



AGENDA

Centenary of Katherine Advisory Committee

To be held on Wednesday 10 July 2024

At 5:30 pm

Civic Centre, Council Chambers

24 Stuart Highway, Katherine NT 0850

The Chief Executive Officer of Katherine Town Council
hereby provides notice of Centenary of Katherine Advisory Committee
in accordance with Section 97(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*

COMMITTEE

- Mayor Elisabeth Clark
- Deputy Mayor Denis Coburn
- Councillor Peter McDougall
- Councillor Maddy Bower
- Councillor Jeremy Trembath
- Councillor Kerrie Mott
- Fiona Pearce
- Christine Butler
- Trent de With
- Ushani Loku Arumage
- Lauren Reed
- Toni Tapp Coutts
- Jenny Duggan
- Robbie Friel
- Jake Quinlivan

OFFICERS

- Amanda Haigh – Manager Governance and Risk
- Dylan Chapman – Events Coordinator (Minute Taker)
- Franziska Hackenes – Events Coordinator

VISION:

Katherine is a place of opportunities. We celebrate diversity as we live, work, learn and grow together.

MISSION:

Together, we will work effectively today to shape our exceptional future tomorrows.

VALUES:

- 1. Accepting of diversity**
- 2. Sense of community**
- 3. Respect for people, environment, and culture.**

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1 ATTENDANCE

1.1 PRESENT

1.2 APOLOGIES

2 OPENING OF THE MEETING

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Members Disclosure Conflict of Interest

Members must declare any conflicts of interest in accordance with Council's Conflict-of-Interest Policy. A copy of this policy can be downloaded from www.katherine.nt.gov.au or obtained by emailing records@ktc.nt.gov.au

4 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

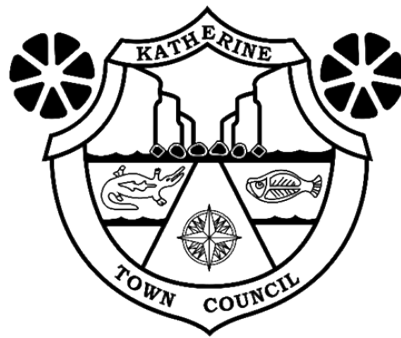
4.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES - 5 FEBRUARY 2024

Report Type: For recommendation to council

Attachments: 1. Centenary of Katherine Advisory Committee - 5 February 2024 - Minutes [**4.1.1** - 4 pages]

Recommendation

That Council confirm the minutes of the Centenary of Katherine 2026 Advisory Committee held on 5 February 2024 as a true and accurate record.



MINUTES

**Centenary of Katherine Advisory Committee
Held on Monday 5 February 2024**

Civic Centre, Council Chambers
24 Stuart Highway, Katherine NT 0850



1 ATTENDANCE

1.1 PRESENT

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Mayor Elisabeth Clark (Chair)
- Councillor Amanda Kingdon
- Councillor Peter McDougall
- Toni Tapp Coutts
- Jenny Duggan
- Lauren Reed
- Christine Butler

OFFICERS

- Ms Rosemary Jennings – Director Community Services
- Sinead Te Wake – Events Coordinator (minute taker)

1.2 APOLOGIES

Eric Vaughn Holowacz, Fiona Pearce, Jason Pyke, Trent de With, Ushani Loku Arumage

2 OPENING OF THE MEETING

Mayor Clark declared the Centenary of Katherine Advisory Committee - 5 February 2024 open at 5:07 pm.

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The Chair reminded members of their responsibility to declare any conflicts of interest.

Nil conflicts declared.

4 PRESENTATIONS FROM EXTERNAL AGENCIES

NIL

4 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES 9 OCTOBER 2023

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION {resolution-number}

Moved: Toni Tapp Coutts; **Seconded:** Councillor McDougall

That Council confirm the minutes of the Centenary of Katherine 2026 Advisory Committee held on 9 October 2023 as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED 5|0

FOR: Mayor Clark, Councillor McDougall, Toni Tapp Coutts, Jenny Duggan and Christine Bulter
AGAINST: Nil

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES



5 COMMITTEE MEMBER BUSINESS

5 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 CENTENARY OF KATHERINE 2026 EVENT CONCEPT

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Toni Tapp Coutts; **Seconded:** Christine Butler

That the Committee review the proposed Centenary of Katherine 2026 Event Concept and provide further feedback to Council.

Discussion of the item included:

Noted other events/elements that can be incorporated:

- Fishing Competitions
- AFL
- Camp Draft/Rodeo's
- Heritage Run (April-May)
- National Apology Day (13 February)
- National Healing Day (14 May)
- NAIDOC Week
- Youth Week
- Welcome to Katherine/Tindal Expo
- School Holiday Programs
- Seniors Month
- Short Films
- Katherine Show Weekend
- Katherine Community Radio (past music and fun fact of the day)
- Engaging local sporting stars to participate in events (D'Arcy Short, Mathew Sinclair, Stephanie Talbot)
- Young Authors Award
- Country Music Muster
- 100 Year Flagtrax

Noted other stakeholders/targeted audiences to be included:

- Katherine Schools
- NT Cattleman Association
- NT Farmers Association
- Katherine District Show Society
- Katherine Regional Arts
- National Trust Katherine (NT)
- Religious Groups
- Mimi Arts
- Police and Emergency Services



6 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The Centenary of Katherine Advisory Committee - 5 February 2024 was declared closed at 6:00 pm.

The next Centenary of Katherine Advisory Committee will be held on 13 May 2024.

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

6 PRESENTATIONS FROM EXTERNAL AGENCIES

NIL

7 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

7.1 CENTENARY OF KATHERINE EVENT SCHEDULE 2026

Author: Rosemary Jennings, Director Community Services
Authoriser: Ingrid Stonhill, Chief Executive Officer
Report Type: For recommendation to council
Attachments: 1. CENTENARY OF KATHERINE 2026 KTC Event Concept For Endo [7.1.1 - 11 pages]

Officer Recommendation

That the Centenary of Katherine Advisory Committee:

1. Endorse the proposed schedule of major events:
 - a. Centenary Gala Dinner – 2026 (specific date to be confirmed)
 - a. Major Community Celebration – 1 July 2026
 - b. Katherine/Mango Festival – September/October 2026
2. Endorse the proposed schedule of minor event:
 - a. Australia Day Ceremony – 26 January 2026
 - b. International Women’s Day – 8 March 2026
 - c. Harmony Day – 21 March 2026
 - d. Bombing of Katherine – 22 March 2026
 - e. Katherine Show Exhibition – 17 and 18 July 2026
 - f. Seniors Month Event – August 2026
 - g. International Men’s Day – 19 November 2026

Purpose of Report

To seek formal endorsement by the Centenary of Katherine Advisory Committee of the proposed events scheduled for the Katherine 2026 celebrations including major, minor and supporting events.

Strategic Plan

2. COMMUNITY AND FAMILIES - 2.2 Prioritise Recreation - Collaborate and innovate with the private and public sectors for positive social, economic, and environmental outcomes.

2.2.3 Promote an active community with family events, festivals, live music and sports.

Municipal Plan

3.1 Community Services - Community Events and Collaboration

3.1.2 Collaborate with community partners.

3.1.4 Coordinate celebrations and civic events.

Background

The town of Katherine will celebrate its 100th birthday on 1st July 2026. This will mark 100 years since the original declaration of the township as it stands today.

With the establishment of the Centenary of Katherine 2026 Advisory Committee, Council staff have sorted feedback from committee members as to what this celebration may look like. A high-level event concept was developed and provided to members through the 5th February 2024 Advisory Committee Meeting.

Discussion

With the program of events scheduled to commence in 18 months, the major event schedule needs to be determined and endorsed by the Advisory Committee and in turn confirmed by the Council to allow for detailed event concept development, budget development and identification of funding sources.

The attached event concept details the major, Centenary specific events that Katherine Town Council will lead and minor Council events that will incorporate Centenary theming. All these events will be led by Council and will require at least partial funding allocation from internal revenue sources ie. Council budget.

PLEASE NOTE: The attached event concept document does not detail all events included as part of the Centenary celebrations, only those currently requiring Council budget allocation. Ongoing event development will still allow the inclusion of further partner/supporter events with the final event series to be determined in late 2025.

Consultation Process

This event concept document has been developed in conjunction with the Centenary of Katherine Advisory Committee.

Policy Implications

There are no policy implications resulting from the decision.

Budget and Resource Implications

There are no direct budget implications at the Advisory Committee level. Known budget and resource implications will be detailed as part of reporting through to Council for final confirmation.

Risk, Legal and Legislative Implications

There are no risk, legal and legislative implications.

Environment Sustainability Implications

There are no environmental sustainability implications.

Council Officer Conflict of Interest

We the Author and Approving Officer declare we do not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.



CENTENARY OF KATHERINE 2026 – EVENT PROPOSAL

MAJOR KATHERINE TOWN COUNCIL EVENTS

Centenary Gala Dinner
(Exact date TBC)
Old Airstrip, Gorge Road
Black tie, 3 course, gala dinner hosted by Katherine Town Council in a unique location, relating to the history of the township.

Official Gazettal Date Event – Major Community Celebration
1 July 2026
Location TBC (Showgrounds / Sportsgrounds / Township)
Free, family friendly event that celebrates the 100 years of the township gazettal, reflecting the history of the township, recognizing influential industries, reflecting on the first nations people of Katherine and providing a positive, accessible and engaging event for everyone to celebrate. This is intended to be the main event of the annual calendar with aspirations for engagement of significant artist etc to attend.

Katherine / Mango Festival
September/October
Location TBC - Various
Festival based event, focusing on the cultural, social and economic strengths of the region. Proposed as a reoccurring event for the township, situated within the 'shoulder season' with aspirations to extend potential tourism benefits.

MINOR KATHERINE TOWN COUNCIL EVENTS

26 January 2026	Australia Day Ceremony
8 March 2026	International Women's Day
21 March 2026	Harmony Day
22 March 2026	Bombing of Katherine (In partnership with the Historical Society of Katherine)
17 & 18 July	Katherine Show – KTC Exhibit
August 2026	Seniors Month Event
19 November 2026	International Men's Day



Event Name	Centenary of Katherine Gala Dinner		
Date	June 2026	Time	TBC
Location	TBC		
Event Description			
Large scale, gala dinner event. Black tie. Potential corporate partnership opportunity. Iconic location required: suggestions – Old Airstrip, mango field, Springvale, Open field			
Purpose of the Event			
Expected Attendance #	300+	Free / Fee Based	
Potential Stakeholders	• RAAF Base Tindal (Airforce/Army Band) • Katherine Museum • Corporate partner		
Event Budget			
INCOME			
• KTC Budget Allocation. • Ticketed Event. • Potential for external grant funding opportunities and/or corporate contributions			
Grant Funding Streams			
To be determined			
Strategic Plan Alignment			
Strategic Priority 3: Sports and CIVIC Events Strategic Priority 5: Arts, Culture and Heritage			



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Event Name	Official Gazettal Date – Large Scale Community Event		
Date	1 July 2026	Time	TBC
Location	TBC		
Event Description			
Entertainment: • Live Music • Carnival Rides • Fire Works • Food Vendors • Roving Entertainment			
Purpose of the Event			
Centrepiece community event to celebrate the official gazettal date of the township of Katherine. Noting the crossover with Territory Day there is opportunity to work in collaboration with NTG to facilitate this event whilst also acknowledging self-government.			
Expected Attendance #	2,500+	Free / Fee Based	
Potential Stakeholders	• Northern Territory Government • NT Major Events		
Event Budget			
INCOME			
• KTC Budget Allocation. • Grant Funding Options (as below).			
Grant Funding Streams			
• Northern Territory Government Grant Funding. • NT Major Events Grant Funding. • Cooperate Sponsorship.			
Strategic Plan Alignment			
Strategic Priority 2: Communities and Families Strategic Priority 3: Sports and CIVIC Events Strategic Priority 5: Arts, Culture and Heritage			



Event Name	Katherine / Mango Festival		
Date	September/October 2026	Time	TBC
Location	TBC		
Event Description			
Festival based event, focusing on the cultural, social and economic strengths of the region. Proposed as a reoccurring event for the township, situated within the 'shoulder season' with aspirations to extend potential tourism benefits.			
Purpose of the Event			
To celebrate the largest horticultural industry in the Katherine Region/NT (Contributes \$128m to the economy and employs 3,500 workers).			
Expected Attendance #	1,500+	Free / Fee Based	
Potential Stakeholders	• Katherine Mangoes (Pinata) • Kings Farm • Niceforo Farms • Manbulloo Farm • Foxalicious Fruit		
Event Budget			
INCOME			
• Cooperate Sponsorship			
Grant Funding Streams			
• CMC/Activate Katherine • NT Major Events			
Strategic Plan Alignment			
Strategic Priority 1: Strong Leadership Strategic Priority 2: Communities and Families Strategic Priority 3: Sports and CIVIC Events			



Event Name	Australia Day Citizen of the Year Awards & Citizenship Ceremony		
Date	26 th January 2026	Time	TBC
Location	GYRACC		
Event Description			
This is an annual Katherine Town Council Event where we award the Citizen of the Year Awards along with welcoming our newest citizens. Other elements of event are; • Student Citizen Awards • Keynote message from Australia Day Ambassador • Cake Cutting • Morning tea/Light Lunch • Jet Fly over supported by RAAF Base Tindal In 2026, we can focus the theme of event to celebrate Katherine’s 100th year. We can do this in ways of: • Acknowledgement in MC message. • Special Award Category for 2026. • Keynote messages from long time Katherine family/ reps. • Collaboration between KTC/GYRACC for a 100 Year Gallery for viewing.			
Purpose of the Event			
The purpose of the event is to acknowledge and celebrate those in our community who make a positive different (Citizen of the Year Nominees) and welcome our new citizens.			
Expected Attendance #	200+	Free / Fee Based	
Potential Stakeholders	• GYRACC • Australia Day Council (NT & National) • RAAF Base Tindal		
Event Budget			
INCOME			
• KTC Annual Budget Allocation. • External Grant Funding Options			
Grant Funding Streams			
• Australia Day Council NT • Australia Day National			
Strategic Plan Alignment			
Strategic Priority 2; Communities and Families			
Strategic Priority 3; Sports and CIVIC Events			
Strategic Priority 5; Arts, Culture and Heritage			



Event Name	International Women's Day		
Date	8 th March 2026	Time	TBC
Location	GYRACC		
Event Description			
International Women's Day is an annual date celebrated widely throughout Katherine throughout a range of events. Katherine Town Council hosts a free IWD morning tea, including a panel discussion from influential women around the Katherine Region. Other event elements include; • Morning tea • Photobooth for free professional portraits • 100 year elements we could incorporate; • Expo/Gallery of past/present women over the past 100+ years who have called Katherine home. • Time capsule to open in another 100 years (2126).			
Purpose of the Event			
To celebrate the Women in our community, and have open conversations re: obstacles women have to overcome in both their personal and professional lives.			
Expected Attendance #	150+	Free / Fee Based	
Potential Stakeholders	• GYRACC • Katherine Museum • NAIDOC Committee • Traditional Owners (Jawoyn, Dagoman and Wardaman)		
Event Budget			
INCOME			
• KTC Annual Budget Allocation. • External Grant Funding Options			
Grant Funding Streams			
• NTG International Women's Grant			
Strategic Plan Alignment			
Strategic Priority 1: Strong Leadership Strategic Priority 2: Communities and Families Strategic Priority 3: Sports and CIVIC Events Strategic Priority 5: Arts, Culture and Heritage			



Event Name	Harmony Day Citizenship Ceremony		
Date	21 March 2026	Time	TBC
Location	TBC		
Event Description			
Katherine Town Council hosts an annual Harmony Day Citizenship Ceremony on the 21st of March. 100 year elements we could incorporate; • Keynote message to include messages re: Celebrating our Migrant History in Katherine/NT.			
Purpose of the Event			
To welcome our newest Citizens.			
Expected Attendance #	50	Free / Fee Based	
Potential Stakeholders	• Event Caterer • Red Cross Connected Women • Multicultural Groups		
Event Budget			
INCOME			
• KTC Annual Budget Allocation. • Grant Funding Options as Below.			
Grant Funding Streams			
• NTG Harmony Day Event Grant			
Strategic Plan Alignment			
Strategic Priority 2: Communities and Families Strategic Priority 3: Sports and CIVIC Events Strategic Priority 5: Arts, Culture and Heritage			



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Event Name	The Bombing of Katherine		
Date	22 March 2026	Time	TBC
Location	The Katherine Museum		
Event Description			
Purpose of the Event			
Commemorative Event.			
Expected Attendance #	200+	Free / Fee Based	
Potential Stakeholders	• Katherine Museum • Katherine Town Council • RAAF Base Tindal		
Event Budget			
INCOME			
• KTC Annual Financial Contribution. • Katherine Museum Budget Allocation. • In kind support; RAAF Base Tindal			
Grant Funding Streams			
Strategic Plan Alignment			
Strategic Priority 2: Communities and Families Strategic Priority 3: Sports and CIVIC Events Strategic Priority 5: Arts, Culture and Heritage			



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Event Name	Katherine Show Stall Exhibit		
Date	17 th & 18 th July 2026	Time	n/a
Location	Katherine Show Grounds		
Event Description			
Possible Historical Theme for 2026; • General Theme • Large scale entry exhibit to promote the Centenary			
Purpose of the Event			
Expected Attendance #	35,000+	Free / Fee Based	
Potential Stakeholders	• Katherine District Show & Rodeo Committee • Katherine Town Council • RAAF Base Tindal • Katherine Museum • GYRACC		
Event Budget			
INCOME			
• KTC Annual Budget Allocation.			
Grant Funding Streams			
Strategic Plan Alignment			
Strategic Priority 2: Communities and Families Strategic Priority 3: Sports and CIVIC Events Strategic Priority 5: Arts, Culture and Heritage			



Event Name	Seniors Month Event		
Date	August 2026 (Date TBC)	Time	TBC
Location	TBC		
Event Description			
Senior month event hosted by the Mayor. Details to be confirmed. 100 year elements we could incorporate; • Recognition of notable figures from the Katherine Community and their contributions to the development of the township. • Recognition of our First Nation elders			
Purpose of the Event			
To recognise and celebrate the contributions of seniors citizens within our community.			
Expected Attendance #	100	Free / Fee Based	
Potential Stakeholders	• National Trust • Katherine Museum • NAIDOC Committee • Traditional Owners (Jawoyn, Dagoman and Wardaman)		
Event Budget			
INCOME			
• KTC Annual Budget Allocation. • External Grant Funding Options			
Grant Funding Streams			
• NTG Seniors Month Grants			
Strategic Plan Alignment			
Strategic Priority 3: Sports and CIVIC Events			
Strategic Priority 5: Arts, Culture and Heritage			



Event Name	International Men's Day		
Date	19 th November 2026	Time	TBC
Location	TBC		
Event Description			
International Men's Day is recognised as an opportunity to take part in a global conversation about manhood, masculinity and men's issues by: • Highlighting some of the social issues that men and boys face • Making a difference for the men and boys in your community • Celebrating men and boys in all their diversity 100 year elements we could incorporate; • Recognition of local men, particularly first nations, who over the past 100+ years who have called Katherine home and contributed to the development of the township.			
Purpose of the Event			
To celebrate the men in our community, and have open conversations around social issues faced by men and boys, particularly within regional Australia.			
Expected Attendance #	150+	Free / Fee Based	
Potential Stakeholders	• Katherine Museum • NAIDOC Committee • Traditional Owners (Jawoyn, Dagoman and Wardaman)		
Event Budget			
INCOME			
• KTC Annual Budget Allocation. • External Grant Funding Options			
Grant Funding Streams			
Strategic Plan Alignment			
Strategic Priority 1: Strong Leadership Strategic Priority 2: Communities and Families Strategic Priority 3: Sports and CIVIC Events Strategic Priority 5: Arts, Culture and Heritage			

7.2 CENTENARY OF KATHERINE 2026 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

Author: Rosemary Jennings, Director Community Services
Authoriser: Ingrid Stonhill, Chief Executive Officer
Report Type: For recommendation to council
Attachments: Nil

Officer Recommendation

That the Centenary of Katherine Advisory Committee:

1. Endorses the development of a Centenary of Katherine Community Grant Program
2. Request the endorsement of Council for the Centenary of Katherine Community Grant Program; and
3. Request the allocation of \$40,000 by the Council for the 2025/26 Budget year for the purpose of funding the grant program.

Purpose of Report

To seek formal endorsement by the Centenary of Katherine Advisory Committee of the development of a Community Grants program, specifically aimed at events, initiatives and activities that contribute to the celebration and recognition of the centenary of Katherine 2026.

Strategic Plan

5. ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE - 5.3 Our Rich Heritage - Reinvigorate Katherine by preserving, embracing and showcasing our rich arts and heritage.

5.3.2 Create opportunities and partnerships to develop the arts, culture, and heritage sector.

Municipal Plan

3.1 Community Services - Community Events and Collaboration

3.1.2 Collaborate with community partners.

Background

The town of Katherine will celebrate its 100th birthday on the 1st of July 2026. This will mark 100 years since the original declaration of the township as it stands today.

With the establishment of the Centenary of Katherine 2026 Advisory Committee, Council staff have sort feedback from committee members as to what this celebration may look like along with supporting activities and initiatives, such as a community grants program specifically aimed at events, initiatives or activities that contribute to the celebration and recognition of the centenary of Katherine 2026.

Discussion

With the development of the overall events schedule under way, the Committee has discussed further opportunities to engage the wider community in the celebrations. The concept of a Centenary specific grant program was raised, noting that this could allow individual and not for profit groups, not already identified through the stakeholder engagement process, to propose supplementary events, initiatives or activities that complement the existing program of events.

It is proposed that the Centenary Grant Program will:

- Be a one-off funding program
- Be in addition to the existing KTC Community Grants Program

- Apply to events, initiatives or activities that specifically recognise and/or celebrate the Centenary of Katherine and meet the goals/objectives of the Centenary of Katherine Committee.
- Be held within the January – December 2026 period
- Compliment the existing calendar of events
- Be a one-off event, initiative or activity

It is proposed that the total grant funding pool be \$40,000 with grants up to a maximum of \$5,000 available per application. This would allow, at a minimum, eight (8) further events, initiatives or activities to be included into the Centenary of Katherine event calendar.

Subject to endorsement by the Committee and confirmation by the Council, the grant program would be managed within the 2025/26 Council budget, guidelines developed, open for applications in July 2025, close in September 2025 and be awarded in October 2025.

Consultation Process

There was no consultation process required for this report.

Policy Implications

There are no policy implications resulting from the decision.

Budget and Resource Implications

There are no direction budget implications at the Advisory Committee level. Request for budget and resource allocation will be detailed as part of reporting through to Council for final confirmation.

Risk, Legal and Legislative Implications

There are no risk, legal and legislative implications.

Environment Sustainability Implications

There are no environmental sustainability implications.

Council Officer Conflict of Interest

We the Author and Approving Officer declare we do not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.

8 COMMITTEE MEMBER BUSINESS

9 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The next Centenary of Katherine Advisory Committee will be held on 12th of August 2024.