



Minutes

Centenary of Katherine Advisory Committee

Held on 9 June 2025

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

1 ATTENDANCE

1.1 PRESENT

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Mayor Elisabeth Clark (Chair)
- Councillor Peter McDougall
- Toni Tapp Coutts
- Alexander Smith
- Clare Armitage
- Robert Friel
- Christine Butler
- Ethan Woods-Alum
- Simmone Croft

OFFICERS

- Mr Rhett English – Manager of Community Relations
- Isabella Murphy – Events and Engagement Coordinator (minute taker)

1.2 APOLOGIES

- Jenny Duggan

2 OPENING OF THE MEETING

Mayor Clark declared the Centenary of Katherine Advisory Committee - 10 June 2025 open at 5:35pm.

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

Nil conflicts declared.

4 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1 CENTENARY OF KATHERINE 2026 MINUTES 18 MARCH 2025

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CKAC-2025-10

Moved: Toni Tapp Coutts; **Seconded:** Simmone Croft

That the Centenary of Katherine 2026 Advisory Committee confirm the minutes of the Centenary of Katherine 2026 Advisory Committee held on 18 March 2025 as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED 9|0

FOR: Mayor Clark, Councillor McDougall, Toni Tapp Coutts, Alexander Smith, Clare Armitage, Christine Bulter, Robbie Friel, Ethan Woods- Alum and Simmone Croft
AGAINST: Nil

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 ACTION UPDATE JUNE 2025

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CKAC-2025-11

Moved: Toni Tapp Coutts; **Seconded:** Simmone Croft

That Council receive and note the Action update.

CARRIED 9|0

FOR: Mayor Clark, Councillor McDougall, Toni Tapp Coutts, Alexander Smith, Clare Armitage, Christine Bulter, Robbie Friel, Ethan Woods- Alum and Simmone Croft
AGAINST: Nil

6 PRESENTATIONS FROM EXTERNAL AGENCIES

NIL

7 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

7.1 CENTENARY OF KATHERINE 2026 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CKAC-2025-12

Moved: Toni Tapp Coutts; **Seconded:** Simmone Croft

That Centenary of Katherine 2026 Advisory Committee receive and note:

- the resignation of Centenary of Katherine 2026 Advisory Committee member Lauren Reed without seeking a replacement member
- the resignation of Melissa Doyle as Manager of Community Relations
- The appointment of Rhett English as Manager of Community Relations and KTC representative on the Centenary of Katherine 2026 Advisory committee in an advisory capacity
- The updated membership register to accommodate these changes

CARRIED 9|0

FOR: Mayor Clark, Councillor McDougall, Toni Tapp Coutts, Alexander Smith, Clare Armitage, Christine Bulter, Robbie Friel, Ethan Woods- Alum and Simmone Croft
AGAINST: Nil

Discussion

The Centenary of Katherine 2026 Advisory Committee agreed that replacing Lauren Reed was unnecessary as the committee has a large enough membership base, and it was more important to achieve quorum.

Lauren was part of the committee due to her role as Manager of the Katherine Museum. This gap in historical knowledge has been filled by Simmone Croft.

The Committee discussed community representation and agreed that inviting interested people as guests or to present as an external agency would ensure we were engaging appropriately with the wider community.

7.2 CENTENARY OF KATHERINE 2026 GRANT GUIDELINES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CKAC-2025-13

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

That Committee note approval of Centenary of Katherine 2026 Grant Guidelines in Ordinary meeting of Council 25 March 2025 and endorse proposed timeline for delivery of grant program.

CARRIED 9|0

FOR: Mayor Clark, Councillor McDougall, Toni Tapp Coutts, Alexander Smith, Clare Armitage, Christine Bulter, Robbie Friel, Ethan Woods- Alum and Simone Croft
AGAINST: Nil

7.3 CENTENARY OF KATHERINE 2026 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CKAC-2025-14

Moved: Toni Tapp Coutts; **Seconded:** Alexander Smith

That Centenary of Katherine 2026 Advisory Committee approve new Committee meeting schedule of once a quarter.

- Tuesday 10th June 2025
- Tuesday 9th September 2025
- Tuesday 9th December 2025

CARRIED 9|0

FOR: Mayor Clark, Councillor McDougall, Toni Tapp Coutts, Alexander Smith, Clare Armitage, Christine Bulter, Robbie Friel, Ethan Woods- Alum and Simone Croft
AGAINST: Nil

Discussion

The Committee agreed that this timeline was acceptable. If there is a matter of great urgency the Events team can call a special meeting.

It was noted that it is a long time between meetings and Committee members may forget action items. The Events team will ensure to remind Committee members of outstanding action items to ensure continuous progression with Centenary planning.

This decision can be reevaluated at the next meeting if required.

7.4 CENTENARY OF KATHERINE 2026 PERSONALISED NUMBER PLATES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CKAC-2025-15

Moved: Councillor McDougall; **Seconded:** Robbie Friel

That Centenary of Katherine 2026 Advisory Committee approve:

- development of 100 personalised number plates
- Design including prefix KC1926-KC2026
- Design including the train/railway motif
- Design layout of KC (image) 1926

CARRIED 9|0

FOR: Mayor Clark, Councillor McDougall, Toni Tapp Coutts, Alexander Smith, Clare Armitage, Christine Bulter, Robbie Friel, Ethan Woods- Alum and Simone Croft

AGAINST: Nil

Discussion

Events team provided a summary of the proposed number plate process.

Committee agreed on the second proposed design, Events team to continue working with MVR to progress this.

Suggestion for a different number range was accepted.

Events team will propose number range KC01-KC100 to MVR.

Committee agreed to auction the KC100 number plate to raise money for a charity.

Simmone suggested launch date on the 21st of January, to line up with when the first train came over the Historical Katherine Railway bridge.

7.5 CENTENARY OF KATHERINE 2026 FLAGS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CKAC-2025-16

Moved: Councillor McDougall; **Seconded:** Alexander Smith

That Centenary of Katherine 2026 Advisory Committee approve proposed flags displaying Centenary of Katherine logos for Katherine Terrace, Lindsay Street and Victoria Highway.

CARRIED 9|0

FOR: Mayor Clark, Councillor McDougall, Toni Tapp Coutts, Alexander Smith, Clare Armitage, Christine Bulter, Robbie Friel, Ethan Woods- Alum and Simmone Croft

AGAINST: Nil

Discussion

Committee agreed that more flags rather than less would enhance the Centenary celebrations.

Agreed that large banners at the three entrances and on the old railway bridge would be appropriate.

Agreed that these flags and banners should also be launched on 21st January to tie in with the number plate launch and the first train going over the Historical Katherine railway bridge.

7.6 CENTENARY OF KATHERINE 2026 COMMITTEE RESOURCES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CKAC-2025-17

Moved: Councillor McDougall; **Seconded:** Alexander Smith

That the Centenary of Katherine 2026 Advisory Committee agrees to complete the provided documentation to establish a register of local heroes and historical information to support Centenary 2026 planning.

CARRIED 9|0

FOR: Mayor Clark, Councillor McDougall, Toni Tapp Coutts, Alexander Smith, Clare Armitage, Christine Bulter, Robbie Friel, Ethan Woods- Alum and Simmone Croft

AGAINST: Nil

Discussion

Committee suggested that once they have submitted documentation to events team for collation this nomination be opened to the public to improve community engagement and ensure all local heroes are recognised.

Suggested creating a small book to recognise our local heroes and sell during the Centenary celebrations.

8 COMMITTEE MEMBER BUSINESS

NIL

Discussion

Committee requested an update on the Action Register, which was provided by Manager of Community Relations.

Suggested talking to community members about the story of the Eugene Betti bridge.

Local Heroes could be displayed on flags at the hot springs.

Needs to be an avenue to reflect on poetry written about Katherine, including the First Lady of the Outback. Liaise with Katherine Public Library.

9 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The Centenary of Katherine Advisory Committee - 10 June 2025 was declared closed at 6:23pm.

The next Centenary of Katherine Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday 9 September 2025.