13 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

13.1 CITY OF DARWIN UPDATE

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Attachments: **Nil**

Section under the Act	The grounds on which part of the Council or Committee may be closed to the public are listed in Section 99(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and Regulation 51 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021.
Sub-clause and Reason:	51(c)(i) - information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report entitled City of Darwin Update be received and noted.
2. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
3. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide the Cyclone Tracy Commemoration Advisory Committee with an update on the Cyclone Tracy commemoration program planning.

KEY ISSUES

- The City of Darwin Cyclone Tracy 50th Commemoration Grants were awarded by Council on 26 March 2024. Successful applicants were advised in mid-April with contracts currently being finalised with all six recipients.
- City of Darwin officers met with the Northern Territory Government (NTG) in late March to discuss the Cyclone Tracy 50th Anniversary 'Welcome Reception' event on Friday, 29 November 2024.
- City of Darwin officers applied for a second community grant via the NAB Foundation at the end of April. The total value of the grant is $25,000.
- City of Darwin Officers met with Red Cross representatives in early May to discuss the Cyclone Tracy commemorative service and ways in which we could collaborate to provide support to survivors, in the lead up to the event and during the commemorative service.
- In early May, City of Darwin officers met with [redacted] discuss the Aviation Museum's plans to commemorate Cyclone Tracy.

DISCUSSION

City of Darwin Cyclone Tracy 50th Anniversary Commemoration Grants

Council endorsed and awarded funding grants under the Cyclone Tracy 50th Anniversary Commemoration Grants Program to:

- Big Dog Salad for $5,000
- NT Chinese Museum (Chung Wah Society) for $4,500
- [redacted] (Theatre production) for $2,500
- Darwin Symphony Orchestra for $5,000
- St John Ambulance Australia (NT) Inc $5,000
- Arafura Wind Ensemble for $4,050

Contracts have been sent to each applicant and are currently being finalised.

City of Darwin officers will continue to liaise with grant award recipients around the delivery of their events and activities in order to collate information to be included on the future Cyclone Tracy Commemoration website.

Welcome Reception – Parliament House

City of Darwin officers met with Protocol NT to confirm initial discussions regarding the Cyclone Tracy 50th Year Anniversary Welcome Reception. NTG confirmed that the Chief Minister would host a Welcome Reception within Parliament House main hall. The event is planned for Friday, 29 November 2024 following federal parliamentary sittings.

Protocol NT confirmed they are increasing guest capacity from 250 guests to 600 guests. Protocol NT advised that the guest list could be finalised and invites sent to the guest list once the election had taken place in late August and the new parliamentary members had been appointed.

NAB Foundation Community Grant Application

City of Darwin officers formally submitted an application via the NAB Foundation to seek additional funds to assist with the Cyclone Tracy commemorative service planned for Saturday, 30 November 2024.

Within the application, City of Darwin identified the funds would be utilised to assist with costs associated with creating the event with the following inclusions:

- Red Cross event stall and resources
- accessible flooring
- Auslan interpreters
- closed captioning
- LED screens
- website development, and
- Welcome to Country and performance.

The grants will be assessed over the coming months, with successful applicants advised by 30 June 2024.

Red Cross engagement – Commemorative Service

City of Darwin officers met with [redacted], NT Emergency Services Manager to discuss the Cyclone Tracy 50th Anniversary commemorative service and discuss Red Cross having a presence at the event within a support capacity. Red Cross provided a number of options for supporting, including training in psychological first aid and online support services specific to memorial event commemorations.

City of Darwin officers are currently in discussions with Tourism Top End and [redacted] about the opportunity for training for tourism businesses.

City of Darwin – Cyclone Tracy website

City of Darwin has been working on the development of the dedicated Cyclone Tracy website. The website will include information regarding the 50th anniversary including:

- Overall program (representing all stakeholders)
- Updates
- Red Cross support resources, and
- Contact details.

The intent is to make information available as soon as possible to ensure the community can remain informed of the Program.

Cyclone Tracy monument

The Cyclone Tracy Commemoration Monument is currently being constructed off-site and will be delivered to Darwin in November for installation.

The draft Bundilla Beach master plan was shared with the community for feedback in April. Stage One works will see the new monument commemorating the 50th anniversary of Cyclone Tracy.

Construction on Stage One of the master plan is expected to commence in June/July and be completed for the Cyclone Tracy Commemorative Event on the 30 November.

Cyclone Tracy Memorial

Council is currently seeking feedback from the East Point Advisory Committee on the proposed Cyclone Tracy memorial and interpretative signage proposed by Remembering Cyclone Tracy Inc. at East Point.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION N/A	
STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	5 A Vibrant and Creative City 5.2 By 2030, Darwin will be a more connected community and have pride in our cultural identity
BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	N/A
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	N/A
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	N/A
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).

13.2 MEMBERS VERBAL UPDATES

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Attachments: **Nil**

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Sub-clause and Reason:	51(e) - subject to subregulation 51(3) – information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the report entitled Members Verbal Updates be received and noted.

13.2 MEMBERS VERBAL UPDATES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CTCAC020/24

Moved: [redacted]
Seconded: [redacted]

THAT the report entitled Members Verbal Updates be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/0

[redacted]

- Share or forward copies of previous requests for any support to his email so that he could directly action.

[redacted]

- Provided an update regarding Remembering Cyclone Tracy Inc's memorial at East Point and having encountered some drawbacks, particularly with a recommendation from the East Point Advisory Committee, that he was aware of as he received the decision directly from a member.

[redacted] informed [redacted] that the advice from the East Point Advisory Committee was confidential and that Council is yet to receive the formal advice and report on which they will make a decision. It was noted that any matters concerning the provision of confidential information from a member of the East Point Reserve Advisory Committee meeting would be addressed and considered as a separate matter.

- Progression regarding the Welcome Function for survivors with 1,600 registration and slated for 23 December.

- Still working on a theatrical event which will be shown on 23 December and a rerun-on 24 December.

- Issuance of ID cards to survivors with discounts from some cafés and retailers with request letters already sent out and some businesses have confirmed support.

[redacted]

- Cyclone Tracy Gallery is closed from 1 September for structural renovations and will re-open on 7 December.

- 10 – 12 death rate on water and 55 vessels on the harbour with 17 boats. Opportunity to commemorate the harbour ratio of deaths.

[redacted]

- Chief of the Salvation Army has personally lived through and survived Cyclone Tracy and could be a guest speaker during the commemoration event.

- Interviewed some survivors and are still currently collecting photographs and this may be an opportunity to have some presence or a display stall during the commemoration event.

[redacted]

- Re-establishing the request or possibility to have Cyclone Tracy murals in street art and aware that there would be costs involved for this.

- City of Darwin officers will work on costings for the street art murals and will verify the possibility of adding this depending on capacity and timeframe involved.

[redacted]

- Provided an update on the Bundilla Masterplan.

14 CONFIDENTIAL QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CTCAC021/24

Moved: [redacted]
Seconded: [redacted]

Question

[redacted] inquired about any plans to have an Ecumenical Service that would be a multi-faith service on Christmas Eve as part of the Cyclone Tracy commemoration event.

Response

[redacted] confirmed that this is part of the Lord Mayor's list and will be followed-up accordingly.

CARRIED 10/0

15 CONFIDENTIAL GENERAL BUSINESS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CTCAC022/24

Moved: [redacted]
Seconded: [redacted]

[redacted] expressed his appreciation to everyone for the commitment to the projects currently being undertaken with Federal Government funding and requested a copy of the *Program of Events* to allow him to start promoting these events in Canberra.

CARRIED 10/0