



# MINUTES

**Centenary of Katherine Advisory Committee  
Held on Monday 9 October 2023**

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

## 1 ATTENDANCE

### 1.1 PRESENT

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Mayor Elisabeth Clark (Chair)
- Councillor Peter McDougall
- WGCDR Fiona Pearce , SADFO RAAF Base Tindal
- WOFF Jason Pyke, RAAF Base Tindal
- Toni Tapp Coutts
- Jenny Duggan
- Christine Butler
- Eric Vaughn Holowacz
- Laureen Reed
- Trent de With
- Ushani Loku Arumage

#### OFFICERS

- Ms Rosemary Jennings – Director Community Services
- Sinead Te Wake – Events Coordinator
- Ingrid Stonhill - Chief Executive Officer

#### OBSERVER

- Councillor Amanda Kingdon

### 1.2 APOLOGIES

Eric Vaughn Holowacz, Lauren Reed, Trent de With

## 2 OPENING OF THE MEETING

Mayor Clark declared the Centenary of Katherine Advisory Committee 9 October 2023 open at 5:02 pm.

## 3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

Nil conflicts declared.

## 4 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

### 4.1 CENTENARY OF KATHERINE TERMS OF REFERENCE

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CKAC-2023-1**

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

That the Committee endorses the draft Centenary of Katherine Advisory Committee Terms of Reference.

**CARRIED 8|0**

FOR: Mayor Clark, Councillor McDougall, Toni Tapp Coutts, Jenny Duggan, Christine Bulter, Fiona Pearce,  
Jason Pike and Ushani Loku Arumage  
AGAINST: Nil

## 4.2 CENTENARY OF KATHERINE MEETING DATES 2024

### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CKAC-2023-2**

**Moved:** Councillor McDougall; **Seconded:** Ushani Loku Arumage

That the Committee endorses the proposed 2024 Centenary of Katherine Advisory Committee meetings dates, specifically:

- Monday 5 February 2024
- Monday 13 May 2024
- Monday 12 August 2024
- Monday 4 November 2024

**CARRIED 6|0**

FOR: Mayor Clark, Jenny Duggan, Christine Bulter, Fiona Pearce, Jason Pike and Ushani Loku Arumage  
AGAINST: Nil

## 4.3 CENTENARY OF KATHERINE 2026 - PROMOTIONAL SIGNAGE INITIATIVE

### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CKAC-2023-3**

**Moved:** Councillor McDougall; **Seconded:** Jason Pike

That advisory committee notes the Centenary of Katherine promotional signage initiative.

**CARRIED 8|0**

FOR: Mayor Clark, Councillor McDougall, Toni Tapp Coutts, Jenny Duggan, Christine Bulter, Fiona Pearce, Jason Pike and Ushani Loku Arumage  
AGAINST: Nil

## 5 COMMITTEE MEMBER BUSINESS

### 5.1 COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

#### Discussions

#### **Fiona Pearce:**

- Happy to provide a strong military presence and support where needed.
- Can liaise with Navy/Army to support events.
- Possibility of collaboration/event support for Bombing of Katherine 2026.
- Can engage the Army Band to support events.
- Possibility of re-doing 'Welcome to Katherine' signs with military history included.
- Possibility of a Military Memorial/Gate Guards

#### **Toni Tap Coutts:**

- Botanical gardens (along Railway Terrace)  
(would like planting to commence in 2024)
- Statue of Katherine family.
- The story of Katherine on Kirby's wall mural concept

#### **Jenny Duggan:**

- Possibility of re-locating the planting tree plaques currently located down the main strip of town on the Stuart Highway.

**Jason Pyke:**

- Walk with the names of local/significant family names.

**Christine Butler:**

- Expressed the importance of having another Indigenous representative on committee, and ideally someone who is local to Katherine.
- Centenary of Katherine | Katherine's 100 Years 2026 logo concept.
- Art Competition (possibly involving schools).

**Ushani Loku Arumage:**

- Looks forward to the wider multicultural population learning more about Katherine.
- Happy to support where possible.

**Councillor McDougall:**

- Citizenship Ceremony on 1st July 2026.
- Loves the idea of events throughout the year of 2026.

**Eric Vaughn Holowacz (Presented by Rosemary Jennings):**

- Photo documentation Project, capturing 2024-2025 images.
- Bush medicine and native plant garden.

**Group Discussions:**

- Playing Katherine history videos on the CBD Town Square screen at night.
- NAIDOC week 2026.
- Possible collaboration with the Katherine Show Society in 2026 for show theme.
- Council to draft a rough schedule of events/concept and commence preliminary branding concept for event to aid in promotion initiatives – to be presented to next meeting of committee

## **6 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**

The Centenary of Katherine Advisory Committee 9 October 2023 was declared closed at 5:55 pm.

The next Centenary of Katherine Advisory Committee will be held on Monday 5 February 2024.