

North Marine Parks Advisory Committee Meeting #10 Communique 9th May 2024 - Darwin

Attendance

Members

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

Observers

Glenn Durie (NT Government)
Madeleine Glacken (QLD Government)

Guests

Ricky Archer (DNP)
Bianca Priest (Branch Head, Parks Australia)
Mary Williams (Larrakia descendent with Iwaidja heritage)

Secretariat (Parks Australia)

Frances Verrier
Deklyn Townsend
Bree Woods

- provide an overview of Parks Australia within the National environment agenda, the North Network and priorities for the future.

North Network Overview and Workshop

A key focus of the meeting was to provide an overview of the North Marine Parks Network and update on key activities undertaken in the marine parks since 2018. Members discussed current and emerging priorities, with a particular focus on West Cape York, Limmen and Oceanic Shoals Marine Parks. The remaining parks will be considered in depth at future meetings.

Director of National Parks and Executive Welcome

Ricky Archer, the Director of National Parks (DNP) welcomed the new and rejoining committee members, sharing initial observations about his new role in Parks Australia, and some thoughts on marine and terrestrial park management into the future.

Bianca Priest, Branch Head of the Marine and Island Parks Branch joined the meeting to thank members for their commitment. Bianca provided an outline of national priorities with the Department of Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Water (DCCEEW) and Parks Australia.

Meeting Overview

The North Marine Parks Advisory Committee and representatives from the Northern Territory and Queensland Government met in Darwin on Larrakia country for Meeting #10 on Thursday 9th May 2024.

The main objectives of meeting #10 were to:

- welcome the eight new members and four returning members to the newly established Committee.
- get to know each other and to share aspirations for membership terms.

Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting is planned for late 2024. For more information about the North Marine Parks Network or the committee:

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