

RAPID CREEK WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES – MEETING 5

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| Date: 6 December 2017 | Location: Darwin International Airport - Wirraway Business Centre |
| Time: 3:00pm – 5:00pm | |
| Chair: Ian Lancaster | Secretariat: Carmony Leso, Executive Officer – Committees, (DENR) |
| Attendees: | |
| Darren Skuse Dean McAdam Julia Schult Karen Gibb Neal Adamson Peter O'Hagan Robin Knox Timothy Moore | NT Airports Parks and Wildlife (DTC) Water Resources Division (DENR) Charles Darwin University Department of Defence Rapid Creek Landcare Group City of Darwin Community Representative |
| Apologies: | |
| Lisa Peters Nigel Weston | Rapid Creek Landcare Group Weeds Management Branch (DENR) |

| Agenda No. | Agenda Item | Action Required (e.g. information / discussion / decision) | |
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| | Meeting open | The Rapid Creek Water Advisory Committee meeting commenced at 3:00pm. | |
| 1. | Welcome, Attendance and Apologies | Chairperson, Ian Lancaster, opened the meeting and welcomed the members to the 5th meeting. Apologies from Nigel Weston. | |
| 2. | Conflicts of Interest | Nil | |
| 3. | Minutes of previous meeting | The minutes of previous meeting on 12 September 2017 were circulated to the Committee members prior to the meeting for comments / edits. The minutes were accepted with no amendments. | |
| 4. | Actions arising from the previous meeting | | |
| | Action Officer | Action | Status / Update |
| | Ian Lancaster | Follow up regarding Septic Tanks and whether or not people still utilise them. | Complete Neither DoH nor Building services have any records. |
| | Ian Lancaster | Follow up with John Pudney from PWC regarding the Water Quality data for the Northlakes Golf Course. | Complete |
| Ian Lancaster | Follow up on funding options to upgrade the Rapid Creek Management Plan. | Ongoing | |

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| | Secretariat | Inform DCC and the department (Simon Cruickshank) that there is erosion at the red foot bridge and the V notch in the Creek. | Complete |
| | Neal Adamson | Circulate DoD's updated Bushfire Management Plan and Weed Management Plan (for RAAF Base Darwin) to the Committee. | Ongoing Bushfire Management still to be updated. Weed Management Plan will be emailed to secretariat for circulation. |
| | Ian Lancaster | Seek information about whether or not DIPL has done any Storm Water Management Planning for the Berrimah North development. | Ongoing Follow up regarding their stormwater management plan. Push and lobby to ensure storm water structures are in place. |
| 5 | Update on PFAS | PFAS presentation and Q&A at 5:00pm today and also on tomorrow. | |
| 6. | Presentation: Identifying Human - Associated E. Coli Markers for Environmental Surveillance | Karen Gibb provided the Committee with a presentation on ' <i>identifying Human - Associated E. Coli Markers for Environmental Surveillance</i> ' (Presentation at - Attachment A). | |
| 7. | Report on Activities within the Catchment | <p>Darren Skuse - NT Airports</p> <p>NT Airports continues to work with the consultant Jacobs to get a plan in place to put some measures in for storm water mitigation. NT Airports continues their collaboration with the Interagency PFAS working group and the defence PFAS site investigation team. The PFAS National Environmental Management Plan is closed for comments and should be published early next year.</p> <p>Through an infrastructure study NT Airports has recently become aware of some aging infrastructure in the way of a sewage line that cuts through Rapid Creek. It has been in place since the Airport was built. NT Airports is working with City of Darwin to try and put in an easement where the land planning zones are proposed to be changed in and around the Rapid Creek area on both NTG and Council land. NT Airports have put in a submission in support of the zoning changes but also to support the easement. NT Airports has no way of checking the integrity of the sewage line, there is no way to switch it off and it is seen as a high risk that needs to be addressed. Nothing has happened to suggest there is something there is wrong with the sewerage line, it is more of a preventative measure.</p> <p>Peter O'Hagan - Rapid Creek Landcare Group</p> <p>RCLG provided comment to City of Darwin in terms of the Easement process as they believe that is what is holding up the rezoning of the area to conservation.</p> <p>RCLG put in a submission to the planning process for the Netball Centre project as they are concerned about the</p> | |

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| | | <p>native vegetation that will be removed and the access to the Rapid Creek corridor during the wet season.</p> <p>RCLG are working in conjunction with Parks and Wildlife and City of Darwin to clear up some weeds and coffee bush to improve the western side of the Rapid Creek (along the Rapid Creek road from the yellow bridge to Trower Road).</p> <p>The Rapid Creek Maintenance Program appears to have been put on hold – Tim Moore has requested the RCWAC gets an update on it as it was agreed to 18 months ago.</p> <p><i>Action: Ian to follow up on the Rapid Creek Maintenance Program, and in particular the removal of trees and sediment upstream of Kimmorley Bridge.</i></p> <p>Neal Adamson - Department of Defence DoD has undertaken some drain sediment removal which will stop due to the onset of the wet season.</p> <p>PFAS investigations are still ongoing.</p> <p>DoD has commenced their weeds spray regime this week.</p> <p>DoD's ELORP (Explosive Ordinates Redevelopment Program) development and BRA (Bomber Replenishing Apron) expansion are commencing in April 2018.</p> <p>Robin Knox – City of Darwin City of Darwin had undertaken some rehab work between Trower Road and the coast which has now been complete.</p> <p>Timothy Moore – Community Member Tim met with the Minister and the DoD about the PFAS delay to the detention basin and expressed concerns around the current indicator level for soil which is 10 times less than the drinking guideline level. This will be the third wet season without a structure to reduce flooding. It looks as though the department is currently investigating remodelling rather than moving it to another site. Ian noted that the detention basin model needs to be completely redesigned in conjunction with hydrological modelling to ensure that is going to work the way it should.</p> <p>Working with the City of Darwin on the rezoning proposal as there are issues around ease of egress and getting out of flooded properties in terms of getting access to laneways. There will be changes to gutters and driveways to ensure reciprocal access rights in times of floods to get off your property.</p> <p>Residents are undergoing potential PFAS contamination testing of home grown food stuffs etc.</p> |
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| | | <p><i>Action: Tim to follow up on the remodelling option for the Detention Basin.</i></p> <p>Dean McAdam – Parks and Wildlife (DTC)</p> <p>Parks and Wildlife has worked on the Lakeside Drive Masterplan process that the City of Darwin has been going through. The spit area in Rapid Creek had asbestos dumped there.</p> <p>There is a drain near Garry Lamberts house that goes all the way to Rapid Creek will be cleared for the first time in 30 years. A Newsflash to the Minister and letters to the residents will be sent out advising them that the first 5 metres of the drain will be cleared.</p> <p>A gate has been put up at the spit. It has rocks on either side so you can't drive around it. There are also two other locations behind the university that will be gated off to prevent vehicle access.</p> <p>Berry Springs has been opened the longest it has ever been and water tests have been undertaken.</p> <p>The EIS (Environmental Impact Study) is out for the development for 2CRU of Muirhead North. It is a 250 page document with stormwater reports, water quality reports etc. if anyone is interested in providing comment on it.</p> |
| 8. | Update regarding the revision to the Management Plan | Ian will look into possible grants in the new year. A number of options were recommended such as Territory Natural Resource Management, CBF (Community Benefit Fund) or the Sustainability Grant. |
| 9. | Other Business | Nil |
| Actions arising from meeting | | |
| Action Officer | Action | Status |
| Secretariat | Invite Ken Vowels and Tristian Sloan to the next RCWAC meeting. | New <i>Once next meeting date has been determined.</i> |
| Secretariat | Seek and obtain a copy of the current Berrimah North area plan for circulation to the Committee | New |
| Secretariat | Follow up regarding what Stormwater Management is in place for the Berrimah North Development | New |
| All members | RCWAC to work on Storm Water Management as a project | New |
| Chair facilitated by Secretariat | Invite a representative from DIPL (Graeme Finch) to present to the Committee regarding the Berrimah North Development | New <i>Once next meeting date has been determined.</i> |
| Chair | Get an update on the Rapid Creek Maintenance Program | New |
| 10. | Next Meeting | The next meeting will be held in March / April 2018 |

Meeting closed

Meeting closed at 4:46pm