



AGENDA

East Point Reserve Advisory Committee Meeting Thursday, 19 May 2022

**I hereby give notice that an East Point Reserve Advisory Committee
Meeting will be held on:**

Date: Thursday, 19 May 2022

Time: 4:30pm

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

Chief Executive Officer

EAST POINT RESERVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Councillor Mick Palmer
Councillor Morgan Rickard
Birdlife NT Lou Martini
Community Representative Lorraine Corowa
Crown Lands, NTG Kelly Benham
Darwin Military Museum Norm Cramp
Community Representative Serena Ragosta
Darwin Triathlon Club Gary Wall
Fannie Bay Equestrian Club Inge Gardiner
Larrakia Nation Ben Smith
Museum and Art Gallery of the NT Marcus Schutenko
Mindil Beach Life Savers NT Teresa Hall
NT Heritage Branch Michael Wells
Pee Wees Restaurant Simon Mathews
Researcher John Rawsthorne
Top End Native Plants Lon Wallis
Weeds Branch NTG Chris Collins
Friends of East Point Mathias Paul

OFFICERS

Senior Climate Change & Environmental Officer, Jade Leask
Senior Coordinator Parks & Reserves, Jamie Lewis

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1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

City of Darwin is privileged to operate on Larrakia country and we acknowledge the Larrakia people as the Traditional Owners of the Darwin region. City of Darwin pays our respects to Elders past and present. We are committed to working with all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to care for our community and this land and sea for our shared future.

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 Apologies

THAT the apology from Councillor Mick Palmer, be received.

THAT the apology from Member Kirsten Abbott (new representative) Museum and Art Gallery of the NT, be received.

THAT the apology from Member Norm Cramp Darwin Military Museum, be received.

THAT the apology from Member Mathias Paul Friends of East Point, be received.

THAT the apology from Member Alix Campbell Crown Lands, NTG, be received.

THAT the apology from Member Lon Wallis Top End Native Plants, be received.

THAT the apology from Member Michael Wells NT Heritage Branch, be received.

3.2 Leave of Absence

3.3 Leave of Absence Notified

4 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

4.1 Electronic Meeting Attendance

4.2 Electronic Meeting Attendance Notified

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

East Point Reserve Advisory Committee Meeting - 24 February 2022

7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

8 PRESENTATIONS

9 OFFICER REPORTS

9.1 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Author: Senior Climate Change & Environment Officer

Authoriser: Manager Waste Services

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

That this report be received and noted.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide a status update on previous meeting action items.

Ongoing action list for general update provided below.

Action	Status
Revegetation Plan	A draft Revegetation Plan has been developed and has begun implementation for 2022 with a community planting day held 7 May planting over 3000 plants. Ongoing planting priorities for the next five years to be developed with the Committee at the next meeting.
Crown Land Acquisition	Currently identifying an appropriate organisation to undertake the cost benefit analysis.
Strategic Plan	Funding to be identified during budget deliberations by June 2022.
Fire Management Plan	This project will be developed using operational budget identified in the 2022/23 financial year.
Cane Toad Survey Report	Initial report received inadequate in terms of management actions. Report is currently back with consultant to revise and update to a more appropriate management plan.

9.2 EAST POINT EVENTS

Author: Senior Climate Change & Environment Officer
Authoriser: Manager Waste Services
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the report East Point Events be received and noted.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to inform the committee on events undergoing in and around the Reserve.

UPCOMING EVENT**Post Territory Day Clean up**

This year Territory day falls on a Friday night, and with no fireworks last year due to COVID it is expected to be a big night. This coupled with a high tide at 8.30am Saturday morning presents the potential for fireworks waste impacting marine and other ecosystems.

City of Darwin will be delivering a post Territory day clean-up commencing the Saturday morning 2nd July, City of Darwin staff will lead community groups and individuals to undertake the collection.

Two community groups have already gotten onboard with the collection:

- Sea Shepherd Darwin, Sophia King: who will concentrate on the Bundilla/Vesteys beach to East Point cliffs.
- Darwin Rotary club, Lorraine Corowa: who will concentrate on the East Point Road area that is often highly utilised by fireworks enthusiasts.

City of Darwin will promote this event widely to the community to encourage other local groups and community members to attend to assist with the clean-up efforts.

RECENT EVENTS**Bat Night**

Another successful bat night was held 10 May 2022. Approximately 80-90 attendees, with great feedback for the researchers talking during the event and having bats available to look at close up. A bonus for attendees was plants suited to a variety of bat species were given away to promote bat habitat (approximately 70 plants). Bat night will be continued as an annual event as it has been successful every year since 2018.

Community Tree Planting day

A community planting day was held 7 May 2022 on the Mother's Day long weekend.

The successful event saw over 100 people attend to help plant 3,000 trees and shrubs and 1,100 plants given away to community members.

10 MEMBER REPORTS

Nil

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

12 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

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.

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:

12.1 Dudley Point Fishing Platform

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(e) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with 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.



MINUTES

East Point Reserve Advisory Committee Meeting Thursday, 24 February 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, 24 FEBRUARY 2022 AT 4:30PM**

- PRESENT:** Birdlife NT Lou Martini, Councillor Mick Palmer, Community Representative Lorraine Corowa, Community Representative Serena Ragosta, Darwin Triathlon Club Gary Wall, Fannie Bay Equestrian Club Inge Gardiner, Larrakia Nation Ben Smith, Museum and Art Gallery of the NT Marcus Schutenko, NT Heritage Branch Michael Wells, Researcher John Rawsthorne, Weeds Branch NTG Chris Collins,
- OFFICERS:** Jade Leask (Senior Climate Change & Environmental Officer), Jamie Lewis (Senior Coordinator Parks & Reserves), Louise Flower (Executive Assistant (Secretariat))
- APOLOGY:** Crown Lands, NTG Kelly Benham and Alix Campbell, Friends of East Point Mathias Paul, Darwin Military Museum Norm Cramp, Mindil Beach Life Savers NT Teresa Hall, Pee Wees Restaurant Simon Mathews, Top End Native Plants Lon Wallis
- GUESTS:** Nil

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1 Meeting Declared Open

The Chair declared the meeting open at 4:31 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 & LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 Apologies

That apologies from Crown Lands, Alix Campbell, Friends of East Point Mathias Paul, Mindil Beach Life Savers NT Teresa Hall, Darwin Military Museum Norm Cramp, Top End Native Plants Lon Wallis and Pee Wees Restaurant Simon Mathews be received and accepted.

3.2 Leave of Absence

Nil

3.3 Leave of Absence Notified

Nil

4 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE

Birdlife NT Lou Martini
Community Representative Lorraine Corowa
Community Representative Serena Ragosta
Darwin Triathlon Club Gary Wall
Fannie Bay Equestrian Club Inge Gardiner
Larrakia Nation Ben Smith
NT Heritage Branch Michael Wells
Researcher John Rawsthorne
Weeds Branch NTG Chris Collins

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

5.1 Declaration of Interest by Members

Lorraine Corowa declared that the views expressed at this committee are her personal views and are nothing to do with her Senior Public Servant role but as a community representative. This will be noted for future meetings.

5.2 Declaration of Interest by Staff

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC001/22

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Weeds Branch NTG Chris Collins

That the minutes of the East Point Reserve Advisory Committee Meeting held on 28 October 2021 be confirmed.

CARRIED 11/0

7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

8 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 OFFICER REPORTS

9.1 COMMITTEE MATTERS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC002/22

Moved: Museum and Art Gallery of the NT Marcus Schutenko

Seconded: Birdlife NT Lou Martini

1. THAT the resignation of Helen Haritos be received and noted.

CARRIED 11/0

9.2 MEETING TIME, DATES AND LOCATION

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC003/22

Moved: Community Representative Lorraine Corowa

Seconded: NT Heritage Branch Michael Wells

1. THAT the report entitled Meeting Time, Dates and Location be received and noted.
2. THAT the East Point Reserve Advisory Committee adopts the following schedule for meetings in 2022:
 - a) to be held on Thursday's
 - b) to be held from 4:30 PM
 - c) to be held at the Civic Centre Bidjpidjii Room (formerly Meeting Room 1) or electronically via Teams as determined by City of Darwin
 - d) Quarterly meetings are to be held on:
 - i. 19 May 2022
 - ii. 18 August 2022

iii. 17 November 2022

iv. 16 February 2023.

CARRIED 11/0

Discussion

The committee member for Friends of East Point Mathias Paul would like to discuss moving the time of the meeting. As a community group representative with other work and family commitments, a 4.30pm meeting does not particularly suit. Suggests 5.30pm on Monday for consideration by committee but understands it's hard to get a time to suit such a large group.

Chris Collins confirmed he'd be able to attend that suggested time.

Lorraine Corowa mentioned the current time works well for her and via Teams is very convenient.

The current time suits Michael Wells and he acknowledges that changing the time would affect all.

Serena Ragosta mentioned she'd prefer to attend in person as she is struggling with the audio.

It was decided to leave meeting time and day as most attendees could make it at that time.

9.3 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC004/22

Moved: Birdlife NT Lou Martini

Seconded: Weeds Branch NTG Chris Collins

That this report be received and noted.

CARRIED 11/0

Discussion

Revegetation plans discussed. The Committee agreed it would be open to a workshop at the next meeting to discuss longer term revegetation plans.

Crown Land acquisition will progress to a cost benefit analysis delivered by a consultant. Budget has been allocated for this.

Fire Management Plan is still being developed. Consultant input will be included and it is envisaged this will be completed by mid-year.

Coastal erosion and Casuarina trees - Jamie Leirs noted there is more coastal erosion around the municipality in general. Areas in Nightcliff are beginning to feel some impacts. The Capital Works team will be undertaking an investigation on a more holistic approach and officers should have more information on this by the next meeting.

Town Planning Zone maps attached for reference as requested by Lorraine Corowa who confirms these are suitable.

Research data base is a list of all the research we know that has been done in and around East Point Reserve.

Michael Wells asked for more information regarding the Crown Land acquisition. Jade Leask advised that this is a parcel of land adjacent to the East Point Reserve that the mangrove boardwalk goes across. An action item in the East Point Biodiversity Plan is to look at the viability of acquiring this land so we can have holistic management of the area. This will help with fire and weed maintenance. This is a long term action for officers and is progressing. Lou Martini voiced his

support for progressing this.

9.4 STRATEGIC PLAN DEVELOPMENT

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC005/22

Moved: Community Representative Lorraine Corowa

Seconded: Weeds Branch NTG Chris Collins

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED 11/0

9.5 EAST POINT RESERVE REVEGETATION SPECIES LIST

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC006/22

Moved: NT Heritage Branch Michael Wells

Seconded: Larrakia Nation Ben Smith

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED 11/0

9.6 EAST POINT RESERVE REVEGETATION SURVEY

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC007/22

Moved: Researcher John Rawsthorne

Seconded: Community Representative Lorraine Corowa

1. THAT the report entitled East Point Reserve Revegetation Survey be received and noted.
2. THAT the East Point Reserve Advisory Committee provide feedback on revegetation priorities for the Reserve.

CARRIED 11/0

9.7 2021/2022 CANE TOAD SURVEY

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC008/22

Moved: Darwin Triathlon Club Gary Wall

Seconded: NT Heritage Branch Michael Wells

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED 11/0

Discussion

Lorraine Corowa requested clarification on what was expected from the survey and the Cane Toad Survey Management Plan. Jade Leask advised that the recommendations in the report will inform how we can manage the toads and what changes we can make on-ground. We've previously been advised to turn off irrigation at certain times of the year to stress the toads, so they don't repopulate; maintaining the water points so they're not overflowing and leaving moisture on the

ground; and engaging community members to participate in Toad Bust. Officers are hoping these initiatives will be within budget allocation.

9.8 REINTRODUCTION OF THE ATLAS MOTH

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC009/22

Moved: Community Representative Serena Ragosta

Seconded: Community Representative Lorraine Corowa

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED 11/0

Discussion

Jade Leask advised the Equestrian Club that she has provided their contact details to the Atlas Moth breeders so they can discuss adding some moths to their revegetation site.

Lorraine Corowa queried if there was an opportunity for members of the public to join the scientist when looking for the moths. This may help to get people connected to East Point. Jade Leask advised she can ask the breeders but anticipates they may not wish to do this at this time. City of Darwin will post on social media about this shortly. Could look to organise a secondary light trapping with the community.

Ben Smith noted that a lot of the time they see them, they are in the cocoons or as caterpillars. We don't see the moth itself very often.

Michael Wells noted how large they are and suggested they could be marketed similar to the turtles at Casuarina Beach. Jade Leask is hoping the success so far will make the scientists more comfortable to do this.

Serena Ragosta can understand the scientists would be hesitant, but the public is very interested and it would be good to have them included. We need to involve the community. Perhaps a meeting with the expert could be organised or we could organise a display including a cocoon and a moth as an example. Jade Leask was open to this and suggested it could be modelled on the annual Bat Night held at East Point. It would be dependent on the timing of the moths emerging from their cocoons.

10 MEMBER REPORTS

Nil

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 WEED CONTROL PROGRAM

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC010/22

Moved: NT Heritage Branch Michael Wells

Seconded: Weeds Branch NTG Chris Collins

Chris Collins requested an update on how the weed control program is going (mid-wet season) in particular for the two Class A species (Bellyache and Chinee Apple) as well as gamba grass.

Jamie Lewis advised he went to a known site yesterday where we know we have Bellyache bush. There were less than 20 plants which were removed and disposed of at Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility. Two Chinese Apple trees were found which arborists will remove shortly. Noted there is a decrease in these weeds. There were two other known location where we have historically had Bellyache Bush and no plants could be found at either of these locations. A report at the end of the weed program will be presented to the committee for information

CARRIED 11/0

11.2 BIRDLIFE NT EVENTS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC011/22

Moved: NT Heritage Branch Michael Wells

Seconded: Weeds Branch NTG Chris Collins

Lou Martini informed the committee that Birdlife NT are continuing to coordinate regular shore bird counts along Colivas Road. They are also planning a community bird walk for Bird Week around August/September.

CARRIED 11/0

11.3 UPCOMING EVENTS AT EAST POINT RESERVE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC012/22

Moved: NT Heritage Branch Michael Wells

Seconded: Weeds Branch NTG Chris Collins

Jamie Lewis advised that on Mother's Day (8th May) there will be an annual family fun run event at East Point. City of Darwin will also be hosting a community tree planting day on the same day. This will be opposite the Equestrian Club.

Lorraine Corowa commented on how good the new plantings beside the Aeromodellers Club are looking.

Inge Gardiner enquired about a flyer for the tree planting day. Jamie Lewis advised this is currently being developed by our Media team and will be distributed once available.

CARRIED 11/0

12 NEXT MEETING

19 May 2022, 4.30 pm

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 5.04 pm.