

CITY OF DARWIN

MUNICIPAL PLAN

2025/2026



Vibrant, inclusive
and dynamic





ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LARRAKIA COUNTRY

City of Darwin acknowledges the Larrakia people as the Traditional Owners of all the land and waters of the Greater Darwin region.

To the Larrakia, Darwin is known as Garramilla. The original language of the Larrakia is Gulumirrgin (pronounced Goo-loo-midgin).

Often referred to as “Saltwater People”, the Larrakia lived, loved, birthed, hunted and survived a life on pristine coastal and inland areas. Established ‘song lines’ connecting Larrakia people to Country penetrate throughout their land and sea, allowing stories and histories to be told and retold for future generations. Scientific evidence dates Aboriginal presence in Northern Australia back 60,000 years.

The Larrakia culture and identity is rich and vibrant. In the footsteps of the Larrakia people, City of Darwin will continue to foster this culture and identity by creating a dynamic community together.



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INTRODUCTION

MUNICIPAL PLAN 2025/26

Purpose

The Municipal Plan presents the Lord Mayor and Councillors' strategic resourcing decisions for the City of Darwin team to pursue across the 2025/26 financial year. This annual document presents a set of commitments to the community, the results of which will be outlined in the Annual Report, due to be published in November 2026.

Mission

We will work with the community and partners, providing leadership and delivering services which create opportunities to enhance the economic, cultural and environmental sustainability of Darwin.

Vision

DARWIN 2030: CITY FOR PEOPLE. CITY OF COLOUR.

Our strategic directions

This set of strategic directions was established in collaboration with the community, beginning with the 2030 Living Darwin Summit in which community members met to discuss the future of Darwin.

Within the Council and City of Darwin the strategic directions act as a guide to inform priorities and decision making.



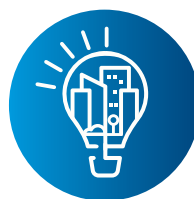
**A capital city
with best practice
and sustainable
infrastructure**



**A safe, liveable and
healthy city**



**A cool, clean and
green city**



**A smart and
prosperous city**



**A vibrant and
creative city**

Continuing the conversation through consultation

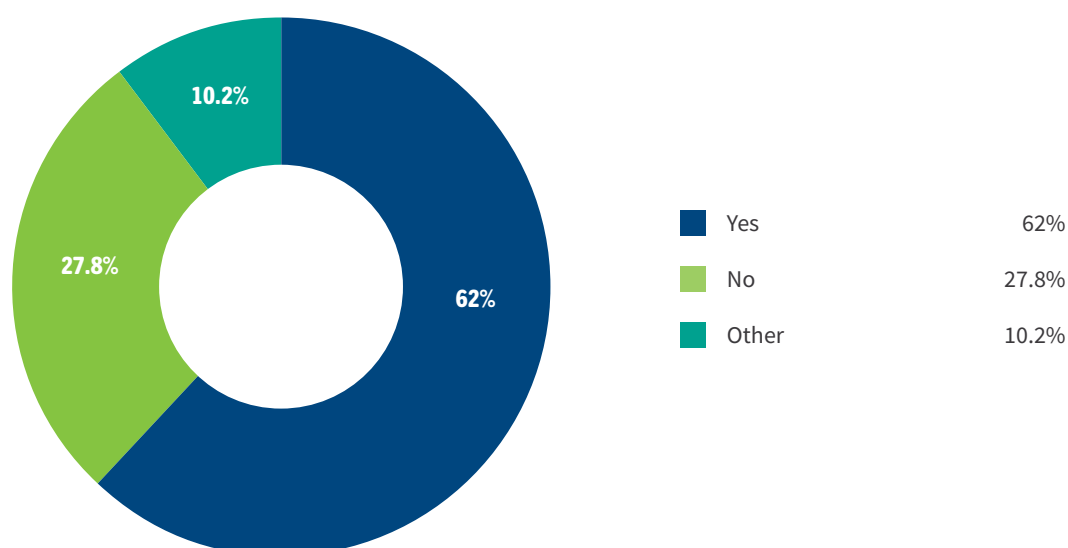
To ensure that Council, officers, and the community continue to align on their vision for Darwin's future, City of Darwin takes the opportunity each year to check in and consult on the Draft Municipal Plan.

During the 21-day consultation period from 30 April to 21 May 2025, City of Darwin received 108 electronic survey responses through Engage Darwin, and a further 6 written responses through the City of Darwin libraries. A total of 129,562 people were reached through City of Darwin social media channels, while 1,500 people visited the Engage Darwin page, and the Draft Municipal Plan was downloaded 298 times.

Of the submissions received, 85.2 per cent of respondents are ratepayers in the Darwin municipality, and a total of 91.7 per cent are Darwin residents.

The majority of respondents support the approach to the rate increase of 2.5 per cent for the 2025/26 year, with 62 per cent in favour of the rate rise. Several respondents acknowledged that the 2.5 per cent increase shows Council understands the economic climate and the challenges faced by ratepayers. Of those not in support of the rate rise, there were mixed reviews with some respondents suggesting the rates increase could be higher, while others stated that they were already too high.

Do you support this approach for the 2025/26 rates?



Regarding the direction of the Municipal Plan and Annual Budget, including the priority projects, an even 50 per cent of respondents were in favour, 33 per cent do not support it, and 17 per cent of respondents were unsure. This suggests moderate support for the plan. Those who are uncertain have commented to indicate that they may have general support for the plan, or oppose only some aspects of the plan.

The main themes identified include opposition to the Civic Centre and Precinct Redevelopment Project, an increase to greening initiatives, environmental sustainability, and climate action, and a preference towards seeing investment in local amenities, safety, and community infrastructure.

Other themes emerging through the feedback include the need to prioritise asset maintenance and basic infrastructure, waste management, and consideration for investment in lighting and security, more dog parks, and further progress towards the development of the Bagot Oval Masterplan. Feedback on libraries and public art was mixed.

There was no feedback received on the proposed fees and charges.

Elected Members received the engagement report and are satisfied with the results. There have been no recommended changes from the initial draft municipal plan.

LORD MAYOR & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOREWORD

We are proud to present our Municipal Plan and Annual Budget for 2025/26 which celebrates Darwin as a dynamic, thriving and united community.

We continue to work to fulfill the objectives outlined in our strategic plan, *Darwin 2030: City for People. City of Colour*, ensuring that Darwin remains a city that is culturally diverse, inclusive and full of vitality.

In collaboration with our Councillors and City of Darwin staff, we have developed a comprehensive Municipal Plan and Annual Budget that reflects community consultation and is supported by solid financial statements.

This year's Municipal Plan is focused on delivering real value to the community. We're prioritising the essentials: strengthening connections, improving everyday infrastructure and ensuring that our services meet the core needs of our residents. It's about making sure that as Darwin grows, we remain grounded in providing the practical, reliable solutions that make life better for our city's residents.

Through several strategic priorities in the year ahead, we will be focused on stabilising our infrastructure, prioritising core services and creating lasting value through targeted, sustainable initiatives.

To support our community while maintaining essential services, we have carefully managed our budget to ensure that rates will increase by a modest 2.5%. We understand the pressures of the rising cost of living, which is why we are committed to keeping rates affordable while continuing to invest in services that directly benefit residents. Our focus remains on providing free events, programs and activities that bring the community together, enrich lives and create opportunities for connection and wellbeing. From family-friendly events and recreational programs to cultural activities and community initiatives, we are ensuring that Darwin remains a vibrant, inclusive and dynamic city where everyone has access to opportunities to engage, participate and thrive.

We know that keeping the city cool, clean and green is important for the community, which is why **greening** our municipality continues to be a priority in the year ahead. From delivering 8,500 free plants to residents through native plant giveaways, and with more than 545 street and park trees expected to be planted, we remain committed to enhancing Darwin's natural environment and promoting sustainable urban living.

In the year ahead, we are dedicated to advancing the **Climate Emergency Strategy**, investing in several key initiatives including the installation of a solar photovoltaic system at West Lane Car Park, exploring energy efficiency opportunities for the Civic Centre and Precinct Redevelopment Project and conducting a climate risk assessment of City of Darwin assets.

**WE ARE PROUD TO CONTINUE
WORKING TOWARDS DELIVERING FOR
THE PEOPLE OF DARWIN, ENSURING
THE COMMUNITY'S NEEDS ARE MET
BOTH NOW AND IN THE FUTURE.**



Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis and Chief Executive Officer Simone Saunders

This year, we have allocated a total of \$9.125 million for works at the **Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility**, the largest waste and resource recovery facility in the Top End and only licensed landfill in the greater Darwin area which is also home to several initiatives and programs aimed at creating a cool, clean and green city.

This year, City of Darwin will commence the development of the **Civic Centre and Precinct Redevelopment Project**, which once complete, will be an inviting place for the people of Darwin, where they can visit, connect with others, and engage in community and business activities and events. The redevelopment will transform the surrounding area into a welcoming precinct that will have linkages to the city centre, Darwin Waterfront and the new State Square.

We are committed to strengthening our relationships with the community through enhanced communication, responsiveness and increased satisfaction, with a focus on an information and communication technology transformation throughout 2025/26. This major **ICT Roadmap and CRM Program** includes the implementation of a Customer Relationship Management (CRM) solution and a Human Resources Information System (HRIS), aimed at improving customer service, data management and process integration.

In the year ahead, City of Darwin will invest \$4.8 million into projects aimed at enhancing **connectivity and accessibility** across the municipality. This program combines both asset renewal and new infrastructure, including footpaths, shared paths, driveways, road resurfacing and various road and pedestrian safety initiatives.

In continuing the commitment towards safe, accessible and multigenerational recreation, City of Darwin has already committed \$500,000 to this project and in 2025/26 Council is contributing another \$2 million towards the construction of the **Waters Ward Multigenerational Recreation Space**.

This priority project sees playground construction commence in 2025/26, including a playground and car park with added greening and shading to support healthy and liveable communities across the municipality.

We are confident that the 2025/26 Municipal Plan will help establish Darwin as a vibrant, creative, innovative, connected, healthy and environmentally responsible city. We extend our gratitude to Councillors and City of Darwin staff for their input in shaping a Municipal Plan and Budget that supports our Darwin 2030 vision.

We are proud to continue working towards delivering for the people of Darwin, ensuring the community's needs are met both now and in the future.

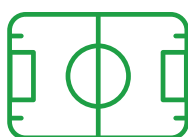
**The Honourable Lord Mayor
Kon Vatskalis**

**Chief Executive Officer
Simone Saunders**

OUR CITY



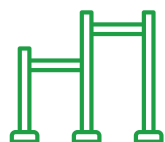
475KM ROADS



19 SPORTING
GROUNDS & OVALS



3 SWIMMING POOL
FACILITIES



20 EXERCISE STATIONS
ACROSS 12 PARKS



22,029 DRIVEWAYS



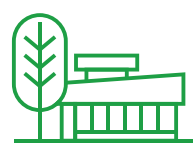
41 PUBLIC AMENITY
FACILITIES



590HA GREEN
SPACE



8 TENNIS COURTS
AT 3 LOCATIONS



3 COMMUNITY
CENTRES



10,127
STREET AND PUBLIC
LIGHTING



421KM
STORMWATER
INFRASTRUCTURE



9 BASKETBALL
COURTS



128 PLAYGROUNDS



28 BARBEQUES



3,943 PARKING BAYS



6 CHILDCARE CENTRES



4 LIBRARIES



221 PARKS



3 CEMETERIES



1 VELODROME



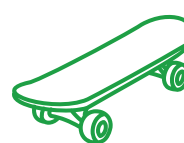
1,175 SMART DEVICES



2 ENTERTAINMENT VENUES



574KW ROOF TOP SOLAR



1 SKATE PARK



632.8KM

FOOTPATHS AND WALKWAYS IN TOTAL



136
DRINKING WATER BUBBLERS



36,208

RATEABLE ASSESSMENTS

OUR HIGHLIGHTS

HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE YEAR AHEAD



\$4.2M

LIBRARIES



\$1.33M

**ARTS AND
CULTURE**



\$36.33M

**WASTE MANAGEMENT
OPERATIONS & INVESTMENT**



\$91.5M

**CAPITAL WORKS
PROGRAM**



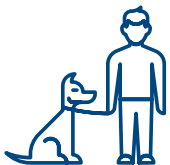
\$3.2M

**TREE PLANTING AND
MAINTENANCE**



\$0.72M

**SPORT AND RECREATION
INVESTMENT**



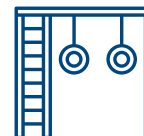
\$1.9M

**ANIMAL MANAGEMENT
PROGRAM**



\$400K

**SOLAR PV AT WEST LANE
CAR PARK**



\$2M

**FOR WATERS WARD
MULTIGENERATIONAL
RECREATION SPACE STAGE 1**



\$4.8M

**CONNECTIVITY AND
ACCESSIBILITY**



\$1.9M

**STORMWATER UPGRADES
AND RECONSTRUCTION**



\$580K

**STREET AND
PUBLIC LIGHTING**



\$1.9M

**COMMUNITY FUNDING THROUGH
SPONSORSHIPS AND GRANTS
AND IN-KIND FUNDING**



\$9.6M

**MAINTAINING
OUR PARKS***



\$9.125M

**SHOAL BAY WASTE
MANAGEMENT FACILITY**



PLAYGROUND REVITALISATIONS

**FONG PARK, SUNSET PARK, NIGHTCLIFF BEACH,
LAKE ALEXANDER**

*Includes \$3.2m tree planting and maintenance

PRIORITIES TO PROGRESS

Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility

A total of \$9.125 million has been allocated for works at the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility in 2025/26. Of this, \$8.5 million is for the construction of the stage 7 putrescible waste cell. Construction of this cell will see delivery of a safe waste disposal area for solid waste that controls the risk of environmental contamination and manages long-term storage of waste. Cell construction is scheduled to commence in 2025/26 and will continue through to 2026/27.

The remaining \$650,000 is allocated towards works at the operational green waste area, part 1 of the internal road upgrades, and other minor site works to support the delivery of a safe and compliant waste and resource recovery facility for the future.

Waters Ward Multigenerational Recreation Space

This project is a key deliverable of Council's strategic directions in continuing the commitment towards safe, accessible and multigenerational recreation.

The Waters Ward Multigenerational Recreation Space in Malak will cater to the needs and interests of people across all age groups, from children to seniors. The space aims to incorporate a variety of amenities and features that encourage physical activity, social interaction and relaxation for everyone.

Previously, City of Darwin committed \$500,000 for the investigation, consultation and design of the recreation space. This coming financial year, we will contribute a further \$1.5 million towards construction, in addition to a grant funding promise from the Northern Territory Government of \$500,000.

This priority project will incorporate both design and construction of an upgraded carpark to improve access and commencement of recreation space construction in 2025/26. These works will continue City of Darwin's efforts to add greening and shading to support healthy and liveable communities across the municipality.

Civic Centre and Precinct Redevelopment Project

The existing Civic Centre has served the community well for more than 50 years but is now unserviceable and a development of a new Civic Centre and surrounding Plaza is required to meet the current and future needs of our community and City of Darwin operations. The new Civic Centre will be an inviting place for the people of Darwin,

where they can visit, connect with others and engage in community and business activities and events. The redevelopment will transform the surrounding area into a welcoming precinct with a community plaza that will have linkages to the city centre, Darwin Waterfront and the new State Square.

The new Civic Centre will feature:

- enhanced community facilities including a new library with an expanded footprint
- a function space with capacity for 300 people
- more meeting rooms that can be booked by the community
- a new Customer Service centre
- contemporary workspaces for staff
- approximately 410 car parking spaces
- end of trip changing and public amenity facilities.

A cool, green community plaza and space for a café and community shop fronts will also be included in the development.

Construction will commence in the 2025 dry season and the project is scheduled to be completed in 2028.

ICT Roadmap and Customer Relationship Management Solution

City of Darwin continues its information and communication technology transformation program to deliver an enhanced user experience, customer service, data and information management and improved process integration and strategy. Progress towards implementation of a Customer Relationship Management (CRM) solution remains a key focus for 2025/26, along with works towards the delivery of a Human Resources Information System (HRIS). Once established, a fully operational CRM will deliver on stronger relationships with the community through flexible and enhanced communication, improved responsiveness and increased satisfaction.

Connectivity and Accessibility

In 2025/26 City of Darwin will deliver \$4.8 million in projects that directly promote and improve connectivity and accessibility across the municipality. The program is a combination of asset renewal and new infrastructure including footpaths, shared paths, driveways, road resurfacing and road and pedestrian safety initiatives.



Malak Greenbelt Playground and Obstacle Course

Key highlights of the program are:

- road resurfacing and renewal at Chambers Crescent, East Point Road and Henbury Avenue
- footpath reconstruction for Carstens Crescent and Lee Point Road stage 2 (Maria Street to Wagaman Terrace)
- driveway renewals in Nakara, Wagaman, Wanguri and Wulagi
- shared pathways along Smith Street
- walkway resurfacing in Tiwi and Wulagi
- local area traffic management at Chambers Crescent
- over \$100,000 for Access and Inclusion Committee initiatives.

Climate Emergency

Council remains committed to delivering on the Climate Emergency Strategy and in 2025/26 is investing in several key priorities:

- installation of a solar photovoltaic system at Westlane Car Park
- investigating energy efficiency opportunities for the Civic Centre redevelopment to achieve a 5.5-star energy efficiency rating
- climate change risk assessment and action plan to achieve greater climate change resilience across City of Darwin assets and services
- development of a heat refuge map for Darwin in conjunction with Darwin Living Lab.

Greening Strategy

Greening our municipality continues to be a priority, with the provision of over 8,500 free plants to residents through native plant giveaways and the revegetation of key biodiversity areas with over 4,000 native plants. More than 545 street and park trees are targeted to be planted across the municipality, with another 450 trees allocated to customer request tree plantings.

The strategy has a focus on the planting of shade trees along walking and cycling corridors, including places and spaces being the Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre, and Bundilla Beach. This year will also see more planting at Bagot Park to build upon the work delivered at the 2024/25 community planting day.

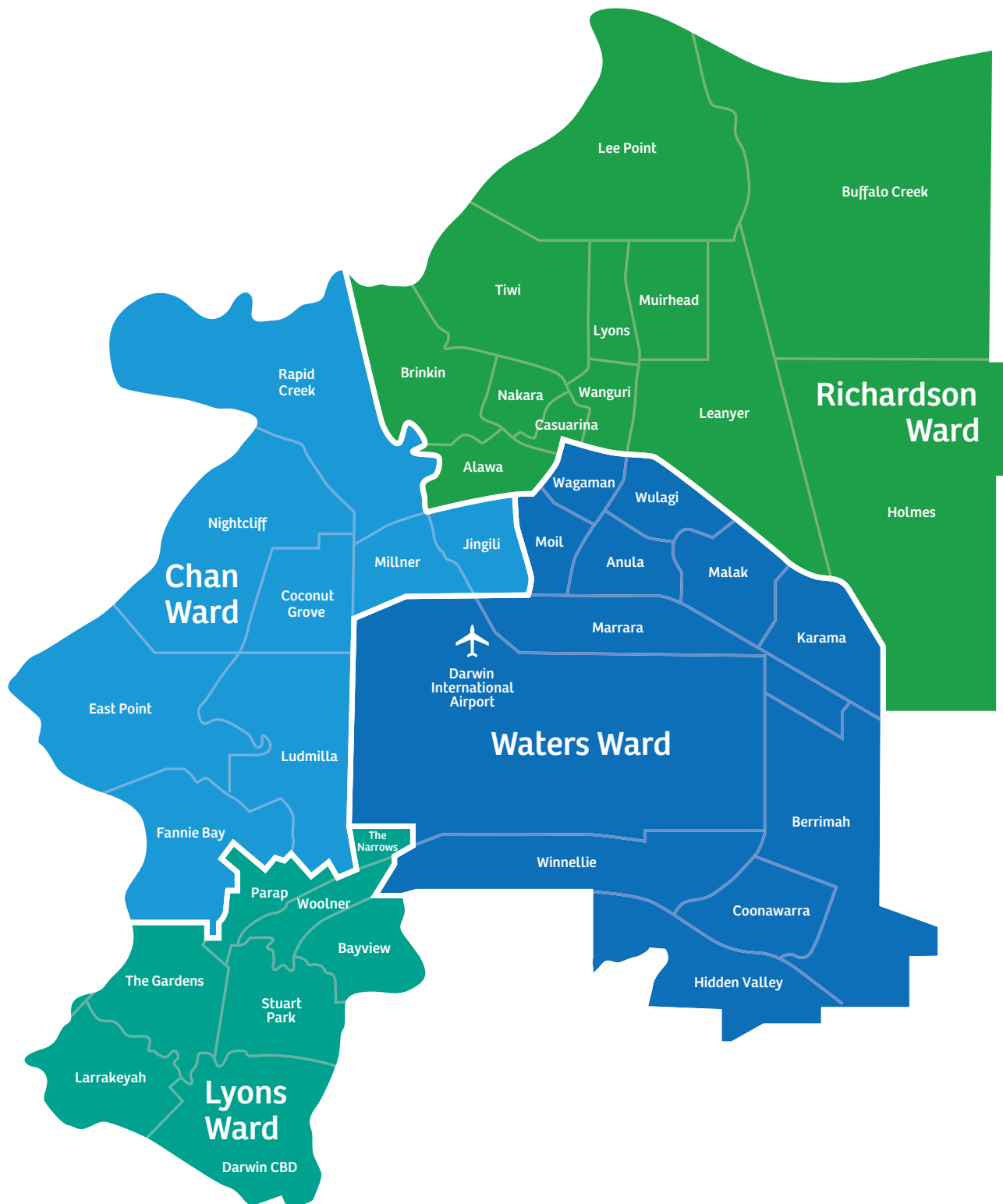
The successful native plant giveaway program will continue this financial year. Native plant giveaways assist in enhancing Darwin's natural environment and promoting sustainable urban living.

Playgrounds

City of Darwin continues to support active recreation through a \$620,000 investment in playgrounds for the 2025/26 financial year.

Softfall replacements are planned for playgrounds in Sunset Park, Nightcliff Beach and Lake Alexander. Ensuring that these facilities continue to deliver a safe and compliant recreation space for the community. Playground revitalisations, including softfall repairs and replacements are also scheduled for Fong Park, with the location receiving \$120,000 to achieve our objectives under the Play Space Strategy.

OUR COUNCIL



ELECTED MEMBERS



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ELECTED MEMBER ALLOWANCES

Elected member allowances are set by the independent Northern Territory Remuneration Tribunal each year. The Report and Determination No.1 of 2025 – Determination of Allowances for Members of Local Government Councils was made on 10 December 2024 and tabled in the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly on 13 February 2025.

The Determination sets the value of allowances for councillors, deputy principal members and the principal member. Allowances are paid in accordance with City of Darwin Elected Members Expenses, Facilities and Support Policy. The annual councillor allowance has increased by \$1,271, the professional development allowance by \$1,000, while the extra meeting allowance remains at the 2024/25 level. Table 1 shows the maximum amount payable for the 2025/26 financial year.

Principal Member (Lord Mayor)	
Type of allowance	Principal Member allowance from 1 July 2025
Principal Member allowance	\$132,288.00
Councillor allowance	\$33,046.00
Vehicle allowance	\$25,000.00
Professional development allowance	\$5,000.00
Deputy Principal Member (Deputy Lord Mayor)	
Type of allowance	Deputy Principal Member allowance from 1 July 2025
Deputy Principal Member allowance	\$23,800.00
Councillor allowance	\$33,046.00
Extra meeting allowance	Up to 2 hours \$200.00 Between 2 and 4 hours \$300.00 More than 4 hours \$500.00 (maximum payable for any one day) Capped at \$10,000 per financial year
Professional development allowance	\$5,000.00
Councillor	
Type of allowance	Councillor ordinary base allowance from 1 July 2025
Councillor allowance	\$33,046.00
Extra meeting allowance	Up to 2 hours \$200.00 Between 2 and 4 hours \$300.00 More than 4 hours \$500.00 (maximum payable for any one day) Capped at \$10,000 per financial year
Professional development allowance	\$5,000.00
Vehicle allowance*	Capped at \$10,000 per financial year Travel exceeds 50kms from home base
*Vehicle allowance will be in the form of a kilometre allowance, paid at rates set by the Australian Taxation Office each year and is 88 cents a kilometre for 2024/25.	

Table 1 2025/26 Elected Member allowances



OUR APPROACH TO PLANNING



STRATEGIC PLANNING FRAMEWORK

DARWIN 2030: CITY FOR PEOPLE. CITY OF COLOUR. STRATEGIC PLAN



ENDORSED STRATEGIES

Climate Emergency Strategy	Movement Strategy
Creative Strategy	Play Space Strategy
Customer Service Strategy	Reconciliation Action Plan
Economic Development Strategy	Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy
Greening Darwin Strategy	Youth Strategy
Library Strategy	



MUNICIPAL PLAN

(including annual budget)



QUARTERLY REPORTING



ANNUAL REPORT



Review and update



Scan the QR code to view City of Darwin's Strategic Plan Darwin 2030: City for People, City of Colour.

Informed by:

Legislation (Australian and NT)

City of Darwin By-laws 2023

NT Government strategies and policies

City of Darwin Long Term Financial Plan

Long term asset management plans

Other City of Darwin strategies and policies

LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

City of Darwin's Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) extends across a ten-year period and ensures we maintain a focus on managing our medium and long-term financial position, so that successive Councils inherit a financially sound organisation.

Given the changing nature of many of the assumptions, the LTFP is a living document that is periodically updated to incorporate material changes and ensure that it remains

relevant. Unforeseen events, changes in strategic direction or additional grants need to be evaluated in relation to the currency of the LTFP as seemingly minor changes may have a compounding effect on City of Darwin's capital plans.

The plan outlines the assumptions that the financial model is based on and the subsequent impact of those assumptions on future revenue, operational and capital expenditure.



Scan the QR code to view
City of Darwin's Long Term
Financial Plan.

ADVOCACY AND COLLABORATION

City of Darwin partners with a range of organisations to provide leadership to secure funding and investment and influence policy outcomes with other tiers of government. We maintain key partnerships and representation with the below groups:

Council of Capital City Lord Mayors (CCCLM)

CCCLM provides a national corporate entity for the effective coordination and representation of the interests of Australia's capital cities in their relations with other spheres of government. CCCLM contributes to national policy priorities for economic development, housing and homelessness, infrastructure, climate action and city resilience and facilitates political and stakeholder engagement activities with Federal Members.

Australian Local Government Association (ALGA)

The national voice of local government representing 537 councils across Australia, ALGA provides a local government perspective on national affairs, as well as providing submissions and representation to government and parliamentary inquiries and national bodies. City of Darwin is a member of ALGA and the Lord Mayor of the City of Darwin is a board member.

Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT)

The peak body representing the local government sector in the Northern Territory, LGANT advances the interests of local government in the Northern Territory through policy development, advocacy, representation, training, capacity building and support. City of Darwin is a member of LGANT.

Top End Regional Organisations of Council (TOPROC)

TOPROC comprises seven Top End Councils that represent around 78 per cent of the Northern Territory's population: Belyuen Community Government Council, City of Darwin, City of Palmerston, Coomalie Community Government Council, Litchfield Council, Tiwi Islands Regional Council and Wagait Shire Council. It is committed to the sustainable development of our Greater Darwin region and progresses common issues.



OUR SERVICE DELIVERY



Corporate Structure

Operating on a four-hub structure including the Office of the Lord Mayor and Chief Executive Officer (OLMCEO), enables City of Darwin to align Council functions and objectives in the *Local Government Act 2019*. This has created a more agile organisation focused on collaboration and streamlined decision making to ultimately deliver better services to our community.



OFFICE OF THE LORD MAYOR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Simone Saunders
Chief Executive Officer



COMMUNITY

Matt Grassmayr
General Manager



INNOVATION

Alice Percy
General Manager



CORPORATE

Natalie Williamson
General Manager



Solar Powered Parking Meters, Darwin City

HOW OUR SERVICES ARE STRUCTURED

In developing the budget, Council considers organisational positioning towards achieving the Darwin 2030 Strategic Plan. The Lord Mayor and Councillors set the strategic direction for the services City of Darwin provides over the coming year and the projects, programs and initiatives resourced for delivery as a priority for the community.

The CEO manages implementation, delivery and performance reporting to Council and community throughout the year.

OUR DELIVERY COMMITMENTS

Council sets an annual budget to resource a program of key deliverables and the indicators by which the standard of City of Darwin's performance will be assessed. The key performance indicator for each of City of Darwin's 2025/26 deliverables is the completion of these actions.

Officers work throughout the year to deliver on these commitments and provide regular reporting to Council and the community on the progress, performance and any issues arising.



SD1: A CAPITAL CITY WITH BEST PRACTICE AND SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE

By 2030, a number of strategic infrastructure projects will be developed and delivered

2025/26 Deliverables	Hub	Program Lead
Deliver the 2025/26 capital works program	Corporate	Infrastructure
Deliver the 2025/26 milestones for the new Civic Centre and Precinct Redevelopment Project	Corporate	Infrastructure
Complete an expression of interest for partnership opportunities to deliver electric vehicle infrastructure across the Darwin municipality	Innovation	Growth and Economic Development
Develop asset management plans for asset categories street and public lighting, and stormwater drainage	Corporate	Infrastructure



Cavenagh Street, Darwin City



SD2: A SAFE, LIVEABLE AND HEALTHY CITY

By 2030, Darwin will be a safer place to live and visit

2025/26 Deliverables	Hub	Program Lead
Deliver regulatory services including regulation of vehicles, animals and public places in line with legislative requirements	Community	Regulatory Services
Deliver local area traffic management initiatives to improve movement, road safety and liveability	Innovation	Technical Services
Deliver the 2025/26 street and public lighting and amenity projects	Innovation	Technical Services
Deliver an assertive outreach program in partnership with service providers	Community	Community and Cultural Services

By 2030, Darwin residents will be more active and healthy

2025/26 Deliverables	Hub	Program Lead
Deliver the 2025/26 healthy and active community programs	Community	Community and Cultural Services
Deliver 2025/26 Play Space Strategy annual funded actions	Community	Community and Cultural Services

By 2030, Darwin will be increasingly recognised as a liveable city

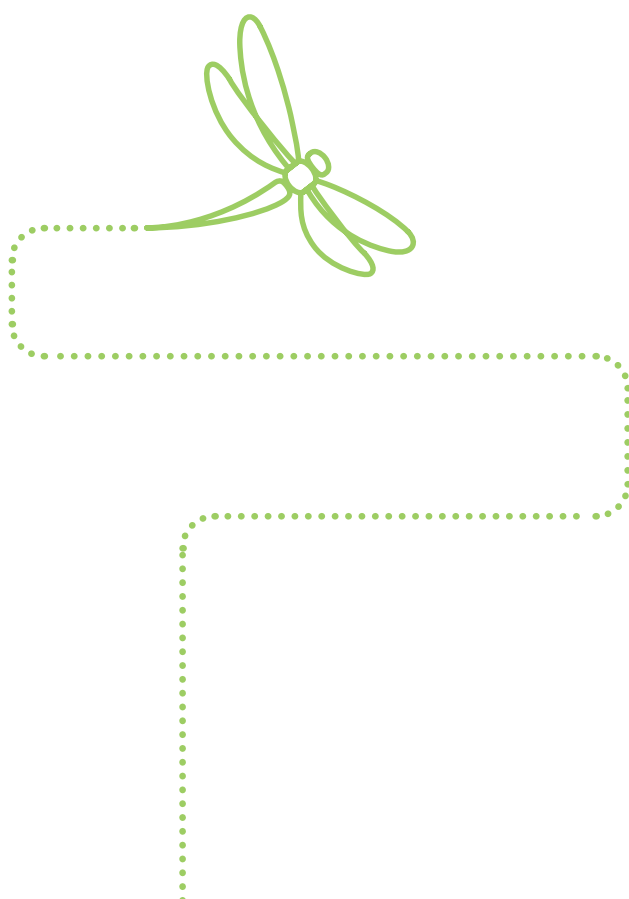
2025/26 Deliverables	Hub	Program Lead
Deliver the access and inclusion infrastructure projects	Corporate	Infrastructure
Deliver the 2025/26 milestones for the Waters Ward Multigenerational Recreation Space	Corporate	Infrastructure
Deliver the 2025/26 annual events program, including the 2026 Bombing of Darwin event	Innovation	Growth and Economic Development
Enhance and maintain, parks and recreation facilities to meet community needs	Community	Operations



SD3: A COOL, CLEAN AND GREEN CITY

By 2030, Darwin will be recognised as a clean and environmentally responsible city

2025/26 Deliverables	Hub	Program Lead
Deliver the 2025/26 Greening Darwin Strategy annual funded actions	Community	Operations
Deliver the Stage 7 putrescible cell milestones at Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility	Corporate	Infrastructure
Deliver the 2025/26 Climate Emergency Strategy annual funded programs	Innovation	Environment
Explore advanced waste processing technologies to divert waste from landfill	Innovation	Waste
Identify priorities for more targeted greening along footpaths and shared paths	Community	Operations





SD4: A SMART AND PROSPEROUS CITY

By 2030, Darwin will be recognised globally as a smart city

2025/26 Deliverables	Hub	Program Lead
Deliver 2025/26 outcomes from the ICT roadmap including milestones towards the customer relationship management system	Corporate	ICT Project Management Office
Deliver a data insights platform	Innovation	Records and Digital Innovation

By 2030, Darwin will have attracted and retained more residents and will offer sustainable investment opportunities

2025/26 Deliverables	Hub	Program Lead
Deliver the 2025/26 international relations events program, including the new Sister Cities Cup event	Innovation	Growth and Economic Development
Deliver an online liveability platform	Innovation	Digital Innovation and Records



SD5: A VIBRANT AND CREATIVE CITY

By 2030, Darwin will be recognised as an iconic destination

2025/26 Deliverables	Hub	Program Lead
Deliver the Creative Strategy annual funded actions	Community	Community and Cultural Services

By 2030, Darwin will be a more connected community and have pride in our cultural identity

2025/26 Deliverables	Hub	Program Lead
Deliver the 2025/26 Community Grants Program	Community	Community and Cultural Services
Deliver funded actions against the Reconciliation Action Plan	Community	Community and Cultural Services
Deliver the 2025/26 Youth Strategy annual actions	Community	Community and Cultural Services
Deliver the communications, media and marketing annual program	OLMCEO	Marketing, Communications and Engagement
Deliver annual library services and programs, including focus areas of literacy and continuation of online services and digital inclusion	Community	Library and Family Services
Deliver family and children's outreach programs to improve family wellbeing and support children's development and foster community connections	Community	Library and Family Services



GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK

Vision and Culture

2025/26 Deliverables	Hub	Program Lead
Proactive risk management in supporting operations and project delivery	Corporate	Corporate and Customer Service

Roles and Relationships

2025/26 Deliverables	Hub	Program Lead
Establish and maintain productive and positive relationships with First Nations organisations and implement memoranda of understanding	Community	Community and Cultural Services
Advocate Council's position at national and local levels for the benefit of the Darwin community	OLMCEO	Secretariat

Decision Making and Management

2025/26 Deliverables	Hub	Program Lead
Deliver the 2025/26 Internal Audit program	Corporate	Corporate and Customer Service

Accountability

2025/26 Deliverables	Hub	Program Lead
Deliver unqualified 2024/25 City of Darwin Audited Financial Statements	Corporate	Finance
Deliver the 2024/25 Annual Report	Corporate	Corporate and Customer Service



BUDGET

The 2025/26 budget was developed in a difficult economic environment with Council facing increased costs in providing its essential services. The budget was formulated with the aim to limit the rise in rates whilst balancing community expectations in delivering high quality services. As steward of more than \$1.3 billion in community assets, Council plans to invest \$91.5 million in the maintenance and enhancement of these assets. This investment includes the ongoing development of the Civic Centre and Precinct Redevelopment Project, the Waters Ward Multigenerational Recreation Space and renewal of critical infrastructure, including roadways and stormwater networks.

The general rate pool has been increased by 2.5%, well below the Local Government Cost Index and Long Term Financial Plan increase of 4%. The 2.5% rate increase to an average property is \$36.71 per year or \$0.90 per week and, including the annual waste levy, the overall indicative increase for an average property is \$1.16 per week.

Council’s 2025/26 budget is balanced as per legislative requirements.

2025/26 operating budget overview

The operating budget provides details of the income received to fund its operations and the expenses it incurs in delivering services to the community.

ANALYSIS OF OPERATING BUDGET

Income

Where the funds come from

Operating income (excluding income for capital purposes)

2025/26 total operating income \$136.92 million

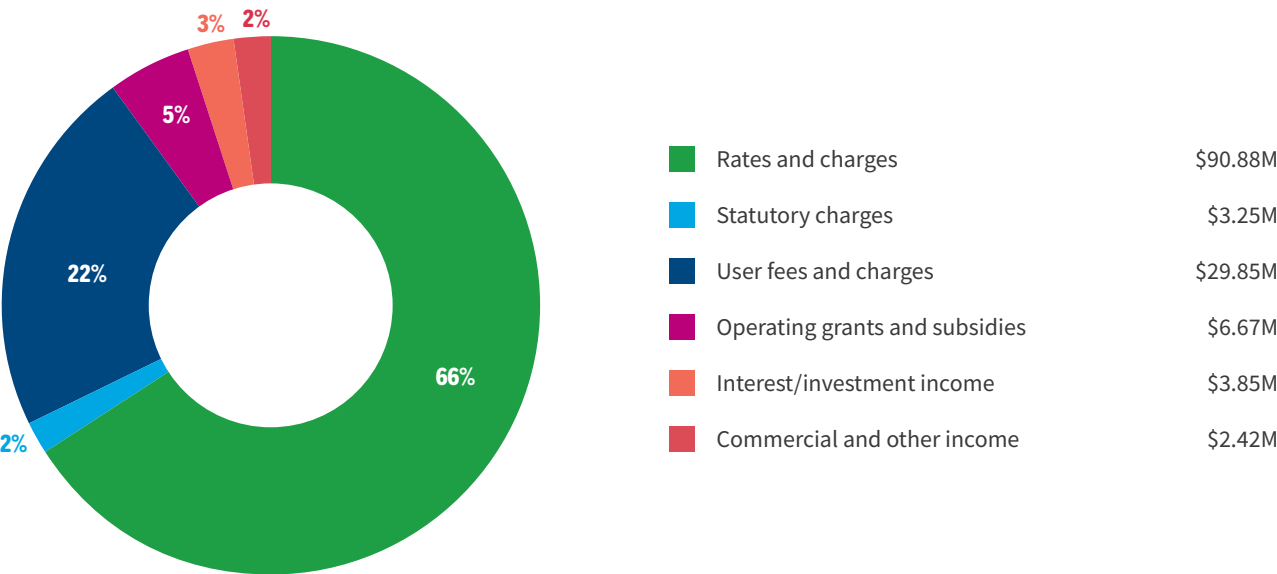


Figure 1 2025/26 operating income
(Excluding income for capital purposes)

Table 2 2025/26 operating income
(Excluding income for capital purposes)

Draft annual budget income

Operating Income	Budget 2025/26 \$'000	Original Budget 2024/25 \$'000	\$ 2024/25 - Variance to - \$'+INC (-DEC)	% 2024/25 %'+INC (-DEC)
Rates	80,478	78,596	1,882	2.4%
Charges	10,398	9,876	522	5.3%
Statutory charges	3,252	2,539	713	28.1%
User fees and charges	29,851	28,337	1,514	5.3%
Operating grants and subsidies	6,667	6,551	116	1.8%
Interest/investment income	3,852	3,513	339	9.6%
Commercial and other income	2,419	2,377	42	1.7%
Total income	136,917	131,790	5,127	3.9%

The above chart and table show where City of Darwin generates the income that it needs to service the community and renew and increase its asset base.

Revenue from rates is a crucial financial revenue stream for the City of Darwin, playing a vital role in ensuring financial sustainability. Rates and charges support a wide range of services, including waste collection and management, community parks and reserves and the upkeep of an extensive network of roads and footpaths. In addition to addressing the infrastructure needs of the community, City of Darwin also provides essential community services such as libraries, community spaces, community events, grants to support local and environmental initiatives, arts and cultural activities, animal management, recreational facilities and many other diverse services.

User fees and charges are the second source of significant revenue for City of Darwin. A large portion of these fees is associated with the operation and maintenance of the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility. The revenue generated from this facility is exclusively allocated to its operational costs, capital investments, or reserved for future remediation efforts. Council continues its commitment to ensuring that the site is properly remediated upon its closure and that environmental protection measures are upheld both now and into the future.

The 2025/26 budget recognises \$3 million from sale of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment revenue for the Civic Centre development project. The funds are recognised in 2025/26 budget but are anticipated to be realised in line with contractual arrangements as project progresses.

Operating and capital grants

Council actively collaborates with both the Australian and Northern Territory Governments to optimise the funding received through grants and reduce the reliance on rates for major capital works. These partnerships enable the City of Darwin to offer additional services and expedite critical infrastructure projects within the Darwin municipality that might otherwise face delays or be unable to be funded. The budget anticipates \$6.7 million in operating grants and \$0.7 million in capital grants. Operating grants include Financial Assistance Grant, Public Library Services Funding Agreement, Fun Bus and the mosquito control subsidy. Capital grants anticipated include \$0.5 million from Northern Territory Government for the Waters Ward Multigenerational Recreation Space and a \$0.2 million environmental grant contribution for West Lane Car Park.

EXPENDITURE

Where the income goes

Operating expenditure

Expenditure 2025/26 \$148.47 million

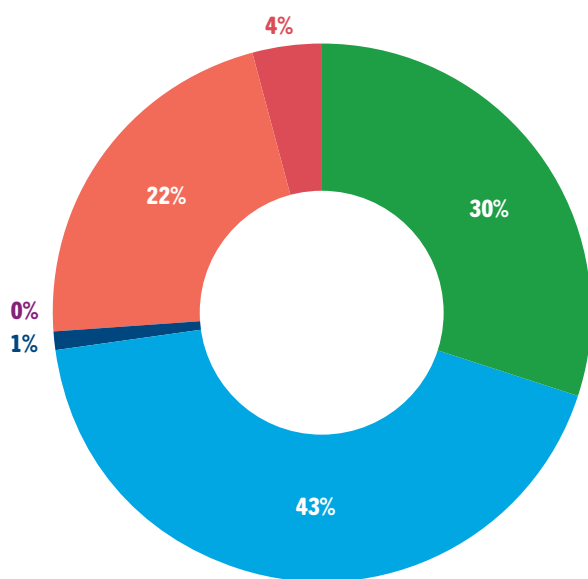


Figure 2 2025/26 operating expenses

Employee expenses	\$44.07M
Materials, contracts and services	\$64.33M
Elected member allowances and expenses	\$0.85M
Council committee allowances	\$0.02M
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	\$33.54M
Interest expenses	\$5.66M

Table 3 2025/26 operating expenses

Operating expenses	Budget 2025/26 \$'000	Original Budget 2024/25 \$'000	\$ 2024/25 - Variance to - \$'+INC (-DEC)	% 2024/25 %'+INC (-DEC)
Employee expenses	44,073	42,535	1,538	3.6%
Materials, contracts and services	64,326	61,147	3,179	5.2%
Elected member allowances	832	800	32	4.0%
Elected member expenses	21	12	9	75.0%
Council committee allowances	20	10	10	100.0%
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	33,536	32,524	1,012	3.1%
Interest expenses	5,664	3,722	1,942	52.2%
Total expenses	148,472	140,751	7,721	5.5%

The above chart and table show on what categories City of Darwin spends most of its money.

Materials, contracts and services is the largest category of expenditure and encompasses a wide variety of services to support City of Darwin services. The largest area within the category is waste management and represents the domestic waste collection across the municipality and the operation of the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility. This is a complex essential function of City of Darwin and costs continue to rise in a challenging economic environment. Council continues to seek opportunities to improve its waste management and waste diversion tactics.

Employee costs are City of Darwin's second largest expense and reflect investment in a workforce of 380 plus staff in delivering front line services, support services and administration services. The investment in direct staff ensures City of Darwin maintains a high standard of customer service and compliance with all applicable legislation and requirements for local government.

Depreciation is a non-cash expense, that is, City of Darwin does not need to pay money out of the bank for this expense. It is an expense based on engineering data and theoretically shows the dollar value of the deterioration of City of Darwin's assets due to both use and age. In an ideal budget, the level of capital renewal expenditure should match depreciation to ensure assets remain at the same standard and not degrade over time. Council has not as yet achieved this target.

CAPITAL WORKS

Delivering for our community

Each year City of Darwin embarks on an enduring program of capital works, funded from the income streams of rates, grants, charges and external borrowings. The use of external debt to fund capital projects is a tool Council uses to maintain intergenerational equity, which means allocating the costs of funding assets to the future community, who will benefit from the project. City of Darwin build and maintain the assets that support liveability in Darwin as we strive to meet community expectations for the level of amenity a modern city provides.

The program includes a broad range of categories.

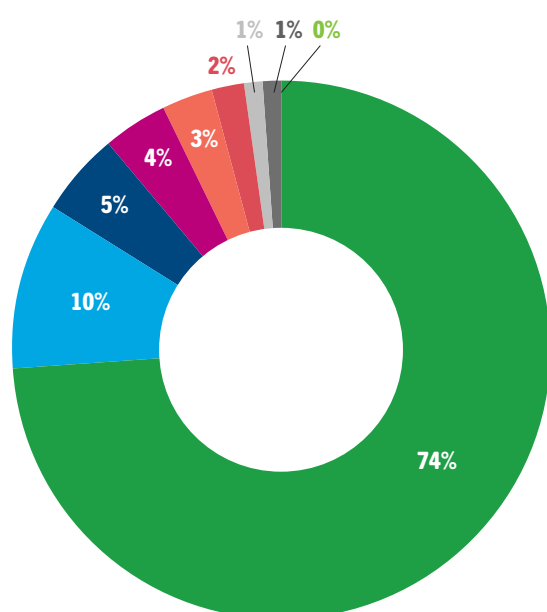


Figure 3 Capital works by asset category

Buildings	\$68.13M
Waste	\$9.13M
Roads and pathways	\$4.84M
Recreational	\$3.17M
Plant and equipment	\$3.12M
Stormwater	\$1.89M
Street lighting	\$0.58M
Environmental	\$0.55M
Public art	\$0.1M

Table 4 Capital works by asset category

2025/26 BUDGETED CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM

Program name	2025/26 total program budget \$	Funding source \$			
		Revenue	Contribution	Reserve	Grant
Roads and pathways					
Access program	101,750	50,000		51,750	
Shared paths program	700,000	280,000		420,000	
Driveway program • Nakara, Wulagi, Wagaman, Wanguri	230,756	230,756			
Footpath reconstruction • Lee Point Road stage 2 - Maria Street to Wagaman Terrace • Carstens Crescent	810,000	810,000			
Walkways resurfacing • Walkway 169, Malak • Walkway 2, Tiwi	83,000	83,000			
Minor capital works	160,000	160,000			
Local area traffic management (LATM) • Chambers Cres	299,450	299,450			
Road resurfacing and renewal • Chambers Crescent, East Point Road, Henbury Avenue	1,900,000	1,900,000			
Road reconstruction • Banksia Street roundabout • Benison/Bishop intersection upgrades	500,000	500,000			
Traffic signal upgrades and replacement	54,075	54,075			
Stormwater					
Stormwater upgrades and reconstruction • Marella and Meigs Crescent, Maude Street, Trower Road, Martin Crescent, Floyd Court, Driffield Street, Wilmot Street	1,892,625	1,892,625			

Program name	2025/26 total program budget \$	Revenue	Funding source \$		
			Contribution	Reserve	Grant
Buildings					
Council buildings renewal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operations Centre staff amenity requirements • Community hall - compliance upgrades • Civic Centre redevelopment and parking project 	68,114,273	3,105,863		65,008,410	
Smart cities project	20,000	20,000			
Street lighting					
Street and public lighting upgrades <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atkins Drive lighting upgrade • Ski Club to playground • Banner bracket replacement 	580,000	480,000		100,000	
Recreational					
Sports facility upgrades and refurbishment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pitch realignment - Malak Oval, Fannie Bay Oval, Bagot Oval • Velodrome storage shed - canteen • Goal post replacement 	100,000	100,000			
Playground refurbishment including softfall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fong Park, Sunset Park, Nightcliff Beach and Lake Alexander 	620,000	620,000			
Waters Ward Multigenerational Recreation Space	2,000,000	1,500,000			500,000
Irrigation infrastructure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irrigation controller replacement program • Gardens Oval pump and tank install 	270,375	270,375			
Parks infrastructure refurbishment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Que Noy Park (Stuart Park) retaining wall replacement 	160,000			160,000	
Darwin General Cemetery upgrade and refurbishment	21,630	21,630			

Program name	2025/26 total program budget \$	Funding source \$			
		Revenue	Contribution	Reserve	Grant
Environmental					
Pine logs and foreshore fencing <ul style="list-style-type: none">Pine log replacementLameroo Beach access ramp handrail replacements	150,000	150,000			
Climate emergency <ul style="list-style-type: none">West Lane Car Park - solar PV	400,000			200,000	200,000
Waste					
Shoal Bay waste management site - stage 7 construction <ul style="list-style-type: none">Stage 7 constructionGreen waste operational area (P1)Internal road upgrade part 1Site discharge basins x 3Shoal Bay waste management site - cell cappingRecycle Shop amenities	9,125,000			9,125,000	
Public art					
Public art development <ul style="list-style-type: none">Civic Centre integrated design	100,000	100,000			
Plant and equipment					
Plant and equipment replacement program <ul style="list-style-type: none">Light vehicles, heavy vehicles, plant and equipment, minor plant	2,770,000			2,770,000	
IT infrastructure <ul style="list-style-type: none">Transition to next DC switching and firewall network equipmentICT infrastructure upgrades	346,000	346,000			
Total	91,508,934	12,973,774		77,835,160	700,000

BUDGETED FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2025/26

The Annual Budget is presented in the required format of Guideline 5: Budgets of the *Local Government Act 2019*. Budget financial statements for 2025/26 on the following pages are:

A. Annual budget income and expenditure

This statement outlines:

- All sources of Council's operating income
- All operating expenses. These expenses relate to Council operations and do not include capital expenditure. Depreciation, being the annual allocation of wear and tear on assets in included and is a non-cash item.

The net operating surplus/(deficit) for the year is a measure of Council's financial performance. This figure is determined by deducting total operating expenses from total operating income.

B. Annual budget operating position

This statement summarises the actual flows of funds for the year and is crucial in explaining how Council meets its statutory obligation of having a balanced budget. The statement also explains the change in the cash / funds balance held from the start of the year through to the end of the year. The report shows where City of Darwin received its cash / funds from and what it plans to spend it on.

C. Budgeted statement of financial position

The statement of financial position details what City of Darwin owns (assets) and what it owes (liabilities) at a point in time. In this case, as at 30 June 2026. City of Darwin's net worth is determined by deducting total liabilities from total assets; this is City of Darwin's equity. The larger the equity, the more assets City of Darwin owns outright.

D. Budgeted statement of reserves

This statement provides details of City of Darwin's reserve balances at the start of the year and the transfer from / to reserves for the year. These reserves represent part of the cash assets and investments balance shown on the balance sheet, as they are cash backed. They are generally held to provide for the future upgrade or provision of new infrastructure and assets.

E. Budgeted statement of borrowings (external and internal)

This statement provides details of City of Darwin's existing borrowings as well as any proposed new borrowings. City of Darwin's borrowing policy describes the set of circumstances under which new borrowings can be considered.

F. Capital expenditure and funding

This statement outlines Council's planned capital expenditure for the year by asset class. The statement projects the capital expenditure for the following 4 years and how it is intending to fund this capital investment.

G. Planned major capital works and projected costing

This statement outlines major capital works projects that are either in progress, that will continue over more than one financial year or will be completed in the 2025/26 financial year. City of Darwin's minimum major projects threshold is \$5 million.

Budget assumptions

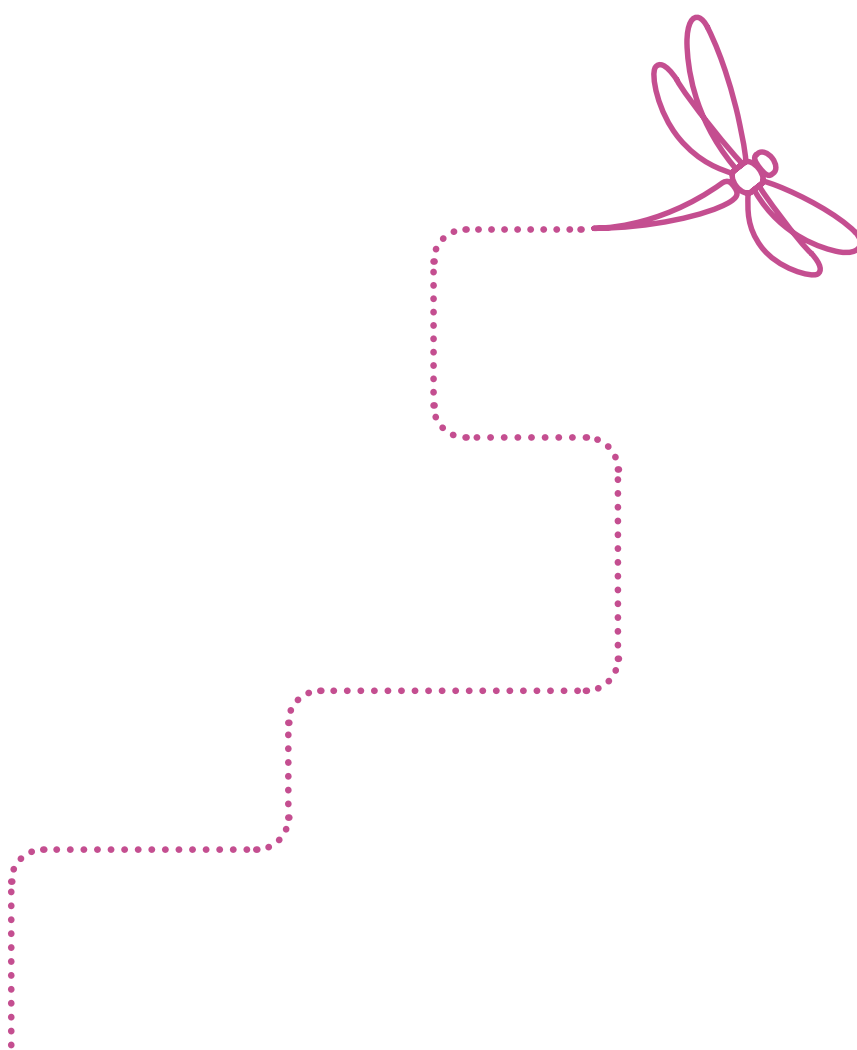
A budget is an estimation on the income and the expenses that City of Darwin is expected to incur in the forthcoming year, consequently a number of assumptions for uncertain conditions must be made in order to develop an achievable target.

One of the main assumptions applied at City of Darwin is that the service delivery levels (with the exception of new initiatives) to the community remains at the same level and standard as the current year. This has been undertaken in a climate of economic uncertainty, increasing costs and a difficult labour market. Combined, these factors directly and indirectly impact the costs to City of Darwin to deliver these services.

In order to identify efficiencies and savings to mitigate increased costs, City of Darwin reviews each individual program. Increases in costs are absorbed where possible and CPI or other increases are implemented only when unavoidable. In addition, an efficiency dividend has been applied in 2025/26 to all non-reserve linked functions to enable Council to achieve the restrained rates increase. Employee costs generally rise due to increases in the superannuation guarantee and step increments. Council has applied an employee vacancy factor of 2.0% across budgets to assist in managing these increases.

City of Darwin assumes that demand for 'user pay' services remains consistent with current trends and has increased fees generally by CPI, with the exception of parking fees which have not increased for 2025/26; and waste disposal fees at Shoal Bay, which increase in line with LTFP assumption. This is to meet rising costs at the facility and long term management of the site including remediation works.

Economic conditions remain uncertain for 2025/26 and Council will need to continue to be vigilant in reviewing actual expenses incurred closely against its budget and making necessary amendments and any required rectification actions as needed to ensure continued responsible financial management of community assets and services.



OUR RATING STRATEGY

Rating strategies

City of Darwin has adopted a rating strategy covering the 2025/26 financial year with the goals of:

- delivering projects and services within a financially sustainable framework
- serving community needs and expectations in delivering priority capital works
- setting out the principles considered by Council in deciding on the mix of rates and annual charges
- consideration of future Council's needs to fund ongoing maintenance, replacement and rehabilitation.

Rating principles

Council's rate setting and charging structure are based on the following principles:

- **Equity:** defined as broad based and reasonable stakeholder acceptance of each rate or charge structure, derived from a balance of the principles and user pays versus capacity to pay (or deemed capacity to pay) on a case-by-case basis
- **Effectiveness / efficiency:** defined as meeting the financial, cultural, social, economic, environmental or other corporate objectives of the Council as stated in its long-term plans or policies
- **Simplicity:** to ensure widespread community and stakeholders understanding and minimise perceived inequities and hidden costs of a complex system
- **Sustainability:** revenue decisions support the financial strategies for the delivery of infrastructure and services identified in Council's long-term planning.

Rates inclusions

In collating and refining the budget, Council is supported by the CEO, general managers and the finance team in a series of workshops over many months to:

- examine the social context of the community, its needs, priorities and expectations
- discuss the economic context of its ratepayer base and business community
- consider the NT Government Department of Treasury and Finance public economic outlook
- gain an awareness of the Long-Term Financial Plan
- consider and align to future plans of other tiers of government including their estimates for population growth
- review the mix of services, capital works and other priority initiatives it wants to deliver for the coming year.

Together, these elements are considered to arrive at a final program to be funded from rates.

Throughout the year a regime of monthly and quarterly financial reporting which includes cashflow and debtor trends is provided to Council. Carry forward recommendations from officers and a budget variations process include the formal adoption of changes by Council.

Together these transparent governance practices stimulate regular conversations relating to the social and economic effects of the budgeted rating strategy.

RATES AND CHARGES

Rates and charges by major category

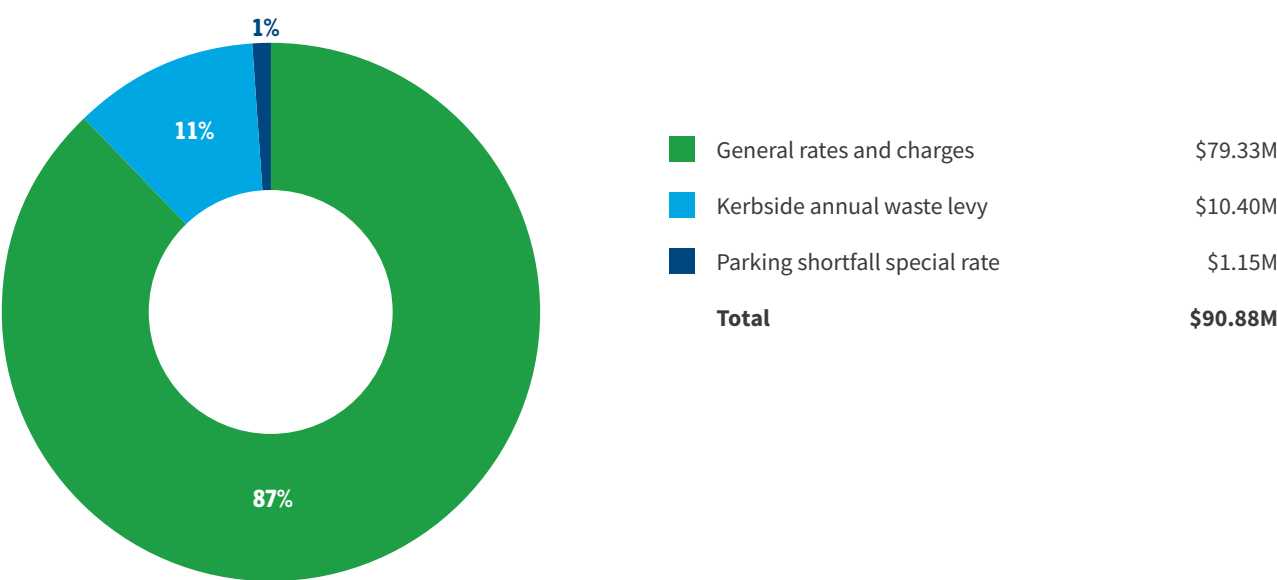


Figure 4 Rates and charges by major category

Table 5 Rates and charges by major category

Council is not immune to the effects of increased inflation and has experienced significant cost increases to its services. For the 2025/26 financial year, Council proposes to increase the revenue generated by general rates by 2.5%; significantly lower than the LTFP target of 4%. This is considered a balanced approach that weighs the costs to the community, recognising the rising cost of living for individual ratepayers, against the benefit of the services provided to the community.

The general rates on the average valued single dwelling property is expected to be \$1,909.17 or \$36.71 per week. This is an increase of \$0.90 per week compared to the 2024/25 financial year.

The kerbside garbage collection charge increase reflects the cost of collection and contributes towards the current and future costs of operating, maintaining and rehabilitating the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility. It has been proposed to meet these costs by increasing the levy by \$14.01 per annum to \$364.38, or an increase of \$0.27 per week.

Combining both the rates and the annual waste charge, an average valued single dwelling property can expect to pay \$2,273.55 per annum, or \$43.72 per week. This is an increase of just \$1.16 per week compared to the 2024/25 financial year.

Town planning zone	Code	Indicative minimum rate \$	Indicative rate in the dollar \$	\$'000's Estimated income 2025/26
Single dwelling residential; rural residential; rural; Living; rural	LR; RR; RL; R	1,388	0.00590967	28,393
Multiple dwelling residential; medium dwelling residential; High Density Residential	MR; LMR; HR	1,458	0.00590967	18,594
Central business	CB	1,758	0.00801080	15,429
Future development; specific use; community purposes; Restricted Development; Utilities; Community Living	"FD; SU; CP; RD; U; CL"	1,458	0.00590967	6,819
Tourist commercial; heritage	TC; HT	1,447	0.00586897	467
Commercial; service commercial	C; SC	1,447	0.00758356	3,481
Major shopping centres (equal to or greater than 40,000m ²)		1,447	0.01281162	415
Caravan parks	CV	1,388	0.00430488	50
Public open space; conservation	PS; CN	1,447	0.01167664	33
Organised recreation	OR	574	0.00598411	524
General industry; development	GI; DV	1,447	0.00478602	2,963
Light industry	LI	1,447	0.00551019	1,473
GI special minimum	GI Special Minimum	361	0.00466929	100
Other rates				596
Estimated general rate income 2025/26				79,337
Rate waivers				(10)
Total estimated general rate income 2025/26				79,327

Example based on average rates for a single property (residential and commercial)	2024/2025 \$	2025/2026 \$	\$ Increase	% Increase
General rates per year	1,862.61	1,909.17	46.57	2.50%
General rates per week	35.82	36.71	0.90	2.50%
Annual kerbside garbage collection and recycling service	350.36	364.38	14.01	4.00%
Combined rates and kerbside waste collection	2,212.97	2,273.55	60.58	2.74%
Combined amount per week	42.56	43.72	1.16	2.74%

General rates

A differential general rate shall be levied on all rateable properties based on the unimproved capital value (UCV) of the land falling within the above Town Planning Zones under the Northern Territory Planning Scheme as referred to in the Planning Act 1999.

Other rates

The municipal parking rate is assessed and levied in accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021.

The municipal parking rate may be levied on all land within Central Darwin as defined in Part 4 of the Regulations and as published in the parking usage schedule, available for inspection at City of Darwin's offices.

The proceeds of the municipal parking rate are used for the provision, operation and maintenance of land, facilities, services and improvements in relation to the parking of vehicles in Central Darwin.

Waste management charges

City of Darwin residents who pay the waste levy are provided with domestic waste and recycling collection services and free disposal of domestic quantities of household waste in a non-commercial vehicle via Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility access tags.

Both the domestic and commercial waste management fees for 2025/26 are published in the Fees and Charges booklet and in the back of the Municipal Plan.

Waste management charges support both operational costs and the significant capital investments that support environmental compliance and the long-term sustainability of Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility.

Waste management charges have increased by 4% this financial year due to escalating waste collection costs; this increase is in alignment with the long term financial plan.

A. Annual budget income and expenditure

Annual budget income and expenditure	Budget 2025/26 \$'000	Original budget 2024/25 \$'000
Operating income		
Rates	80,478	78,596
Charges	10,398	9,876
Statutory charges	3,252	2,539
User fees and charges	29,851	28,337
Operating grants and subsidies	6,667	6,551
Interest/investment income	3,852	3,513
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Total income	136,917	131,790
Operating expenses		
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Materials, contracts and services	64,326	61,147
Elected member allowances	832	800
Elected member expenses	21	12
Council committee allowances	20	10
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	33,536	32,524
Interest expenses	5,664	3,722
Total expenses	148,472	140,751
Budgeted operating surplus/ (deficit)	(11,555)	(8,961)

* Numbers in statements may include minor rounding differences

B. Annual budget operating position

Annual budget operating position	Budget 2025/26 \$'000	Original budget 2024/25 \$'000
Operating result from income statement	(11,555)	(8,961)
From operating activities		
Add back other non-cash items	2,100	1,402
Add back depreciation (non-cash)	33,536	32,524
Total non-cash items	35,636	33,926
Less additional outflows		
Capital expenditure	(91,509)	(61,054)
Repayment of borrowings and advances	(6,084)	(4,422)
Total additional outflows	(97,593)	(65,476)
Add additional inflows		
Receipts:		
Capital grant and contribution income	700	3,500
Sale of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	3,512	500
Net transfers from (-to) reserves	69,300	36,511
Total additional inflows	73,512	40,511
Net budgeted operating position	0	0

*Numbers in statements may include minor rounding differences

C. Budgeted statement of financial position

Budgeted statement of financial position As at 30 June 2026	Budget 30/6/2026 \$'000	Audited 30/6/2024 \$'000
Current assets		
Cash and investments – unrestricted	18,360	35,089
Cash and investments – externally restricted	21,504	42,373
Cash and investments – internally restricted	15,193	42,382
Trade and other receivables	16,260	15,942
Inventories	273	265
Total current assets	71,590	136,051
Non-current assets		
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	1,325,094	1,258,365
Total non-current assets	1,325,094	1,258,365
TOTAL ASSETS	1,396,684	1,394,416
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	22,573	23,744
Borrowings	6,975	12,749
Provisions	7,886	6,794
Lease liabilities	950	951
Total current liabilities	38,384	44,238
Non-current liabilities		
Trade and other payables		10
Borrowings	68,411	44,994
Provisions	53,799	50,236
Lease liabilities	599	1,460
Total non-current liabilities	122,810	96,700
TOTAL LIABILITIES	161,194	140,938
NET ASSETS	1,235,490	1,253,478
Equity		
Accumulated surplus	331,495	301,425
Asset revaluation reserve	867,298	867,298
Other reserves	36,697	84,755
TOTAL EQUITY	1,235,490	1,253,478

* Numbers in statements may include minor rounding differences

D. Budgeted statement of reserves

For the year ended 30 June 2026

Externally restricted reserves	Opening balance budget \$	Transfers to (- from) \$	Closing balance budget \$
CBD carparking shortfall - developer cont.	12,284,426	(11,488,623)	795,803
CBD carparking shortfall - rate levy	16,537,632	(12,162,159)	4,375,473
Developer contributions	1,948,537	77,941	2,026,478
Highway/commercial carparking shortfall	57,743	2,310	60,053
Market site development	652,959	66,283	719,242
Other carparking shortfall	421,293	16,852	438,145
Unspent grants	604,212	(175,000)	429,212
Waste management	8,188,308	(485,583)	7,702,725
Waste remediation	7,917,366	(2,960,000)	4,957,366
Total externally restricted reserves	48,612,476	(27,107,979)	21,504,497
Internally restricted reserves	Opening balance budget \$	Transfers to (- from) \$	Closing balance budget \$
Asset replacement and refurbishment	1,430,096	(33,506)	1,396,590
Carry forward	35,624,250	(30,571,750)	5,052,500
DEC refurbishment	399,503	0	399,503
Disaster contingency	2,524,649	63,116	2,587,765
Election expense	478,490	(340,000)	138,490
Environmental	44,164	0	44,164
IT Strategy	1,466,485	(687,615)	778,870
Nightcliff Community Hall	2,529	17,000	19,529
Off and on street car parking	2,860,845	98,050	2,958,895
Plant and vehicle replacement	2,875,088	(1,229,325)	1,645,763
Public art	170,911	0	170,911
Sale of land	9,508,410	(9,508,410)	0
Total internally restricted reserves	57,385,420	(42,192,440)	15,192,980
Total all reserves	105,997,896	(69,300,419)	36,697,477

1. Opening balance as at 2nd budget review 2024/25 with known/pending adjustments

2. Reserves with nil budgeted balances and movements are not listed

3. Numbers in statements may include minor rounding differences

The purpose of reserve funds in general is to:

- ensure, where applicable, that funds are held separately and only utilised for the proper legal purposes. The main examples of such funds are developer contributions for specific purposes.
- assist the Council to avoid sudden changes in rates and enable a stable pricing path throughout its long-term financial plans.
- provide a contingency or provision for unexpected events such as natural disasters, cyclones or events that are likely to take place by cannot be predicted reliably into any particular year.

The opening balances in 2025/26 Budgeted Statement of Reserves are projected as at 30/06/2025.

Only those reserves with an anticipated opening balance above zero or known movements to occur are included in the 2025/26 budget. As outlined in Council Policy 3010.100.E.R Financial Reserve Policy, reserves maybe deactivated and reactivated from time to time where there is a nil balance or a Council resolution.

E. Budgeted statement of external borrowing

Statement of external borrowing for the year ending 30 June 2024		\$000's
Loans		
Opening balance		81,470
Principal repayments		6,084
Closing balance		75,386

Table of internal loans

Loans by function/service		1/7/2025						30/6/2026				
Name	Original amount \$	Date borrowed	Term/ years	Interest rate	No. repaymts per annum	P+I \$ 2024/25	Reserve lent from	Purpose	Opening balance \$	Principal raised \$	Principal repaid \$	Closing balance \$
IL4 2017 (set)	4,000,000	30/6/2017	10.0	2.90%	4	462,238	Parking	Waste	895,029	0	441,049	453,979
IL5 2017 (set)	227,000	30/6/2017	15.0	2.90%	4	18,717	ARR	Waste	118,188	0	15,456	102,732
IL11 2023 (set)	1,500,000	30/6/2023	3.0	0.00%	4	500,000	Waste R	Waste	500,000	0	500,000	0
IL13 2025 (set)	5,500,000	30/6/2026	5.0	0.00%	4	0	Waste R	Waste		5,500,000		5,500,000
Total internal loans to Waste Facility		11,227,000				980,954			1,513,217	5,500,000	956,506	6,056,712
IL3 2016 Nightcliff Café (set)	1,442,437	30/6/2016	17.0	2.90%	4	107,777	ARR	NC Café	767,039	0	86,468	680,572
IL9 2022 parklets	210,000	30/6/2022	3.0	0.00%	4	6,240	Plant	Parklets	250,000	0	0	250,000
Grand total internal loans		12,879,437				1,094,972			2,530,257	5,500,000	1,042,973	6,987,283
Summary of loans by lending reserve												
Asset replacement and refurbishment (ARR)												
Off and on street parking (Parking)												
Plant replacement (Plant)												
Waste Remediation (Waste R)												
Grand total internal loans						1,094,972			2,530,257	5,500,000	1,042,973	6,987,283

* All above internal loans are based on 4 quarterly repayments per annum

F. Capital expenditure and funding

Asset category	2025/26 financial year	2026/27 financial year	2027/28 financial year	2028/29 financial year	2029/30 financial year
Buildings and structures (includes parking building)	68,134,273	639,516	665,096	685,049	705,600
Environmental	550,000	359,760	366,150	371,134	376,269
Parks, playgrounds and reserves	3,172,005	2,610,659	4,269,086	1,714,658	1,761,598
Plant and equipment	3,116,000	2,365,165	2,379,771	2,391,165	2,402,899
Public art	100,000	182,582	189,886	195,582	201,450
Roads and pathways	4,839,031	5,458,253	5,656,583	11,811,281	5,970,620
Stormwater infrastructure	1,892,625	1,996,995	2,076,875	2,139,181	1,375,236
Street and public lighting	580,000	912,912	949,428	977,911	1,007,249
Waste management	9,125,000	7,760,000	320,000	3,153,000	8,210,000
Grand total	91,508,934	22,285,842	16,872,875	23,438,962	22,010,921
Total capital expenditure funded by:					
Operational income	9,457,224	12,525,842	13,222,875	11,481,962	11,800,921
Capital grants and contributions	700,000	-	-	6,000,000	-
Transfers from reserves	77,835,160	9,760,000	3,650,000	5,957,000	2,060,000
Borrowings	-	-	-	-	8,150,000
Sale of assets (including trade-ins)	3,516,550	-	-	-	-
Grand total	91,508,934	22,285,842	16,872,875	23,438,962	22,010,921

* Data sourced from the Long Term Financial Plan 2023 -2033, adjusted for known variations

* Civic Centre and parking infrastructure in 2025/26, will span across financial years

* Projected borrowings require ministerial approval

* Grant funded projects are subject to securing funding

G. Budget by planned major capital works and projected costing

Class of assets	By major capital project*	Total prior year(s) actuals* \$	Previous allocated budget (\$)**	2025/26 financial year budget \$	2026/27 financial year budget \$	2027/28 financial year budget \$	2028/29 financial year budget \$	2029/30 financial year budget \$	Total planned budget \$ (G = A+B + C+D+E+F)**	Expected project completion date
Buildings	Civic Centre and Precinct Redevelopment	1,906,508	5,091,590	42,508,410					47,600,000	30/6/2028
Buildings	Civic Centre Public Carpark/CBD Parking	2,506,386	4,500,000	25,500,000					30,000,000	30/6/2028
Buildings	Project contingency		2,000,000						2,000,000	30/6/2028
Roads and Pathways	Dinah Beach Road Upgrade					6,000,000			6,000,000	30/6/2030
Waste Management	Shoal Bay - stage 2 expansion phase 1	499,693	6,000,000						6,000,000	30/6/2026
Waste Management	Cell 7 development			8,500,000					8,500,000	30/6/2028
Waste Management	Cell 8 development							8,150,000	8,150,000	30/6/2030
Waste Management	Cell capping and remediation^			7,760,000			3,093,000		10,853,000	30/6/2030
TOTAL		4,912,587	17,591,590	76,508,410	7,760,000	0	9,093,000	8,150,000	119,103,000	

*Actuals information as at March 2025

*Projects may be mix of asset classes, will be adjusted accordingly on capitalisation

**Previous allocated budget includes original budgets and any amendments to the project budget

^ Interim capping: final capping is post 2030

2025/26 ANNUAL BUDGET KPIS

Financial key performance indicators (KPIs)

% of rate debtors outstanding	Target	Actual 2023/24	Budget 2024/25	Budget 2025/26
	<5%	6.4%	6.3%	6.5%

This indicator is designed to measure Council's effectiveness in recovering debts legally owed to it.

Debt servicing ratio	Target	Actual 2023/24	Budget 2024/25	Budget 2025/26
	<10%	4.9%	5.1%	7.0%

This indicator is designed to show what proportion of revenue is required as a commitment to fund Council's loan repayments. Finance costs excludes interest expense of unwinding waste remediation liabilities as a non-cash item.

Liquidity ratio – unrestricted	Target	Actual 2023/24	Budget 2024/25	Budget 2025/26
	≥1.50	2.12	1.3	1.3

This indicator is designed to measure whether Council has the ability to pay its debts as they fall due expressed as a factor of one; (current assets minus externally restricted reserves)/current liabilities.

Rates ratio	Target	Actual 2023/24	Budget 2024/25	Budget 2025/26
	60%-70%	64.1%	62.9%	61.2%

This indicator is designed to measure Council's ability to cover its day to day expenses through its own rates and annual charges.

Operating surplus/(deficit)	Target	Actual 2023/24	Budget 2024/25	Budget 2025/26
	Break-even	(\$9.00M)	(\$8.96M)	(\$11.56M)

This indicator is designed to provide information on the result of ordinary operations including depreciation, which is a non-cash expense. Council does not fund depreciation rather it funds the capital expenditure program.

Operating surplus before depreciation	Target	Actual 2023/24	Budget 2024/25	Budget 2025/26
	\$25M - \$35M	\$25.3M	\$23.6M	\$22.0M

This indicator is designed to provide information on the result of ordinary operations before depreciation, which is a non cash expense. Excluding depreciation gives the amount of operating income over and above operating expenses that is available to fund capital expenditure.

Asset sustainability ratio	Target	Actual 2023/24	Budget 2024/25	Budget 2025/26
	100%	53.8%	38.6%	37.4%

This indicator is designed to indicate the extent to which Council is renewing its assets. A ratio of 100% or more indicates that Council spends at least the amount of depreciation each year on renewing assets.

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ABOUT THIS MUNICIPAL PLAN

Each year the Municipal Plan is developed by Councillors under the leadership of the Lord Mayor. It establishes the strategic direction, resourcing, funds available and income streams for the coming year to deliver programs, projects and actions that work towards achieving the 2030 vision. It is Council's commitment to the community, Minister and Agency about the annual strategic resourcing decisions it has decided as the next steps towards achieving the adopted long-term strategy, Darwin 2030: City for People. City of Colour.

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FEES AND CHARGES

2025/2026



Effective 1 July 2025

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The following general conditions apply to all City of Darwin fees and charges.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Fees

Within this document facility hire states three levels of fees.

These are:

- the full fee payable,
- the concessional fee for regular weekday use by not-for-profit community organisations, and
- a concessional fee for either one-off events on Friday evenings or weekends, or events which span more than the sessional use specified.

Not-for-profit organisations' requests for concession fees to be negotiated must be in writing.

Not-for-profit organisations

The definition for eligibility for concession fees is:

A self-help group (not operated by commercial interests and stated as not-for-profit by statutory declaration), or a not-for-profit community organisation (incorporated under the Associations Act).

Pensioner concessions

Some fees and charges within this document allow a concession for pensioners. All people seeking such concession must provide appropriate proof of eligibility, such as a Commonwealth Health Care Card, or a Northern Territory Pensioner Concession Card.

Indemnity

Organisations hiring City of Darwin facilities are required to have public liability insurance cover.

Groups and individuals without their own public liability insurance must be aware that City of Darwin will not be held liable for any accident occurring through the actions or negligence of group members or guests.

Credit card surcharge

City of Darwin may impose a surcharge of 0.4% on payments made using a credit card.

Responsibility for damage to City of Darwin property

The cost of damage to City of Darwin property will be recovered from the party responsible. In the case of hire of City of Darwin property, the hirer will be held responsible and in the case of a permit/licence, the permit/licence holder will be held responsible. The cost of repairs will be calculated as the:

- actual invoiced cost to City of Darwin of materials and services used plus cost of City of Darwin labour, plant and stores used, including overheads
- total cost to be recovered will be the costs above plus 15%.

Seasonal oval allocations

City of Darwin ovals are made available for sporting organisations to use for wet and dry season competition, training and pre-season use.

Seasons: wet season 1 October to 31 March

dry season 1 April to 30 September

City of Darwin allocates ovals through peak sporting bodies in the first instance so they can arrange club fixtures.

The definition of a peak sporting body is an organisation representing the interests of those involved in the nominated sport and one affiliated with a national body that recognises the peak body for the sport in the NT.

A peak body will also be registered as an incorporated body with the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities and hold a current public liability insurance policy.

Single use plastics

In January 2019, City of Darwin implemented a ban on all single use plastics at City of Darwin events and events held on City of Darwin land including markets. These changes have been implemented to reduce the amount of single use plastic used and protect Darwin's unique environment.

The ban on single use plastics relates to all City of Darwin permits and leases and these were updated from 1 January 2019 to reflect this change. Further information on how to conduct an event without single use plastics is available at www.darwin.nt.gov.au

ADMINISTRATION FEES

Assessment record inspection fee

Section 230(4) of the Local Government Act 2019 (NT) states that any person with sufficient interest is entitled to inspect or copy the assessment record, when the City of Darwin office is open to the public, at a fee fixed by the Council.

Section 230(6) provides circumstances where the inspection can be free of charge.

Assessment record inspection	2025/2026 Including GST \$
Assessment record inspection	22.00 ✕

Rate search

Written confirmation will only be supplied upon receipt of the fee together with a written request.

Rate search	2025/2026 Including GST \$
Rate search – per property	
• one business day prior notice	65.00 ✕
• urgent same day request	125.00 ✕
Reprint of rate notice – per copy	
• current rating year	11.00
• prior rating years	30.00
Provision of written confirmation by facsimile, email or post – per request	30.00

✕ = Item is exempt from GST per ATO Division 81.

Amounts in **BOLD** indicate GST is applicable and has been included

Dishonoured cheque/direct debit		2025/2026 Including GST \$
Administration fee – per instance		45.00
Preparation of licence and agreement conditions		2025/2026 Including GST \$
Prepared by external solicitor <i>*Depending on the nature, some disbursements may be GST free</i>		Solicitor's and disbursement costs*
Prepared in-house		380.00
Research and/or retrieval of City of Darwin records		2025/2026 Including GST \$
To conduct research of City of Darwin records where due to the nature of the research and/or staff time involved, other published charges are inadequate, charge is per staff member/hour or part of an hour. Archive retrieval costs are additional.		Actual cost at hourly rate +15%
Cancellation of hire of City of Darwin facilities and resources		2025/2026 Including GST \$
Cancellation of hire of City of Darwin facilities (if notification is received less than two weeks prior to date of hire)		33.00
Permit administration fee (per amendment, in excess of one initial change for one-off bookings, or in excess of five changes for ongoing bookings)		33.00
Interest on overdue debtor accounts		2025/2026 Including GST \$
Charged on debtor account balances overdue in excess of 30 days, if no default rate otherwise specified in debt creation documentation		18.0% pa ✗

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APPLICATIONS UNDER FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Personal information		2025/2026 Including GST \$
Application fee		Free X
Supervised inspection		
First 2 hours		Free X
For every hour or part of an hour after 2 hours		25.00 X
Non-personal information		2025/2026 Including GST \$
Application fee		30.00 X
Searching and decision making (per hour)		25.00 X
Retrieval from storage		Actual cost X
Supervised inspection (for every hour or part of an hour)		25.00 X
Application fee for combined personal and non-personal Information		30.00 X

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Other services		2025/2026 Including GST \$
Packaging materials for delivering or posting articles	Actual cost	×
Delivery or postage charges	Actual cost	×
Retrieval from storage	Actual cost	×
Photocopies of documentation		
• Per page of black and white A4 paper	0.20	×
• Other	Actual cost	×
Copies of disks, films or tapes, written transcripts, other services to enable the applicant to physically access information, hiring out equipment or facilities to enable applicant to view or listen to disk, film or tape	Actual cost	×
Operating equipment to copy disk, film or tape or to enable applicant to view or listen to disk, film or tape (per hour or part of an hour)	25.00	×
Deposit for processing fees		2025/2026 Including GST \$
If the processing fee is estimated to be greater than \$25 and less than \$100	25.00	×
If the processing fee is estimated to be more than \$100	50% of the estimate	×

× = Item is exempt from GST per ATO Division 81.

Amounts in **BOLD** indicate GST is applicable and has been included

ADVERTISING SIGNS

Signs on public land that require a permit		2025/2026 Including GST \$
Application fee		185.00 ✕
Removal, custody and release fee for unauthorised movable signs		175.00
Removal, custody and release fee for unauthorised fixed sign	In addition to costs incurred +15%	175.00
Public land minimum rate per year OR		185.00 ✕
Rate per square metre (whichever is greater) per year		75.00 ✕

Note

Specifications and requirements available from City of Darwin.

Miscellaneous signs		2025/2026 Including GST \$
Banner sites		
Commercial – per week		210.00 ✕
Not-for-profit organisation – per week		67.00 ✕
Release fee for unauthorised banners (By-law 202)		170.00
Street light banners – per banner (includes costs to erect, maintain, and remove)		175.00

✕ = Item is exempt from GST per ATO Division 81.

Amounts in **BOLD** indicate GST is applicable and has been included

BINS – ADDITIONAL DOMESTIC SERVICE

Bins – additional domestic service	2025/2026 Including GST \$
240 litre garbage bin – kerbside service – per annum	620.00
240 litre recycling bin – kerbside service – per annum	140.00
240 litre garbage bin – manual service – per annum	685.00
240 litre recycling bin – manual service – per annum	505.00
1,100 litre garbage bin – per annum	2,915.00
1,100 litre recycling bin – per annum	2,090.00

Bins – return collection service	2025/2026 Including GST \$
Return collection service	40.00

Note

For strata titled units additional services costs will be invoiced annually directly to the body corporate. The body corporate will distribute additional waste service expenses equally among all owners of a development through the body corporate fees. Additional services costs for non-strata titled units will be charged annually in conjunction with the municipal rates and charges, appearing on the annual notice of rates and charges.

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CAR PARKING

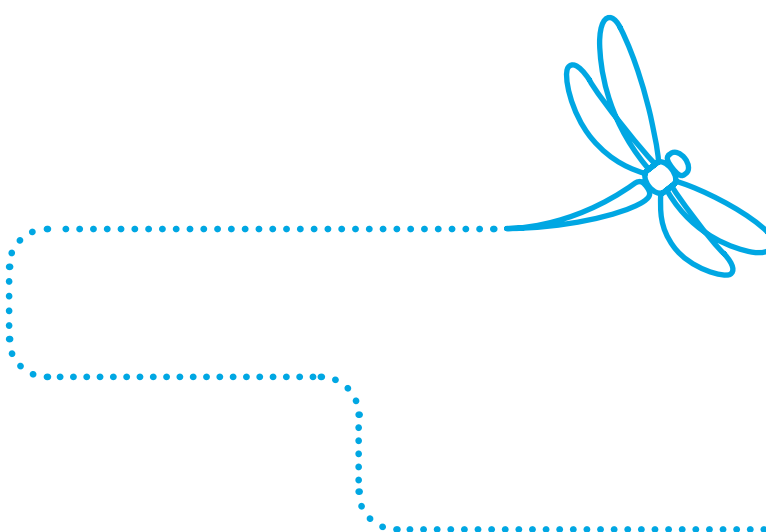
Car parking – off-street

Car parking – off-street	2025/2026 Including GST \$
Permit parking – annual	
West Lane – 12 month permit	185.00/month
Dragonfly – 12 month permit	130.00/month
Nichols Pl, Darwin Oval – 12 month permit	100.00/month
Mitchell/Daly St – 12 month permit	62.00/month
Permit parking – quarterly	
West Lane – quarterly permit	210.00/month
Dragonfly – quarterly permit	145.00/month
Nichols Pl, Darwin Oval – quarterly permit	120.00/month
Mitchell/Daly St – quarterly permit	67.00/month
Cancellation of a parking permit	60.00
All day parking	
Early bird – Monday to Friday, park and pay before 9.00am – West Lane	10.00 per day
Early Bird – Monday to Friday, park and pay before 9.00am – Dragonfly	7.00 per day
Nichols Pl, McLachlan St, Darwin Oval	5.30 per day
McMinn St, Mitchell St, Woods/Daly St, Daly/Mitchell St	5.00 per day
Casual parking (Monday to Friday per hour – up to 7 hours or pro rata)	
West Lane Per Hour	2.00
Dragonfly Per Hour	1.50
Overnight parking 5.00pm to 8.00am the following day, Monday to Thursday inclusive	
West Lane – per night	10.00
Dragonfly – per night	8.50
Additional/replacement permits	
Permit – all off street car parks	14.50
Access card – off street car parking	28.00

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Car parking – off-street		2025/2026 Including GST \$
Weekends and public holidays		
West Lane – Saturday, Sunday, public holidays (7.00am – 7.00pm closing time)		Free
Dragonfly – Saturday (7.00am – 10.00pm closing time)		Free
Dragonfly – Sunday (7.00am – 8.00pm closing time)		Free
Release of vehicle		
West Lane		140.00
Dragonfly		140.00
Motorcycle parking		
Off-street car parking		50.00/month
Access to bicycle pod (Dragonfly car park)		
Bike pod access fee		10.00/month
Bike pod access card (initial issue)		15.00
Bike pod access card replacement fee		30.00
Cancellation		10.00



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Car parking – on-street

Metered parking is available within the Darwin city centre, which is divided into three (3) separate zones for charging purposes. Details of the zone boundaries are available at the Civic Centre during opening hours or on the City of Darwin website.

A number of bays are available at no charge with a 15-minute time limit. These bays are individually signposted.

Motorcycles may park at no charge within designated motorcycle parking bays. Motorcycles parking within metered bays must pay the applicable charge.

Metered on-street car parking within Darwin city centre	2025/2026 Including GST \$
Zone A – per hour per bay 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday (excludes weekends and public holidays)	3.20
Zone A – 8.00am – 2.00pm Saturday per hour with a 2-hour limit (excludes Sunday and public holidays)	2.00
Zone B – per hour per bay 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday (excludes weekends and public holidays)	2.30
Zone C – per hour per bay 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday (excludes weekends and public holidays)	1.80
Maximum daily charge	9.50
Zones B and C All day public holidays and weekends	Free

Parking exemption	2025/2026 Including GST \$
Permitted vehicle parking permit – per annum	2,126 ✕
Permitted vehicle parking permit per annum – media (x 3 permits)	2,126 ✕

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Temporary parking bay hire for construction/service repair purposes		2025/2026 Including GST \$
Hire of parking bay – Zone A per car bay per day – up to one week		45.00
Hire of parking bay – Zone B per car bay per day – up to one week		35.00
Hire of parking bay – Zone C per car bay per day – up to one week		25.00
Miscellaneous		2025/2026 Including GST \$
Loading zone permit		195.00 ✕
Parking permit for Australian Federation of Totally and Permanently Incapacitated Ex Servicemen and Women (TPI) members for 5 years		22.00 ✕
Parking permit – disabled persons for 3 yrs (renewal of existing permit free of charge per Council Decision 18\4797 25/03/03)		22.00 ✕
Tourism bus bay permit		2025/2026 Including GST \$
Tourist coach per annum (pro rata)		2,665.00

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Car parking – conditions

Conditions of parking

1. All vehicles are parked at the risk of the person parking the vehicle and no employee or agent of City of Darwin is liable for any loss or damage to vehicles parked in City of Darwin car parks, whether occasioned by negligence or otherwise.
2. No person employed by City of Darwin has authority to accept vehicles or articles for safekeeping.
3. The common law as to bailment of goods does not apply in respect of the parking of a vehicle with its contents in City of Darwin car parks.
4. Any person having the authority of the City of Darwin has authority to enter any vehicle in a City of Darwin car park and move or drive it to another place.
5. Any person having the authority of the City of Darwin, may deliver a vehicle to any person offering evidence of ownership or authority to receive the vehicle and may refuse to deliver a vehicle unless they are so satisfied, and no servant or agent of City of Darwin shall be liable for such delivery detention or failure to deliver.
6. No person has authority to vary these conditions.
7. All vehicles are subject to the Traffic Regulations (NT).
8. Vehicles displaying a disability parking permit may park in a disabled bay for twice the time paid for, in all on-street car parks. People must pay for parking for the first time period with the second time period being free. Vehicles displaying a disability parking permit may park in an accessible parking bay in the City of Darwin off-street car parks all day free of charge, except for West Lane Car Park and Dragonfly Car Park. Vehicles displaying a valid permit may park in an accessible parking bay in either West Lane Car Park or Dragonfly Car Park for twice the time paid for.

Car parking areas – alternative uses

City of Darwin will determine a hiring rate for commercial or not-for-profit users.

West Lane Car Park is unavailable for alternate use.

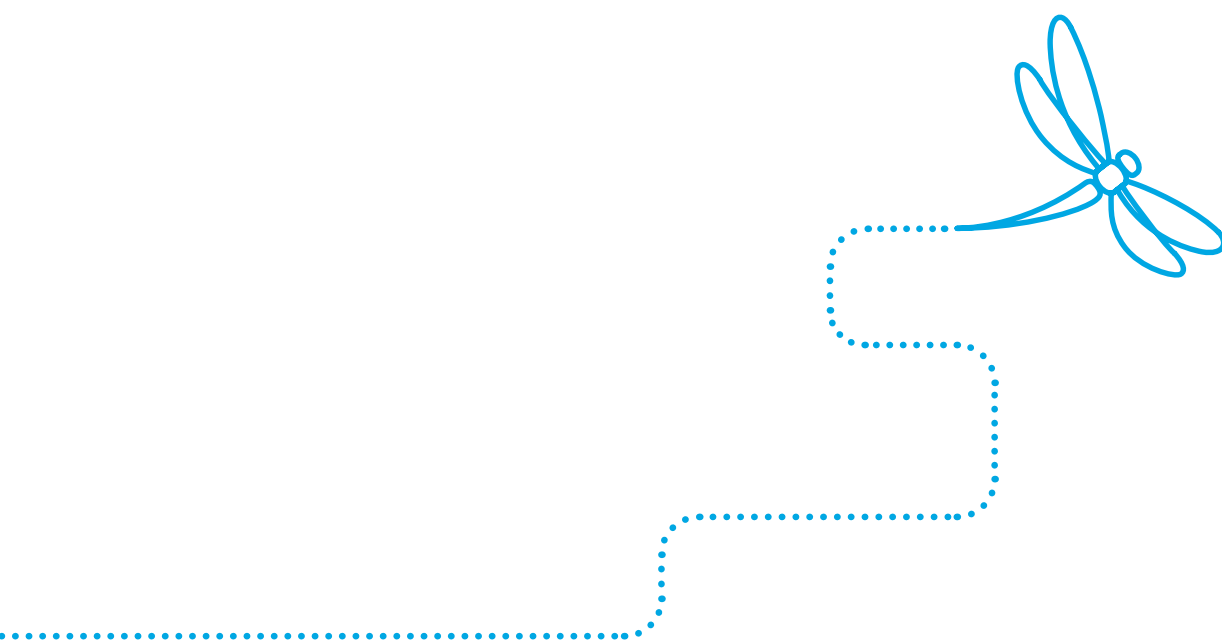
Persons hiring car parks for alternative use shall pay to City of Darwin all costs associated with City of Darwin providing car park attendants and supervisors and other necessary expenses such as electricity occasioned by the alternative use. The General Manager Innovation shall provide estimates to the person requiring alternative use prior to approval for the alternative use being granted.

These persons shall abide by and follow all the requirements and directions of the General Manager Innovation or their representative in the use of the car park.

The area required for the alternative use shall be left in a condition equal to that before the use was approved (that is, in a clean and tidy condition). The person requiring alternative use shall be made aware that water or any liquid cannot be used in cleaning the area approved.

Persons requiring this use shall make arrangements for their own electrical supply. Where portable generators are used, these generators shall be adequately silenced.

Hirers shall make arrangements for toilet facilities outside of normal working hours and shall make contact with and follow the requirements of the NT Department of Health for the alternative use.



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CEMETERY CHARGES

Cemetery charges		2025/2026 Including GST \$
Graves		
First burial		2,931.00
Subsequent burial		3,600.00
Interment of ashes		428.00
Concrete seal (Required when less than 1 meter of soil is achievable)		1,390.00
Cemetery investigation		920.00
Issue of reservation certificate		100.00 ✕
Issue of exclusive right of subsequent burial fee		100.00 ✕
Transfer of exclusive right certificate/reservation		100.00 ✕
Exhumation		4,280.00
Exhumation		

Memorial niche wall		2025/2026 Including GST \$
Reservation		1,060.00 ✕
Interment of ashes and plaque – permit fee (Includes installation)		913.00
Removal/installation of memorial plaque for second interment		315.00
Transfer of reservation		100.00 ✕
Supply and installation of vase		215.00

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Memorials	2025/2026 Including GST \$
Memorial permit fee	155.00 ✕
Memorial plaque – installation of memorial plaque onto concrete head beam	165.00
Manufacture of concrete headstone	665.00
Manufacture concrete memorial foundation	330.00

Infant subsidy	2025/2026 Including GST \$
Infant Subsidy – 50% subsidy of first or subsequent burial or interment of ashes of a child up to two years of age	50% subsidy

Note

Overtime rates will apply if services are carried out after 4pm weekday, on a weekend, or on a public holiday.

Installation of plaques and headstones does not include supply of memorial.

Exhumations to coffin depth only.

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COMMUNITY CENTRES CHARGES

City of Darwin has community rooms at Alawa, Lyons, Nightcliff, Malak, and the Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre available for hire from 6am to midnight daily. City of Darwin aims to ensure that a range of user groups and/or individuals have fair and equitable access to City of Darwin's services and facilities. These facilities provide spaces for a diverse mix of activities and encourage community connectedness, participation in community life and enhance individual and community wellbeing.

There are two levels of charges:

- Not-for-profit/community benefit: community organisations/groups or individuals that are intending to not charge or charge a low cost for an activity where there is a community benefit, such as health and wellbeing.
- Commercial/private: businesses or individuals who provide a service or sell products with the intention of making a profit. This also includes use for private functions or events not open to the community, such as birthday parties.

City of Darwin requires any community group, organisation or individual entering into an agreement for the use of a community centre ("hirer") to comply with the conditions of use.

Cancellation of bookings must be provided in writing five working days prior to the date of hire, otherwise the full hire charge will be forfeited.

Where City of Darwin officers or contractors are required after hours, additional cleaning or replacement of keys is required, or where the hirer fails to comply with the terms and conditions set out within their permit and negatively impacts subsequent users, the hirer will be required to meet these expenses.

Community centres Lyons (hall area), Malak (small area and large area), Nightcliff (Boab & Pandanas meeting rooms), Alawa, Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre	2025/2026 Including GST \$
Not-for-profit – per hour (minimum charge 2 hours)	25.00
Not-for-profit – all day (any day until 5.00pm)	105.00
Commercial/private – per hour (minimum charge 2 hours)	45.00
Commercial/private – all day (any day until 5.00pm)	240.00
Private functions – entire centre Friday and Saturday evening from 5.00pm (Sundays as per weekday bookings, does not apply Nightcliff)	277.00
Storage – (per annum) payable in advance 1 July each year. Quarterly pro rata or part thereof	92.00

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COMMERCIAL AND OTHER OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Conduct business in a public place permit	2025/2026 Including GST \$
Conduct business in a public place – per day – not-for-profit	43.00 ✕
Conduct business in a public place – per day – commercial	70.00 ✕
Commercial tours – per annum (pro-rata)	1,250.00 ✕
Commercial displays in the Mall – per day	645.00 ✕
Commercial displays in the Mall – per week	1,640.00 ✕
Entertainment buskers (including the Mall) - (12 months) permit	30.00 ✕
Entertainment buskers (including the Mall) - monthly (3 month) permit	15.00 ✕
Handbill poster – permit	33.00 ✕
Filming in a public place permit	2025/2026 Including GST \$
Commercial filming – per day	175.00
Street food vending permit <i>Will be charged per quarter/annum based on business use with a 20% discount available between 1 October – 31 March.</i>	2025/2026 Including GST \$
Per day – Monday-Thursday	20.00 ✕
Per day – Friday-Sunday	41.00 ✕
Electricity per day (where available)	5.00 ✕
1 month trial permit	310.00 ✕

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Display goods on public land (commercial) Annual fee	2025/2026 Including GST \$
Per square metre	75.00
Minimum charge	180.00

Outdoor trading – charged per annum	2025/2026 Including GST \$
Licenced	
Outdoor dining – within CBD café / restaurant	115.00/m² ✕
Outdoor dining – within CBD hotel / bar	170.00/m² ✕
Outdoor Dining – outside CBD café / Restaurant	80.00/m² ✕
Outdoor Dining – outside CBD hotel / bar	115.00/m² ✕
City of Darwin owned parklet	market led negotiation
Preparation of licence and agreement conditions (See “Administration fees” for full costings)	

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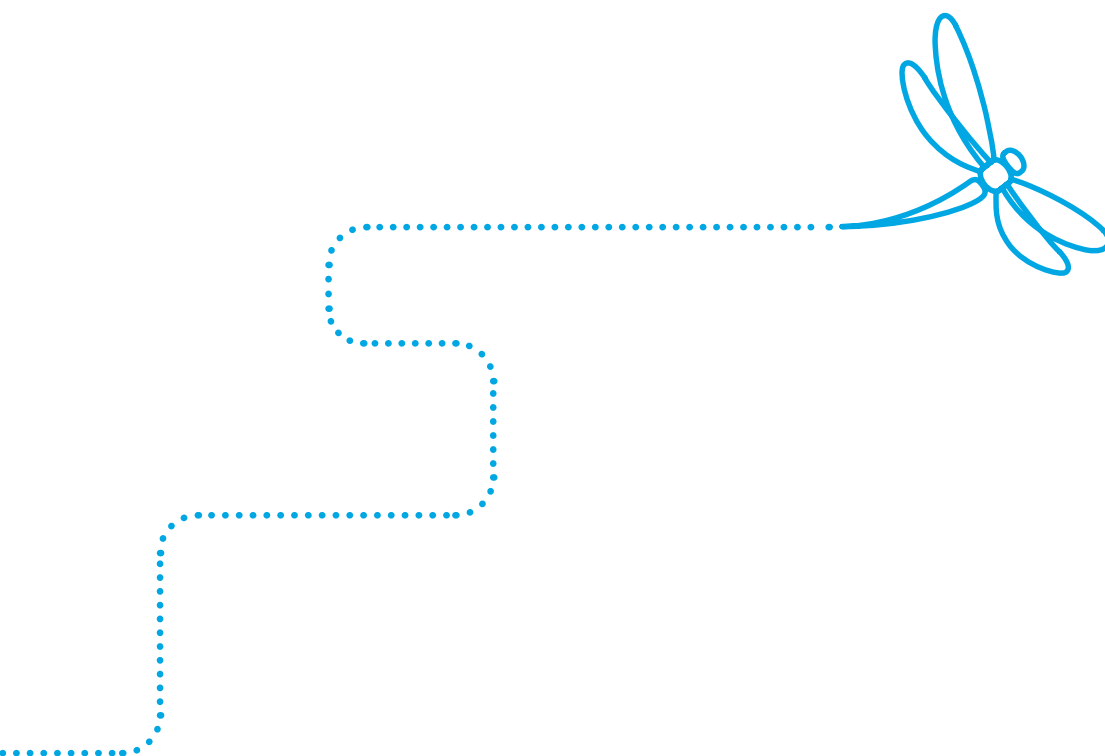
Mini bus locations	2025/2026 Including GST \$
Signage costs (payable on application, non-recurring)	370.00

Miscellaneous permits	2025/2026 Including GST \$
Site inspection for all permits – per inspection	125.00

Note

If the work is not to the satisfaction of the City of Darwin officer, additional inspections may be required.

A security deposit will be charged. This deposit will be assessed by the City of Darwin officer and based upon the scope of the work involved. Inspection fee and other costs will be deducted from this deposit at the completion of the work.



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DOG/CAT FEES AND CHARGES

Registration	2025/2026 Including GST \$
Entire dog/cat – annual	155.00 ✕
De-sexed dog/cat – over 12 months of age	35.00 ✕
De-sexed dog/cat less than 12 months of age	Free
Declared dog	330.00 ✕
Concessions (including TPI Gold Card holders)	2025/2026 Including GST \$
Guide dog/assistance dog (entire and de-sexed) Subject to application and approval by City of Darwin authorised officer	Free
Entire* dog/cat renewal – annual	87.00 ✕
De-sexed dog/cat – annual	17.00 ✕
De-sexed dog/cat rehomed from an accredited rehoming organisation	Free for the first registration period

*Note

The discounted/concession fee for entire dog registration renewals only applies for dogs registered prior to 1 July 2018.
No concessions will apply to entire dogs registered after 1 July 2018.

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Licence fees – annually	2025/2026 Including GST \$
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Licence to keep more than 2 dogs or 2 cats (annual)	165.00 ✕
<i>Plus registration fees for each dog/cat</i>	

Impounding	2025/2026 Including GST \$
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Registered dogs / cats release fee – per animal	130.00 ✕
Unregistered dogs / cats release fee – per animal	320.00 ✕
Additional fee if animal is impounded outside of City of Darwin hours	105.00 ✕
Animal surrender fee	75.00 ✕
Animal surrender fee – commercial rate	180.00 ✕
Maintenance fee for each impounded dog / cat – applied after expiration of four impounding days	35.00 ✕

Note

All dogs and cats released from or purchased at the pound must be registered.

Miscellaneous	2025/2026 Including GST \$
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Microchipping for dogs and cats – per animal	50.00
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LIBRARIES

Casuarina Library has available a meeting room for general hire by the public, organisations and groups.

Library meeting rooms	2025/2026 Including GST \$
Not-for-profit organisations – hourly rate (up to 3 hours, minimum charge 2 hours)	25.00
Not-for-profit organisations – full day (8 hours)	110.00
Commercial use – hourly rate (minimum charge 2 hours)	50.00
Commercial use – full day (8 hours)	245.00

Inter-library loan	2025/2026 Including GST \$
Standard inter-library loan – per item	as set by the Interlibrary Resource Sharing Code

Inter-library loan charges

The City of Darwin Libraries will charge the following fees in the following instances:

1. No more than two items are requested on interstate inter-library loan for any one borrower at a time. Customers requesting more than two items will be charged according to the Australian Interlibrary Resource Sharing Code recommended schedule for each additional item.
2. There needs to be a six-month gap before the City of Darwin Libraries inter-library loans the same title for the same person. The City of Darwin Libraries will only process this inter-library loan request within the six months if the patron is prepared to pay for any inter-library loan charge incurred.
3. Customers requesting urgently required inter-library loans will be charged at the recommended Australian Interlibrary Resource Sharing Code rates for fast-track service.
4. Any cost incurred in obtaining information from specialised service suppliers will be passed on to customers.

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Library replacement items	2025/2026 Including GST \$
Library replacement – collection Items (from library management system)	Purchase price
Library replacement – IT and STEAM Items e.g. laptop, tablet, robot (from library management system)	Purchase price
Library replacement – inter-library loan Item + processing fee	Replacement cost + \$65.00
Recovery fee for overdue loans – debt collection and processing fee	20.00
3D printing	Purchase price of filament used
Library – photocopying and printing – black and white A4	0.20 per side
Library – photocopying and printing – black and white A3	0.40 per side
Library – photocopying and printing – colour A4	1.00 per side
Library – photocopying and printing – colour A3	2.00 per side
Library merchandise	Purchase price

Note

1. General Manager Community has delegated authority to reduce/waive fees in particular circumstances for unfunded charitable organisations and other associations closely affiliated with the library's objectives and functions.
2. Where the security firm is called out, or additional cleaning or replacement of keys is required after use of the room, City of Darwin will recover the cost incurred.

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OUTDOOR VENUE HIRE AND EVENTS

All fees and charges associated with outdoor venue hire and events are subject to terms and conditions contained with the application/permit process.

Single use plastic items including cups, plates, cutlery, containers and straws are not to be introduced or used on site.

Small and low risk events – outdoor venue hire	2025/2026 Including GST \$
Not-for-profit organisations – 50 to 100 attendees – per event day	55.00
Commercial organisation – not-for-profit event day – 50 to 100 attendees – per event day	120.00
Commercial organisation – 50 to 100 attendees – per event day	325.00
Comprehensive events – outdoor venue hire (includes large event or event with increased risk factors that will be charged accordingly)	2025/2026 Including GST \$
Increased risk event up to 100 attendees – per event per day	Free
Not-for-profit organisation – 101 to 500 attendees – per event day	325.00
Commercial organisation – not-for-profit event day – 101 to 500 attendees – per event day	500.00
Commercial organisation – 101 to 500 attendees – per event day	1,000.00
Not-for-profit organisation – >500 people	1,000.00
Commercial organisation – not-for-profit – 500 to 1000 people – per event day	1,500.00
Commercial organisation – 500 to 5000 people – per event day	2,000.00
Bump in/bump out fee – applies to events – % of hire fee – per day – for all comprehensive events with <5000 people	10% of hire fee per day
Commercial organisation – >5000 people – per significant national event	8,250 + 25% bump in

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Gardens Oval complex		2025/2026 Including GST \$
Gardens Oval hire – special events outside seasonal usage – sporting or Territory/national championships – per day		635.00
Gardens Oval hire – special events outside seasonal usage – fund raising/community events – per day		335.00
Gardens Oval hire – special events outside seasonal usage – commercial events – per day		3,980.00
Gardens Amphitheatre		2025/2026 Including GST \$
Bump in/bump out fee		
Applies to events – % of hire fee – per day	0% to 50% of hire fee per day, to be negotiated	
Booking fee		
Community organisations – per day/night		590.00
Commercial hirer fee – per day/night	Greater of \$7,500.00 or 5% of net box office, capped at a total of \$15,000.00	
Hire fee		
Wedding receptions/ceremonies/private functions – per day/night		315.00
Security Deposit		
Community organisations		Free
Commercial operations		2,730.00 ✕
Electricity charge is calculated on units used + GST		
Private or community organisations		Per current tariff

Note

All enquiries and bookings are to be made through the Darwin Entertainment Centre on (08) 8980 3333.
The Darwin Entertainment Centre manages the Gardens Amphitheatre on behalf of City of Darwin.

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Outdoor fitness classes – annual permit	2025/2026 Including GST \$
Commercial – 1 to 3 sessions per week – maximum of 20 participants	680.00 ✕
Commercial – 4+ sessions per week – maximum of 20 participants	1,025.00 ✕
Non-commercial – maximum of 20 participants	Free

Outdoor fitness classes – half year permit	2025/2026 Including GST \$
Commercial – 1 to 3 sessions per week – maximum of 20 participants	345.00 ✕
Commercial – 4+ sessions per week – maximum of 20 participants	520.00 ✕
Non-commercial – maximum of 20 participants	Free

Outdoor fitness classes – monthly permit	2025/2026 Including GST \$
Commercial – 1 to 3 sessions per week – maximum of 20 participants	67.00 ✕
Commercial – 4+ sessions per week – maximum of 20 participants	92.00 ✕
Non-commercial – maximum of 20 participants	Free

Event equipment hire	2025/2026 Including GST \$
MiPRO – hire per event	72.00
Access to power	
Comprehensive events – per day	82.00
Low/small scale events	Free

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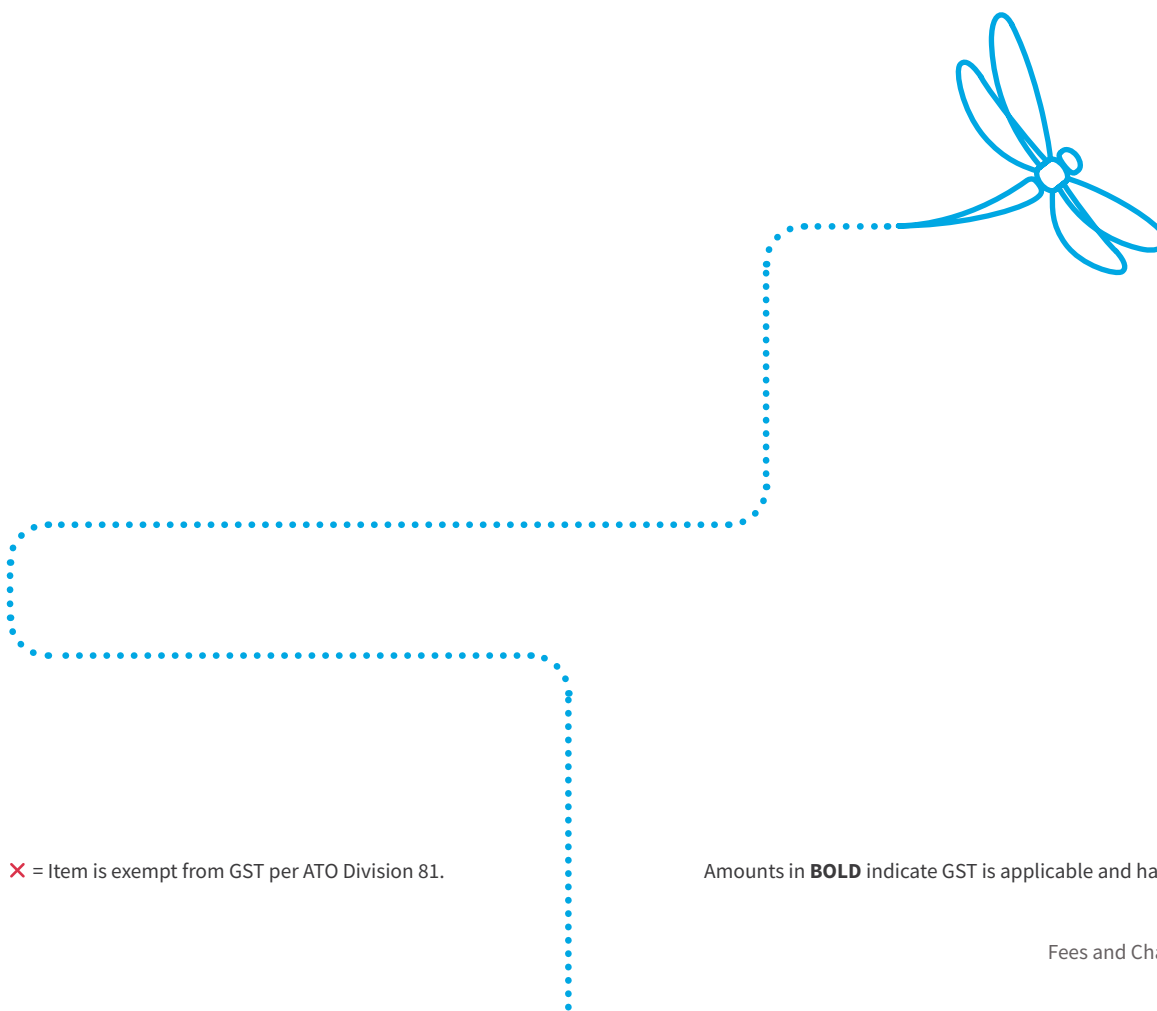
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Other venue hire		2025/2026 Including GST \$
Site inspection for all permits – per inspection		125.00
Access to power – commercial/non-commercial – per day		72.00
Access to lighting – commercial/non-commercial – per day		120.00
Road closure/traffic management – events – permit – per day		60.00 ✕
Lost/stolen key replacement fee		Actual cost

Note

If works are not to the satisfaction of the City of Darwin officer, additional inspections may be required.

A security deposit will be charged. This deposit will be assessed by the City of Darwin officer and based upon the scope of the work involved. Inspection fee and other costs will be deducted from this deposit at the completion of the work.



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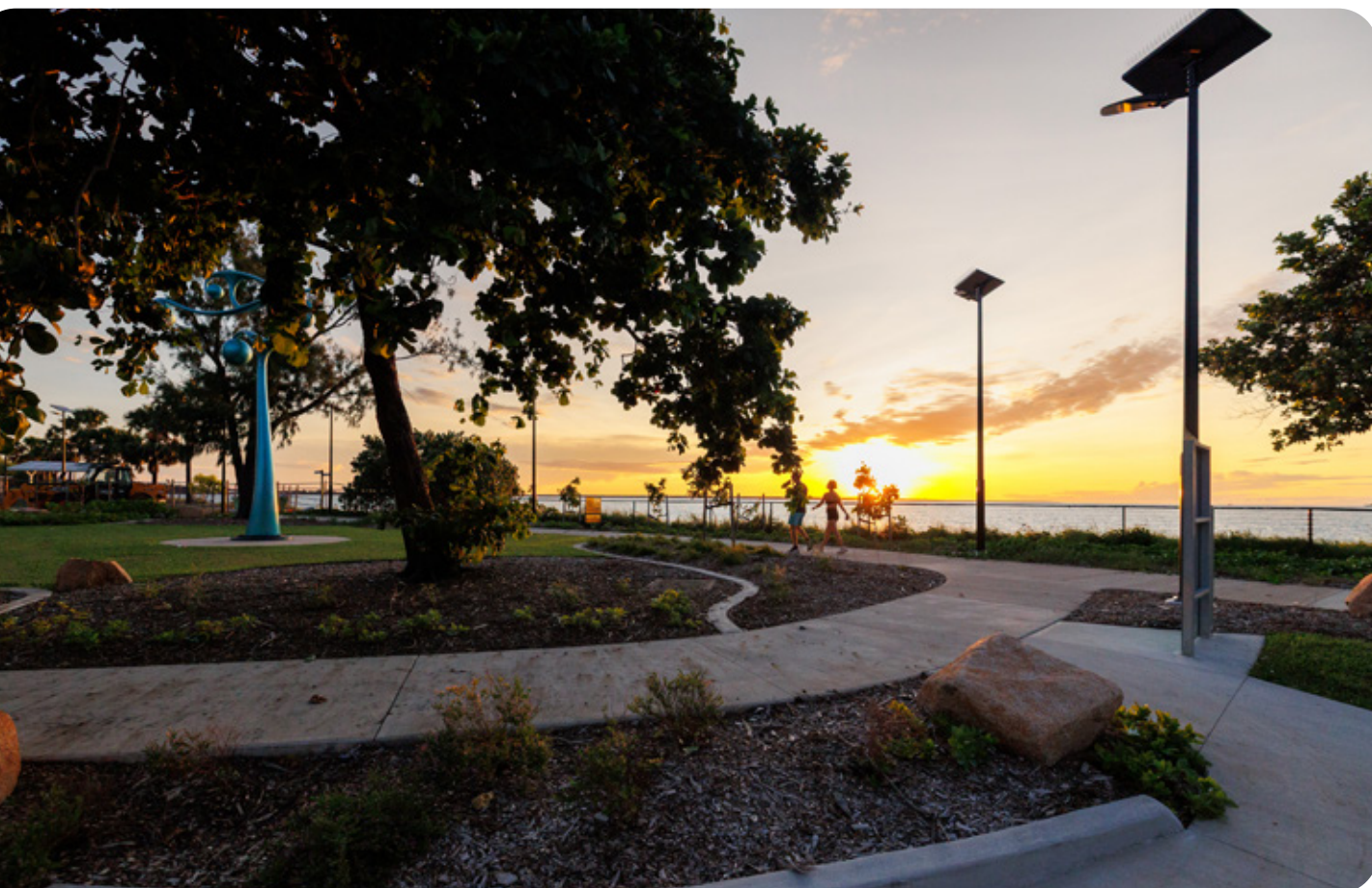
PARKS

After hours callouts	2025/2026 Including GST \$
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After hours on-call officer attendance per person/hour (minimum 3 hours)	220.00
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Memorials	2025/2026 Including GST \$
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Memorial plaque – supply and install on the Cenotaph civilian memorial wall	Actual Cost
Memorial seat and plaque – supply and install	Actual Cost
Memorial tree and plaque – supply and install	Actual Cost



Bundilla Beach Reserve

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PRIVATE WORKS

Works permit application fee	2025/2026 Including GST \$
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Works permit application fee per application – includes review of all supporting documents such as traffic guidance schemes	105.00 ✕
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Inspections for proposed works as a condition of works permits	2025/2026 Including GST \$
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Inspection fee when required as a condition of works permit during weekday	95.00
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Inspection fee when required as a condition of works permit during weekend	215.00
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Works within road reserve	2025/2026 Including GST \$
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Residential works within verge/nature strip. No impact on pedestrians. Weekly rate. Includes skip bins, shipping containers, driveway replacement/alterations – maximum period 1 week	100.00 ✕
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Works undertaken by others per day e.g. commercial entities and public utilities, where flow of traffic (pedestrians and motorists included) is not interrupted.	75.00
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Works undertaken by others per day by Government utilities providers, where flow of traffic (pedestrians and motorists included) is not interrupted.	60.00
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Works undertaken by others per day e.g. commercial entities and public utilities, where flow of traffic (pedestrians and motorists included) is interrupted.	125.00
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Works undertaken by others per day by Government utilities providers, where flow of traffic (pedestrians and motorists included) is interrupted	100.00
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Works whereby the commercial entity or public utility is traversing the road reserve to access a worksite on private property per day	25.00
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Works whereby the Government utilities provider is traversing the road reserve to access a worksite on private property per day	20.00
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Note

In addition to the above charges the applicant is liable for the hire of any parking bays at the current hire rate. The applicant will also be responsible for the cost of erecting the appropriate signs.

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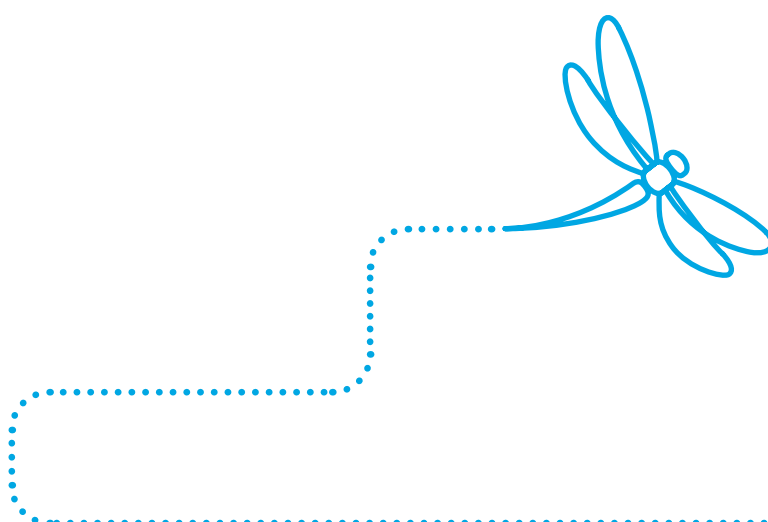
PRIVATE WORKS (WITHIN ROAD RESERVE AND DEVELOPMENT)

Works within public open spaces	2025/2026 Including GST \$
Works within City of Darwin controlled public open space (excluding road reserve) per day	95.00
Works within City of Darwin controlled public open space by a Government utilities provider per day (excluding road reserve)	75.00
Construction charges	2025/2026 Including GST \$
Construction of road pavement, driveways, kerbs and paving	Per quote + 15%
Development permits which include assessment and plan approvals <i>Includes plan approvals, assessments and clearances. 2 inspections included</i>	2025/2026 Including GST \$
Extensions and sheds/carports – for small additions to existing residential and commercial structures	130.00 ✕
SD – single dwelling, MD – multiple dwelling up to 3 units, RR – rural residential, CP – community purposes	325.00 ✕
MD – multiple dwelling 4 units or more	470.00 ✕
MR – medium residential, CV – caravan parks, C – commercial, TC – tourist commercial, LI – light industry, GI – general industry, DV – development, all other zones	545.00 ✕
HR – high density, CB – central business	1,020.00 ✕
Subdivision/consolidation – no construction	130.00 ✕

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Assessment and approval of subdivisions and other development related works	2025/2026 Including GST \$
Subdivision plan approval fee (of the estimated value)	1% ✕
Subdivision handover fee (City of Darwin infrastructure)	1% ✕
Assessment of traffic management plans	370.00 ✕
Assessment of traffic impact assessments outside CBD per assessment	645.00
Undertake traffic modelling for development proposals within Darwin City Centre	5,000.00
Undertake lighting and electrical design assessment	Cost + 15%
Clearance letter (includes 1 inspection)	120.00 ✕
Additional inspection	100.00
Driveway plan approval fee	300.00 ✕
Stormwater drainage connection plan approval fee	350.00 ✕



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PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS

City of Darwin operated public pools		2025/2026 Including GST \$
Casual entry		
Adults (18 years and over)		6.10
Children (secondary students require photographic identification)		3.10
Children under 4 years (must be supervised in the water by a paying adult)		Free
Concession (<i>full time NT tertiary students, Commonwealth Health Care Card, Northern Territory Concession Scheme. DVA Gold Card, DVA White Card. Photographic ID must be presented</i>)		3.10
Carer assisting a person with a disability or assisting NT companion card holder		Free
Seniors Card holders (must present Seniors Card)		4.70
Family concession 2 adults and 2 children		16.40
School swim concession (per head Monday to Friday)		2.30
Spectators (Admission only, no access to water)		Free
30 swim pass		
Adult		113.00
Seniors Card holders		107.00
Concession/child		56.00
Yearly pass		
Adult		548.00
Seniors Card holders		502.00
Concession/child		313.00
Half yearly pass		
Adult		312.00
Seniors Card holders		287.00
Concession/child		169.00

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General hire		2025/2026 Including GST \$
Lane hire per 50m lane per hour or part thereof (during operating hours and participants must pay entry fees)		22.00
Lane hire per 25m lane per hour or part thereof (during operating hours and participants must pay entry fees)		11.00
Use of pool grounds ONLY – per session up to 2 hours (no swimming)		33.00
Security deposit		697.00 ✕
Water sports associations <i>Any not-for-profit water sporting, school, life-saving or learn-to-swim organisation utilising the pool for aquatic activities (excluding social fund-raising events)</i>		2025/2026 Including GST \$
Lane hire per 50m lane per hour or part thereof (during operating hours and participants must pay entry fees)		9.20
Lane hire per 25m lane per hour or part thereof (during operating hours and participants must pay entry fees)		4.60
Hire of whole 50 metre pool, per hour or part thereof (during operating hours) and participants must pay entry fees		87.00
Hire of whole 25 metre pool, per hour or part thereof (during operating hours) and participants must pay entry fees		44.00
Whole facility per day (during operating hours, for 8 concurrent hours; additional hours charged at hourly rate). Not available at CAALC		1,589.00
Whole facility per hour or part thereof (during operating hours).		185.00
Hire of whole pool or facility outside of operating hours – per hour		price on application
Overrun on booked time of hire of whole 50 metre pool, per hour or part thereof		113.00
Overrun on booked time of hire of whole 25 metre pool, per hour or part thereof		54.00
Royal Life Saving Society		2025/2026 Including GST \$
School swimming and water safety program – per student (includes lane hire)		2.15

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REGULATORY SERVICES

Untidy allotments		2025/2026 Including GST \$
Untidy allotment clearance costs		Cost + 15%
Untidy allotment inspection		365.00

Miscellaneous		2025/2026 Including GST \$
General permit fee (various)		37.00 ✕
Includes horse and carriage tours operated from The Mall. Weekly permit fee		
Shopping trolley release fee (left in public place)		170.00 ✕
Vehicle impounding release fee for standard sized vehicle (e.g. sedan, station wagon, van) that will fit on a standard sized tilt tray. If a heavier tow vehicle is required for a larger vehicle (e.g. Bus), price will be adjusted accordingly. Plus cost of any advertisement in NT News		550.00 ✕ (plus advertising costs)
Impounded vehicle maintenance fee – applied after expiration of 28 impounding days – per day		7.00

Note

Where an abandoned vehicle is moved in accordance with the Traffic Regulations 1999 (NT), section 64 or 65, the reasonable costs of removing the vehicle and, where applicable, storing it may be recovered from the owner before the owner may take possession of the vehicle. Vehicle impounding release fee is the minimum cost and City of Darwin reserves all rights to charge for all costs incurred by Council (including administration) prior to release.

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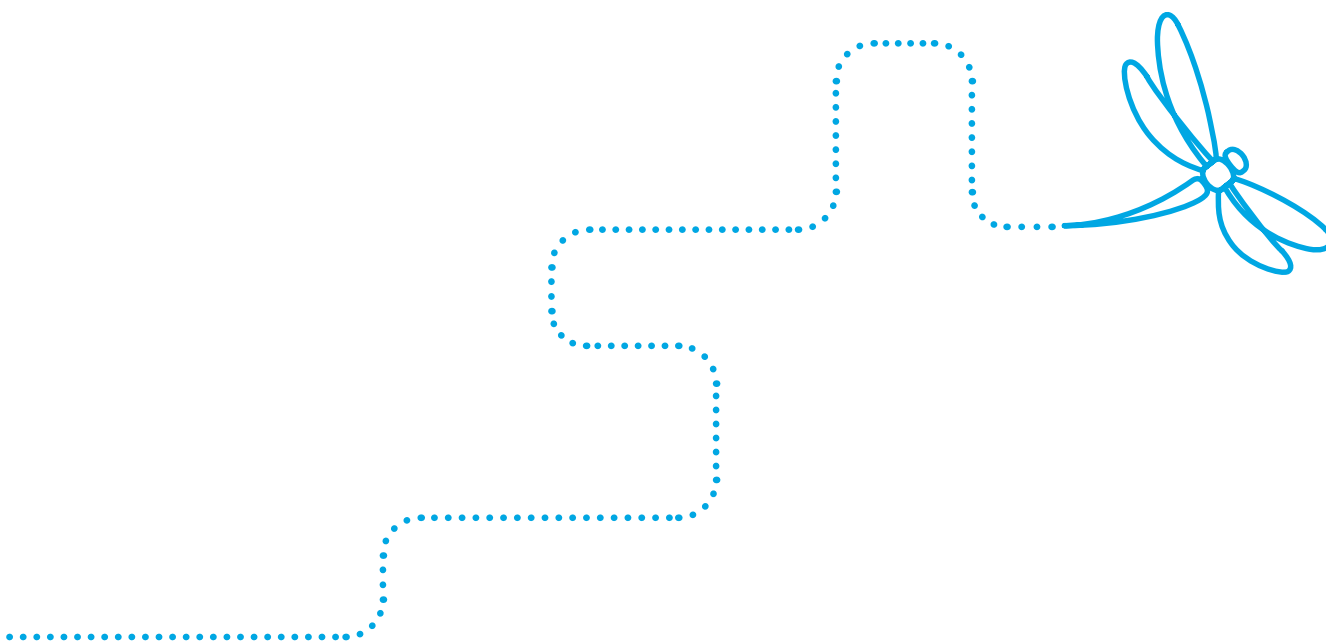
REGULATORY SERVICES COURT COSTS

Complaint and summons

2025/2026
Including GST
\$

<i>Motor Vehicles Act (NT)</i> section 118 certificate (proof of ownership)	22.00 ✕
Lodgement of the complaint and summons with the Court of Summary Jurisdiction	164.00 ✕
Administration	87.00

Other direct costs to City of Darwin determined as necessary.



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SPORTING OVALS

Sporting grounds, ovals

City of Darwin's sporting ovals are allocated to peak sporting organisations for seasonal and casual usage, in the first instance. Seasonal allocations take precedence over pre-season allocation requests and will be arranged so that any overlapping use, especially with regard to finals, is avoided. Seasonal charges are payable immediately at the beginning of each season.

wet season: 1 October to 31 March
dry season: 1 April to 30 September

Gardens Oval building hire		2025/2026 Including GST \$
Building hire		as determined by Council
Including Hunter Harrison Grandstand office space/kiosk for rental/lease – per annum		
Gardens Oval complex (for sporting use only)		2025/2026 Including GST \$
Seasonal user		2,795.00
Seasonal group allocation – per annum		
Special events (outside seasonal usage)		
Refer to commercial outdoor activities section		

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Regional ovals (Gardens Oval One)
Seasonal training and competition allocations

2025/2026
Including GST
\$

Training 1 night per week

Seniors	550.00
Juniors	280.00
Combined seniors and juniors	820.00

Multiple training

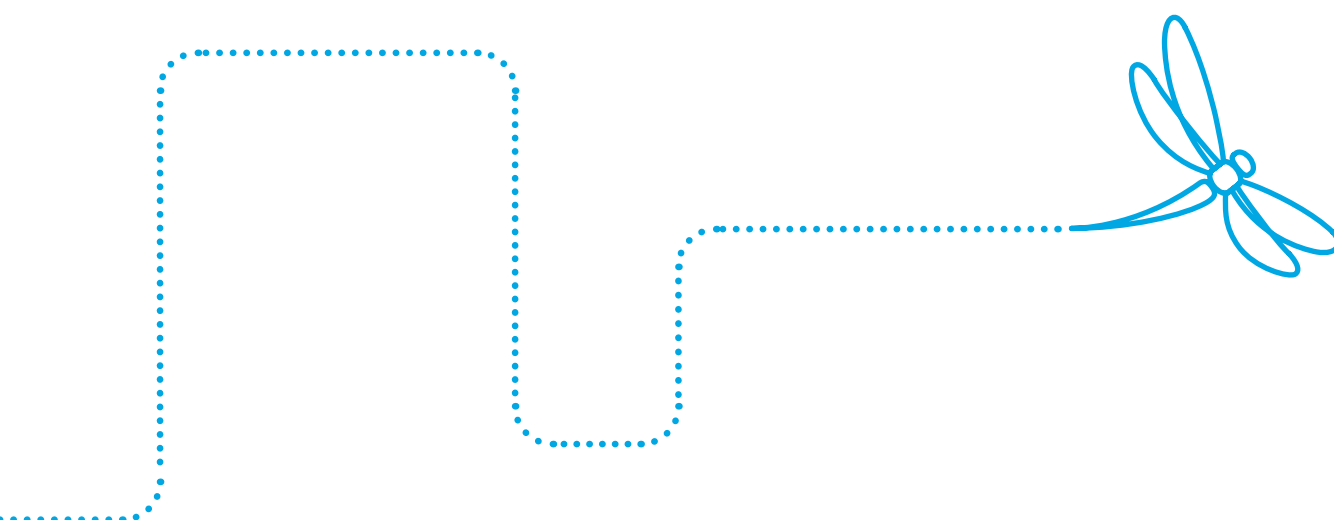
Seniors	1,100.00
Juniors	555.00
Combined seniors and juniors	1,655.00

Competition use

Seniors	1,075.00
Juniors	540.00
Combined seniors and juniors	1,485.00

Competition and training use

Seniors	1,725.00
Juniors	870.00
Combined seniors and juniors	2,680.00



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District and local (Gardens Oval Two and all other ovals)
Seasonal training and competition allocations

2025/2026
 Including GST
 \$

Training for 1 night per week

Seniors	515.00
Juniors	255.00
Combined seniors and juniors	760.00

Multiple training

Seniors	1,030.00
Juniors	520.00
Combined seniors and juniors	1,435.00

Competition use only

Seniors	1,030.00
Juniors	520.00
Combined seniors and juniors	1,435.00

Competition and training use

Seniors	1,295.00
Juniors	650.00
Combined seniors and juniors	1,940.00

Pre-season

One night per week – up to 6 weeks	185.00
Multiple training – up to 6 weeks	340.00

Casual hire

Per Session up to 2 hours	90.00
Per Day	120.00

Darwin school bookings (including Darwin school sports associations)

Monday – Friday, 7.30am – 4.00pm only, subject to availability. Bookings can only be made up to one school term in advance.	Free
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Oval toilet keys	2025/2026 Including GST \$
Cutting and issuing additional key	Actual cost
Sporting ovals signage	2025/2026 Including GST \$
Boundary fence and scoreboard signage	861.00
Nightcliff and Gardens Oval – per season	
Sports field lighting	2025/2026 Including GST \$
Oval lights 100 lux – per hour (Gardens Oval One, Bagot Oval, Nightcliff Oval, Malak Oval)	27.00
Oval lights 200 lux – per hour (Bagot Oval, Nightcliff Oval)	43.00
Gardens Oval One	
300 lux – per hour	54.00
500 lux – per hour	70.00
Cricket training net lights – per hour	17.00
Velodrome lights – per hour	22.00

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TENNIS COURTS

Parap – free of charge

Aralia Street – free of charge

Chrisp Street – free of charge

Tennis Courts are available for use by social players during daylight hours.

No bookings required – all courts to operate on first come first served basis.

Note

Use of the tennis courts for commercial coaching or tuition purposes is not permitted.

TREES, SHRUBS

Valuation of stolen/damaged trees, shrubs		2025/2026 Including GST
		\$
Stolen/damaged trees, shrubs		market cost + GST

Street trees and trees in parks

Assessed at current local nursery prices + replacement, establishment and administration cost + 20% for each.
Where trees are mature a valuation using a recognised industry methodology will be applied.

Shrubs

Assessed at current local nursery prices + replacement establishment and administration cost + 20% for each.

Palms, cycads

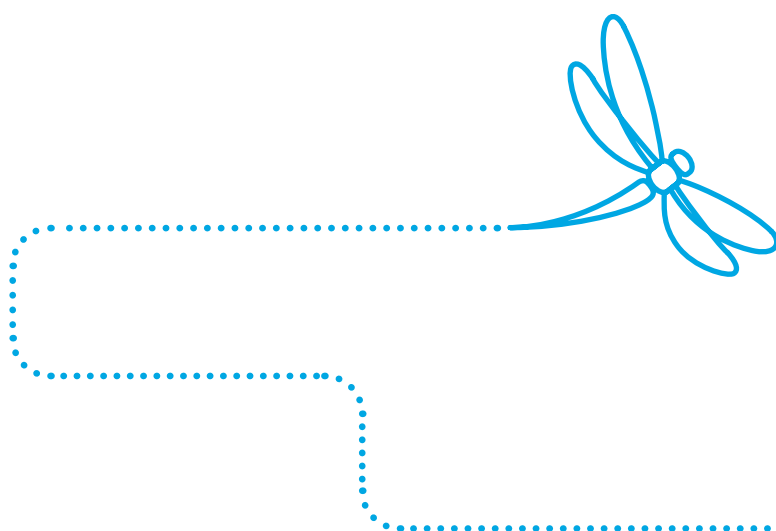
Assessed at current local nursery prices + replacement establishment and administration cost + 20% for each.
In all cases GST will be added to the cost of replacement.

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WASTE DISPOSAL – SHOAL BAY

Domestic access	2025/2026 Including GST \$
Access tag (domestic household waste) – Darwin Municipality residents who have paid the waste levy	Free
Access tag – lost or misplaced domestic	30.00
Annual access tag for residential customers who have not paid a waste levy	350.00
General waste – domestic vehicles, including with trailer (up to 500kg)	65.00
General waste – domestic vehicles, including with trailer (per tonne)	130.00
Green waste – domestic vehicles, including with trailer (up to 500kg)	45.00
Green waste – domestic vehicles, including with trailer (per tonne)	90.00
Tyres – car (per tyre)	20.00
Tyres – car on rim	30.00
Tyres – 4x4 (per tyre)	40.00
Tyres – 4x4 on rim	50.00



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Commercial		2025/2026 Including GST \$
Asbestos (per tonne)		500.00
Concrete, clean with reo less than 12mm and no other contaminants (per tonne)		65.00
Concrete contaminated (per tonne)		255.00
Construction waste (per tonne)		195.00
Construction waste – contaminated (per tonne)		255.00
General waste – all vehicles (per tonne)		195.00
General waste contaminated with green waste – all vehicles (per tonne)		255.00
Green waste (per tonne)		95.00
Green waste (minimum fee)		45.00
Green waste contaminated (per tonne)		205.00
Green waste contaminated (minimum fee)		85.00
Mattresses (all sizes per item)		40.00
Recyclables (per tonne)		460.00
Reprinting of weighbridge docket (per docket)		20.00
Soil – clean fill (by arrangement)		Free
Soil – contaminated (by arrangement)		200.00
Solar inverters		35.00
Solar panels (standard)		25.00
Special Waste (per tonne)		390.00
Steel		Free
Tyres - whole (per tonne)		1,265.00

Note

Tyres up to light truck/semitrailer size (295/75R22.5) are accepted.

Commercial rates apply to all waste(s) received from contractors undertaking residential activities.

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