



MINUTES

Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday, 5 February 2025

Date: Wednesday, 5 February 2025

Time: 11:00 AM

**Location: Meeting Room Darrandirra (Meeting Room
Chambers)
Level 1, Civic Centre
Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin**

**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN
DARWIN MILITARY AND CIVILIAN HISTORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE MEETING ROOM DARRANDIRRA (MEETING ROOM CHAMBERS), LEVEL 1,
CIVIC CENTRE, HARRY CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN
ON WEDNESDAY, 5 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 11:00 AM**

PRESENT:

Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis Chair

Councillor Sam Weston

Darwin Military Museum Norm Cramp

Darwin RSL Sub-Branch Stephen Gloster

Department of Veterans' Affairs Louise Ruhl

NT Heritage Branch, Dept of Territory Families Dr David Steinberg

Aviation Historical Society of the NT Andrew Pusterla

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

General Manager Community Matt Grassmayr

Executive Manager Growth and Economic Development Emma Struys

OFFICERS:

Senior Administration Officer Karen Long

Events Producer Jessica Fry

APOLOGY:

JOSS NT Representative

GUESTS:

Department of Veterans' Affairs Kacie Austin

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1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC001/25

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Darwin RSL Sub-Branch Stephen Gloster

The Chair declared the meeting open at 11.01 am.

CARRIED 10/0

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 MHAC002/25

Moved: Executive Manager Growth and Economic Development Emma Struys

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT the apology from JOSS NT be received.

CARRIED 10/0

3.2 Leave of Absence

Nil

3.3 Leave of Absence Notified

Nil

4 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE

Darwin Military Museum Norm Cramp

NT Heritage Branch, Dept of Territory Families Dr David Steinberg

Department of Veterans' Affairs Louise Ruhl

Kacie Austin, Department of Veterans' Affairs

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 MHAC003/25**

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Darwin RSL Sub-Branch Stephen Gloster

THAT the minutes of the Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee Meeting held on 27 November 2024 be confirmed.

CARRIED 10/0

7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

8 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 OFFICER REPORTS**9.1 BOMBING OF DARWIN DAY VERBAL UPDATE****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC004/25**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT the verbal update on the Bombing of Darwin Day be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/0

9.2 COR INFINITUS MEMORIAL**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC005/25**

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Darwin RSL Sub-Branch Stephen Gloster

1. THAT the report entitled Cor Infinitus Memorial be received and noted.
2. THAT the Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee recommend that Council approve the installation of a Cor Infinitus memorial adjacent to the Darwin Oval Carpark, the Esplanade.

CARRIED 10/0

10 MEMBER REPORTS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC006/25

Moved: Darwin RSL Sub-Branch Stephen Gloster

Seconded: General Manager Community Matt Grassmayr

THAT the verbal updates by members be received and noted, noting the following:

- Darwin RSL Sub Branch - current planning of the opening of the new venue is before Anzac Day.
- Department of Veterans' Affairs - Louise Ruhl informed taking a six month break from the Deputy Commission role with Kacie Austin taking on the role. Kacie will be the Department of Veterans' Affairs representative for this period.
- City of Darwin Emma Struys - wayfinding and interpretative signs audit undertaken.
- Darwin Military Museum - receiving feedback on the presentation of mowing of East Point grounds.
- Aviation Historical Society of the NT – new archives building works progressing.
- NTG Dept People Sport and Culture – upcoming event - Purple Poppy day on 22 February.

CARRIED 10/0

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC007/25

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Executive Manager Growth and Economic Development Emma Struys

THAT the general business item raised be received and noted, noting the following:

- Darwin RSL Sub Branch – queried how the repairing of the Eternal Flame lights was progressing. General Manager Community Matt Grassmayr informed this was being investigated by City of Darwin lighting team.

CARRIED 10/0

12 NEXT MEETING

7 May 2025, 11.00 am

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 11.27 am.