

Darwin Harbour Advisory Committee Bulletin

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome to the fifth issue of the DHAC Bulletin.

Darwin Harbour Integrated Reporting

I am very pleased to advise that we launched the first Integrated Report Card for Darwin Harbour.

The project was supported by The Ian Potter Foundation, Charles Darwin University, Santos, Inpex, City of Darwin, Larrakia Development Corporation (LDC) and the Northern Territory Government. The project team included scientists from Charles Darwin University, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, Griffith University, and the Northern Territory Government. None of this would have been possible without the data shared by several organisations and the commitment of several people within those organisations - I'd like to especially thank Inpex, the DEPWS and the LDC. I have been so thankful for the support of the stakeholders who participated in one or both workshops - without you we could not have progressed the work.

The overall grade for Darwin Harbour was B- and there are data gaps for several values which we are working to fill for 2022.

Please check out the report cards at our website <https://dhir.org.au>

I have resigned as Chair of DHAC effective after our last meeting December 2021. I will remain a member but feel it's time to let someone else have a chance at leadership. DHAC is a terrific functional and active committee so I look forward to what's in store for 2022.



Kind regards,

Karen Gibb
Chairperson
Darwin Harbour Advisory Committee

DARWIN HARBOUR INTEGRATED REPORTING

The new Darwin Harbour Integrated Report Card was launched on 13 October 2021 at the NT Museum and Art Gallery.



Photo credit (above and below): Pasquale Tassone

The Darwin Harbour Integrated Report Card was developed through extensive consultation with stakeholders from the Darwin Harbour region and relies heavily on their knowledge and expertise.

Initiated by DHAC, a series of workshops were held in March 2020, representing the first step in this report card journey. Stakeholders from government, Indigenous communities, industry, academia and non-government organisations gathered in and around Darwin Harbour to conceptualise the harbour and its catchment, identify the environmental, social, Indigenous cultural and economic values of the region, and discuss indicators and thresholds that could be used to assess these values.

You can visit the [Darwin Harbour Integrated Report Card website](https://dhir.org.au) for more information.



DHAC'S SEPTEMBER MEETING

The Darwin Harbour Advisory Committee held their 14th meeting on 16 September 2021. The Committee had a number of presentations at their meeting from:

- Simon Costanzo from Darwinian Consulting on the Darwin Harbour Integrated Reporting (DHIR) Launch;
- Jake Maynard, Policy Officer, Flora and Fauna Division, about the Biodiversity Offset Policy Development
- Alaric Fisher, Executive Director, Flora and Fauna, about the DEPWS Mangrove Retention Plan;
- Jett Street and Jo Robinson from Sun Cable and Jane Munday from True North Strategic Communication on the Australia-ASEAN Power Link for the Sun Cable Project.
- Simon Flowers, Nicole Conroy and Tracie Sanim from DIPL and Jane Munday from True North Strategic Communication about the Middle Arm Sustainable Development Precinct.



Sun Cable presenting to the Darwin Harbour Advisory Committee

DARWIN HARBOUR STRATEGY

We continue to progress the work of implementing the Darwin Harbour Strategy.

To this end we are targeting particular programs of work that allow us to put into action our commitment for a balance between sustainable development, a working harbour important to a range of Indigenous cultural, recreational and economic values, and the protection and maintenance of healthy environments and ecosystems in the harbour and its catchment. Currently the program includes DEPWS' mangrove retention plan as a case study. We also continue to engage with DIPL on the Middle Arm sustainable Development Precinct.

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Our vision: To protect and enhance the environmental, economic, Indigenous cultural and social values of Darwin Harbour

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