



AGENDA

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

**I hereby give notice that a Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory
Committee Meeting will be held on:**

Date: Wednesday, 29 November 2023

Time: 11:00 AM

**Location: Meeting Room Bidjpidji (Meeting Room 1)
Level 1, Civic Centre
Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin**

Webcasting:

**Simone Saunders
Chief Executive Officer**

DARWIN MILITARY AND CIVILIAN HISTORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis (Chair)

Councillor Mick Palmer

Aviation Historical Society of the NT John Hart

Darwin Military Museum Norm Cramp

Department of Veterans' Affairs Louise Ruhl

RSL Darwin Branch Stephen Gloster

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

DefenceNT, Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet Ray Martin

NT Heritage Branch, Department of Territory Families Dr David Steinberg

General Manager Community Matt Grassmayr

Executive Manager Growth and Economic Development Emma Struys

Alternate Councillor Ed Smelt

OFFICERS

Senior Administration Officer, Karen Long

Senior Coordinator Place Activation & Events, Kate Hardman

Community Events Producer, Jessica Fry

GUESTS

WO1 Allan Lewis

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4.2 Electronic Attendance Notified

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7 Actions Arising From Previous Minutes

8 Presentations

9 OFFICER REPORTS

9.1 UPDATE ON THE PLANS FOR BOMBING OF DARWIN - VERBAL

Author: Executive Assistant Community

Authoriser: General Manager Community

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

9.2 EAST POINT INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE UPDATE

Author: Executive Assistant Community

Authoriser: General Manager Community

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the degraded East Point Interpretive Signage at the war relics across from the Darwin Military Museum.

KEY ISSUES

- At the 2 August 2023 meeting, members received an update on degraded interpretive signage at the war relics at East Point across from the Darwin Military Museum.

DISCUSSION

To update the committee, City of Darwin will replace eight interpretive signs at the war relics at East Point across from the Darwin Military Museum.

It is anticipated this work will be undertaken over the few months.

The eight signs being replaced are:

- No. 1 9.2-inch gun emplacement
- Cordite magazine
- Engine room and tower base
- Underground searchlight engine room
- RH 6-inch gun emplacement
- Semi-underground magazine x 2
- Right Hand tower
- Armourer's hut



PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC004/23 – 2 August 2023

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

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	City of Darwin will fund the replacement of eight interpretive signs
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS	Nil

OR IMPACTS	
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	Darwin Military Museum
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	<p>The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>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).</p>

9.3 MEETINGS DATES AND COMMITTEE REVIEW

Author: Executive Assistant Community

Authoriser: General Manager Community

Attachments: 1. Review

RECOMMENDATIONS

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 _____
 - b) meetings to be held from _____
 - c) meetings to be held at _____ and electronically via Teams
 - d) meetings to be held on:
 - i. ___ February 2024
 - ii. ___ May 2024
 - ii. ___ August 2024
 - iv. ___ 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.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to propose the meeting schedule for 2024 and action the committee review in accordance with the terms of reference.

KEY ISSUES

- In accordance with the terms of reference the following is to take place:
 - schedule the meetings
 - review the terms of reference
 - review the committee performance
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- City of Darwin's Governance team is currently undertaking administrative updates to all terms of reference to align to legislation requirements and City of Darwin's style branding guidelines.
- It is planned that the review of the committee's terms of reference be undertaken at the first scheduled meeting in 2024.

- A summary of the committee's 2023 performance is provided for discussion at **Attachment 1**.

DISCUSSION

Frequency of Meetings 2024

Dates, time and location of meetings is to be determined by the committee. The dates presented are for endorsement or discussion of alternative dates as determined by the committee.

Terms of Reference advise that the committee meet at least four times per year and no more than eight times annually between February and November.

It is noted that attendance at the meetings will be offered in person and via Microsoft Teams.

Proposed 2024 dates, times and location are:

- 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

Committee Review

The committee is required to review its terms of reference and conduct a review pursuant to the terms of reference.

City of Darwin's Governance team is currently undertaking administrative updates to all terms of reference to align to legislation requirements and City of Darwin's style branding guidelines.

It is planned that the review of the committee's terms of reference be undertaken at the first scheduled meeting in 2024.

A summary of the committee's 2023 performance is provided for discussion at **Attachment 1**.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Nil

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	6 Governance Framework 6.2 Roles and Relationships
BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	Nil
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	Legislation: Local Government Act 2019 Policy: Meetings Policy No.0043.100.E.R

	Advisory and Other Committees No.0930.100.E.R
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	Nil
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	<p>The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>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).</p>



Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee

Annual Review

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	Four meetings were scheduled for 2023 and these meetings were schedule around key times of the year: February (prior to the Bombing of Darwin Day event) May (commencement of the dry season) August November (lead into the Bombing of Darwin Day event)
Membership Provisions of the Committee achieved	The committee has maintained consistent organisational representation throughout 2023: <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



Committee Functions	Result
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

Author: Executive Assistant Community

Authoriser: General Manager Community

Attachments: 1. Proposal
2. Background Information

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report entitled Cor Ininitus 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 Ininitus memorial and that further information be presented to the Committee on design and location in order to make a recommendation to Council.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide an initial proposal for a Cor Ininitus memorial in Darwin.

KEY ISSUES

- An initial outline proposal has been submitted by Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet, organisation representative Ray Martin. **Attachment 1**
- Also included is a Cor Ininitus Introduction of this National Initiative. **Attachment 2**
- The proposed project aims to establish a Cor Ininitus Memorial within the Darwin area to honour veterans and first responders who tragically lost their lives to suicide after dedicated service to the nation and community.

DISCUSSION	
An initial outline proposal has been submitted by Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet, organisation representative Ray Martin. Attachment 1	
Also included is a Cor Infinitus Introduction of this National Initiative. Attachment 2	
PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION	
Nil	
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	The initial proposal submitted outlines the estimated cost based on similar projects approximately \$5000 - \$10000. The initial proposal outlines DefenceNT will fund the project as part of Operation Thrive – the action plan to implement the Northern Territory Defence Veterans Strategy.
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	Nil
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	The initial proposal advises that The NT veteran community and defence community has been consulted.
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).

Initial Proposal for Cor Infinitus (Infinite Courage) Memorial in Darwin

1. Scope:

The proposed project aims to establish a Cor Infinitus Memorial within the Darwin area to honour veterans and first responders who tragically lost their lives to suicide after dedicated service to the nation and community. The memorial will provide a space for remembrance, fostering a supportive environment for families, friends, and mates to pay tribute to their loved ones. The memorial may take the form of a plaque or stone inscribed with words of encouragement, support, and safety. See Attachment A- Cor Infinitus Introduction

2. Intended Timeline:

The project's timeline is outlined as follows:

Memorial Plaque / Stone Structure in place before Anzac Day 2024

3. Reason and Benefits:

The establishment of the Cor Infinitus Memorial in Darwin addresses a critical need within the Northern Territory. Currently, there is no dedicated site for families and friends to commemorate veterans and first responders who have lost their lives to suicide after their service. This memorial will serve as a symbol of gratitude, support, and remembrance, fostering healing and solidarity within the community. It is a testament to the city's commitment to the well-being of those who have served.

4. Estimated Cost:

Based on similar projects and considering the modest nature of the memorial, the estimated cost is approximately \$5000 - \$10,000. This budget will cover design, construction, installation, and any necessary site preparation. DefenceNT will fund the project.

5. Design or Plan:

The design of the Cor Infinitus Memorial will be a simple yet meaningful structure, such as a plaque or stone featuring encouraging and supportive words. The location will be chosen carefully to complement existing memorials and ensure accessibility for family members, friends, and mates to visit and pay their respects. See a variety of examples in

6. Availability of Funding:

DefenceNT will fund the project as part of Operation Thrive – the action plan to implement the Northern Territory Defence Veterans Strategy.

7. Consultation:

The NT veteran community and defence community has been consulted and is very supportive of the initiative.



Aim, Method and Objectives

Aim:

- To give dignity and respect to the families of those that have served our nation and taken their own life.

Method:

- Establish memorials throughout the country dedicated to those that have served our nation and were overwhelmed by their battle within.

Objectives:

- Publicly acknowledge the loss suffered by families and loved ones while providing them a tangible place of reflection, dignity and respect;
- Provide dignity and respect to those that have served Australia and taken their own life
- Assist in the prevention of suicide; and
- Support the destigmatisation of mental illness and suicide.

Meaning

Cor Infinitus = Infinite Courage

- 'Cor' is latin for 'heart' and is the root word for 'courage'. The original meaning of courage was 'to speak one's mind by telling all one's heart'. 'Infinitus' is the latin word for 'infinite' meaning 'boundless' or 'endless'.
- Infinite is the magnitude of loss felt by families when a loved one takes their own life. It is also so often, the scale of love felt for that person by those around them = but they struggle to see it. Finally, infinite is also the amount of time left without that person.
- Courage is needed by the families to face each day moving forward after a loved one has taken their life. No doubt, love and courage has been needed by the family each day until this point also.
- As families deal with the aftermath of a loved one taking their own life, boundless love and strength are needed to overcome the questions and doubt that exist. Their hearts need to share rather than hide their pain.
- The families need Infinite Courage.

Symbology



The infinity loop is gold to represent that the individual was and still is valued by all those around them. However, it is torn and frayed to represent the internal turmoil that could not be beaten.

A sprig of Rosemary is woven through the centre symbolising remembrance and that the military is still with them.

The symbol is watercolour to represent the compassion and care required for the families in such a tragic event.

Guiding Principles

- Dignity and respect
- Informed by families, for the families
- A place to mourn, grieve, hope and heal
- Does not represent any individual person, era or circumstance.
- Completely inclusive and anonymous
- Does not glorify the person's final act to take their life
- Families and local community ownership
- Clinical Oversight and psychologically safe
 - Clinical oversight by Open Arms, Mates4Mates & Nth QLD Primary Health Network
- Decentralised approach
 - Local champion identifies location, gains funding and local approvals
 - Cor Infinitus memorial wording is not altered.
 - Memorial shape, size, colour etc appropriate to the surrounds (eg stone vs concrete vs wall mount)

Family Feedback & Guidance*

- Located with other casualties of service – not isolated or secluded.
- The preferred symbology is the Cor Infinitus symbol, reinforcing the connection to it's meaning and the inclusiveness of the symbol itself.
- Wording on the veteran plaque

*Dedicated to all those
who served our nation and were
overwhelmed by the battle within.*

LEST WE FORGET

*Information above based on veteran family feedback. Emergency Services family feedback is yet to be confirmed.

Messages of Hope

Your parent

If you were here today, there would be one less date that brought me to tears.

Your partner

I still wish you were here, every single day. Holding you in the light.

Your child

I miss you every day. I still need you.

Your mate

A 'mate' is a bond thicker than blood and there's no shame in getting help or telling me that you're hurting.

A survivor

That desire to end your life is a moment in time. Life is too precious, it really does get better.

Currumbin QLD



Townsville QLD



The Gap QLD



Pine Rivers QLD



Wallaroo, SA



Bray Park-Strathpine QLD



Shrine of Remembrance VIC



Show support and start a conversation



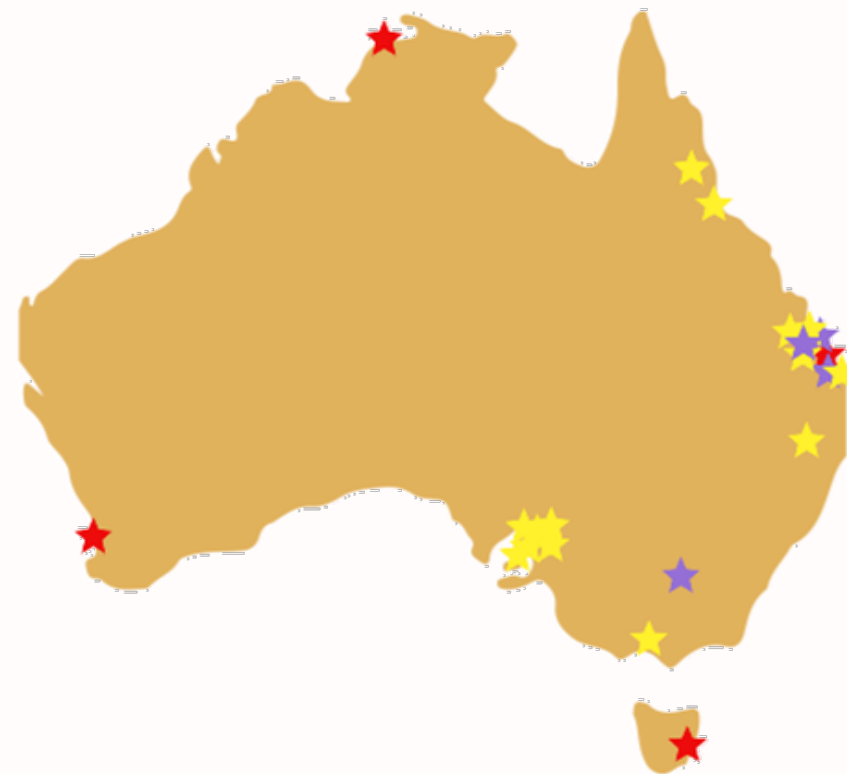
Where are they?

Complete ★

- QLD: Townsville, Kuranda, Currumbin, Pine Rivers, Bray Park, The Gap
- NSW: Doyalson x 1
- SA: Copper Coast x 7
- VIC: Melbourne x 1

Coming

- Symbolic catafalque party in Brisbane, Darwin, Perth, and Hobart ★
- Numerous individual enquiries ★
- Every city, suburb and town around the country.



Local Champion - Process

Download available on website

1. Identify location
2. Consult stakeholders (eg landowner, ESO's, families, community, Council, specific committees, funding sources)
3. Provide artist impression/ PowerPoint picture of the proposed memorial site to Cor Infinitus (CI) to ensure standardisation of memorial, psychological safety and CI values are upheld.
4. Gain funding
5. Gain approvals from council/private owner, funding and/or specific committee as appropriate
6. CI files provided to Local Champion for production of plaque(s)
7. Plaques, plinth, signs etc produced and installed
8. Unveiling ceremony.

Structure and Funding

Structure

- Cor Infinitus LTD
- ACNC Registered
- 3 Volunteer Directors
 - Kevin Humphreys DSC
 - Miriam Dwyer (CEO of GMRF)
 - Paul Willis – Chair (Veteran and GM Cate's Chemist in TVL)

Funding

- Hard costs (concrete, brass etc) covered by federal and state grants, large ESO grants and philanthropy.
- Direct operating costs such as legal, insurance, website hosting, marketing, travel and accom etc covered by fundraising, donations and in-kind support.



Metta Prayer

May you be at peace.
May your hearts remain open.
May you awaken to the light of your own true nature.
May you be healed.
May you be a source of healing to all beings.

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10 Member Reports

11 General Business

12 Next Meeting

13 Closure of Meeting



MINUTES

**Darwin Military and Civilian History
Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 2 August 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, 2 AUGUST 2023 AT 11:00 AM**

PRESENT:

Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Councillor Mick Palmer

NT Heritage Branch Sam Wells

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

Defence NT, Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet Ray Martin

General Manager Community Matt Grassmayr

Executive Manager Growth and Economic Development Emma Struys

OFFICERS:

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Events Producer Jessica Fry

APOLOGY:

Department of Veterans' Affairs Louise Ruhl

RSL Darwin Branch Stephen Gloster

Aviation Historical Society of the NT John Hart

Darwin Military Museum Norm Cramp

GUESTS:

Nil

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1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

The Chair declared the meeting open at 11.04 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

Department of Veterans' Affairs Louise Ruhl
RSL Darwin Branch Stephen Gloster
Aviation Historical Society of the NT John Hart
Darwin Military Museum Norm Cramp

3.2 Leave of Absence - Nil

3.3 Leave of Absence Notified - Nil

4 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE

NT Heritage Branch Sam Wells

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 MHAC003/23

Moved: Executive Manager Growth and Economic Development Emma Struys
Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

That the minutes of the Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee Meeting held on 8 February 2023 be confirmed, with an amendment at Item 23 Member Reports, NT Heritage Sam Wells – *noting it was* members of the Japanese Navy and Descendants of the crewmen who passed away that were present at the I-124 memorial service.

CARRIED 7/0

7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

8 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 OFFICER REPORTS

9.1 UPDATE FOR THE DARWIN MILITARY AND CIVILIAN HISTORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC004/23

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis
Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

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

CARRIED 7/0

9.2 LORES BONNEY PARK PLAQUE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC005/23

Moved: Tourism NT, Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade Russell Smith
Seconded: Defence NT, Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet Ray Martin

1. THAT the report entitled Lores Bonney Park Plaque be received and noted.
2. That the Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee supports the installation of a plaque in Lores Bonney Park detailing Lores Bonney and her aviation history.

CARRIED 7/0

10 MEMBER REPORTS

10.1 VERBAL UPDATES BY MEMBERS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC006/23

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

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

That the verbal updates provided by Members be received and noted.

CARRIED 7/0

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 TRAINING EXERCISE AND BOMBING OF DARWIN DAY EVENT

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC007/23

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Executive Manager Growth and Economic Development Emma Struys

Executive Manager Growth and Economic Development Emma Struys – ADF will be conducting activities as part of a training exercise at East Point. Stakeholders will be informed.

General Manager Community Matt Grassmayr – An update report on the Bombing of Darwin Day event for 2024 will be provided at the next meeting.

CARRIED 7/0

12 NEXT MEETING

29 November 2023, 11.00 am

Meeting closed at 11.25 am