

Minutes

Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 5 November 2025



**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 NOVEMBER 2025 AT 11:00 AM**

PRESENT:

Lord Mayor Peter Styles (Chair)

Councillor Sam Weston

Darwin Military Museum Norm Cramp

Darwin RSL Sub-Branch Jasmine Benger

Aviation Historical Society of the NT Andrew Pusterla

Veterans Engagement & Support, NT Dpt People Sport & Culture Annette Rudd

Department of Veterans' Affairs Kacie Austin

General Manager Community Matt Grassmayr

Executive Manager Growth and Economic Development Emma Struys

OFFICERS:

Senior Administration Officer, Karen Long

Manager International Relations and Sponsorship, Jessica Fry

Events Producer, Janice Craddock

APOLOGY:

Department of Tourism and Hospitality Russel Wills

NT Heritage Branch, Dpt of Territory Families Dr David Steinberg

GUESTS:

JOSS-NT Warrant Officer Class One Meika Wright

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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 MHAC016/25

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: General Manager Community Matt Grassmayr

The Chair declared the meeting open at 11.02 am.

CARRIED 9/0

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC017/25

Moved: General Manager Community Matt Grassmayr

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT an apology from the Department of Tourism and Hospitality Russel Wills, NT Heritage Branch, Dpt of Territory Families Dr David Steinberg and Darwin RSL Sub-Branch Stephen Gloster be received.

CARRIED 9/0

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 MHAC018/25

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: General Manager Community Matt Grassmayr

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:

- Darwin Military Museum Norm Cramp
- Department of Veterans' Affairs Kacie Austin
- Warrant Officer Class One Meika Wright

CARRIED 9/0

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 MHAC019/25

Moved: General Manager Community Matt Grassmayr

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT the minutes of the Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee Meeting held on 7 May 2025 be confirmed noting that City of Darwin Events Producer, Jessica Fry was in attendance.

CARRIED 9/0

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

8.1 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS

Nil

9 OFFICER REPORTS

9.1 INTRODUCTION TO THE 24TH CITY OF DARWIN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC020/25

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Aviation Historical Society of the NT Andrew Pusterla

THAT the report entitled Introduction to the 24th City of Darwin Council be received and noted.

CARRIED 9/0

9.2 MEETING DATES 2026

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC021/25

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Darwin Military Museum Norm Cramp

1. THAT the report entitled Meeting Dates 2026 be received and noted.
2. THAT the Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee sets its meeting schedule up to 30 June 2026 as follows:
 - a) meetings to be held on Wednesdays
 - b) meetings to be held from 10.00 to 11.00 am
 - c) meetings to be held electronically via Teams
 - d) meetings to be held on 4 February 2026 and 6 May 2026

CARRIED 9/0

9.3 BOMBING OF DARWIN DAY VERBAL UPDATE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC022/25

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Darwin Military Museum Norm Cramp

THAT the verbal update on the Bombing of Darwin Day 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED 9/0

Manager International Relations and Sponsorship Jessica Fry and Events Producer Janice Craddock left the meeting at 11.18 am

9.4 DARWIN MILITARY AND CIVILIAN HISTORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC023/25

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Veterans Engagement & Support, NT Dpt People Sport & Culture Annette Rudd

1. THAT the report entitled Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee Update be received and noted.

CARRIED 9/0

10 MEMBER REPORTS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC024/25

Moved: Aviation Historical Society of the NT Andrew Pusterla

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT the following Member Reports be received and noted.

Darwin Military Museum Norm Cramp

- Change in visitor numbers following the dry season
- During the quieter season there will be a change out of some exhibitions with works to be finished by January 2026
- Appreciate the WWII interpretive signage upgrade

Department of Veterans' Affairs Kacie Austin

- Deputy Commissioner until the end of the year
- Virtual Wall of Remembrance is now live
- Women's Veteran strategy consultation

Darwin RSL Sub-Branch Jasmine Bengier

- Remembrance Day

Veterans Engagement & Support Annette Rudd

- Veteran community grants are open

Aviation Historical Society of the NT Andrew Pusterla

- New archive and library near completion. Existing archives at Gardens Hill site will be moved with assistance of a conservator / archivist
- During the quieter season display cases will be replaced
- Vickers Great air race commemoration will be held on 10 December

CARRIED 9/0

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

12 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC025/25

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: General Manager Community Matt Grassmayr

THAT the next Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee be held on 4 February 2026, at 10.00 am, electronically via Teams.

CARRIED 9/0

13 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

14 CLOSURE OF MEETING

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC026/25

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: General Manager Community Matt Grassmayr

THAT the chair declared the meeting closed at 11.40 am.

CARRIED 9/0

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

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CHAIR