

North Marine Parks Advisory Committee

Meeting 13 Communique

04 November 2025 Online

Attendance

Members

Kerrie Bennison (Chair)
Adele Pedder
Amanda Ewart
Bo Carne
Cass Hunter
David Ciaravolo (apology)
Ian Knuckey
John Glaister
Leah Talbot
Paul Donohoe
Raquel Carter
Robert Fish
Vonda Malone (apology)

Observers

Darci Wallis (Australian Fisheries Management Authority)
Jonathan Vea (NT Government)
Madeleine Glacken (QLD Government - apology)
Michael Usher (NT Fisheries)

Guests (Parks Australia)

Shaun Barclay (Branch Head), Phoebe Wood-Ingram, Tammy Hunter, Richard Singh and Amy Mulcahy

Secretariat (Parks Australia)

Frances Verrier, Darcy Stirling and James Fleming

North Network Management Action Update

The Secretariat's management update showcased achievements from the past 7 years of the management plan and outlined priorities for the final three years of the current plans. Highlights included baseline benthic surveys and scientific voyages, cultural values mapping, establishing collaboration deeds, Indigenous ranger support, working towards integrated management in Limmen Marine Park, and activities funded through Our Marine Parks grants.

Executive Update

The Marine and Island Parks (MIP) Branch Head provided an update on national priorities for Australian Marine Parks including:

- The *Environmental Protection Reform Bill 2025*
- The South-East Fisheries Business Assistance Program
- Continuation of the Ghost Nets Program
- The 2028 Management Plan reviews

AMP Management Plan Review Update

The MIP Planning Section provided an update on the management plan review and the role of the independent evaluator, ORIMA. The session provided a forum for members to ask questions or share concerns.

Fisheries Social Values Project

An MIP Branch staff member provided an updated on the fisheries social values project.

Next Meeting

Meeting #14 will be held in April 2026. For more information about the North Marine Parks Network or the committee:

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Meeting Overview

The 13th Meeting of the North Marine Parks Advisory Committee was held online via teams on Tuesday 4th November 2025.

Key agenda items for the meeting included:

1. providing a Network management action and National executive update
2. discussing the management plan review and independent evaluation and
3. introducing the fisheries' social values project

Updates were provided by Members and Observers.