



# **MINUTES**

**International Relations Advisory  
Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, 20 April 2022**

**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN  
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS DARRANDIRRA, LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE, HARRY  
CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN  
ON WEDNESDAY, 20 APRIL 2022 AT 10:30AM - 12:00PM**

**PRESENT:** Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis, GM of Darwin Convention Centre Peter Savoff, Chairman of Larrakia Nation Richard Fejo, Migration NT Pompea Sweet, Department of Foreign Affairs NT Office Mark Sayer Acting Director, City of Darwin Executive Manager Alice Percy, Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris, Sister City Chair Vida Ruth Goodvach, Top End Tourism Board Member Sam Bennett

**OFFICERS:** Ms Cherry Cai

**APOLOGY:** Mr Darren Lambourn, Ms Stephanie Smith, Mr Richard Fejo, Mr Tony Edmondstone

**GUESTS:** Mr Glen Hingley

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## **1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN**

The Chair declared the meeting open at 10.30 pm.

## **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**

Mr Darren Lambourn, Ms Stephanie Smith, Mr Richard Fejo, Mr Tony Edmondstone

### **3.2 Leave of Absence**

### **3.3 Leave of Absence Notified**

Nil

## **4 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE**

All

## **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 RECOMMENDATIONS**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: CEO of Darwin International Airport Tony Edmondstone

That the minutes of the International Relations Advisory Committee held on 19 January 2022 be confirmed.

**CARRIED**

## **7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

As per the Agenda items below.

## **8 PRESENTATIONS**

### **MOTION**

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC001/22**

Moved: Sister City Chair Vida Ruth Goodvach

Seconded: GM of Darwin Convention Centre Peter Savoff

That the International Relations Advisory Committee received a Tourism Economic & Social Advocacy presentation from Glen Hingley, General Manager, Top End Tourism.

**CARRIED**

## **9 OFFICER REPORTS**

### **9.1 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF DENPASAR AND THE CITY OF DARWIN ON SISTER CITY COOPERATION**

#### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Council Officers plan to recommend the following at a subsequent Council meeting:

1. THAT the report entitled the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Denpasar and the City of Darwin on Sister City Cooperation be received and noted.

**CARRIED**

### **9.2 DARWIN INTERNATIONAL VIRTUAL TRADE SHOW 2022 UPDATE**

#### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Moved: GM of Darwin Convention Centre Peter Savoff

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Council Officers plan to recommend the following at a subsequent Council meeting:

1. THAT the report entitled Darwin International Virtual Trade Show 2022 update be received and noted.
2. THAT the International Relations Advisory Committee members promote and participate in the Trade Show 2022.

**CARRIED**

## **10 MEMBER REPORTS**

### **10.1 UPDATE ON DARWIN DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL 2023**

#### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Moved: Top End Tourism Board Member Sam Bennett

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

That the report be received and noted.

**CARRIED**

### **10.2 UPDATE FROM DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE NT OFFICE**

#### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Top End Tourism Board Member Sam Bennett

That the report Update from Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade NT Office be received and noted.

**CARRIED**

## **11 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **VERBAL UPDATES FROM THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

#### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

That the report Verbal Updates from the Committee Members be received and noted.

That the Committee member Dr Alice Percy provides an update on the Discover Darwin website development.

**CARRIED**

## **12 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 11.22 am.