

Minutes

East Point Reserve Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, 13 November 2025

**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 NOVEMBER 2025 AT 4:30 PM**

PRESENT:

Chair, Councillor Mick Palmer
Birdlife Top End, Anne Woollard
Community Representative, Ulrike Kachel
Darwin Triathlon Club, Gary Wall
Fannie Bay Equestrian Club Inc., Anja Zimmermann
Friends of East Point, Helen Haritos
Museum and Art Gallery of the NT, Kirsten Abbott
Researcher, John Rawsthorne

OFFICERS:

Executive Manager Environment & Waste Services, Nick Fewster
Coordinator Environment and Climate Change, Emma Smith
Environment and Waste Support Officer, Libby Gleeson
Business Support Officer, Kali Stepto

APOLOGY:

Community Representative, Lorraine Corowa

NOT PRESENT:

Crown Land Management, Wendy Pengelly
Larrakia Nation, Victor Williams
NT Heritage Branch, Samantha Wells

GUESTS:

CDU student, Amy Cook
Professor Karen Gibb

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1 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.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC001/25

Moved: Researcher John Rawsthorne

Seconded: Darwin Triathlon Club Gary Wall

THAT Councillor Mick Palmer is appointed chair for the meeting.

CARRIED 8/0

2 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC002/25

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Community Representative Ulrike Kachel

The Chair declared the meeting open at 4:36 pm.

CARRIED 8/0

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC003/25

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Community Representative Ulrike Kachel

THAT an apology from Community Representative, Lorraine Corowa be received.

CARRIED 8/0

3.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

RECOMMENDATIONS

Nil

3.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED

RECOMMENDATIONS

Nil.

4 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

4.1 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE GRANTED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC004/25

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Community Representative Ulrike Kachel

THAT the Committee note that pursuant to Section 95 (43) of the *Local Government Act 2019*, the following member(s) were granted permission for Electronic Meeting Attendance:

- Friends of East Point, Helen Haritos
- Researcher, John Rawsthorne
- Museum and Art Gallery of the NT, Kirsten Abbott
- Community Representative, Ulrike Kachel
- Birdlife Top End, Anne Woollard
- Fannie Bay Equestrian Club Inc., Anja Zimmermann
- Darwin Triathlon Club, Gary Wall

CARRIED 8/0

4.2 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE REQUESTED

Nil

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

5.1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC005/25

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

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 8/0

5.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY STAFF**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC006/25**

Moved: Community Representative Ulrike Kachel

Seconded: Darwin Triathlon Club Gary Wall

THAT the minutes of the East Point Reserve Advisory Committee Meeting held on 15 May 2025 be confirmed.

CARRIED 8/0**7 MOVING OF ITEMS****7.1 MOVING OF ITEMS INTO CONFIDENTIAL**

Nil

7.2 MOVING OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS INTO OPEN

Nil

7.3 MOVING CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS TO OPEN AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

Nil

8 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS**8.1 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS**

Nil

9 OFFICER REPORTS

9.1 CHAIR OF EAST POINT RESERVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC007/25

Moved: Researcher John Rawsthorne

Seconded: Darwin Triathlon Club Gary Wall

1. THAT the report entitled Chair of East Point Reserve Advisory Committee be received and noted.
2. THAT the East Point Reserve Advisory Committee endorse Councillor Mick Palmer as the new Chair from 14 November 2025 to 30 June 2026.

CARRIED 8/0

9.2 MEETINGS DATES 2025

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC008/25

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Darwin Triathlon Club Gary Wall

1. THAT the report entitled Meeting Dates 2026 be received and noted.
2. THAT the East Point Advisory Committee set the meeting schedule for 2026 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 the Darwin Civic Centre and electronically via Teams
 - d) meetings to be held on:
 - i. 12 February 2026
 - ii. 14 May 2026
3. THAT the East Point Advisory Committee note that the Elected Members have requested a review of the Advisory Committees and respective terms of reference.

CARRIED 8/0

9.3 OFFICER UPDATES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC009/25

Moved: Researcher John Rawsthorne

Seconded: Museum and Art Gallery of the NT Kirsten Abbott

THAT the report entitled Officer Updates be received and noted.

CARRIED 8/0

9.4 LAKE ALEXANDER MICROBIAL SOURCE TRACKING INVESTIGATION RESULTS**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC010/25**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Darwin Triathlon Club Gary Wall

THAT the report entitled Lake Alexander Microbial Source Tracking Investigation Results be received and noted.

CARRIED 8/0

Committee member Ulrike Kachel left the meeting at 17:00 pm.

9.5 MEMBERS VERBAL UPDATES**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC011/25**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Fannie Bay Equestrian Club Inc. Anja Zimmermann

THAT the report entitled Members Updates be received and noted.

CARRIED 7/0

10 MEMBER REPORTS

Nil

11 GENERAL BUSINESS**11.1 GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil

12 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC012/25**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Darwin Triathlon Club Gary Wall

THAT the next East Point Reserve Advisory Committee be held on 12 February 2026 at Civic Centre.

CARRIED 7/0

13 CLOSURE OF MEETING

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC013/25

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Researcher John Rawsthorne

THAT the chair declared the meeting closed at 5:34 pm

CARRIED 7/0

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the East Point Reserve Advisory Committee Meeting held on 12 February 2026.

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CHAIR