



MINUTES

East Point Reserve Advisory Committee Meeting Thursday, 13 February 2025

Date: Thursday, 13 February 2025

Time: 4:30 PM

**Location: Meeting Room Bidjpidji (Meeting Room 1)
Level 1, Civic Centre
Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin**

**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, 13 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 4:30 PM**

PRESENT:

Chairperson Councillor Kim Farrar
Community Representative Lorraine Corowa
Friends of East Point Helen Haritos
Community Representative Ulrike Kachel
Birdlife Top End Amanda Lilleyman
Researcher John Rawsthorne
Fannie Bay Equestrian Club Anja Zimmermann
NT Heritage Samantha Wells

OFFICERS

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

APOLOGY:

Museum and Art Gallery of the NT Kirsten Abbott
Crown Lands Management Wendy Pengelly
Darwin Triathlon Club Gary Wall

NOT PRESENT :

Larrakia Nation Victor Williams

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NT Heritage Samantha Wells was not present at the commencement of the meeting.

1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

The Chair declared the meeting open at 4:43 pm.

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 AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC001/25

Moved: Community Representative Ulrike Kachel

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

- Museum and Art Gallery of the NT Kirsten Abbott
- Crown Lands Management Wendy Pengelly
- Darwin Triathlon Club Gary Wall

CARRIED 7/0

4 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC002/25

Moved: Fannie Bay Equestrian Club Inc. Anja Zimmermann

Seconded: Researcher John Rawsthorne

The following members attended the meeting electronically:

- Birdlife Top End Amanda Lilleyman
- Friends of East Point Helen Haritos
- Fannie Bay Equestrian Club Anja Zimmermann
- Community Representative Lorraine Corowa
- Researcher John Rawsthorne
- NT Heritage Samantha Wells

CARRIED 7/0

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

5.1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC003/25

Moved: Councillor Kim Farrar

Seconded: Community Representative Ulrike Kachel

- 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.
- Community representative Ulrike Kachel declared that she is also on the Committee for Friends of Casuarina Coastal Reserve.

CARRIED 7/0

5.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY STAFF

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC004/25

Moved: Fannie Bay Equestrian Club Inc. Anja Zimmermann

Seconded: Community Representative Ulrike Kachel

THAT the minutes of the East Point Reserve Advisory Committee Meeting held on 14 November 2024 be confirmed.

CARRIED 7/0

7 OFFICER REPORTS

7.1 MEETINGS DATES 2025

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC005/25

Moved: Community Representative Lorraine Corowa

Seconded: Researcher John Rawsthorne

1. THAT the report entitled Meeting Dates 2025 received and noted.
2. THAT the East Point Advisory Committee sets its meeting schedule for 2025 as follows:
 - a) meetings to be held on Thursdays
 - b) meetings to be held from 16:30 pm to 17:30 pm
 - c) meetings to be held at City of Darwin and electronically via Teams
 - d) meetings to be held on:
 - i. 13 February 2025
 - ii. 15 May 2025
 - iii. 17 July 2025
 - iv. 13 November 2025

CARRIED 7/0

NT Heritage Samantha Wells joined the meeting at 4:49pm.

7.2 OFFICER UPDATES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC006/25

Moved: Community Representative Ulrike Kachel

Seconded: Researcher John Rawsthorne

THAT the report entitled Officer Updates be received and noted.

CARRIED 8/0

7.3 EAST POINT RESERVE WEED AND MONSOON VEGETATION SURVEY RESULTS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC007/25

Moved: Community Representative Ulrike Kachel

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

THAT the report entitled East Point Reserve Weed And Monsoon Vegetation Survey Results be received and noted.

CARRIED 8/0

8 MEMBER VERBAL UPDATES

8.1 MEMBERS VERBAL UPDATES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC008/25

Moved: Community Representative Lorraine Corowa

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

THAT the report entitled Members Verbal Updates be received and noted.

Fannie Bay Equestrian Club Anja Zimmerman updated members on the below:

- Cane toad management: the club held a cane toad bust in the grounds of FBEC and the Military Museum. The number of toads caught was significantly higher than in previously reported toad busts as it is now the wet season and there is more surface water available. The toads were euthanised and given to Graeme Sawyer to count, sex and record. In total there were 102 toads caught: 58 males, 37 females and 7 subadults that could not be sexed confidently. The club is planning to conduct frequent toad busts during the wet season to help control toad numbers.
- FBEC horse wash bay update: the club scored a minor community grant intended for the construction of a new horse wash bay. This will allow the club to implement the very high priority Water Management Action. Construction of the new wash bay will commence as soon as grant money is received and the existing one will be dismantled. The drainage ditch beside it will be filled in, which will reduce the number of cane toads on FBEC grounds.
- Weed management control: recently met with Emma Smith, Coordinator Environment and Climate Change, to discuss ways the club and the City of Darwin might coordinate weed management on East Point. FBEC is actively controlling weeds as an integral part of the club's Pasture Improvement Plan, implemented 5 years ago. Most declared weeds are eliminated within the club grounds, and weeds common at East Point, such as Sida, are significantly reduced. Emma acknowledged the club's significant achievements in this area. It is, however, an ongoing 'battle' that requires constant attention and appropriate action to ensure weeds remain under control, so a coordinated approach with the City of Darwin is welcome. The club is currently in the process of writing a formal FBEC Weed Management Plan based on the NT Government's weed management handbook and guidelines.

CARRIED 8/0

9 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Nil

10 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

11 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 5:21 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the East Point Reserve Advisory Committee held on 15 May 2025 .

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CHAIR