

# RAPID CREEK WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## MINUTES – MEETING 8

<b>Date:</b>	30 November 2018	<b>Location:</b>	Northern Australia Conference Room, 76 The Esplanade, Darwin
<b>Time:</b>	9:00 am – 11:00 am		
<b>Chair:</b>	Ian Lancaster	<b>Secretariat:</b>	Amy Cooper, A/Executive Officer – Committees, DENR (Corporate Services)
<b>Attendees:</b>	Graeme Finch Michael Christie Louise Kean Robin Knox Prof. Karen Gibb Timothy Moore Julia Schult Nick Fewster Donna Jackson		DIPL (Capital Works Division) Rapid Creek Landcare Group (proxy for LP) Parks, Wildlife and Heritage City of Darwin Charles Darwin University Community Representative DENR (Water Resources Division) Darwin International Airport Larrakia Nation
<b>Apologies:</b>	Ian Kew Dean McAdam Lisa Peters Neal Adamson		NT Airports DTC (Parks and Wildlife) Rapid Creek Landcare Group Department of Defence
<b>Guests:</b>	Jasmine Husson Daniel Hetherington Sarah Richards		DIPL (Capital Works Division) Department of Defence Coffey

Agenda No.	Agenda Item	Action Required (e.g. information / discussion / decision)
	<b>Meeting open</b>	The Rapid Creek Water Advisory Committee meeting commenced at 9:00 am
1.	<b>Welcome, Attendance and Apologies</b>	Chairperson, Ian Lancaster, opened the meeting and welcomed the members to the eighth meeting. Apologies were noted from IK, DM, LP and NA.
2.	<b>Conflicts of Interest</b>	Nil
3.	<b>Minutes of previous meeting</b>	The minutes of previous meeting on 2 August 2018 were circulated to the committee members prior to the meeting for comments / edits.  The minutes were accepted with minor spelling amendments corrected.

4.	<b>Actions arising from the previous meeting</b>		
	<b>Action Officer</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Status / Update</b>
	Ian Lancaster	Follow up on funding options to upgrade the Rapid Creek Management Plan.	<b>Ongoing</b> The RCWAC has sufficient funding to cover costs for a consultant to review the Management Plan.
	Neal Adamson	Circulate DoD's updated Bushfire Management Plan (for RAAF Base Darwin) to the Committee.	<b>Ongoing</b> The Bushfire Management Plan was circulated to the committee in August 2018. The new plan is still to be approved and will be provided once finalised.
	Ian Lancaster	Seek information about whether or not DIPL has done any Storm Water Management. Planning for the Berrimah North development.	<b>Ongoing</b> Follow up regarding their Stormwater Management Plan. Push and lobby to ensure storm water structures are in place.
	All members	RCWAC to actively participate in Storm Water Management for any developments in the catchment to ensure that effective planning is undertaken and that plans are properly implemented to mitigate impacts on both flooring and sedimentation of the creek.	<b>Ongoing</b>
Ian Lancaster	Get an update on the Rapid Creek Maintenance Program. IL confirmed this action is referring to the removal of vegetation from under the Old McMillan's Road bridge and an ongoing maintenance program.	<b>Ongoing</b> It was noted a number of trees including a black wattle was blown over by the cyclone. IL to confirm who the appropriate department is to take the lead on the removal of trees. GF to email IL and AC a copy of the Rapid Creek Management Plan.	
5.	<b>Presentation from Daniel Hetherington, Department of Defence, and Sarah Richards, Coffee.</b>	Daniel Hetherington, Department of Defence, and Sarah Richards, Coffee, attended the RCWAC meeting and provided the Committee with a presentation on the PFAS Investigation.	
6.	<b>Update on the Marrara Detention Basin</b>	Graeme Finch, DIPL, attended the RCWAC meeting and provided the Committee with an update on the Marrara Detention Basin. GF extended an invite to all committee members to visit the site.	

<p>7.</p>	<p><b>Report on Activities within the Catchment</b></p>	<p><b>Donna Jackson – Larrakia Nation</b></p> <p>Donna provided feedback expressing shock and hurt over the decimation of the vegetation around the Detention Basin.</p> <p>Donna advised she would be withdrawing from the committee due to a lack of resources.</p> <p>The committee agreed JS would draft a letter to Larrakia Nation thanking them for their ongoing support and offer an opportunity to reconsider a representative on the committee.</p> <p><b>Nick Fewster - Darwin International Airport</b></p> <p>Nick introduced himself to the committee, advising he is based at the Darwin Airport as the Environment Manager.</p> <p>Nick advised there are a few trees over the creek upstream from Henry Bridge that are collecting debris and forming a natural weir. Nick requested guidance around the committee’s expectations and communication process for notifying land holders about the removal of trees.</p> <p>Ian confirmed Nick can contact and provide details and time lines to either himself or Amy who can inform the appropriate constituents.</p> <p>Nick advised high turbidity downstream of the detention basin. DIPI are aware and have alerted Rugby NT to the issue. A meeting has been scheduled for Monday to address any concerns.</p> <p>NF advised the sewer duplication project is complete.</p> <p><b>Louise – Parks and Wildlife (DTC)</b></p> <p>Louise reported a meeting is scheduled with the Rapid Creek Group to look at a planting schedule for the spit area. MOU is in final stages of sign off.</p> <p><b>Timothy Moore – Community Representative</b></p> <p>Tim reported rezoning for the Detention Basin has been tabled to the planning commission.</p> <p>Tim noted a community member (Steve Close) addressed concerns to the Minister around signage and that the community isn’t being appropriately informed by the committee about PFAS risks. There was also concern around the Rapid Creek Management Advisory Plan.</p> <p>Committee agreed it is not necessary to display signage, as from a crocodile and health perspective, swimming isn’t encouraged.</p> <p>Ian feels the role of the committee has been misinterpreted and will be responding to Steve Close appropriately.</p> <p><b>Robin Knox – City of Darwin</b></p> <p>Robin reported there remains concern around weed management.</p> <p>NF advised that Broad Spectrum, who were coordinating weed management on airport land, have lost the contract. Darwin Airport Weed Management Coordinator, Steve Windgrave, will now be coordinating the weed management program moving forward.</p>
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8.	<p><b>Update regarding the revision to the Management Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Attachment 1: Scope of Works</b></li> </ul>	Insufficient time to consider, agenda item to remain.
9.	<b>Other Business</b>	Nil
<b>Actions arising from meeting</b>		
<b>Action Officer</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Status</b>
Carmony Leso	Obtain a copy of Graeme's presentation to circulate to the Committee.	Complete
Carmony Leso	Obtain information about PFAS from Xavier for the committee members to distribute throughout their organisations.	Complete
Ian Lancaster	Ian to email the committee questions from the consultant for their input.	Complete
Amy Cooper	Contact Neil Adamson to obtain update	Complete
Amy Cooper	Contact Neil Adamson for an update on the Fire and Weed Management Plan.	Complete
Amy Cooper	Obtain copy of PFAS presentation to circulate to committee	Complete
Julia Schult & Ian Lancaster	Draft letter to Larrakia Nation thanking them for their ongoing support.	Complete
Julia Schultz	Send link to DENR website for sampling results.	Complete
<b>10.</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>	27 March 2019
	<b>Meeting closed</b>	Meeting closed at 11:15 am