# PLACE AND LIVEABILITY PLAN

2050





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## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF 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 to 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 vibrant community together.

## LORD MAYOR AND CEO MESSAGE

At City of Darwin, we believe that a city is defined not only by its infrastructure and services, but by the people who call it home.

In 2019, we collaborated with our community to develop the *City for People. City of Colours. 2030 Strategic Plan*, a bold and shared vision to make Darwin a vibrant, cool, clean, safe and liveable city.

We've made significant progress toward that vision. Our streets are greener, our public spaces are more inviting, and our sense of community is strong. But we know that liveability isn't a fixed destination, it's a continuous journey shaped by the everyday experiences, needs and aspirations of our people.

The *Place and Liveability Plan 2050* is our next major step in this journey. More than just a plan, it is a legacy piece, an evolving platform built from the voices of our diverse community. It captures what people love about Darwin, what they need, their diverse perspectives and what they envision for the future.

The *Place and Liveability Plan 2050* serves as a long-term, ambitious goal that will guide our roadmap towards a thriving future, helping us stay focused on the bigger picture and the ongoing wellbeing of our community.

This plan aims to provide real, practical guidance to ensure that decisions about land use, development, funding and future activities truly reflect what matters to our community. It will help us advocate for Darwin's interests in broader land and development decisions made by the Northern Territory Government and beyond.

Importantly, liveability looks and feels different to everyone, and it changes over time. That's why this Plan is not a static document. It is a living, digital and interactive resource that showcases local stories, celebrates our favourite places and will include a toolkit containing resources for developers, staff and community members to use and adapt.



The Honourable Lord Mayor Peter Styles and Chief Executive Simone Saunders

Planning liveability is about creating a shared story and shared aspirations that honour Darwin's unique way of life, while growing together toward a more inclusive, resilient and connected future.

The *Place and Liveability Plan 2050* is an opportunity for the people of Darwin to help shape the future of our city by fostering a stronger sense of place, ensuring that by 2050, Darwin will be a liveable city that provides a comfortable and enjoyable environment for all.

The Hon. Lord Mayor Peter Styles

Chief Executive Officer Simone Saunders

"WE'VE MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS TOWARD THAT VISION. OUR STREETS ARE GREENER, OUR PUBLIC SPACES ARE MORE INVITING, AND OUR SENSE OF COMMUNITY IS STRONG."

## PURPOSE OF THE PLACE AND LIVEABILITY PLAN

This plan aims to enhance the quality of life and wellbeing of people living within our community by fostering a stronger sense of place and improving the liveability of Darwin by 2050.

It is a dynamic, evolving plan that will be continually refined through an interactive online Liveability Platform and the implementation of place-based initiatives.

### **OUR VISION**

By 2050, Darwin will be an inclusive, vibrant city where diverse communities thrive, locals feel proud, and everyone enjoys a safe, welcoming environment shaped through active engagement and shared planning.



mirragma gunugurr-wa (bamboo raft) by Larrakia artists Uncle Roque Lee and Trent Lee. A public art collaboration between City of Darwin, Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation and GARUWA Creative.

## DEFINING LIVEABILITY

Liveability is the degree to which a community and urban environment supports health, wellbeing and quality of life through sustainable, inclusive and resilient planning. It encompasses access to essential services, housing, efficient public transportation, green spaces and opportunities for social engagement and economic vitality. Liveability is deeply connected to the community's sense of place, identity, character and belonging.



### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S ROLE**

Local government delivers essential services and plays a strategic role in shaping place and liveability. It is closely connected to its local community. It helps the community tackle liveability challenges through ongoing engagement, service provision, integrated planning, partnerships and advocacy. Local government can enhance liveability directly through improved service provision such as roads, shared paths, waste management and the upgrading of public parks and other spaces that it is responsible for managing.

However, as local government is not responsible for managing all types of land or delivering all types of public services, it cannot directly tackle all liveability challenges. This is why integrated planning, partnerships and advocacy are important. It is also why City of Darwin's Place and Liveability Plan aligns with the policy objectives of the United Nations, Commonwealth Government and the Northern Territory Government (NTG), and is why we are working in alignment with stakeholders and the community to improve liveability in Darwin now and into the future.

### **GLOBAL SETTING**

United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

### **NATIONAL SETTING**

National Urban Policy 2024 Northern Australia Action Plan 2024

### **NORTHERN TERRITORY SETTING**

Regional Development Framework 2021 Strategic Planning Policy Economic Strategy 2025

### **CITY OF DARWIN SETTING**

Darwin 2030: City for People. City of Colour Place and Liveability Plan 2050

### **LIVEABILITY PRINCIPLES**

Liveability principles are broad values that help articulate what liveability means to our community in order to inform the planning and development of urban areas and enhance the quality of life for residents. They cover various aspects such as economic, social, environmental and infrastructural factors. To understand liveability in a Darwin context, a set of liveability principles were developed that align with a comprehensive understanding of urban planning, policy and academic literature.

### **ACCESS TO SERVICES:**

Ensure all residents have fair and reliable access to essential services such as healthcare, education, childcare, and social services.

### **ACCESS TO SHOPS:**

Provide convenient access to daily needs through local retail centres.

### **EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITY:**

Support local jobs and thriving businesses with strong networks, in walkable neighbourhood centres.

### **COMMUNITY WELL-BEING AND CONNECTION:**

Enable and foster social and cultural connections, mental health, engagement, and sense of belonging.

### **EQUITY AND ACCESS:**

Design places considering fair access to housing, services, amenities, economic opportunities, and community resources so all people can benefit and thrive.

### **ARTS AND CULTURE:**

Integrate opportunities for creative expression, cultural activities, and the arts into planning, placemaking and developments.

### **OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION:**

Deliver and enhance access to quality parks that support play, physical activity, leisure, and social connection.

### **PHYSICAL CONNECTIVITY:**

Design places that prioritise walking, cycling, and ease of movement to enhance access, health, and community interaction.

#### **PUBLIC TRANSPORT:**

Provide reliable, efficient, safe and accessible public transportation options.

### **SAFETY AND SECURITY:**

Prioritise safety and preparedness to create well-lit, safe, resilient and prepared environments.

### **SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT AND RESILIENCE:**

Protect natural assets, promote biodiversity, reduce emissions and plan for climate resilience for healthy sustainable communities.

These principles were the basis for community and stakeholder engagement on the Plan, conducted from June to August 2024.



### **UNDERSTANDING OUR COMMUNITY**

City of Darwin in 2018, worked with community members of Darwin to develop the vision, values and goals that informed City of Darwin's current Strategic Plan: Darwin 2030 – City for People, City of Colour. The Strategic Plan commits City of Darwin to continue working with the community and partners to deliver services that create opportunities to enhance the economic, cultural and environmental sustainability of Darwin. Since then, City of Darwin has begun implementing several ambitious strategies, including the Climate Emergency, Creative, Greening, Movement and Play Space strategies and Reconciliation Action Plan.

The Plan builds on all the work that that has been carried out in recent years to create a capital city that is liveable, healthy, cool, clean, green, smart, vibrant and creative.

When developing this Plan, community engagement aimed to capture diverse perspectives on the unique needs, values and characteristics of Darwin. The engagement approach was designed to provide avenues for people of all age groups, genders and cultural backgrounds to contribute to the plan and identify their aspirations for a more liveable Darwin into the future. Questions focused on what liveability means to individuals and asked them to prioritise key liveability principles, to share their ideas for what could make Darwin more liveable.

Full details of the engagement process are provided on the **Liveability Platform**.

Targeted workshops identified liveability principles important to our First Nations communities with most important principles as Safety and Security and Arts and Culture.

The key liveability principles that the Darwin community told us were important to them included:



## **LIVEABILITY STRENGTHS**

We know from community feedback that Darwin has number of liveability strengths. Liveability strengths are the aspects that the community values most and where the city thrives. These strengths are achievements that Darwin should recognise, promote, and nurture. Most people in Darwin enjoy these key strengths:

- 1. Regular community events, festivals, public ceremonies, markets and other pop-up activities.
- 2. The availability of green space, parks, playgrounds, urban trails, bushland, beaches, foreshore areas and the sea.
- 3. Spending time in various sporting precincts, ovals, water parks and other recreation facilities.
- 4. Attractive and inviting public spaces, with some suburbs benefitting from leafy streets and well-kept gardens.

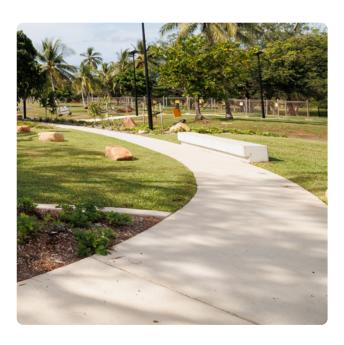


### **LIVEABILITY CHALLENGES**

We also know that Darwin faces several liveability challenges. The impacts of climate change, increasing vulnerability to heat, extreme weather events, ecological, biological and chemical changes; have direct consequence to liveability and adds complexity to improving liveability in areas our community values most. Other liveability challenges are the attributes that our community values deeply but are currently falling short. These challenges represent key areas for improvement in liveability for Darwin.

By prioritising and aligning efforts, program and projects to address these issues, we can maximise our return on investment and enhance the overall liveability of Darwin. Community feedback indicates that these key challenges include:

- 1. High levels of crime in some neighbourhoods, which erodes community safety, health and wellbeing.
- 2. Lack of shade and green spaces, resulting in poor levels of amenity and high levels of heat stress.
- 3. Insufficient maintenance of some parks, footpaths and other public spaces and poor maintenance of some private properties, which fractures civic pride, character and sense of place.
- 4. Some neighbourhoods have poor access for individuals with disabilities and other access challenges.





### **'EASIER ACCESS'**

A 55-64 year old female advocated for easier access to footpaths, crossing and bike paths in her neighbourhood.

### 'A SAFER PLACE'

An under 18 year old female stated that she would like to be safe both near shopping precincts and in parks in her neighbourhood.



### **NEIGHBOURHOODS**

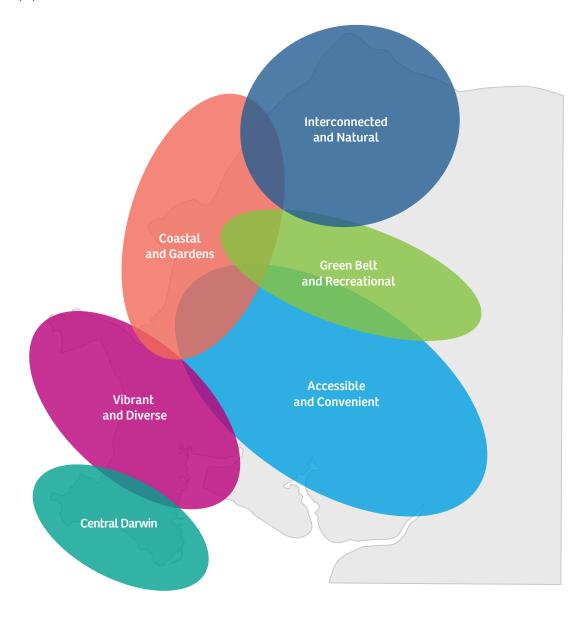
Feedback from the community has established the need for a people-first and neighbourhood approach to planning.

Darwin neighbourhoods have been created to align broadly with the NTG's Area Plans, ensuring consistency with the statutory land use planning system, yet pushing the boundaries to better integrate all aspects of liveability.

The neighbourhoods are dynamic, with their broad, overlapping boundaries reflecting their interconnectedness and interactions. The neighbourhoods are based on Darwin's existing Area Plans, community engagement results, neighbourhood features, infrastructure, facilities, and population characteristics.

### The six neighbourhoods include:

- Central Darwin Neighbourhood
- Vibrant and Diverse Neighbourhood
- Coastal and Gardens Neighbourhood
- · Accessible and Convenient Neighbourhood
- Green Belt and Recreational Neighbourhood
- Interconnected and Natural Neighbourhood





## CENTRAL DARWIN NEIGHBOURHOOD

#### **Vision**

The Central Darwin neighbourhood is the vibrant heart of a thriving capital — celebrated for its cultural richness, diverse community, dynamic economy, coastal beauty, inviting public spaces, premier shopping, and lively entertainment.

### **Place identity**

The Central Darwin neighbourhood is a vibrant hub of commercial, cultural and civic activities, attracting residents, students and tourists alike with its diverse buildings, green spaces, waterfront, port, marinas, historic sites, public ceremonies, festivals, eateries, pubs and clubs. Famed for its young, energetic, multicultural community, Darwin's strategic location as a gateway to Asia continues to bolster this neighbourhood's national and international reputation. The following character statements help to define the neighbourhood's sense of place:

- Possesses a continued, rich, vibrant multicultural history.
- Is the region's dominant activity centre and a vibrant retail, hospitality and civic hub during the day and at night.
- Has a young energetic community with access to a broad range of entertainment, cultural, community and recreational services.
- Includes an attractive built form with a good mix of development density and eclectic, colourful and playful building designs.
- Is a major tourism destination with a wealth of cultural attractions, public ceremonies and entertaining events.
- Has diverse demographics with a variety of accommodation for residents, students and visitors.
- Is a strategic trade location, a gateway to Asia with port facilities and transport infrastructure.
- Has a broad range of community infrastructure and services with well-functioning roads, water, sewer and other infrastructure.



- Includes a wide variety of appealing green, open spaces and coastal environments.
- It is a dynamic place with:
  - City of Darwin's ongoing improvements for greening, shading, walking, cycling and urban mobility;
  - several major civic projects underway and planned, including the new State Square Art Gallery, Larrakia Cultural Centre, and Civic Centre redevelopment;
  - a declining demand for office space and an increasing demand for residential, student and tourist accommodation, which will shape future activity.





34 YRS



\$2,268
MEDIAN WEEKLY
HOUSEHOLD INCOME



UNEMPLOMENT



NO. OF SCHOOLS



NO. OF RECREATION





2-4 PM
POPULAR



FIRST NATIONS POPULATION



49 %

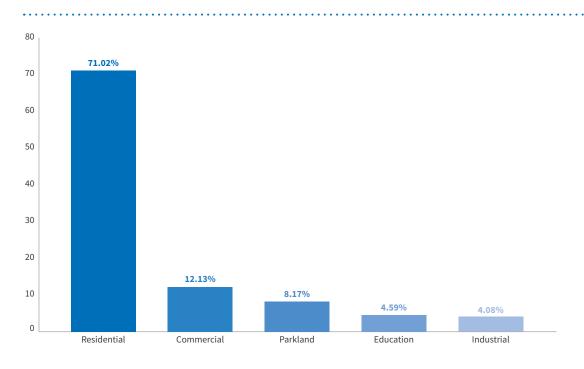
POPULATION BORN

OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA



56 %

POPULATION WITH ENGLISH
AS A SECOND LANGUAGE



## VIBRANT AND DIVERSE NEIGHBOURHOOD

### **Vision**

The Vibrant and Diverse neighbourhood is a lively, inclusive place offering a mix of housing, work, social, and recreational spaces - linked to surrounding neighbourhoods, enriched by natural environments, and shaped by its unique history.

### **Place identity**

The Vibrant and Diverse neighbourhood is characterised by its long, open stretches of coastline to the west and the south-east with vibrant urban areas in between. It hosts a variety of social, economic, recreational and tourist activities all located near to urban and natural areas. The following character statements help to define the neighbourhood's sense of place:

- Includes areas of great cultural significance for the Larrakia people.
- Long stretches of coastline with popular beaches, marinas and extensive areas of natural mangroves.
- Has several vibrant liveable suburbs with a diverse range of housing types and good access to services, shops, parks, beaches, shared path networks and high-quality streetscapes.
- A young community with easy access to schools and recreational opportunities that enjoys having fun on Saturdays.
- Includes mixed-use precincts, commercial areas with popular markets at Parap and Mindil Beach.
- Contains several significant community and tourist attractions, such as the Charles Darwin National Park, the Royal Darwin Botanical Gardens, the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Fannie Bay Gaol, East Point fortifications and the Qantas Hangar in Parap.



- Includes popular markets, boat clubs, high-quality parks, inland coastal lakes, numerous urban and coastal trails, shared paths and the Darwin Racing Racecourse.
- Well-serviced by roads, water, sewer and other infrastructure.





35 YRS



\$2,411
MEDIAN WEEKLY
HOUSEHOLD INCOME



4 %
UNEMPLOMENT



7 No. of schools



NO. OF RECREATION







%
FIRST NATIONS
POPULATION

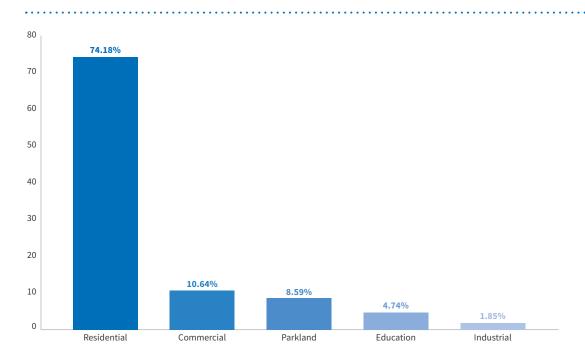


POPULATION BORN
OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA



51%

POPULATION WITH ENGLISH
AS A SECOND LANGUAGE



## COASTAL AND GARDENS NEIGHBOURHOOD

#### **Vision**

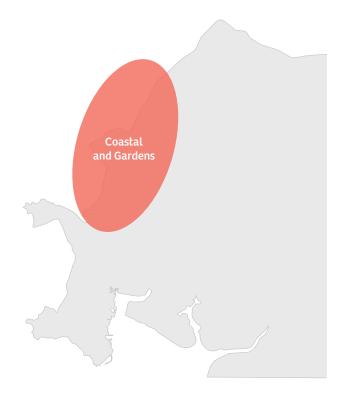
The Coastal and Gardens neighbourhood suits the needs of new and existing residents who embrace the foreshore and public spaces which are bustling day and night with movement, weekend markets, food trucks, and social interaction.

### **Place identity**

With its proximity to the coastline, extensive areas of mangroves and other natural assets, such as Rapid Creek, the Coastal and Gardens neighbourhood has a lush, tropical character. This bustling neighbourhood includes the Nightcliff and Rapid Creek suburbs, known nationally for their markets and high levels of community activity.

The following character statements help to define the neighbourhood's sense of place:

- A lush, green character with proximity to the coastline, Rapid Creek and other natural assets such as the Jingili Water Gardens.
- Includes several sites of great cultural and heritage significance.
- Includes iconic attractions, such as the Nightcliff foreshore and the Nightcliff and Rapid Creek markets.
- Contains long-established suburbs with a diverse range of residential options with detached tropical dwellings, apartments, and townhouses.
- A young community that enjoys weekends the most with its many recreational opportunities.



- Has a broad range of community services, including local schools, high-quality parks and an attractive range of busy commercial areas.
- Popular sporting venues, such as the Bagot Oval, velodrome, bowling alley and skate rink.
- Good network of infrastructure services and local transit routes connecting to other neighbourhoods.





36 YRS



\$2,089
MEDIAN WEEKLY
HOUSEHOLD INCOME



4 %
UNEMPLOMENT



NO. OF



NO. OF RECREATION



SUNDAY POPULAR



3-5 PM POPULAR



FIRST NATIONS POPULATION

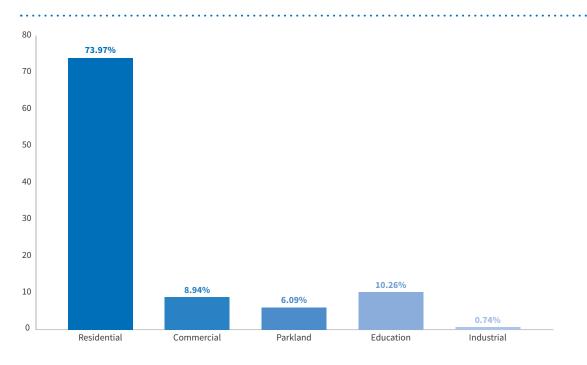


POPULATION BORN
OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA



41%

POPULATION WITH ENGLISH
AS A SECOND LANGUAGE



## ACCESSIBLE AND CONVENIENT NEIGHBOURHOOD

#### **Vision**

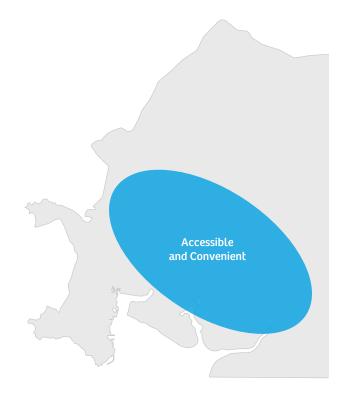
The Accessible and Convenient neighbourhood hosts a variety of modern housing, commercial, industrial and recreational areas with easy access to movement networks and clean, high quality public open spaces and unique experiences.

### **Place identity**

The Accessible and Convenient neighbourhood includes the Darwin International Airport and its surrounds. There are several residential, commercial and industrial areas near the airport and some of the city's most significant sporting precincts. Rapid Creek and the Gurambai Trail meander under the flightpath through large areas of remnant vegetation and provide opportunities for locals and visitors to engage with rich cultural heritage, environmental values and connection to the land.

The following character statements help to define the neighbourhood's sense of place:

- Darwin International Airport dominates the area, serving as city's gateway to Asia and a major economic driver, providing employment, supporting tourism and trade.
- Includes the Gurambai Trail, which meanders alongside
   Rapid Creek under flight paths through remnant vegetation.
- Includes the RAAF Base Darwin and the Defence Establishment at Coonawarra.
- Provides numerous sporting clubs making it a significant asset for recreation and local, national and international sporting events.
- Contains significant industrial/commercial areas in Winnellie and Berrimah, with a mix of industrial and commercial uses.



- Residential suburbs around the airport provide a mix of housing with some modern residential subdivisions, both private and Defence-owned, and potential for further development.
- Four main roads provide convenient access to the city, airport, sporting facilities and commercial areas.





36 YRS



\$1,790
MEDIAN WEEKLY
HOUSEHOLD INCOME



5 %
UNEMPLOMENT



7 No. of schools



41 NO. OF RECREATION





2-5 PM



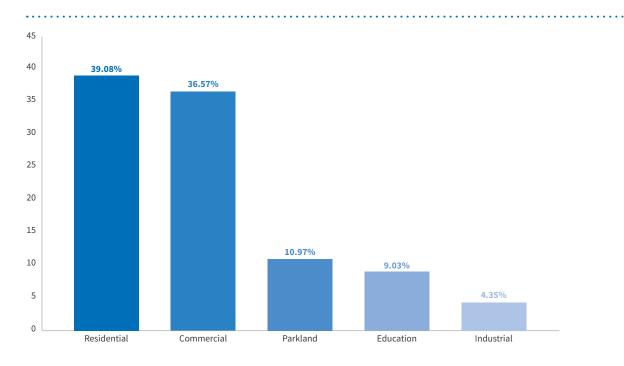


POPULATION BORN
OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA



57%

POPULATION WITH ENGLISH
AS A SECOND LANGUAGE



## GREEN BELT AND RECREATIONAL NEIGHBOURHOOD

#### **Vision**

The Green Belt and Recreational neighbourhood includes green corridors, parks and recreational spaces for the whole community and visitors to enjoy and provides opportunities for business, employment and easy access to health services.

### **Place identity**

The Green Belt and Recreational neighbourhood is located around the northern edge of the airport and is dominated by the residential suburbs of Alawa, Jingili, Moil, Wagaman, Wulagi, Anula, Malak, Karama and Marrara. These residential areas are close to the many recreational opportunities, including the Marara Sporting Precinct and Leanyer Recreational Park. There are good road connections between all suburbs and the rest of the city and the airport. One of its greatest assets is the green belt that extends from the southwestern edge of Anula eastwards into Malak.

The following character statements help to define the neighbourhood's sense of place:

- It is a landlocked neighbourhood dominated by residential suburbs with a range of semi-natural features such as parks, street trees and a green belt that extends from the southwestern edge of Anula eastwards into Malak.
- Includes a significant level of community infrastructure, such as schools, health care services, sporting and recreational facilities, public amenities, places of worship and local shops, including a shopping mall at Karama.
- Contains several popular sporting and entertainment clubs and recreation areas with community and tourist attractions.



- A relatively young, multicultural community, people here spend most of their time at home and enjoy the weekends.
- The Malak suburban centre has a concentration of First Nations and multi-cultural services and an active peak season market.
- Well-serviced by roads, water, sewer and other infrastructure.





37 YRS



\$2,012
MEDIAN WEEKLY
HOUSEHOLD INCOME



5 %
UNEMPLOMENT



17 NO. OF



NO. OF RECREATION





12-4 PM POPULAR



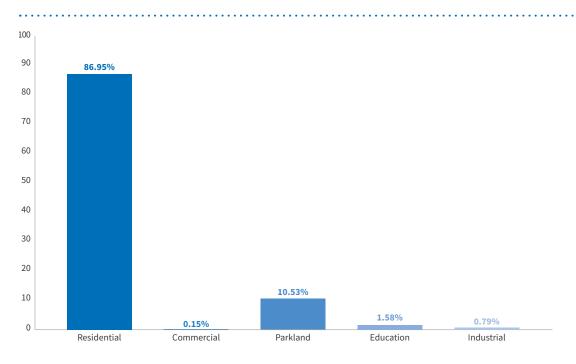
FIRST NATIONS POPULATION



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## INTERCONNECTED AND NATURAL NEIGHBOURHOOD

#### **Vision**

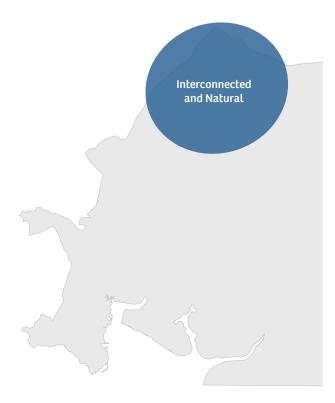
The Interconnected and Natural neighbourhood hosts the Buffalo Creek National Park, many natural and semi-natural areas, shared paths and a quality public realm for community connection and wellbeing.

### **Place identity**

This neighbourhood is characterised by its interconnected suburbs close to an abundance of natural and semi-natural areas, including coastal reserves and various beaches, walking trails and parks. It includes major commercial, education and medical institutions located near several residential areas with good access to local transport networks. It also has strong recreational and tourism attractions with various boat ramps, sporting clubs, tourism ventures and range historic sites to visit.

The following character statements help to define the neighbourhood's sense of place:

- An interconnected neighbourhood with an abundance of natural and semi-natural areas.
- Includes several significant pieces of community infrastructure with a school, disability services, health services, places of worship, shopping malls, beaches, parks, reserves, walking trails, heritage and tourism attractions.
- A neighbourhood with strong economic and employment generators, such as the Charles Darwin University, Royal Darwin Hospital, and Casuarina Square (shopping mall).
- The residential areas are predominantly single dwellings with a mix of older and newer subdivisions, most have recreational areas, open space, community centres, public amenities and local shops.



- People in this neighbourhood enjoy spending time at home and have access to a great many recreational spaces and schools.
- Well-serviced by roads, water, sewer and other infrastructure.





38 YRS



\$2,312
MEDIAN WEEKLY
HOUSEHOLD INCOME



4 %
UNEMPLOMENT



NO. OF SCHOOLS



NO. OF RECREATION



POPULAR DAY



8-9 PM



FIRST NATIONS POPULATION

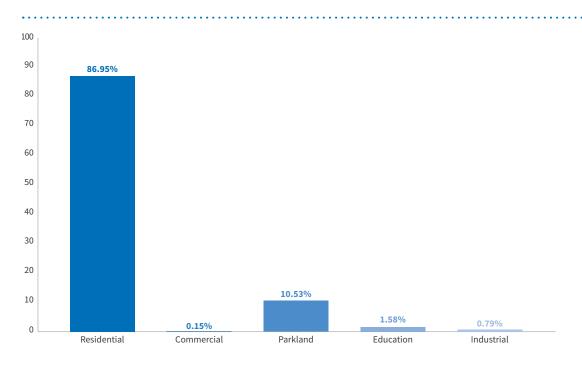


POPULATION BORN
OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA



45%

POPULATION WITH ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE



## DARWIN'S PLACE AND LIVEABILITY ROADMAP



Bagot Park Community Planting Day

City of Darwin commits to a roadmap of specific goals and actions that address the liveability principles of importance to our community.

## Goal 1. Strengthening community participation and belonging

Our community is looking for higher levels of engagement and better ways to strengthen their sense of belonging to Darwin. We can deliver these aspirations by continuing to work with the community and partners. This will help us retain the people and knowledge we need to improve place and liveability over the next twenty-five years. We will achieve this goal by:

- Delivering an interactive and live Liveability Platform where the community can help us shape and monitor place and liveability initiatives.
- Delivering an inclusive Liveability Toolkit that shapes future place and liveability initiatives by providing guidance for our staff, the community, government and business.
- Delivering training and workshops for the community and staff on how to use the Liveability Toolkit and Platform.
- Developing a place and liveability champions and advocates program.
- Reviewing City of Darwin's current sponsorship and grants programs to consider how liveability can become a key criterion for assessment.
- Ensuring City of Darwin marketing and communication campaigns focus on neighbourhood strengths, places, events and activities.
- Delivering liveability pilot installations and initiatives in each neighbourhood to test liveability principles and seek feedback from the community.
- Developing a Liveability Game for Darwin to engage people in inclusive ways.
- Launching the virtual twin of Darwin and utilise the twin for community engagement and scenario planning.



Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre

### Goal 2. Improving community safety for all

The community has consistently made it clear that improving community safety is a key priority. Community safety is the responsibility of a broad range of stakeholders, including government and non-government agencies, businesses, community groups and the wider community. We will improve this goal by:

- Developing and implementing a long-term prioritised Lighting Program for increased safety and security across Darwin's neighbourhoods.
- Delivering a long-term local area traffic program to make neighbourhood streets safer for people walking, biking, and driving.
- Continue to work with service providers to support vulnerable people including the homeless through outreach programs, youth programs, mental heath service connections and other opportunities.
- Making sure parks, streets and shared public spaces are clean and tidy for everyone to enjoy.
- Working closely with the Police to support delivery of CCTV across the neighbourhoods.

## Goal 3. Enhancing character and sense of place

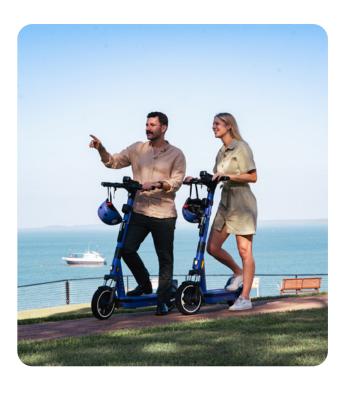
This goal will help us address the community's concerns for the future development of the city and its impact on urban design, greening and civic pride. We will achieve this goal by:

- Advocating for the NTG to support better integrated planning to enhance neighbourhood character, liveability, and sense of place.
- Delivering masterplans across Darwin in various community, retail and recreational spaces.
- Developing inclusive neighbourhood streetscaping/landscaping guidelines.
- Upgrading local roads and streetscapes to bring to life commercial and recreational opportunities in the area.
- Continuing to design places that integrate Water Sensitive Urban Design such as using natural water systems in urban landscapes.
- Represent diverse community views to influence planning and development outcomes that improve sense of place, heat resilience, outdoor comfort, health and inclusiveness.

### Goal 4. Revitalising public spaces

The community has prioritised the revitalisation of public spaces to ensure they become active destinations. We will achieve this by:

- Delivering a Street Food Revitalisation Program.
- Delivering an Active Paths and Open Streets Program
  with local schools to support everyday walking and riding
  routes to school and community engagement through
  street events.
- Engaging with partners to consider the development of additional nature and cultural trails throughout neighbourhoods.
- Developing a venues directory for the community.
- Designing inclusive, vibrant public spaces that serve as cool and resilient climate refuges—supporting biodiversity, fostering habitat creation, and strengthening cultural connections.
- Investigating opportunities for more nature playgrounds across Darwin.
- Reviewing options to close streets for community events and activities.





### **Goal 5. Reinforcing infrastructure networks**

Walkability, cycling infrastructure and ease of movement across the neighbourhoods is a key liveability priority for our community. To address it, we can continue to reinforce our movement infrastructure networks. We will achieve this goal by:

- Continuing to improve our shared path connections for recreation and commuting throughout all neighbourhoods.
- Delivering a Signs Program to improve wayfinding and physical connectivity across Darwin.
- Reviewing ways to fund infrastructure to ensure our needs are met in neighbourhoods.
- Delivering a park and ride facility, where the community can park their cars and ride or catch public transport to school or work.
- Advocating for better public transport across the Darwin municipality.



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