



MINUTES

**Tree Advisory Committee Meeting
Friday, 25 November 2022**

**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN
TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE CITY OF DARWIN, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON FRIDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2022 AT 11.00 AM**

PRESENT:

Chairperson Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis
Councillor Peter Pangquee
Councillor Morgan Rickard (Alternate)
Community Member Dr Greg Leach
Community Member Adam Grainger
Australian Institute Landscape Architects Fiona Eddleston
NT Arboriculture Association Richard Kenyon
Parks and Wildlife Bryan Harty
Larrakia Nation Ben Smith
Urban Development Institute of Australia (NT) Hermanus Louw

OFFICERS:

Executive Manager Operations Ron Quinn
Senior Coordinator Parks & Reserves Jamie Lewis
Executive Manager Environment & Waste Services Nick Fewster
Coordinator Operations Services Janine Honner
Administration Officer Bonne Zhao

APOLOGY: Nil

GUESTS: Nil

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1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

The Chair declared the meeting open at 11.03am.

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****3.2 Leave of Absence****3.3 Leave of Absence Notified****4 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE****5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF****5.1 Declaration of Interest by Members****5.2 Declaration of Interest by Staff****6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES****7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES****8 PRESENTATIONS**

9 OFFICER REPORTS

9.1 FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS, TIMES AND LOCATION

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TAC001/22

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Community Member Dr Greg Leach

1. THAT the report entitled Frequency of Meetings, Time and Location be received and noted.
2. THAT the Tree Advisory Committee sets its meeting schedule for 2023 as follows:
 - a) Meetings to be held on the fourth Thursday of each month
 - b) Meetings to be held at Civic Centre, City of Darwin
 - c) Meetings to be held from 9.00am to 10.00am
 - d) Four meetings to be held in 2023
 - i. 23 February 2023
 - ii. 25 May 2023
 - iii. 24 August 2023
 - iv. 23 November 2023

CARRIED 9/0

9.2 TERMS OF REFERENCE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TAC002/22

Moved: Chairperson Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: NT Arboriculture Association Richard Kenyon

1. THAT the report entitled Terms of Reference be received and noted.
2. THAT members sign the Tree Advisory Committee Terms of Reference as part of their induction to the Committee.
3. THAT the terminology in the Functions section of the Terms of Reference be amended to:

The functions of the Tree Advisory Committee *as required*, are to:

- (e) Investigate and make recommendations on Species that are Colourful, Tropical and/or Flowering.

CARRIED 9/0

9.3 TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE BACKGROUND INFORMATION

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TAC003/22

Moved: Community Member Adam Grainger

Seconded: Urban Development Institute of Australia (NT) Hermanus Louw

1. THAT the report entitled Tree Advisory Committee Background Information be received and noted.

CARRIED 9/0

Action: Members to forward requests for any specific background information to the Lord Mayor. The requests will be forwarded to the secretariate to collate and distribute.

9.4 GREENING DARWIN STRATEGY PROGRESS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TAC004/22

Moved: Australian Institute Landscape Architects Fiona Eddleston

Seconded: Larrakia Nation Ben Smith

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

CARRIED 9/0

10 MEMBER REPORTS

Nil

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 INVITATION AND STREET TREE PLANTING

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TAC005/22

Moved: Urban Development Institute of Australia (NT) Hermanus Louw

Seconded: Community Member Adam Grainger

1. Community Member Dr Greg Leach queried Mr Tony Cox being invited as an observer to future Tree Advisory Committee meetings.
Committee advised that Mr Cox can be invited to attend as an observer.
2. Organisational Representative Fiona Eddleston raised City of Darwin staff to consider issues with planting of street trees on verges with underground services.

CARRIED 9/0

Action – Mr Tony Cox to be invited to attend meetings as an Observer.

12 NEXT MEETING

23 February 2023

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 11.33 am.