



MINUTES

**East Point Reserve Advisory
Committee Meeting
Thursday, 8 September 2022**

**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, 8 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 4:30PM**

- PRESENT:** Birdlife NT Lou Martini, Councillor Mick Palmer, Community Representative Lorraine Corowa, Darwin Military Museum Norm Cramp, Community Representative Serena Ragosta, Larrakia Nation Ben Smith, NT Heritage Branch Michael Wells, Top End Native Plants Lon Wallis, Weeds Branch NTG Chris Collins, Museum and Art Gallery of the NT Kirsten Abbott, Fannie Bay Equestrian Club Anja Zimmermann
- OFFICERS:** Jamie Lewis (Senior Coordinator Parks & Reserves), Louise Flower (Executive Assistant), Nick Fewster (Executive Manager Environment and Waste Services)
- APOLOGY:** Friends of East Point Mathias Paul, Researcher John Rawsthorne, Mindil Beach Life Savers NT Teresa Hall, Darwin Triathlon Club Gary Wall, Crown Lands, NTG Alix Campbell, Pee Wees Restaurant Simon Mathews
- GUESTS:** Elizabeth Gleeson, City of Darwin Officer

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1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

The Chair declared the meeting open at 4:30 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

That apologies from Friends of East Point Mathias Paul, Researcher John Rawsthorne and Teresa Hall be received and accepted.

3.1 Leave of Absence

Nil

3.2 Leave of Absence Notified

Nil

4 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

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Community Representative Serena Ragosta, Community Representative Lorraine Corowa, NT Heritage Branch Michael Wells and Museum and Art Gallery of the NT Kirsten Abbott.

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

5.1 Declaration of Interest by Members

Nil

5.2 Declaration of Interest by Staff

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC018/22

Moved: Weeds Branch NTG Chris Collins

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

That the minutes of the East Point Reserve Advisory Committee Meeting held on 24 February 2022 and the Special East Point Reserve Advisory Committee Meeting held on 30 June 2022 be confirmed.

CARRIED 11/0

7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

NIL

8 PRESENTATIONS

NIL

9 OFFICER REPORTS**9.1 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC019/22**

MOVED: DARWIN MILITARY MUSEUM NORM CRAMP

SECONDED: BIRDLIFE NT LOU MARTINI

THAT THIS REPORT BE RECEIVED AND NOTED.

CARRIED 11/0**DISCUSSION**

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS WERE HELD DUE TO NEW OFFICERS INCLUDING RECENT RECRUITS TO THE CITY OF DARWIN ENVIRONMENT AND WASTE SERVICES TEAM, NICK FEWSTER AND ELIZABETH GLEESON. JADE LEASK'S ROLE IS LOOKING TO BE FILLED IN THE COMING MONTHS TO COMPLETE THE TEAM. CHRIS COLLINS ADVISED THAT ALIX CAMPBELL IS NO LONGER WORKING AT CROWN LANDS - CHRIS WILL PROVIDE A NEW CONTACT AT NTG TO REPLACE ALIX.

EAST POINT MASTER PLAN

THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN EAST POINT MASTER PLAN, PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED AS A PRIORITY, WILL IDEALLY BE INFORMED BY THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STRATEGIC PLAN. FEEDBACK WAS SOUGHT FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS ON THIS AND NO OBJECTIONS MENTIONED. LORRAINE COROWA AGREED THIS IS A REALLY IMPORTANT PIECE OF WORK TO ESTABLISH WHAT THE COMMUNITY WANTS EAST POINT RESERVE TO BE. AS BACKGROUND, JAMIE LEWIS EXPLAINED THERE WAS A PREVIOUS MASTER PLAN PRODUCED IN THE MID 1990'S. ANJA ZIMMERMANN DISCUSSED THE TIME IT TAKES TO DEVELOP THESE DOCUMENTS AND SUGGESTED THAT IF WE HAVE RESOURCES, WE SHOULD TRY TO DEVELOP THE MASTER PLAN AND STRATEGIC PLAN CONCURRENTLY.

LORRAINE COROWA QUERIED HOW THE CONSULTATION PLAN WILL ROLL OUT FOR THE STRATEGIC PLAN NOTING THAT GETTING THE PROCESS RIGHT IS JUST AS IMPORTANT AS THE END PRODUCT. NICK FEWSTER ADVISED THAT IT IS TOO EARLY TO DETERMINE AT THIS STAGE. WE WILL HAVE CONVERSATIONS ACROSS COUNCIL TO SEE HOW THIS COULD BEST BE COORDINATED.

LOU MARTINI QUERIED HOW THIS STRATEGIC PLAN WILL FEED INTO COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC PLAN. NICK FEWSTER ADVISED THAT THE SCOPING DOCUMENTS WILL HELP TO DEFINE THIS. IT WILL BE COUNCIL'S PRIORITY TO ALIGN THIS PLAN TO OTHER STRATEGIES.

CROWN LAND ACQUISITION

THE CROWN LAND ACQUISITION ACTION ITEM HAS NOT PROGRESSED SINCE THE LAST MEETING. THE LOCATION OF THE LAND WAS CONFIRMED AS BEING THE VACANT CROWN LAND SUPPORTING A MANGROVE COMMUNITY TO THE NORTH. IT IS UNDERSTOOD BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE THAT THE LAND WOULD BE GIFTED TO

CITY OF DARWIN. A COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS OF ACQUIRING THIS LAND WILL BE UNDERTAKEN.

FIRE MANAGEMENT

A CONSULTANT HAS NOT YET BEEN ENGAGED TO UPDATE A FIRE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR EAST POINT. THIS WILL BE PROGRESSED BY CITY OF DARWIN.

CANE TOAD MANAGEMENT

THE CANE TOAD SURVEY REPORT HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED BY COUNCIL AND WILL BE SHARED WITH THE COMMITTEE FOR DISCUSSION AND IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS AT A FUTURE MEETING. PRIORITY ACTIONS INCLUDE A COMMUNITY CANE TOAD MANAGEMENT EVENT AND MANAGING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE, IN PARTICULAR WALLABY TROUGHS AND IRRIGATION, TO PREVENT CANE TOAD ACCESS AND BREEDING.

ANJA ZIMMERMANN, FANNIE BAY EQUESTRIAN CLUB AND LOU MARTINI, BIRDLIFE NT JOINED THE MEETING AT 4:36 PM.

KIRSTEN ABBOTT, MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY OF THE NT JOINED THE MEETING ELECTRONICALLY AT 4:41 PM.

10 MEMBER REPORTS

NIL

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 PROPOSED DUDLEY POINT FISHING PLATFORM - UPDATE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC020/22

MOVED: DARWIN MILITARY MUSEUM NORM CRAMP

SECONDED: WEEDS BRANCH NTG CHRIS COLLINS

THAT THE REPORT BE RECEIVED AND NOTED.

CARRIED 11/0

DISCUSSION

THE COUNCIL DECISION REGARDING THE PROPOSED DUDLEY POINT FISHING PLATFORM WAS DISCUSSED, NOTING THAT COUNCIL PROVIDED IN-PRINCIPLE SUPPORT WITH FINAL APPROVAL SUBJECT TO BROADER COMMUNITY CONSULTATION, DESIGN AND TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS APPROVAL BY CITY OF DARWIN AND ALL REGULATORY APPROVALS BEING MET. NORM CRAMP QUERIED LEVELS OF STAKEHOLDER SUPPORT FOR THIS PROJECT AT THE SPECIAL MEETING AS THE DARWIN MILITARY MUSEUM WAS SURPRISED TO SEE IT WAS SUPPORTED. COUNCILLOR PALMER, LOU MARTINI AND LORRAINE COROWA ADVISED THAT THERE WAS A GENERAL SENSE OF SUPPORT FROM THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO PROGRESS TO THE NEXT STAGE OF THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION PHASE AFTER DIPL AND FISHERIES HAD BOTH PRESENTED TO THE EAST POINT RESERVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ABOUT THE PROPOSED FISHING PLATFORM ON 19 MAY 2022. KIRSTEN ABBOTT REQUESTED A COPY OF THE PRESENTATION AND REPORT BE RE-ISSUED TO THE COMMITTEE.

11.2 UPDATE ON THE REVEGETATION PLAN FOR EAST POINT RESERVE**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC021/22**

MOVED: DARWIN MILITARY MUSEUM NORM CRAMP

SECONDED: COUNCILLOR MICK PALMER

THAT THE REPORT BE RECEIVED AND NOTED.

CARRIED 11/0

DISCUSSIONS

OFFICER JAMIE LEWIS PRESENTED AN UPDATED REVEGETATION PLAN FOR EAST POINT RESERVE. THE AREAS IDENTIFIED ON THE MAP FOR REVEGETATION WERE DISCUSSED, WITH THE COMMITTEE AGREEING TO THE PLAN. IT WAS NOTED THAT CITY OF DARWIN AIM TO LEAVE ENOUGH OPEN GRASSLAND TO SUPPORT THE WALLABY POPULATION AT THE RESERVE.

LON WALLIS ASKED ABOUT UPCOMING COMMUNITY PLANTING DAY'S. JAMIE LEWIS ADVISED THAT PREVIOUS COMMUNITY PLANTING DAYS HAD TAKEN PLACE AROUND MOTHER'S DAY IN MAY WHICH HAVE HAD GOOD ATTENDANCE AND THAT THIS WOULD AGAIN BE COUNCIL'S INTENTION FOR 2023. IRRIGATION OF THE ESTABLISHED COMMUNITY PLANTINGS WAS THEN DISCUSSED WHERE JAMIE EXPLAINED THAT THE PLANTINGS ARE IRRIGATED OVER THE FOLLOWING TWO DRY SEASONS. ONCE THE IRRIGATION PROGRAM HAS FINISHED THE IRRIGATION PIPE AND FITTINGS ARE REUSED AT ANOTHER LOCATION IN AN EFFORT TO MINIMISE WASTE. JAMIE ALSO ADVISED THAT TUBESTOCK ARE SOURCED FROM A NATIVE PLANT SUPPLIER WHERE THE SUPPLIER COLLECTS SEEDS FROM EAST POINT RESERVE WHERE POSSIBLE. AS THE MAJORITY OF THE TREES AT EAST POINT ARE FROM PREVIOUS REVEGETATION EFFORTS, LOCAL PROVENANCE CANNOT ALWAYS BE GUARANTEED. ANJA ZIMMERMANN RECOMMENDED THE NATIONAL ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION STANDARDS FOR GOOD GUIDANCE ON WHERE TO SOURCE SEEDS TO IMPROVE THE RESILIENCE AND SUCCESS RATE OF REVEGETATION PROJECTS.

12 NEXT MEETING

17 NOVEMBER 2022, 4:30PM

13 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT pursuant to Section 65 (2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.