



# **AGENDA**

## **Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday, 2 August 2023**

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

**Date: Wednesday, 2 August 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 Chief Minister and Cabinet Linda Fazldeen

Department of Veterans' Affairs Louise Ruhl

NT Heritage Branch Sam Wells

RSL Darwin Branch Stephen Gloster

Tourism NT Russell Smith

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

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**1 Meeting Declared Open**

**2 Acknowledgement of Country**

**3 Apologies and Leave of Absence**

**3.1 Apologies**

**3.2 Leave of Absence**

**3.3 Leave of Absence Notified**

**4 Electronic Attendance**

**4.1 Electronic Attendance**

**4.2 Electronic Attendance Notified**

**5 Declaration of Interest**

**6 Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

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**7 Actions Arising From Previous Minutes**

**8 Presentations**

## 9 OFFICER REPORTS

### 9.1 UPDATE FOR THE DARWIN MILITARY AND CIVILIAN HISTORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Author:** Executive Assistant Community

**Authoriser:** General Manager Community

**Attachments:** Nil

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on current items associated with Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee.

#### KEY ISSUES

- East Point Military Heritage Interpretive Signage
- Terms of Reference
- Civilian Memorial Wall

## DISCUSSION

An update is provided to the Committee on current items associated with Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee.

### East Point Military Heritage Interpretive Signage

City of Darwin has written to stakeholders concerning the military historic site at East Point where war relics are currently interpreted through a series of interpretive signs.

Unfortunately, the interpretive signs are no longer readable or enjoyable to look at due to their deterioration.

Due to their poor condition, City of Darwin is considering removing them and has sought feedback from stakeholders – Darwin Military Museum, Royal Australian Artillery Association NT, National Trust, Toursim NT, NT Heritage and the East Point Reserve Advisory Committee.

Stakeholders' views will provide an understanding regarding these signs to determine an appropriate course of action.

Images of some of the interpretive signs are below.



### Terms of Reference

In accordance with the Terms of Reference, the Committee is to undertake annually the scheduling of meeting dates, a review of the terms of reference and a review of the committee's performance.

A report will be presented to the November committee meeting addressing these requirements.

### Civilian Memorial Wall – Plaque Requests

The application process to lodge a request for a plaque on the Civilian Memorial Wall, located near the Darwin Cenotaph is now a digital form available on City of Darwin's web site.

## PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

At the 28 March 2023 meeting Council resolved:

RESOLUTION ORD146/23

THAT the report entitled Committee Meeting Minutes be received and noted.

### STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

2 A Safe, Liveable and Healthy City

2.1 By 2030, Darwin will be a safer place to live and visit

<b>BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	Nil
<b>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</b>	<b>Legislation:</b> The Committee has been established pursuant to the Local Government Act 2019  <b>Policy:</b> Advisory and Other Committees No.0930.100.E.R
<b>CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT &amp; COMMUNICATION</b>	Nil
<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>	<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>



**9.2 LORES BONNEY PARK PLAQUE**

**Author:** Executive Assistant Community  
**Authoriser:** General Manager Community  
**Attachments:** Nil

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to brief the Committee on a plaque request for Lores Bonney Park, Parap.

**KEY ISSUES**

- City of Darwin has received a request for a plaque to be installed at Lores Bonney Park, Parap detailing Lores Bonney and her aviation history.
- City of Darwin officers sought comment from NT Heritage and the Historical Society of the NT.
- A suggested site is presented for the Committee's consideration.

## DISCUSSION

### Lores Bonney Park

Lores Bonney Park, Parap (Lot 7206) is named after the Australian aviator. Recently City of Darwin received a request for a plaque to be placed in Lores Bonney Park (Parap) detailing Lores Bonney and her aviation history, the proponent was advised that City of Darwin would liaise with key stakeholders to see if they support the request and if so look to refer the suggestion to the Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee.

### Stakeholders

#### NT Heritage

- that Lores Bonney Park is a not a declared heritage place and from a general heritage point of view cannot see any issues with this proposal.
- there are many people associated with aviation commemorated in Parap and given that the park is already named Lores Bonney Park it would be fitting to establish a plaque providing further details of her achievements.

#### The Historical Society of the NT

- it supports the proposal to install a plaque in honour of Lores Bonney.
- we understand that the park is already named Lores Bonney Park and a plaque commemorating her relevance to the Northern Territory would be very fitting. It would be an ideal way to provide information on her to those who visit the park.

City of Darwin officers attempted to contact the Fannie Bay History and Heritage Society; however the organisation has closed.

A suggested site at Lores Bonney Park would be the green concrete table and seating, with the plaque installed in the middle by a mason. The plaque would be cast bronze with etched wording, approximately 300mm x 200mm, and approximately 5 to 6 lines.







City of Darwin officers would liaise with NT Heritage regarding the wording of the plaque.

#### PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Nil

<b>STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT</b>	<p>5 A Vibrant and Creative City</p> <p>5.2 By 2030, Darwin will be a more connected community and have pride in our cultural identity</p>
<b>BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	<p><b>Budget/Funding:</b></p> <p>It is estimated \$750 for fabrication and installation</p> <p><b>Is Funding identified:</b></p> <p>The proposed plaque would be funded through existing operational budget.</p>
<b>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</b>	<p><b>Legislation:</b></p> <p>The Committee has been established pursuant to the Local Government Act 2019</p> <p><b>Policy:</b></p> <p>Advisory and Other Committees No.0930.100.E.R</p>

<b>CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT &amp; COMMUNICATION</b>	<b>Internal:</b> Manager Parks and Open Spaces <b>External:</b> NT Heritage The Historical Society of the NT
<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>	<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>

**10 Member Reports**

**11 General Business**

**12 Next Meeting**

29 November 2023, 11.00 am

**13 Closure of Meeting**



# **MINUTES**

**Darwin Military and Civilian History  
Advisory Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, 8 February 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, 8 FEBRUARY 2023 AT 11.00 AM**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor Mick Palmer (Chair)  
RSL Darwin Branch Stephen Gloster  
Darwin Military Museum Norm Cramp  
Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet Linda Fazldeen  
Aviation Historical Society of the NT John Hart  
NT Heritage Branch Sam Wells  
General Manager Community Matt Grassmayr  
Executive Manager Growth & Economic Development Emma Struys

**OFFICERS:**

Senior Administration Officer Karen Long  
Events Producer Jack Buckley

**APOLOGY:**

Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis  
Councillor Ed Smelt  
Department of Veterans' Affairs Louise Ruhl  
Tourism NT Kylie Salisbury  
NT Heritage Michael Wells (note - Sam Wells attended as NT Heritage Branch representative)

**GUESTS:**

WO1 Allan Lewis  
Defence NT, Zachariah Dettman  
Defence NT, Matthew Hull  
Marines – 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt Hernandez, Ricky and 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Anderson, Berje  
CPO Matt Levi  
LCDR Mitchell Thomas  
PO Lauren Bailey

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**14 MEETING DECLARED OPEN**

The Chair declared the meeting open at 11.01 am.

**15 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.

**16 APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE****16.1 Apologies**

Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Councillor Ed Smelt

Department of Veterans' Affairs Louise Ruhl

Tourism NT Kylie Salisbury

NT Heritage Michael Wells

**16.2 Leave of Absence****16.3 Leave of Absence Notified****17 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE**

Nil

**18 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF****18.1 Declaration of Interest by Members - Nil****18.2 Declaration of Interest by Staff - Nil**

**19 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC001/23**

Moved: RSL Darwin Branch Stephen Gloster

Seconded: Darwin Military Museum Norm Cramp

That the minutes of the Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee Meeting held on 30 November 2022 be confirmed.

**CARRIED 8/0**

**20 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Nil

**21 PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

**22 OFFICER REPORTS****9.1 BOMBING OF DARWIN DAY EVENT 2023 - UPDATE****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC002/23**

Moved: Darwin Military Museum Norm Cramp

Seconded: RSL Darwin Branch Stephen Gloster

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

**CARRIED 8/0**

**Discussion**

9.40 am – proceedings open, Welcome to Country and musical performance

9.54 am – re-enactment by military personnel

Speakers – The Administrator of the NT, Minister for Veteran Affairs, Chief Minister, Federal Leader of the Opposition, Lord Mayor and Chaplain to present prayer

11.00 am approximately event finishes

## **23 MEMBER REPORTS**

RSL Darwin Stephen Gloster

- Four groups have lodged proposals for site
- Close to becoming branch of the NT

Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet Linda Fazldeen

- 18 February 2023 Australian Japanese Association NT, I-124 commemorative service will be held at 6.00 pm at Dripstone Cliffs, all welcome to attend
- 19 February 2023 USS Peary commemorative service, commences at 8.00 am
- 20 February Bombing of Darwin service at Adelaide River War Cemetery
- NTG will be funding an ANZAC lights project which will be held in Darwin, venue to be confirmed

NT Heritage Sam Wells

- Regarding the 18 February 2023 I-124 service, Japanese Families will be part of the service and sprinkling sand that has been brought up from the submerged submarine
- Film on the I-124 hopefully will be released soon
- Gun emplacement collapse at Casuarina Beach

Aviation Historical Society NT John Hart

- Venue at Aviation Museum is now completely full with displays
- Clearing-out has commenced on the records and archives at the premises at Gardens Hill Crescent
- Book Sale on the 18 February at Gardens Hill Crescent – 10am till 2pm

## **24 GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil

## **25 NEXT MEETING**

3 May 2023, 11.00 am

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 11.23 am