

Agenda

Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee Meeting

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

Date: Wednesday, 5 November 2025

Time: 11:00 AM

Location: Meeting Room Darrandirra (Meeting Room Chambers)
Level 1, Civic Centre
Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin

Simone Saunders

Chief Executive Officer



DARWIN MILITARY AND CIVILIAN HISTORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Right Worshipful, the Lord Mayor Peter Styles (Chair)

Councillor Sam Weston

Darwin Military Museum Norm Cramp

Darwin RSL Sub-Branch Stephen Gloster

NT Heritage Branch, Dpt of Territory Families Dr David Steinberg

Aviation Historical Society of the NT Iain Summers

Veterans Engagement & Support, NT Dpt People Sport&Culture Annette Rudd

Department of Veterans' Affairs Kacie Austin

Tourism NT, Dpt of Tourism & Hospitality Russel Wills

General Manager Community Matt Grassmayr

Executive Manager Growth and Economic Development Emma Struys

Alternate Councillor Shani Carson

OFFICERS

Senior Administration Officer, Karen Long

Manager Economic Development, Vanya Bosicic

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4 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

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9 OFFICER REPORTS

9.1 INTRODUCTION TO THE 24TH CITY OF DARWIN COUNCIL

Author: Executive Assistant Community

Authoriser: General Manager Community

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the report entitled Introduction to the 24th City of Darwin Council be received and noted.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to inform the committee of the outcome of the recent City of Darwin elections and the membership of the 24th term of Council.

KEY ISSUES

- On 23 August 2025, City of Darwin elections were held for Lord Mayor and elected representatives across all wards.
- On 6 September 2025, the NT Electoral Commission announced the appointment of the new Lord Mayor and six new Elected Members with seven Elected Members returning for an additional term.
- On 30 September 2025, at their first Ordinary Council meeting, the Council made appointments to Council Executive and Advisory Committees.

DISCUSSION

On 23 August 2025, City of Darwin elections were held for 24th term of Council for the City of Darwin. The elections were for Lord Mayor and Elected Representatives across all wards. City of Darwin local government area is made up of a Lord Mayor and four wards with each ward having three elected representatives.

On 6 September 2025, the NT Electoral Commission announced the appointments of City of Darwin Council representatives.

- The new Lord is Mayor Peter Styles.
- Chan Ward is represented by two returning Elected Members - Councillor Peter Pangquee and Councillor Ed Smelt and a new Elected Member - Councillor Julie Fraser.
- Lyons Ward is represented by two returning Elected Members - Councillor Sam Weston and Councillor Mick Palmer and a new Elected Member - Councillor Nicole Brown.
- Richardson Ward is represented by one returning Elected Member - Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris and two new Elected Members - Councillor Shani Carson and Councillor Edwin Joseph.
- Waters Ward is represented by two returning Elected Members - Councillor Sylvia Klonaris and Councillor Kim Farrar and one new Elected Member - Councillor Patrik Ralph.

On 30 September 2025, at their first Ordinary Council meeting, appointments were made to Council Executive and Advisory Committees. Council appointed the following Elected Members to the Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee to 30 September 2026:

- Lord Mayor (Chair)
- Councillor Sam Weston; and
- Councillor Shani Carson as alternate.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

At the 30 September 2025 meeting Council resolved:

RESOLUTION ORD415/25

1. THAT the report entitled Appointments to Council Executive and Advisory Committees - 24th Council be received and noted.
2. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the **Administrative Review Committee** to 30 September 2026:
Lord Mayor (Chair)
Councillor Mick Palmer;
Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris;
Councillor Edwin Joseph;
And that all remaining Elected Members are appointed as alternate members to the committee.
3. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the **Chief Executive Officer Performance Appraisal Committee** to 30 September 2026:
Lord Mayor (Chair)
Councillor Mick Palmer;

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris;

Councillor Shani Carson; and

Councillor Ed Smelt

4. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the **Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee** to 30 September 2026:

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris; and

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris as Alternate.

5. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the **Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee** to 30 September 2026:

Councillor Patrik Ralph; and

Councillor Kim Farrar as Alternate.

6. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the **Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee** to 30 September 2026:

Lord Mayor (Chair)

Councillor Sam Weston; and

Councillor Shani Carson as Alternate.

7. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the **East Point Reserve Advisory Committee** to 30 September 2026:

Councillor Mick Palmer; and

Councillor Shani Carson as Alternate.

8. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the **Information Communication Technology Steering Committee** to 30 September 2027:

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris; and

Councillor Peter Pangquee as Alternate.

9. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the **International Relations Advisory Committee** to 30 September 2026:

Lord Mayor (Chair)

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris; and

Councillor Sam Weston as Alternate.

10. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the **Reconciliation Advisory Committee** to 30 September 2026:

Councillor Peter Pangquee; and

Councillor Patrik Ralph as Alternate.

11. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the **Sister City Advisory Committee** to 30 September 2026:

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris; and

Councillor Edwin Joseph as Alternate.

12. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the **Tree Advisory Committee** to 30 September 2026:

Lord Mayor (Chair)

Councillor Julie Fraser and

Councillor Kim Farrar as Alternate. 13. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the Youth Advisory Committee to 30 September 2026: Councillor Patrik Ralph; and Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris as Alternate. 14. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Member to the Risk Management and Audit Committee to 30 September 2027: Councillor Mick Palmer ; and Councillor Ed Smelt ; and Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris. 15. THAT Council note that the Lord Mayor holds the position of Ex-Officio for all Council Committees. 16. THAT Council note that the Lord Mayor is directly appointed the following external committees for the whole of the 24th Term of Council: Council of Capital City Lord Mayors (CCCLM) Top End Regional Organisation of Councils (TOPROC) 17. THAT Council note that Councillor Peter Pangquee is an Executive Board Member appointed to the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) and that his appointment remains current until November 2026. CARRIED 12/0	
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	Nil
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	Legislation: <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> Policy: Meetings
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	Nil
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).

9.2 MEETING DATES 2026

Author: Executive Assistant Community

Authoriser: General Manager Community

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report entitled Meeting Dates 2026 be received and noted.
2. THAT the Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee sets its meeting schedule up to 30 June 2026 as follows:
 - a) meetings to be held on Wednesdays
 - b) meetings to be held from 10.00 to 11.00 am
 - c) meetings to be held electronically via Teams
 - d) meetings to be held on 4 February 2026 and 6 May 2026

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to propose the meeting schedule for 2026 up to 30 June 2026.

KEY ISSUES

- In accordance with the terms of reference, the Committee set its meeting schedule for the calendar year prior.
- Three meetings were scheduled in 2025 to be held at the Civic Centre and electronically via teams on a Wednesday from 11.00am to 12 noon.
- At the Council meeting held on 30 September 2025, the Elected Members requested a review of the Advisory Committees and respective terms of reference.
- Construction of the Civic Centre progresses and is adjacent to the City of Darwin meeting rooms, possibly causing construction noise when meetings are happening.

DISCUSSION**Civic Centre Construction and Parking**

As the construction of the Civic Centre is adjacent to City of Darwin's meeting rooms Bidjpidji (meeting room 1) and Darrandirra (meeting room Chambers), construction noise may impact on meetings that are held during business hours. Parking availability in the area of the Civic Centre at 11.00 am can also be difficult to find quickly and easily.

Proposal

It is being proposed that the 2026 meetings up to 30 June 2026 of the Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee be moved to electronically via teams and that the meetings are held on a Wednesday from 10.00 am to 11.00 am on the 4 February 2026 and 6 May 2026.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

At the 30 September 2025 meeting Council resolved:

RESOLUTION ORD415/25

Part of the decision:

4. THAT Council endorse a workshop to be held as part of the November 'Forum Meeting' to review the Advisory Committees and respective terms of reference.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	6 Governance Framework 6.3 Decision Making and Management
BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	Nil
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	Legislation: Local Government Act 2019 Policy: Advisory and Other Committees No.0930.100.E.R
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	Nil
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).

9.3 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 2026 be received and noted.

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

9.4 DARWIN MILITARY AND CIVILIAN HISTORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Author: Executive Assistant Community

Authoriser: General Manager Community

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

PURPOSE

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

KEY ISSUES

- Cor Infinitus Memorial.
- East Point / Dudley Point Military Heritage Interpretive Signage replacement Stage 2.
- Eternal Flame Plaque.

DISCUSSION

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

Cor Infinitus Memorial

The Cor Infinitus memorial has been installed adjacent to the Darwin Oval Carpark on the Esplanade, honouring veterans and first responders who tragically lost their lives to suicide after serving our nation and community.

Key features include a path, a shaded reflection bench, and a commemorative plinth.

Delivered in partnership with the Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee. The project was developed through consultation with local stakeholders and veterans' groups. It was supported by City of Darwin's Better Suburbs Program and funded in part by the Northern Territory Government's Veterans Engagement and Support program.

Images of the reflection bench and Cor Infinitus Memorial are below.





An unveiling ceremony will be held and is being arranged by Veterans Engagement and Support, Department of People Sport and Culture. Details of the ceremony will be provided to committee representatives once confirmed.

WWII Interpretive Signage Replacement Project

Stage 1

In 2024, due to their poor condition, City of Darwin replaced eight interpretive signs at the war relics at East Point across from the Darwin Military Museum. The eight signs replaced were:

- 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

Stage 2

In 2025 stage 2 commenced with a further ten interpretive signs identified for replacement at East Point and Dudley Point. To update the committee, City of Darwin has completed the installation works. The ten interpretive signs that have been replaced are:

- Fannie Bay 'Ack Ack'
- Interstice ... or just an empty space
- Pee Wee ... is it a bird?
- Powering on ... a futile excavation
- The boom net ... harbour gatekeeper
- New guns ... guarding the boom
- Y' Watch ... what's in a name?
- Lighting up ... the shining lights
- Going underground ... limiting the damage

- Out on a reef ... a watery watch

Images before and after of a couple of the interpretive signs are below.

Pee Wee...is it a bird?



New Guns...guarding the boom



Eternal Flame Plaque Council at its meeting held on 27 May 2025 approved the installation of a plaque by the Darwin RSL Sub Branch at the Eternal Flame. To update the Committee, the plaque is currently being manufactured. The plaque acknowledges the eternal flame's purpose and its dedication.	
PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION At the 27 May 2025 meeting Council resolved: RESOLUTION ORD228/25 1. THAT the report entitled Darwin RSL Sub Branch Plaque Proposal at the Eternal Flame be received and noted. 2. THAT Council approve the installation of a plaque at the Eternal Flame. 3. THAT Council note that Darwin RSL Sub Branch will be responsible for the costs of production and installation of the plaque. CARRIED 9/1 At the 25 February 2025 meeting Council resolved: RESOLUTION ORD061/25 1. THAT the report entitled Cor Infinitus Memorial Proposal be received and noted. 2. THAT Council notes that the final positioning and design of the Cor Infinitus Memorial is still subject to design approval by City of Darwin officers in accordance with policy and procedures. 3. THAT Council approve the installation of a Cor Infinitus Memorial adjacent to the Darwin Oval Carpark, the Esplanade. CARRIED 12/0	
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 funded the replacement of interpretive signs
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	Nil
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee
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).

10 MEMBER REPORTS

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

12 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

13 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

14 CLOSURE OF MEETING



MINUTES

Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday, 7 May 2025

Date: Wednesday, 7 May 2025

Time: 11:00 AM

Location: Meeting Room Darrandirra (Meeting Room
Chambers)
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 DARRANDIRRA (MEETING ROOM CHAMBERS), LEVEL 1,
CIVIC CENTRE, HARRY CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN
ON WEDNESDAY, 7 MAY 2025 AT 11:00 AM**

PRESENT:

Councillor Sam Weston
Darwin RSL Sub-Branch Stephen Gloster
NT Heritage Branch, Dept of Territory Families Samantha Wells
Aviation Historical Society of the NT Iain Summers
Tourism NT, NT Dept of Tourism & Hospitality Russel Wills
General Manager Community Matt Grassmayr
Executive Manager Growth and Economic Development Emma Struys

OFFICERS:

Senior Administration Officer, Karen Long
Manager Economic Development, Vanya Bosiocic

APOLOGY:

Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis (Chair)
Department of Veterans' Affairs Kacie Austin
Veterans Engagement & Support, NT Dpt People Sport & Culture Annette Rudd
Darwin Military Museum Norm Cramp

GUESTS:

JOSS NT Representative, WO1 Meika Wright

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APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC008/25

Moved: General Manager Community Matt Grassmayr

Seconded: Darwin RSL Sub-Branch Stephen Gloster

THAT Councillor Sam Weston is appointed as chair for the meeting

CARRIED 6/0

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

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC009/25

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: General Manager Community Matt Grassmayr

THAT the the apology from Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis (Chair), Department of Veterans' Affairs Kacie Austin, Veterans Engagement & Support, NT Dpt People Sport & Culture Annette Rudd and Darwin Military Museum Norm Cramp be received.

CARRIED 6/0

3.2 Leave of Absence

Nil

3.3 Leave of Absence Notified

Nil

4 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE

NT Heritage Branch Samantha Wells

WO1 Meika Wright

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 MHAC010/25**

Moved: General Manager Community Matt Grassmayr

Seconded: Darwin RSL Sub-Branch Stephen Gloster

THAT the minutes of the Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee Meeting held on 5 February 2025 be confirmed.

CARRIED 6/0

7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

8 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 OFFICER REPORTS**9.1 DARWIN MILITARY AND CIVILIAN HISTORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE - UPDATE****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC011/25**

Moved: General Manager Community Matt Grassmayr

Seconded: Darwin RSL Sub-Branch Stephen Gloster

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

CARRIED 6/0

Executive Manager Growth and Economic Development Emma Struys arrived at 11.13 am

10 MEMBER REPORTS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC012/25

Moved: Darwin RSL Sub-Branch Stephen Gloster

Seconded: General Manager Community Matt Grassmayr

THAT the verbal update reports be received and noted, noting the following:

- Darwin RSL Sub Branch - Anzac Day commorations
- Aviation Historical Society of the NT - new archives building works progressing for history retrieval. 1 June 2025 Open Day, acknowledging 35 years
- Tourism NT – Update on the Tourism Action Plan
- General Manager Community – Update on inception meeting with stakeholders regarding USS Peary memorial improvements

CARRIED 7/0

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 WRECK SITE OF B25 MITCHELL N5-156

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC013/25

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: General Manager Community Matt Grassmayr

THAT the verbal update on the plane wreck site of B25 Mitchell N5-156 be received and noted.

CARRIED 7/0

11.2 GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC014/25

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Darwin RSL Sub-Branch Stephen Gloster

THAT the verbal update by the General Manager Community on grant opportunities be received and noted, noting information will be distributed to the committee.

CARRIED 7/0

11.3 PLAQUE PROPOSAL NEAR THE ETERNAL FLAME

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC015/25

Moved: Darwin RSL Sub-Branch Stephen Gloster

Seconded: General Manager Community Matt Grassmayr

1. THAT the Committee provide in principle support of the installation of an A3 size plaque at the Eternal Flame as indicated in the image presented by Darwin RSL Sub- Branch.
2. THAT the Committee provide in principle support of the proposed wording for the plaque presented by Darwin RSL Sub-Branch, noting the proposed wording will be distributed for refinement.
3. THAT the Committee notes the costs for the production and installation of the plaque are the responsibility of the Darwin RSL Sub Branch.

CARRIED 7/0

12 NEXT MEETING

5 November 2025, 11.00 am

Meeting closed at 11.45 am