



# **MINUTES**

**Darwin Military and Civilian History  
Advisory Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, 9 February 2022**

**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN  
DARWIN MILITARY AND CIVILIAN HISTORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ELECTRONICALLY VIA TEAMS  
ON WEDNESDAY, 9 FEBRUARY 2022 AT 11.00 AM**

**PRESENT:**

The Right Worshipful, The Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis (Chair)  
RSL Darwin Branch President, Stephen Gloster  
Aviation Historical Society of the NT President, John Hart  
Department of Veterans' Affairs A/Deputy Commissioner NT, Louise Ruhl  
Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade, Defence NT Director Community Engagement, Linda Fazldeen  
Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities, Heritage Libraries and Sport, Director Heritage Branch, Michael Wells  
Darwin Military Museum Manager, Norm Cramp  
City of Darwin Manager Engagement and Participation, Sheree Jeeves  
City of Darwin General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr

**OFFICERS:**

Community Events Producer, Kylie Salisbury  
Senior Administration Officer, Karen Long

**APOLOGY:**

Councillor Paul Arnold  
Councillor Ed Smelt (Alternate)

**GUESTS:** Nil

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## **1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN**

The Chair declared the meeting open at 11.00 am.

## **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 MHAC001/22**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Member Norm Cramp

That the apologies from Councillor Ed Smelt and Councillor Paul Arnold be received and noted.

**CARRIED 10/0**

### **3.2 Leave of Absence**

Nil

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

Nil

## **4 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE**

### **4.1 Electronic Attendance**

Nil

### **4.2 Electronic Attendance Notified**

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 MHAC002/22**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Member Norm Cramp

That the minutes of the Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee Meeting held on 8 December 2021 be confirmed.

**CARRIED 10/0**

**7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES****7.1 MILITARY HISTORY IN THE CBD****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC003/22**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Member John Hart

That it is noted that the action from the previous minutes, Item 11.1 Military History in the CBD has been completed. Representative Michael Wells advises that the Active Darwin Board includes the Chairperson of the Heritage Council.

**CARRIED 9/0**

**7.2 CORRECTION****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC004/22**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Member John Hart

That it is noted that the spelling of the aircraft referred to in Item 10 is Macchi.

**CARRIED 9/0**

## 8 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

## 9 OFFICER REPORTS

### 9.1 UPDATE - BOMBING OF DARWIN DAY COMMEMORATIVE SERVICES

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC005/22

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Member Stephen Gloster

That the verbal report provided by the Community Events Producer on the Bombing of Darwin Day Commemorative Service be received and noted.

**CARRIED 9/0**

Discussion

- RSVPs received from the Governor General, High Commissioner for Canada, Minister for Veterans' Affairs
- Arafura Wind Ensemble - A Homage, from engagement to peace - Friday 18 and Saturday 19 February 5.30 - 7pm. Registrations through Eventbrite, City of Darwin website/face book page
- Preparations going well at the Cenotaph area.

## 10 MEMBER REPORTS

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#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC006/22

Moved: Member Michael Wells

Seconded: Member Norm Cramp

That the Members' verbal reports be received and noted.

**CARRIED 9/0**

Discussion

- New display at the Darwin Military Museum – Civilian Experience of War.
- Federal Government Funding to create a Holocaust Centre within the Darwin Military Museum precinct. No timeframes set yet.
- Unveiling ceremony of the new I124 Japanese Submarine memorial will be held on 18 February at 11.30 am, Casuarina Beach cliffs.

- Representative Michael Wells will follow up the replacement of the sign at the USS Peary Memorial.
- Lights of Remembrance project video will be distributed as soon as it is available.
- National RSL President, Branch Presidents as well as NT Presidents attending next week's commemorative service. A meeting of the group will be held Saturday following the commemorative service to discuss an independent branch for NT.
- Representative John Hart will be accompanying participants from Mat McLachlan Battlefield Tours to the commemorative service.
- Department of Veterans' Affairs will be hosting the Repatriation Commissioner and Veteran Engagement Adviser.
- Lord Mayor advised that the new Civilian Memorial Wall now installed and the electrical works will be completed soon.

## **11 GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil

## **12 NEXT MEETING**

4 May 2022, 11.00 am

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 11.19 am.