

# Where you live in Darwin is special

Did you know that where you live is special and so are 24 other areas in Darwin? Each area has its own unique environmental, recreational, social, cultural and land use characteristics and issues. Darwin City Council is developing an Environmental Management Plan to protect Darwin's environment and your quality of life into the future.

Did you know that environmental issues and concerns differ greatly across Darwin? For example, some pollution moves with stormwater. Stormwater flows into drains and mainly discharges into the harbour. Therefore, the things that we do can have a big impact on the quality of stormwater and its impact on the harbour.

Did you know that for us to protect what is important to you we have to know what we have in the first place? Our first step has been to create a 'map' of each area, which we call an Environmental Management Unit and these are then combined in an Atlas. To ensure that this Atlas covers all the bases we have started with what information we already know about each area and have identified what some of the issues are. Most importantly we need to be sure that:

- It represents the views of Darwin residents.
- Council is aware of what you would like to see protected now and into the future.
- Important environmental concerns, problems and issues in your neighbourhood are recorded so that Council's Action Plan reflects the wishes and expectations of the community as a whole.

Help us to protect your environment and have your say  
Please take the time to complete and return the enclosed survey

To find out more – **Come and talk to your Aldermen and EMP Advisory Committee members at the Parap Markets on Saturday 25 March 2006, from 9:00 am**

Your Aldermen are Alderman Joanne Sangster phone: 0408 746 487 (Chairman, Environment Management Plan Advisory Committee)  
Alderman Rodger Dee phone: 0439 751 954, Alderman Helen Galton phone: 0400 659 661  
and Alderman Heather Sjoberg phone: 8981 0714 (A/H)

An Atlas extract for your local area is provided below. The full Atlas and all related strategies can be viewed at Darwin City Council Libraries at Casuarina, Karama, Nightcliff and City (Civic Centre) and on the Council website: [www.darwin.nt.gov.au](http://www.darwin.nt.gov.au)

## EMP Atlas Extract for Larrakeyah/Cullen Bay Environmental Management Unit (EMU)

### Description:

The LARRAKEYAH/ CULLEN BAY ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT UNIT (EMU) includes the suburbs of Larrakeyah, Cullen Bay, Myilly Point, Emery Point, Elliott Point and Doctors Gully.

### The Natural Environment:

- 6 maintained recreation parks including Da Costa Park, Myilly Point Park, Malabar Park, Warrego Park, Kahlin Oval surrounds and Doctors Gully.
- 3 road reserve including the entrance of Cullen Bay, the Daly Street roundabout and Larrakeyah Terrace.
- 1 Oval – Kahlin Oval.
- 1 conservation reserve – Doctors Gully Aquatic Life Reserve.
- 1 marina – Cullen Bay Marina which is man made.
- 1 Northern Territory heritage registered site – Myilly Point Precinct.
- 10 registered Trees of Significance

### The Social and Built Environment:








- The Larrakeyah / Cullen Bay EMU is home to approximately 4322 people from diverse and multicultural backgrounds.
- Architecture of the EMUs suburbs consists mostly of high-density townhouses and high rise apartment building and approximately 345 single occupancy low or elevated homes.
- Listed on the Register of the National Estate are the Barr Residence, former Darwin Hospital, Darwin Mobile Force Precinct, Dermoudy Residency, Emery Point Lighthouse, Emery Point Precinct, Flint Residence, Larrakeyah Barracks Headquarters building, Larrakeyah Barracks precinct and Larrakeyah Barracks Sergeant Mess, Water Tower No 2.

### Land ownership:










Land ownership rests with a variety of stakeholders including the Department of Defence, Darwin City Council, Larrakia People, private and commercial community (freehold).



Summary Table 1 - Known Values (Uses, Importance, Significance, Appeal, Attraction)

Social Values	Environmental Values	Recreational Values	Heritage/Cultural Values	Economic & Governance Values
<p><b>Mixed neighbourhood</b> - family &amp; tourism orientated, strong Defence Force presence.</p> 	<p><b>Vegetation communities/habitats</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dry monsoon vine thicket (Myilly Point)</li> <li>• Mangroves (Cullen Bay)</li> <li>• Steep cliff/buff fauna and flora habitats</li> <li>• Foreshore, intertidal marine habitats</li> </ul>	<p><b>Land</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shopping</li> <li>• Dining out</li> <li>• Clubbing</li> <li>• Walking</li> <li>• Cycling</li> </ul> 	<p><b>Foreshore</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indigenous gathering place, potential for burial sites and/or shell middens</li> </ul> 	<p><b>Government</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Darwin City Council</li> <li>• NT Government Agencies including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DPI)</li> <li>○ Department of Natural Resources, Environment and The Arts (NRETA)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Department of Defence</li> </ul>
<p><b>Social aspects</b> - emphasis on fine dining and water related recreational activities.</p> 	<p><b>Fauna and flora</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Birds</li> <li>• Bats</li> <li>• Small mammals</li> <li>• Frogs</li> <li>• Lizards and crocodiles</li> </ul> 	<p><b>Aquatic</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boating/ sailing</li> <li>• Fishing</li> </ul> 	<p><b>Places of cultural significance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emery Point was an important ceremonial site for Larrakia people as recently as 1930's</li> <li>• Cultural values form register of the National Estate properties</li> </ul>	<p><b>Commercial/ corporate/ business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shops and restaurants</li> <li>• Tourist/recreational activities</li> </ul> 

Summary Table 2 Issues and Initiatives

Values	Issues	Initiatives	
		What?	Who?
<p><b>Environmental</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance of vegetation on Myilly Point</li> <li>• Maintaining vegetation/wildlife corridors</li> <li>• Harbour management</li> <li>• Erosion</li> <li>• Weed invasion</li> <li>• Litter and rubbish</li> <li>• Acid sulphate soil</li> </ul>   	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintaining bush and park land</li> <li>• 'Draft Assessment of the Conservation Values of the Parks and Reserves of the Greater Darwin Area'.</li> <li>• 'Central Darwin Planning Concepts and Land Use Objectives' 1999.</li> <li>• Erosion amelioration and weed control</li> <li>• Planning controls (erosion)</li> <li>• Public places litter management program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Myilly Landcare Group</li> <li>• Darwin City Council</li> <li>• DPI</li> <li>• NRETA</li> <li>• Development Assessment (DPI)</li> <li>• Darwin City Council</li> <li>• DPI</li> <li>• NRETA</li> <li>• Darwin City Council</li> </ul> 
<p><b>Social</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Itinerant camping and sleeping arrangement</li> <li>• Public health</li> <li>• Consumption of alcohol and associated amenity/peace disturbance</li> <li>• High-rise development and loss of amenity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DCC Public places program</li> <li>• Community patrol</li> <li>• General patrols</li> <li>• 'Central Darwin Planning Concepts and Land Use Objectives' 1999</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DCC Regulatory Services</li> <li>• Mission Australia</li> <li>• NT Police Service</li> <li>• St Vincent De Paul</li> <li>• Development Assessment (DPI)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Recreational</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health hazards from littering and mosquitoes</li> <li>• Health and environmental pollution hazards from littering</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mosquito management (spraying)</li> <li>• Public place litter program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Territory Health</li> <li>• Darwin City Council</li> </ul>
<p><b>Heritage/cultural</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognition and respect of sacred sites</li> <li>• Protection of heritage buildings</li> <li>• Protection of registered Trees of Significance</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Northern Territory Aboriginal Sacred Sites Act 2004</li> <li>• Heritage Conservation Act 2000</li> <li>• Interpretive signage on trees listed on significant tree register</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority</li> <li>• DPI</li> <li>• NRETA</li> <li>• Greening Australia</li> </ul>
<p><b>Commercial/business/ industry</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commercial/retail/marina waste disposal</li> <li>• Conducting or developing businesses that carry the risk of releasing pollutants in an area with high environmental values</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shoal Bay landfill</li> <li>• Public place litter program</li> <li>• Waste Management and Pollution Control Act 2003</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Darwin City Council</li> <li>• DPI</li> <li>• NRETA</li> </ul>

**Examples of current environmental protection action by Darwin City Council include:**

- Biodiversity - fauna and flora surveys at Rapid Creek and Lake Alexander
- Public places litter audits for 400 ha of bush and park lands managed by Council
- Construction of a \$1,250,000 million Regional Recycling and Resource Recovery Facility at Shoal Bay Waste Depot
- Development of an Energy Conservation Plan for Darwin City Council in partnership with the Cities for Climate Protection Program
- Environmental education programs with Darwin schools, including recycling education and the "Champions for the Environment Darwin" program whereby individual schools champion a problem site and work to enhance or protect native habitats and/or waterways

