



# **MINUTES**

**Darwin Military and Civilian History  
Advisory Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, 3 February 2021**

**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN  
DARWIN MILITARY AND CIVILIAN HISTORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE THE HUB, CIVIC CENTRE, HARRY CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN  
ON WEDNESDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 2021 AT 11.00 AM**

**PRESENT:**

The Right Worshipful, The Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis (Chair)  
Alderman Paul Arnold  
Mr Stephen Gloster, RSL Darwin Branch, President  
Mr John Hart, Aviation Historical Society of the NT, President  
Mr Norm Cramp, Darwin Military Museum, Manager  
Mr Michael Wells, Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities, Heritage Libraries and Sport, Director Heritage Branch  
Ms Meg Cotter, Tourism NT, Trade and Industry, Marketing Executive  
Ms Meghan Bailey, Department of Veterans' Affairs, Deputy Commissioner NT  
Ms Linda Fazldeen, Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade, Defence NT, Director Community Engagement  
Ms Jo Madin, City of Darwin Manager Engagement and Events  
Mr Matt Grassmayr, City of Darwin General Manager Community and Regulatory Services

**OFFICERS:**

Ms Kylie Salisbury, Community Events Producer  
Mrs Karen Long, Senior Administration Officer

**APOLOGY:**

Nil

**GUESTS:**

Peter Stanek, Warrant Officer Class One

**Order Of Business**

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**1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN**

The Chair declared the meeting open at 11.00 am.

**2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee 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.

**3 APOLOGIES**

Nil

**4 LEAVE REQUESTS**

Nil

**a. NOTIFICATION OF PROXY**

Nil

**5 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE**

Nil

**6 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF****6.1 Declaration of Interest by Members**

Nil

**6.2 Declaration of Interest by Staff**

Nil

**7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION BODMH001/21**

Moved: Mr Stephen Gloster

Seconded: Mr Norm Cramp

That the minutes of the Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee Meeting held on 9 December 2020 be confirmed.

**CARRIED 11/0**

**8 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Nil

**9 PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

**10 OFFICER REPORTS****10.1 PROMOTION OF MILITARY TOURISM IN DARWIN****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION BODMH002/21**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Mr Stephen Gloster

1. That the report on Promotion of Military Tourism in Darwin be received and noted.
2. That the Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee notes that 2021 is Norforce's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and that any plans received by Council to celebrate this anniversary will be communicated to the Committee.

**CARRIED 11/0****10.2 GREENING OF DARWIN CENOTAPH CARPARK****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION BODMH003/21**

Moved: Mr Michael Wells

Seconded: Matt Grassmayr

1. That the report on Greening of Darwin Cenotaph Carpark be received and noted.

**CARRIED 11/0****Action**

Member Michael Wells requested that the Committee be consulted when Council receives the report on landscaping options for the existing carpark at the Esplanade.

**10.3 CIVILIAN MEMORIAL PLAQUES UPDATE****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION BODMH004/21**

Moved: Mr Norm Cramp

Seconded: Mr John Hart

That the Civilian Memorial Plaques verbal update be received and noted.

**CARRIED 11/0****Discussion**

- The Darwin Cenotaph Renewal Project was recently completed by the Darwin RSL Sub Branch through funding from the Australian Government.
- The construction of the eternal flame and forecourt required the removal of the civilian memorial walls and family plaques at the entrance to the Cenotaph.
- These plaques are stored for safe keeping at the City of Darwin.

- Planning is now underway to return the plaques to the Darwin Cenotaph area.
- Detail on the position and design of where the plaques will be reinstated will be shared with the Committee.
- Member John Hart advised that he has notified Council of an error in the content of one of the interpretive signs at the Cenotaph, this is specifically in regard to the date of the attack on Pearl Harbour with the sign stating 8 December 1942 (Australian time).
- The Committee agreed given the significance of the reference that the panel should be corrected and replaced as soon as possible. The Committee also agreed that the reference to “Australian time” should be deleted and the internationally recognised date of 7 December 1941 for the attack on Pearl Harbour be displayed on the sign.

#### 10.4 BOMBING OF DARWIN DAY UPDATE

##### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION BODMH005/21

Moved: Mr Stephen Gloster

Seconded: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

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

**CARRIED 11/0**

#### 11 MEMBER REPORTS

##### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION BODMH006/21

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Ms Meg Cotter

That the Member updates be received and noted:

**CARRIED 11/0**

##### Discussion

The following members provided an update:

Meghan Bailey

Anzac Day Awards – Wanguri Primary School winner. Produced a 2 minute movie The Bombing of Darwin.

Action – Committee to view at the next meeting.

Department of Veterans Affairs – Saluting Their Service grants; Anzac Portal

John Hart

Museum carried on through 2020 during Covid; 31 March RAAF will mark 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Meg Cotter

Domestic Marketing Campaigns – NT Summer Sale, Territory Tourism Voucher, Territory Arts

Trail, Holiday Here this Year.

Stephen Gloster

April will mark 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Cenotaph; Anzac Day Dawn Service and Street parade

Linda Fazldeen

USS Peary service prior to Bombing of Darwin Day service

Study Tours not going ahead in 2021

## **12 GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil

## **13 NEXT MEETING**

14 April 2021, 11.00 am

The Meeting closed at 11.30 am.