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Dear Peter

Rapid Creek Landcare Group – Rapid Creek Catchment

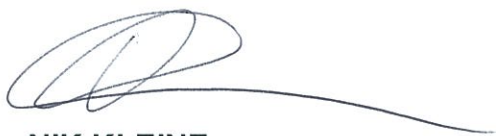
Darwin City Council, through it's Urban Bushland Management Team and The Rapid Creek Landcare group have been working together for a number of years to implement the action items from the Rapid Creek Catchment Plan of Management, aimed at protecting, enhancing and maintaining habitat values and water quality throughout the catchment area.

Darwin City Council supports the work undertaken by the Landcare group and values the enormous contribution the group has made to the management of this important natural area.

The Urban Bushland Management Team wishes to take this opportunity to support the Rapid Creek Landcare Group in their application for an EnvironmeNT grant to undertake vital work maintaining and improving this community asset.

I wish you all the best in regards to this application and thank you for your commitment to the Rapid Creek catchment.

Your Sincerely



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From: Dave Howe <dave.howe@westnet.com.au>

Date: Fri, 13 May 2011 16:46:53 +0930

To: Lesley Alford <lesley.alford@denhamia.com.au>

Subject: RE: Funding Opportunity for Yankee Pools - letters of support needed

Hi Lesley,

Re: Yankee Pools Weed Management Plan.

The Darwin Clay Target Club support a coordinated approach to controlling Gamba grass on land under its control.

The Club is prepared to provide resources in the form of labour and is willing to collaborate with other stakeholders to work towards eradication of the weed.

Club contact is Dave Howe, phone no. 0437521503.

Yours sincerely,

David Howe.



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Peter O'Hagan
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Dear Peter,

Darwin International Airport (DIA) is delighted to support Rapid Creek Landcare Group (RCLG) application for a NT Government's Environment Grants program grant (Project reference: "Project title: Gamba Grass Management at Rapid Creek - Ref number: EN2011/0164").

DIA has a long and fruitful relationship with RCLG and applaud their work that is undertaken by this group of volunteers. DIA are particularly keen to support RCLG's application for this grant as it will be used to improve the management of Rapid Creek, in particular the Yankee Pool area.

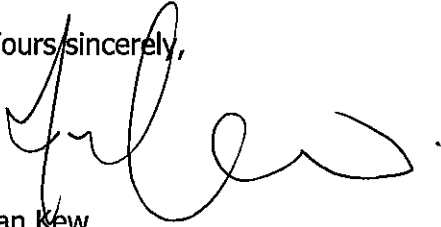
The DIA lease area constitutes a significant part of the upper catchment of Rapid Creek. The water course itself is not within the DIA lease area but runs adjacent to its boundary. DIA maintains a 75m wide environmental buffer from the creek's centre line. The airport has undertaken a range of important initiatives in consultation and cooperation with stakeholder groups, including RCLG that is directed towards restoring the ecological value and human use of the area.

DIA only manage a small section of the creek and believe that we can only achieve success of reversing historical degradation and improving this important ecological system by working with all the creeks' stakeholder and ensuring the whole system is managed.

The management of Yankee Pools has been a complex area to manage due to the many stakeholders around this site. The airport implements a fire and weed management plan, however our efforts are hindered by inconsistent management of the neighbouring land. Rapid Creek is a fragile corridor, under constant pressure and requires ongoing management.

DIA therefore fully support the work undertaken by RCLG and their endeavour to also improve the Rapid Creek ecosystem and wish all the best in their application to provide them with funds to undertake this work.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Kew', written in a cursive style.

Ian Kew
Chief Executive Officer
Darwin International Airport

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Lesley

On behalf of Defence we would like to express our support to the Rapid Creek Landcare Group and hope they are successful with their funding bid.

Defence is currently undertaking Weed and Fire Management within the catchment areas of Rapid Creek. Gamba Grass management is one of our high priority weed risks and Defence is keen to continue coordinating cross boundary management of environmental risks such as Gamba Grass wherever possible and feasible. The contractor currently responsible for delivering these works on behalf of Defence is Serco Sodexo Defence Services (SSDS) whom have sub-contracted control works to Wildman Land Management.

Should the Rapid Creek Landcare Group be successful in their funding submission please have them liaise with either myself or the Acting Base Environmental Officer for RAAF Base Darwin, Mr Neal Adamson on telephone 8935 4569 or mobile 0438 515 792. Please note that Mr Adamson is currently on leave, returning to work on 16 May.

Yours truly,

Robyn Maurer

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Hi Lesley,

The Department of Construction and Infrastructures period contractor are aware of there obligations in this area and I will identify this further on site with them in the near future. Currently our period contractor is maintaining the weeds along the roadside only to the fence line and this area appears to have been overlooked. I have attached a copy of the contract map for the area in question and it is not totally covered by the maintenance contract, which is something we will remedy.

I will discuss the possibility of some funding for the fence in this area to limit access.

Please do not hesitate to contact me further should you have any questions.

Kind Regards

Josh

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To Rapid Creek Landcare Group,

I am writing to you in regard to the project 'Gamba Grass Management at Rapid Creek' (Ref: EN2011/0164) to be submitted by the Rapid Creek Landcare Group for the EnvironmentNT Grants.

This Department is supportive of and recognises the importance of a coordinated approach toward gamba grass and other weed management in the Yankee Pools area within the Rapid Creek Catchment. This project would help to support the Crown Managed Land Weed Management Strategy, and in particular, Goal 2, which aims to:

'Significantly reduce the impact of existing weed problems on Crown managed land and neighbouring properties while meeting statutory requirements'.

This Department is committed to weed management on Crown land in the Rapid Creek catchment area. This Department is also committed to working with adjoining landholders to enable a coordinated approach to weed management.

For any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Emily Pedler on telephone 8999 5567.

Yours sincerely

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13 May 2011



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Ms Lesley Alford
on behalf of Rapid Creek Landcare Group

Dear Ms Alford

GAMBA GRASS MANAGEMENT AT RAPID CREEK

On behalf of the Department of Natural Resources, Environment, the Arts and Sport the Division of Sport, Venues and Indigenous Development wishes to express its support to the Rapid Creek Landcare Group (RCLG) in its application for funding for Yankee Pools to the NT Government's Environment Grants program.

This Division currently undertakes weed management control efforts in the area surrounding the Marrara Netball Centre which was previously coordinated by the Department of Lands and Planning. Territory Weed Management has been the successful contractor to date who carries out two sprays over the wet season to treat all noxious weeds listed in the tables declared noxious weeds under the *Weed Management Act 2001*. The Division also endeavours to maintain gamba grass at the back of the Marrara Football Stadium near the Rapid Creek end by controlled burning.

The need for a coordinated approach to gamba grass management with stakeholders in the area is a worthwhile plan.

Again, the Division wishes the RCLG success with its funding bid.

For future reference, please contact Ms Jenny Fullwood, Facility Development Officer on 8982 2359.

Yours sincerely

CHRIS GRUMELART
Manager Facilities

13th May 2011

**Letter of support for Rapid Creek Landcare Groups funding application for
Gamba Grass Management at Rapid Creek - Ref number: EN2011/0164**

To Whom It May Concern,

Greening Australia NT Ltd would like to express our support for the funding proposal put forward by Rapid Creek Landcare Group. The presence of Gamba Grass in the Rapid Creek area poses a significant risk to the natural environment encouraging hotter, more damaging fires and out competing native species. Every effort to control and eradicate this invasive weed should be supported.

Greening Australia NT has worked on many projects in the Rapid Creek area, with over 20 years history of revegetation activities as well as fire and weed management planning and implementation in the catchment.

There is a great need for a coordinated approach to Gamba Grass management and we believe Rapid Creek Landcare group have an excellent working relationship with many of the various stakeholders in the area, enabling them to coordinate weed management effectively.

The Rapid Creek area is a significant asset to the wider community with large numbers of local residents using the corridor for recreational, educational and other purposes. It is an area in which people are able to enjoy the natural environment while learning about the natural and cultural values that it holds. This project will contribute to the overall health and integrity of the Rapid Creek and wider Northern Suburbs environments and Greening Australia NT is in full support of the project.

Many Thanks,

Catherine Orme
Land for Wildlife Coordinator
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To Whom It May Concern,

RE: Gamba Grass Management at Rapid Creek
Ref No: EN2011/0164

The Rapid Creek Catchment Advisory Committee (RCCAC) would like to add its support to the Rapid Creek Landcare Groups submission for the Gamba Grass Management at Rapid Creek for Yankee Pools to the NT Government's Environment Grants Program.

Rapid Creek, like other urban creeks and rivers throughout Australia, is under various pressures due to its location within a developing urban area. The creek corridor is acknowledged as a major recreation and visual resource for the Darwin region.

RCCAC is supportive of management actions that assist in addressing habitat loss, erosion and weed control, and that are aimed at improving water quality within the catchment. Funding through this grant program would greatly assist and complement the RCCAC ongoing implementation of the Rapid Creek Plan of Management, 1994.

We wish you success in your application.

If you require further information please don't hesitate to contact the Secretary for the Committee, Teegan Colbert on (08) 8999 3660.

Yours sincerely


JANE AAGAARD MLA
RCCAC Chair