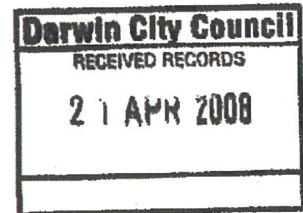


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Dear Lord Mayor,

We write to congratulate you, and all of the Aldermen on your democratic election to the new Darwin City Council. We look forward to working with you.

On 11 December, 2007 Nick Kirlew and myself spoke to Council, for PLan, on several planning matters (Doc.1287963 - 23/10/07, Common No. 1287963). Council's decisions are shown on Attachment A-Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of 11 December, 2007, p. 656.

#### 1. Ongoing Community Purposes Use of the Stella Maris facilities and land

Council's decision supports our submission to the NT Government that the newly relinquished Stella Maris facilities, and land, be retained for community use (Decision 19/5394). On enquiring in 2008, through Alderman Moir, a staff member said that action was in abeyance awaiting the new Council.

PLan reasons that large green open spaces in this area have been used for multi-storey apartments, making them no longer accessible to the public. No new public community facilities have been provided for residents for social or cultural purposes outside their homes. (Planning Act, Section 51 refers.)

The Stella Maris clubhouse, gardens, and heritage listed Railway House, occupy a relatively small discrete pocket of public land near the Council Chambers, reached on foot by the public Travellers' Walk. It would seem an ideal place for a public community centre for all ages. Multiple vehicle access is poor.

Council has agreed that the land should be retained for community use. As a first step, we ask Council to apply for a zoning amendment from CDB to CP (Community Purposes (See Attachment B for defined uses). This would protect it from other uses which may be proposed.

## **2. Location of the Defence of Darwin Museum at East Point**

**Council decided to write to the NT Government advising that Council supports East Point as the preferred location for the 'Defence of Darwin' Museum.**

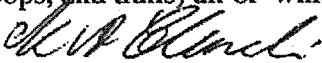
PLan has long promoted a World War II Museum in Darwin, as good for the community, good for tourism, and good for Australia. East Point has the physical site, outlook, and backdrop for a fine museum to grow gradually, to manage costs, use existing infrastructure, and allow outside pavilion displays. Many visitors come to the present small museum, but we need something much better. We should be honouring the heroism of defenders from many nations, commemorating our own Darwin wartime families, and to inspiring youngsters coming from all over Australia.

PLan was personally told by the Member for Fannie Bay, that the people of Fannie Bay would refuse it, but the response to our timely markets survey (documented by Mrs Audrey Grace) proved this totally untrue. Over 95% wanted it at East Point. The Darwin RSL wants East Point, as do the Vietnam Veterans, the Legacy Widows, and the Fannie Bay Historical Museum. The local Property Council insist it should be close to the CBD shops. It is then argued that it would be on the 'war heritage trail', but chronologically the trail starts at East Point with the pre war defence build up evidence there.

PLan's is sure that a new public museum at East Point has come into its time. What more appropriate use could there be for East Point with its huge gun emplacements? The people of Fannie Bay are certainly against residential development. There is room for both the museum, and public open space. Australian school children would find safer inspiration here than going to Gallipoli. Emotive though Gallipoli is, it is suffering under the weight of too many visitors.

**We ask Council to publicly state that it favours the use of Council land at East Point for the 'Defence of Darwin Museum', to examine its practicalities, and to take all possible action to promote the East Point as the site of the Museum.**

PLan rejects any further industrialisation of Middle Arm Peninsular, supports the protection of the Civic Precinct for community and public purposes, stresses the recreational need for green parks, public escarpments and foreshores, (not just access, loops, and trails) all of which are part of the essential democratic heritage of Darwinians.

  
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**18 GENERAL BUSINESS**

**18.2 Use of Stella Maris Site for Community Purposes**  
Document No.1287963 (23/10/07) Common No. 1287963

(Ald Moir/Collins)

THAT Council support the submission to the Northern Territory Government, contained in the letter, Document Number 1287963, received from PAn: the Planning Action Network Incorporated and that the Stella Maris Facilities and land be retained for community use.

DECISION NO.19\5394 (11/12/07) Carried

ACTION: DCORP

**18.3 Location of the 'Defence of Darwin' Museum at East Point**  
Document No.1295123 (8/11/07) Common No. 1278325

(Ald Collins/Moir)

THAT Council write to the Northern Territory Government advising that Council supports East Point as the preferred location for the "Defence of Darwin" Museum.

DECISION NO.19\5395 (11/12/07) Carried

ACTION: CEO

**18.4 Middle Arm Peninsula**  
Common No. 1276047

(Ald Moir/Sangster)

THAT Council contact the Northern Territory Government urgently seeking a full briefing prior to changes in legislation being considered as to the reasons behind its decision to reverse its 2003 Election Commitment to not further develop Middle Arm for industrial purposes.

DECISION NO.19\5396 (11/12/07) Carried

ACTION: CEO



**5.21 ZONE CP – COMMUNITY PURPOSES**

1. The primary purpose of zone CP is to provide for community services and facilities, whether publicly or privately owned or operated, including facilities for civic and government administration.
2. Design is expected to incorporate landscaping that will enhance the visual appearance of the development. The development of residential accommodation is to only be in association with and ancillary to the primary use of the land.

**Demountable structures** require consent.

Clause 6.2 limits the height of buildings within the Municipality of Alice Springs.

Clause 6.9 controls the use and development of land within the ANEF 20 unit value contour adjacent to airports.

Clause 6.14 refers to land subject to inundation.

Clause 7.10.2 refers to caravans.

Clause 10.2 refers to the clearing of native vegetation.

Clause 13.5 refers to the erection of mobile telecommunication structures.