



MINUTES

**East Point Reserve Advisory
Committee Meeting**

Thursday, 15 February 2024

**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, 15 FEBRUARY 2024 AT 4:30 PM**

- PRESENT:** Chairperson Councillor Mick Palmer
Birdlife NT Lou Martini
Fannie Bay Equestrian Club Anja Zimmermann
Friends of East Point Helen Haritos
Larrakia Nation Ben Smith
Mindil Beach Life Savers NT Noah Marcroft
Museum and Art Gallery of the NT Kirsten Abbott
Community Representative Serena Ragosta
Community Representative Lorraine Corowa
NTG Heritage Branch Samantha Wells
- OFFICERS:** Nick Fewster (Executive Manager Environment & Waste Services)
Emma Smith (Coordinator Environment and Climate Change)
Elizabeth Gleeson (Environment, Climate and Waste Support Officer)
- APOLOGY:** Top End Native Plant Society Lon Wallis
Crown Lands NTG Racheal Curtain
Darwin Military Museum Norm Cramp
Darwin Triathlon Club Gary Wall
Pee Wees Restaurant Simon Mathews
Researcher John Rawsthorne
- GUESTS:** Nil

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1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the Chair declared the meeting open at 4:30 pm.

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

TOP END NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY LON WALLIS

CROWN LANDS NTG RACHEAL CURTAIN

DARWIN MILITARY MUSEUM NORM CRAMP

DARWIN TRIATHLON CLUB GARY WALL

PEE WEES RESTAURANT SIMON MATHEWS

RESEARCHER JOHN RAWSTHORNE

3 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

3.1 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE GRANTED

The following members attended the meeting electronically:

- Community Representative Serena Ragosta
- Community Representative Lorraine Corowa
- Friends of East Point Helen Haritos
- Museum and Art Gallery of the NT Kirsten Abbott
- NTG Heritage Branch Samantha Wells

4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

4.1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

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.

4.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY STAFF

Nil

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC001/24

Moved: Birdlife NT Lou Martini
Seconded: Larrakia Nation Ben Smith

THAT the minutes of the East Point Reserve Advisory Committee Meeting held on 5 October 2023 be confirmed.

CARRIED 10/0

6 OFFICER REPORTS

6.1 CITY OF DARWIN EAST POINT UPDATE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC002/24

Moved: Birdlife NT Lou Martini
Seconded: Larrakia Nation Ben Smith

1. THAT a verbal update provided by City of Darwin officers, covering multiple programs and projects, be received and noted.
2. THAT the East Point Advisory Committee recommends that City of Darwin officers consider the following member concerns:
 - a) Contact Dan Edwards at MAGNT directly regarding cane toad bust site selection
 - b) Contact the CDU representative regarding any CDU cane toad surveys done on-site
 - c) Fix holes in cane toad exclusion barrier around the Reserve

CARRIED 10/0

6.2 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP REVIEW

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC003/24

Moved: Birdlife NT Lou Martini
Seconded: Larrakia Nation Ben Smith

1. THAT the report entitled Committee Membership Review be received and noted.
2. THAT the East Point Advisory Committee recommends that City of Darwin officers compile a report to Council proposing a revised Terms of Reference Membership for approval.

CARRIED 10/0

7 MEMBER REPORTS

7.1 STAKEHOLDER UPDATES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC004/24

Moved: Birdlife NT Lou Martini
Seconded: Larrakia Nation Ben Smith

1. THAT the report entitled Member Reports, regarding any on-the-ground updates, ideas and concerns relating to site management and decision-making, be received and noted.
2. THAT the East Point Advisory Committee recommends that City of Darwin officers consider the following member concerns:
 - a) Damaged sprinklers around the reserve
 - b) Mahogany trees on Fannie Bay Equestrian Club site require an arborist assessment
 - c) Shared pathway section near PeeWees needs widening
 - d) Shared pathway needs increased signage or speed bumps
 - e) Remaining section of Monsoon Forest path needs upgrading

.CARRIED 10/0

6.2.1

Friends of East Point Helen Haritos noted that the Friends of East Point are having a community planting day Sunday 18 Feb from 8-10am opposite Lake Alexander off Colivas Road.

6.2.2

Community Representative Lorraine Corrowa highlighted the importance of the erosion issue at East Point Reserve and is keen to push for this to be prioritised by Council due to the high community usage of the area.

6.2.3

Fannie Bay Equestrian Club Anja Zimmerman commented that some damaged sprinklers around East Point have been replaced with a more visible structure but some remain and are a public safety concern for people and horses. Anja also mentioned that the mahoganies on site need an arborist assessment. Otherwise, Anya noted that Fannie Bay Equestrian Club have undertaken two toad busts, are going well with their weed management and have some resident goannas. Anja added that the shared pathway section near PeeWees needs widening due to high-use. This was supported by Ben Smith.

6.2.4

Larrakia Nation Ben Smith advised that Larrakia Rangers applied for an NT Ranger Grant to collaborate with Biodiversity Watch on their cane toad taste aversion therapy for goannas but were unsuccessful. Larrakia Nation will consider alternative support to undertake this or similar work in East Point.

6.2.5

Community Representative Serena Ragosta raised safety concerns about the speed of cyclists on shared footpaths and requested increased signage or speed bumps to slow them down. This was seconded by Lorraine Corrowa.

6.2.6

Birdlife NT Lou Martini also suggested upgrading the remaining section of the Monsoon Forest path. He noted that the fauna survey used Birdlife Shorebird data and would have been good if Birdlife were acknowledged and consulted.

6.2.7

Museum and Art Gallery of the NT Kirsten Abbott noted in regard to the Dudley Point Fishing Platform that NT Fisheries are commencing a new Land and Sea Compliance Program for Darwin Harbour for the committee's future reference.

8 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

9 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

RECOMMENDATIONS

Nil

10 GENERAL BUSINESS

RECOMMENDATIONS

Nil

11 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 4:58pm.

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CHAIR