



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, 28 October 2021

Time: 4:30pm

**Location: City of Darwin Civic Centre
Meeting Room 1
17 Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin**

**Scott Waters
Chief Executive Officer**



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EAST POINT RESERVE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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MEMBERS

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Community Representative
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Crown Lands, NTG
Darwin Military Museum
Darwin Triathlon Club
Fannie Bay Equestrian Club
Friends of East Point
Larrakia Nation
MAGNT
Mindil Beach Life savers NT
NT Heritage Branch
Pee Wees Restaurant
Researcher
Top End Native Plants
Weeds Branch, NTG

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Kelly Benham
Norman Cramp
Gary Wall
Inge Gardiner
Helen Haritos (Deputy Chair)
Ben Smith
Marcus Schutenko
Teresa Hall
Michael Wells
Simon Mathews
John Rawsthorne
Lon Wallis
Chris Collins

CITY OF DARWIN OFFICERS

Jade Leask	Senior Climate Change & Environmental Officer
Jamie Lewis	Senior Coordinator Parks & Reserves
Janine Honner	Senior Administration Officer (Secretariat)

GUESTS/ OBSERVERS

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2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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3. APOLOGIES

Norman Cramp - Darwin Military Museum

4. COMMITTEE MATTERS

Welcome: Alderman Rickard Newly appointed Alderman alternate to EPRAC.

Proxy: Kelly-Marie Benham Crown Lands is on secondment until August 2022 James Buckley will proxy until position is back filled or Kelly returns.

Resignation: Ms Patricia Blackwell has retired from ANU and will no longer be in Darwin undertaking research and has resigned from the Committee. She was thanked for her interest in participating in the committee and acknowledged for her contributions to research in the reserve.

5. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

6. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

East Point Reserve Advisory Committee Meeting minutes – 27 May 2021
(Attachment A)

7. BUSINESS ARAISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Action	Responsible Persons	Raised	Outcome	Date closed
Biodiversity Survey	Jade Leask	3 March 2021	In Progress - Revegetation health survey and Cane Toad management plan Draft reports received.	
Revegetation Plan	Committee	3 March 2021	Ongoing – waiting on Vegetation health survey outcomes.	
Crown Land acquisition	Jade Leask	3 March 2021	Ongoing	

Strategic Plan	Committee	3 March 2021	Ongoing – Committee to discuss and action if deemed appropriate.	
Fire Management Plan	Jade Leask	27 May 2021	Fire management plan will be developed over the wet season for implementation by early 2022.	

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Committee correspondence responses (Attachment B)

Members Questions (Lorraine Corowa):

1. Review of the Terms of Reference – it seems that it's quite narrow being only about the biodiversity plan. It could be broader to encompass all matters pertaining to East Point.
2. Measures that can be undertaken by the City of Darwin to deal with anti-social itinerant behaviour at East Point Reserve. *(refer attachment B for response)*
3. An update on any current commercial proposals the City of Darwin has received for East Point Reserve. *(refer attachment B for response)*
4. What actions have been undertaken by the City of Darwin to scope the development of a new "Nightcliff Café" style development at East Point Reserve. *(refer attachment B for response)*
5. In the interest of inclusion, I would like to understand if there are any plans for installing new and more seating along the foreshore for seniors and those recovering from illness.
6. in the interests of inclusion, it would be good to scope the possibility of wheelchair access to the beach along the foreshore. *(refer attachment B for response)*
7. An update on the Casuarina trees near Rock sitters and the plans to reinforce the cliff face in that area to avoid further loss of the trees and damage to footpath. *(refer attachment B for response)*

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

East Point Reserve Biodiversity Management Plan updates (Jade Leask):

- Atlas moth reintroduction
- Cane Toad surveys
- BoM Structure

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held 17 February 2022.

11. CLOSURE OF MEETING



MINUTES

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1. WELCOME

2. APOLOGIES

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Friends of East Point – Helen Haritos
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Senior Coordinator Parks & Reserves – Jamie Lewis

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Lorraine Corowa declared that her position is as a senior public servant. The views expressed at this committee are personal views and nothing to do with her Government position.

5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes were confirmed by Lou Martini and seconded by Alderman Mick Palmer.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Action	Responsible Persons	Raised	Outcome	Date closed
Ensure vehicle gate past Pee Wees is in the security patrol lock up.	Jade Leask	3/3/21	Complete – CoD Property Officer confirmed it is part of the contract to lock this gate. Any instances noted by stakeholders of it not locked to be reported to CoD.	27/5/21
Meet with Equestrian club and Military museum regarding weed management	Jamie Lewis	3/3/21	Complete - Corrections Services will be engaged in the dry season to assist with weed management focussing on Coffee bush.	27/5/21
Biodiversity Survey	Jade Leask	3/3/21	In Progress - Revegetation health survey and Cane Toad Management Plan. EOI's for both the Cane Toad and Revegetation Management Plans are being assessed.	
Revegetation Plan	Committee	3/3/21	Ongoing – waiting on vegetation health survey outcomes.	
Crown Land acquisition	Jade Leask	3/3/21	Ongoing	

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Strategic Plan	Committee	3/3/21	Ongoing – Committee to discuss and action if deemed appropriate.	
Bird viewing platform	Jade Leask	27/5/21	The proposed location may impact on birds.	
Revegetation survey	Jade Leask	27/5/21	A request for the committee to have access to the survey and the new revegetation plan.	

Other items raised:

- Mangrove studies and management – committee members discussed the importance of public education from mangrove monitoring and research. Committee members offered to assist Patricia Blackwell with educational items.
- The database of all research undertaken at East Point. Jade has a listing of all research papers. This will be forwarded once approval to distribute is confirmed.
- Development of a Fire Management Plans and/or policy that include Indigenous fire management practices

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Committee Correspondence received at (Attachment C).

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

Ms Corowa asked to discuss the correspondence that was submitted by email on 16/3/21. The main point requested to be discussed was anti-social behaviour and the impacts on the area near Lake Alexander and onto the beach. It was requested by the Chairperson to raise these concerns at the next meeting.

9. NEXT MEETING

The Chairperson requested by the Chairperson to be held at the end of September. The date will be confirmed and the committee advised.

CORRESPONDENCE ENQUIRIES

Q1. One of the most popular birdwatching spots in the reserve is around near the western rock shelf. Bush birds there often use the bubbler to get a drink, but recently this has been dry more often than not. I think that an elevated water point (by this I mean a small trough perhaps 3-6 feet above ground, above wallaby height) would be a good amenity for this area.

Q2. I see the biodiversity management plan includes a birdwatching platform. There is a reasonable site for such a thing near the western rock platform, which would be quite useful for shorebird observation at high tides. Happy to discuss options with you.

Q3. One of the key issues for shorebirds is high tide disturbance, and at East Point there is a particular issue with disturbance by fishermen in one small area on the rock platform (the last rocks that inundate as the tide rises, on the southern edge of the western rock platform). If fishing could be excluded within 100m of this platform, it would greatly reduce disturbance to roosting shorebirds. Alternatively, if a sign pointing out that disturbance is an issue could be put in place, this may go some way to reducing the problems.

Response: Senior Climate Change and Environment Officer (Q1,2,3):

Discussions with BirdLife NT, John Rawsthorne and other stakeholders will be undertaken when bird related infrastructure is actioned.

The bird trough suggestion is noted. The possibility of a no fishing sign is noted, however the water is not under Council control and “banning” fishing in the area would not be a Council function or responsibility.

Currently no budget has been allocated to any additional infrastructure at East Point Reserve.

Q4. Develop a 10-year strategic/master plan for the area.

Response: Senior Climate Change and Environment Officer (Q4):

For further consideration and actioning by the East Point Reserve Advisory Committee.

Q5. What Measures can be undertaken by the City of Darwin to deal with anti-social itinerant behaviour at East Point Reserve. I acknowledge that this is a challenging space, however it is a key issue for many users of the reserve. The issue is particularly important in relation to the area around Lake Alexander and onto the beach near the BBQ tables, playgrounds, pop up vendors and toilet facilities.

Response: Executive Manager Community and Cultural Services (Q5):

Thanks for your query,

Darwin experiences a range of complex and challenging social issues which are at times confronting and also difficult to address. This includes public consumption of alcohol to harmful levels in public spaces, which may precede public nuisance behaviours or criminal behaviour. While every attempt is made by our staff to address

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issues in City of Darwin owned public spaces, our staff do not have the legislative powers to directly deal with criminal behaviour, public intoxication and/or the consumption of alcohol in our public spaces. In those cases, only NT Police have the legislative mandate to respond. City of Darwin provides significant resources, including several teams of Officers, to address and reduce public space issues within the Darwin Municipality.

Council's Public Places Rangers and the Darwin Safer City Team, including the Assertive Outreach Officers, work in partnership with the Police, Larrakia Nation and other service providers to ensure that City of Darwin owned/controlled public spaces are safe and clean and able to be utilised and enjoyed by everyone in the community. City of Darwin recognises that no one Agency can address public space issues and so takes a collaborative approach with other service providers, which includes Government and non-Government organisations in the community sector, to address the structural and other reforms needed for long term change. This includes representation of City of Darwin Officers at a Senior and operational level, in meetings such as the Public Places Services Collaboration Group which is an operational group Chaired by NT Police and which takes a multi-Agency approach to public space and alcohol issues in the Darwin community.

Under the NT Liquor Act (2019) Council as owner/controller of their public areas controls the times that alcohol can be consumed in those areas, including at East Point Reserve. At East Point, consumption times and areas are clearly displayed throughout the Reserve. While some people ignore these consumption hours, NT Police have the authority in accordance with the Act to respond to the consumption of alcohol outside these allowable times. Additionally, City of Darwin staff undertake patrols of East Point Reserve and other Council owned parks and reserves several times per day and regularly report non-compliance of alcohol consumption times to the NT Police.

In addition, City of Darwin work closely with the not for profit and social sector to advocate for better services for homeless people within our community and for more adequate services in the space of mental health and wellbeing.

Q6. An update on any current commercial proposals the City of Darwin has received for East Point Reserve.

Q7. What actions have been undertaken by the City of Darwin to scope the development of a new "Nightcliff Café" style development at East Point Reserve. Is there any longer-term strategic plan to increase commercial interests in the reserve?

Response: Manager City Planning (Q6&7):

Regarding your questions, I am not aware of any unsolicited proposals from a commercial enterprise nor are there any active development applications for the area. East Point Reserve is currently zoned Public Open Space and as such does not have a commercial focus. Development is possible for a café style development however Council is not currently exploring this type of development for East Point Reserve.

Q8. I would like to understand if there are any plans for installing new and more seating along the foreshore for seniors and those recovering from illness – enabling them to comfortably walk between seats in certain key spots.

Response: Senior Coordinator Parks and Reserves (Q8):

Yet to provide response.

Q9. It would be good to get an update on the Casuarina trees near Rock sitters and the plans to reinforce the cliff face in that area to avoid further loss of the trees and damage to footpath.

Response: Senior Coordinator Project Delivery (Q9):

Council aims to protect all trees within the reserve. When trees are assessed that may pose a risk to the community, they may need to be removed. No more trees are planned for removal at this stage.

Council undertook coastal protection works in this area in January 2017, as per the recommendations of City of Darwin's Coastal Erosion Management Plan. This included loose rock placement to reduce cliff recession and improved drainage management.

There are no further works planned for coastal protection across City of Darwin as the recommendations from the management plan have been completed.

There currently is no funding identified in Council's Long-Term Financial Plan to undertake coastal protection works. However, review of the success of erosion control measures through aerial imagery changes and drone footage will be undertaken.

Q10. In the interests of inclusion, it would be good to scope the possibility of wheelchair access to the beach along the foreshore.

Response: Community Development Officer (Q10):

It is recognised that currently access onto beaches is not available to all community members via a suitable ramp or path at East Point.

The Access and Inclusion Committee have received information on mobi-matting that allows assisted mobility users onto the beach. There are several maintenance and logistical issues that need to be assessed before any matting can be trialled. If it is deemed suitable to progress, the priority area for a trial would be Mindil beach due to the larger number of visitors to the area.

City of Darwin is committed to access and inclusion across the municipality. For your Committees information the all ability access to the playground at Lake Alexander is currently being assessed for future works and improvements to the range of all access activities.
