



Dear Member of the Environment Centre of the NT, you are invited to attend the:

## 1. Annual General Meeting of the ECNT

6pm

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2019

Darwin Surf Life Saving Club, Daribah Road, Brinkin

followed by a

## 2. Special General Meeting of the ECNT

approximately 6:45pm

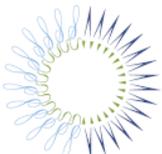
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The Special General Meeting is to consider Special Resolutions relating primarily to ECNT membership.

Copies of the Special Resolutions can be requested by email to [admin@ecnt.org](mailto:admin@ecnt.org)

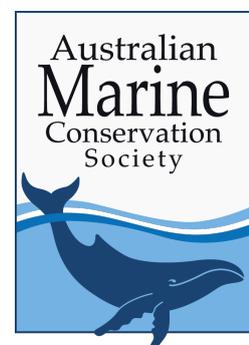
Guest speakers from the Environment Defenders' Office (EDO), Australian Marine Conservation Society, and the Pew Charitable Trusts will share insights into their work and how they connect with the ECNT.



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A light supper will be available and the Darwin Surf Club will open its bar.

## ECNT Special General Meeting November 2019 – SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

### Proposed Amendments to Constitution

#### INTRODUCTION

ECNT members recently requested changes to membership policies and procedures – to encourage new members, to lower costs to members over time and to reduce administrative processes and associated costs. The ECNT Management Committee also recommends changes to the Constitution to ensure it always has time to consider applications for new memberships.

#### SUMMARY

The ECNT Management Committee explored options to streamline membership arrangements, proposing that:

1. there no longer be a one-off Joining Fee plus an annual Membership Fee; rather members pay a one-off Membership Fee which would provide for ongoing membership;
2. membership to continue until the member resigns or otherwise ceases to be a member in line with the ECNT Constitution;
3. there only be one 'class' of paying member – Concession Memberships to cease;
4. the one-off Membership Fee be set at a level that does not unreasonably discourage potential members – including those who hold a concession card; and
5. the one-off Membership Fee continues to be set by members at an SGM.

The ECNT Management Committee also recommends that applications for membership must be received at least ten working days before a General Meeting to give it adequate time to carefully consider these applications. Applications received less than ten business days before a General Meeting will be considered at the next Management Committee meeting.

The ECNT Management Committee identified minor corrections and improvements which do not substantively change the Constitution.

The attached table entitled *Proposed Amendments to the ECNT Constitution – November 2019* lists all the rules where changes are recommended; the proposed changes; and the reasons.

#### RESOLUTIONS

1. Members approve amendments to the ECNT Constitution to:
  - a) remove the existing ECNT Joining Fee and the annual Membership fee;
  - b) introduce a one-off Membership Fee for all members (therefore removing the Concession Fee); and
  - c) re-define Honorary Life Membershipsas detailed in the attached Table.
2. Members agree that the new membership fee structure will commence from 1 July 2020 with all members at that time to be covered by this new arrangement (no annual fee to be paid by them).
3. Members approve amendments to the ECNT Constitution to require applications for membership to be received at least 10 business days before a General Meeting so that those approved as members by the Management Committee can vote in that General Meeting. As detailed in the attached Table.
4. Members approve the other proposed identified changes as detailed in the attached Table.
5. Members agree to changes to the rule and sub-rule numbering in the Constitution to accommodate all amendments passed by this meeting.

