



# **MINUTES**

**Cyclone Tracy Commemoration  
Advisory Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, 24 January 2024**

**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN  
CYCLONE TRACY COMMEMORATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE MEETING ROOM CHAMBERS (DARRANDIRRA), LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE,  
HARRY CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN  
ON WEDNESDAY, 24 JANUARY 2024 AT 11:00 AM**

**PRESENT:**

The Right Worshipful, the Chairperson Kon Vatskalis  
Councillor Kim Farrar  
Chief Executive Officer Simone Saunders  
Libraries and Archives NT, Dr Wendy Garden  
Australian Defence Force, Mark Bunnett LCDR  
Northern Territory Government, Jo Smallacombe  
Community Member Richard Creswick  
Community Member Marie-Louise Pearson

**OFFICERS:**

Alice Percy (General Manager Innovation)  
Emma Struys (Executive Manager Growth and Economic Development)  
Kate Hardman (Senior Coordinator Place Activation and Events)

**APOLOGY:**

Community Member Sally Courtney  
Larrakia Nation, Chief Executive Officer Michael Rotumah  
Community Member Gerard Reid  
Museum Art Gallery NT, Jared Archibald

**GUESTS / OBSERVERS:**

Zach Cork (representative for Mr Luke Gosling MP)  
Allan Lewis WO1 (Australian Defence Force)  
Councillor Amye Un

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## 1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

### RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the Chair declared the meeting open at 11:01 am.

## 2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Community Member Sally Courtney  
Larrakia Nation, Chief Executive Officer Michael Rotumah  
Community Member Gerard Reid  
Museum Art Gallery NT, Jared Archibald

## 3 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

### 3.1 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE GRANTED

Nil

### 3.2 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE REQUESTED

Nil

## 4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

### 4.1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

Nil

### 4.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY STAFF

Nil

## 5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CTCAC001/24

Moved: Chairperson Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

THAT the minutes of the Cyclone Tracy Commemoration Advisory Committee Meeting held on 16 October 2023 be confirmed.

**CARRIED 8/0**

## 6 OFFICER REPORTS

### 6.1 FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS, TIMES AND LOCATION

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CTCAC002/24

Moved: Chairperson Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Community Member Richard Creswick

1. THAT the report entitled Frequency of Meetings be received and noted.
2. THAT the Cyclone Tracy Commemoration Advisory Committee meeting schedule for 2024 is as follows:
  - a) meetings to be held on Monday.
  - b) meetings to be held at 11:00 am.
  - c) meetings to be held at Meeting Room Darrandirra (Chambers) - City of Darwin - Level 1, Civic Centre, 17 Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin and/or electronically via Microsoft Teams
  - d) meetings to be held on the following dates:
    - i. 26 February 2024
    - ii. 25 March 2024
    - iii. 27 May 2024
    - iv. 29 July 2024
    - v. 23 September 2024
    - vi. 28 October 2024
    - vii. 25 November 2024

**CARRIED 8/0**

## 7 MEMBER REPORTS

### 7.1 RECENT ACTIVITIES FROM REMEMBERING CYCLONE TRACY INC

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CTCAC003/24

Moved: Community Member Richard Creswick

Seconded: Chairperson Kon Vatskalis

THAT the report entitled Recent Activities from Remembering Cyclone Tracy Inc be received and noted.

**CARRIED 8/0**

## 7.2 MEMBERS VERBAL UPDATES

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CTCAC004/24

Moved: Chairperson Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

THAT the report entitled Members Verbal Updates be received and noted.

**CARRIED 8/0**

- Community Member, Marie-Louise Pearson
  - Continuously promoting the concepts for the memorial and plaques through various organisations and redirecting to City of Darwin website and Remembering Cyclone Tracy Inc Facebook page for further information
- Councillor Kim Farrar
  - In contact with Shane Eecen from Northern Lights Pty Ltd regarding his capacity to provide assistance for lights and design for the commemoration program or exhibition and may have already applied for a grant
  - Further suggested to include Cyclone Tracy concepts in street art and may approach Street Art Darwin regarding murals. On behalf of the Chair, Alice Percy informed the group that conversations have started with Northern Territory Government representative, Jo Smallacombe, about this and murals may be included in the process after funding consideration and other procedures that may be required
  - The Lord Mayor likewise informed the group that possible sponsorship requests have been sent out to relevant organisations in Darwin
- Library and Archives NT, Dr Wendy Garden
  - Informed the group that plans are ongoing to include Cyclone Tracy photos into an exhibition for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary
  - Further, organising the collation of a reference guide for Cyclone Tracy which would be a detailed collection for the community and organising an exhibition that may open by end of October
  - There is likewise a temporary exhibition space intended for Cyclone Tracy, with a variety of programs planned to include a symposium that will be held during commemoration day

## 8 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

## 9 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Nil

**10 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC****RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT pursuant to Section 65 (2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 99(2) of the Local Government Act:

**14.1 Cyclone Tracy Commemoration Program Update**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

**14.2 The Clem Jones Group Proposal**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(e) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with subject to subregulation 51(3) – information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.

**14.3 Members Verbal Updates**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(e) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with subject to subregulation 51(3) – information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.

**The Meeting closed at 11:21 am.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Cyclone Tracy Commemoration Advisory Committee held on 26 February 2024 .**

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**CHAIR**

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