

RAPID CREEK WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES – MEETING 6

Date:	9 April 2018	Location:	Charles Darwin Centre, 14 Floor Conference Room, 19 Smith St Mall
Time:	2:30pm – 4:30pm	Secretariat:	Carmony Leso, Executive Officer – Committees, (DENR)
Chair:	Ian Lancaster		
Attendees:	Dean McAdam Julia Schult Lisa Peters Robin Knox		Parks and Wildlife (DTC) Water Resources Division (DENR) Rapid Creek Landcare Group City of Darwin
Apologies:	Darren Skuse Prof. Karen Gibb Neal Adamson Timothy Moore		NT Airports Charles Darwin University Department of Defence Community Representative

Agenda No.	Agenda Item	Action Required (e.g. information / discussion / decision)	
	Meeting open	The Rapid Creek Water Advisory Committee meeting commenced at 2:35pm	
1.	Welcome, Attendance and Apologies	Chairperson, Ian Lancaster, opened the meeting and welcomed the members to the sixth meeting. Apologies from Darren Skuse, Prof. Karen Gibb, Neal Adamson and Timothy Moore.	
2.	Conflicts of Interest	Ian Lancaster works for a small consultancy and does work for civil construction. One of his clients put a bid in to build the detention basin that he will table and discuss at the meeting.	
3.	Minutes of previous meeting	The minutes of previous meeting on 6 December 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 on funding options to upgrade the Rapid Creek Management Plan.	Ongoing
	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 has been circulated
Ian Lancaster	Seek information about whether or not DIPL has done any Storm Water Management.	Ongoing Follow up regarding their stormwater management	

		Planning for the Berrimah North development.	plan. Push and lobby to ensure storm water structures are in place.
	Secretariat	Seek and obtain a copy of the current Berrimah North area plan for circulation to the Committee.	Complete The area plan was tabled at the meeting for discussion. Ian has some concerns that he would like to address with DIPL.
	Secretariat	Follow up regarding what Stormwater Management is in place for the Berrimah North Development.	Complete
	All members	RCWAC to work on Storm Water Management as a project.	Ongoing
	Chair facilitated by Secretariat	Invite a representative from DIPL (Graeme Finch) to present to the Committee regarding the Berrimah North Development.	Ongoing Graeme was invited to the meeting but was unavailable. Secretariat will try again for the next meeting.
	Chair	Get an update on the Rapid Creek Maintenance Program.	Ongoing
5	Update on PFAS		Ian reported that testing has been conducted but no results have been released as of yet.
6.	Update on Flood Detention Basin http://www.rapidcreek.org.au/Rapid_Creek_Landcare_Group/Flood_Mitigation.html		<p>Ian provided the Committee with an update on the Flood Detention Basin and tabled the proposed plans for discussion. Ian reported that the plans show the areas to be retained and the areas for excavation. The materials on the site range with PFAS levels between none to above the guidelines and as such have identified which materials can be moved offsite and which are to be retained. As part of the Environmental Management Plan the materials to be removed must be taken to Shoal Bay for disposal.</p> <p>The tender closed on Friday 6 April with works scheduled to commence in June – July 2018 and completed by late 2018.</p> <p>The Committee raised concerns around the Bund Wall on the plan and Ian advised he would investigate the issue, including checking the original design drawings and then consider writing to the Minister addressing these concerns.</p> <p>Action: Ian to consider writing to the Minister about concerns raised around the bund wall on the proposed plans for the detention basin.</p>

<p>7.</p>	<p>Report on Activities within the Catchment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Including update on the duplication of the Airport sewer line. 	<p>Julia Schult – Water Resources Division (DENR)</p> <p>Julia reported that the Report Cards are about to be released and published. They are now online report cards and includes information about Rapid Creek. She reported that the creek remained about the same at a level B and C, and that the report cards were based upon the aquatic health of invertebrates found in the creek, and did not include chemical water quality analyses.</p> <p>Lisa Peters – Rapid Creek Landcare Group</p> <p>Lisa reported that in the middle of January the Landcare Group planted 60 trees at “The Spit” which is located just upstream from the Fishing Platform in the lower tidal section of the creek catchment.</p> <p>Peter O’Hagan has been in discussion with Parks and Wildlife to get some early burning done at that location.</p> <p>Clean up Australia Day was on Sunday 4 March 2018 that the Landcare Group participated in. The Landcare Group recently supported a couple of applications for funding put up by Greening Australia.</p> <p>Dean McAdam – Parks and Wildlife (DTC)</p> <p>The Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA) and Aboriginal Landcare Education Program (ALEP) approached Parks and Wildlife seeking opportunities and they directed them to the Rapid Creek Landcare Group.</p> <p>The triangle block at CDU has been used as a dumping ground. The management at CDU don’t want ownership of the block but have conducted works on it, including clearing of vegetation and some replanting. Parks and Wildlife are working with CDU on resolving the issue.</p> <p>Robin Knox – City of Darwin</p> <p>The clean-up for the debris along Rapid Creek on Council Land will commence next week.</p> <p>The downstream clean-up of issues raised by Lia Gill commenced last year as part of the clean up along Lakeside Drive has been completed, however with the cyclone there are a few areas that need some attention again and we are aware of these.</p> <p>At this point in time there is no work on the sewerage main underground the boring of Rapid Creek being undertaken. There is currently some potholing occurring to determine the exact location of the Sewer Main to establish and the easement over it. They are planning to bore during the dry season, but prior to this they will need to provide detailed plans of the design and an ECMP to Council.</p>
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8.	Update regarding the revision to the Management Plan	<p>Ian will seek a quote for a scoping study and update of the Management Plan from a consultant to gain an idea of the amount of work that would be required to update it and how much money it will cost prior to seeking funding.</p> <p><i>Action: Ian to approach a consultant regarding a scope of works for updating the Rapid Creek Management Plan.</i></p>
9.	Other Business	<p>Julia suggested that a representative from DIPL be appointed to the RCWAC. The committee had little information about the construction of the retention basin which was initiated before RCWAC was re-instated.</p> <p>Having a DIPL representative, like the previous RCWAC committee did, may have provided more timely information about the project to the committee and would have facilitated RCWAC's input into the design.</p> <p><i>Action: Check with the Ministers office to seek support for adding a member to the committee to represent the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics. If approved Ian to write to DIPL requesting that they provide a representative to become a member of the RCWAC.</i></p>
Actions arising from meeting		
Action Officer	Action	Status
Ian Lancaster	Consider writing to the Minister about concerns raised around the bund wall on the proposed plans for the detention basin.	New
Ian Lancaster	Approach a consultant regarding a scope of works for updating the Rapid Creek Management Plan.	New
Ian Lancaster, facilitated by Secretariat	Check with the Ministers office to seek support for adding a member to the committee to represent the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics. If approved Ian to write to DIPL requesting that they provide a representative to become a member of the RCWAC.	New
10.	Next Meeting	The next meeting will be held in July 2018
	Meeting closed	Meeting closed at 3:43pm