden

- Informed the other Committee members that the Cyclone Tracy exhibit is still on track and will now be at the mezzanine floor of the library.
- A symposium on '*Cyclone Tracy and Dangerous Weather*' will likewise be conducted on 7 December 2024.

Member for Solomon Luke Gosling OAM, MP

- Member for Solomon Luke Gosling OAM, MP further informed the group of attendance by Federal Government Representatives to Darwin in late November.
- Took note that the City of Darwin's application to the Department of Veteran Affairs Saluting their Service grant was unsuccessful.

8 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CTCAC031/24**

Moved: Chairperson Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: City of Darwin, Chief Executive Officer Simone Saunders

THAT the following Questions by Members be received and noted.

Question

Councillor Kim Farrar queried on the possible inclusion of Casuarina High School on the Cyclone Tracy Commemoration Trail and if City of Darwin officers could provide advice on how to corroborate the story which is being collated by the principal.

Response

Chief Executive Officer Simone Saunders responded and advised to send through an email to City of Darwin officers to coordinate.

Question

Councillor Kim Farrar inquired about the date for the reception event that the Remembering Cyclone Tracy Inc. (RCTI) is arranging.

Response

Chief Executive Officer Simone Saunders responded and advised that as per the most recent media release, RCTI has advised that their survivor event will be held on Monday, 23 December, as well as the unveiling of the memorial at sunrise on Christmas day

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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 2019*:

13.1 City of Darwin Program 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.

13.2 Members Verbal Updates

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 11:12 am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Cyclone Tracy Commemoration Advisory Committee held on 23 September 2024.

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CHAIR