



AGENDA

Tree Advisory Committee Meeting Thursday, 23 May 2024

I hereby give notice that a Tree Advisory Committee Meeting will be held on:

Date: Thursday, 23 May 2024

Time: 9:00 AM

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

**Simone Saunders
Chief Executive Officer**

TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairperson Kon Vatskalis (Chair)

Councillor Morgan Rickard

Australian Institute Landscape Architects Fiona Eddleston

Larrakia Nation Ben Smith

NT Arboriculture Association Richard Kenyon

Parks and Wildlife Bryan Harty

Community Member Adam Grainger

Community Member Dr Greg Leach

OFFICERS

Executive Manager Operations, Tracy Bignell

Manager Parks and Open Spaces, Lisa Spann

Executive Manager Environment and Waste Services, Nick Fewster

Coordinator Environment and Climate Change, Emma Smith

Administration Officer, Maya Moon

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2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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3.2 Leave of Absence

3.3 Leave of Absence Notified

4 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE

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9.1 'PREFERRED AND NOT RECOMMENDED TO BE PLANTED TREE LIST' UPDATE

Author: Executive Manager Operations

Authoriser: General Manager Community

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report entitled 'Preferred and Not Recommended to be Planted Tree List' Update be received and noted.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide the Tree Advisory Committee with an update on the 'Preferred and Not Recommended to be Planted Tree List'.

KEY ISSUES

- The updated 'Preferred and Not Recommended to be Planted Tree List' was endorsed by Council at its meeting of 26 September 2023.
- Since this time, members of the Tree Advisory Committee have been populating a spreadsheet to capture a total of 29 items for each identified tree on the list to assist in making more informed decisions in the future.
- While substantial work has been completed in compiling this information, additional work is needed to complete the task.
- It is proposed that a small working group of Council staff will be formed to finalise the information gaps in the list provided to the Executive Manager on 24 February 2024 before re-presenting the compiled information back to the Tree Advisory Committee at one of its future meetings. This should require minimal Council resources to finalise.

DISCUSSION

At its meeting of 24 August 2023, the Tree Advisory Committee recommended that Council adopt the updated 'Preferred and Not Recommended to be Planted Tree' lists. Council at its meeting on 26 September 2023 endorsed this recommendation.

When the recommendation was made at the Tree Advisory Committee meeting on 24 August 2023, discussion occurred on providing more detail around the trees on the respective lists to ensure informed decisions could be made going forward.

Committee member Fiona Eddleston coordinated this process. The spreadsheet was expanded to include a total of 29 items of information:

- Family name, genus name, species name, sub species, overall species rating (preferred, not preferred status)
- Shade density, colour, origin
- Cyclone resistance, cyclone resistance source, climate change resilience
- Species leaf type, form, growth rate, longevity, height, spread
- References
- Habitat, succession category, suitability for various areas (large park, small park, road reserve, urban landscapes, drainage swales)
- Irrigation requirements
- Weed status
- Any other notes of relevance.

Committee members have contributed to the compilation of this information and the result was submitted to the Executive Manager Operations on 24 February 2024. It was noted further work was still required to complete the list.

Given there are some remaining information gaps, the Executive Manager Operations will work with the City of Darwin's arborists in the first instance to populate the missing information. A small working group of Council staff with appropriate technical expertise will then undertake a final review. Depending on the completion rate and level of confidence in the information, this working group may be expanded to one or two external industry experts to provide a final review, if deemed necessary. If any Tree Advisory Committee members wish to participate in this working group, the invitation is open. At this point, it is envisaged the time commitment will be one or two hours.

The finalised lists with the 29 information items will be re-presented to the Tree Advisory Committee.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TAC017/23**

At the meeting of 24 August 2023 Tree Advisory Committee recommend:

THAT the Tree Advisory Committee recommendations regarding the City of Darwin Greening Strategy, Report Establishing a Resilient Urban Forest for Darwin, Preferred and Not Recommended to be Planted Tree Lists at Amended Attachment 5 are provided to Council for consideration.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION ORD568/23

At the meeting of 26 September 2023 Council resolved:

THAT Council adopt the Tree Advisory Committee recommendations regarding the City of Darwin Greening Strategy, Report Establishing a Resilient Urban Forest for Darwin, Preferred and Not Recommended to be Planted Tree Lists at Attachment 1, excluding

<p>recommendation 2, page 25 of the Greening Strategy, that Council endorses a 1% change to canopy coverage as the target cover over the 10 years of the strategy.</p>	
<p>STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT</p>	<p>3 A Cool, Clean and Green City</p> <p>3.1 By 2030, Darwin will be recognised as a clean and environmentally responsible city</p>
<p>BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</p>	<p>Nil</p>
<p>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</p>	<p>Nil</p>
<p>CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION</p>	<p>Engagement Level: Consult</p> <p>Internal:</p> <p>The completed spreadsheet to inform the 'Preferred and Not Recommended to be Planted Tree' lists will be presented to a future meeting of the Tree Advisory Committee for final review.</p>
<p>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</p>	<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>

10 MEMBER REPORTS**11 GENERAL BUSINESS****12 NEXT MEETING****13 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:

16.1 City Of Darwin Proposed Tree Canopy Coverage Target

This matter is considered to be confidential under 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.



MINUTES

**Tree Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, 22 February 2024**

UNCONFIRMED

**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN
TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT DARWIN INNOVATION HUB
LEVEL 1/48-50 SMITH STREET, DARWIN CITY
ON THURSDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2024 AT 9:00 AM**

- PRESENT:** Councillor Morgan Rickard
Australian Institute Landscape Architects Fiona Eddleston
NT Arboriculture Association Richard Kenyon
Parks and Wildlife Bryan Harty
Community Member Dr Greg Leach
- OFFICERS:** Tracy Bignell (Executive Manager Operations)
Melodee Brencher (Technical Arborist)
Nick Fewster (Executive Manager Environment and Waste Services)
Emma Smith (Coordinator Environment and Climate Change)
Bonne Zhao (Administration Officer)
Maya Moon (Administration Officer)
- APOLOGY:** Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis
Larrakia Nation Ben Smith
Alternate Councillor Mick Palmer
Community Member Adam Grainger
- GUESTS:** CSIRO Stephen Cook
CSIRO Ray Marcos Martinez
CSIRO Natthanij Soonsawad

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APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

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

1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

The Chair declared the meeting open at 9:17am

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**

Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Larrakia Nation Ben Smith

Alternate Councillor Mick Palmer

Community Member Adam Grainger

3.2 Leave of Absence**3.3 Leave of Absence Notified****4 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE**

Nick Frewster - Executive Manager Environment and Waste Services

CSIRO Stephen Cook

CSIRO Ray Marcos Martinez

CSIRO Natthanij Soonsawad

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 TAC016/24**

Moved: Parks and Wildlife Bryan Harty
Seconded: Community Member Dr Greg Leach

That the minutes of the Tree Advisory Committee Meeting held on 23 November 2023 be confirmed.

CARRIED 5/0

7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

8 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 OFFICER REPORTS**9.1 REVIEW TERMS OF REFERENCE - TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TAC017/24**

Moved: Councillor Morgan Rickard
Seconded: NT Arboriculture Association Richard Kenyon

1. THAT the report entitled Review Terms of Reference – Tree Advisory Committee be received and noted.
2. THAT the Tree Advisory Committee endorse the proposed changes to the Functions and Membership sections of the Terms of Reference at Attachment 1 and refer these to Council for approval subject to the amendment of section 4c and 4d to reflect a review period of four years.

CARRIED 5/0

10 MEMBER REPORTS**10.1 PREFERRED TREE SPECIES LIST****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TAC018/24**

Moved: Australian Institute Landscape Architects Fiona Eddleston
Seconded: Parks and Wildlife Bryan Harty

THAT the Preferred Tree Species List to be received by council officers no later than the 30 April 2024 to be included in the agenda for the Tree Advisory Committee meeting of 23 May 2024.

CARRIED 5/0

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

12 NEXT MEETING

23 May 2024

13 MEETING CLOSED

The open section of the meeting closed at 9:27am.

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