



AGENDA

Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday, 7 August 2024

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

Date: Wednesday, 7 August 2024

Time: 11:00 AM

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

**Simone Saunders
Chief Executive Officer**

DARWIN MILITARY AND CIVILIAN HISTORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis (Chair)

Councillor Mick Palmer

Darwin Military Museum Norm Cramp

RSL Darwin Branch Stephen Gloster (*note Jasmine Bengner will represent RSL Darwin*)

Aviation Historical Society of the NT John Hart

DefenceNT, Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet Ray Martin

Department of Veterans' Affairs Louise Ruhl

Tourism NT, Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade Russell Smith (*note Wendy Belohlawek will represent Tourism NT*)

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

GUESTS

WO1 Allan Lewis

OFFICERS

Senior Administration Officer, Karen Long

Community Events Producer, Jessica Fry

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2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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3.3 Leave of Absence Notified

4 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE

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9.1 BOMBING OF DARWIN DAY VERBAL UPDATE

Author: Executive Assistant Community

Authoriser: General Manager Community

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

Officers from the City of Darwin Events Team will provide a verbal update at the meeting.

9.2 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
- Lores Bonney Park
- WWII Fish Trap - Interpretive Signage Nightcliff Foreshore
- Cyclone Tracy 50th Anniversary Commemorations

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

Eight interpretive signs at the war relics at East Point across from the Darwin Military Museum have now been replaced.

The eight signs 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

Below are some of images of the replaced interpretive signage at East Point.





Lores Bonney Park

The plaque detailing Lores Bonney and her aviation history has now been placed into the concrete table at Lores Bonney Park, Parap. Below is an image of the plaque.



WWII Fish Trap - Interpretive Signage Nightcliff Foreshore

The Committee supported a proposal from the Northern Territory Heritage Branch for the installation of a small free-standing interpretative sign along the Nightcliff foreshore that interprets a WWII fish trap at its meeting on 1 May 2024.

The Committee's resolution was presented to Council for consideration on 28 May 2024 and the following resolution was made by Council:

1. *THAT the report entitled Interpretive Sign Proposal - WWII Fish Trap - Nightcliff Foreshore be received and noted.*
2. *THAT Council approve the installation of an interpretive sign along the Nightcliff foreshore interpreting a WWII fish trap.*
3. *THAT Council note the responsibility and costs for the production and installation of the interpretive sign be the proponents.*

The Northern Territory Heritage Branch has been advised of this resolution.

Cyclone Tracy 50th Anniversary Commemorations

Planning is underway for a program of activities, events and projects led by City of Darwin, the Cyclone Tracy Commemoration Advisory Committee and community groups.

The program aims to commemorate, raise awareness of and recognise the significant impact of Cyclone Tracy on the Darwin community, and assist with the ongoing healing process for survivors.

The program will include, but is not limited to, events, exhibitions, editorials, broadcasting, installations, storytelling, commemorative memorabilia, memorials and documentaries.

Further information can be acquired [here](#).

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

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| | pride in our cultural identity |
| BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS | Nil |
| LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS | Nil |
| 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> |

10 MEMBER REPORTS

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

12 NEXT MEETING

13 CLOSURE OF MEETING



MINUTES

Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday, 1 May 2024

Date: Wednesday, 1 May 2024

Time: 11:00 AM

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

**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, 1 MAY 2024 AT 11:00 AM**

PRESENT:

Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Councillor Ed Smelt

Department of Veterans' Affairs Louise Ruhl

RSL Darwin Branch Stephen Gloster

Tourism NT, Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade Wendy Belohlawek

General Manager Community Matt Grassmayr

Executive Manager Growth and Economic Development Emma Struys

OFFICERS:

Karen Long (Senior Administration Officer)

Jessica Fry (Community Events Producer)

APOLOGY:

Councillor Mick Palmer

NT Heritage Branch, Department of Territory Families Dr David Steinberg

Darwin Military Museum Norm Cramp

Aviation Historical Society of the NT John Hart

GUESTS:

Nil

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1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

The Chair declared the meeting open at 11.05 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

Councillor Mick Palmer

NT Heritage Branch, Department of Territory Families Dr David Steinberg

Darwin Military Museum Norm Cramp

Aviation Historical Society of the NT John Hart

Note - Tourism NT, Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade representative Russell Smith (represented by Wendy Belohlawek)

3.2 Leave of Absence

Nil

3.3 Leave of Absence Notified

Nil

4 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE

Alternate Councillor Ed Smelt

Department of Veterans' Affairs Louise Ruhl

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

5.1 Declaration of Interest by Members

Nil

5.2 Declaration of Interest by Staff Nil

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC007/24**

Moved: RSL Darwin Branch Stephen Gloster

Seconded: General Manager Community Matt Grassmayr

THAT the minutes of the Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee Meeting held on 7 February 2024 be confirmed.

CARRIED 7/0

7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

8 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 OFFICER REPORTS**9.1 INTERPRETIVE SIGN PROPOSAL FROM HERITAGE BRANCH - WWII FISH TRAP - NIGHTCLIFF FORESHORE****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC008/24**

Moved: General Manager Community Matt Grassmayr

Seconded: RSL Darwin Branch Stephen Gloster

1. THAT the report entitled Interpretive Sign Proposal from Heritage Branch - WWII Fish Trap - Nightcliff Foreshore be received and noted.
2. THAT the Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee supports the Northern Territory Heritage Branch proposal for an interpretive sign along the Nightcliff foreshore interpreting a WWII fish trap.
3. That this be presented to Council for consideration.

CARRIED 7/0

10 MEMBER REPORTS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC009/24

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: RSL Darwin Branch Stephen Gloster

That the verbal reports be received and noted, noting the appreciation from representative Stephen Gloster to City of Darwin for assistance with Anzac Day and Councillor Smelt for a well organised event and the update from the Community Events Producer Jessica Fry on the Bombing of Darwin Day event.

CARRIED 7/0

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC010/24

Moved: Alternate Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: General Manager Community Matt Grassmayr

That the verbal update be received and noted by representative Matt Grassmayr regarding a query received by City of Darwin on the retrieval of a memorial plaque from the closed Darwin North RSL and the budget allocation in the Draft Municipal Plan 2024/2025 for a Cyclone Tracy memorial.

CARRIED 7/0

12 NEXT MEETING

7 August 2024, 11.00 am

Meeting closed at 11.20 am