



MINUTES

**Tree Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, 25 May 2023**

**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN
TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE, HARRY CHAN AVENUE,
DARWIN
ON THURSDAY, 25 MAY 2023 AT 9:00 AM**

PRESENT:

Councillor Peter Pangquee
Australian Institute Landscape Architects, Fiona Eddleston
Larrakia Nation, Ben Smith
NT Arboriculture Association, Richard Kenyon
Parks and Wildlife, Bryan Harty
Community Member Dr Greg Leach

OFFICERS:

General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr
Manager Parks and Open Spaces, Lisa Spann
Senior Coordinator Parks and Reserves, Jamie Lewis
Technical Arborist, Melodee Brencher
Executive Manager Environment and Waste Services, Nick Fewster
Coordinator Environment & Climate Change, Emma Smith
Environment, Climate & Waste Support Officer Senior, Elizabeth Gleeson
Administration Officer, Karen Long
Administration Officer Operations, Maya Moon

APOLOGY:

Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis
Community Member Adam Grainger
Urban Development Institute of Australia (NT) Hermanus Louw

OBSERVER:

Councillor and Committees Support Officer, Jane Bland

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APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TAC010/23**

MOVED: NT ARBORICULTURE ASSOCIATION RICHARD KENYON

SECONDED: PARKS AND WILDLIFE BRYAN HARTY

THAT DR GREG LEACH BE APPOINTED AS CHAIR FOR THE MEETING.

CARRIED 6/0**1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN**

The Chair declared the meeting open at 9.07 am.

2 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.

3 APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 Apologies - Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis, Community Member Adam Grainger, Urban Development Institute of Australia (NT) Hermanus Louw

3.2 Leave of Absence - Nil

3.3 Leave of Absence Notified - Nil

4 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE**5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF**

5.1 Declaration of Interest by Members - Nil

5.2 Declaration of Interest by Staff

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TAC011/23

Moved: NT Arboriculture Association Richard Kenyon

Seconded: Larrakia Nation Ben Smith

That the minutes of the Tree Advisory Committee Meeting held on 23 February 2023 be confirmed.

CARRIED 6/0

7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Item 9.3 – Noted information provided within agenda item 9.2 – Tree Advisory Committee Deliverables

8 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 OFFICER REPORTS

9.1 DRAFT 2023/24 GREENING PROGRAM

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TAC012/23

Moved: NT Arboriculture Association Richard Kenyon

Seconded: Larrakia Nation Ben Smith

1. THAT the report entitled Draft 2023/24 Greening Program be received and noted.

CARRIED 6/0

Action: Officers produce a simple one page document or link to website on how to plant a tree for distribution at the Native Plant giveaways

9.2 TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE DELIVERABLES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TAC013/23

Moved: Australian Institute Landscape Architects Fiona Eddleston

Seconded: Parks and Wildlife Bryan Harty

1. THAT the report entitled Tree Advisory Committee Deliverables be received and noted.
2. THAT Tree Advisory Committee members provide any recommendations on the City of Darwin Greening Strategy and/or the Report Establishing a Resilient Urban Forest for Darwin by 7 August 2023.
3. THAT it is noted that City of Darwin officers will present a report outlining members recommendations at the next Tree Advisory Committee meeting on 24 August 2023.

CARRIED 6/0

Committee note – pleased with the range of tree species / planting

Actions:

1. Members to provide comment on Trial Trees list
2. Member Fiona Eddleston to investigate alternate data base to spreadsheet
3. Officers to provide Greening Strategy update to the next meeting
4. Officers to provide information on the trial species
5. Officers to provide information on canopy coverage
6. Officers to provide copy of spreadsheet, adding additional attributes for shade density and colour
7. Members to review the Preferred and Not Recommended to be Planted Tree Lists to identify trees for further investigation by the 7 August 2023
8. Members to propose new species for assessment on the Tree Lists by the 7 August 2023

10 MEMBER REPORTS

Nil

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

12 NEXT MEETING

24 August 2023

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