

# Minutes

## East Point Reserve Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, 14 May 2026

Unconfirmed



**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN  
EAST POINT RESERVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE MEETING ROOM BIDJPIDJI (MEETING ROOM 1), LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE,  
HARRY CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN  
ON THURSDAY, 14 MAY 2026 AT 4:30 PM**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor Shani Carson  
Community Member, Lorraine Corowa  
Community Member, Ulrike Kachel  
Darwin Triathlon Club, Gary Wall  
Fannie Bay Equestrian Club Inc, Anja Zimmermann  
Friends of East Point, Helen Haritos  
Museum and Art Gallery of the NT, Kirsten Abbott  
NT Heritage Branch, Samantha Wells  
Researcher, John Rawsthorne

**OFFICERS:**

Executive Manager, Environment and Waste Services, Nick Fewster  
Coordinator, Environment and Climate Change, Emma Smith  
Business Support Officer, Environment and Waste Services, Kali Stepto

**APOLOGY:**

Councillor Mick Palmer

**NOT PRESENT:**

Birdlife Top End, Anne Woollard  
Crown Land Management, Wendy Pengelly  
Larrakia Nation, Victor Williams

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## 1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

*City of Darwin acknowledges that we are living and working on Larrakia Country. We acknowledge the Larrakia people as the Traditional Owners of the Darwin region. We pay our respects to the Larrakia elders past and present and support emerging Larrakia leaders now and into the future. City of Darwin is committed to working together with all Larrakia to care for this land and sea for our shared future.*

## 2 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC010/26

Moved: NT Heritage Branch Samantha Wells

Seconded: Darwin Triathlon Club Gary Wall

The Chair declared the meeting open at 4:31 pm.

**CARRIED 9/0**

## 3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

### 3.1 APOLOGIES

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC011/26

Moved: Community Member Ulrike Kachel

Seconded: NT Heritage Branch Samantha Wells

THAT the apology from Councillor Mick Palmer be received.

**CARRIED 9/0**

### 3.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

Nil

### 3.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED

Nil

## 4 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

### 4.1 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE GRANTED

Nil

## 4.2 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE REQUESTED

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC012/26

Moved: Darwin Triathlon Club Gary Wall

Seconded: Community Member Ulrike Kachel

THAT the Committee note that pursuant to Section 95 (43) of the *Local Government Act 2019*, the following member(s) request Electronic Meeting Attendance:

- Community Member, Lorraine Corowa
- Fannie Bay Equestrian Club Inc, Anja Zimmermann
- Friends of East Point, Helen Haritos
- Researcher, John Rawsthorne
- Museum and Art Gallery of the NT, Kirsten Abbott

**CARRIED 9/0**

## 5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

### 5.1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC013/26

Moved: Researcher John Rawsthorne

Seconded: Community Member Ulrike Kachel

1. THAT the Committee note that pursuant to Section 114 and 115 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Community representative Lorraine Corowa declared that the views expressed at this committee are her personal views as a community representative and not the views of her senior public servant role within the Northern Territory Government.
2. THAT the Committee note that pursuant to Section 114 and 115 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Community representative Ulrike Kachel declared that she is also on the Committee for Friends of Casuarina Coastal Reserve.
3. THAT the Committee note that pursuant to Section 114 and 115 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Darwin Triathlon Club, Gary Wall declared that he is also a senior public servant.

**CARRIED 9/0**

### 5.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY STAFF

Nil

**6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC014/26**

Moved: Community Member Ulrike Kachel  
Seconded: Researcher John Rawsthorne

THAT the minutes of the East Point Reserve Advisory Committee Meeting held on 12 February 2026 be confirmed.

**CARRIED 9/0**

**7 MOVING OF ITEMS**

**7.1 MOVING OF ITEMS INTO CONFIDENTIAL**

Nil

**7.2 MOVING OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS INTO OPEN**

Nil

**7.3 MOVING CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS TO OPEN AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**

Nil

**8 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS**

Nil

**9 OFFICER REPORTS**

**9.1 OFFICER UPDATES**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC015/26**

Moved: Community Member Ulrike Kachel

Seconded: Researcher John Rawsthorne

THAT the report entitled Officer Updates be received and noted.

**CARRIED 9/0**

## 9.2 MEMBERS VERBAL UPDATES

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC016/26

Moved: Darwin Triathlon Club Gary Wall

Seconded: NT Heritage Branch Samantha Wells

THAT the report entitled Members Updates be received and noted.

Darwin Triathlon Club, Gary Wall

- It was noted that several additional triathlon races were required to be relocated to East Point due to the deteriorating condition of other regional sites.
- It was reported that the condition of the main access road leading into the car park at the end of Lake Alexander, is showing signs of wear and requires maintenance and repair.
- It was reported that scheduling conflicts have occurred with Equestrian Club events. Members noted the need for improved communication and coordination to prevent similar clashes in the future.

Fannie Bay Equestrian Club Inc, Anja Zimmermann

- Members were provided with an update on an upcoming open day scheduled for 30 May 2026, to be held from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.
- It was noted that cane toad control activities were conducted throughout the wet season at approximately six week intervals, with assistance from a CDU representative. An average of 35 toads were captured at each event.
- An update was provided on weed management, where there is generally effective management. However, an increase in Mission Grass has been observed on the coastal side of the property, with concern raised that wind dispersal of seeds may impact surrounding areas.
- Members of the Equestrian Club reported a recent increased presence of dingoes during early morning and after dark. It was further noted that, to date, the dingoes have remained passive and shy from the community.

Community Member, Lorraine Corowa

- It was noted that a request has been submitted to City of Darwin for the resurfacing of the walking path at East Point, particularly along the section between Pee Wee's and Dudley Point. The current condition of the path was described as uneven and narrow, warranting attention.

Friends of East Point, Helen Haritos

- It was noted that the Friends of East Point conducted a tree planting day in January 2026, which was attended by approximately 15 participants. It was further noted that there is a need to attract additional volunteers for future events.
- Councillor Shani Carson asked how the event is advertised and discussion followed that indicated promotion should be increased as many committee members were not aware that the event was being held.
- Anja Zimmermann suggested that information be shared with the EPRAC group to enable member organisations to assist with wider dissemination of event details.

**CARRIED 9/0**

*Administrative amendment – To include advice from NT Heritage Branch representative, Samantha Wells, that the NT Heritage Council considered the proposal for the East Point Gun Turret and provided formal advice to the City of Darwin, including a recommendation to develop a heritage management and interpretation plan for East Point.*

## 10 MEMBER REPORTS

Nil

## 11 GENERAL BUSINESS

### 11.1 GENERAL BUSINESS

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC017/26

Moved: Community Member Ulrike Kachel

Seconded: Community Member Lorraine Corowa

THAT the following General Business be received and noted.

Researcher, John Rawsthorne

- It was noted that John attended the CDU Awards Ceremony, where Ms Amy Cook, who had previously presented her research on Lake Alexander bacteria levels to the Committee, was awarded a major accolade in recognition of her work.
- Councillor Shani Carson queried the process by which the material for the resurfacing of East Point was selected. In response, the Executive Manager Environment and Waste Services Nick Fewster advised that suitability is determined by the Technical Services and Infrastructure Teams and based on Australian Standards.

**CARRIED 9/0**

## 12 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Nil

## 13 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT pursuant to Section 99 (2) of the Local Government Act 2019 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (General) Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

**14 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC018/26**

Moved: NT Heritage Branch Samantha Wells

Seconded: Community Member Ulrike Kachel

THAT the chair declared the meeting closed at 4:57 pm.

**CARRIED 9/0**

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the East Point Reserve Advisory Committee Meeting.

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**CHAIR**