



# **AGENDA**

## **East Point Reserve Advisory Committee Meeting Thursday, 14 November 2024**

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

**Date: Thursday, 14 November 2024**

**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 Kim Farrar

Museum and Art Gallery of the NT Kirsten Abbott

Community Representative Lorraine Corowa

Crown Lands NTG Racheal Curtain

Friends of East Point Helen Haritos

Community Representative Ulrike Kachel

Birdlife NT Amanda Lilleyman

Researcher John Rawsthorne

Darwin Triathlon Club Gary Wall

Fannie Bay Equestrian Club Anja Zimmermann

Larrakia Nation Victor Williams

## **OFFICERS**

Executive Manager Environment & Waste Services, Nick Fewster

Coordinator Environment and Climate Change, Emma Smith

Environment, Climate and Waste Support Officer, Elizabeth Gleeson

Environment, Climate and Waste Support Officer, Kali Stepto

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**1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN**

**2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**2.1 Apologies**

NT Heritage Samantha Wells

**2.2 Leave of Absence Granted**

**2.3 Leave of Absence Requested**

**3 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE**

**3.1 Electronic Meeting Attendance Granted**

**3.2 Electronic Meeting Attendance Requested**

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## 6 OFFICER REPORTS

### 6.1 CHAIR OF EAST POINT RESERVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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 \_\_\_\_\_ as the new Chair for a two-year term from 14 November 2024 to 13 November 2026.

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to for the Committee to nominate a chair for Council's endorsement.

#### KEY ISSUES

- Chairperson of a Council committee is appointed by the Council.
- The most recent chair of the East Point Reserve Advisory Committee was Councillor Mick Palmer who is no longer a committee member.
- The term will be for two years.

<b>DISCUSSION</b>  The Local Government Act 2019, Section 98 advises the chairperson of a Council committee is appointed by the Council. The first order of business at the meeting on 14 November 2024 is to nominate to Council a chairperson for appointment.	
<b>PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION</b>  Nil	
<b>STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT</b>	6 Governance Framework 6.3 Decision Making and Management
<b>BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	Nil
<b>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</b>	<b>Legislation:</b> Local Government Act 2019
<b>CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT &amp; COMMUNICATION</b>	Nil
<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>	<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>

**6.2 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**

The purpose of this report is to update members on relevant on-ground works, management, or matters relating to the East Point Biodiversity Management Plan.

**KEY ISSUES**

- Updates since the last meeting are summarised below

**DISCUSSION**

- A commemorative event is planned for early morning on 25 December 2024 at East Point marking the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Cyclone Tracy. The event is being organised by Remembering Cyclone Tracy Inc, and plans to include the unveiling of their memorial located near the Beach Car Park.
- In accordance with City of Darwin's Cane Toad Management Plan for East Point Reserve, staff have continued to undertake regular cane toad management events on site. A total of 837 toads have been removed from the reserve, collected during six events held between February and October 2024. Over this period, toad numbers in the reserve reduced noticeably. As such, the most recent October event additionally targeted the breezeway area and found high numbers of toads. Ongoing events will continue to include this area.
- Resurfacing works along the monsoon forest walking track are now complete.
- The Terms of Reference updates agreed to by members at the meeting on 16 May 2024 were approved by Council on 13 August 2024. All committee members have signed the updated Terms of Reference.

**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 /**

**Budget/Funding:** N/A



<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	<b>Is Funding identified:</b> N/A
<b>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</b>	N/A
<b>CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT &amp; COMMUNICATION</b>	N/A
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## 7 MEMBER REPORTS

### 7.1 MEMBERS UPDATES

**Author:** Coordinator Environment and Climate Change

**Authoriser:** Executive Manager Environment and Waste Services

**Attachments:** 1. Updates from Fannie Bay Equestrian Club [↓](#)

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the report entitled Members Updates be received and noted.

This report is presented by Fannie Bay Equestrian Club, Anja Zimmermann as in **Attachment 1**

**FANNIE BAY EQUESTRIAN CLUB ITEMS  
FOR EAST POINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Thursday 14 November

## TREES – THANK YOU

FBEC would like to **thank the Council** for:

- Planting and mulching some new trees along our front fence to replace ones that had died.
- Organising the removal of dangerous trees in our grounds: ones that were infested with *Mastotermes darwiniensis* termites and others that were already dead.

### **Request:**

- *Could the Council supply FBEC with more young native trees (termite resistant) and possibly mulch, for the club to do more tree planting during the wet season?*

## CANE TOAD MANAGEMENT

As part of our ongoing commitment to improving the cane toad situation at the club, the committee made the decisions to:

- 1) Not irrigate paddocks unless it becomes necessary. i.e. if we end up having a prolonged dry.
- 2) Only irrigate the front lawn area near the firepit.
- 3) Empty all water troughs not in use as soon as the horses are not in those paddocks.

### **Cane toad busts**

**May:** 10 toads majority caught in water troughs + one cane toad looking very sick on the front lawn.  
This is when we started leaving water troughs empty.

**June:** 5 toads.

**July:** 2 toads squished on road + 3 found on cane toad hunt.

**August:** 2 located in water troughs.

**October:** 26 located in / near water troughs (more due to rains)

**Total:** 48 in 6 months – *significantly fewer than usual due to changed water management practices*

## GOANNAS

Biodiversity Watch recently completed another round of focusing on the yellow Spotted Monitors, *Varanus panoptes*, a threatened species of reptile in Darwin. This was a 'mark and recapture' study, where they weigh, measure, photograph and number and/or microchip the animals which are caught before releasing them again.

Normally this research study is performed in May, however Graeme Sawyer was unavailable until September. This year Graeme was able to capture **five large goannas at FBEC but (only) one goanna in the greater East Point Reserve area**. Unfortunately, he later informed us that **no goannas were found** in their other catchment area **at Charles Darwin University**.

**Graeme again emphasised that FBEC appears to be an 'oasis' for this threatened goanna.** Well done to all our **members for continuing to help control the cane toads** and improve our pasture and trees.

He also said that we could expect to see young goannas soon. The following day the first one was spotted.

BIRDS

There are many different species of birds nesting at FBEC. Some like **curlews and plovers** are breeding well. Others are regular visitors: **magpie geese, barking owls and kingfishers**.

The **tower built** in one of FBEC’s paddocks **to attract osprey**, is occasionally visited by these birds, but none have nested there.

When the tower was built several years ago, large sticks were wired onto the platform. Over the years **this ‘nest’ has deteriorated and there are loose and broken wires visible**. FBEC contacted the Council because of perceived danger to the osprey. Apparently creating a ‘nest’ for the birds is not appropriate (they will do it themselves) but in the meantime we still have sharp exposed wires.

***Request:** Could the Council have the ‘nest’ (remaining sticks and broken wires) removed?*

WEED MANAGEMENT

FBEC has managed to **eliminate almost all Sida and Gamba Grass in the grounds**, but we have a new weed, **Tar Vine**, that we are currently battling following advice from professional agronomists.

Tar vine (*Boerhavia coccinea*) is found throughout Australia. It grows in a wide variety of habitats, and in tropical, subtropical, semi-arid and temperate regions. It depletes soil moisture and nutrients, reducing the yield potential of the subsequent crop. Tar vine also acts as a green bridge for crop pests and disease.

Tar vine has very small sticky seeds and each plant produces hundreds of seeds. Because the seeds are sticky, they can attach to horses, clothing and machines. This weed will grow vigorously at this time of year and **the club is making great efforts to control it**.

FBEC HORSE WASH BAY

FBEC has taken note of the recommendation in the updated East Point Biodiversity Management Plan regarding the **need to upgrade the club’s horse wash bay in the short term as a very high priority water management action**.

• Liaise with the Fannie Bay Equestrian Club to investigate options for an upgrade to the horse wash bay facility to enable water to quickly drain away.	ST	Council, Fannie Bay Equestrian Club	Very High
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Consequently, FBEC will shortly be submitting a grant application for a Minor Community Grant to help fund the construction of a new horse wash bay with proper drainage. This will allow the club to demolish the existing inferior horse wash bay, which the club will replace asap with a second new horse wash bay with proper drainage.

With 29 horses, the club requires 2 wash bays with proper drainage, that can accommodate 3 horses each, so that the drainage is adequate and no longer an issue.

**8        QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**

**98      GENERAL BUSINESS**

**10      CLOSURE OF MEETING**



# **MINUTES**

## **East Point Reserve Advisory Committee Meeting Thursday, 15 August 2024**

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

**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, 15 AUGUST 2024 AT 4:30 PM**

**PRESENT:**

Deputy Chair Councillor Morgan Rickard  
Community Representative Lorraine Corowa  
Friends of East Point Helen Haritos  
Community Representative Ulrike Kachel  
Researcher John Rawsthorne  
Larrakia Nation Victor Williams  
Darwin Triathlon Club Gary Wall  
NT Heritage Samantha Wells  
Fannie Bay Equestrian Club Anja Zimmermann

**OFFICERS**

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

**APOLOGY:**

Chairperson Councillor Mick Palmer  
Museum and Art Gallery of the NT Kirsten Abbott

**NOT PRESENT:**

Crown Lands NTG Racheal Curtain  
Birdlife NT Amanda Lilleyman

**OBSERVER:**

Top End Native Plant Society Roland Muench

**Order of Business**

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## **1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN**

### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC009/24**

Moved: Fannie Bay Equestrian Club Inc. Anja Zimmermann

Seconded: Alternate Councillor Morgan Rickard

The Deputy Chair declared the meeting open at 4:33 pm.

**CARRIED 9/0**

## **2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Chairperson Councillor Mick Palmer

Museum and Art Gallery of the NT Kirsten Abbott

## **3 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE**

### **3.1 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE GRANTED**

The following members attended the meeting electronically:

- Deputy Chair Councillor Morgan Rickard
- Community Representative Lorraine Corowa
- Friends of East Point Helen Haritos
- Researcher John Rawsthorne
- Larrakia Nation Victor Williams
- Darwin Triathlon Club Gary Wall
- NT Heritage Samantha Wells

## **4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF**

### **4.1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

Committee members made the following declaration:

- 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.

## 4.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY STAFF

Nil

## 5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC010/24

Moved: Darwin Triathlon Club Gary Wall

Seconded: Alternate Councillor Morgan Rickard

THAT the minutes of the East Point Reserve Advisory Committee Meeting held on 16 May 2024 be confirmed.

**CARRIED 9/0**

## 6 OFFICER REPORTS

### 6.1 OFFICER UPDATES

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC011/24

Moved: Fannie Bay Equestrian Club Inc. Anja Zimmermann

Seconded: Darwin Triathlon Club Gary Wall

THAT the report entitled Officer Updates be received and noted.

**CARRIED 9/0**

## 7 MEMBER REPORTS

### 7.1 MEMBERS VERBAL UPDATES

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC012/24

Moved: Alternate Councillor Morgan Rickard

Seconded: Darwin Triathlon Club Gary Wall

THAT the report entitled Members Verbal Updates be received and noted.

#### 7.1

The community representative, Lorraine Corowa expressed her gratitude for the community planting day and commended all the officers involved. Lorraine Corowa stated it helps the community to connect with East Point

#### 7.2

The Darwin Triathlon Club representative, Gary Wall advised of a triathlon event to be held Sunday morning, featuring one hundred participants including thirty from interstate.

#### 7.3

The Fannie Bay Equestrian Club representative, Anja Zimmermann advised the Equestrian Club will hold an Open Day on Sunday morning.

**CARRIED 9/0**

## 8 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

### RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the following Questions by Members be received and noted.

#### Question

Friends of East Point, Helen Haritos requested if the volume of the music played at Lake Alexander on Saturdays be measured? Music generally starts around midday and continues through the evening.

#### Response

The Executive Manager Environment and Waste Services, Nick Fewster, requested further information be provided to City of Darwin to assist with investigations.

## 9 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

## 10 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

### RECOMMENDATIONS

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 2019*:

#### 14.1 Cyclone Tracy Memorial Update

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(iv) 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 information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to subject to subregulation 51(3) – prejudice the interests of the Council or some other person.

#### 14.2 Members Verbal Updates

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.

Unconfirmed

## 11 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIASON

### RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the open section of the meeting be adjourned at 4:47 pm.

THAT the open section of the meeting be resumed at 5:02 pm.

THAT the chair declared the meeting closed at 5:02 pm.

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the East Point Reserve Advisory Committee held on 14 November 2024.**

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CHAIR