

CAIRNS CELEBRATES 150 YEARS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

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RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the minutes of the Cairns Celebrates 150 Years Advisory Committee Meeting held 29 May 2026.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Cairns Celebrates 150 Years Advisory Committee provides initiatives, ideas and suggestions as to the content of the Cairns Celebrates 150 Years program and promotes the program through community and business networks. The Committee will meet five times in 2026 to discuss all matters, with this report pertaining to the meeting held 29 May 2026.

BACKGROUND:

Council endorsed the establishment of the Cairns Celebrates 150 Years Advisory Committee (“the Committee”) at its Ordinary Meeting on 20 November 2024.

This committee is an Advisory Committee to Council pursuant to section 264 1(b) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 and does not make binding decisions.

Full details of the Committee’s responsibilities, membership and terms of reference are available on Council’s website under Experience Cairns/Cairns 150. Part of its obligations is for the meeting minutes to be reported at the Council Ordinary meeting.

OPTIONS:

Council has the following options:

Option 1 (Recommended):

That Council **notes** the minutes of the Cairns Celebrates 150 Years Advisory Committee meeting held on 29 May 2026.

OR

Option 2:

That Council **does not** note the minutes of the C150 Advisory Committee meetings held on 29 May 2026 and requests Councillor Officers provide further details.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1 – Minutes of the C150 Advisory Committee Meeting 29 May 2026 DM# 77889108

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Destry Puia
Director Lifestyle & Community

Attachment 1

Date	29 May 2026	Start:	9.34am	End:	10:27am	Location	Committee Room
Meeting chair	Mayor Amy Eden						
Meeting Intent	To provide initiatives, ideas and suggestions as to the content of the Cairns Celebrates 150 years program and provide advice to Council regarding program delivery						
Attendees	Mayor Eden, Cr Zeiger, Rennay Hanrahan, Henrietta Marrie, Dion Eades, Destry Puia, Sandi Rob, Jon Fearon,						
Apologies	Jane West, George Bell, Russell Milledge, Kesa Strieby, Ranjit Singh, Yvette McGee, Janine Bowmaker.						
Acknowledgement of Country							
Council acknowledges the Traditional Custodians on whose land we walk, work and live, and their continuing connection to land, sea and community. We also acknowledge and pay respect to all Elders past, present and emerging who walked before us and who still watch over us today.							
Items							
No.	Topic					Timing	Who
1.	Welcome by Chair						Mayor Eden
2.	Acknowledgement of Country						Mayor Eden
3.	Acceptance of minutes from 6 March accepted. Moved Cr Zeiger, seconded Sandi Robb						Cr Zeiger / Dr Sandi Robb
4.	Actions from previous meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keith Harland’s ‘Come to Cairns’ song to be digitalized with a short format for use at events. (Dion) • Mayor Eden received State Library digitized photo album of the Mulgrave Gallery (USB). Images to be uploaded to upload to OneDrive / CANTO. (Dion) • PNG High Commissioner an artwork gift “The Lakatoi (Canoe)”. Mayor now liaising directly with PNG Chief of Staff – Ongoing. • Viola Cards: A5 Cards available. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Quantity provided to Sandi for Cairns Historical Society / Museum Events ○ Additional cards for Jon to support Shadows form the Past events – July (Dion) • Celebration Park naming: Seek update on timeline/process for Council consideration (Dion) • Cairns Photographic Society: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Acknowledgment of strong event coverage ○ Noted delays in sharing images on social media. Options to be explored. (Dion) 						Mayor Eden / Dion Eades

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advisory Committee advised Project Management Team meetings moving to a bi-monthly / when required format. Future Advisory Committee meeting dates: 17 July, 11 September, and 13 November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> July meeting: To be cancelled Update email to be issued in place of meeting – (Dion) 		
5.	<p>Council update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Second Souvenir Program (36 pages) is being printed and will be distributed as an insert in Cairns Local News on 12 June. Deadline for inclusion for next edition (36 pages) is August. Please contact Dion in the first instance. Note: Proposal to hold Project Management Team meetings bi-monthly. Future Advisory Committee meeting dates: 17 July, 11 September, and 13 November 		Mayor Eden / Dion Eades
6.	Suggestions table DM #7640997		
7.	<p>Committee members updates/new business</p> <p>Henrietta Marrie:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yidinji Gala Dinner confirmed – Fri 30 October, Cairns Convention Centre (tickets on sale) Ghost of Lani opening – 1 August Melbourne Cup event at NorthSite (with Racing Victoria), honouring Frank Reys 'Henrietta's Story' film – late 2026 <p>Henrietta Marrie:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning an event to showcase the repatriation of a Japanese WW2 flag CHS to be re-badged under C150, then returned to family in Taiwan Seeking sponsorship support for travel costs Potential sponsor contacts to be identified (Rennay) <p>Kesa Strieby:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highlighted the success of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FNQDCC International Women's Day event (Novotel) – successful promotion of C150 Multicultural Festival (CARMA) – strong attendance and participation Highlighted contribution to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tennis Tournament – August Golf Tournament (Half Moon Bay) – in planning 		Henrietta Marrie Henrietta Marrie Kesa Strieby

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FNQ Expo (Tank 3) – June ○ Art Without Boundaries – September <p>Janine Bowmaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Banora International 30th anniversary celebrations begin on 20 June with a homestay thank-you event, followed by several similar gatherings over the coming months. Photos may be taken and shared with a Cairns 150 hashtag. • A stakeholder celebration evening is scheduled for 26 September. • Key partners and organisations have already been informed of their milestone involvement. • Sister city activities are arranged, including a joint BBQ with CRC, with hopes the Mayor will attend. • Commemorative koalas with a 30-year logo possibly being produced, with a query about also adding the 150-year branding. 		<p>Janine Bowmaker</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Next meeting details: Friday 11 September Committee Room</p>		
<p>Meeting closed at 10:27am</p>			