



MINUTES

**Centenary of Katherine Advisory
Committee Held on Tuesday 9 September
2025**

Visitor Information Centre, Conference
Room
24 Stuart Highway, Katherine NT 0850

1 ATTENDANCE

1.1 PRESENT

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Toni Tapp Coutts
- Jenny Duggan
- Christine Butler
- Robbie Friel
- Raj Reddy (Alternate for RAAF Base Tindal)

OFFICERS

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

1.2 APOLOGIES

Nil

2 OPENING OF THE MEETING

Rhett English declared the Centenary of Katherine Advisory Committee - 9 September 2025 open at 5:39pm.

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 10 JUNE 2025

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CKAC-2025-18

Moved: Toni Tapp Coutts; **Seconded:** Robbie Friel

That Council confirm the minutes of the Centenary of Katherine 2026 Advisory Committee held on Tuesday 9 June 2025 as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED 5|0

FOR: Toni Tapp Coutts, Alexander Smith, Jenny Duggan, Christine Butler and Robbie Friel
AGAINST: Nil

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 ACTION UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2025

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CKAC-2025-19

Moved: Toni Tapp Coutts; **Seconded:** Robbie Friel

That Council receive and note the Action update.

CARRIED 5|0

FOR: Toni Tapp Coutts, Alexander Smith, Jenny Duggan, Christine Butler and Robbie Friel
AGAINST: Nil

Discussion

Committee agreed to continue pursuit of a one-off public holiday to celebrate the Centenary of Katherine on the proposed date of Wednesday 1 July 2026. Isabella Murphy to submit a report to council requesting approval to progress. Thomas Archbold-Manning to investigate process for application.

Recommendation by Committee to contact the Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, The Hon. Jinson Charls, and The Hon. Marie-Clare Boothby requesting support and partnership to celebrate the Centenary of Katherine 2026. Major Events which will significantly amplify tourism in the region are of particular note for these communications. Motion to invite Local member to the next Centenary of Katherine 2026 Advisory Committee.

Committee raised opportunity to utilise 'Kirby's wall' to tell the Story of Katherine in panels, showcasing First Nations, Defence, the Railway, Industries and Businesses, and pastoral/agricultural history. Action to investigate who owns this property. RAAF Tindal representative confirmed opportunity to include Defence archives in storytelling.

Jawoyn and Nitmiluk are open to preliminary meetings for contribution to Centenary storytelling. Isabella Murphy to schedule introductory meeting. Thomas Archbold-Manning to confirming funding available for storytelling.

6 PRESENTATIONS FROM EXTERNAL AGENCIES

NIL

7 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

7.1 CENTENARY OF KATHERINE 2026 GRANT APPLICATIONS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CKAC-2025-20

Moved: Christine Butler; **Seconded:** Robbie Friel

That Centenary of Katherine 2026 Advisory Committee review and select successful Centenary of Katherine 2026 Grant Applications for approval by Katherine Town Council.

CARRIED 5|0

FOR: Toni Tapp Coutts, Alexander Smith, Jenny Duggan, Christine Butler and Robbie Friel
AGAINST: Nil

Discussion

All Centenary Major and Minor Grant applications were discussed by the Centenary of Katherine 2026 Advisory Committee, and recommendations will be provided to Council for approval.

Committee members noted they were not satisfied with the approval process, requesting additional information to improve decision making.

Committee requested a second round of funding to target specific organisations.

Isabella Murphy to prepare report to Council with recommendations and requests.

If second round of funding is approved, Committee members to take lead on reaching out to specific organisations to encourage grant application.

7.2 CENTENARY OF KATHERINE 2026 PERSONALISED NUMBER PLATES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CKAC-2025-21

Moved: Jenny Duggan; **Seconded:** Toni Tapp Coutts

That Centenary of Katherine 2026 Advisory Committee note the design developed by the Motor Vehicle Registry for the Centenary commemorative number plates.

CARRIED 5|0

FOR: Toni Tapp Coutts, Alexander Smith, Jenny Duggan, Christine Butler and Robbie Friel
AGAINST: Nil

Discussion

Tabled number plate design was approved by Committee. Minor adjustment was requested. Isabella Murphy to liaise with MVR on possibility of amendment to remove duplication of 'Centenary of Katherine'.

7.3 CENTENARY OF KATHERINE 2026 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CKAC-2025-22

Moved: Toni Tapp Coutts; **Seconded:** Robbie Friel

That Centenary of Katherine 2026 Advisory Committee receive and note:

- The new Mayor of Katherine from the 2025 Local Government Election replacing Mayor Elisabeth Clark as the Chair of the Centenary of Katherine 2026 Advisory Committee
- The new Deputy Mayor of Katherine from the 2025 Local Government Election replacing Deputy Mayor Denis Coburn as the alternate Chair of the Centenary of Katherine 2026 Advisory Committee
- Katherine Town Council representation being adjusted to include Councillors who were elected in the 2025 Local Government Election.
- The resignation of Centenary of Katherine 2026 Advisory Committee member Clare Armitage without seeking a replacement member.
- The membership register will be updated to accommodate these changes

CARRIED 5|0

FOR: Toni Tapp Coutts, Alexander Smith, Jenny Duggan, Christine Butler and Robbie Friel
AGAINST: Nil

8 COMMITTEE MEMBER BUSINESS

NIL

Discussion

RAAF Tindal Representative Raj Reddy raised the Freedom of Entry Ceremony as a possibility for the 2026 Celebrations. Isabella Murphy to reach out to Tindal to decide on appropriate dates for this important ceremony.

9 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The Centenary of Katherine Advisory Committee - 9 September 2025 was declared closed at 6:51pm.

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