



MINUTES

Tree Advisory Committee Meeting Thursday, 22 May 2025

Date: Thursday, 22 May 2025

Time: 9:00 AM

**Location: Meeting Room Bidjpidji (Meeting Room 1)
Level 1, Civic Centre
Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin**

**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, 22 MAY 2025 AT 9:00 AM**

PRESENT:

Councillor Morgan Rickard
Australian Institute Landscape Architects Marisa Fontes
Community Member Greg Leach
Community Member Mike Clark
NT Arboriculture Association Richard Kenyon

OFFICERS:

Tracy Bignell (Executive Manager Operations)
Emma Smith (Coordinator Environment and Climate Change)
Maya Moon (Coordinator Operations Services)

APOLOGY:

Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

GUESTS:

Nil

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NT Arboriculture Association Richard Kenyon was not present at the commencement of the meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TAC030/25

Moved: Australian Institute Landscape Architects Marisa Fontes

Seconded: Community Member Mike Clark

THAT Councillor Morgan Rickard is appointed as chair for the meeting.

CARRIED 4/0

1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

The Chair declared the meeting open at 9:02 am.

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

Chairperson Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

3.2 Leave of Absence

Nil

3.3 Leave of Absence Notified

Nil

4 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE

Community Member Greg Leach

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 TAC031/25**

Moved: Community Member Greg Leach

Seconded: Australian Institute Landscape Architects Marisa Fontes

THAT the minutes of the Tree Advisory Committee Meeting held on 28 November 2024 be confirmed.

CARRIED 4/0

7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

8 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 OFFICER REPORTS

NIL

10 MEMBER REPORTS

Nil

11 GENERAL BUSINESS**11.1 ORGANISATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE - PARKS AND WILDLIFE****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TAC032/25**

Moved: Councillor Morgan Rickard

Seconded: Community Member Mike Clark

THAT the Committee were notified that Bryan Harty has resigned from the position as he has retired from the Darwin Botanical Gardens.

.CARRIED 4/0

12 NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 27 November 2025

13 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

The Chair declared the meeting closed to the public at 9:06 am.

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT pursuant to Section 99 (2) of the Local Government Act 2019 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 99(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019*:

16.1 Draft Road Verge Planting Policy

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(e) - subject to subregulation 51(3) – information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.

16.2 10 Year Planting Plan - Proposed Scope

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(e) - subject to subregulation 51(3) – information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.