

Agenda

East Point Reserve Advisory Committee Meeting

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

- Date:** Thursday, 14 May 2026
- Time:** 4:30 PM
- Location:** Meeting Room Bidjpidji (Meeting Room 1)
Level 1, Civic Centre
Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin

Simone Saunders

Chief Executive Officer



EAST POINT RESERVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Councillor Shani Carson

Birdlife Top End, Anne Woollard

Community Member, Lorraine Corowa

Community Member, Ulrike Kachel

Crown Land Management, Wendy Pengelly

Darwin Triathlon Club, Gary Wall

Fannie Bay Equestrian Club Inc, Anja Zimmermann

Friends of East Point, Helen Haritos

Larrakia Nation, Victor Williams

Museum and Art Gallery of the NT, Kirsten Abbott

NT Heritage Branch, Samantha Wells

Researcher, John Rawsthorne

OFFICERS:

Executive Manager Environment and Waste Services, Nick Fewster

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

2 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 Apologies

3.2 Leave of Absence Granted

3.3 Leave of Absence Notified

4 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

4.1 Electronic Attendance Granted

4.2 Electronic Attendance Requested

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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7 MOVING OF ITEMS

7.1 Moving Open Items into Confidential

7.2 Moving of Confidential Items into Open

8 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS

9 OFFICER REPORTS

9.1 OFFICER UPDATES

Author: Coordinator Environment and Climate Change
Authoriser: Executive Manager Environment and Waste Services
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the report entitled Officer Updates be received and noted.

PURPOSE

This report is to update East Point Advisory Committee members on matters relating to planning and management of the East Point Reserve, relevant on-ground works, or matters relating to the East Point Biodiversity Management Plan.

KEY ISSUES

- Current activities and management occurring at East Point Reserve of interest to stakeholders is outlined below.

DISCUSSION

The proposed mural on the East Point Gun Turret as part of this year's Street Art Festival will not be proceeding as it has not received approval from the Heritage Council.

Another revegetation plot is currently being prepared and will be planted out with 2,500 native plants in May 2026.

Works are currently being undertaken in the Reserve by a third party (Vocus) to install fibre optic cables. The cables are being installed along the power easement that runs from in front of the Fannie Bay Equestrian Club entrance to the mulch area. Trenching and underground directional drilling will continue along the southern side of Lake Alexander and East Point Road over the coming weeks. The cable route is linking an undersea cable from Asia to a new data centre in the Darwin City Centre.

Further works will also be undertaken over a three-month period (June to September) in the area around the cricket pitches at Dudley Point. In this area a directional drill will be operating to install the cables linking with the offshore cable. The drilling will be at a depth underground of at least 19m where it goes underneath the cliffs and to a point 1.5km offshore.

Any enquiries or issues about the works need to be directed to Vocus: Greg Neylan, Head of Land Access (Major Projects), Greg.Neylan@vocus.com.au

As per the East Point Biodiversity Management Plan, a six monthly wallaby count was undertaken in April. 189 wallabies were counted, slightly higher than previous surveys. The next survey will be in September 2026.

The updated Science Trail signage content has been completed and the signs are with the designer. Two additional shorebird signs are also with the designer. A sign designed by a Larrakia artist is also nearing completion. Installation of these new signs is expected in June 2026.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION	
N/A	
STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	3 A Cool, Clean and Green City 3.1 By 2030, Darwin will be recognised as a clean and environmentally responsible city
BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	N/A
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	N/A
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	N/A
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	<p>The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).</p>

9.2 MEMBER UPDATES

Author: Coordinator Environment and Climate Change

Authoriser: Executive Manager Environment and Waste Services

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the report entitled Member Updates be received and noted.

10 MEMBER REPORTS

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

12 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

13 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

THAT pursuant to Section 99 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and Regulation 51 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

14 CLOSURE OF MEETING

Minutes

East Point Reserve Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, 12 February 2026

Unconfirmed

**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, 12 FEBRUARY 2026 AT 4:30 PM**

PRESENT:

Councillor Mick Palmer
Museum and Art Gallery of the NT, Kirsten Abbott
Community Member, Lorraine Corowa
Friends of East Point, Helen Haritos
Community Member, Ulrike Kachel
NT Heritage Branch, Samantha Wells
Birdlife Top End, Anne Woollard
Fannie Bay Equestrian Club Inc, Anja Zimmermann

OFFICERS:

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

APOLOGY:

Larrakia Nation, Victor Williams

NOT PRESENT

Crown Land Management, Wendy Pengelly
Researcher, John Rawsthorne
Darwin Triathlon Club, Gary Wall

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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.

2 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC001/26

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer
Seconded: Community Member Ulrike Kachel

The Chair declared the meeting open at 4:30 pm.

CARRIED 8/0

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC002/26

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer
Seconded: Community Member Ulrike Kachel

THAT an apology from Larrakia Nation, Victor Williams has been received.

CARRIED 8/0

3.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

Nil

3.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED

Nil

4 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

4.1 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE GRANTED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC003/26

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Community Member Ulrike Kachel

THAT the Committee note pursuant to Section 95 (3) of the *Local Government Act 2019*, the following member(s) was granted permission for Electronic Meeting Attendance:

- Fannie Bay Equestrian Club Inc, Anja Zimmermann
- Community Member, Lorraine Corowa
- Friends of East Point, Helen Haritos
- Museum and Art Gallery of the NT, Kirsten Abbott
- Birdlife Top End, Anne Woollard
- NT Heritage Branch, Samantha Wells

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 EPRAC004/26

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Fannie Bay Equestrian Club Inc Anja Zimmermann

1. THAT the Committee note that pursuant to Section 114 and 115 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, 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.
2. THAT the Committee note that pursuant to Section 114 and 115 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, 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

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC005/26**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Museum and Art Gallery of the NT Kirsten Abbott

THAT the minutes of the East Point Reserve Advisory Committee Meeting held on 13 November 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

Nil

9 OFFICER REPORTS**9.1 OFFICER UPDATES****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC006/26**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Museum and Art Gallery of the NT Kirsten Abbott

THAT the report entitled Officer Updates be received and noted.

CARRIED 8/0

9.2 MEMBERS VERBAL UPDATES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC007/26

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Community Member Lorraine Corowa

THAT the report entitled Members Updates be received and noted.

Community Representative Lorraine Corowa

- Community members have reported sightings of dingos at East Point to Lorraine, who asked what is City of Darwin's approach to managing dingos. Emma Smith responded that dingos have always been present at East Point and are regularly detected during wildlife surveys on camera traps. Dingos are discussed in the East Point Reserve Biodiversity Management Plan and they are an important part of the reserve's healthy and functioning ecosystem. The dingos recorded at East Point appear to be pure and not mixed with wild dogs.
- In response to media queries, City of Darwin Media Team has put together a statement on City of Darwin's management of dingos. Emma Smith will pass this statement on to Lorraine to use when responding to community queries.
- Lorraine Corowa mentioned the possibility of avian influenza arriving and that people should call the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline if they spot groups of dead birds.
- Fannie Bay Equestrian Club Inc, Anja Zimmermann
 - Queried why the grass is not being mown at East Point. Nick Fewster responded that East Point remains closed due to ongoing Cyclone Fina clean-up works and that the grass is not mown because the safety of contractors cannot be guaranteed and the long grass also discourages public use of these areas.
 - Anya Zimmermann noted that weeds in the unmown grass areas are now flowering and seeding, which will worsen the spread of weeds in the reserve and into their lease area.

Birdlife Top End, Anne Woollard

- Anne Woollard advised she wasn't aware that East Point Reserve was closed as they have been continuing to undertake their monthly shorebird surveys. Nick Fewster mentioned there have been communications about Parks and Reserve closures released periodically after the cyclone.

Museum and Art Gallery of the NT, Kirsten Abbott

- Kirsten Abbott offered the Museum's assistance in developing the content and providing images for the updated Science Trail signs. This was greatly appreciated by the environment team.

Friends of East Point, Helen Haritos

- Helen Haritos mentioned the Friends of East Point recently undertook more revegetation planting in the breezeway area.

CARRIED 8/0

10 MEMBER REPORTS

Nil

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

12 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC008/26**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Community Member Ulrike Kachel

THAT the next East Point Reserve Advisory Committee be held on Thursday, 14 May 2026, at 4:30 PM (Open Section followed by the Confidential Section), Meeting Room Bidjpidji (Meeting Room 1), Level 1, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin.

CARRIED 8/0**13 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC****RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

14 CLOSURE OF MEETING**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC009/26**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Community Member Ulrike Kachel

THAT the meeting be closed at 4:52 pm.

CARRIED 8/0

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the East Point Reserve Advisory Committee Meeting held on 14 May 2026.

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CHAIR