



MINUTES

**East Point Reserve Advisory
Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 3 March 2021**



**AGENDA
EAST POINT RESERVE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday 3 March 2021
4.00pm**

ATTENDEES

Organisation	Representative
Birdlife NT	Lou Martini
City of Darwin	Alderman Mick Palmer - Chairperson
Community Representative	Serena Ragosta
Darwin Military Museum	Norman Cramp
Darwin Triathlon Club	Gary Wall
Fannie Bay Equestrian Club	Inge Gardiner
Friends of East Point	Helen Haritos
Larrakia Nation	Ben Smith
Mindil Beach Life savers NT	Teresa Hall
NTG - Crown Lands	Kelly Benham
NTG - Weeds Branch	Chris Collins
Pee Wees Restaurant	Simon Mathews
Researcher	John Rawsthorne
Researcher	Patricia Blackwell
Top End Native Plants	Lon Wallis

CITY OF DARWIN OFFICERS

Jade Leask	Senior Climate Change & Environmental Officer
Jamie Lewis	Senior Coordinator Parks & Reserves
Vanessa Green	Executive Manager Governance Strategy & Performance
Janine Honner	Senior Administration Officer (Secretariat)

GUESTS/ OBSERVERS

Kimberley Henderson	Administration Officer
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1. WELCOME

Alderman Mick Palmer welcomed the attendees and thanked them for their interest in supporting the East Point Reserve Advisory Committee (EPRAC).

2. APOLOGIES

Marcus Schutenko	MAGNT
Michael Wells	NTG – Heritage Branch
Lorraine Corowa	Community Representative

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

EPRAC acknowledges that we are meeting, living and working on Larrakia Country. We acknowledge the Larrakia people as the Traditional Owners of the Darwin region. We acknowledge all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders with us today and we pay our respects to Larrakia elders past and present and support emerging Larrakia leaders now and into the future.

We are committed to working with Larrakia and all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to create a city that is sustainable and inclusive for everyone.

4. INTRODUCTIONS

All members introduced themselves to the committee.

5. INDUCTION AND MEETING PROTOCOLS

Vanessa Green presented an overview of the Local Government Act in relation to Advisory Committee policy and procedure.

6. MEMBERSHIP

6.1 Deputy Chair nominations

Helen Haritos was elected as Deputy Chair.

6.2 Terms of Reference acceptance

The committee agreed to adopt the Terms of Reference and refer any proposed changes to the next meeting.

6.3 Meeting Schedule

The committee agreed to have quarterly meetings with the next meeting scheduled for Thursday 27 May 2021.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 East Point Biodiversity Plan overview

Jade Leask provided an overview of the East Point Biodiversity Plan (EPBP).

Discussion regarding management practices to implement to support the EPBP were:

- Inclusion of a fire management plan that includes the use of fire for suppression of fuel load
- Education and promotion of the area to engage the community and enhance usage, including sport and recreational activities
- Consideration of the functionality so that public use supports the biodiversity plan and strengthens community involvement
- Review the security of the area and installation of surveillance infrastructure to prevent antisocial behaviour and vandalism
- Inclusion of more rigorous cane toad management practices
- Management and/or removal of the PowerWater sewerage outflow

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Jamie Lewis to advise information on the gate closure times.
- Jade Leask advised there is funding for a biological survey this year. The committee to determine the specifics of the survey.
- Jamie Lewis to meet onsite with representatives from the Equestrian Club and Military Museum to discuss weed management. Emphasis on coffee bush
- Committee to receive an update on all actions from the plan

9. FUTURE ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

The Revegetation Plan is due for renewal. This committee can contribute to planning the locations and species for next five year revegetation planting.

Feasibility plan to acquire vacant crown land along the northern side of the Reserve to be undertaken

10. NEXT MEETING

Thursday 27 May 2021 at 4.30pm

Meeting closed at 5.40pm