



MINUTES

**Darwin Military and Civilian History
Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 29 November 2023**

**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN
DARWIN MILITARY AND CIVILIAN HISTORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE MEETING ROOM BIDJPIDJI (MEETING ROOM 1), LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE,
HARRY CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN
ON WEDNESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2023 AT 11:00 AM**

PRESENT:

Councillor Mick Palmer
Aviation Historical Society of the NT John Hart
Darwin Military Museum Norm Cramp
Tourism NT, Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade Russell Smith
DefenceNT, Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet Ray Martin
General Manager Community Matt Grassmayr
Alternate Councillor Ed Smelt

OFFICERS:

Senior Administration Officer, Karen Long
Senior Coordinator Place Activation & Events, Kate Hardman
Community Events Producer, Jessica Fry

APOLOGY:

Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis
Department of Veterans' Affairs Louise Ruhl
Executive Manager Growth and Economic Development Emma Struys
NT Heritage Branch, Department of Territory Families Dr David Steinberg

GUESTS:

WO1 Allan Lewis

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APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC008/23**

Moved: Aviation Historical Society of the NT John Hart
Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

THAT Matt Grassmayr is appointed as chair for the meeting.

CARRIED 7/0

1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

The Chair declared the meeting open at 11.02 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**

Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Department of Veterans' Affairs Louise Ruhl

Executive Manager Growth and Economic Development Emma Struys

NT Heritage Branch, Department of Territory Families Dr David Steinberg

3.2 Leave of Absence - Nil**3.3 Leave of Absence Notified - Nil****4 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE**

Alternate Councillor Ed Smelt

Tourism NT, Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade Russell Smith

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 MHAC009/23**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Darwin Military Museum Norm Cramp

That the minutes of the Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee Meeting held on 2 August 2023 be confirmed.

CARRIED 7/0**7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Nil

8 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 OFFICER REPORTS**9.1 UPDATE ON THE PLANS FOR BOMBING OF DARWIN - VERBAL****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC010/23**

Moved: Aviation Historical Society of the NT John Hart

Seconded: Alternate Councillor Ed Smelt

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

CARRIED 7/0

Senior Coordinator Place Activation & Events, Kate Hardman and Community Events Producer, Jessica Fry left the meeting, 11.15 am

9.2 EAST POINT INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE UPDATE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC011/23

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Darwin Military Museum Norm Cramp

1. THAT the report entitled East Point Interpretive Signage be received and noted.

CARRIED 7/0

9.3 MEETINGS DATES AND COMMITTEE REVIEW

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC012/23

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Darwin Military Museum Norm Cramp

1. THAT the report entitled Frequency of Meetings and Committee Review be received and noted.
2. THAT the Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee sets its meeting schedule for 2024 as follows:
 - a) meetings to be held on Wednesdays
 - b) meetings to be held from 11.00 am to 12 noon
 - c) meetings to be held at City of Darwin and electronically via Teams
 - d) meetings to be held on:
 - i. 7 February 2024
 - ii. 1 May 2024
 - ii. 7 August 2024
 - iv. 27 November 2024
3. That the Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee notes the review undertaken for 2023 at **Attachment 1**.
4. That the Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee notes that the Terms of Reference will be reviewed at the first scheduled meeting in 2024.

CARRIED 7/0

Attachment 1 – Annual Review 2023

Committee Functions	Result
Functions of the Committee achieved	The committee continues to have effective partnerships with its organisational representatives and Council members, and continues to advocate and inform Council on matters regarding military and civilian history
Committee scheduled their frequency of meetings, times and locations the calendar year prior	<p>Four meetings were scheduled for 2023 and these meetings were schedule around key times of the year:</p> <p>February (prior to the Bombing of Darwin Day event)</p> <p>May (commencement of the dry season)</p> <p>August</p> <p>November (lead into the Bombing of Darwin Day event)</p>
Membership Provisions of the Committee achieved	<p>The committee has maintained consistent organisational representation throughout 2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourism NT • Department of Tourism, Sport and Culture • Department of Veterans' Affairs • Defence NT • Returned Service League • Darwin Military Museum • Aviation Historical Society of the NT Inc. • Council Members
Number of scheduled meetings for the calendar year achieved	One meeting was not achieved due to quorum which was the May meeting
Achievements / Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bombing of Darwin Day Event 19 February 2023 • The committee supported the installation of a plaque in Lores Bonney Park providing details on Lores Bonney and her aviation history • East Point Military Heritage Interpretive Signage – the committee noted the condition of a number of small signs near the war relics, and stakeholders' support for replacement

9.4 INITIAL PROPOSAL FOR COR INFINITUS MEMORIAL IN DARWIN**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC013/23**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Darwin Military Museum Norm Cramp

1. THAT the report entitled Cor Infinitus Proposal be received and noted.
2. That the Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee provides in principle support for the installation of a Cor Infinitus memorial and that further information be presented to the Committee on design and location in order to make a recommendation to Council.

CARRIED 7/0**10 MEMBERS REPORTS****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC014/23**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Alternate Councillor Ed Smelt

That members verbal reports be received and noted.

CARRIED 7/0

Action – Information on Cylone Tracy 50th commemoration be provided to the Committee.

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

12 NEXT MEETING

7 February 2024

13 NEXT MEETING

Meeting closed at 11.43 am