



# **MINUTES**

**Tree Advisory Committee Meeting  
Thursday, 24 August 2023**

**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN  
TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE MEETING ROOM BIDJPIDJI (MEETING ROOM 1), LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE,  
HARRY CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN  
ON THURSDAY, 24 AUGUST 2023 AT 9:00 AM**

**PRESENT:**

Chairperson Kon Vatskalis,  
Councillor Peter Pangquee  
Australian Institute Landscape Architects Fiona Eddleston  
Larrakia Nation Ben Smith  
NT Arboriculture Association Richard Kenyon  
Community Member Adam Grainger  
Community Member Dr Greg Leach

**OFFICERS:**

Simone Saunders (Chief Executive Officer)  
Nick Fewster (Executive Manager Environment and Waste Services)  
Lisa Spann (Manager Parks and Open Spaces)  
Emma Smith (Coordinator Environment & Climate Change)  
Jamie Lewis (Senior Coordinator Parks and Reserves)  
Melodee Brencher (Technical Arborist)  
Claire Scicluna (Supervisor Operations Services)  
Bonne Zhao (Administration Officer)  
Maya Moon (Administration Officer)

**APOLOGY:**

Parks and Wildlife Bryan Harty  
Urban Development Institute of Australia (NT) Hermanus Louw

**OBSERVERS:**

Supervisor Councillor Governance Jane Bland

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## **1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN**

The Chair declared the meeting open at 9:00am.

## **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**

Parks and Wildlife Bryan Harty

Urban Development Institute of Australia (NT) Hermanus Louw

### **3.2 Leave of Absence**

### **3.3 Leave of Absence Notified**

Nil

## **4 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE**

Nil

## **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 TAC014/23**

Moved: Australian Institute Landscape Architects Fiona Eddleston

Seconded: Community Member Dr Greg Leach

That the minutes of the Tree Advisory Committee Meeting held on 25 May 2023 be confirmed.

**CARRIED 7/0**

## **7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Nil

## **8 PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

## 9 OFFICER REPORTS

### 9.1 GREENING STRATEGY UPDATE

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TAC015/23

Moved: Community Member Adam Grainger

Seconded: Larrakia Nation Ben Smith

1. THAT the report entitled Greening Strategy Update be received and noted.

**CARRIED 7/0**

### 9.2 TREE TRIAL SPECIES UPDATE

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TAC016/23

Moved: Larrakia Nation Ben Smith

Seconded: NT Arboriculture Association Richard Kenyon

1. THAT the report entitled Tree Trial Species Update be received and noted.

**CARRIED 7/0**

### 9.3 COMMITTEE FEEDBACK REPORT

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TAC017/23

Moved: Chairperson Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Community Member Adam Grainger

1. THAT the report entitled Community Feedback Report be received and noted.
2. THAT the Tree Advisory Committee recommendations regarding the City of Darwin Greening Strategy, Report Establishing a Resilient Urban Forest for Darwin, Preferred and Not Recommended to be Planted Tree Lists at **Amended Attachment 5** are provided to Council for consideration.

**CARRIED 7/0**

## 10 MEMBER REPORTS

Nil

## 11 GENERAL BUSINESS

### 11.1 MICROSOFT ACCESS INFORMATION

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TAC018/23

Moved: Community Member Adam Grainger

Seconded: Larrakia Nation Ben Smith

THAT the Microsoft Access information provided by Organisational representative Fiona Eddleston be noted by the Committee.

**CARRIED 7/0**

## **11.2 RESIGNATION - HERMANUS LOUW**

### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TAC019/23**

Moved: Australian Institute Landscape Architects Fiona Eddleston

Seconded: Larrakia Nation Ben Smith

THAT the Tree Advisory Committee note the resignation from Hermanus Louw and thank him for his contribution to the committee.

**CARRIED 7/0**

## **12 NEXT MEETING**

23 November 2023

Meeting closed at 10:03am