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2nd Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday, 31 October 2017
5.30pm



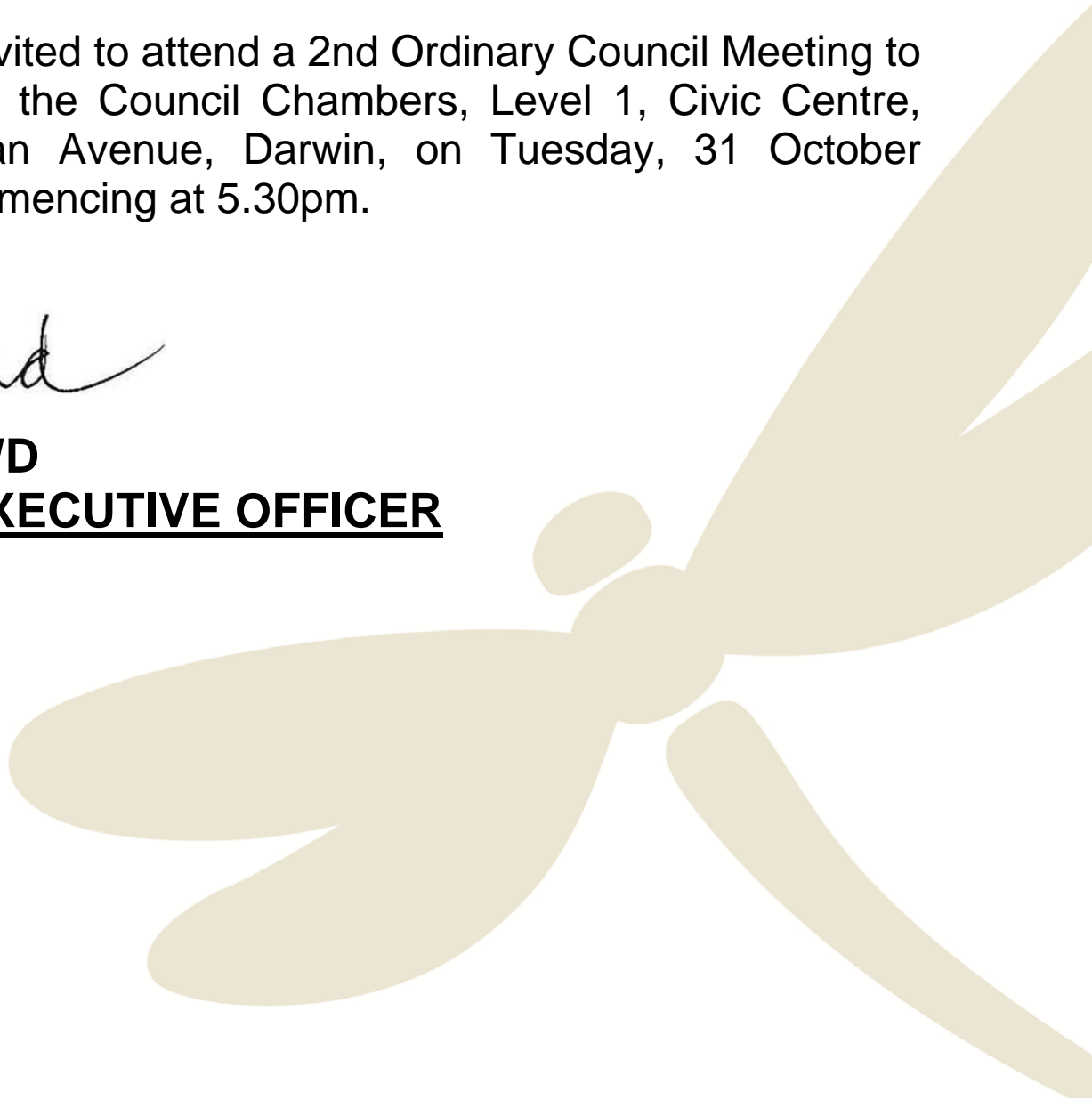


Notice of Meeting

To the Lord Mayor and Aldermen

You are invited to attend a 2nd Ordinary Council Meeting to be held in the Council Chambers, Level 1, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin, on Tuesday, 31 October 2017, commencing at 5.30pm.

B P DOWD
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



FOURTH ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – OPEN SECTION
TUESDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2017

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CITY OF DARWIN

FOURTH ORDINARY MEETING OF THE TWENTY-SECOND COUNCIL

TUESDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2017

MEMBERS: The Right Worshipful, Lord Mayor, K Vatskalis, (Chair); Member A J Arthur; Member J Bouhoris; Member S Cullen; Member J A Glover; Member G J Haslett; Member R M Knox; Member G Lambrinidis; Member S J Niblock; Member M Palmer; Member P Pangquee; Member R Want de Rowe; Member E L Young.

OFFICERS: Chief Executive Officer, Mr B P Dowd; Acting General Manager City Performance, Mr R Iap; General Manager City Operations, Mr L Cercarelli; General Manager City Life, Ms A Malgorzewicz; General Manager City Futures, Mr G Rosse; Committee Administrator, Mrs P Hart.

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1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

2. THE LORD’S PRAYER

3. MEETING DECLARED OPEN

4. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE
Common No. 2695036

4.1 Apologies

4.2 Leave of Absence Granted

Nil

4.3 Leave of Absence Requested

5. ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE
Common No. 2221528

5.1 Electronic Meeting Attendance Granted

5.2 Electronic Meeting Attendance Requested

6. DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF
Common No. 2752228

6.1 Declaration of Interest by Members

6.2 Declaration of Interest by Staff

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7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING/S

Common No. 1955119

7.1 Confirmation of the Previous Ordinary Council Meeting

THAT the tabled minutes of the previous Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 17 October 2017, be received and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

7.2 Business Arising

8. MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

9. DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS

Nil

10. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

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11. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS
Common No. 1944604

11.1 Closure to the Public for Confidential Items

THAT pursuant to Section 65 (2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the following Confidential Items:-

<u>Item</u>	<u>Regulation</u>	<u>Reason</u>
C25.1	8(c)(iv)	information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of the council or some other person
C29.1.1	8(c)(iv)	information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of the council or some other person
C29.1.2	8(c)(i)	information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person
C29.1.3	8(a)	information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual

11.2 Moving Open Items Into Confidential

11.3 Moving Confidential Items Into Open

12. PETITIONS

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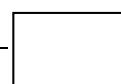
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13. NOTICE(S) OF MOTION

13.1 Barneson Boulevard Common No. 2661105

*The Notice of Motion raised by Member A Arthur is **Attachment A**.*

THAT Council withdraw its support for Barneson Boulevard in its current form.



I give notice that at the 2nd Ordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday 31st of October, I will move the following motion:

THAT council withdraw its support for Barneson Boulevard in its current form.

REASONS:

1. Community consultation clearly shows most people in the community do not want this road. They don't want it to go through Frog Hollow, which has been perceived for many years to include the Frog Hollow Centre for the Arts. Community awareness is increasing, opposition is growing,

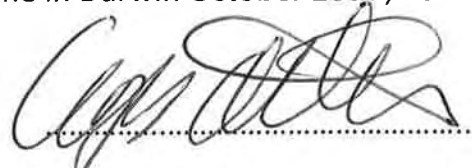
The Department of Transport has confirmed that 50 mature trees will be destroyed in Frog Hollow, but an additional 1,600 mangrove trees near the Duck Pond and the shade trees on Cavenagh Street will also be lost. Darwin needs these shade trees and more green space in the city, not this road from the last millennium. Darwin city needs an integrated plan to limit cars, not one that directs cars to the heart.

2. The Traffic Projection Modelling that the Department of Transport commissioned (after they approved BB) is very limited in scope and did not give any consideration to alternatives such as fast efficient public transport, park and ride options outside the city centre, and traffic management strategies such as staggered work start times. These need to be considered now, before road infrastructure limits many of these opportunities forever.

3. The road goes right through a PFAS toxic site that is leaking into the harbour. When the road was first proposed in the 1980's, these toxins were just on the radar. In 2013, Shell published an Environmental Audit Report (EAR) confirming PFAS in high concentrations. At that time, Australia did not have any safe concentration guidelines or management plans. There are now guidelines in place because of growing concerns relating to the persistent, bio-accumulative and carcinogenic nature of these compounds.

The City of Darwin has a responsibility to take the health of our local environment and community seriously. This specifically refers to the residents to the west of the road construction site at risk of airborne contaminants and the One Mile Dam community who are also at risk from toxic water run-off. Shell must be held accountable for the costs to contain and clean up the site before any development, including Barneson Boulevard, is considered.

Signed by me in Darwin October 26th., 2017



ALDERMAN ANDREW JOHN ARTHUR

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14. COMMITTEE REPORTS

14.1 CITY LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING (23/10/17)

Presentation of Report by Chair – Member G J Haslett

Recommendations from the City Life Committee Meeting held on Monday, 23 October 2017.

1. **Street Sports in Mitchell Street**

Report No. 17CL0004 (23/10/17) Common No. 3580817

- A. THAT Report Number 17CL0007 MG:kl entitled Street Sports In Mitchell Street, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council refer an amount of \$100,000 for Council to deliver a program of four street sport events in the CBD for consideration in the 2018/19 budget process.
- C. THAT Council refer an amount of \$40,000 to assist sports organisations to deliver four street sport events in the CBD for consideration in the 2018/19 budget process.

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14. COMMITTEE REPORTS

14.1 CITY LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING (23/10/17)

Presentation of Report by Chair – Member G J Haslett

The City Life Committee resolved the following items under delegated authority.

2. **Resolved Under Delegated Authority**

Common No. 2752263

THAT Council receive and note the following decisions which were made by the Committee under delegated authority.

2.1 **Minutes Youth Advisory Committee 5 October 2017 and 6 July 2017**

Document No. 3668502 (23/10/2017) Common No. 3668502

2.2 **Northern Territory Government Media Release - 10-Year Museums Master Plan for Darwin and Palmerston**

Document No. 3668420 (23/10/2017) Common No. 3633635

2.3 **Northern Territory Government Media Release - Action Plan to Combat Anti-social Itinerant Behaviour**

Document No. 3668421 (23/10/2017) Common No. 3668421

2.4 GENERAL BUSINESS

#secretkidsbusiness

Member Want de Rowe congratulated the staff on a great #secretkidsbusiness event held in Civic Park on the 20 October 2017.

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14. COMMITTEE REPORTS

14.2 CITY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING (25/10/17)

Presentation of Report by Chair – Member R Want de Rowe

Recommendations from the City Operations Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 25 October 2017.

1. **Nightcliff Village Shopping Centre CCTV**

Report No. 17CO0030 LC:jw (25/10/17) Common No. 3649463

- A. THAT Report Number 17CO0030 LC:jw entitled Nightcliff Village Shopping Centre CCTV, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council advise the Northern Territory Police and local member that it supports the installation of CCTV cameras in the Nightcliff Village Shopping Centre to improve community safety.
- C. THAT Council approves the upgrading of public lighting at the Nightcliff Village Shopping Centre to support the installation of CCTV to improve community safety as detailed in Report Number 17CO0030 LC:jw entitled Nightcliff Village Shopping Centre CCTV.
- D. THAT Council fund the lighting upgrades through the existing 2017/2018 capital works public lighting program.
- E. THAT Council advise the Northern Territory Government and Northern Territory Police that Council does not approve the removal or pruning of existing trees, or landscaping within the Nightcliff Village Shopping Centre Mall associated with the implementation of this project but will continue to undertake appropriate pruning of street trees in accordance with its regular maintenance program.
- F. THAT Council engage with the Northern Territory Police following the installation of the CCTV and lighting upgrades to monitor their effectiveness.

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2. Anula and Wulagi Local Area Traffic Management Study - Wulagi Crescent, Matthews Road and Union Terrace

Report No. 17CO0019 (25/10/17) Common No. 3303808

- A. THAT Report Number 17CO0019 DL:jg entitled Anula and Wulagi Local Area Traffic Management Study - Wulagi Crescent, Matthews Road and Union Terrace, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council endorse in principle the Traffic Management Plan and staging as outlined in Report Number 17CO0019 DL:jg entitled Anula and Wulagi Local Area Traffic Management Study - Wulagi Crescent, Matthews Road and Union Terrace.
- C. That Council refer Stage 1 measures of the Traffic Management Plan as outlined in Report Number 17CO0019 DL:jg entitled Anula and Wulagi Local Area Traffic Management Study - Wulagi Crescent, Matthews Road and Union Terrace to the 2018/2019 Budget process for consideration and prioritisation, and that community consultation be undertaken following funding approval.
- D. That Council continue to seek external funding opportunities and partnerships for traffic management projects as outlined, in Report Number 17CO0019 DL:jg entitled Anula and Wulagi Local Area Traffic Management Study - Wulagi Crescent, Matthews Road and Union Terrace.

3. Traffic and Parking Issues Along Tambling Terrace Between Lee Point Road and Kailis Street

Report No. 17CO0018 (25/10/17) Common No. 3576971

- A. THAT Report Number 17CO0018 DL:lf entitled Traffic and Parking Issues Along Tambling Terrace Between Lee Point Road and Kailis Street, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council endorse Option 1 as described in Report Number 17CO0018 DL:lf entitled Traffic and Parking Issues Along Tambling Terrace Between Lee Point Road and Kailis Street for the purpose of community consultation, as amended to extend the single yellow line in front of Lot No 6594, Kailis Street, to minimize congestion during peak hour.

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4. Nightcliff Primary School - Request of Lease for use of Council Land

Report No. 17CO0020 (25/10/17) Common No. 3393692

- A. THAT Report Number 17CO0020 DL:jw entitled Nightcliff Primary School - Request of Lease for use of Council Land, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council approve the issue to the Nightcliff Primary School of a Peppercorn Permit To Occupy for a period of 10 years, over part of the road reserve adjacent Cunjevoi Crescent, as shown in Report Number 17CO0020 DL:jw entitled Nightcliff Primary School - Request of Lease for use of Council Land subject to:
- i. Nightcliff Primary School paying all costs associated with the supply, installation and ongoing maintenance of all fencing.
 - ii. Nightcliff Primary School guaranteeing access on a six- monthly ongoing basis for a *Leased Property Tree Inspection* of the existing verge trees.
 - iii. Nightcliff Primary School accepting responsibility for the day to day maintenance and management of the existing verge trees.
 - iv. No permanent structures being erected in the area covered by the Permit to Occupy.
 - v. That no trees be removed by the Nightcliff Primary School without consent from Council.
- C. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 32 (2) of the Local Government Act hereby delegates to the Chief Executive Officer, the power to finalise the details and all other matters related to the Permit to Occupy in accordance with Report Number 17CO0020 DL:jw entitled Nightcliff Primary School – Request of Lease for use of Council Land.

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5. Sale of Road Reserve Adjacent to Lot 4181 Town of Darwin (12) Wilmot Street, The Narrows

Report No. 17CO0013 (25/10/17) Common No. 2149707

- A. THAT Report Number 17CO0013 JW:jg entitled Sale of Road Reserve Adjacent to Lot 4181 Town of Darwin (12) Wilmot Street, The Narrows, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council approve in principle the closure of the walkway adjacent 12 Wilmot Street, The Narrows and the sale of the land subject to compliance with the Local Government (Road Opening and Closing) Regulations and the satisfactory resolution of all issues associated with that compliance and that the sale be subject to:
- i. The owners of 10 Wilmot Street, The Narrows being approached to ascertain if they are also interested in the purchasing the land.
 - ii. The land being sold to the highest bidder of the two adjacent property owners, if both are interested, with a minimum sale price of \$9,375.00 (excluding GST).
 - iii. The land being consolidated into the purchaser's Lot after the closure of the road reserve.
 - iv. An easement being established over the entirety of the land in favour of the City of Darwin.
 - v. All costs associated with the sale of the land, including but not limited to, advertising, survey plans, Local Government road closure process, legal and other associated fees be borne by the proponent.
- C. THAT the City of Darwin pursuant to Section 32 (2) of the *Local Government Act* hereby delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to finalise the sale and terms and conditions of the contract of sale and associated road closure in accordance with Report Number 17CO0013 JW:jg entitled Sale of Road Reserve Adjacent to Lot 4181 Town of Darwin (12) Wilmot Street, The Narrows.
- D. THAT Council approve the affixing of the common seal to all associated documentation for the closure and sale of road reserve adjacent to Lot 4181 Town of Darwin and that all documentation be attested by the signatures of the Lord Mayor and Chief Executive Officer.

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6. Nightcliff and Rapid Creek Active Paths

Report No. 17CO0007 (25/10/17) Common No. 3259492

- A. THAT Report Number 17CO0007 RM:lf entitled Nightcliff and Rapid Creek Active Paths, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council approve the retention of the Nightcliff Primary School Active Paths trial.
- C. THAT Council approve the development of precinct-wide approaches to Active Paths across the Darwin municipality with the development of a Nightcliff and Rapid Creek precinct program as a priority.
- D. THAT Council approve the St Paul's Catholic Primary School Active Paths request subject to consistency with the Nightcliff and Rapid Creek precinct Active Paths Program.
- E. THAT future school requests for Active Paths be assessed and prioritised against the particular adopted precinct-wide program.

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14. COMMITTEE REPORTS

14.2 CITY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING (25/10/17)

Presentation of Report by Chair – Member R Want de Rowe

The City Operations Committee resolved the following items under delegated authority.

7. **Resolved Under Delegated Authority** Common No. 2752263

THAT Council receive and note the following decisions which were made by the Committee under delegated authority.

7.1 **Opportunities For Diversion of Tyres from Landfill - Update** Report No. 17CO0023 (25/10/17) Common No. 3344411

7.2 **Lakeside Drive Master Plan Update** Report No. 17CO0022 (25/10/17) Common No. 2952242

7.3 **Ludmilla Creek Flood Mitigation Project – Dwyer Park** Report No. 17CO0010 (25/10/17) Common No. 1485703

7.4 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Signage Clutter on Roundabouts

Member Knox queried regarding why additional signs have been installed on roundabouts in the municipality, creating signage clutter, particularly on Dick Ward Drive?

The General Manager City Operations took the question on notice.

Signage around Browns Mart

Member Knox asked why numerous amounts of signs have been installed along the street outside Browns Mart, Darwin?

The General Manager City Operations took the question on notice, noting that some signs are required for regulation.

Member Knox further queried whether directional signage to the toilet in Civic Park was installed on Smith Street?

The General Manager City Operations advised that directional signage was installed on Smith Street and would have the area inspected to confirm signage was still in place.

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7.5 GENERAL BUSINESS

DECISION NO.22\0109 (25/10/17)

Flood Mitigation Plan

THAT Council invite the Northern Territory Government – Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics, to present an update to Council on the Flood Mitigation program for the Darwin Municipality.

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14. COMMITTEE REPORTS

14.3 CITY FUTURES COMMITTEE MEETING (24/10/17)

Presentation of Report by Chair – Member S Cullen

Recommendations from the City Futures Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 24 October 2017.

1. Cities Power Partnership Program

Report No. 17CF0003 (24/10/17) Common No. 3668577

- A. THAT Report Number 17CF0003 MB:nt entitled Cities Power Partnership Program, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council become a member of the Cities Power Partnership.

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14. COMMITTEE REPORTS

14.3 CITY FUTURES COMMITTEE MEETING (24/10/17)

Presentation of Report by Chair – Member S Cullen

The City Futures Committee resolved the following items under delegated authority.

2. **Resolved Under Delegated Authority**

Common No. 2752263

THAT Council receive and note the following decisions which were made by the Committee under delegated authority.

2.1 **City Futures Strategic Planning Projects**

Report No. 17CF0027 (24/10/17) Common No. 2481144

2.2 **Quarterly On-street & Off-street Parking Statistics April – June 2017**

Report No. 17CF0014 (24/10/17) Common No. 376351

2.3 **Quarterly On street – Off Street Parking Statistics – July to September 2017**

Report No. 17CF0020 (24/10/17) Common No. 376351

2.4 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Pay Stay Parking Application

Member S J Niblock asked for an update on the Pay Stay parking application and its roll out.

The General Manager City Futures responded and advised that project plan has been developed internally with the communications plan. It is expected to be rolled out in December 2017.

Member S J Niblock further queried whether this will be across the whole CBD.

The General Manager City Futures responded and advised that this application would be applied across the whole CBD.

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Member S J Niblock asked should there be a presentation to Council?

The General Manager City Futures responded and advised that there is a presentation to be included in a workshop in November 2017.

Energy Strategy

Member S J Niblock asked for an update on the Energy Strategy.

The General Manager City Futures responded and advised a report will be going to Council in November 2017.

2.5 GENERAL BUSINESS

DECISION NO.22\0099 (24/10/17)

Car Parking Strategy

THAT a report be presented to the City Futures Committee which outlines the options available for a wholesale review of Council's Car Parking Strategy.

DECISION NO.22\0100 (24/10/17)

Darwin Bike Plan

THAT a report be presented to the City Futures Committee which outlines the options available for a review of Council's Bike Strategy, by February 2018.

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14. COMMITTEE REPORTS

14.4 CITY PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING (24/10/17)

Presentation of Report by Chair – Member J Bouhoris

Recommendations from the City Performance Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 24 October 2017.

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1. **Review of Policy 080 – Disbursements From Bank Account**
Report No. 17CP0036 (24/10/17) Common No. 2970497
 - A. THAT Report Number 17CP0036 VG:je entitled Review of Policy 080 – Disbursements From Bank Account, be received and noted.
 - B. THAT Council rescind the current Policy No. 080 – Disbursements from Bank Account.
 - C. THAT Council adopt Policy No. 080 – Disbursements from Bank Account provided at **Attachment A** to Report Number 17CP0036 VG:je entitled Review of Policy No. 080 Disbursements From Bank Account, noting the appointment of primary and secondary authorisers as signatories on Council bank accounts as contained within the Policy.
 2. **Department Of Housing and Community Development Local Government Division Grants - Acquittals 2016/17**
Report No. 17CP0031 (24/10/17) Common No. 2082109
 - A. THAT Report Number 17CP0031 VG:je entitled Department Of Housing and Community Development Local Government Division Grants – Acquittals 2016/17, be received and noted.
 - B. THAT Council endorse the Chief Executive Officer to forward the Civic Park Public Amenities Project Grant Acquittal to the Department of Housing and Community Development, Local Government Division.

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14. COMMITTEE REPORTS

14.4 CITY PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING (24/10/17)

Presentation of Report by Chair – Member J Bouhoris

The City Performance Committee resolved the following items under delegated authority.

3. Resolved Under Delegated Authority
Common No. 2752263

THAT Council receive and note the following decisions which were made by the Committee under delegated authority.

3.1 Listing Of Cheques/EFT Payments - September 2017
Report No. 17CP0044 (24/10/17) Common No. 339125

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15.1 OFFICERS REPORTS (ACTION REQUIRED)



ENCL: 2ND ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING/OPEN AGENDA ITEM: 15.1.1
YES

4TH QUARTER BUDGET REVIEW & CARRY FORWARDS - 2016/2017

REPORT No.: 17CP0026 IF:je COMMON No.: 2476534 DATE: 31/10/2017

Presenter: Acting Manager Finance, Irene Frazis

Approved: Acting General Manager City Performance, Richard Iap

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to:

1. To present the 4th Quarter Budget Review and seek Council's endorsement for the recommended amendments.
2. To recommend the carry forward of unspent 2016/17 budgets to 2017/18.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies as outlined in the 'Evolving Darwin Towards 2020 Strategic Plan':-

Goal

5 Effective and Responsible Governance

Outcome

5.5 Responsible financial and asset management

Key Strategies

5.5.1 Manage Council's business based on a sustainable financial and asset management strategy

KEY ISSUES

- The 2016/17 4th Quarter Budget Review includes the Municipal Budget Summary (overall fund/cash flow), Statement of Costs of Services (program details) and Statement of Cash, Investments (Reserves) and carry forwards.
- The Statement of Financial Position is not provided this quarter in order to focus on operational and capital budget variations.
- The review is unaudited and further adjustments will be made as/if necessary before presenting the audited financial statements to Council and officially lodging these with the Department of Housing and Community Development.
- There are no concerns in relation to Council's financial position.

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 SUBJECT: 4TH QUARTER BUDGET REVIEW & CARRY FORWARDS - 2016/2017

RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. THAT Report Number 17CP0026 IF:je entitled 4th Quarter Budget Review & Carry Forwards - 2016/2017, be received and noted.
- B. THAT pursuant to Section 128 of the Local Government Act Council amend the budget 2016/2017 as detailed in Report Number 17CP0026 IF:je entitled 4th Quarter Budget Review & Carry Forwards - 2016/2017 and contained in **(Attachments A-E)** with Municipal Budget Summary implications as per **(Attachment A)**:
- a) "Operating Result (Income Statement)", decrease of \$5,662,000 (debit) less "non-cash items" \$6,222,000 (credit) leading to additional "Funds from operations" of \$560,000 (credit).
(Attachment A Notes 1 – 2)
 - b) "Sale of assets" increase of \$26,000 (credit) **(Attachment A Note 3)** and "Purchases of assets", increase of \$713,000 (debit). **(Attachment D Note 4)**. Loan repayments decrease of \$17,000 (credit) **(Note 5)**.
 - c) "Transfers to specific reserves" \$604,000 (credit).
(Attachment C)
 - d) The sum of the above (a -c) variations to the existing adopted budget result in net increase in General Funds of \$494,000 (credit - savings).
(Attachment A – Bottom Line)
- C. THAT pursuant to Section 128 of the Local Government Act Council resolve to vary the 2017/18 budget by adopting the carry forward budget variations and associated funding in **Attachment E** to Report Number 17CP0026 IF:je entitled 4th Quarter Budget Review & Carry Forwards - 2016/2017 totalling \$11,540,183.

BACKGROUND

Each quarter Council considers any variations required to the original budget. At the end of each financial year Council considers the unexpended budgets to be carried forward each year to ensure the completion of required works and services.

Early carry forwards from 2016/17 into 2017/18 from Quarters 1-3 have been adopted in prior quarterly budget reviews and are not included in the Variations, these are already reflected in the Amended Budget.

Interim carry forwards for Quarter 4, to ensure coverage for any urgent matters before Council went into caretaker mode, were adopted as per Council Decision 21\5607. These carry forwards, adjusted where required to reflect actual available funds after year end, are presented in **(Attachment E)** under the heading Q4.1.

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DISCUSSION

The objectives of the 4th quarter budget review include:

- Adjustment of any costing or accounting issues identified prior to year end and audit.
- Accountability for notable variances (actual versus budget) in the 4th quarter.

This 4th Quarter Budget Review is prepared after the end of the financial year and therefore is backward looking. The preceding reviews are forward looking as far as practicable and request Responsible Officers to advise Council of developing issues and seek appropriate endorsement for budget amendments.

These unaudited results are subject to final adjustments and audit.

Variations proposed are presented in the attached financial reports with notes underneath.

The following are explanations of some headings in the attachments:

- **Full Original Budget** is the full year budget as per the adopted Municipal Plan.
- **Full Amended Budget** is the preceding "Full Original Budget" amended in the case of reports on Reserves balances for the audited 30 June 2016 Financial Statements. It is also amended for adopted carry overs of unspent budgets from 2015/16 and subsequent budget reviews.
- **Recommended Variations** is self-explanatory.
- **Carry Forward Variations** are incomplete/unspent items recommended to be carried forward for completion in 2017/18 as they are already commenced/committed and/or still considered to be a Council priority.
- **Projected Result** is the sum of the Full Amended Budget and Recommended Variations (including Carry Forward Variations). It projects the new year end result if the variations are adopted.
- **YTD Actual** is the actual spending for the year to date including any accrual adjustments able to be reliably calculated. It does not include commitments/orders as this has a tendency to overstate progress and may not present a true and fair view.
- **YTD v Projected Result %** is the YTD Actual divided by the Projected Amended Budget to derive a % of financial progress against projected budget,
- **Notes** provide numbered references which link the recommended variations to explanations below each report.

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CONSULTATION PROCESS

This report was considered by the Executive Leadership Team on 26 October 2017 and now referred to Council for consideration.

In preparing this report, the following City of Darwin officers were consulted:

- Responsible officers in relation to requests for budget variations.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report is in accordance with existing policies and does not propose any policy changes.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Although the net operating result is indicating a deficit, this includes non cash items such as depreciation and asset expenses for disposal and fair value adjustments. When added back to the net operating result the 4th quarter budget review is indicative of a general fund/cash savings: This is shown as a positive fund flow in the Municipal Plan Summary in the column for "Projected Result" (+\$171,000).

Details of the variations are provided in the Attachments with the level of significance adopted for disclosure being \$20,000.

Items of note include:

- Early receipt 2017/18 FAA grant monies Q1 &2 – transferred to Carry Forward Reserve to offset the relevant 2017/18 income budgets as grant is not 'restricted'.
- Street lighting repairs & maintenance charges offset by grant income as per OMR agreement.
- Savings in roads maintenance budgets – part of the savings has been utilised to cover infrastructure programs that have exceeded budget such as the pathways program.
- Receipt of Safer Communities and Library Silent Room grants – transferred to Unspent Grants Reserve to be expended in 2017/18.
- Increase in depreciation expense; mainly from additional assets recognised including Waste remediation assets and from buildings revaluation in 2015/16.
- Additional expense from loss on asset disposals and fair value adjustments on waste assets.
- Reduction in Regulatory Services income in particular parking enforcement income in CBD.

The final outcomes will be subject to final adjustments and audit.

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Carry Forwards

Recommended carry forwards (**Attachment E**) are for incomplete projects with remaining budget. The remaining budget is carried forward to 2017/18 to enable completion.

The proposed carry forward of budget programs from 2016/17 to 2017/18 totals \$11.54M consisting of \$8.26M of capital (\$10.6M capital expenditure netted by \$2.34M capital income) plus \$3.28M operational.

The majority of the \$3.28M operational carry forwards are due to the early receipt of grant funds such as the FAA grant \$1.78M (\$906k roads component and \$871k general) and the Safe Communities grant (\$571k) for 5 mobile CCTV cameras to be gifted to the NT Police.

The capital carry forwards include large projects that have been programmed across financial years or delayed pending further decisions including:

- \$908k Parap Pool (net of grant income carry forward)
- \$838k Darwin Entertainment Centre Air-conditioning
- \$779k IT Network and Systems Upgrade
- \$428K Coastal Erosion programs
- \$476k CBD Master Plan (Council Decision to defer)
- \$261k Smith Street West parking – on hold pending City Deals consultation
- \$224k Mindil Beach Water Main – programmed across 2 years
- \$133k Casuarina Library Silent Room – (not programmed across financial years but grant funds received end of June 2017)
- \$119k Street Light Upgrade – project delayed due to program transition and tender.

Full details of the carry forwards and associated funding are provided at (**Attachment E**).

It should be noted that **Attachment E** excludes early carry forwards adopted as part of the 1st - 3rd quarter reviews and that these will be also automatically brought in to 2017/18.

Reserves

Each reserves end of year result will transfer as the available opening balance in 2017/18. The results are closely in line with the anticipated opening balances as per the 2017/18 Municipal Plan with two exceptions the Off & On Street Parking Reserve (\$386k less than anticipated) and the Waste Reserve (\$480k less than anticipated). Off & On Street Parking Reserve decrease is mainly attributed to lower income received for CBD enforcement and off street parking fees income. This reserve will need to be monitored in 2017/18. The Waste Reserve decrease is a result of higher capital expenditure than budgeted. Details of the reserve variations are in Attachment C Notes.

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RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

There is no formal NT legal requirement for quarterly budget reviews. Adoption of the recommendations in this report will result in Council varying the budget in accordance with Section 128 of the *Local Government Act*.

Section 127 (3) of the Local Government Act prohibits Council from adopting a deficit budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

We the Author and Approving Officers declare that we do not have a Conflict of Interest in relation to this matter.

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Attachments:

- Attachment A:** Municipal Budget Summary
- Attachment B:** Statement of Costs Services
- Attachment C:** Statement of Cash and Investments (Reserves) and Notes
- Attachment D:** Statement of Capital Expenditure
- Attachment E:** Carry forwards (unspent budgets from 2016/17 into 2017/18)

Municipal Budget Summary for the period ended 30 June 2017	Full Original Budget \$'000	Full Amended Budget \$'000	Recommended Variations \$'000	Carry Forward Variations \$'000	Projected Result \$'000	YTD Actual \$'000	YTD v Projected Result %	Notes
% of year elapsed							100%	
Operational and Capital Income	111,433	105,873	2,009	-562	107,320	107,396	100%	
Expenses	-102,034	-103,693	-7,671	1,503	-109,861	-109,952	100%	
Operating Result (Income Statement)	9,399	2,180	-5,662	941	-2,541	-2,556		1
Adjust non cash items:								
Add back depreciation	22,397	22,397	1,954		24,351	24,351	100%	
Other non cash items	-	-	4,269		4,269	4,269	100%	
Funds from operations	31,796	24,577	560	941	26,079	26,063		2
Sale of assets	904	904	26		930	931	100%	3
Purchases of assets	-41,501	-41,274	-713	10,600	-31,388	-31,350	100%	4
Funds from investing	-40,597	-40,370	-687	10,600	-30,457	-30,420		
Loans raised	1,764	-	-		-	-	0%	
Loans repaid	-258	-258	17		-241	-241	100%	5
Funds from financing	1,506	-258	17	-	-241	-241		
Transfers from (-to) specific reserves	7,295	15,728	604	-11,541	4,791	4,791		6
Net increase (-decrease) in General Funds	-	-323	494	-	171	194		7

Notes on recommended variations:

1. The decrease in the Income Statement is as detailed in Attachment B, Cost of Services in conjunction with Attachment E, Carry Forwards Report.
2. Add back non cash items: \$1.95M increase in depreciation and \$4.7M loss on asset disposals and fair value asset adjustments (majority relating to fair value adjustment of Waste assets) offset by income from contributed assets \$430k.
3. Increase proceeds - plant sales budget exceeded budget .
4. The decrease in Purchases of assets is as detailed in Attachment D, Statement of Capital Expenditure in conjunction with Attachment E, Carry Forwards Report.
5. Decrease loan principle repayments budget as original budget required minor adjustment.
6. Net increase in reserve transfers is as detailed in Attachment C, Statement of Reserves in conjunction with Attachment E, Carry Forwards Report.
7. Net increase in General Funds is a result of all the variations as detailed in Attachment B, Cost of Services and Attachment D, Statement of Capital Expenditure.

<u>Costs of Services</u> <u>for the period ended 30 June 2017</u>	Full Original Budget \$'000	Full Amended Budget \$'000	Recommended Variations \$'000	Carry Forward Variations \$'000	Projected Result \$'000	YTD Actual \$'000	YTD v Projected Result %	Notes
% of year elapsed							100%	
<u>Chief Executive Officer</u>							Attachment B-1	
Income								
Office of the Chief Executive	-	3	-		3	3	100%	
Climate Change	50	50	-		50	51	102%	
Strategy & Outcomes	15	15	-2		12	12	96%	
Total income	65	68	-2	-	65	66	101%	
Expense								
Office of the Chief Executive	768	781	-10	-20	751	751	100%	
Climate Change	546	549	-	-	549	567	103%	
Communications & Engagement	839	998	-	-111	887	886	100%	
Governance	1,531	1,531	106	-120	1,517	1,517	100%	1
Organisational Development	302	257	-	-10	247	247	100%	
Strategy & Outcomes	361	390	-2	-30	358	356	99%	
Total expense	4,347	4,505	94	-291	4,307	4,324	100%	
Net surplus (-cost)	-4,282	-4,437	-96	291	-4,242	-4,258	100%	
<u>Chief Executive Officer Section Note on recommended variations:</u>								
1. Municipal Elections 16/17 portion of expense (balance to be paid in 17/18) - transfer from Election Expense Reserve \$203k; offset partially by savings in elected member area for training, allowances and meetings expense budgets (in part due to elected member vacancies).								

<u>Costs of Services</u> <u>for the period ended 30 June 2017</u>	Full Original Budget \$'000	Full Amended Budget \$'000	Recommended Variations \$'000	Carry Forward Variations \$'000	Projected Result \$'000	YTD Actual \$'000	YTD v Projected Result %	Notes
% of year elapsed	100%							
<u>Community & Cultural</u>	Attachment B-2							
Income								
General Manager Community	-	-	572		572	572	0%	1
Community Development	-	-	5		5	5	102%	
Community Engagement	-	38	-		38	38	100%	
Customer Services	102	117	-		117	115	98%	
Darwin Safer City	150	150	-		150	150	100%	
Family & Children	170	174	-		174	173	99%	
Libraries	1,519	1,535	133		1,668	1,670	100%	2
Major Community Events	100	102	-		102	102	100%	
Recreation & Leisure	504	577	37		614	613	100%	3
Regulatory & Animal Management	3,309	3,268	-648		2,620	2,621	100%	4
Sister Cities	-	3	-		3	6	195%	
Youth Projects	2	12	14		27	26	99%	
Total income	5,857	5,977	113	-	6,089	6,091	100%	
Expense								
General Manager Community	536	486	589	-572	503	514	102%	1
Community Development	923	923	-139		784	772	98%	5
Community Engagement	-	159	-	-19	140	148	106%	
Customer Services	605	620	56		676	678	100%	6
Darwin Entertainment Centre	902	883	-	-136	747	747	100%	
Darwin Safer City	692	803	-71		732	724	99%	7
Family & Children	365	369	-16		353	350	99%	
Libraries	3,674	3,690	17		3,707	3,707	100%	
Major Community Events	525	587	-		587	582	99%	
Recreation & Leisure	1,580	1,693	-65		1,628	1,628	100%	8

1. Notes do not include commentary on Carry Forward Variations -these are listed in Attachment E

2. Numbers are prior to final end of year adjustments and may vary from final result

<u>Costs of Services</u> <u>for the period ended 30 June 2017</u>	Full Original Budget \$'000	Full Amended Budget \$'000	Recommended Variations \$'000	Carry Forward Variations \$'000	Projected Result \$'000	YTD Actual \$'000	YTD v Projected Result %	Notes
% of year elapsed							100%	
Regulatory & Animal Management	4,546	4,602	-318	-38	4,245	4,246	100%	9
Sister Cities	168	180	-	-20	160	157	99%	
Youth Projects	495	505	-12		493	493	100%	
Total expense	15,013	15,501	40	-785	14,756	14,746	100%	
Net surplus (-cost)	-9,156	-9,524	72	785	-8,667	-8,655	100%	

Community & Cultural Serv Notes on recommended variations:

1. Grant income received from Commonwealth for Safer Communities. CCTV mobile cameras (total funding is \$635k, balance to be received in 17/18. Recognise corresponding expense budget to carry forward to be expended in 2017/18.
2. Grant income from NTG to construct a silent room with study booths at Casuarina Library. Transferred to Unspent Grants Reserve to be expended in 2017/18 (from capital expenditure budget).
3. Additional rental income for Parap Recreational facility for lease and increase in Casuarina and Nightcliff pool income.
4. Infringement income below anticipated budgets: CBD and Off-street \$480k, Public Places and General \$104k.; offset by increase in Suburban infringements \$32k and Permits \$4k. Animal registration fees also below target by \$100k.
5. Savings in Community Safety program \$62k (\$17k transferred to GM City Life projects for 60th anniversary); Community grants \$16k; Community Development (\$19k) and Activities (\$47k) programs due to vacancies through out the year.
6. Customer Services salaries and banner expense exceeded budget.
7. Savings in Darwin Safer City program relating to staff vacancies.
8. Savings in Casuarina and Nightcliff Pool operating expenses.
9. Decrease in CBD, Off-street and General infringement write off expense , in line with reduction in income \$318k. Transfer \$49k to capital program for mobile

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% of year elapsed	100%							
Corporate Services	Attachment B-3							
Income								
General Manager Corporate	6	6	-		6	2	30%	
Employee Relations	105	105	4		109	115	105%	
Finance Management	490	490	80		570	570	100%	1
Information Technology	53	53	24		77	77	101%	2
On & Off Street Parking	5,122	5,122	-81		5,041	5,041	100%	3
Property Management	1,497	1,506	-50		1,456	1,456	100%	4
Total income	7,272	7,280	-23	-	7,257	7,261	100%	
Expense								
General Manager Corporate	662	662	-35		627	624	99%	5
Business Services	290	290	150	-150	290	287	99%	6
Contract Administration	161	161	-		161	167	104%	
Employee Overheads (net)	117	117	47		164	163	100%	7
Employee Relations	1,590	1,635	50	-50	1,635	1,635	100%	5 & 8
Finance Management	2,914	2,940	421		3,361	3,361	100%	1&9
Information Technology	2,736	2,736	-104	-30	2,602	2,602	100%	10
On & Off Street Parking	5,170	5,246	-34		5,212	5,212	100%	11
Property Management	165	183	-		183	187	102%	
Records & Information Management	668	744	-44		700	700	100%	12
Risk Management	1,191	1,240	-57	-67	1,116	1,114	100%	13
Total expense	15,666	15,954	394	-297	16,051	16,052	100%	
Net surplus (-cost)	-8,394	-8,674	-417	297	-8,794	-8,791	100%	

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<u>Costs of Services</u> <u>for the period ended 30 June 2017</u>	Full Original Budget \$'000	Full Amended Budget \$'000	Recommended Variations \$'000	Carry Forward Variations \$'000	Projected Result \$'000	YTD Actual \$'000	YTD v Projected Result %	Notes
% of year elapsed							100%	
<u>Corporate Services Notes on recommended variations:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Additional income (and correlating expense) for revenue recovery & legal \$100k; partially offset income received than budgeted for rate searches (\$20k). 2. Additional income recovered from photocopiers. 3. On street parking income less than budget by \$103k (Zone A \$152 offset by higher in Zone B & C \$49k). Net increase in Off Street parking by \$22k (West Lane \$69k and Chinatown \$21k, offset by less in Cavenagh, Nichols Place, Civic Centre and Stott Lane). 4. Less than anticipated lease income due to vacancies in West Lane Arcade and Chinatown . 5. Transfer savings in GM Corporate training budget to Employee Relations required for Leadership Essentials training carry forward. 6. Transfer form capital budget operational component of CBD activation as per Council Decision 21\5547 required for carry forward. 7. Under recovery of Employee related overheads following annual revaluation of employee leave entitlements. 8. Employee Relations additional budget required for Leadership Essentials training carry forward. 9. Increase costs mainly contributed to - revenue recovery & legal expenses \$100k (as per Item 1 offset by additional income), revaluation expense due to adjustment for correct financial year recognition ; adjustment for annual revaluation of doubtful debts. 10. Savings in telephone expense budget. 11. Savings in off street parking contractor and material expenses budget. 12. Savings in salaries due to vacancies throughout year and in contracted archiving storage services . 13. Savings in insurance premiums and under excess claims. 								

Costs of Services for the period ended 30 June 2017	Full Original Budget \$'000	Full Amended Budget \$'000	Recommended Variations \$'000	Carry Forward Variations \$'000	Projected Result \$'000	YTD Actual \$'000	YTD v Projected Result %	Notes
% of year elapsed	100%							
Infrastructure	Attachment B-4							
Income								
General Manager Infrastructure	-	-	-		-	-		
Asset Management	-	-	-		-	-		
Operations	-	-	-		-	-		
Building Services	1	1	-		1	0	13%	
Design, Planning & Projects	-	3	-		3	8	246%	
Mosquito Control			138		138	138	100%	1
Fleet Management	73	73	-12		61	61	100%	
Parks & Reserves	192	192	22		214	214	100%	2
Roads Maintenance	1,778	1,752	2,163	906	4,821	4,821	100%	3
Development	486	486	-186		300	300	100%	4
Waste Management	20,148	20,148	-941		19,207	19,207	100%	5
Total income	22,677	22,655	1,184	906	24,745	24,749	100%	
Expense								
General Manager Infrastructure	592	517	-		517	527	102%	
Asset Management	437	492	-		492	493	100%	
Design, Planning & Projects	1,826	2,159	47	-75	2,131	2,131	100%	6
Operations	1,058	1,033	106		1,139	1,142	100%	7
Building Services	4,235	4,235	-		4,235	4,231	100%	
Fleet Management (net of internal charges/hire) *	-1,736	-1,736	-26		-1,762	-1,762	100%	8
Mosquito Control	137	137	92		230	230	100%	9
Parks & Reserves	15,476	15,645	-89	-25	15,531	15,525	100%	10
Pathways	919	1,114	558		1,672	1,672	100%	11
Roads Maintenance	6,595	6,669	886	-30	7,525	7,525	100%	12
Stormwater Drainage	639	639	52		691	690	100%	13
Cleaning Services	3,263	3,263	-191		3,073	3,072	100%	14
Development	453	453	-86		367	367	100%	15

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Costs of Services for the period ended 30 June 2017	Full Original Budget \$'000	Full Amended Budget \$'000	Recommended Variations \$'000	Carry Forward Variations \$'000	Projected Result \$'000	YTD Actual \$'000	YTD v Projected Result %	Notes
% of year elapsed							100%	
Waste Management	16,323	16,323	-372		15,950	15,967	100%	16
Total expense	50,218	50,943	976	-130	51,789	51,810	100%	
Net surplus (-cost)	-27,541	-28,288	208	1,036	-27,044	-27,061	100%	

Infrastructure Notes on recommended variations:

1. Mosquito control grant received; transferred to unspent grants reserve.
2. Higher income than budgeted for cemetery fees.
3. Street lighting r&m grant \$2.16M recognised, offset by corresponding expenditure.
4. Development income did not achieve anticipated budget (road reserves permits and licences, subdivision plan approvals and recoverable works).
5. Weighbridge income not achieved due to less tonnage at Weighbridge (partially offset by lower operational expenses).
6. Transfer part budget for position 7007 to where this has been actually costed to.
7. Transfer budget from savings in roads operational budgets to cover consult expense in Operations program.
8. Net savings in Fleet program (fuel, materials, small plant purchases (\$389k) offset by lower plant hire recovery charges (\$363k).
9. Overspent in mosquito control expenditure.
10. Savings in water & sewage and internal plant hire (plant costings higher in roads program) partially offset by additional expenses in materials & services .
11. Pathways program overspent; transfer budget from roads maintenance.
12. Street lighting repairs & maintenance charge \$2.16M (offset by corresponding grants per item 3). Savings in Roads maintenance program transferred to other operational areas within infrastructure (Operations \$106k, Pathways \$558k and Stormwater \$52k ,as per items 7 ,11 &13) and transfers to capital programs (\$140k). Net additional savings in Roads program \$421k.
13. Drainage maintenance program overspent; transfer budget from roads maintenance.
14. Savings in Cleaning Services program, includes litter bin program savings (\$48k) transferred back to Waste Reserve where funding originally sourced.
15. Savings in recoverable works.
16. Lower operational expenses at Weighbridge in line with reduction in income. Offset by additional interest expense to unwind NPV of remediation provisions.

Costs of Services for the period ended 30 June 2017	Full Original Budget \$'000	Full Amended Budget \$'000	Recommended Variations \$'000	Carry Forward Variations \$'000	Projected Result \$'000	YTD Actual \$'000	YTD v Projected Result %	Notes
% of year elapsed							100%	
General Income								
							Attachment B-5	
General Revenues (rates, interest, Federal Asstce)	64,998	64,952	80	871	65,903	65,909	100%	1
Grants & Contributions and Other Income for Capital Purposes	10,564	4,943	658	-2,339	3,262	3,259	100%	2
Total income	75,562	69,895	738	-1,468	69,165	69,167	100%	
Expense								
Corporate overheads charged to other accounts	-5,607	-5,607	-		-5,607	-5,607	100%	
Depreciation	22,397	22,397	1,954		24,351	24,351	100%	3
Loss on sale/disposal assets	-	-	4,214		4,214	4,214	100%	4
Total expense	16,790	16,790	6,168	-	22,958	22,958	100%	
Net surplus (-cost)	58,771	53,104	-5,430	-1,468	46,207	46,209		
Net surplus (-cost) All Services	9,398	2,180	-5,662	941	-2,540	-2,557		

General Notes on recommended variations:

1. Additional rates income (growth \$59k & penalty interest \$157k). Offset by investment interest income below original target \$136k.
2. Contributed assets recognised \$430k (WIP Salonika St), Blackspot income accrual for works Jabiru/Lee Point Rd intersection \$104k and developer contributions \$124k Berrimah Business Park.
3. Depreciation adjustment in part from revaluation of Buildings and new recognised Waste remediation assets.
4. Recognise final year end loss on sale/disposal of assets and fair value adjustment loss taken up through income statement (\$4.M Waste assets, \$157k plant, \$80k other infrastructure).

Statement of Cash & Investments as at 30 June 2017	Full Original Budget \$'000	Full Amended Budget \$'000	Recommended Variations \$'000	Carry Forward Result \$'000	Projected Result \$'000	YTD Actual \$'000	Notes
Unrestricted	8,137	11,698	494		12,193	13,038	
Legally restricted							
CBD Carparking Shortfall - Developer Cont.	12,248	12,277	-10		12,267	12,267	1
CBD Carparking Shortfall - Rate Levy	11,826	11,753	-14		11,739	11,739	2
DEC Air Conditioning Replacement	432	432	-		432	432	
Developer Contributions	839	1,274	146	301	1,721	1,725	3
Highway/Commercial Carparking Shortfall	19	17	1	30	48	48	
Market Site Development	335	335	-		335	336	
Other Carparking Shortfall	85	83	7	261	351	352	
Unspent Grants	-	1,735	143	1,177	3,055	3,055	4
Waste Management Reserve	2,129	2,018	-478		1,540	1,538	5
Total legally restricted	27,913	29,924	-204	1,769	31,489	31,492	
Internally restricted							
Asset Replacement & Refurbishment *	-	3,586	197	868	4,651	4,645	6
Carry Forward	-	3,653	-	7,054	10,707	10,707	
Darwin General Cemetery	-	-	-	4	4	4	
DEC Asset Replacement/Refurbishment	133	133	-		133	133	
Disaster Contingency	1,001	1,035	-		1,035	1,036	
Election Expense	345	346	-203		144	145	7
Environmental	247	326	-	140	466	472	
IT Strategy	-	-	-	434	434	434	
Nightcliff Community Hall	26	26	-		26	26	
Off & On Street Carparking **	1,050	5,740	-434	51	5,357	5,354	8
Plant Replacement	1,082	1,308	40	1,130	2,478	2,478	9
Public Art	181	291	-	90	381	381	
Street Lighting Reserve	3,412	3,312	-		3,312	3,312	
Tree Risk Management Reserve	500	331	-		331	331	
Total internally restricted	7,977	20,088	-399	9,771	29,460	29,458	
Total Cash & Investments	44,027	61,710	-109	11,540	73,141	73,988	

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Notes on recommended variations:**1. CBD Carparking Shortfall Developer Contributions Reserve****Transfers Out (Decreases to Reserve):**

- \$10k interest adjustment calculated for final end of year balance.

2. CBD Carparking Shortfall Rate Levy Reserve**Transfers Out (Decreases to Reserve):**

- \$14k interest adjustment calculated for final end of year balance.

3. Developer Contributions Reserve**Transfers In (Increases to Reserve):**

- \$124k developer contributions Income - Berrimah Business Park and \$22k interest adjustment calculated for final end of year balance.

4. Unspent Grants Reserve**Transfers In (Increases to Reserve):**

- \$132k Casuarina Library silent room.
- \$12k Blackspot - transfer in Black Spot residual grant monies.

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5. Waste Management

Transfers In (Increases to Reserve):

- \$600k capital program cell capping; not required in 16/17 transfer back to reserve.
- \$126k interest adjustment calculated for final end of year balance.
- \$109k savings in cleaning services program (street sweeping component funded from Waste Reserve).
- \$49k savings in operational litter bin replacement program.
- \$49k capital program Weighbridge entrance works; savings transfer back to reserve.

Transfers Out (Decreases to Reserve):

- \$918k capital program Cell 5 construction, additional costs funded from the reserve.
- \$409k capital program Leachate Treatment, additional costs funded from the reserve.
- \$84k net decrease from less activity at Weighbridge (\$941k decrease in income budget offset by decrease in expense \$857k).

6. Asset Replacement & Refurbishment Reserve (ARR)

Transfers In (Increases to Reserve):

- \$186k Solar PV budget not spent in 16/17 transfer back to reserve.
- \$11k savings in LED electrical upgrade works at 100 Mitchell St; transfer back to reserve.

7. Election Expense Reserve

Transfers Out (Decreases to Reserve):

- \$202k - 2017 elections expense (remaining costs to be charged in 2017/18).

8. Off & On Street Carparking

Transfers In (Increases to Reserve):

- \$34k savings in off street parking program materials and services expenses.
- \$22k net increase in off street parking income (West Lane \$69k and Chinatown \$21k, offset by less mainly in Cavenagh and Stott Lane).

Transfers Out (Decreases to Reserve):

- \$350k net decrease from CBD enforcement income (\$478k less income partially offset by decrease in expenses \$128k).
- \$103k net decrease in on street parking (\$152k decrease in Zone A partially offset by increases in B & C).
- \$36k decrease in West Lane Arcade lease income.

9. Plant Replacement Reserve

Transfers In (Increases to Reserve):

- \$26k increase in traded plant sale proceeds.
- \$14k net savings in Fleet program - mainly relating to fuel, materials and small plant purchases, offset by lower plant hire recovery.

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Statement of Capital Expenditure	Full Original	Full Amended	Recommended	Carry Forward	Projected	YTD	YTD v Projected	
for the period ended 30 June 2017	Budget	Budget	Variations	Variations	Result	Actual	Result	
Master Account	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%	Notes
02 Community & Cultural Services Department								
05/221060 Swimming Pools Capital Projects Expenditure	12,310	11,117	-	-3,147	7,971	7,971	100%	
05/221061 Community Projects Capital Expenditure	177	386	-	-260	126	126	100%	
05/223060 Recreation Capital Projects	100	304	-	-3	301	300	100%	
05/223065 Sports Facilities - Capital Projects	-	150	-	-81	69	69	100%	
05/235060 Libraries Capital Expenditure	-	-	133	-133	-	-	1000%	1
05/332089 Darwin Entertainment Centre Capital Projects	4,288	1,257	-	-838	420	420	100%	
05/242060 Regulatory Services Capital Projects	-	-	49	-	49	49	100%	2
02 Community & Cultural Services Department Total	16,875	13,215	181	-4,461	8,935	8,934	100%	
03 Infrastructure								
05/311060 Infrastructure Capital Projects	1,000	2,687	-39	-826	1,822	1,821	100%	3
05/322062 Minor Capital Works Program	142	142	4	-	146	143	98%	
05/322063 Streetscape Development & Upgrade	400	243	-	-10	233	233	100%	
05/322066 Roads to Recovery Capital Projects Expenditure	-	211	35	-95	152	152	100%	4
05/322067 LATM Capital Projects Expenditure	251	171	-	-127	44	44	100%	
05/322068 Cyclepath Capital Projects	561	344	-	-228	116	116	100%	
05/322069 Black Spot Program	-	532	104	-250	386	386	100%	5
05/322070 Lee Point Road Upgrade	-	33	13	-	45	45	100%	
05/331061 Footpaths Capital Projects	840	801	-	-10	792	783	99%	
05/331062 Disability Access Capital Projects (W/O ONLY)	54	122	-21	-21	80	79	99%	6
05/331064 Driveway Capital Projects	235	235	-57	-	178	178	100%	7
05/331065 Road Reseal & Rehabilitation Capital Projects	1,934	1,584	-201	-198	1,186	1,186	100%	8
05/331066 Streetlighting Capital Projects	115	176	-	-119	58	58	100%	
05/331067 Parks Lighting Capital Projects	359	605	-	-212	393	390	99%	
05/331068 Kerbing Capital Projects	30	30	3	-	33	33	100%	
05/331069 Traffic Signals Capital Projects	92	118	-	-40	78	74	94%	
05/332060 Building Maintenance Capital Projects	1,032	1,444	-231	-285	927	920	99%	9
05/332063 Signage & Memorial Capital Projects	27	27	-	-17	10	8	79%	
05/332082 Investment Properties Capital Refurbish (W/O ONLY)	-	212	-10	-140	62	62	100%	

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for the period ended 30 June 2017	Budget	Budget	Variations	Variations	Result	Actual	Result	
Master Account	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%	Notes
05/332083 Toilet Block Capital Projects	-	379	81	-89	371	370	100%	10
05/332086 Open Spaces Capital Refurbishment Costs (W/O ONLY)	853	1,477	-25	-428	1,025	1,025	100%	11
05/333062 Shoal Bay Upgrade Works	9,828	7,055	678	-	7,733	7,733	100%	12
05/334060 Stormwater Drainage Capital Projects	1,000	1,370	197	-326	1,241	1,241	100%	13
05/334065 Walkway Capital Projects	162	56	-	-25	31	29	94%	
05/334068 Mosquito Control Capital Projects	127	225	-	-225	-	-	1000%	
05/335060 Fleet Management Capital Projects	2,624	3,849	-	-1,130	2,718	2,718	100%	
05/341061 Fencing Capital Projects	148	148	-	-	148	148	100%	
05/341062 Parks & Reserves Revitalisation Capital Projects	1,087	1,377	-4	-60	1,313	1,312	100%	
05/341063 Parks Infrastructure Capital Projects	139	196	3	-50	149	148	99%	
05/341064 Parks & Reserves General Capital Projects	100	35	-	-	35	35	100%	
05/341065 Parks Landscaping & Irrigation Capital Projects	407	423	-	-40	383	384	100%	
03 Infrastructure Total	23,546	26,306	530	-4,950	21,885	21,851	100%	
04 Corporate Services Department								
05/421061 Finance Capital Expenditure	-	82	-	-35	47	47	100%	
05/431060 IT Capital Projects	755	803	-	-779	23	23	100%	
05/432060 Records Capital Expenditure	-	26	-	-25	1	1	100%	
05/453065 Off Street Parking Capital Projects	325	377	-	-348	29	29	100%	
05/456060 On Street Parking Capital Projects	-	466	-	-	466	466	100%	
04 Corporate Services Department Total	1,080	1,753	-	-1,188	565	565	100%	
Total	41,501	41,274	711	-10,600	31,386	31,350	100%	

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Statement of Capital Expenditure

for the period ended 30 June 2017
Master Account

Full Original	Full Amended	Recommended	Carry Forward	Projected	YTD	YTD v Projected	Notes
Budget \$'000	Budget \$'000	Variations \$'000	Variations \$'000	Result \$'000	Actual \$'000	Result %	

Notes on recommended variations:

1. Expenditure budget to carry forward grant income received from Commonwealth for Safer Communities. CCTV mobile cameras (total funding is \$635k, balance to be received in 17/18) to be expended
2. Mobile infringement devices transfer budget from operational projects as expenditure capital in nature.
3. Transfer \$150k for CBD activation to operational budgets in line with Council Decision 21\5547, offset by \$111k transfer from Roads capital budget to Dinah Beach Rd.
4. Cavenagh St Asphaltting project reallocated as R2R, transfer in revenue component from Roads program.
5. Blackspot grant funded project: Lee Point Rd/Jabiru St Intersection Upgrade expenditure
6. Transfer funds to Anula Toilet Block Upgrade (Item 10).
7. Savings in Driveway Replacement Program
8. Cavenagh St Asphaltting reallocated to R2R program , transfer funds out to Dinah Beach Rd \$111k (as per Item 3) and \$35k to R2R expenditure budget (Item 4), in addition \$99k transferred to Benison Stormwater project as overspent (Item 13). Offset by transfer in of \$45k for Malabar Court reconstruction works transferred in from operational program.
9. Unspent Solar PV budget transfer back to ARR Reserve \$186k, and \$45k transfer to Anula Toilet Block Upgrade (Item 10).
10. Anula Toilet Block Upgrade additional funds required - transferred from other capital budgets \$73k plus City Public Toilet \$7k.
11. Transfer to Toilet Block Projects \$15k and \$10k to other infrastructure projects to cover minor overspends.
12. Additional expenditure for Cell 5 design and construction \$918k, Leachate Treatment \$409k offset by Cell Capping not required in 16/17 \$600k and underspend in Weighbridge Entrance Works \$49k. Net balance of \$678k to be funded from Waste Management Reserve.
13. Additional funds required for Stormwater Drainage works for Atkins Rd and Bennison Rd projects.

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	General Funds	Reserve	Grant	Loan	Total
Operational	2,498,292	150,000	630,766	0	3,279,058
Capital	4,555,887	3,158,523	546,715	0	8,261,125
Total 2016/17	7,054,179	3,308,523	1,177,481	0	11,540,183

Excludes early carry forwards from Qtrs 1 -3

OPERATIONAL CARRY FORWARDS FROM 2016/17 TO 2017/18 (Q4_2)							
Ref	Section	Project Name	Description	Carryforward	Revenue	Grant	Reserve
1a	Darwin Entertainment Centre	DEC Operational to capital as per Council Decision 21	\$64k moved to Darwin Entertainment Centre Aircon replacement project as per Council decision 21\5489	64,000	64,000		
1b	Darwin Entertainment Centre	DEC operational expenses in 17/18	Repairs and maintenance savings to be utilised in 17/18 for operational expenses	71,777	71,777		
2a	Strategy & Outcomes	Internal staff survey	Internal staff survey to be carried out in 2018.	15,000	15,000		
2b	Strategy & Outcomes	Economic demographic data update	Existing software update	15,000	15,000		
3	GM Community	Safe Communities	Grant funding received for 5 mobile CCTV cameras to be gifted to NT Police. Project will commence in 17/18 financial year	571,500		571,500	
4	City Works	FAA Early Release income - Roads	Payment of the first and second quarter allocations of the 2017/18 FA Roads component received in 16/17 financial year	906,098	906,098		
4	Finance	FAA Early Release income - General	Payment of the first and second quarter allocations of the 2017/18 FA grant General Purpose component received in 16/17 financial year	870,841	870,841		
5	Reg Serv - Animals	Mobile handheld devices	Continued implementation of mobile infield service units.	8,724	8,724		
6	Various	City Futures projects	Project funding - City Futures	100,000	100,000		
Total				2,622,940	2,051,440	571,500	-

OPERATIONAL CARRY FORWARDS FROM 2016/17 TO 2017/18 (Q4_1) PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY COUNCIL							
Ref as per prev report	Section	Project Name	Description	Carryforward	Revenue	Grant	Reserve
1	Organisational Development Deve	Leadership Essentials	The final evaluation of the 16/17 Leadership Essentials Program takes place on the 5th July 2017.	10,000	10,000		
5	Communications & Marketing	Open Data	Funding to develop Council's Open Data Portal and Program.	37,000	37,000		
6	Governance	2017/18 Strategic Planning	Develop a new strategic plan for the City of Darwin including community consultation.	120,000	120,000		
15	Communications & Marketing	Bike Plan Implementation	Agreement between NT Government and City of Darwin for Bike Plan implementation	74,212	74,212		
TBA	Business Services	CBD Activation Fund	To reflect and implement Council decision from report 17A0064 Attachment A (see also capital carry forwards to make up the total \$500,000)	150,000	-		150,000

Ref	Section	Project Name	Description	Carryforward	Revenue	Grant	Reserve
10	Community Engagement	Gardens Oval Lights Consultation	The consultation has been delayed. The final payment of \$19,015 will be made to True North Strategic Communication once the final report is received, which is expected to be August 2017.	19,015	-	19,015	
8	Reg Serv - Animals	Animal Education Project	This was a 2016/17 new project for additional education and advertising around registration periods and audits once the Animal Education officer was appointed.	29,071	29,071		
2	Risk Management	Outstanding internal audit fees	Final internal audit report to be received in 17/18 financial year.	67,000	67,000		
4	Employee Relations	Leadership Essentials Program	Leadership Essentials Program for August 2017	49,569	49,569		
11b	Parks & Reserve	Civic Park maintenance work	Conduct significant maintenance work within Civic Park	25,000	25,000		
14a	Design, Dev & Projects	Wayfinding Signage Strategy	Signage unable to be installed as strategy needs to be finalised in line with City Centre revitalisation works.	28,300	-	28,300	
13h	Design, Dev & Projects	Nightcliff Rd/Progress Drv intersection study	\$60k is NTG grant money. Project is ongoing and is due for completion in August 2017.	46,951	35,000	11,951	
Total				656,118	446,852	59,266	150,000
TOTAL OPERATIONAL CARRY FORWARDS FROM 2016/17 TO 2017/18				3,279,058	2,498,292	630,766	150,000

CAPITAL CARRY FORWARDS FROM 2016/17 TO 2017/18 (Q4_2)

	Project Name	Master	Carryforward	Revenue	Grant	Reserve	Reserve Name	Description
1	Parap Pool	221060	3,146,716	768,216	2,238,500	140,000	Environmental	Cashflow amended to meet delivery requirements.
2	Parap Pool Grant Income**	223130	-2,238,500		-2,238,500			Cashflow amended to match delivery requirements.
		Net Total	908,216	768,216	0	140,000		
3	Synthetic Turf Cricket Wicket	223060	3,300	3,300				New synthetic cricket wickets in progress.
		223060 Total	3,300	3,300	0	0		
4	Velodrome Upgrade	223065	80,911		80,911			NTG grant funds requiring carry forward
		223065 Total	80,911	0	80,911	0		
5	Bennett/Cavenagh Intersection Upgrade	311060	22,158	22,158				Contract awarded works to commence 13 November 2017.
6	Bicentennial Park Community Space	311060	39,703			39,703	ARR	Project completed - timing of invoices.
7	Dinah Beach Road	311060	69,495	69,495				Design in progress.
8	Cooling Weather Protection - Cavenagh /Bennett St Upgrade	311060	245,130	120,590		124,540	ARR	Contract awarded works to commence 13 November 2017.
9	Daly/Smith St Urban Centre-Harriet Place Revitalisation	311060	100,000		100,000			Council decision place project on hold.
		311060 Total	476,486	212,243	100,000	164,243		
10	Streetscape Development	322063	9,973	9,973				Carry forward funds for projects in 2017/18
		322063 Total	9,973	9,973	0	0		
11	Esplanade Resurface Reconstruction	322066	94,667	94,667				Finalisation of funds to be referred to 1st Quarter Budget Review.
		322066 Total	94,667	94,667	0	0		
12	Local Area Traffic Management	322067	5,000	5,000				Carry forward funds for projects in 2017/18 LATM program
13	Moil Crescent Lighting Design	322067	21,060	21,060				Project in progress.
14	Jessop Crescent Intersection Realignment	322067	35,000	35,000				Project completed - timing of invoices.
15	Speed Check Signs	322067	5,609	5,609				Carry forward funds for projects in 2017/18 LATM program
16	East Point Reserve Pedestrian Crossing	322067	60,000	60,000				Carry forward funds for projects in 2017/18 LATM program
		322067 Total	126,669	126,669	0	0		
17	Smith/Daly Intersection Upgrade	322069	215,329			215,329	DC	In progress - timing delayed.
18	Lee Point Road and Jabiru Street Intersection Upgrade	322069	11,818		11,818			Project completed - timing of invoices.
19	Ryland Road & Clarke Cres Intersection	322069	22,830	18,630	4,200			Project has been completed, carry forward funds for projects in 2017/18 LATM projects
		322069 Total	249,977	18,630	16,018	215,329		
20	Footpath Construction- Trower Road (between Rocklands and Eridunda)	331061	9,542	9,542				Project completed - timing of invoices.
		331061 Total	9,542	9,542	0	0		
21	Disability Access Program	331062	6,467	6,467				Ongoing program
22	Disability access Program - Anula Toilet Block	331062	3,100	3,100				Project completed - timing of invoices.
23	Albatross Street Footpath Renewal	331062	1,468	1,468				Project completed - timing of invoices.
24	Signal modifications - Lee point Rd - Parer Drive Intersection	331062	10,119	10,119				Project commenced.
		331062 Total	21,154	21,154	0	0		

	Project Name	Master	Carryforward	Revenue	Grant	Reserve	Reserve Name	Description
25	Furnell Cres Chip Seal	331065	7,049	7,049				Carry forward to the 2017/18 reseal program.
26	Frangipanni St Chip Seal	331065	9,934	9,934				
27	Glenco Cres Chip Seal	331065	9,650	9,650				
28	Nash Place Chip Seal	331065	4,990	4,990				
29	Asphalt Program - Beagle Street	331065	13,352	13,352				
30	Kellaway St Chip Seal	331065	6,653	6,653				
		331065 Total	51,628	51,628	0	0		
31	Street Light Upgrade	331066	118,566	118,566				Projects delayed due to street lighting transition.
		331066 Total	118,566	118,566	0	0		
32	Malak Market Lighting	331067	173,227		173,227			Commenced September 2017
33	Malak Market Lighting Grant Income**	322032	-100,000		-100,000			Offsetting grant income scheduled to be received in 2017/18
34	Tree of Knowledge Lighting	331067	30,000	30,000				Project commenced.
35	Civic Building Facade Lighting	331067	8,761	8,761				Project completed - timing of invoices.
		NetTotal	111,988	38,761	73,227	0		
36	Council Buildings - Renewals	332060	60,956	60,956				Various projects at various stages of implementation.
37	Mindil Beach Water Main Replacement	332060	224,311			224,311	ARR	Funding was achieved over 2 years - project deferred to after Mindil markets season.
38	Casurina Library Silent Room	332060	132,653		132,653			Grant funding received 30 June 2017 for the construction of a Silent Room at Casuarina Library.
		332060 Total	417,920	60,956	132,653	224,311		
39	Darwin General Cemetery Upgrade & Refurbishment	332063	17,159	12,744		4,415	Cemetery	Carry forward funds for projects in 2017/18
		332063 Total	17,159	12,744	0	4,415		
40	Doctors Gully Slope Stabilisation	332082	140,114	20,547		119,567	ARR	Project under review - funds to be moved back into reserve.
		332082 Total	140,114	20,547	0	119,567		
41	Anula Toilet Block Upgrade	332083	88,517	88,517				Project completed.
		332083 Total	88,517	88,517	0	0		
42	Coastal Erosion	332086	37,756	37,756				Coastal erosion management plans in progress.
43	Nightcliff North Coastal Erosion	332086	389,939	389,939				Project completed.
		332086 Total	427,695	427,695	0	0		

	Project Name	Master	Carryforward	Revenue	Grant	Reserve	Reserve Name	Description
44	Design Documentation - DEC Airconditioning	332089	346,771	346,771				Funds required for project that is being delivered across 2 financial years
45	Darwin Entertainment Centre; Upgrades & Refurbishment	332089	490,786	490,786				Funds required for project that is being delivered across 2 financial years
		332089 Total	837,557	837,557	0	0		
46	Nightcliff Drainage Study	334060	65,821	65,821				Works underway completed 1st quarter 2017/18.
47	Bennison Road - Storm Water Flooding	334060	165,557	165,557				Project delayed due to ground water levels, construction in progress.
		334060 Total	231,378	231,378	0	0		
48	Walkways Refurbishment	334065	24,966	24,966				Carry forward funds for projects in 2017/18
		334065 Total	24,966	24,966	0	0		
49	Mosquito Control Program	334068	225,339	88,054	137,285			Combined Council and NTG program.
		334068 Total	225,339	88,054	137,285	0		
50	Plant Replacement Program	335060	1,130,269	0		1,130,269	Plant	Ongoing plant replacement program.
		335060 Total	1,130,269	0	0	1,130,269		
51	Playground Refurbishment & Shades	341062	59,576	59,576				Ongoing Council program.
		341062 Total	59,576	59,576	0	0		
52	Establish "Garden of Light"	341063	50,000	50,000				Elected member initiative from 2015/16 - Council report scheduled November 2017.
		341063 Total	50,000	50,000	0	0		
53	Annual Oval Surrounds Irrigation	341065	7,893	7,893				2 stage project
54	Irrigation Infrastructure - Buchanan Terrace ,Crocker St & Cahill Grove	341065	9,000	9,000				Upgrades to meters.
55	Water Efficiency Program	341065	15,018	15,018				Ongoing program
56	Anula Green Belt	341065	8,055	8,055				Upgrade of water supply.
		341065 Total	39,966	39,966	0	0		
57	IT Network and Systems Upgrade	431060	779,478	345,724		433,754	IT Strategy	Works in progress - completion December 2017.
		431060 Total	779,478	345,724	0	433,754		
58	Records Management Upgrade	432060	24,751	0		24,751	ARR	Records management system - works in progress.
		432060 Total	24,751	0	0	24,751		
59	On & Off St Parking Machines	453065	51,000	0		51,000	On & Off St Parking	Project on going - upgrade of equipment.
60	Dripstone Road Upgrade Study	453065	6,621	0	6,621			NTG grant funds - works in progress.
61	Bradshaw Toe Parking Solution	453065	30,106	0		30,106	Highway/Commercial Carparking Shortfall	Project under review funds to be moved into reserve
62	Smith Street West; Off Street Car Parking	453065	260,657	0		260,657	Other Carparking Shorfall	Project on hold pending consultation with NTG regarding City Deals.
		453065 Total	348,384	0	6,621	341,763		
Total Capital Carry Forwards Q4_2			7,106,146	3,761,029	546,715	2,798,402		

CAPITAL CARRY FORWARDS FROM 2016/17 TO 2017/18 (Q4_1) PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY COUNCIL

Ref as per prev report	Project Name	Master	Carryforward	Revenue	Grant	Reserve	Reserve Name	Description
16d	Public Art Maintenance	221061	20,743	20,743				Chime Conservatory Sculpture in China Town. Specialist bell maker will be secured to undertake the work.
16b	Memory Wall Parap Pool	221061	15,000	15,000				Design, fabrication and install a memory wall at Parap Pool
16c	Public Art Pilot Platform	221061	115,000	115,000				The digital panels and poster board infrastructure and EOI
16e	Parap Pool Public Art Commission	221061	89,531			89,531	Public Art	Final contracted payments
16a	Christmas Tree	221061	20,000	20,000				Expression of Interest for the provision of CBD Christmas decorations for 2017 -2019
		221061 Total	260,274	170,743	0	89,531		
TBA	CBD Revitalisation	311060	350,000	79,410		270,590	ARR \$184,866 & DC \$85,724	To reflect and implement Council decision from report 17A0064 Attachment A (see also operational carry forwards to make up the total \$500,000)
		311060 Total	350,000	79,410	0	270,590		
13a	Installation of Wayfinding Signage	322068	15,000	15,000				Signage unable to be installed as strategy needs to be finalised in line with the city revitalisation works
13b	Dick Ward Drive - Stage 1 Path Renewal	322068	124,549	124,549				Works are due to commence and be completed early in the 2017/18 financial year.
13c	Ross Smith Avenue Crash Hot Spots	322068	32,010	32,010				Review of findings is required prior to finalisation of drawings (to be completed 2017/18).
13d	Progress Drive /Dick Ward Drive Crash Hot Spot	322068	11,500	11,500				Project is ongoing and is due for completion in July 2017. Anticipated invoice to 30 June is \$12000
13e	Installation of Bike Racks	322068	44,838	44,838				Bike racks are in stock and require continued installation and will occur in the first three months of 2017/18
		322068 Total	227,897	227,897	0	0		
14b	Road Resurfacing - Bennett/Cavenagh St Reseal Component	331065	101,475	101,475				Carry forward of unallocated funds. Additional funds to be added on completion of remaining 16/17 program. To be used for resurfacing component of Bennett/Cavenagh project - reseal component.
11a	Malabar Court Reconstruction Works	331065	45,000	45,000				Works to start late June and expected to take two weeks
		331065 Total	146,475	146,475	0	0		
13f	CBD Traffic Signals - Improvement Review	331069	39,900	39,900				Project under review
		331069 Total	39,900	39,900	0	0		
11c	Stormwater works near Atkins Road	334060	95,000	95,000				Design and construct 90m of 450 concrete pipe for storm water as per scope of works letter near Atkins Road. Work will begin late June and go over roughly 3-4 weeks
		334060 Total	95,000	95,000	0	0		
12	General Ledger Project	421061	35,433	35,433				50% of milestones are yet to be completed before payment. Project timeline will carry into 17/18 FY.
		421061 Total	35,433	35,433	0	0		
	Total Capital Carry Forwards Q4_1 Updated		1,154,979	794,858	-	360,121		
	Total Capital Carry Forwards from 2016/17 to 2017/18		8,261,125	4,555,887	546,715	3,158,523		
	Total Excluding Capital Income Lines**		10,599,625	4,555,887	2,885,215	3,158,523		

ENCL: 2ND ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING/OPEN **AGENDA ITEM:** 15.1.2
YES

DRAFT DOG AND CAT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY - CONSULTATION

REPORT No.: 17CL0027 SJ:kl **COMMON No.:** 3035896 **DATE:** 31/10/2017

Presenter: Manager Engagement and Participation, Sheree Jeeves

Approved: General Manager City Life, Anna Malgorzewicz

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the survey to be used in the consultation for the revised Draft Dog and Cat Management Strategy.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies as outlined in the 'Evolving Darwin Towards 2020 Strategic Plan':-

Goal

5 Effective and Responsible Governance

Outcome

5.3 Good governance

Key Strategies

5.3.4 Encourage community participation by engaging, communicating and working in partnership with the community

KEY ISSUES

- In October 2015 the Animal Management Advisory Committee (AMAC) was established to provide recommendations to Council for inclusion in the development of a Dog and Cat Management Strategy.
- In March 2016 Council endorsed key recommendations from AMAC that were incorporated into the Draft Dog and Cat Management Strategy.
- The Draft Dog and Cat Management Strategy was released for community consultation in June 2017. The feedback from the consultation was used by AMAC to revise the Draft Dog and Cat Management Strategy which was presented to Council on the 17 October 2017.
- The revised Draft Dog and Cat Management Strategy will be presented back to community for a four week consultation period, including the survey shown in **Attachment A**.
- A further report on the outcomes of the consultation will be presented to Council in December 2017.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. THAT Report Number 17CL0027 SJ:kl entitled Draft Dog and Cat Management Strategy - Consultation, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council note the survey at **Attachment A** to Report Number 17CL0027 SJ:kl entitled Draft Dog And Cat Management Strategy – Consultation, to be used in the consultation on the revised Draft Dog and Cat Management Strategy.

BACKGROUND

PREVIOUS DECISIONS

DECISION NO.22\0065 (17/10/17)

Draft Dog and Cat Management Strategy

Report No. 17CL0017 BR:sg (17/10/17) Common No. 3035896

- A. *THAT council circulate the draft Dog and Cat Management Strategy for community consultation, including a survey, for 4 weeks prior to endorsement.*
- B. *THAT the consultation survey be reviewed and presented to Council prior to the community consultation.*
- C. *THAT a report on the outcomes of the consultation be presented to the Ordinary Council Meeting of 12 December 2017.*

DECISION NUMBER 21\5134 (31/01/17)

Draft Animal Management Strategy and Consultation Plan

Report No. 17A0006 AS:jg (31/01/17) Common No. 3035896

- B. *THAT Council endorse for the purposes of a level two public consultation the Domestic Animal Management Strategy 2017-2020 at **Attachment A** to Report Number 17A0006 AS:jg entitled Draft Animal Management Strategy and Consultation Plan.*
- C. *THAT the Animal Management Advisory Committee be reconvened for a two month period to discuss the community consultation results and make recommendations on changes to the draft Animal Management Strategy prior to its adoption by Council.*

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DISCUSSION

Animal Management is a key element of the City of Darwin's Regulatory Services program. Regulatory Services manages compliance with Council's By-Laws with an aim to contribute to and create a more desirable place in which to live, play, work and conduct business.

The Dog and Cat Management Strategy will guide Council and the community towards the goal of responsible pet ownership and management.

The development of the Draft Dog and Cat Management Strategy has occurred through the following process:

- Establishment of AMAC to review the existing Animal Management Plan and make recommendations for inclusion in the Dog and Cat Management Strategy.
- In March 2016 Council endorsed key recommendations from AMAC that were incorporated into the Draft Dog and Cat Management Strategy.
- The Draft Dog and Cat Management Strategy was released for community consultation in June 2017 for a period of six weeks.
- The feedback from the consultation was presented to AMAC to revise the Draft Dog and Cat Management Strategy.
- The revised Draft Dog and Cat Management Strategy was presented to Council on 17 October 2017.
- Council requested the revised Draft Dog and Cat Management Strategy be presented back to community for a four week consultation period.
- The outcomes of the consultation will be presented to Council on the 12 December 2017.

The revised draft Dog and Cat Management Strategy will be presented to the community for a period of consultation from the 1 November until the 28 November 2017. The revised Strategy will be available for the community to review and provide feedback through a survey, by written submission, phone or in person.

The following methods and tools will be used for the consultation:

- Council web page with survey
- Email to database of residents with dog/cat registrations (approx. 4200)
- Email to Community Engagement and Communications database (approx. 1500)
- Email to stakeholders i.e. pet groups, vets, peak bodies
- Fact Sheet available at Customer Service and Libraries
- Social Media (paid reach)
- Promotion by Elected Member social media pages
- eNewsletter
- Display screens at Customer Service, Libraries and pools
- NT News Ads

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- Staff engagement (Animal Management team)
- LM Radio
- Community members will be able to provide their feedback via survey, email, post, phone or in person

A further report will be presented to Council on the outcomes of the consultation in December 2017.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

In preparing this report, the following City of Darwin officers were consulted:

- Manager Regulatory Services

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The consultation will be delivered in accordance with Council Policy 025 Community Engagement.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The cost of advertising through the NT News and Social Media will be approximately \$1500.

RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

We the Author and Approving Officers declare that we do not have a Conflict of Interest in relation to this matter.

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MANAGER ENGAGEMENT AND
PARTICIPATION

ANNA MALGORZEWICZ
GENERAL MANAGER CITY LIFE

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Attachments:

Attachment A: Consultation Survey

Attachment B: Draft Dog and Cat Management Strategy

Draft Dog and Cat Management Strategy 2018 - 2022

The Draft Dog and Cat Management Strategy 2018-2022 will guide Council and the community towards the goal of responsible animal ownership and management. This is important to make sure people can enjoy the benefits of pet ownership whilst ensuring the health and wellbeing of all residents.

We would appreciate your help by taking a few moments to complete this survey. This survey is designed to get your feedback on key aspects of the draft Strategy. If you wish to view the full draft Strategy to provide a submission please go to www.darwin.nt.gov.au/dogandcatstrategy

1. The draft Strategy is based on the following Principles;

- **Service:** that is based on **Courtesy, Compassion, Common Sense, Compliance** and **Consistency**.
- **Responsiveness:** by being relevant, contemporary, efficient, collaborative and implementing current technology and thinking.
- **Evolving:** through qualified and experienced staff, staff training and education, incentives and education for responsible pet ownership and ongoing review of processes and procedures.

Do you support the Principles of the Strategy?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comment

2. The Goals of the draft Strategy are:

Amenity: Council supports pet ownership, whilst aiming to ensure that the keeping of pets does not unreasonably impact negatively on others in the community.

Safety: Council provides consistent regulation and management of compliance for dogs and cats to maintain and promote public safety.

Responsible Pet Ownership: Pet owners have a responsibility to care appropriately for pets, control them in public, and ensure they do not adversely impact on others.

Compliance with By-Laws: Council uses its ability through the enforcement, regulation and compliance with the by-laws to resolve conflicts when needed.

Do you support the Goals of the draft Strategy?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comment

Registration, Licencing and De-sexing

3. Over the next five years Council aims to increase dog and cat registrations by 20% or 5% each year. To achieve this the following key actions will be undertaken. Please rank to what extent you support each action:

	Not at all	To a slight extent	To a moderate extent	To a great extent	To a very great extent
Communication campaigns, community education and doorknock programs to increase awareness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Comment	<input type="text"/>				
Offer incentives through community microchipping , de-sexing and registration days	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Comment	<input type="text"/>				
Review animal registration processes including tag for life registration and an educative checklist	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Comment	<input type="text"/>				
Improve the dog and cat licence process and management	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Comment	<input type="text"/>				
Support an indigenous community animal health program with AMRRIC	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Comment	<input type="text"/>				
Investigate technology options to increase ease and convenience in registering pets.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Comment	<input type="text"/>				

Nuisance Barking

4. Over the next five years Council aims to reduce dog barking complaints by 20%. The following key actions are identified to tackle nuisance barking. Please rank to what extent you support each action:

	Not at all	To a slight extent	To a moderate extent	To a great extent	To a very great extent
Provide information, education and training for nuisance and barking dogs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Comment	<input type="text"/>				
Explore incentives to encourage pet owners to undertake obedience training	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Comment	<input type="text"/>				
Explore technologies for investigating nuisance barking complaints	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Comment	<input type="text"/>				
Investigate anti-barking and bark counting collars, as well as any other technology opportunities.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Comment	<input type="text"/>				

Dog Attacks

5. Over the next five years Council aims to reduce dog attacks by 15%. The following key actions are identified to achieve this target. Please rank to what extent you support each action:

	Not at all	To a slight extent	To a moderate extent	To a great extent	To a very great extent
Provide education material on practical ways to reduce dog attacks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Comment	<input type="text"/>				
Promote the provision and benefits of ongoing training	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Comment	<input type="text"/>				
Review procedures for dealing with animal attacks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Comment	<input type="text"/>				
Review on/off lead policies across the municipality for impacts on the number of dog attacks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Comment	<input type="text"/>				

Pets in Public Places

6. The following key actions are identified to manage Pets in Public Places. Please rank to what extent you support each action:

	Not at all	To a slight extent	To a moderate extent	To a great extent	To a very great extent
Develop cat ownership educational materials (including requirement for cats to be contained to their property and kept in at night)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Comment	<input type="text"/>				
Promote the location of no cat/dog areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Comment	<input type="text"/>				
Address 'hot spots' by educating through signage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Comment	<input type="text"/>				
Work to identify locations and progress new dog park facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Comment	<input type="text"/>				
In consultation with expert bodies, develop a strategy investigating options to address the stray cat population	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Comment	<input type="text"/>				

Pound Operations

7. Over the next five years Council aims to reduce the number of impounded animals by 20% and increase the number of animals reunited with their owners or rehomed by 20%. The following key actions are identified to achieve these targets. Please rank to what extent you support each action:

	Not at all	To a slight extent	To a moderate extent	To a great extent	To a very great extent
Education regarding the importance of securely confining dogs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Comment	<input type="text"/>				
Review procedures for dealing with dogs wandering at large	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Comment	<input type="text"/>				
Review the reasons for euthanasia and consider programs to address these	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Comment	<input type="text"/>				
Develop incentives for people who purchase animals from rehoming organisations e.g. waive registration for 1 yr.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Comment	<input type="text"/>				
Identify the barriers and investigate incentives that support people suffering from economic hardship to be responsible pet owners.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Comment	<input type="text"/>				

8. Do you have any other comments, questions, or concerns?

9. If you would like to be kept informed of the Dog and Cat Management Strategy please leave your email address

10. If you would like to be informed of all of Council's consultations please leave your email address

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey, your feedback is appreciated.

CITY OF DARWIN***Draft Dog and Cat Management Strategy*****2018-2022*****Key Message: Socially Responsible Pet Ownership and Compliance with the By-Laws for Animal Management***

This Dog and Cat Management Strategy will guide Council and the community towards the goal of responsible pet ownership and management. To succeed, it requires active cooperation from the community, particularly pet owners and their representative groups.

PRINCIPLES**Service**

Council aims to provide a proactive service that provides education, mediation and outcomes for pet owners and non-pet owners alike. When intervention is required Council will ensure that all issues brought to our attention are dealt with fairly and effectively and that duty of care obligations and safety standards are adhered to. In providing a high level of customer service to the community we are guided by the five C's and strive to;

- Show **Courtesy** and **Compassion** at all times and to all members of the community, working collaboratively to mediate disputes.
- Use **Common Sense** and **Compliance** with the City of Darwin By-laws to ensure natural justice for all involved.
- Provide/Deliver **Consistency** through investigations and service.

Responsiveness

Council is always working to ensure we are responsive to the changing needs of the community by;

- Being relevant, contemporary and keeping in-step with community needs and sentiment
- Completing investigations in a timely and efficient manner
- Implementing current technology and thinking
- Have a holistic approach to issues, through collaboration and coordination with various partners and agencies

Evolving

We are constantly seeking to improve the service and support we provide to the community in managing dogs and cats across the municipality. We will achieve this by;

- Ensuring our staff are appropriately qualified and experienced to carry out their roles and responsibilities,
- Providing ongoing training and education of staff in accordance with industry standards,
- Having a program and process in place that educates and incentivise responsible pet ownership;
- Regularly reviewing and improving our procedures and processes

GOALS

Amenity

Council's vision for Darwin is '*A tropical liveable city that creates opportunity and choice for our community*'. In line with this vision, Council has a responsibility to ensure the maintenance of a reasonable level of residential amenity. The amenity of an area can include our physical surrounds and infrastructure, noise, smells and the general atmosphere or feeling of an area. Council supports pet ownership, whilst aiming to ensure that the keeping of pets does not unreasonably impact negatively on others in the community.

Safety

Community safety is a priority for Council. Darwin City Council by-laws are designed to ensure a safe community for all members. Council provides consistent regulation and management of compliance for dogs and cats to maintain and promote public safety. When a dog or cat has encroached on or impacted the safety of others in the community the Council has the authority to enforce by-laws to remedy or mediate any additional threats the animal may cause.

Responsible Pet Ownership

There are social, health and companionship benefits to owning pets. Pet owners have responsibilities to care appropriately for them, control them in public, and ensure they do not adversely impact on others. Council acknowledges the community and individual benefits of pet ownership, and in doing so aims to ensure that the health and wellbeing of animals and members of our community is maintained.

Compliance with By-Laws

The By-laws provide Council with the powers to provide warnings, infringements and de-register companion animals. When pet owners are irresponsible, their pets can negatively impact the community. Council uses its ability through the enforcement, regulation and compliance with the by-laws to resolve conflicts when needed.

AREAS OF FOCUS

The areas of focus we use to categorise our work and are essential and interlocking pieces of our overall strategy. Work in each area informs and advances work in other areas.

Registration, Licencing and De-sexing

Darwin City Council By-Laws place a mandatory requirement for all cats and dogs over twelve weeks (3 months) of age to be registered with the Council and microchipped with a national pet register. Registration provides Council with statistics to inform future planning, so that animals (and their owners) can benefit from having outdoor space to exercise and enjoy activities. It also allows lost or found animals to be reunited with their owners and minimises the rates of euthanasia.

Residents of the City of Darwin may own up to two cats and/or two dogs. Residents wishing to exceed this number of dogs or cats, require a licence issued by council. Each license application is considered on its own merits to ensure the health and welfare of the animals concerned, and to ensure there is no detrimental effect on the amenity of nearby properties.

De-sexing and vaccinating cats and dogs is important for their wellbeing, so Council supports and encourages de-sexing and vaccination of domestic cats and dogs. De-sexing is also a key tool in tackling pet over-population and unwanted pets.

Nuisance Barking

Dogs that are habitual barkers are a nuisance to owners and neighbours. Council undertakes a comprehensive and impartial investigation to gather sufficient evidence to confirm that the barking is excessive. This investigation takes time and during this process. Council officers seek to balance the needs of the complainant, the needs of the animal owners, the welfare of the animals involved and the requirements of the law.

Dog Attacks

An attack by a dog on another animal or person is of the highest priority for investigation by Council and the community. The likelihood of a dog attack is decreased if the principles of responsible pet ownership are followed. The majority of dog attacks in public places occur on a footpath or road joining the premises of the dog owner.

Council has the ability to declare a dog **dangerous** or **nuisance**. Under the Darwin City Council by-laws all declared dogs must be microchipped, wear an identification tag, be kept in a prescribed enclosure with a Council prescribed sign displayed and be kept under effective control in accordance with additional conditions of Declared Dog Registration.

Pets in Public Places

Cats and dogs are required to be under effective control at all times in public spaces. Responsible owners know that walking a dog is important, providing opportunities for exercise and social interaction. While dog owners need to exercise their dogs, this activity must be balanced against environmental considerations, and the rights and safety of others. A dog or cat wandering at large, usually within the vicinity of the owner's home is one of Council's animal management challenges. Wandering dogs and cats are a public health and safety issue. Pedestrians, cyclists, mail delivery services, motorists and other animals are all at potential risk of a dog or cat at large causing accidents, attacks and even death due. Dog poo in public recreation areas is a health and environment concern.

Pound Operations

The City of Darwin impounds hundreds of lost, wandering or nuisance cats and dogs every year. The ideal outcome is for the owner to be identified through registration or microchip details and reunited with their cat or dog, and Council is committed to removing unnecessary impediments to owners reclaiming their pets. When Council is unable to identify an animal's owner, or the owner does not claim the animal, Council is obligated to make the best decision for the community and the animal. Animals are assessed to determine whether they are suitable for inclusion in the rehoming program. This process involves a behavioural assessment and health check for dogs and cats. Council will not include animals in its rehoming program that have behavioural issues which may pose a risk to the community, or health issues that will have a long term impact on both the animal and the prospective owner.

STRATEGIES

Over the next five years we will be measuring our progress toward targets in our areas of focus to achieve the goals of sustaining public amenity, safety, responsible pet ownership and compliance with the by-laws. Implementation of our strategies can be categorised into five key themes:

- Education and Communication,
- Incentives,
- Regulation and Enforcement,
- Innovation and Technology, and;
- Partnerships and Collaboration.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Registration, Licencing and De-sexing

Target	To achieve this Council will	This will be measured by	To be completed by	This action will contribute to
By 2022 there will be an increase in registrations by 20% or 5% each year.	Education and Communication			
	Continue education of the community in relation to registration of pets within the municipality.	Increased number of registrations from this action.	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the number of animals that can be reunited with their owners.
	Conduct a communications campaign and doorknock program across the municipality.	Number of animals microchipped and registered.	Bi annually	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess number of unregistered dogs. To allow a better indication of cat and dog populations • Increase number of registered pets.
	Organise microchipping days to be held bi-annually throughout the municipality with stakeholders.	Number of animals microchipped and registered.	Bi annually	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the number of animals with permanent identification. • Improve the number of animals that can be reunited with their owners.
	Hold subsidised de-sexing/registration days targeted at marginalised pet owners and recognised organisations who promote responsible pet ownership.	Number of animals de-sexed and registered.	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase number of registered pets. • Reduce impediments for marginalised pet owners. • Improve the number of animals that can be reunited with their owners.
	Increase community awareness and understanding of the number of dogs and cats people can keep.	Development of materials.	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased community awareness.
	Animal registration process includes an educative check list.	Check list added to registration forms.	January 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring owners are aware of their obligations as pet owners.
	Work with other areas of Council and external partners to develop a 'Welcome to Darwin' information pack that provides key information about living in Darwin. This can be distributed to new residents through Council and Real Estate Agents.	Development of pack.	June 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link new residents with resources. • Ensuring pet owners are aware of their obligations and resources available to them.
	Continue education of the community in relation to registration of pets within the municipality.	Awareness in the community. Customer satisfaction survey.	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased community awareness. • Increased pet registrations.

	Incentives			
	A review of fees and charges including potential incentives measures, and investigate the options for a tag for life registration system.	Uptake of the incentives by the community.	2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased number of registered dogs and cats. Increase the number of de-sexed animals in the community. Reduce the number of unwanted and uncared for animals.
	Regulation and Enforcement			
	Council approach the Northern Territory Government with a request that an overarching legislative instrument for the purpose of animal management including regulating the sale of dogs and cats within the Northern Territory.	Documentation of Council's advocacy efforts in this area	2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved Animal Management across the Northern Territory control the sale of dogs and cats.
	Refine and improve the dog and cat licence process and management, e.g. selection criteria on application.	Changes made to the licence process	June 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide greater scrutiny of licences to own more than 2 dogs and/or 2 cats.
	Partnerships and Collaboration			
	Work in collaboration with rehoming organisations and pet businesses to register animals as part of sale.	Agreement between agencies and a process developed.	2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the number of registered animals.
	Support an indigenous community animal health program with AMRIC.	Number of events & Number of animals involved.	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased collaboration with AMRIC. Improved animal health and care. Improved community education.
	Innovation and Technology			
	Investigate the use of technology and text messaging to increase awareness, ease, accessibility and convenience in registering pets.	Customer feedback and use of payment options by customers.	June 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved customer service and experience. Increased number of registered pets.

Nuisance Barking

Target	To achieve this Council will	This will be measured by	To be completed by	This action will contribute to
Reduce Dog Barking Complaints by 20%	Education and Communication			
	Promote the provision and benefits of ongoing training.	Number of education and engagement events.	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimise issues and complaints relating to dogs barking. Increased level of education in the community.
	Development of an information pack for owners of alleged barking or nuisance dogs, including practical measures they can take.	Pack developed.	2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased level of education in the community.
	Conduct a series of bark stopping workshops. Make a condition of registration for offending animals.	Number of seminars delivered and number of participants.	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduction in the number of barking nuisances reported – particularly in prior re-offenders. Reduce behavioural issues that lead to other offences including dog attacks and at large.
	Incentives			
	Explore various incentives to encourage pet owners to undertake obedience training.	Report produced with recommendations.	June 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced anti-social behaviour between pets.
	Regulation and Enforcement			
	Amendments be made to the following by-laws Section 71 to clarify the nuisance definitions by-laws: it needs to be quantified rather than based on individuals tolerance levels	A change to the By-laws.	2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved quantitative definition of nuisance barking
	Innovation and Technology			
	Explore the use of online and mobile technologies for investigating nuisance barking complaints.	Report produced with recommendations.	July 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved response times to resolve nuisance complaints.
	Investigate the use of anti-barking and bark counting collars, as well as any other technology opportunities.	Reports produced with recommendations.	July 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prompt resolution of barking complaints. Improved client satisfaction on barking incidences.
	Investigate digital options and alternatives to the barking diary.	Report with recommendations. Implementations dependent on budget.	2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved data collection and statistics. Potential additional tool for combating barking issues in the community. Provide alternative ways of collecting evidence in barking investigations.

Dog Attacks

Target	To achieve this Council will	This will be measured by	To be completed by	This action will contribute to
Council aims to reduce dog attacks by 15% per year.	Education and Communication			
	Review existing education material and include content on practical ways to reduce dog attacks.	Materials updated and produced.	January 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved awareness in the community of effective methods to minimising dog attacks. Increased public awareness of the links between animal health and nuisance behaviour. Reduce dog behavioural issues that lead to attacks.
	Promote the provision and benefits of ongoing training.	Number of events attended.	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved awareness in the community of effective methods to minimising dog attacks. Increased public awareness of the links between animal health and nuisance behaviour. Reduce dog behavioural issues that lead to attacks.
	Regulation and Enforcement			
	Review procedures for dealing with animal attacks.	Review completed.	June 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve response times for attack investigations. Improve customer service.
	Review on/off lead policies across the municipality for impacts on the number of dog attacks. Identify hotspots.	Review completed.	End of 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential reduction in un-controlled dogs.
	Inspect all declared dogs.	Demonstrate annual audit of owner's property.	Annually	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring compliance with dangerous dog regulations. Minimise any further incidents.
	Review of by-laws for inclusion of cat attack and review of current categories of dog attack.	By-laws modified to improve attack categories.	2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to manage cat and dog attacks.

Pets in Public Places

Target	To achieve this Council will	This will be measured by	To be completed by	This action will contribute to
	Education and Communication			
	Promote the requirement of cats to be contained to their property of residence and being kept in at night.	Education material developed.	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase community awareness of the benefits of cats remaining within the property and inside at night.
	Develop cat ownership educational materials.	Education material developed.	June 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase community awareness.
	Promote the location of no cat/ dog areas and the reasons for their designation.		On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing community awareness of no cat/dog areas.
	Ensure a map of the municipality is easy to read, easy to duplicate (therefore cheap and effective to distribute) and are available in service centres, clubs and online.	Map produced and distributed.	March 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing community awareness of on and off-lead areas within the municipality.
	Undertake education and awareness campaigns about "picking up dog poo", via community groups, schools, or through phone on-hold messages and displays in Council libraries and other community centres.	Education materials produced. Messages conveyed to the public at events.	2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing community awareness of their responsibilities.
	Address 'hot spots' quickly by educating and warning offenders through signage and issuing a fine if infringements reoccur.	Feedback from patrols.	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing community awareness of their responsibilities.
	Continue to monitor community sentiment and need for additional dog park facilities.	Customer satisfaction survey.	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeping Council informed of community need.
	Work with other areas in Council and external partners to identify locations and progress new dog park facilities.	Progress on new dog parks.	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing dedicated off-lead facilities for dogs.

Regulation and Enforcement				
	Review on/off lead policies across the municipality. Identify hotspots.	Report with recommendations	2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential reduction in un-controlled dogs. Potential to reduce attacks in public places reduced.
	Partnerships and Collaboration			
	Work in partnership with CDU and NTG on feral/stray cat projects.	Collaboration on projects.	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine the magnitude of the stray cat problem and identify hot spots for stray cats.
	Support dog clubs/groups in finding suitable sites for dog agility programs, sports or equipment where there is demand.	Communication and relationships with Dog clubs and groups.	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build partnerships with dog clubs and groups. Increase opportunities for pet orientated events and activities.
	Maintain ongoing dialogue with dog activity groups about issues facing pet owners and in terms of dog parks and programs.		On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increasing community awareness.
	In consultation with expert bodies, develop a strategy investigating options to address the stray cat population within the Darwin municipality.	Strategy developed recommendations accepted.	2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustained Reduction in the number of stray or homeless cats.

Pound Operations

Target	To achieve this Council will	This will be measured by	To be completed by	This action will contribute to
Reduce the number of impounded animals by 20% by 2022 AND By 2022, increase the number of animals reunited with their owners or rehomed by 20% on 2016 figures	Education and Communication			
	Review education materials to highlight the importance of securely confining dogs and the ramifications for owners should pets be found wandering at large.	Materials developed	2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduction in the number of complaints received relating to dogs wandering at large.
	Regulation and Enforcement			
	Review and if required update the City of Darwin's procedures for dealing with dogs wandering at large.	Review completed.	December 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduction in the number of complaints received relating to dogs wandering at large.
	Review the reasons for euthanasia and consider programs to address these.	Report.	December 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce the number of animals euthanized.
	Partnerships and Collaboration			
	Investigate opportunities to partner with local animal shelters and veterinary services to implement and promote reduced fee de-sexing initiatives.	Opportunities assessed.	June 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the number of cats and dogs de-sexed. Reduction in the number of unwanted animals.
	In conjunction with key partners (including the Department of Housing and real estate agents), implement a proactive campaign about the effective management and containment of cats and dogs.	Campaign.	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduction in number of cats and dogs impounded. Reduction in roaming, nuisances and attacks reported.
	Incentives			
	Develop incentives for people who purchase animals from rehoming organisations e.g. waive registration for 1 yr.	Report with recommendations.	July 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in number of animals rehomed.
	Identify the barriers and investigate incentives that support people suffering from economic hardship to be responsible pet owners.	length of stay' and 'reclaim' stats.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased reclaim rates, reduced numbers of animals euthanised.

ENCL: 2ND ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING/OPEN AGENDA ITEM: 15.1.3
YES

OUTCOMES OF THE 2017 LOCAL GOVERNMENT GENERAL ELECTION

REPORT No.: 17CE0025 MR:ph COMMON No.: 3193634 DATE: 31/10/2017

Presenter: Executive Manager, Melissa Reiter

Approved: Chief Executive Officer, Brendan Dowd

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the outcomes of the 2017 Local Government General Election and to seek direction regarding the pursuit of non-voter fines by the NT Electoral Commission.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies as outlined in the 'Evolving Darwin Towards 2020 Strategic Plan':-

Goal

5 Effective and Responsible Governance

Outcome

5.3 Good governance

Key Strategies

5.3.2 Display contemporary leadership and management practices

KEY ISSUES

- The Northern Territory Electoral Commission (NTEC) conducted the 2017 Local Government General Election and provided a report on the outcomes at **Attachment A**.
- This was the first election where voters had the option to vote by post or vote early.
- Approximately 14,100 (28%) of electors were identified as failing to vote in the 2017 NT Council elections for the City of Darwin.
- A further 1,678 electors (3%) provided valid and sufficient reasons as to why they were unable to vote.
- Voting at local government elections is compulsory in the Northern Territory.
- The NTEC can extend their services to undertake non-voting follow up upon instruction from Council.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. THAT Report Number 17CE0025 MR:ph entitled Outcomes of the 2017 Local Government General Election, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council instruct the Northern Territory Electoral Commission to undertake non-voting follow up following the 2017 Local Government General Election.

BACKGROUND

At the 2nd Ordinary Council Meeting of 26 November 2017, Alderman Gary Haslett put forward a Notice of Motion:

THAT Council takes necessary action to fine those Darwin residents without a valid reason not to vote in the recent Local Government Elections.

At the meeting, Council resolved to lay the motion on the table until the post-election report was received from the NTEC. Council also resolved to write to the Northern Territory Government to request that the responsibility for fining non-voters for local government elections sit with the NTEC and Australian Electoral Commission, as it does for State and Federal elections.

Council resolved not to send infringement notices to non-voters for the Waters Ward By-Election in 2014, but did for the Lyons Ward By-Election in 2015.

DECISION NO.21\5143 (14/02/17)

2017 Local Government General Election

Report No. 17TC0002 MB:ph (14/02/17) Common No. 3193634

- A. *THAT Report Number 17TC0002 MB:ph entitled 2017 Local Government General Election, be received and noted.*
- B. *THAT Council endorse the draft Electoral Service Agreement, as amended to correct the total cost including GST, at Attachment A to Report Number 17TC0002 MB:ph entitled 2017 Local Government General Election.*
- C. *THAT Council request the NT Electoral Commission promotes compulsory voting as a key objective in their Communication Plan for the August 2017 Local Government Elections.*

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DISCUSSION

City of Darwin is party to a Service Level Agreement with the NT Electoral Commission, which sets the services that will be managed to undertake the General Election. The cost estimate for the General Election for City of Darwin was \$445,915 and there was no variation to this estimate in the costs associated with the election, as follows:

ELECTION AREA	COSTS
Public awareness	\$ 74,917
Staffing	\$178,108
Premises	\$ 29,040
Operational costs	\$123,310
10% GST	\$ 40,537
TOTAL	\$445,915

The NT Electoral Commission provides a comprehensive report to Council following the outcome and declaration of the General Election and this report is attached at **Attachment A**.

Early Voting Centres

Due to a number of issues experienced across early voting centres, the NT Electoral Commission Report recommends that future elections reduce the number of early voting centres to two – one in Darwin and one in Casuarina.

Polling Centres

The NTEC note in their report that there was a reduction of 3 voting centres for this election that resulted in a saving of approximately \$15,000 for City of Darwin.

Non-voter follow up

The NT Electoral Commission Report identifies approximately 14,100 (or 28%) of electors as failing to vote in the 2017 NT Council election for the City of Darwin. A further 1,678 electors (or 3%) provided valid and sufficient reasons as to why they were unable to vote.

As part of its role, the NT Electoral Commission provides a service to undertake non-voting follow up action on the instruction of Council.

The NT Electoral Commission have advised that the costs associated with their undertaking a 14,100 non-voter action would be in the vicinity of \$40,490.00 (inclusive of GST), however that based on its experience in pursuing non-voters at the 2015 Lyons By-Election, these costs would easily be recovered through the payment of fines.

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CONSULTATION PROCESS

In preparing this report, the following City of Darwin officers were consulted:

- Committee Administrator

In preparing this report, the following External Parties were consulted:

- Northern Territory Electoral Commission

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Historically and up until the 2015 By-Election in Lyons, City of Darwin was not in the practice of pursuing non-voters. The decision to pursue non-voters in 2015 was largely to address a low voter attendance.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The costs associated with the NTEC undertaking 14,100 potential non-voters for the 2017 NT Council elections would be approximately \$40,490.00 (GST inclusive).

Based on the experience of pursuing non-votes in the 2015 Lyons Ward by-election, these costs would be recovered through the payment of fines. Council received \$19,900 for the Lyons Ward By-Election.

The non-voter fee is \$50.00.

RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

We the Author and Approving Officers declare that we do not have a Conflict of Interest in relation to this matter.

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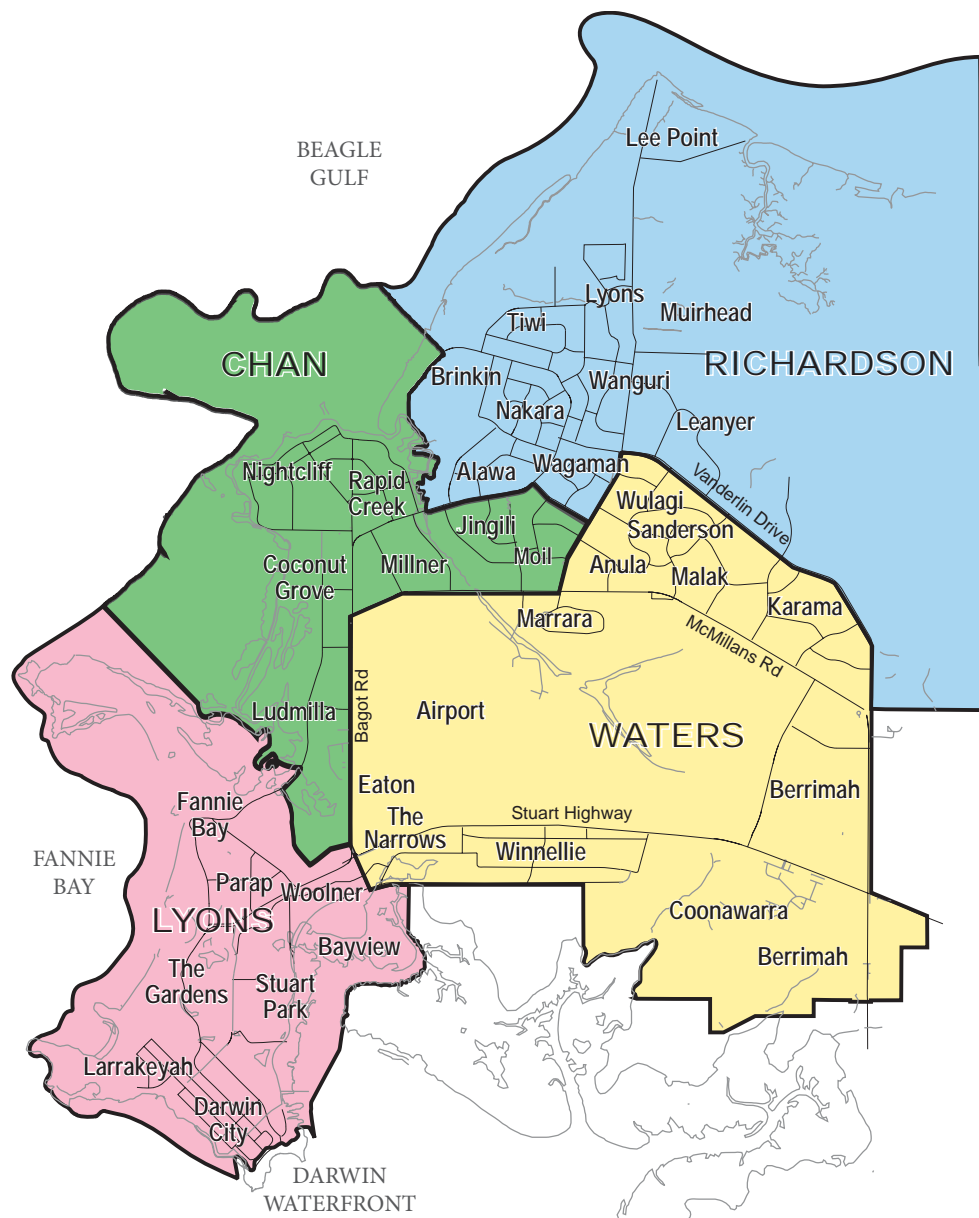
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Attachment A: NT Electoral Commission Election Report



2017 NT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

CITY OF DARWIN ELECTION REPORT





Election timetable 2017 NT Council elections 26 August 2017

Date	Time	
Friday 14 July		Gazettal of date by Minister Nominations open
Tuesday 25 July	5:00 pm	Close of electoral roll
Thursday 3 August	12:00 noon	Close of nominations
Friday 4 August	12:00 noon	Declaration of nominations, draw for position on ballot papers
Monday 7 August		Postal vote mail-out commences
Monday 14 August	8:00 am	Early voting commences
	9:00 am	Mobile voting commences
Tuesday 22 August	6:00 pm	Overseas postal voting despatches cease
Thursday 24 August	6:00 pm	All postal voting despatches cease
Friday 25 August	6:00 pm	Early voting ceases
Saturday 26 August		Election day
	8:00 am	Election day voting commences
	6:00 pm	Election day voting ceases
		Mobile voting ceases
		Primary counts of ordinary, postal and early votes commence
		Primary counts of postal, mobile and early votes commence
Monday 28 August	9:00 am	Declaration vote verification checks, commence recheck of all counts
Thursday 31 August	9:00 am	Primary counts of accepted declaration votes, further postal counts
Friday 1 September	12:00 noon	Deadline for receipt of postal votes Final counts of postal votes commence Distribution of preferences
Monday 4 September	10:00 am	Declaration of the election result

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BACKGROUND

Election

- This is the second Local Government (LG) general election under section 85 of the *Local Government Act* (LGA). Amendments to the LGA deferred the election from March 2016 to August 2017. LG general elections are now held 12 months after the Legislative Assembly (LA) election.
- This is the first LG general election that all electors had the option to vote by post or vote early. This was due to legislative change that removed the criteria to lodge an early or postal vote.
- The Commissioner of the Northern Territory Electoral Commission (NTEC) is the returning officer for local government general elections.
- Susan Whyte was appointed Deputy Returning Officer for the City of Darwin, 2017 NT Council elections.
- Electronic mark-off system (eLAPPS) was used at all voting centres.
- City of Darwin were sent a breakdown of the estimated cost of the election in December 2015.
- An election charter, **detailing the NTEC's service commitments**, was finalised on 4 May 2017 and sent to the council. The document was also available on the NTEC website.
- A Service Level Agreement (SLA) between the City of Darwin and the NTEC was entered into on 18 April 2017. This outlined both organisations' roles, responsibilities, election services and costs.

Council

The City of Darwin consists four wards: Chan, Lyons, Richardson and Waters.

The council comprises one elected Lord Mayor and 12 elected aldermen; three aldermen in each ward.

City of Darwin supplied the following for the 2017 NT Council elections as per the SLA:

- Casuarina Library community room as an early voting centre.
- The theatrette at the City of Darwin council office as an early voting centre. (City of Darwin requested that the Council office be used as an additional early voting centre in the City).

Boundary changes

There were no gazetted changes to the boundaries or the council ward structure from the 2015 review of electoral representation.

ENROLMENT

At the close of the electoral roll on Tuesday 25 July 2017 at 5:00 pm, there were a total of 50,100 electors enrolled for the City of Darwin. This was an increase of 15 per cent on the enrolment of 42,583 at the 2012 General elections.

City of Darwin enrolment numbers by ward

COUNCIL	WARD	ENROLMENT
City of Darwin	Chan	11,687
	Lyons	14,401
	Richardson	13,557
	Waters	10,455
TOTAL		50,100

PUBLIC AWARENESS

Campaign

The public awareness campaign for the 2017 NT Council elections included enrolment and voting information (early, postal, remote and election day) disseminated across social media, television, radio, councils, LGANT, the Department of Housing and Community Development, as well as print and digital platforms. The public awareness campaign began in May and intensified from 30 June until election day on Saturday 26 August.

Website

The 2017 NT Council elections website was launched in early June and this provided comprehensive information for candidates and voters. It also hosted dedicated election results pages, included details on vote counting, and showed all remote, early and election day voting centre information. The website remains live for a number of months following the election.

Newsletter

An election newsletter was emailed regularly to stakeholders including councils and candidates, from 5 May with the final newsletter emailed on 27 August. In total, 12 newsletters and five supplementary emails were sent during this period. The newsletters were also available on the NTEC website with links shared on Facebook and Twitter.

Advertising – print, radio, television

Three advertisements were developed for airing on television, radio, YouTube, Facebook and Twitter: enrol and close of roll (15 secs); early, election day and formal voting (15 secs and 30 secs). The audio versions of these advertisements were interpreted into nine Aboriginal languages and aired across the Northern Territory through the radio stations appropriate to the language group. These advertisements were also available on the **NTEC website, NTEC's** YouTube channel and were heavily promoted through social media.

Print advertising promoting enrolment and providing election information appeared in the NT News and Off the Leash magazine.

Online promotion of these ads also took place with Off the Leash. There was also an extensive digital marketing campaign about enrolment, postal and early voting, election day and formal voting that ran from 7 June through to election day, 26 August.

Statutory print advertising providing specific voting information was published in the NT News.

The Electoral Commissioner also promoted enrolment and voting through 39 interviews with Northern Territory media including ABC Darwin and Alice Springs, Channel Nine, Territory FM, MIX104.9, Aboriginal Broadcasting Network, CAAMA radio and the NT News.

Call centre

A call centre was established on Wednesday 2 August and ran until Monday 28 August. Staff assisted electors with a variety of election enquiries during this period.

Call centre enquiries

ENQUIRY TYPE	ENQUIRY NUMBERS
Total phone calls	3,254
Emails to ntec@nt.gov.au	1,379
Non-voter excuses lodged	615
Enrolment	694
Postal voting	462

Candidate information sessions

A candidate information session was conducted on 12 July 2017 at City of Darwin chambers. The information session attracted a large turnout of potential candidates. It was estimated that there were about 25 attendees.

In addition to the face-to-face information session, the NTEC in conjunction with LGANT, Dept. Housing and Community Development and the City of Palmerston, developed and produced a short YouTube video explaining the nomination process and candidate requirements relating to the election. This was available on the NTEC & LGANT websites.

Email and SMS

Email and SMS was used to contact City of Darwin electors, whom had provided these details on their enrolment form. A total of 17,906 emails were sent to electors advising the locations of early and election-day voting centres. At 10:00 am on election day a voting reminder SMS was sent to 15,924 electors **who hadn't cast an early or postal vote**.

VOTING SERVICES

Nominations

Nominations opened Friday 14 July and closed on Thursday 3 August at 12:00 noon. There were a total of 36 accepted nominations for alderman across the four wards and 15 accepted nominations for Lord Mayor.

Eight nominations received were deemed ineligible and therefore rejected.

The declaration of nominations took place at the NTEC Darwin office on Friday 4 August. This event was attended by the general public, nominees, council representatives and the media. A random number generator selected the ballot paper position for each candidate.

Summary of accepted nominations/candidates for the City of Darwin

POSITION	CANDIDATES IN BALLOT PAPER ORDER
Lord Mayor (1 position available)	Laurel NEWTON-THOMPSON
	Simon NIBLOCK
	Braedon EARLEY
	Jack Childers HENDERSON
	Tilak RAJ
	Paul MASTEN
	Greg STRETTLES
	Kon VATSKALIS
	Katrina FONG LIM
	Paul EUSTANCE
	Gary HASLETT
	Mick PALMER
	Sue FRASER-ADAMS
	Nim JAYAWARDHANA
	Jon DAVIS
Chan Ward (3 positions available)	Peter PANGQUEE
	Robin KNOX
	Emma YOUNG
	Nathan LAND
	Paul EUSTANCE
	Michael TSANGARIS
	Ryan NEVE

POSITION	CANDIDATES IN BALLOT PAPER ORDER
Lyons Ward (3 positions available)	Paul MASTEN
	Sherry CULLEN
	Laurel NEWTON-THOMPSON
	Simon NIBLOCK
	Des FONG
	Dean DEMPSEY
	Carol PHAYER
	Mick PALMER
	Jon DAVIS
	Sue FRASER-ADAMS
	Emily FORD
	Jack Childers HENDERSON
	Vikki MCLEOD
	Hayley BARICH
	Braedon EARLEY
Richardson Ward (3 positions available)	Greg STRETTLES
	Sam WILKS
	Rebecca WANT DE ROWE
	Lia GILL
	Ian HOLLINGSWORTH
	Wayne KEEPING
	Edwin JOSEPH
	Jimmy BOUHORIS
Waters Ward (3 positions available)	George LAMBRINIDIS
	Justine GLOVER
	Andrew John ARTHUR
	Gary HASLETT
	Tilak RAJ
	Robin LAWRENCE

Electronic voter mark-off

An electronic voter mark-off system is now used in all voting centres across the Northern Territory. The system records when someone has voted anywhere in the NT in real time. The voter mark-off system also alleviates the necessity to have paper certified lists therefore improving efficiencies in voting centres when finding voters on the electoral roll.

Early voting centres (EVCs)

Legislative changes in 2015 allows all electors the option to vote early without the need to meet any eligibility criteria. Overall there is a trend towards voting early across the Northern Territory and Australia. Early voting services were provided at the City of Darwin Council office, Casuarina Library and Mitchell Street Darwin from 14 August to 25 August 2017 (including Saturday 19 August). Votes for City of Darwin were also taken at other early voting centres across the Territory.

Votes issued at early voting centres for City of Darwin | 2017 & 2012 elections

COUNCIL	2017 NT COUNCIL ELECTIONS	2012 GENERAL ELECTIONS
Lord Mayor	11,779	3,592
Chan Ward	2,593	787
Lyons Ward	3,439	900
Richardson Ward	3,656	1,200
Waters Ward	2,091	700

These figures show a 69 per cent increase in early voting from the 2012 General elections, where electors were required to meet eligibility criteria.

Postal voting

Legislative changes in 2015 allows all electors the option to apply for a postal vote without meeting any eligibility criteria.

Postal votes admitted to the count are contained in a declaration envelope. There is a slight difference in the numbers admitted to the count and the actual counted figure as there is no guarantee that the returned declaration envelope contains a ballot paper.

A number of electors who applied for a postal vote ultimately decided to vote in person. There was a 43 per cent increase in the number of postal votes compared to the 2012 General elections.

Postal votes issued / admitted to the count | 2017 & 2012 elections

COUNCIL	2017 NT COUNCIL ELECTIONS		2012 GENERAL ELECTIONS	
	ISSUED	ADMITTED TO COUNT	ISSUED	ADMITTED TO COUNT
Lord Mayor	1,759	1,505	1,477	1,006
Chan Ward	469	331	354	240
Lyons Ward	719	465	462	295
Richardson Ward	591	420	320	234
Waters Ward	400	289	341	236

Urban institution voting

The urban institution voting team visited Darwin Private Hospital, Juninga Nursing Home, Pearl Retirement Resort, Royal Darwin Hospital and Tiwi Garden Aged Care. Electors in Darwin prison, at the request of the Department of Correctional Services, voted by post.

Votes taken for the City of Darwin at urban institutions

Council	Urban institution votes taken
Lord Mayor	165
Chan Ward	32
Lyons Ward	63
Richardson Ward	45
Waters Ward	25

Election day voting centres

Election day was Saturday, 26 August 2017 with voting centres were open from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. On election day, voters could vote at any voting centre within the City of Darwin.

Election day voting centres

Darwin City: 82 Mitchell Street, cnr Mitchell and McLachlan Sts
Karama: O'Loughlin Catholic College , 70 Mueller Rd
Leanyer: Primary School, 114 Leanyer Dr
Ludmilla: Primary School, 41 Bagot Rd
Moil: Primary School, Moil Cres
Nightcliff: Middle School, 90 Aralia St
Parap: Primary School, Urquhart St
Sanderson: Middle School, Matthews Rd, Malak
Stuart Park: Primary School, cnr Nudl and Ashley Sts
Tiwi: Dripstone Middle School, Delamere St

The number of election day voting centres decreased by three compared to the 2012 General elections. The reduction is due to the growing trend of electors voting early. The decrease in election day voting centres was agree to by City of Darwin with details outlined in the SLA.

Votes taken for the City of Darwin at election day voting centres

COUNCIL	LORD MAYOR	CHAN WARD	LYONS WARD	RICHARDSON WARD	WATERS WARD
Darwin city	2,182	114	1,878	119	71
Karama	2,497	60	38	142	2,257
Leanyer	2,466	38	38	2,278	112
Ludmilla	728	383	142	48	155
Moil	1,573	1,043	27	394	109
Nightcliff	2,918	2,702	67	110	39
Parap	2,188	233	1,779	88	88
Sanderson	1,991	51	27	110	1,803
Stuart Park	1,243	34	1,169	21	19
Tiwi	2,546	96	46	2,346	58
TOTALS	20,332	4,754	5,211	5,656	4,711

Early, postal, urban institution and declaration votes counted, all wards

LOCATION	VOTES COUNTED
Alice Springs EVC	69
Tennant Creek EVC	9
Katherine EVC	49
Litchfield EVC	132
Casuarina EVC	6,363
Darwin EVC	3,783
Darwin Council EVC	1,357
Urban institution	185
Postal votes	1,505
Declaration votes	18

Of the votes cast before election day, 76 per cent were either cast at the Casuarina early voting centre (48 per cent) or Darwin early voting centre (28 per cent). Reducing the number of early voting centres in the Darwin CBD may need to be considered for future elections.

Voter participation by ward

A comparison of votes cast for the 2017 and 2012 events is detailed below.

2017

City of Darwin	Enrolment at 25 July 2017	Number of formal votes	Number of informal votes	Total number of votes
Chan Ward	11,687	7,151	546	7,697
Lyons Ward	14,687	8,092	1,086	9,178
Richardson Ward	13,557	8,987	782	9,769
Waters Ward	10,455	6,647	461	7,108
Lord Mayor	50,100	30,202	3,509	33,711

2012

City of Darwin	Enrolment at 21 Feb 2012	Number of formal votes	Number of informal votes	Total number of votes
Chan Ward	10,540	6,860	429	7,289
Lyons Ward	11,198	6,859	540	7,399
Richardson Ward	10,890	7,542	431	7,973
Waters Ward	9,955	6,448	476	6,924
Lord Mayor	42,583	28,360	1,231	29,591

ELECTION

Voting

The voting system for local government elections is Proportional Representation (PR):

- Electors must number all the boxes on their ballot paper sequentially starting with the number one for their first choice.
- First preference votes for each candidate on formal ballot papers are counted, then a quota is calculated.
- The quota is the total number of formal ballot papers plus one, divided by the number of vacancies.
- The candidates with votes equal to or greater than the quota are elected. If all vacancies are filled, the election is complete.
- If not, preferences are distributed to the other candidates until all vacancies have been filled.
- To learn more about the PR system, go to the [vote counting](https://ntec.nt.gov.au) page on the NTEC website ntec.nt.gov.au.

Vote counting – election night

Vote counting began immediately after the close of voting at 6:00 pm on election day, Saturday 26 August 2017. A count of first preference votes for Lord Mayor and each ward was undertaken at each voting centre. First preference votes cast at early voting centres and remote voting teams were counted at the Darwin NTEC scrutiny centre in Darwin City.

Post-election night scrutinies

Post-election, all votes received for the City of Darwin were entered into an electronic count system (Easy count) and then re-entered for verification purposes.

Easy count was used for the election as there were multiple vacancies in each ward and a large numbers of candidates for the Lord Mayor vacancy. By using this system it alleviates the need to recheck ballot papers from voting centres as each paper is entered and verified by two different data operators. Counts of absent and postal votes were undertaken in the week following election day. A final count of postal votes was conducted after 12:00 noon on Friday 1 September 2017 and then entered into Easy count.

Voters that applied for a postal vote were expected to complete their ballot papers by 6:00 pm on election day, Saturday 26 August 2017. Postal ballot papers then had to be received by the NTEC by 12:00 noon, Friday 1 September to be considered for the count.

Determination of the quota and the distribution of preferences took place after the cut-off for the return of postal vote ballot papers. Election results were made available on the results pages of the website late evening on Friday, 1 September 2017.

Election outcomes for the City of Darwin

There were 15 candidates contesting the Lord Mayor position and 36 candidates contesting 12 aldermen positions across four council wards. The successful candidates and votes received are detailed in tables below.

Election of Lord Mayor – City of Darwin

At the close of nominations there were 15 candidates. An election was duly held and the first preference votes were recorded as follows:

CANDIDATE	FIRST PREFERENCES
Laurel Newton-Thompson	865
Simon Niblock	2,497
Braedon Earley	1,050
Jack Childers Henderson	156
Tilak Raj	568
Paul Masten	131
Greg Strettles	101
Kon Vatskalis	7,608
Katrina Fong Lim	9,014
Paul Eustance	189
Gary Haslett	1,652
Mick Palmer	4,651
Sue Fraser-Adams	585
Nim Jayawardhana	672
Jon Davis	463
TOTAL	30,202

As a consequence, under the proportional representation voting system, the quota of votes required for this election was 15,102.

Following the distribution of preferences and in accordance with Schedule 1 of the Local Government (*Electoral*) Regulations the results were as follows:

- Kon Vatskalis received the quota at count number 14.

Kon Vatskalis was duly elected.

Election of three aldermen – Chan Ward

At the close of nominations there were seven candidates. An election was duly held and the first preference votes were recorded as follows:

CANDIDATE	FIRST PREFERENCES
Peter Pangquee	1,486
Robin Knox	2,677
Emma Young	1,207
Nathan Land	564
Paul Eustance	261
Michael Tsangaris	333
Ryan Neve	623
TOTAL	7,151

As a consequence, under the proportional representation voting system, the quota of votes required for this election was 1,788.

- Robin Knox received the quota at count number 1
- Peter Pangquee received the quota at count 2
- Emma Young received the quota at count number 13

Robin Knox, Peter Pangquee and Emma Young were duly elected.

Election of three aldermen – Lyons Ward

At the close of nominations there were 16 candidates. An election was duly held and the first preference votes were recorded as follows:

CANDIDATE	FIRST PREFERENCES
Paul Masten	341
Sherry Cullen	1,535
Laurel Newton-Thompson	101
Simon Niblock	1,013
Des Fong	622
Dean Dempsey	100
Carol Phayer	470
Mick Palmer	1,950
Jon Davis	157
Sue Fraser-Adams	331
Emily Ford	449
Jack Childers Henderson	47
Vicki McLeod	288
Hayley Barich	277
Braedon Earley	307
Greg Strettles	104
TOTAL	8,092

As a consequence, under the proportional representation voting system, the quota of votes required for this election was 2,024.

Following the distribution of preferences and in accordance with Schedule 1 of the Local Government (*Electoral*) Regulations the results were as follows:

- Mick Palmer received the quota at count number 11
- Sherry Cullen received the quota at count 50
- Simon Niblock received the quota at count number 156

Mick Palmer, Sherry Cullen and Simon Niblock were duly elected.

Election of three aldermen – Richardson Ward

At the close of nominations there were eight candidates. An election was duly held and the first preference votes were recorded as follows:

CANDIDATE	FIRST PREFERENCES
Sam Wilks	989
Rebecca Want De Rowe	2,376
Lia Gill	340
Ian Hollingsworth	529
Wayne Keeping	213
Edwin Joseph	765
Jimmy Bouhoris	2,538
George Lambrinidis	1,237
TOTAL	8,987

As a consequence, under the proportional representation voting system, the quota of votes required for this election was 2,247

Following the distribution of preferences and in accordance with Schedule 1 of the Local Government (*Electoral*) Regulations the results were as follows:

- Jimmy Bouhoris received the quota at count number 1
- Rebecca Want De Rowe received the quota at count number 1
- George Lambrinidis received the quota at count 36

Jimmy Bouhoris, Rebecca Want De Rowe and George Lambrinidis were duly elected.

Election of three aldermen – Waters Ward

At the close of nominations there were five candidates. An election was duly held and the first preference votes were recorded as follows:

CANDIDATE	FIRST PREFERENCES
Justine Glover	3,162
Andrew John Arthur	753
Gary Haslett	1,518
Tilak Raj	459
Robin Lawrence	755
TOTAL	6,647

As a consequence, under the proportional representation voting system, the quota of votes required for this election was 1,662.

Following the distribution of preferences and in accordance with Schedule 1 of the Local Government (*Electoral*) Regulations the results were as follows:

- Justine Glover received the quota at count number 1
- Gary Haslett received the quota at count number 2
- Andrew John Arthur received the quota at count number 4

Justine Glover, Gary Haslett and Andrew John Arthur were duly elected.

Declared election results for City of Darwin

Lord Mayor (1 vacancy)	Chan Ward (3 vacancies)	Lyons Ward (3 vacancies)	Richardson Ward (3 vacancies)	Waters Ward (3 vacancies)
Kon Vatskalis	Robyn Knox Peter Pangquee Emma Young	Mick Palmer Sherry Cullen Simon Niblock	Jimmy Bouhoris Rebecca Want De Rowe George Lambrinidis	Justine Glover Gary Haslett Andrew John Arthur

A copy of the full distribution of preferences is available on the 2017 NT Council elections [results page](#) of the website

Declaration of the election results

The declaration of election results took place at the NTEC Darwin office at 10:00 am on Monday 4 September 2017.

Election costs

The SLA estimated the cost of the election for the City of Darwin to be \$445,915. Following the election there was no variation to the estimated costs.

Summary of election costs

ELECTION AREA	COSTS
Public awareness	\$ 74,917
Staffing	\$178,108
Premises	\$ 29,040
Operational costs	\$123,310
10% GST	\$ 40,537
TOTAL	\$445,915

ISSUES OF NOTE

Informality

- In the post-election phase, once the 21 day period for objections had expired, the NTEC conducted a survey of informal ballot papers. A total of 5,784 informal votes were received. During the informality survey it was identified that 57 per cent of the informal votes (3,324) were considered intentionally informal. The remaining 43 per cent (2,457) were considered unintentionally informal. Of the informal ballot papers 1,373 contained duplicate numbers and 740 were incomplete.
- The high number of unintentional informal ballot papers could be attributed to the large number of candidates for Lord Mayor (15) and Lyons Ward (16).

Election day voting centres

- This election saw a reduction in the number of election day voting centres by three, compared to the 2012 General elections. This was possible with the introduction of the electronic mark-off system and an increased number of electors choosing to vote by post or at an early voting centre. This provided a cost saving of approximately \$15,000 to the council in premises hire and staffing costs. The public awareness campaign included promotion of election day voting centres.
- It was observed on election day that the time taken for some electors to complete their vote was a lot longer than average. This has been attributed to voters taking longer to complete their ballot paper due to the high number of candidates on two of the ballot papers. As a result there were queues for the voting screens. Once this became apparent, voting area managers provided additional voting screens in the centres. Despite the provision of additional voting screens, the Nightcliff and Tiwi voting centres still experienced queuing.
- Thresholds will be built into inventories to allow amendments to materials for future election day voting centres when there are a high number of candidates, as well as additional staff to manage queues.
- Thresholds will be established to allow the NTEC to reassess the size of the ballot paper depending of the number of candidates. For this election a larger sized ballot paper was created for the Lord Mayor and Lyons Ward elections.

Early voting centres – campaigning

- Campaigning at early voting centres was permitted in two forms depending on what property owners allowed at each location; either campaigning in person or campaign material provided for display and use by voters (i.e. no campaign worker/s present).

It became evident that early voting centres allowing campaign workers had issues arise during the eleven day period of voting. Police were called on various occasions to address campaign workers' concerns. Feedback received from some candidates and their campaigners was that they would prefer all early voting centres provide campaign material only (i.e. no campaign worker/s present). A number of candidates stated that it was difficult to source volunteers for all eleven days of the early voting period.

- The LG legislation currently allows campaign workers to canvass outside the 10 metre boundary at early voting centres and there is no legislative base to prohibit canvassing. The current practice is to prohibit canvassing only at the direction of the landlord at early voting centres.

- During SLA negotiations, the City of Darwin requested an additional early voting centre at the council office to issue votes for the City of Darwin only (i.e. no absent votes). The NTEC experienced issues gaining access to the assigned room (theatrette) as it had been allocated to the library for a workshop on the day NTEC staff were to set up. There were no access keys prepared for NTEC staff which caused delays and instructions for use of the after-hours air-conditioning were not provided. This resulted in no air-conditioning on Saturday 19 August when the EVC opened at 9:00 am until the afternoon of that day.
- Delays were experienced in obtaining disabled access parking facilities in front of the Darwin EVC located in Mitchell Street. The centre was open for four days before signage was provided by council. An agreed action that council provides disabled access in a timely manner for future elections will be included in the SLA.
- It is recommended that future NT Council elections only have two early voting centres that cater for voters in the City of Darwin; one in Darwin City and one in Casuarina.

Complaints

- Two formal complaints were received for the election pertaining to the City of Darwin.
 1. A Mayoral candidate alleged that Facebook posts by a third party (not a candidate), were in breach of Section 99(2) of the *NT Local Government Act*.
It was determined that there was no breach of Section 99(2); however, if the complainant was of the view that the Facebook posts were defamatory, the proper course of action would be to take appropriate civil action.
In their response the third party lodged seven formal complaints that were dismissed.
 2. A mayoral candidate alleged that the NT News lift out 'Who will win' was in breach of section 97 of the *NT Local Government Act*.
The Commissioner's determination of the allegation was that there was no breach of section 97. The complainant was advised that Section 97 is designed so that a person must not obstruct, or interfere with, the proper conduct of an election or poll. The complainant was advised that if he still had concerns over the publication that he should either contact the NT News directly or lodge a complaint with the Advertising Standards Bureau.

Non-voters

- Approximately 14,100 (28 per cent) electors were identified as failing to vote in the 2017 NT Council elections for the City of Darwin. A further 1,678 electors (3 per cent) provided valid and sufficient reasons as to why they were unable to vote.
- The approximate percentage of non-voters for each ward was: Chan Ward 24 per cent; Lyons Ward 32 per cent; Richardson Ward 23 per cent and Waters Ward 21 per cent.
- **The Northern Territory Electoral Commission's role is to extend our service to** undertake non-voting follow-up action upon instruction from Council.
- In 2015, the City of Darwin engaged the NTEC to pursue electors who did not vote in the Lyons Ward by-election. The non-voter fee in Local Government elections is \$50.00.
- The costs associated with the NTEC undertaking 14,100 potential non-voters for the 2017 NT Council elections would be approximately \$40,490.00 (GST inclusive). Based on the experience of pursuing non-votes in the 2015 Lyons Ward by-election, these costs would be recovered through the payment of fines.

We would like to extend our thanks for the support received from Brendon, Mark, Melissa and their staff for their assistance.

ENCL: 2ND ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING/OPEN AGENDA ITEM: 15.1.4
YES

PARKING AT NIGHTCLIFF SHOPPING CENTRE REVIEW

REPORT No.: 17CF0021 RM:nt COMMON No.: 3399523 DATE: 31/10/2017

Presenter: General Manager City Futures, Gerard Rosse

Approved: General Manager City Futures, Gerard Rosse

PURPOSE

This report recommends a number of changes to timed parking at the Nightcliff Shopping Centre following the outcomes of a community consultation process which concluded in October 2017.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies as outlined in the 'Evolving Darwin Towards 2020 Strategic Plan':-

Goal

2 Vibrant, Flexible and Tropical Lifestyle

Outcome

2.1 Improved access and connectivity

Key Strategies

2.1.4 Provide parking facilities to meet community needs

KEY ISSUES

- Following requests from the community and Chan Ward Aldermen, Council officers conducted a review of timed parking at the Nightcliff Shopping Centre.
- A community consultation process was carried out with businesses and residents and a number of recommendations were received; in particular reviewing the timing of a number of existing one-hour car parking bays changing to two-hour car parking bays.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. THAT Report Number 17CF0021 RM:nt entitled Parking at Nightcliff Shopping Centre Review, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council endorse the attached car parking implementation plan at **Attachment A** to Report Number 17CF0021 RM:nt entitled Parking at Nightcliff Shopping Centre Review, which includes the following recommendations;
- Convert a number of one-hour car parking bays to two-hour car parking bays.
 - Retain a section of one-hour car parks along Pavonia Place adjacent the Nightcliff Library, Lucky Bat Café and Elcho Island Art Gallery.
 - Retain existing all-day parking on surrounding streets to accommodate residential and staff parking.
 - Install dashed yellow lines on Phoenix Street, Verbena Street and Oleander Street to reinforce the existing part-time 'no stopping' zone (7:00am – 2:00pm on Sundays)
 - Further investigate the provision of an additional disabled parking bay on Oleander Street and a motorcycle parking area on Pavonia Place.
 - Further investigate with the NT Taxi Council options for the taxi rank in the area.

BACKGROUND

At Council's 2nd Ordinary Council Meeting on 26 September 2017 the following notice of Notice of Motion was passed.

DECISION NO.22\0040 (26/09/17)

Parking Times at Nightcliff Shopping Centre

Common No. 3399523

THAT Council immediately convert the 1 hour parking zone on Progress Drive adjacent to the Nightcliff Shopping Centre to a 2 hour zone and complete the review of the management of other timed and untimed car parking and consider the effect of overflow parking on surrounding streets.

Prior to this Council at its meeting on 30 May 2017 resolved as follows:

DECISION NO.21\5454 (30/05/17) Carried

Parking at Nightcliff Shopping Centre

Common No. 3399523

- A. *That a report be prepared for Council reconsidering parking times at the Nightcliff Shopping Centre and conducting a further review of the parking management including surveying the residents of side streets affected by overflow parking.*

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DISCUSSION

In May 2017, Council resolved to review the current parking arrangements for the entire Nightcliff Shopping Centre and undertake community consultation with businesses and residents in close proximity on the surrounding streets. The commencement of the community consultation was delayed as a result of the caretaker's provisions resulting from the Council elections.

The outcomes from the community consultation show that 60% of businesses supported the option of converting all one hour car parking bays to two hours, 25% did not mind if it was one hour or two hour, 9% preferred one hour parking and 6% liked a combination of one-hour and two hour parking.

Businesses stated that reasons they supported two hour car parking was that the nature of their business usually exceeded one hour and that customers would often have multiple appointments while visiting the shopping centre i.e banking, haircut and café visit, which requires longer than an hour. Based on consultation feedback it is therefore recommended that Council convert a number of the existing one hour car parking bays at the shopping centre to two hour car parking bays as per **Attachment A**. Based on feedback from several businesses it is also recommended that a section of one hour car parks along Pavonia Place adjacent the Nightcliff Library, Lucky Bat Café and Elcho Island Art Gallery remain as one hour car parks.

Consultation feedback from businesses without on-site parking stated that their staff currently utilise either the side streets surrounding the shopping centre, or the parking area on Progress Drive adjacent the John Stokes Square public housing complex as all day parking. Staff who parked in the area adjacent the public housing complex expressed concerns for their safety while using the area and noted that there were always large amounts of smashed glass on the road pavement. Due to this feedback and the current state of the parking area it is recommended that Council include the parking area adjacent John Stokes Square in street sweeping program.

Along Phoenix Street, Verbena Street and Oleander Street there are currently part-time 'no stopping' zones effective between 7:00am – 2:00pm on Sundays to cater for extra traffic generated by the Nightcliff Markets. Residential properties on these streets had concerns with overflow parking during market times where the part-time 'no stopping' zones seem to be disobeyed. As there were no reported concerns with overflow parking during the working week, it is recommended no further parking restrictions be introduced on streets surrounding the shopping street. To reinforce the existing part-time 'no stopping' zones on Phoenix Street, Verbena Street and Oleander Street, it is recommended Council install dashed yellow lines to supplement the existing signs. As dashed yellow lines have rarely been used in Darwin, the residential properties would need to be informed that outside of 7:00am – 2:00pm on Sundays they are still able to park in the area.

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Other requests received during the community consultation process included the provision of an additional disabled parking bay on Oleander Street and the provision of motorcycle bays on Pavonia Place. There are currently three disabled car parking bays at the shopping centre which meets the National Building Code of Australia's requirements (one disabled car park for every 50 car parks). Providing an additional disabled parking bay on Oleander Street would result in the loss of two x two hour car parks and require some minor capital works. It is intended there would be no loss of parking by providing motorcycle parking bays on Pavonia Place as a parking area could be constructed within the verge area, some minor capital works would be required by doing so.

Mixed feedback was received from businesses in regard to the location and need for the taxi parking bays on Oleander Street. Discussions with the Taxi Council NT revealed that the bays are regularly used and they wish for them to be retained. As a result, a representative of the Taxi Council will liaise with taxi companies and drivers and provide further feedback to Council to continue discussions on a suitable outcome.

The entire community engagement report can be found at **Attachment B** to this report.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

In preparing this report, the following City of Darwin officers were consulted:

- Manager Engagement And Participation
- Technical Officer (City Centre)
- Technical Officer (Operations Centre)
- Regulatory Operations Supervisor – Generals
- Manager Infrastructure Maintenance

Refer to **Attachment B** for details of External Parties consulted with in preparing this report.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

All new parking areas will comply with City of Darwin Policy No. 003 – Car Parking – General.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The resource implications from implementing the recommendations of this report are not considered significant and can be accommodated within Council's existing resources.

RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The design of all new parking areas will be in accordance with relevant Australian Standards.

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

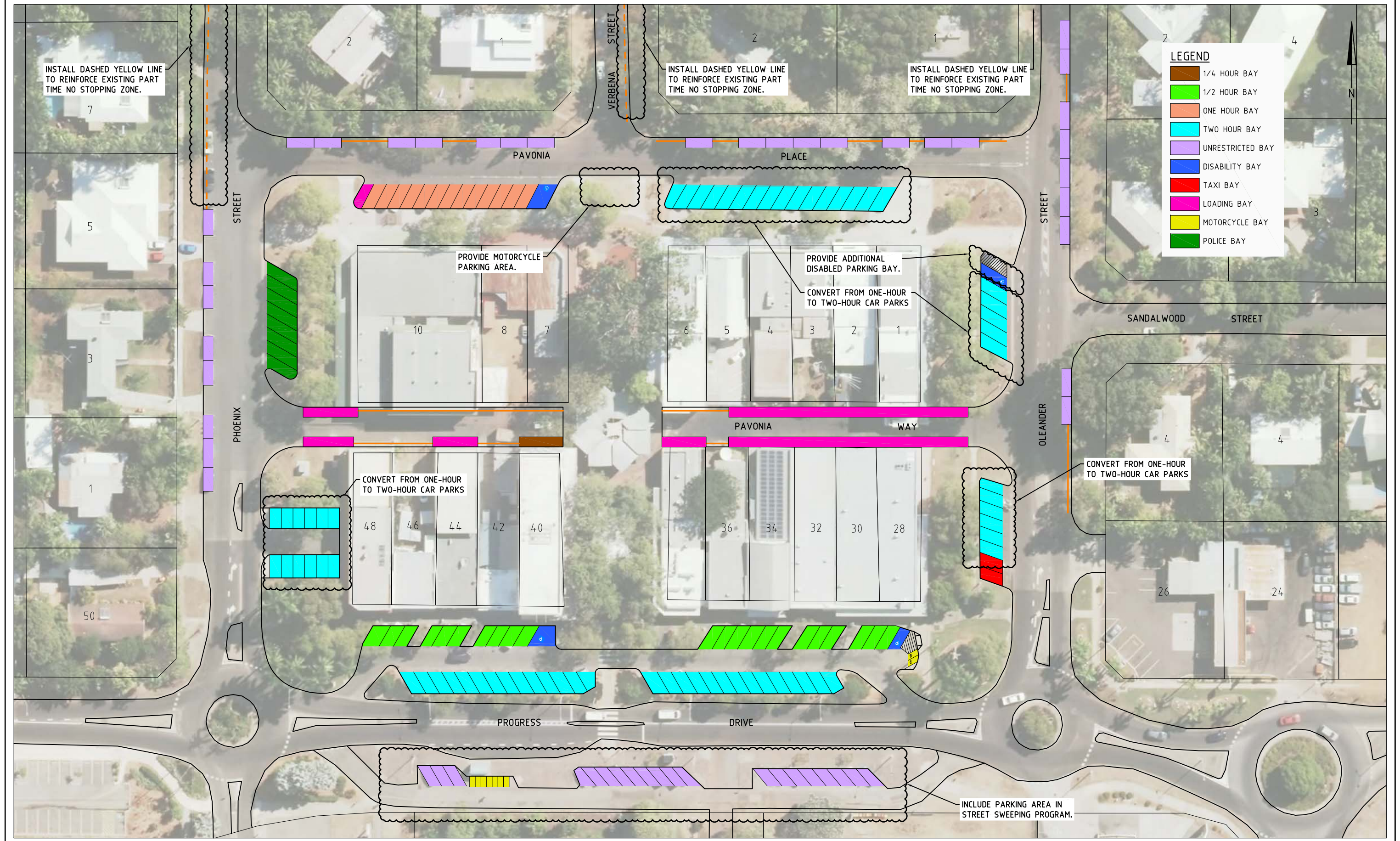
I the Author and Approving Officer declare that I do not have a Conflict of Interest in relation to this matter.

GERARD ROSSE
GENERAL MANAGER
CITY FUTURES

For enquiries, please contact Gerard Rosse on 89300561 or email:
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Attachments:

- Attachment A:** Plan of Proposed Time Restrictions and Location of Other Recommendations
Attachment B: Community Engagement Report



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A	ISSUED FOR REPORT ATTACHMENT	10/10/17	RM

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NIGHTCLIFF SHOPPING CENTRE CAR PARKING REVIEW 2017 PROPOSED TIME RESTRICTIONS	
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Nightcliff Shopping Centre Parking Review

Community Engagement

1. BACKGROUND

COUNCIL DECISIONS:

Parking at Nightcliff Shopping Centre (30/05/17)

- A. That a report be prepared for Council reconsidering parking times at the Nightcliff Shopping Centre and conducting a further review of the parking management including surveying the residents of side streets affected by overflow parking.
- B. That Member R M Knox's tabled parking survey results be received and noted.

DECISION NO.21\5454

Parking Times at Nightcliff Shopping Centre (26/09/17)

THAT Council immediately convert the 1 hour parking zone on Progress Drive adjacent to the Nightcliff Shopping Centre to a 2 hour zone and complete the review of the management of other timed and untimed car parking and consider the effect of overflow parking on surrounding streets.

DECISION NO.22\0040

REASON FOR MOTION:

I continue to receive requests for 2 hour parking at Nightcliff shops so that users have sufficient time to do their business, including browsing at shops. The present 1 hour parking (to increase turn over) is insufficient time for users to do their business and the increased issuing of parking tickets is driving business away. Complaints are intensifying as we direct our regulatory staff from the city to do more work in the suburbs. I have surveyed the shop operators and attach the results and suggestions below which clearly show that there is overall desire for the 1 hour areas to be 2 hour. There are also 1/2 hour parks.

2. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this review and engagement program are:

- To understand how the current parking arrangement is working and impacting on the local area
- To understand any issues, concerns and opportunities for parking in the area
- To develop a parking solution which will provide the best outcomes for the community

3. APPROACH

This review will be used to inform a decision on the parking arrangements at the Nightcliff Shopping Centre. The review includes traffic counts, parking guidelines, site infringement data, and feedback from businesses and residents.

4. REVIEW

Current Parking Arrangement

The parking at Nightcliff Shopping Centre consists of:

- 83 x 1 hour parks located at:
 - 13 Oleander St
 - 30 Pavonia Place
 - 12 Pheonix St
 - 28 Progress Drive
- 24 x ½ hour parks (Progress Drive)
- 1 x 15min park on Pavonia Lane
- 50 x formalised all day parks located at:
 - 8 Oleander St
 - 8 Pheonix St
 - 14 Pavonia Place
 - 20 Progress Drive (across road)
- 2 x taxi bays (Oleander St)
- 3 x disability parks

Total 163 parks



Traffic Counts

The table below shows the occupancy rates of parking at the Nightcliff Shopping Centre over six different times:

	10am Wednesday 8 March	2pm Wednesday 8 March	10am Thursday 9 March	2pm Thursday 9 March	10am Friday 10 March	2pm Friday 10 March	Average
1hr parks							
Oleander Street (13 parks)	10 (75%)	6 (42%)	8 (58%)	6 (42%)	7 (52%)	12 (91%)	60%
Pavonia Place (30 parks)	28 (93%)	23 (76%)	27 (90%)	22 (73%)	28 (93%)	22 (73%)	83%
Pheonix Street 12 parks	5 (41%)	5 (41%)	6 (50%)	4 (33%)	9 (75%)	4 (33%)	45%
Progress Drive (28 parks)	12 (42%)	14 (50%)	14 (50%)	14 (50%)	22 (78%)	21 (75%)	57%
TOTAL 83	55 (66%)	48 (58%)	55 (66%)	46 (55%)	66 (79%)	59 (71%)	63%
1/2 hour parks							
Progress Drive (24 parks)	13 (54%)	12 (50%)	11 (45%)	18 (75%)	9 (37%)	14 (58%)	54%

Infringements

Infringements issued in 1 hour parking around Nightcliff Shopping Centre

	1 January 2016 to 31 August 2016	1 January 2017 to 31 August 2017
Progress Drive	8	7
Pavonia Place	23	17
Phoenix Street	5	4
Oleander Street	4	2
Nightcliff Shopping Centre Car Park	0	11
TOTAL	40	41

Austroads Parking Guidelines

The *Austroads Guide to Traffic Mangement: Parking* outlines the following guidelines for parking time limits:

- **½ hour (30 minute) parking** can be applicable directly outside local shops that rely on providing a reasonably high level of convenience to maintain a competitive market position.

There is usually a high demand and one-hour parking would result in inadequate parking turnover. A half-hour restriction allows people to go to two or three shops.

- **1 hour (60 minute) parking** is appropriate outside major shopping centres and in other locations where there is a demand for parking and the activity is likely to take longer than half an hour (for example commercial developments providing professional and personal services).
- **2 hour (120 minute) parking** is sometimes appropriate outside major shopping centres although it can result in enforcement difficulties with some motorists staying excessively long times. It is more likely to be applicable in areas with developments containing professional and personal services.
- **Parking with no time limit (all day parking)** is usually generated by employees or park-n-ride motorists and will occur across all types of development. It does not require signs to be used to indicate that parking is permitted, where there is no time limit or no user limitation. However, a 'Parking' sign may be necessary where the method of parking (for example angle parking) or the method of payment (for example voucher) has to be indicated on a sign.

Community Feedback

Council Officers discussed the parking arrangements with the businesses of the Nightcliff Shopping Centre. Door knocking was carried out on the side streets of Verbena St, Oleander St, Pheonix St and Sandalwood St, and a letter was left if residents weren't home.

Full details of the feedback received is provided at **Appendix A**.

FEEDBACK SUMMARY

Businesses

Council Officers discussed parking with the 33 businesses from the Nightcliff Shopping Centre. The following table provides a summary of the feedback received:

Parking time limits

- 20 businesses (60%) would like the 1hour parking changed to 2hours
- 8 businesses (25%) don't mind if it is 1hour or 2hour parking
- 3 businesses (9%) would like it left at 1hour
- 2 businesses (6%) support a combination of 1hour and 2hour parking

All-day parking

- 16 businesses have staff that need to use all day parking bays
- 6 businesses stated safety concerns with parking in the all-day parking on Progress Drive

Taxi rank

- 9 businesses stated that the taxi rank gets used a lot
- 5 businesses stated they call taxis for people and get the taxi to pick them up away from taxi rank as people don't feel safe using the rank
- 3 stated they would like the taxi rank removed
- Police stated they have issues with the taxi rank as people hang around for long periods, leaving rubbish and damaging gardens in the area and they can't move them on as they say they are waiting for a taxi
- NT Taxi Council stated the rank is used a lot and valuable to the area and for the Taxi companies. Ride Share businesses will be starting in Darwin soon which will lead to a lot of change and review for taxis

Other

- Territory Podiatry requested a disability bay near their shop on Oleander St
- Nightcliff Library requested a motorcycle bay on Pavonia Place
- NT Police stated that all 8 designated police bays are required on weekdays but that on weekends 4 bays would be enough
- Lucky Bat Cafe requested that should it change to 2hour parking could it be considered to leave some 1hour parks in front of their business

Residents

Feedback was received from eight residents. Six residents stated the main concern is parking in the side streets on Sundays when the markets are on. During the week the parking didn't pose any problems for them. On Sundays there is 'no parking' on one side of the streets, however at times this is not adhered to and cars park on both sides of the street, this creates issues for residents accessing their driveways. It was suggested that perhaps it wasn't obvious enough for people that it's no parking on Sundays. One resident would like to see the 'no parking' on one side of the road extended to be in place all week, however other residents thought this could create issues for residents.

5. CONCLUSION

The Nightcliff Shopping Centre provides a variety of professional and retail services including cafes, supermarket, dentist, clothes stores, bank, financial services, naturopath, real estate, barbers, library, artshop, post office and police station.

The traffic counts show an average occupancy rate of 63% for the 1hour car parks at the Nightcliff Shopping Centre, therefore indicating a general availability of parking. However, there was a higher occupancy rate in some sections compared to others; Pavonia Place has the highest occupancy at 83% with a lower occupancy on Progress Drive at 57% and Pheonix Street at 45%.

There was support from a majority of businesses for changing the 1hour parks to 2hours with 60% in support of this option, a further 25% didn't mind if it was 1hour or 2hour, 9% prefer 1hour parking and 6% would like a combination of 1hour and 2hour. Lucky Bat Café, Nightcliff Shopping Centre and Territory Podiatry prefer 1 hour parking with Lucky Bat Cafe requesting that should it change to 2hour parking could it be considered to leave some 1hour parking in front of their café on Pavonia Place as it is important to their business model. Pavonia Place has the highest occupancy rate at 83%.

The businesses that support the change to 2hour parking stated the following key reasons:

- The nature of their business requires appointments of longer than 1hour
- Customers like to complete a number of tasks i.e banking, haircut and café visit, which requires longer than an hour

Businesses also stated that customers park on the side streets as they need longer than 1hour, therefore if 1hour parking is changed to 2hours it should also reduce the amount of overflow parking on the side streets. The overflow parking on the side streets was generally not an issue for the residents other than on Sundays during the markets when the 'no parking' is not adhered to.

Based on the review and engagement it is recommended the following be considered:

- Changing 1hour parking to 2hours
- Retaining some 1hour parking on Pavonia Place
- A disability bay on Oleander Street near Territory Podiatry
- Motorcycle bay on Pavonia Place
- All day parking is important for staff of the Nightcliff Shopping Centre, therefore retaining existing all day parking
- Review if the 'no parking' on Sundays in the side streets can be made more obvious to the community
- Further investigation with the NT Taxi Council on options for the taxi rank in the area

Appendix A – Feedback

Businesses

BUSINESS	COMMENTS
PROGRESS DRIVE	
Salvos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is an adequate amount of parking • Half hour parking is good for people who want a quick stop • 2hour parking would be a good idea, most people want to get multiple things done therefore need a bit more time • We get requests from people to call them a taxi so I send them to the taxi bays • Most staff use buses. Some park across the road in the all-day parking
UBET	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No concerns • 2hour parking would be good • Staff park across the road on Progress Drive for all day parking, however there are safety issues - cars get damaged, broken glass around. • Customers ask us to call them a taxi, we usually call the taxi and get them to pick up in front of the shop as people don't like using the taxi rank
Territory Real Estate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1hour parking is fine for our customers, that's enough time for them • 2hour might be good for our staff as they often come and go between jobs and need a bit more time • When staff have to park across the road (Progress Drive) there are safety issues that are a big concern, cars have been smashed. People don't feel safe to park there so they park in the timed parking area and end up getting fines • Suggested 15 minute parking adjacent the supermarket
Savvas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The half hour parking is good • Change the Progress Drive 1hour section to 2hour, but leave the rest 1hour (Oleander St, Pavonia Place and Pheonix St) • Staff have their own car park • Taxi rank should stay, a fair few people ask for a taxi so we send them down to the taxi rank
Selection Point	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2hour parking would be better • We call taxis for customers, having the taxi rank closer would be better
Cash Advantage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2hour parking would be good, heaps better for customers • We have our own car park for staff • Taxis are used a lot, would like the taxi rank to stay there
Bendigo Bank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2hours would be great • Lots of customers do multiple tasks which takes longer than an hour • The half hour parks are good for people who want to quickly drop in

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff parking across road in all day area (on Progress Drive) is hazardous, a staff member had their car smashed. Personal safety is a concern • Taxis get used a lot
Nightcliff Fish and Chip Takeaway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2hour parking would be good, people need more time • There's always lots of parking available • A lot of people get fines and get angry • People often park in 1hour bays and move if the Rangers come
Australia Post	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The half hour parking is good for people wanting a quick stop • 2hour is more suitable than 1hour • Don't support a combination of 1hour and 2hour, that would be too confusing for people • Staff park across the road in the all-day parking on Progress Drive
Nightcliff Supermarket	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Happy with 1hour • Our customers shop and leave and don't need more than an hour • We need the turnover for our customers. If it was 2hour parking they would be taken up with other people staying a long time, and they would not be available for our customers • We only have four parks out the front, at times they are taken up by other people • Taxi rank is a big issue, the taxis only come when it suits but there is constantly people loitering there. The Police can't move them on as they say they are waiting for a taxi • More car parks would be good • Staff park across the road in the Progress Drive all day parking area, they are often scared due to fighting • If they want to have some 2hour parking then keep the 1hour parking on Progress Drive and make the rest 2hour
PAVONIA PLACE	
Nightcliff Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not too many people stay longer than an hour, but some stay for a couple of hours. • 2hours could be good for some people • A combination of both 1hour and 2hour would be ideal • Haven't received any complaints from customers about 1hour parking, they only get annoyed if they get a parking fine • Staff need somewhere to park, all day parking bays are important • Suggested the inclusion of motorcycle parking bays as bikes park on the footpath
Lucky Bat Cafe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We prefer 1hour parking in our area. We like the quick turnover in front of our shop, lots of people call in and grab a coffee and leave again. If it gets changed to 2hours we would like a section of 1hour in front of us. • We are also starting to bake bread, with the idea being people will drop in and grab a coffee and a loaf of fresh bread, require 1hour spots for that for quick turnover

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking across the road on Pavonia Place could be 2hours • Often Police bays are empty, can they be used? • Business is successful and brings a lot of people • Changes need to be thought through as a whole, and not reactionary • Needs a good rationale
Impression Foot and Body Massage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1hr not long enough, 2hr would be better. Need to have lunch and do shopping. Not enough time.
RAISE Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2hour parking would be better, client appointments generally last for over an hour • Staff have a parking space out the back of the office, however there are often trucks parked in the lane way blocking access to the parking. Then staff are forced to park out the front, they forget to move it and end up getting a fine
Elcho Island Artshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We mainly get customers dropping in from the Library and café, therefore 2hours would benefit us as they have more time to come and drop in after they have been to café/library • We see the Shopping Centre as a destination for the community rather than just a quick stop shopping place, therefore 2hours will help create this even more • Staff park on the side streets
Nightcliff Dental Surgery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1hr not long enough - appointments generally at least 1hour. We would like it to be 2hour parking. • It is only every now and then that you can't get a park, only when something is on at the library or a mothers group is at the playground. So you can always get a park just not for long enough. • People end up parking on side streets i.e right now there are 4 parks available out the front but our clients have parked in side streets because they need longer than 1hour • People fear they will get parking tickets • Visits can take 2 or 3 hours
NAPCAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most people come for meetings which generally go for longer than 1hour, so 2hours would be better • We have our own parking for staff, so staff are ok
Spice Garden Restaurant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Either 1hour or 2hour parking is fine, we open after 5pm so it doesn't really affect us • The taxi rank is useful for customers on weekends
OLEANDER STREET	
Territory Podiatry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1hour is better for us • Our patients appointments are generally 20 to 30 minutes • Our patients are often quite elderly or have mobility issues, so they need to be able to park close by, therefore turnover of parking is important • The 1 hour allows turnover so they can get a park • Could we have 1 or 2 disabled bays nearby as a lot of

	<p>customers need them?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff use all day parking • Current taxi bays are useful
Pilates Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointments are usually for 1 hour but generally run over time, so 2hours might be better, but I'm not sure if it's really necessary • Some people overstay the 1hour because the rangers only come sporadically • People can park on the other side of the road if they want to stay longer than an hour • Don't really mind if it's 1hour or 2hour • Need a taxi rank • Staff use all day parking • There is ongoing issues with itinerants, lots of rubbish, windows broken etc
Matrix on board Consulting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2hour parking would be good, you can't get much done in an hour • The Rangers don't come around much • We have to park in the side streets as we need to stay all day • Not enough all day parking • No issues with the taxi rank • Our office doesn't generate any customers requiring parking
Inge Beller Real Estate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We would prefer it all to be all day parking • But if the choice is between 1hour and 2hour then we would prefer 2hour • We don't have many people come into the shop so we mainly need staff parking, therefore all day parks are important • No issues with the taxi rank
Shoppers Stop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't mind either way if it's 1hour or 2hour • Our customers use the Taxi rank • Staff park across the street in all day parking bays • Haven't received any complaints from customers about parking
Continental Barber Shop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2hour parking would be good, people have to wait for their appointment so can take longer than an hour • Taxi rank is fine
THE MALL	
Groove Café	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Furious that the 2hour parking hasn't been implemented yet • We desperately need 2hour parking • It is affecting the business, I can't afford to pay rent as I don't have enough customers as they can't stay long enough to come to the café after they do their other tasks • It is a shopping centre, people need to be able to have enough time to visit more than one place • They have lost customers when people get fined and then don't come back • Most people call a taxi to pick them up
The Income Tax	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2hour parking is a better option

Professionals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People need more time to do business • Half hour is great for quick stops • Staff park across the road of Progress Drive, it is a risk to staff, there are scuffles, fights, broken glass, alcohol. At times I have to work late hours and it is very unsafe
Nightcliff Naturopathy Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clients appointments can be longer than 1hour and they then need time to wander around • Between 1 hour and 2 hour would be our preference • No complaints from customers • Some elderly clients use taxis but won't go near the taxi rank for safety reasons, so we call the taxi and get them to pick up near the Library • My main concern is that people often have trouble locking their vehicles in the area, there is something that blocks the locking mechanism
Bruce Charcoal Chicken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't mind if it's 1hour or 2hour • There are always lots of parks available • No complaints from customers
Dr Michael Brotherton GP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't mind whether it is 1hour or 2hour • 2hour could be good for elderly and patients with mobility issues • Patients call a taxi to get picked up outside Bendigo Bank, didn't know there was a taxi rank there
Ally's Barber Shop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very supportive of 2hour parking, definitely needed • Clients need more time, often by the time they wait in line and then have their appointment it all takes longer than an hour • I used to park in the all day parking section on Progress Drive but stopped after an incident with people fighting, I no longer felt safe. • I now park in side streets. There is an issue in the side streets that because there isn't marked parking, people park in a way that takes up more space than needed, therefore can't fit maximum amount of cars. Line marking for parking would help • People call a taxi and get picked up at the Bank as they don't want to use the taxi rank. I don't like the Taxi rank, it means the Police can't move people on as they say they are waiting for a taxi
Smith Family	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strongly support 2hour parking • There isn't enough all day parking • The only time it is hard to get parking (on Pavonia Place) is some mornings when there is a playgroup at the playground • Suggested we check the width of parking isle on Pavonia Way as cars across the street often get reversed into
Natasha Fyles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support 1hour parking changed to 2hour • Would like the taxi rank gone
PHEONIX STREET	
NT Police	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't mind if it is 1hour or 2hour, it doesn't really affect us

- Staff use the all-day bays to park their personal vehicles, they will only use the designated police bays if it is a last resort if there is no all-day bays available
- All the designated police bays are definitely needed Monday to Friday for police vehicles. There are 70 members working from that location so the parking is important. If they park a marked car in the other parking areas they get complaints straight away, so the designated police bays are important
- On weekends they probably only need 4 of the designated 8 police bays. The engagement team don't work on a Sunday so don't need the bays. There are 6 parking bays underneath the Police station for the Enforcement team.
- There are issues with the taxi rank as people hang around for hours and leave rubbish, damage grass and gardens in the area. The police can't move them on as they say they are waiting for a taxi
- Police preference would be to get rid of the bays altogether, to move it to another location would just move the problem
- People have mobile phones and can call a taxi when needed

NT Taxi Council

- The taxi rank is used a lot and valuable for people who want to use the shopping centre
- It is convenient for drivers having a rank there
- Having a taxi rank is more convenient for the use of taxis rather than just calling one
- I'm not sure that removing the rank will solve the problem of people hanging around
- I don't know if or where a good alternative location could be, I could check out the area and talk to the taxi drivers if that is to be considered
- Ride Share i.e. Uber is going to be able to start in Darwin soon, this will create big changes for the taxi industry and no one knows yet how it will impact. For instance it might change the requirements for taxi ranks. Perhaps wait until this happens and we will then be assessing the needs for taxi ranks and the impact on taxis
- I will talk more to the taxi drivers to get a better understanding of the and get back to you

Residents on side streets

RESIDENT	COMMENTS
Verbena St	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The parking on our street isn't really a concern for us, we have plenty of parking in our driveway so we don't need to park on the street • The only problem we have is when people park on both sides of the road and straight across from our driveway, which makes it hard to get out. This is mainly only a problem on market day. • The shade attracts people to park in front of our house
Verbena St	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The parking on our street is only an issue on Sunday when the markets are on. The main issue is that people park on both side of the street even though they're not allowed to on Sundays. The parking on both sides creates issues for trucks/delivery

	<p>drivers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I think 1hour parking is better as people shop quickly and move on, with 2hour the parks will be full, it will need to be regulated
Verbena St	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The main concern is when people park on both sides as the street is quite narrow, i.e. can't get trailers through. This mainly happens on Sunday with markets. There is no parking on one side of the road during the markets but it often gets ignored. People don't always see the signs that say no parking, could be good if it was more obvious. • Timed parking or a permanent 'no parking' on one side of the road would probably annoy residents.
Verbena St	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The overflow parking on our street really isn't a big issue, there's no big impact on us. • During the week there aren't a lot of cars so they only park in front of the first couple of houses. • I see it as a bonus living so close to a shopping centre, so I have the benefit of being able to walk to the shops and I figure that with that bonus you have to expect and accept some parking around • During markets day on Sunday it is fine when people follow the rule of no parking on one side of the street, occasionally someone will park on the no parking side (I think they don't realise it's no parking) and then everyone copies them. When it ends up with parking on both sides of street on market day it is a bit of a problem • To introduce 'no parking' on one side of the street all the time would create problems for residents as they wouldn't be able to use it themselves • The signs for 'no parking' are not totally obviously
Oleander St	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No major concerns with parking • I have an issue with Council's 'predator parking' approach where they are giving out fines just for revenue raising. This greatly impacts small business, and small businesses are vital to this community. • I also don't like when they fine people who park on the verge/path on market day when there is no other parking, it's not doing any harm, this is just revenue raising as well • There is often a bottle neck created on Oleander St as cars drive past the Pavonia Place turn off as the street narrows and when there are cars parked on that section of Oleander St there's not enough room. This leads to cars constantly screeching to stop. • The market stall holders use parking, if they could park somewhere else then there would be more parking available for customers • The width of the car parks on Pavonia Place are quite wide, perhaps you could make them more narrow and fit more parks in?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Shopping Centre area needs to be better maintained by Council
Sandalwood St	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No concerns with changing from 1 hour to 2 hour • No concerns with overflow parking from Monday – Saturday • Concerned about people parking on existing yellow line adjacent his property, requested that it be repainted (reported on 28 September) • Mentioned he had never seen a parking inspector at the shopping centre in the 25 years he had been living there • Requested someone inspect the damaged footpath adjacent his property (reported on 28 September)
Oleander St	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My main concern is when people use their verge for parking. A lot of houses in the area have a number of tenants and therefore some of them end up using the verge as a car park. This creates safety issues as it blocks sightlines and also makes the verge dusty in the Dry and muddy in the Wet. • I think there needs to be more awareness of the issues of parking on the verge and then people wouldn't do it • The overflow isn't a big problem but it can be a bit of a problem on Sundays with the markets. I don't think people realise there's Sunday rules, perhaps if the Rangers patrolled on a few Sunday and fined them then this would change behaviour.
Lotus St	<p>We live in Lotus Street and I'm concerned that the people who work in the old Nightcliff shopping centre area park both sides of the road along Verbena Street. This causes a traffic hazard as it reduces the traffic flow to one lane and reduces visibility for residents backing out on to the street. There are also a lot of school age children riding bikes to and from school each day along this road so visibility is essential.</p> <p>The street has restricted parking on one side for Sunday markets and I'd like to see this extended permanently.</p>

ENCL: 2ND ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING/OPEN
YES

AGENDA ITEM: 15.1.5

OPPORTUNITIES TO INSTALL SHADE TREES INTO COUNCIL'S OFF-STREET CAR PARKS NOT NOMINATED FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

REPORT No.: 17CF0008 DB:hd COMMON No.: 3032207

DATE: 31/10/2017

Presenter: Manager City Planning, Cindy Robson

Approved: General Manager City Futures, Gerard Rosse

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to report to Council on opportunities to install shade trees into Council's off-street car parks that are not nominated for future development.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies as outlined in the 'Evolving Darwin Towards 2020 Strategic Plan':-

Goal

1. Vibrant, Flexible and Tropical Lifestyle

Outcome

- 2.1 Improve access and connectivity

Key Strategies

- 2.1.4 Provide parking facilities to meet community needs
- 2.2.3 Improve the landscaping, streetscape, infrastructure and natural environment.

KEY ISSUES

- City of Darwin operates 13 off-street carparks within the Darwin Central Business District (CBD).
- Four of the 13 off-street carparks are either owned by the Northern Territory Government, multi-story carparks or nominated for future development.
- In the past City of Darwin officers have required trees to be planted within island areas, and adjacent the parking where possible, at least once every 5-10 years, depending on the site.
- Two of the 13 off-street carparks have less than one tree per 10 car parking spaces.
- The installation of shade trees within off-street carparks does not necessarily ensure that a carpark is adequately shaded.
- In order to adequately shade City of Darwin's off-street carparks, City of Darwin would need to consider reconfiguring its off-street carparks.
- All carparks within the Darwin Central Business District may be considered for future development.

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- An opportunity exists to improve the shading with carparks as part of the City Deal program.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. THAT Report Number 17CF0008 DB:hd entitled Opportunities to Install Shade Trees Into Council's Off-street Car Parks Not Nominated For Future Development, be received and noted.
- B. THAT City of Darwin collaborate with the relevant partners of the City Deal to provide additional landscaping within City of Darwin's off-street carparks as part of the Darwin City Deal initiative.

BACKGROUND

At the July 2nd Ordinary Council meeting Council resolved the following:

DECISION NO.21\5613

Tree Planting in Car Park Areas

Report No. 16TS0089 BS:hd (25/07/17) Common No. 3032207

C. That Council prepare a report by October 2017 on the opportunity to install shade trees into Council's off-street car parks that are not nominated for future development.

A review of City of Darwin carparks and the opportunities to install trees is located within **Attachment A**. This review is essential when reading this report.

Please note; Report No. 16TC0089 BS:hd (25/07/17) stated that, "in practice, Council officers have required trees to be planted within island areas, and adjacent the parking where possible, at least once every 5-10 bays, depending on the site."

Subsequently, the attached review and following report endeavours to;

- Identify carparks within Darwin's Central Business District which are owned by the City of Darwin and not nominated for future development;
- Assess the provision of shade trees based on a minimum requirement of one tree per 10 car parking spaces; and
- Consider alternatives to removing car parking spaces whilst still providing additional vegetation.

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DISCUSSION

Rationale

The Australian Capital Territory Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure 10 Parking Areas states; “Car owners show a clear preference to park in the shade but the benefits of tree and shrub planting in carparks are not restricted to shade alone. Planting reduces the apparent size of the hard paving and ameliorates the unusual impact of masses of multi-coloured cars or harsh expanses of pavements when car parks are empty.” In the Northern Territory carparks are required to “provide landscaping to reduce the visual impact and provide shade and screening of open expanses of pavement...” within Clause 8.2 subclause 2 (m) of the Northern Territory Planning Scheme (NTPS).

City of Darwin recently wrote to the Minister of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics to request further investigations into car parking provisions of the Northern Territory Planning Scheme.

The City of Darwin *Strategic Plan: Evolving Darwin Towards 2020* Goal 2 Vibrant, Flexible and Tropical Lifestyle endeavours to “provide parking to meet the community needs.” Anecdotally, car parking spaces are desirable for business owners and workers within Darwin City (CBD). Subsequently, this report reviews opportunities to install trees whilst retaining car parking spaces.

Overview: Trees in Darwin City Off-street Carparks: Opportunities to install shade trees within City of Darwin’s off-street carparks.

The report within in **Attachment A** “Trees in Darwin City Off-street Carparks: Opportunities to install shade trees within City of Darwin’s off-street carparks” found that City of Darwin operates 13 carparks within the Darwin Central Business District (CBD) identified as follows.

1. McMinn’s Street carpark
2. Chinatown carpark
3. Westlane carpark
4. Nichols Place carpark
5. Darwin Civic Centre carpark
6. Esplanade Off-street carpark.
7. Cavenagh Street carpark
8. Wood Street carpark
9. McLachlan Street carpark
10. Corner of Daly and Mitchell Street carpark
11. Mitchell Street carpark
12. Time Out Fitness carpark
13. Shadforth Lane carpark.

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Geographical information systems mapping: locations of off street car parking.

It is noted that the carparks containing less than one tree per 10 car parking spaces and that are not nominated for future development were the 'Time Out Fitness' (11) and 'Shadforth Lane' (13) carparks.

The provision of one tree per 10 car parking spaces within these allotments could be achieved through the provision an additional four trees and the removal of car parking spaces. However, the provision of trees does not necessarily create adequate shade within carparks. To achieve adequate shading Council should consider reconfiguring its carparks which will likely result in a reduction in car parking spaces.

It is noted that all carparks considered within this assessment could be nominated for development in the future and the planting of any vegetation could cause conflict with any future development proposals.

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Structural Pits

City of Darwin officers currently recommend the use of structural pits of 10m³ around the base of the tree to facilitate optimum root growth depending on the species of plant and maximise the potential for canopy growth. Structural pits will require significant site preparation and cost between \$15,000 and \$20,000 to install dependent on scale.

Planter boxes

City of Darwin is currently intending to trial 1m³ moveable planter boxes. The planter boxes are likely to cost approximately \$2000 each with minimal site preparation required. The trial is being undertaken over the next few months and if successful may provide an opportunity for shade within City of Darwin carparks.

Configuration of carparks

In order to maximise shade within City of Darwin Off-street carparks City of Darwin should consider reconfiguring its carparks in order to balance plant and human requirements. As a general rule a minimum of 15% of the cark park should be landscaped with trees and shrubs including.

- The use groups of trees rather than individual specimens to improve conditions for the trees.
- The use of appropriate ground surfaces for the area around trees to maximise their access to water and air. These could be mulch, gravel, porous paving, groundcover plants and grasses.
- The use water harvesting to provide additional water to plants.
- The selection of plant species to achieve appropriate colour form and textural detail.
- The consideration of any landscape character policies for the area and the existing landscape character of the site.

In order to reconfigure City of Darwin Off-street carparks additional research would need to be undertaken and is likely to require the removal of car parking space, be financially burdensome and limited any possibility for future development.

Conclusion

City of Darwin operates 13 carparks within Darwin Central Business District (CBD). One carpark is owned by the Northern Territory Government, two are currently multi-story carparks and one carpark is nominated for future development and subsequently not available for the additional planting of shade trees.

Of the remaining eight carparks two have been identified as having no vegetation currently on-site, the 'Time Out Gym' carpark and Shadforth Lane carpark. The installation of trees within these carparks would likely require the removal of car parking spaces.

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There appears to be an immediate opportunity to provide additional shade trees within the Mitchell Street carpark along the south-western allotment boundary. Internal discussions have occurred and these plantings will be incorporated into the City Operations existing annual plantings program.

The installation of shade trees does not necessarily result in adequate shade within carparks. Subsequently, City of Darwin may wish to consider further investigations into reconfiguring its carparks to provide for additional vegetation within City of Darwin's off-street carparks. Please note that such reconfiguring will likely result in a reduction in car parking spaces.

Given the imminence of the City Deals initiative and its intention consider, Greening the city, shading the city and car parking within the Darwin Central Business District it is considered prudent that City of Darwin collaborate with other stakeholders to incorporate any tree planting as part of the City Deals initiative to value add to the greening and shading concepts in formulation.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

In preparing this report, the following City of Darwin officers were consulted:

- Manager City Planning
- Town Planner
- Technical Officer (Civil Drafter)
- Technical Officer Parks and Reserves
- Technical Officer City Operations
- Manager Infrastructure Maintenance

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The report is in accordance with City of Darwin internal and external policies.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The installation of trees within City of Darwin Off-street carparks would incur a cost to Council. Approximate costs have been mentioned within this report. Further costings can be conducted upon receipt of further information.

It is unclear on the funding commitment resulting from the City Deal Initiative at this stage.

RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

There are limited legal/legislative implications as the carparks mentioned are owned by City of Darwin. The tree species selection should be conducted with the view to minimise any damages to vehicles or humans using carparks.

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

The shading of bituminised or concrete areas has been proven to reduce the effects of heat. The report reviews opportunities for City of Darwin to install shade trees within its off-street carparks.

COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

We the Author and Approving Officers declare that we do not have a Conflict of Interest in relation to this matter.

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Attachments:

Attachment A: Trees in Darwin City Off-Street Carparks

City of Darwin

Trees in Darwin City Off-street Carparks

Opportunities to install shade trees within
City of Darwin's off-street carparks

David Burrow



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Introduction

City of Darwin operates 13 off-street car parks throughout the Darwin Central Business District. The following assessment endeavours to;

- Identify car parks within Darwin's Central Business District which are owned by the City of Darwin and not nominated for future development;
- Assess the provision of shade trees based on a minimum requirement of one tree per 10 car parking spaces; and
- Consider alternatives to removing car parking spaces whilst providing additional vegetation.



Geographical information systems mapping: locations of off street car parking.

1. McMinn's Street carpark
2. Chinatown carpark
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10. Corner of Daly and Mitchell Street carpark
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13. Shadforth Lane carpark.

McMinn Street Carpark

Currently owned by the Northern Territory Government.

Chinatown Carpark and Westlane Carpark

Multi-storey car parking facilities not suitable for tree planting.

Nichols Place Carpark, Civic Centre Staff Carpark and Esplanade Off-street Carpark

Due to the existing vegetation located within these carparks additional tree planting is considered unlikely to significantly enhance the existing car parking facilities.

Currently, these car parking areas have a ratio greater than one tree per 10 car parking spaces. Existing management of the car parking facilities will continue to occur.



Nichols Place



Civic Centre



Esplanade

Cavanagh Street Carpark:

This property has been identified for the construction of a multi-storey car park and/or community use as referred to in the Strategic Property Holdings Document, Darwin City Centre Master Plan and Darwin CBD Parking Strategy. Subsequently, this carpark is not considered to be an opportunity for the installation of trees as it is nominated for future development.

Wood Street Carpark:

Lot 5644 (97) Wood Street, Darwin City

Area: 5210m²,

Parking spaces: 55.

15% of allotment = 781.5 m²

Located on southern corner of Wood Street and Daly Street. The allotment incorporates a reserve carpark. There are currently 43 of trees and 55 car parking spaces within the allotment. Subsequently, Wood Street Carpark meets the required one tree per 10 car parking spaces ratio.



McLachlan Street Carpark:

Lot 4655 (100) Smith Street, Darwin City

Area: 2760m²,

Parking spaces: 86.

15% of allotment = 414m²

Located on corner of McLachlan Street and Smith Street, opposite St Marys Catholic Cathedral. There are approximately 12 trees and 86 car parking spaces within the allotment. Subsequently the carpark meets the requirement of one tree per 10 car parking spaces. There is potential to increase vegetation on this site, however, this is likely to require the removal of car parking. It is noted that many of the existing trees have not sufficiently developed to provide suitable shade canopies. In addition, some modifications or replanting of trees along McLachlan Street could assist in providing additional shade for both the carpark and McLachlan Street.





McLachlan Street Carpark to the left of picture

Corner Daly and Mitchel Street Carpark:

Lot 4955 (106) Mitchell Street, Darwin City

Area: 3110m²,

Parking spaces: 98.

15% of allotment = 466.5m²

Located on the corner of Daly and Mitchell Street. There are 44 trees and 98 car parking spaces within the allotment. Subsequently, the carpark meets the required one tree per 10 car parking spaces. There is the potential to increase vegetation on this site however this is likely to result in the removal of car parking spaces. The allotment is a minimum of 50 metres by 50 metres in size with no vegetation within the centre of the allotment to reduce the impact of direct sunlight on the bituminised surface. There are 54 car parking spaces located in three groups of 20 within the centre of the allotment. By applying the ratio of 1 tree per 10 car parking spaces, 5 – 6 car parking spaces would need to be removed in order to plant 5 – 6 trees. The process would reduce the total number of car parking spaces from 98 to 92.



Mitchell Street Carpark and Time Out Gym Carpark:

Lot 7099 (96) Mitchell Street, Darwin City and Lot 7658 (100) Mitchell Street, Darwin City

Total area: 4090m²,

Parking spaces 38 in Mitchel Street Carpark and 29 in Time Out Gym Carpark.

15% of allotment = 613.5m²

Access via Mitchell Street, partial lease to Time out gym. There are currently no trees located within the Time Out Gym Carpark and approximately five trees within the Mitchell Street Carpark. There are approximately 38 car parking spaces within the Mitchel Street Carpark and 29 car parking spaces within the Time Out Gym Carpark. Subsequently, the 'Time Out Gym' Carpark does not meet the required one tree per 10 car parking spaces. There is potential to increase vegetation on both sites. In addition, there may be the capacity to provided vegetation along the south-western allotment boundary without requiring any reduction in car parking spaces. The area is four metres wide and 58 metre long located between the carpark and the footpath which is currently vacant. The 'Time Out Gym' Carpark will require further research into the lease arrangement before any landscaping may commence.





Mitchell Street Carpark to the left of image. Plantings could be undertaken between Mitchell Street carpark and the footpath.

Shadforth Lane Carpark:

Lot 7839 (5) Shadforth Lane, Darwin City

Area: 591m²,

Parking spaces: 21.

15% of allotment = 88.65m²

Accessed from Shadforth Lane and operated as on-street car parking with right of way to provide access to Lot 3751 Mitchell Street, Darwin City. There are currently no trees within the allotment. The carpark would require two trees to meet the minimum requirement of one tree per 10 car parking spaces. There is potential to increase vegetation on this site, however, this is likely to result in the removal of car parking spaces. The owners of Lot 3751 have previously requested to purchase this allotment in order to expand their venue. There is some confusion over the number of parking spaces within the allotment as the right of way obstructs car parking spaces located along the south-eastern allotment boundary.





FOURTH ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – OPEN SECTION
TUESDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2017

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15.2 OFFICERS REPORTS (RECEIVE & NOTE)



ENCL: 2ND ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING/OPEN **AGENDA ITEM:** 15.2.1
YES

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS STRATEGY

REPORT No.: 17CF0012 LC:nt **COMMON No.:** 2118626 **DATE:** 31/10/2017

Presenter: Manager of Economic Development, Tourism & International Relations, Liam Carroll

Approved: General Manager City Futures, Gerard Rosse

PURPOSE

This report provides background information to update and inform Elected Members on the review of Council's role in economic development through its Sister Cities program and its recently adopted International Relations Policy.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies as outlined in the 'Evolving Darwin Towards 2020 Strategic Plan':-

Goal

1. Collaborative, Inclusive and Connected Community.

Outcome

- 1.4 Improved relations with all levels of government and significant stakeholders

Key Strategies

- 1.4.2 Play an active role in strategic and statutory planning processes

KEY ISSUES

- In March 2017 Council rescinded Policy No. 053 - Sister Cities in favour of its International Relations Policy.
- From 1 July 2017 the role of Sister Cities / International Relations moved from the department of Community & Cultural Services to the department of City Futures.
- A key focus for the City Futures department is to consider future opportunities which will assist in strengthening Darwin's competitiveness and build fruitful economic and social relationships with international partners.
- This report outlines and considers various strategies transitioning from a focus on Sister Cities to International Relations.
- This report provides background information for the International Relations workshop to be held on Saturday 18 November 2017 where council will workshop and consider various strategies to progress its role in international relations and sister cities.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Report Number 17CF0012 LC:nt entitled International Relations Strategy, be received, and noted.

BACKGROUND

PREVIOUS DECISIONS

DECISION NO.22\0076 (17/10/17)

Sister City Advisory Committees

Common No. 2772637

THAT Council write to all past members of the Sister City Advisory Committees providing an update on progress of the International Relations strategy.

DECISION NO.22\0076

Review of Policy No. 053 - Sister Cities

Report No. 17C0017 KH:kl (21/03/17) Common No. 2078949

- A. THAT Report Number 17C0017 KH:kl entitled Review of Policy No. 053 - Sister Cities, be received, and noted.*
- B. THAT Council rescind City of Darwin Policy No. 053 – Sister Cities at Attachment A of Report Number 17C0017 KH:kl entitled Review of Policy No. 053 – Sister Cities.*
- C. THAT Council adopt City of Darwin Policy No. 053 – International Relations at Attachment B of Report Number 17C0017 KH:kl entitled Review of Policy No. 053 Sister Cities.*

DECISION NO.21\5274

Review of Sister Cities Program

Report No. 15C0059 HB:kl (12/05/15) Common No. 2280882

- A. THAT Report Number 15C0059 HB:kl entitled Review of Sister Cities Program, be received and noted.*
- B. THAT Council note the recommendations contained in Attachment A of Report Number 15C0059 HB:kl entitled Review of Sister Cities Program.*
- C. THAT Council maintain the existing 6 (six) Sister City and 2 (two) Friendship relationships within the community, cultural and educational context and decline all future Sister City and Friendship requests.*

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D. THAT Council decline the request to establish a Sister City relationship with Kabankalan, The Philippines.

E. THAT the Sister Cities Policy and Handbook be reviewed to include a broader framework for Council's international relations activities.

DECISION NO.21\3293 (12/05/15)

Council is a member of Sister Cities Australia (SCA), an association of cities, towns, shires, ports and states that have Sister City relationships. The role of SCA is to provide umbrella support and assist in promoting and managing Sister City affiliations.

City of Darwin has been an active participant in Sister City affiliations since establishing its first joint agreement with Kalymnos, Greece in 1982. Since the inaugural Kalymnos signing, Council has entered into a further four agreements, bringing the total number of international Sister Cities to five:

- **Kalymnos:** Signed 23 April 1982 in Darwin
- **Anchorage:** Signed 28 July 1982 in Darwin, 23 September 1982 in Anchorage
- **Ambon:** Signed 28 October 1988 in Ambon, 21 July 1989 in Darwin
- **Haikou:** Signed 5 September 1990 in Darwin
- **Dili:** Signed 18 September 2003 in Darwin

In addition Council has two Friendship City affiliations with Honolulu in the USA and Galapagos, Ecuador. It also has a memorandum of understanding with Rizhao in China and a domestic Sister City relationship with Milikapiti in the Tiwi Islands.

DISCUSSION

International Relations Policy

Attached is a copy of Council's current Policy No. 053 – International Relations (**Attachment A**).

Council's foundational Sister Cities policy was first developed in 2010. The pace of change influenced by technology, economic development, population mobility, and globalisation has required City of Darwin to review its role and policy framework in international relations. To that end, a contemporised *International Relations Policy* was adopted that redefines Council's role and reach in international relations, cultural diplomacy and more broadly its sister cities engagement.

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The policy objectives of the International Relations policy are:

- To articulate a context and framework for City of Darwin's role and activity in international relations engagement.
- To provide a context for City of Darwin's role in supporting the Commonwealth and Northern Territory Governments in advancing priorities described in Council's Strategic Directions and Municipal Plans.
- To elevate and enhance the value of cultural exchange, diplomacy and community capacity building in an international context.
- To provide a framework for the redevelopment of the Sister Cities Program Guidelines in place of the Sister Cities Program Handbook, to better align with volunteer practices and aspirations.
- To draw on the Sister Cities program review feedback to contemporise program and policy design.

Council purposefully limited Sister and Friendship City relationships in 2015 to ensure that existing commitments can be properly serviced within available resources. This does not preclude engagement with other cities and jurisdictions in other ways where appropriate and when determined by Council.

Sister City Agreements

The existing Sister City agreement emphasise the following:

- **Kalymnos:** Socio-economic and cultural development, with specific mention of the fields of science, administration, working conditions, transport, athletics, education and tourism. There is also specific mention of methodology – exchanging views, visits, specialist exchanges. A role for business and the community is also envisaged.
- **Anchorage:** industrial, economic and cultural exchange.
- **Ambon:** economic, social and cultural progress.
- **Haikou:** The document signed in 1990 - economy, trade, urban construction, environmental protection, science and technology, culture and arts, education, public health, sport and tourism.

The document signed in Darwin in 2006 - international trade, tourism, culture, education, health and sport. Specific commitments are made in respect of Education – restoring the student exchange program and encouragement of English teachers from Darwin to travel to Haikou to teach at all levels of the education system from kindergarten to university. In respect of health, there is a commitment to exchange information and explore possible staff exchanges for short-term training in public health. The document also implies that there will be frequent communication and high level visits.

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- **Dili:** Tourism, sport, economy, trade, education and culture - in agreements signed in 2003 and 2005.
- **Santa Cruz-Galapagos:** Cultural, social, sports, educational and economic development.
- **Honolulu:** no formal agreement.

Review of Sister Cities 2014 – 2017

In August 2014 Mr Brendan Doran conducted a review of the five sister cities Strategic Relevance following Council Decision 21\ 2192 against five categories of relevance of strategic, social, economic, education & cultural.

Council engaged the consultant to undertake an assessment of current international Sister City and Friendship relationships against a Five Category Framework, the selection of Sister Cities Committee members and existing Sister City and Friendship requests. The consultant's report concludes that Council's Sister Cities Program is well managed and has established solid foundations of trust and cooperation that span across the areas of arts, culture, education, sport, and tourism.

There is opportunity to grow the program into the economic field. This is particularly so for neighbours in the Asian region, who are prepared to engage in economic relationships once foundations of trust and cooperation have been established. Soft diplomacy, including people to people relationships and cultural exchanges are critical first steps to the realisation of economic relationships and outcomes.

The report concluded that current resourcing does not leave much capacity to grow the program, though consideration should be given to formalising relationships with strategic economic partners such as Japan.

The documents provided by Brendan Doran were presented at the Sister Cities Strategic Planning workshop on the 10 August 2016 as working drafts for discussion and feedback and the subsequent adoption of the new International Relations policy which replaced Policy 053 - Sister Cities in March 2017.

City Futures & International Relations

The newly formed City Futures department within the City of Darwin is considering future opportunities which will assist in strengthening Darwin's competitiveness and build fruitful economic and social relationships with international partners. This will be achieved by providing programs and support that benefit existing NT Government agencies, industry groups and Darwin businesses through increased capability, innovation and relationship building to position Darwin as a preferred Australian location for business and investment particularly from the South East Asia region.

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It is envisaged that the City Futures Department will use its existing sister city relationships to seek opportunities to increase export and inward investment to Darwin's key business sectors, in particular the education, tourism and services sector. The International Relations program will facilitate learning through increased exchanges between Darwin and international partners cities in tropical urban management, city governance and other areas of excellence unique to the proximity in Asia. It will support community, cultural and civic links focused on the Asia Pacific Region increase awareness of Darwin's International linkages and contribute to international governance forums and represent Darwin's interests in international forums is the Asia Pacific Region.

The City of Darwin's recently adopted International Relations policy seeks to broaden its engagement with a wide range of partners including other levels of government, and trade organisations such as the Office of Asian Engagement, Trade and Investment, Charles Darwin University, Study NT and business organisations such as the Chamber of Commerce - International Business Council. A key objective of the Councils International Relations Policy is to add value to the activities of these existing programs yet avoid any duplication of effort.

Officers from within City Futures have been actively engaging with a range of stakeholders including NT Government agencies, industry groups and Darwin businesses to discuss the role Council can play in International relations in line with the Policy No.053 (International Relations) and how the future direction can align with the strategic intent of similar programs, such as those of the NT Government.

Stakeholders / Industry Groups

There are a number existing federal government agencies, NT government agencies as well education bodies and private sector associations operating in the area of international engagement providing various strategic plans and resources

AGENCY	STRATEGY / RESOURCE
Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade (DFAT)	http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australian-sports-diplomacy-strategy-2015-18.aspx and their cultural, social and people-to-people diplomacy.
Austrade	Market Profiles – Doing Business Overseas https://www.austrade.gov.au/Australian/Export/Export-markets/Countries/India/Market-profile
AsiaLink	Country Starter Packs https://asialinkbusiness.com.au/country-starter-packs
Northern Australia Development & Trade	https://northaust.org.au/
Office of Asian Engagement, Trade and Investment Tourism NT	Asian Engagement Trade and Investment Strategic Plan 2015 – 2020 http://investnt.com.au/about/strategy.shtml Tourism Vision 2020
Charles Darwin University	http://www.cdu.edu.au/

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Study NT	International Education and Training Strategy 2014 -2024 http://www.studynt.nt.gov.au/about-us
NT Cattlemen's Association	http://www.ntca.org.au/
Chamber of Commerce - International Business Council	International Business Council Strategies and Actions 2017 to 2017 https://www.chambernt.com.au/events/category/international-business-council
CDU Reference Group	
International Engagement Coordination Group Meeting (IECG)	
Northern Territory International Education and Training Industry Group	
International College of Advanced Education	

CONSULTATION PROCESS

In preparing this report, the following City of Darwin officers were consulted:

- General Manager City Life

In preparing this report, the following External Parties were consulted:

- Office of Asian Engagement, Trade and Investment
- NT Chamber of Commerce
- Tourism NT
- Study NT
- International College of Advanced Education

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report has been prepared in accordance with City of Darwin Policy No. 053 – International Relations. Any change in strategic direction will result in amendments to this policy.

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BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

An annual budget of \$53,567 is allocated to support the committees and fund various projects throughout the year. Separate operational funding is allocated to a project officer.

Further initiatives that may be adopted by Council could impact budget and resource allocation and would need to be further determined.

RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

We the Author and Approving Officers declare that we do not have a Conflict of Interest in relation to this matter.

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Attachments:

Attachment A: Policy No. 053 – International Relations

Title: **International Relations**

Policy No: 053

Adopted By: Council

Next Review Date: 23/02/2014

Responsibility: General Manager City Futures

Document Number: 2118626

Version	Decision Number	Adoption Date	History
1	20\2501	23/02/10	Adopted
2	21\5274	28/03/17	Policy renamed from Sister Cities to International Relations and revision adopted by Council

1 Policy Summary

City of Darwin embraces Darwin's history, geography and rich diversity of population. With such diversity comes responsibility for enriching and developing community life and Darwin's place in the global community.

This Policy provides a framework to guide Council's directions in advancing the city's future and cultural development through international and community relationships. Person to person linkages, a hallmark of the international relations movement, is realised by Council's many generous volunteers who contribute to an inclusive, well governed, community lived Sister Cities Program.

2 Policy Objectives

- To articulate a context and framework for City of Darwin's role and activity in international relations engagement.
- To provide a context for City of Darwin's role in supporting the Commonwealth and Northern Territory Governments in advancing priorities described in Council's Strategic Directions and Municipal Plans.
- To elevate and enhance the value of cultural exchange, diplomacy and community capacity building in an international context.
- To provide a framework for the redevelopment of the Sister Cities Program Guidelines in place of the Sister Cities Program Handbook, to better align with volunteer practices and aspirations.
- To draw on the Sister Cities program review feedback to contemporise program and policy design.

3 Background

Strategic Plan Context

City of Darwin's Evolving Darwin Towards 2020 Strategic Plan provides an operating context and contributes to the broader directions of Council's international relations endeavours. Council's Sister Cities program is but one dimension of its international relations remit.

Goal 4	Historically and Culturally Rich City
Outcome	Community life rich in creativity
Strategy 4.2.2	Embrace national and international partnerships

Sister City Program Parameters

Following review in 2015, Council confirmed its program parameters to ensure existing relationships and partnerships were serviced in alignment with available resources and to maximise outcomes. The parameters are:

- That Council maintain the existing six Sister City relationships and two Friendship relationships within a community, cultural and educational context.
- That all future Sister City and Friendship requests be declined.
- That the Sister Cities Policy and Handbook be reviewed to include a broader framework for Council's international relations activities

4 Policy Statement

4.1. International Relations Activities Framework

Context

City of Darwin has a proud history of internationalism and rich cultural diversity. The person to person linkages between the northern Australian landmass and island communities across the seas and straits to the north pre-date British colonisation.

For centuries, Darwin's Traditional Owners, the Larrakia people traded with South East Asian neighbours. A great deal of cultural exchange occurred between the Yolngu and Macassans, including trade, work and travel that has had a lasting imprint on Darwin's local culture and language.

The modern city of Darwin and its predecessor settlements since 1869 have been at the forefront of Australia's international engagement in peace and in war. Its population diversity reflects, and in some aspects predates, modern multicultural Australia.

While other levels of Government in Australia have formal responsibility for international relations and matters of trade, diplomacy, tourism and investment, City of Darwin has long welcomed all international engagement and visitors. The City

actively encourages and proudly celebrates its rich cultural make up and enduring person to person linkages.

City of Darwin collaborates with the Commonwealth and Northern Territory Governments on visits, activities and protocol requirements in respect of foreign dignitaries, delegations, military and diplomatic representatives and welcomes global citizens travelling to, and through, the Territory for business, tourism, education and training, cultural and sporting purposes.

Internationally, the expectations of the role and reach of local government and the status of its officials differ considerably, requiring sensitive management in a cross cultural context.

Since establishment, Council has engaged in cultural diplomacy, local hospitality and international relations by receiving official visitors and delegations from overseas. A more formal program began in 1982 with Council's participation in the international Sister City movement through the establishment of a twinning arrangement with Kalymnos in Greece.

Vision

For Darwin to be recognised as a vibrant, contemporary, culturally diverse, prosperous international capital city, committed to strategic relationships that advance cultural diplomacy, business, education, trade and peace building opportunities of mutual benefit.

Principles

The following principles guide and underpin Council's involvement in international relations in support of its vision:

- Mutual respect
- Cultural diversity
- Cultural diplomacy
- Peace building through humanitarian endeavours including ethical practices.
- Co-operation on opportunities of mutual benefit including cultural exchange, business development, arts, cross cultural understanding, community harmony, tourism, education, youth development, skill sharing and inclusion.

Promotion

- To showcase Darwin, promoting and building upon its international reputation with emphasis on fostering friendship, cultural exchange, business, skill and learning opportunities.
- To build, develop and enhance cross-cultural relationships.

- To promote Darwin as a vibrant, contemporary city that creates opportunity and choice and where history, culture, lifestyle and location as a Northern Australian international destination are highly valued.
- Profile Darwin as a destination of choice for international study, tourism, conferences, cultural experiences, sport and business.

Leverage

- Maximise opportunities of mutual benefit.
- Capture and share innovative and best practice approaches.
- Encourage meaningful exchange and shared experiences through collaboration.
- Broker partnerships that advance strategic benefit for cultural, economic, sports, education, business, arts, tourism and humanitarian matters.

Linkages

- Be underpinned by mutual respect, understanding and cultural diplomacy.
- Enhance the City and Council's international profile and reputation positively.
- Facilitate connectivity and partnerships of mutual benefit.
- Support Commonwealth and Territory Government international engagement activities where appropriate.

4.2. Sister Cities Program

The Sister City Program is an important component of Darwin's international engagement portfolio. City of Darwin has five formal sister city relationships that reflect aspects of its history and more recent overseas linkages that are significant to the development of the City and the Northern Territory.

- Kalymnos (Greece)
- Anchorage (USA)
- Ambon (Indonesia)
- Haikou (China)
- Dili (Timor-Leste)

City of Darwin has two additional friendship arrangements that reflect some specific connections and aspirations:

- Honolulu (USA)
- Santa Cruz-Galapagos (Ecuador)

City of Darwin also shares a domestic Sister City relationship.

- Milikapiti (Tiwi Islands, Northern Territory)

In more recent times, City of Darwin has formalised a Memorandum of Understanding in support of local economic development brokered by the Northern Territory Government with:

- Rizhao (People's Republic of China)

Limited number of relationships

Council purposefully limited Sister and Friendship City relationships in 2015 to ensure that existing commitments can be properly serviced within available resources. This does not preclude engagement with other cities and jurisdictions in other ways where appropriate and when determined by Council.

Focus on community, culture and education

In 2015, Council confirmed that Sister and Friendship City relationships shall continue to focus on community, cultural and educational matters. Given this scope, there is substantial opportunity for alignment with the arts, education, business and sports etc that emerge through community and cultural development pursuits.

Governance arrangements

Governance of the Sister City Program is provided through two levels of committee with Council acting as the authorising body for particular matters.

Advisory Committees

Five of Council's Sister City relationships are supported and activated by local advisory community based committees, generously supported by volunteers. Committees operate for:

- Kalymnos
- Anchorage
- Ambon
- Haikou
- Dili

Each committee provides advice, expertise and deep cross-cultural linkages that facilitate and bring to life each Sister City relationship at a community level.

A template for the membership, appointment duration, role, purpose and meeting frequency of these committees is described within the Sister Cities Program Guideline document that steers all operational aspects of the program. Additionally, the annual Council Committee Booklet, each Council's Strategic Plan, annual Municipal Plans and a range of strategies such as Young Darwin 2016-2021 set out more specific governance arrangements and project collaboration themes.

City Life Committee

A standing Committee of Council, the City Life Committee comprises the Lord Mayor and a number of Elected Representatives appointed annually. Its responsibilities include the functional areas of the City Life Department including the Sister Cities and International Relations portfolio. The Committee hold some delegations with a requirement for international travel and matters concerning budget approvals to be determined by Council.

Committee Procedures and Program Guidelines

The Sister Cities Program Guidelines complement this policy and provide detailed guidance for the program's operations and procedures.

General City of Darwin corporate policies and procedures are also pertinent and provide a basis for decisions and approvals on matters not covered in the Guidelines.

Advisory Committee Delegation

As a means of providing each Sister City Advisory Committee with operational decision making, Council has delegated authority to each Committee to determine the power to make decisions within the approved Committee budgets of \$4,000 annually on the proviso that:

- Funds are limited to \$4,000 each financial year.
- There is no carry forwards for unspent budget allocations.
- All requests concerning international travel requires Council approval.
- Projects can be planned and delivered over more than one financial year.

4.3. International Engagement

Reception of Visitors, Delegations and Conference activity

Broader international engagement beyond the Sister Cities program extends to cultural diplomacy including the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, Council staff and community advisory committee members receiving dignitaries and delegations, representational attendance at conferences, meetings, celebrations and events with an international dimension. This activity may be in Darwin, elsewhere in the Northern Territory, Australia, or overseas. Attendance may be by invitation or on request. Formal approval must comply with Council finance, travel and hospitality policies and procedures.

City of Darwin is a financial member of Sister Cities Australia (SCA). SCA hosts a national conference annually which provides opportunity for international engagement beyond the operational, and enables City of Darwin representatives access to best practice across the Sister Cities movement. Relationship building is also valuable in advancing Darwin's interests with visiting delegations from other municipalities overseas.

Exchanges

Periodic professional exchanges between City of Darwin and other international entities foster goodwill, skill sharing, community connectivity and capacity building and as well as advancing specific interests and mutually agreed projects. Exchanges typically involve person to person linkages and cultural diplomacy that continue to be the bedrock of peace building initiatives internationally.

Coordination with NT Government

Council's representation on the Northern Territory's International Engagement Coordination Group, chaired by the Department of Business, and on other Territory bodies ensures that the two levels of government are appraised of each other's international activity and can coordinate and compliment activities as appropriate. The Northern Australia Capital City Committee is also an established strategic level forum where cross government matters can be advanced.

5. Related Documents

Besides periodic reports to Council on international activities in relation to Council Meeting agenda items, information availability and transparency of activity is provided through City of Darwin's Annual Report and mechanisms such as the International Relations Newsletters published on the Council website.

5. Legislation (Terminology and References)

The NT Local Government Act provides the basis for City of Darwin to occupy a broad role in promoting the social, economic, environmental, and cultural wellbeing of its local community and for community participation in such activities.

6. Implementation and Delegation

The City Life Department has particular responsibility for the implementation of this policy. Elected Members, other Departments and committees also have roles in ensuring adherence and working collaboratively to further program outcomes.

In accordance with Policy 032- Policy and Procedures Framework, clause 7.2 – Implementation and Delegation, Council has delegated to the CEO the authority to decide those matters needing to be referred to Council for adoption.

In order to maintain the currency of the Sister Cities Program Guidelines, subject to Council approval of this Policy, Council has delegated to the CEO, authority to approve further updates of the Sister Cities Program Guidelines to reflect amendments necessary for various reasons including changes emanating from relevant Council decisions.

7. Evaluation and Review

This policy is to be reviewed in accordance with Policy 032 – clause 5.3 – Reviewing Existing Policies. Sister City Advisory Committee members are also invited to provide feedback on program reviews as required to inform program development.

ENCL: 2ND ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING/OPEN AGENDA ITEM: 15.2.2
YES

CITIZENSHIP ACT

REPORT No.: 17CE0012 MR:ph COMMON No.: 3549815 DATE: 31/10/2017

Presenter: Executive Manager, Melissa Reiter

Approved: Acting Chief Executive Officer, Luccio Cercarelli

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide further information to a Members Question (Decision No 21\5449) on 30 May 2017 in regards changes to the *Australian Citizenship Act*.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies as outlined in the 'Evolving Darwin Towards 2020 Strategic Plan':-

Goal

5 Effective and Responsible Governance

Outcome

5.4 Effective leadership and advocacy

Key Strategies

5.4.2 Advocate on behalf of the community

KEY ISSUES

- The Australian Government is proposing to amend the *Citizenship Act*.
- Council has sought information in regards these amendments in the form of a report.
- The amendments to the *Citizenship Act* are currently before the Senate.
- The Senate held an Inquiry and has subsequently released a report in relation to the amendments.

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Report Number 17CE0012 MR:ph entitled Citizenship Act, be received and noted.

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 SUBJECT: CITIZENSHIP ACT

BACKGROUND

At the 2nd Ordinary Council Meeting of 30 May 2017, the following was a Question by Members:

Citizenship Act

Common No. 3549815

Member R M Knox asked whether Council could write to the Minister for immigration regarding the changes to the Citizenship Act?

The Acting Chief Executive Officer responded and advised that further information could be sought for Council with a report to follow.

This item was laid on the table at the 1st Ordinary Council Meeting of 17 November 2017 and is now referred back to Council for consideration.

DISCUSSION

The Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening Requirements for Australian Citizenship and other Measures) Bill (the Bill) intends to strengthen the requirements for Australian Citizenship and incorporates a number of integrity measures.

The Bill amends the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007*, which provides the current legal basis for all citizenship provisions, with subordinate legislation, the Australian Citizenship Regulations 2016, which sets out the detailed requirements for matters provided by the Act.

The Bill was introduced into the House of Representatives in June 2017 and is currently before the Senate.

On 22 June 2017 the Senate referred the Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Requirements for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures) Bill 2017 for inquiry and report by 4 September 2017.

The closing date for submissions was 21 July 2017, however on 4 September the Senate granted an extension of time to report until 5 September 2017. The Senate Report of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee is attached at **Attachment A**.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

In preparing this report, the following City of Darwin officers were consulted:

- Committee Administrator
- General Manager City Performance

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In preparing this report, the following External Parties were consulted:

- Alderman Robin Knox

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Whilst the Bill makes a range of amendments to the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007*, there does not appear to be any policy implications for the Citizenship Ceremony process currently conducted by the City of Darwin.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

We the Author and Approving Officers declare that we do not have a Conflict of Interest in relation to this matter.

MELISSA REITER
EXECUTIVE MANAGER

LUCCIO CERCARELLI
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE
OFFICER

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Attachments:

Attachment A: Senate Report – Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee – Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Requirements for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures) Bill 2017 [Provisions]

Submitted electronically:

<https://www.darwin.nt.gov.au/council/council-committees/agendas-minutes/2nd-ordinary-council-meeting-31-october-2017>

ENCL: 2ND ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING/OPEN AGENDA ITEM: 15.2.3
YES

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2017

REPORT No.: 17CP0039 IF:je COMMON No.: 2476534 DATE: 31/10/2017

Presenter: Acting Manager Finance, Irene Frazis

Approved: Acting General Manager City Performance, Richard Iap

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide a comparison of income and expenditure against the budget for the period ended 30 September 2017 in accordance with the Local Government (Accounting) Regulations.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies as outlined in the 'Evolving Darwin towards 2020 Strategic Plan':-

Goal

5 Effective and Responsible Governance

Outcome

5.5 Responsible financial and asset management

Key Strategies

5.5.1 Manage Council's business based on a sustainable financial and asset management strategy

KEY ISSUES

- The monthly report meets Council's statutory requirements.
- The 1st quarter budget review will provide additional accountability information to supplement the monthly financial reports.
- Preparation of the 2016/17 annual financial statements are close to finalisation.
- There are no overall concerns with this month's report

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Report Number 17CP0039 IF:je entitled Monthly Financial Report - September 2017 be received and noted.

BACKGROUND

The format of the monthly report has previously been consulted and endorsed.

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DISCUSSION

The following statements are included at **Attachment A**.

Overall Income Statement

All sources of Council's income (revenue) and all operating expenses.

Municipal Plan Summary

The Municipal Plan Summary follows a similar format to the statement of cash flows, but is based on working capital rather than cash. The actual transfers to and from cash backed reserves are not currently provided, these will be provided at 1st quarter budget review & monthly reporting thereafter.

Investments Report

Details all cash and investments held by institution and provide information on interest rate returns and maturities.

Accounts Receivable Report

Details rate receipt collection, outstanding general debtors and performance on rates recovery compared to the previous year. The report includes additional information on infringement debtors, rates arrears, rates struck and rates outstanding (bar chart).

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Council's monthly financial reports normally contain additional information to the statutory requirements. Some of this additional information is proposed to be omitted until the 2016/17 audit is finalised.

The information that is provided is considered to more than achieve statutory compliance as set out below:

Part 8 of the Local Government (Accounting) Regulations require that a monthly financial report is presented to Council.

Regulation 18 states:-

1. The CEO must, in each month, lay before a meeting of the council a report, in a form approved by the council, setting out:
 - a) The actual income and expenditure of the council for the period from the commencement of the financial year to the end of the previous month; and

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- b) The forecast income and expenditure for the whole of the financial year
- 2. The report must include:
 - a) Details of all cash and investments held by the council (including money held in trust); and
 - b) A statement on the debts owed to the council including the aggregate amount owed under each category with a general indication of the age of the debts; and
 - c) Other information required by the Council.
- 3. If a council does not hold a meeting in a particular month, the report is to be laid before the council committee performing the council's financial functions for the particular month.

It should be noted that monthly financial reports are not independently audited, but are subject to internal control and review processes.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

We the Author and Approving Officers declare that we do not have a Conflict of Interest in relation to this matter.

IRENE FRAZIS
ACTING MANAGER FINANCE

RICHARD IAP
ACTING GENERAL MANAGER
CITY PERFORMANCE

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Attachments:

Attachment A: Monthly Financial Report - September 2017

Income Statement
For the Period Ended 30/09/2017


	2017/18				
	Full Original Budget \$'000	Full Amended Budget \$'000	YTD Actual \$'000	YTD v FAB %	
% of year elapsed				25%	
Income from Continuing Operations					Comment
Rates & Annual Charges	69,069	69,069	69,194	100%	No issues
User Charges, Fees & Other	26,341	26,341	7,015	27%	No issues
Interest & Investment Revenue	1,953	1,953	514	26%	No issues
Grants & Contributions - Operating	5,143	5,143	2,078	40%	No issues
Total Income from Continuing Operations	102,506	102,506	78,800	77%	
Less Expenses from Continuing Operations					
Employee Costs	32,313	32,313	8,050	25%	No issues
Borrowing Costs	291	291	55	19%	No issues
Materials and Services	49,429	49,429	11,756	24%	No issues
Depreciation and Amortisation	24,037	24,037	6,009	25%	No issues
Total Expenses from Continuing Operations	106,070	106,070	25,869	24%	
Operating Result - Continuing Operations	(3,564)	(3,564)	52,931		
Grants & Contributions - Capital	2,113	2,113	3,919	185%	No issues
Net Operating Result For the Year	(1,451)	(1,451)	56,849		

Income Statement

Explanation of Columns: "Full Original Budget" and "Full Amended Budget" are full year. YTD Actual is year to date. YTD v FAB is the % of actuals achieved against the full year original budget.

Outlines income and operating expenses. Excludes capital expenditure and instead recognises depreciation expense. The net operating surplus or deficit for the reporting period is a measure of Council's financial performance. This figure is determined by deducting total operating expenses including depreciation from total operating revenue.

Operating income: Rates are recognised at the beginning of the year hence 100% achieved. Although User charges, fees and other revenue are slightly above target at 27% this is mainly due to the issuing of Off Street parking permits and animal registrations at the beginning of the year. Operating grants & contributions are showing 40% achieved as library grants received in full for the year.

Operating expenses: Overall expenditure appears reasonable for this 3rd month of the financial year. Borrowing expenses are scheduled for payment in November and May. Depreciation is recognised on the basis of 1/12 of budget per month until 2016/17 audit is complete.

Capital income: \$1.98M R2R grant for Dinah Beach Road Project received in full. A \$2M DEC grant for upgrade of aircon was received from Dept of Housing and Community. DEC Grant is not budgeted and will require a 1st Quarter budget variation.

Finance: There are no overall concerns in relation to the original budget.

Municipal Plan Summary
For the Period Ended 30/09/2017

	Full Original Budget \$'000	2017/18 Full Amended Budget \$'000	YTD Actual \$'000	YTD v FAB %
% of year elapsed				25%
Funds From Operating Activities				
Net Operating Result From Above	(1,451)	(1,451)	56,849	
Add back depreciation (not cash)	24,037	24,037	6,009	
Add back Loss on Asset Disposal (non cash)	-	-	-	
Net Funds Provided (or used in) Operating Activities	22,586	22,586	62,859	
Funds From Investing activities				
Sale of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	783	783	70	9%
Purchase of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	(21,633)	(21,633)	(6,669)	31%
Net Funds Provided (or used in) Investing Activities	(20,850)	(20,850)	(6,599)	
Funds From Financing Activities				
Proceeds from borrowings & advances	2,100	2,100	-	0%
Repayment of borrowings & advances	(384)	(384)	-	0%
Net Funds Provided (or used in) Financing Activities	1,716	1,716	-	
Net Increase (-Decrease) in Funds Before Transfers	3,452	3,452	56,259	
Transfers from (-to) Reserves	(3,452)	(3,452)	-	
Net Increase (-Decrease) in Funds After Transfers	-	-	56,259	

Municipal Plan Summary

Outlines This statement outlines Councils entire budget in accordance with the published municipal plan. It shows the effect on General Funds (original budget - break even/nil). It groups items into operating, investing and financing and has a very close relationship to cash flows , which is why it is presented in the same international format. It eliminates the depreciation calculation and discloses totals for asset sales and purchases as well as loan raising and repayments. Finally it discloses the transfers to & from cash backed reserves which are detailed in the quarterly budget review reports (actual transfers to/from reserves are not actioned until the end of the 1st quarter).

Full Amended Budget: Some carry forward from 2016/17 have been approved but are not included in the amended budget in this report. This will be addressed in future reports.

Net funds provided by operating activities: These will reduce throughout the year to equate more closely to budget as the rates struck are expended.

Purchase of Infrastructure, property etc. This is 31% spent compared to 25% of year elapsed.

Transfers from (-to) reserves: This discloses the transfers to & from cash backed reserves, these details will be provided following the completion of the 1st quarter.

Manager Finance: There are no overall concerns in relation to the budgets.



CASH AND INVESTMENTS SUMMARY

As at 30 September, 2017 Council's short term cash position was as follows:

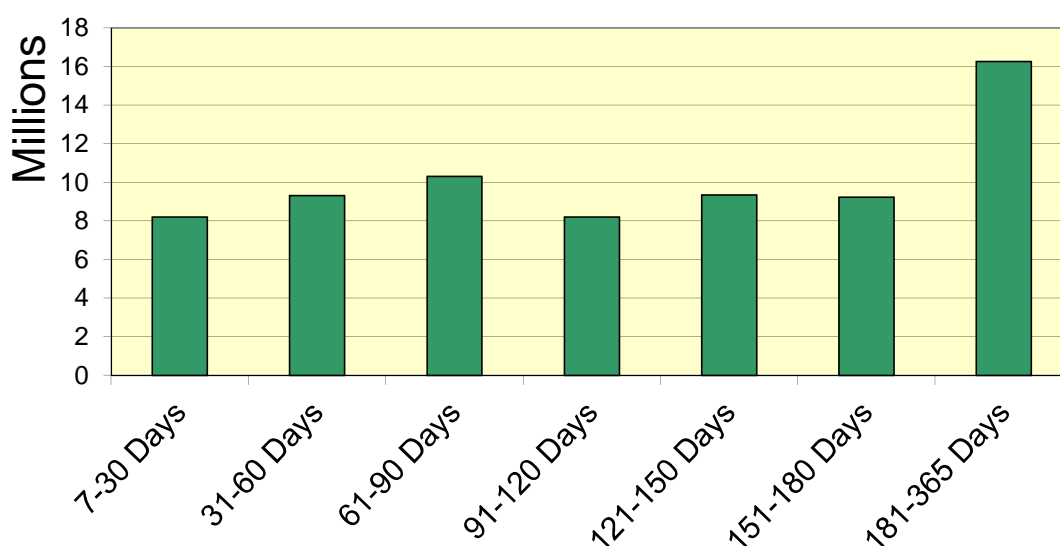
1. General Fund

Cash at Bank	\$ 9,758,151
Short Term Investments	\$ 69,693,727
Total Funds	\$ 79,451,878

Council has an arrangement with its financial institution the Commonwealth Bank of Australia to offset Council's overdraft facility against pooled funds held in Council's Trust Account and General Account.

FUNDS INVESTED MATURITY PROFILE

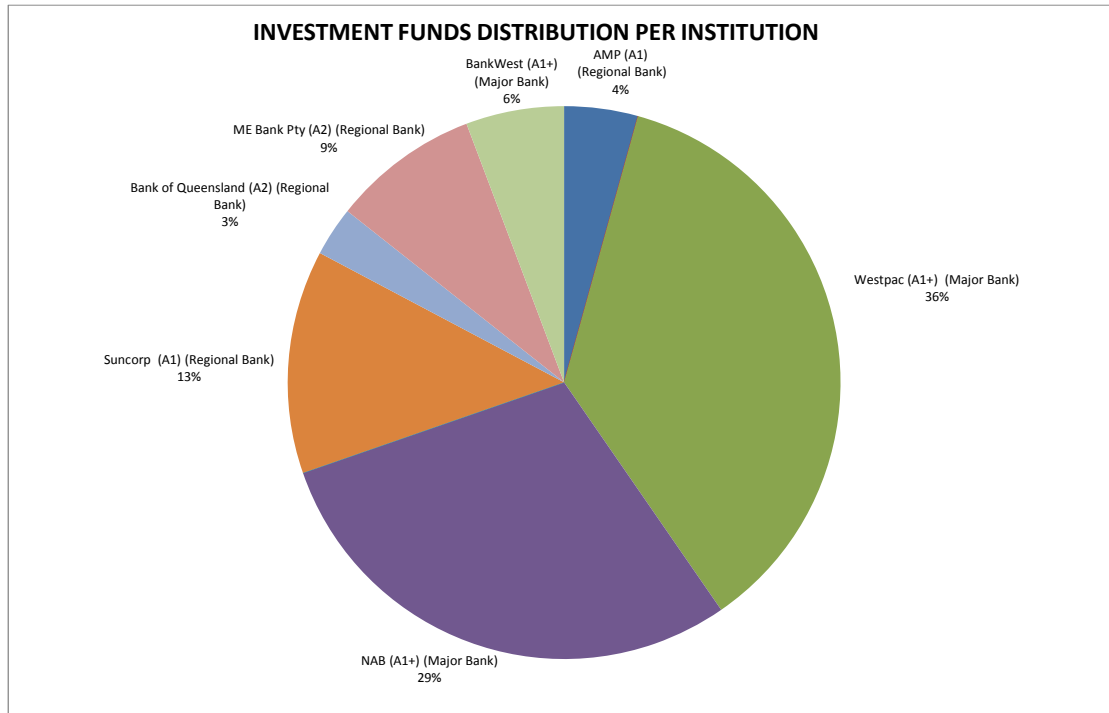
As at 30 September 2017



2. Trust Account

Cash at Bank	\$591,825.40
Total Funds	\$591,825.40

INVESTMENTS REPORT TO COUNCIL AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2017



Investment Policy Limits

Short Term	Policy Max.	Actual Portfolio
A1+	100%	71%
A1	45%	17%
A2	25%	12%
Unrated*	10%	0%

Total

100%

Individual Banks	Policy Max.	% Over Total Investment
National Australia Bank (A1+) (AA-)	40%	29%
Westpac (A1+) (AA-)	40%	36%
AMP (A1) (A)	30%	4%
Suncorp-Metway (A1) (A+)	30%	13%
Bankwest (A1+) (AA-)	30%	6%
Bank of Qld (A2) (BBB+)	30%	3%
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Ltd (A2) (BBB+)	10%	0%
ME Bank (A2) (BBB)	10%	9%

Total

100%

Counterparty	Policy Min.	Policy Max.	Actual Portfolio
Major Banks	15%	100%	66%
Regional Banks	0%	45%	34%
Credit Unions/Building Societies/ Other ADI's	0%	45%	0%

Total

100%

Term to Maturity	Policy Min.	Policy Max.	Actual Portfolio
< 1 Year	30%	100%	100%
> 1 Year	0%	50%	0%
> 3 Years	0%	30%	0%
> 5 Years	0%	10%	0%

Total

100%

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Investment Portfolio



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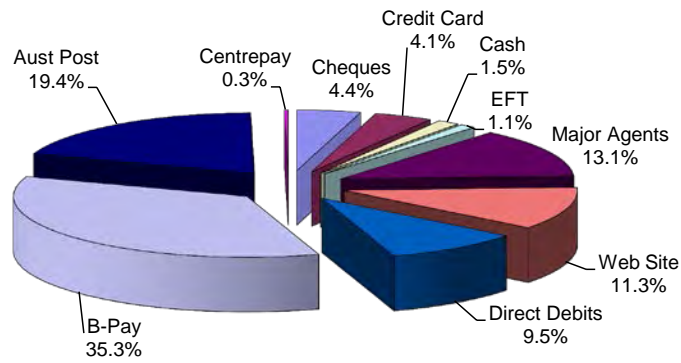
CREDIT RATING	COUNTERPARTY	INV TYPE	AMOUNT	INTEREST RATE	MATURITY DATE	DAYS TO MATURITY	WEIGHTED AVERAGE RATE	INSTITUTION TOTALS	%
(ST) (LT)									
	Major Banks Total @ Invested		\$ 45,573,304.41	65.39%	of portfolio				
(A1+) (AA-)	National Bank of Australia	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.60%	October 17, 2017	17	0.000373061	\$ 20,425,978.16	29.31%
(A1+) (AA-)	National Bank of Australia	TD	\$ 1,034,485.07	2.61%	November 14, 2017	45	0.000387410		
(A1+) (AA-)	National Bank of Australia	TD	\$ 1,034,485.07	2.61%	November 14, 2017	45	0.000387410		
(A1+) (AA-)	National Bank of Australia	TD	\$ 1,111,197.94	2.60%	November 28, 2017	59	0.000414544		
(A1+) (AA-)	National Bank of Australia	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.61%	December 12, 2017	73	0.000374496		
(A1+) (AA-)	National Bank of Australia	TD	\$ 1,070,134.13	2.49%	January 30, 2018	122	0.000382335		
(A1+) (AA-)	National Bank of Australia	TD	\$ 1,089,503.86	2.50%	February 6, 2018	129	0.000390818		
(A1+) (AA-)	National Bank of Australia	TD	\$ 1,019,229.87	2.53%	February 6, 2018	129	0.000369998		
(A1+) (AA-)	National Bank of Australia	TD	\$ 1,066,942.22	2.53%	March 13, 2018	164	0.000387318		
(A1+) (AA-)	National Bank of Australia	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.57%	March 20, 2018	171	0.000368756		
(A1+) (AA-)	National Bank of Australia	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.58%	March 20, 2018	171	0.000370191		
(A1+) (AA-)	National Bank of Australia	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.58%	March 27, 2018	178	0.000370191		
(A1+) (AA-)	National Bank of Australia	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.58%	March 27, 2018	178	0.000370191		
(A1+) (AA-)	National Bank of Australia	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.58%	April 3, 2018	185	0.000370191		
(A1+) (AA-)	National Bank of Australia	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.61%	April 17, 2018	199	0.000374496		
(A1+) (AA-)	National Bank of Australia	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.61%	April 17, 2018	199	0.000374496		
(A1+) (AA-)	National Bank of Australia	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.61%	May 1, 2018	213	0.000374496		
(A1+) (AA-)	National Bank of Australia	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.61%	May 1, 2018	213	0.000374496		
(A1+) (AA-)	National Bank of Australia	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.61%	May 8, 2018	220	0.000374496		
(A1+) (AA-)	National Bank of Australia	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.61%	May 8, 2018	220	0.000374496		
(A1+) (AA-)	Westpac	TD	\$ 1,019,619.18	2.80%	October 10, 2017	10	0.000409640	\$ 25,147,326.25	36.08%
(A1+) (AA-)	Westpac	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.80%	October 10, 2017	10	0.000401758		
(A1+) (AA-)	Westpac	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.74%	December 12, 2017	73	0.000393149		
(A1+) (AA-)	Westpac	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.67%	January 16, 2018	108	0.000383105		
(A1+) (AA-)	Westpac	TD	\$ 1,037,372.55	2.67%	January 23, 2018	115	0.000397422		
(A1+) (AA-)	Westpac	TD	\$ 1,019,235.62	2.65%	January 23, 2018	115	0.000387549		
(A1+) (AA-)	Westpac	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.65%	January 30, 2018	122	0.000380235		
(A1+) (AA-)	Westpac	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.65%	January 30, 2018	122	0.000380235		
(A1+) (AA-)	Westpac	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.55%	February 13, 2018	136	0.000365887		
(A1+) (AA-)	Westpac	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.68%	February 13, 2018	136	0.000384540		
(A1+) (AA-)	Westpac	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.68%	February 20, 2018	143	0.000384540		
(A1+) (AA-)	Westpac	TD	\$ 1,016,052.05	2.70%	February 20, 2018	143	0.000393628		
(A1+) (AA-)	Westpac	TD	\$ 1,017,605.48	2.65%	February 27, 2018	150	0.000386929		
(A1+) (AA-)	Westpac	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.67%	February 27, 2018	150	0.000383105		
(A1+) (AA-)	Westpac	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.65%	February 27, 2018	150	0.000380235		
(A1+) (AA-)	Westpac	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.65%	March 6, 2018	157	0.000380235		
(A1+) (AA-)	Westpac	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.65%	March 6, 2018	157	0.000380235		
(A1+) (AA-)	Westpac	TD	\$ 1,018,848.22	2.66%	March 13, 2018	164	0.000388864		
(A1+) (AA-)	Westpac	TD	\$ 1,018,593.15	2.69%	March 27, 2018	178	0.000393151		
(A1+) (AA-)	Westpac	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.69%	April 3, 2018	185	0.000385974		
(A1+) (AA-)	Westpac	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.69%	April 10, 2018	192	0.000385974		
(A1+) (AA-)	Westpac	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.69%	April 10, 2018	192	0.000385974		
(A1+) (AA-)	Westpac	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.71%	April 24, 2018	206	0.000388844		
(A1+) (AA-)	Westpac	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.71%	April 24, 2018	206	0.000388844		
(A1+) (AA-)	Westpac	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.71%	April 24, 2018	206	0.000388844		
	Regional Banks Total @ Invested		\$ 24,120,422.54	34.61%	of portfolio				
(A1) (A)	AMP Bank Limited	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.75%	December 5, 2017	66	0.000394584	\$ 3,000,000.00	4.30%
(A1) (A)	AMP Bank Limited	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.75%	December 5, 2017	66	0.000394584		
(A1) (A)	AMP Bank Limited	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.75%	January 2, 2018	94	0.000394584		
(A1+) (AA-)	Bankwest	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.60%	November 28, 2017	59	0.000373061	\$ 4,000,000.00	5.74%
(A1+) (AA-)	Bankwest	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.60%	January 2, 2018	94	0.000373061		
(A1+) (AA-)	Bankwest	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.55%	January 9, 2018	101	0.000365887		
(A1+) (AA-)	Bankwest	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.55%	January 9, 2018	101	0.000365887		
(A1) (A+)	Suncorp-Metway Limited	TD	\$ 1,018,273.97	0.00%	October 17, 2017	17	0.000000000	\$ 9,102,258.98	13.06%
(A1) (A+)	Suncorp-Metway Limited	TD	\$ 1,017,593.97	0.00%	November 7, 2017	38	0.000000000		
(A1) (A+)	Suncorp-Metway Limited	TD	\$ 1,036,914.32	2.60%	November 7, 2017	38	0.000386832		
(A1) (A+)	Suncorp-Metway Limited	TD	\$ 1,014,738.36	2.60%	November 21, 2017	52	0.000378559		
(A1) (A+)	Suncorp-Metway Limited	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.60%	November 21, 2017	52	0.000373061		
(A1) (A+)	Suncorp-Metway Limited	TD	\$ 1,014,738.36	2.60%	November 28, 2017	59	0.000378559		
(A1) (A+)	Suncorp-Metway Limited	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.60%	December 19, 2017	80	0.000373061		
(A1) (A+)	Suncorp-Metway Limited	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.60%	December 19, 2017	80	0.000373061		
(A1) (A+)	Suncorp-Metway Limited	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.60%	December 19, 2017	80	0.000373061		
(A2) (BBB+)	Bank of Queensland Limited	TD	\$ 1,018,163.56	2.62%	October 24, 2017	24	0.000382759	\$ 2,018,163.56	2.90%
(A2) (BBB+)	Bank of Queensland Limited	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.63%	January 16, 2018	108	0.000377365		
(A2) (BBB)	ME Bank	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.73%	October 3, 2017	3	0.000391714	\$ 6,000,000.00	8.61%
(A2) (BBB)	ME Bank	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.70%	October 3, 2017	3	0.000387409		
(A2) (BBB)	ME Bank	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.68%	October 24, 2017	24	0.000384540		
(A2) (BBB)	ME Bank	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.74%	October 31, 2017	31	0.000393149		
(A2) (BBB)	ME Bank	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.74%	October 31, 2017	31	0.000393149		
(A2) (BBB)	ME Bank	TD	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.74%	October 31, 2017	31	0.000393149		
							2.56%	1.71%	
TOTAL FUNDS INVESTED			\$ 69,693,727	100.00%	Average Days to Maturity	113	Weighted Average	BBSW 90 Day Rate	100.00%
GENERAL BANK FUNDS AS OF 30/9/2017			\$ 9,758,151						
TOTAL ALL FUNDS			\$ 79,451,878						
Total Budget Investment Earnings			\$ 1,647,555						
Year to Date Investment Earnings			\$ 463,479						
Type of Investment		Amount	% Portfolio						
Term Deposit		\$ 69,693,726.95	88%						
Bank Bills		\$ -							
Negotiable Certificate of Deposit		\$ -							
CBA At Call		\$ 9,758,150.83	12%						
		\$ 79,451,877.78	100%						

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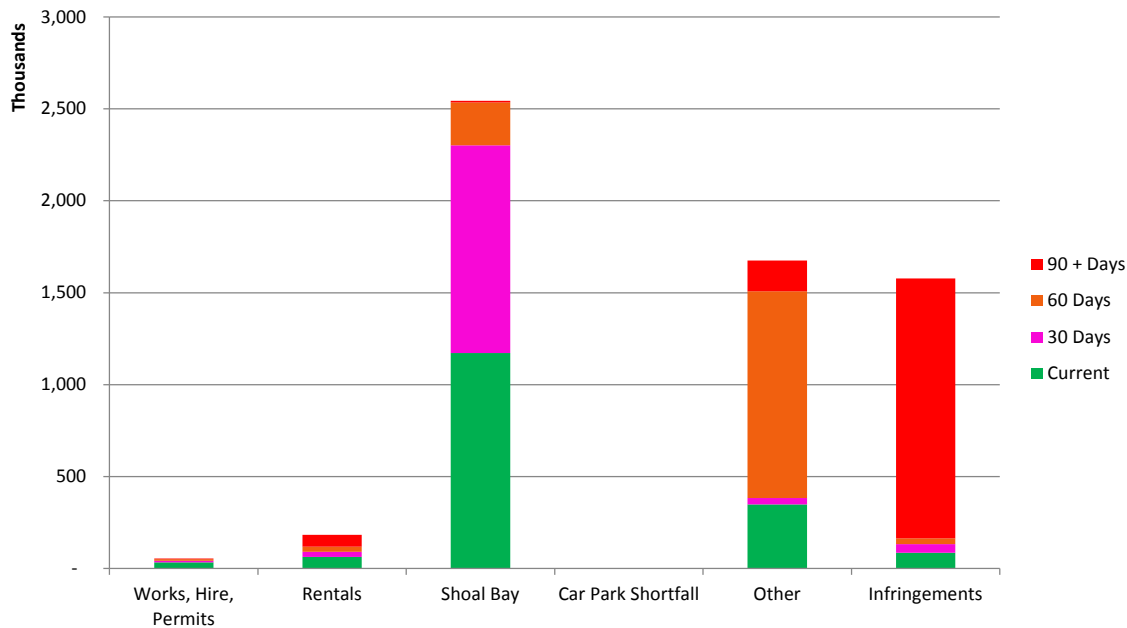


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FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2017**

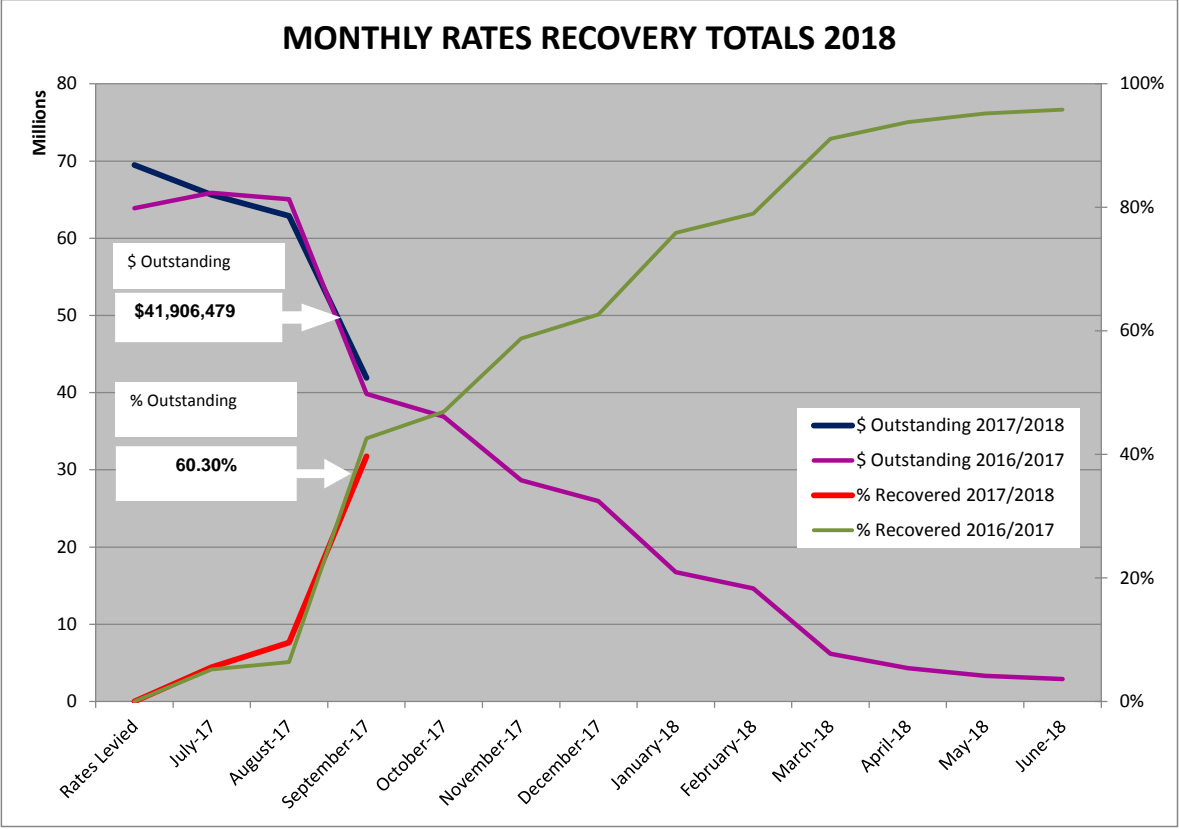
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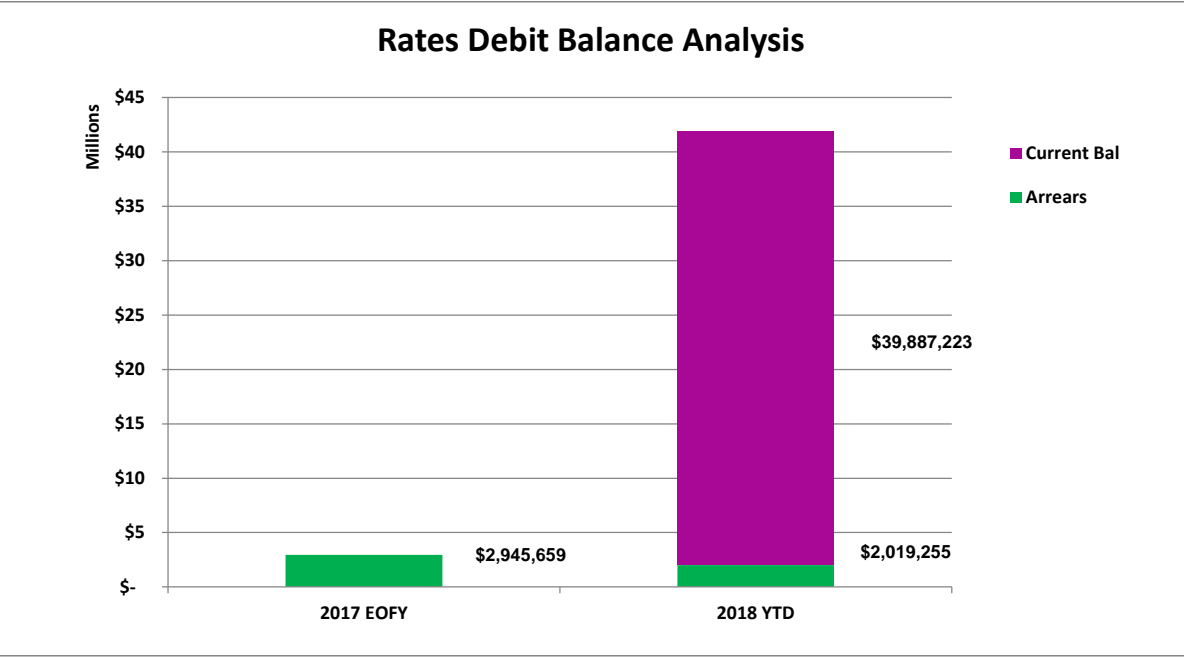
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE OUTSTANDING DEBTORS



Pursuant to Local Government (Accounting) Regulations Sec 18(2)(b) the chart labelled "Accounts Receivable Outstanding Debtors" represents sundry debts owed to Council on an "aged" basis.



The chart labelled "Monthly Rates Recovery Totals" represents the amounts currently outstanding in Rates to Council, rates are either due or overdue and no further "ageing" is possible.



ENCL: 2ND ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING/OPEN AGENDA ITEM: 15.2.4
NO

PARAP POOL REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE OCTOBER 2017

REPORT No.: 17CL0023 AM:kl COMMON No.: 2918032 DATE: 31/10/2017

Presenter: General Manager City Life, Anna Malgorzewicz

Approved: Chief Executive Officer, Brendan Dowd

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a progress report on the Parap Pool Redevelopment Project.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies as outlined in the 'Evolving Darwin Towards 2020 Strategic Plan':-

Goal

2 Vibrant, Flexible and Tropical Lifestyle

Outcome

2.3 Increased sport, recreation and leisure experiences

Key Strategies

2.3.2 Position Darwin as a host centre for local, national and international sport and other events

KEY ISSUES

- The project is nearing completion with the major construction phase now concluded. The physical construction aspect which is the responsibility of Sunbuild, is 98% completed in accordance with the contracted scope.
- The fit-out of the facility is yet to be completed. Similarly, training is yet to be provided to the contracted management company– award pending – who will be required to operate the filtration and temperature control systems. These works will be conducted over the coming weeks.
- Public art elements, including the integrated façade and entry statement are complete and remaining internal elements, including the *Memory Wall* and interpretation signage, are scheduled to take place throughout November.
- As soon as the facility is complete, the newly redeveloped Parap Pool will be opened to the public. The official dedication ceremony will follow the soft launch and is currently being planned in consultation with Council's funding partners, the Northern Territory Government and the Commonwealth Government and Swimming Australia. An announcement will be made in the coming weeks.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Report Number 17CL0023 AM:kl entitled Parap Pool Redevelopment Update October 2017, be received and noted.

BACKGROUND

PREVIOUS DECISIONS

DECISION NO.22\0045 (26/09/17)

Parap Pool Redevelopment Update September 2017

Report No. 17CL0015 AM:kl (26/09/17) Common No. 2918032

THAT Report Number 17CL0015 AM:kl entitled Parap Pool Redevelopment Update September 2017, be received and noted.

DECISION NO. 21\4787 (07/09/16)

Parap Pool Redevelopment - Award of Tender Contract

Report No. 16TS0152 NK:jg (07/09/16) Common No. 2918032

- A. *THAT Council approve the reduction of project elements as detailed in **Attachment B** of Report Number 16TS0152 NK:jg entitled Parap Pool Redevelopment – Award of Tender Contract.*
- B. *THAT Council meet the additional funds required for the Parap Pool redevelopment by allocation of \$223,000 from the anticipated end of year surplus funds and reallocation of \$780,000 from the 2016/2017 Capital Works program as detailed in Report Number 16TS0152 NK:jg entitled Parap Pool Redevelopment - Award of Tender Contract.*
- C. *THAT Council endorse a contingency amount of \$1,400,000 (as detailed in Report Number 16TS0152 NK:jg entitled Parap Pool Redevelopment - Award of Tender Contract and that the options for funding this be considered as part of the quarterly budget review process.*
- D. *THAT Council, pursuant to Section 32(2)(d) of the Local Government Act 2008, hereby delegates to the Chief Executive Officer, the power to finalise and enter into a contract for the redevelopment of the Parap Pool with Sunbuild Pty Ltd as described in report Number 16TS0152 NK:jd entitled Parap Pool Redevelopment - Award of Tender Contract.*
- E. *THAT Council approach the Northern Territory Government to assist with additional funding for the community elements and contingency.*
- F. *THAT the decision be moved into Open after the contract has been awarded.*

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DECISION NO. 21\4351 (26/04/16)

Parap Pool Redevelopment – Progress Report

Report No. 16C0043 AM:kl (26/04/16) Common No. 2918032

- B. *THAT Council, pursuant to Section 32 (2) of the Local Government Act hereby delegates to the Chief Executive Officer power to finalise the funding agreement between the City of Darwin and the Northern Territory Government regarding the Parap Pool Redevelopment.*

DECISION NO. 21\4069 (09/02/16)

Parap Pool Redevelopment – Master Plan

Report No. 16TS0030 LC:jw (09/02/16) Common No. 2918032

- B. *THAT Council endorse the Parap Pool Redevelopment Master Plan Stage 1, being **Attachment B** to Report Number 16TS0030 LC:jw entitled Parap Pool Redevelopment – Master Plan, and notes that the design and lodgement of a Development Application is proceeding.*
- C. *THAT Council note that the new amenities facility and the following community elements are estimated to cost \$5 million;*
- a. Children's water play area (wet activity)*
 - b. Children's playground (dry activity area)*
 - c. Shaded facilities to prepare and share food (community space)*
 - d. Aquatic activity for children and youth (leisure water)*
 - e. Outdoor shaded area for community and group exercise*
- D. *THAT Council not proceed with the new amenities facility and community elements unless the Northern Territory Government commits to substantially funding these components of the project.*

DISCUSSION

Construction Update

Physical construction of the facility is 98% completed in accordance with the contracted scope with Council's contractor Sunbuild. By the end of November, project officers and the contractor are aiming to close out remaining minor works, defects and maintenance items.

Practical completion shall be awarded to the contractor early in November following receipt of the pool filtration commissioning data.

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Progress in October to key elements of the project included:

- 50m and 25m pools – commissioning completed, pending data documentation;
- Building A – administration, amenities; internal fitout 100% complete per contract obligation. It should be noted, internal operational fit-out is still required and will be undertaken by City of Darwin local contractors and stakeholders;
- Building B – pump and plant room; filtration plumbing 100% complete. It should be noted further training in systems is required;
- Landscaping – 100% complete;
- Car Park Asphalt – 100% complete; and
- Children's Wet Play – 90% complete, awaiting arrival and installation of further components.

The internal landscaping and irrigation is now complete and establishing quickly following the onset of the first rains. An establishment period for the landscaping will be ongoing until the end of 2017.

During October, handover of the pool filtration and pumping system was completed from the manufacturer to Dempsey Consolidated who will manage pool operations until award of the new management contract. Swimplex are scheduled to hold a full induction of the plant and filtration equipment on 7 and 8 November 2017, including supply of detailed operations manuals for the equipment. This two day training will be provided to the current contractor Dempsey Consolidated who is maintaining water quality at the facility. A representative from Council's infrastructure maintenance team will also be present.

Fit-out Finalisation and Certification

Although the major construction phase for the redevelopment of Parap Pool has been delivered a number of works still require completion for the facility to be operational. These elements include:

- FINA certification of the 50m pool – within 6 weeks;
- Completion of pool grounds – installation of furniture, outdoor showers, etc. – within 8 weeks;
- Rejuvenation of existing hard surface areas within the pool surrounds;
- Installation of compulsory internal and external signage – within 8 weeks;
- Completion of internal fitout for specific buildings – office, swimming club room, storage rooms, universal access toilets – following award of the new operations contract;
- Completion of works to the children's wet play area – within 8 weeks;
- Installation of monitored security system; and
- Procurement and installation of first aid and access and inclusion equipment – within 8 weeks.

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It is anticipated that these elements, necessary to guarantee a compliant, safe, amenable and enjoyable facility, will require a further 6-8 weeks for completion. As soon as the facility is complete it will be made accessible to members of the public. This soft launch will precede the official dedication ceremony which is currently being planned with Council's funding partners and is anticipated to take place early in the New Year. The funding agreement between the Commonwealth Government and Council contains a number of stipulations associated with announcements and the opening that must be complied with.

Council is also currently reviewing tender submissions for the management and supervision of all of its aquatic facilities. Once appointed, the successful tenderer will also require a fitout period and transition program to ensure staff familiarisation and training can be conducted prior to a public opening. An announcement regarding the preferred tenderer will be made shortly.

Public Art Elements

Opportunities to incorporate public art elements were described in the initial project brief. Whilst the main purpose of the project is to redevelop an existing pool complex and ensure it has FINA compliant qualities, the redevelopment is also creating an important and significant community place. As the project is also about place making and community connectedness, the challenge for the project was to ensure the new aquatic facility also retained meaning and place in community life and social psyche of similar or equal value to the original facility. Whilst it will not be able to replace the original facility or compete against community nostalgia for the previous pool and its elements, the newly developed complex, with its layers of history, meaning and storytelling, coupled with its state-of-the art and inclusive facilities, will occupy a new place in the community.

The integrated public art component, '*Under the Surface*', consists of an impressive 3.6 metre tall entrance sculpture and facade which has north, west and east elevations and spans 350 square metres. All elements were completed on schedule by the second week in October 2017. Responsibility for the care and maintenance of the public art elements will remain with Council.

The internal public art element, entitled the *Memory Wall* is still under construction and will be completed by 1 December 2017. The Memory Wall is an interpretative design which is located on the external walls of Building A. The Memory Wall design conveys the rich cultural and historical background of the Parap Pool site, swimming history, aviation history and its links to the suburb of Parap and the suburb itself.

The dedication plaque will also be commissioned during this period for unveiling at the official ceremony in the New Year. The official opening event is also being planned in consultation with Swimming Australia and further advice will be provided in a future report to Council.

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CONSULTATION PROCESS

In preparing this report, the following City of Darwin officers were consulted:

- Manager, Recreation, Events and Customer Service
- Manager, Capital Works
- Senior Project Officer Capital Works
- Coordinator Arts & Cultural Development

In preparing this report, the following External Parties were consulted:

- Swimming Australia

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

City of Darwin Policy No. 046 – Recreation and Healthy Lifestyle, provides a framework for the design, development and management of facilities that support pursuits to encourage healthy lifestyles and community connectedness.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

INCOME		BUDGET	
CW Grant	\$ 4,480,000	Design & Supervision	\$ 960,000
CoD Matched	\$ 4,480,000	Construction	\$14,000,000
NTG	\$ 5,000,000		
2016/17 Capital Budget	\$ 780,000		
2016 EOY Surplus	\$ 223,000		
TOTAL	\$14,963,000	TOTAL	\$14,960,000
		Variation pending quarterly review	\$ 237,500
		TOTAL	\$15,197,500

EXPENDITURE TO DATE		COST TO COMPLETE	
	\$15,048,500		\$149,000

*All amounts are GST Exclusive

At its September 2016 meeting, Council also endorsed a contingency amount of \$1,400,000 (as detailed in Report Number 16TS0152 NK:jg entitled Parap Pool Redevelopment - Award of Tender Contract) and that the options for funding this be considered as part of the quarterly budget review process.

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Project cost variations – resulting predominantly from latent underground conditions were assessed and approved at \$237,500 (as detailed in Report Number 17C0050 MG:kl entitled Parap Pool Redevelopment Progress Update Report June 2017). Funding for these costs will be identified in the first quarter budget review.

Regular progress reporting to Council's funding partner the Commonwealth Government has been provided to ensure milestone payments are made. Following project completion and finalisation of opening event arrangements in partnership with the Commonwealth Government, the final milestone payment of \$448,000 will be made.

The public art component was funded through Council's Public Art Reserve to a total value of \$200,000 for design, construction and installation.

RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

There are a number of risks regarding the project including:

- Budget constraints;
- Timeframe for completion; and
- Community expectations.

Risks and mitigation measures are continually monitored and reviewed as the project proceeds. Decision making points for the project were identified to ensure critical milestones are presented to Council in a timely manner for resolution in order to comply with the conditions of the Australian Government funding agreement.

To date, all identified risks have been well managed. There is great anticipation in the community to access the newly redeveloped facility and Council officers are working closely with relevant contractors to ascertain if the facility can be opened to the public prior to the end of the calendar year.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

The design for the redevelopment has taken into consideration environmental measures, subject to budget availability. This includes measures for temperature control of the two water tanks, future solar power, energy, water efficient devices and pool shade. These measures will assist in modifying environmental conditions for the comfort of all users and forms part of FINA compliance requirements.

The Master Plan features the retention of the established Beauty Leaf trees and sensitive landscaping throughout both the internal and external areas of the facility.

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COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

We the Author and Approving Officers declare that we do not have a Conflict of Interest in relation to this matter.

ANNA MALGORZEWICZ
GENERAL MANAGER CITY LIFE

BRENDAN DOWD
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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FOURTH ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – OPEN SECTION
TUESDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2017

ORD10/27

16. TOWN PLANNING REPORT/LETTERS



ENCL: 2ND ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING/OPEN **AGENDA ITEM:** 16.1
YES

COUNCIL RESPONSES TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS - OCTOBER 2017

REPORT No.: 17CF0028 BS:hd **COMMON No.: 2547669** **DATE: 31/10/2017**

Presenter: Manager City Planning, Cindy Robson

Approved: General Manager City Futures, Gerard Rosse

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present to Council for consideration, responses to Planning Applications exhibited between 7 October and 20 October 2017.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies as outlined in the 'Evolving Darwin Towards 2020 Strategic Plan':-

Goal

1. Collaborative, Inclusive and Connected Community

Outcome

- 1.4 Improved relations with all levels of government and significant stakeholders

Key Strategies

- 1.4.2 Play an active role in strategic and statutory planning processes

KEY ISSUES

- A summary of City of Darwin responses to the Development Consent Authority for Development Applications exhibited between 7 October and 20 October 2017 is provided.
- Planning notifications received between 7 October and 20 October 2017.
- A comparison of Council responses for Planning-related Development Applications and the Development Consent Authority outcomes is included.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. THAT Report Number 17CF0028 BS:hd entitled Council Responses to Planning Applications - October 2017, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council endorse the responses to the Development Consent Authority within **Attachments A** and **B** to Report Number 17CF0028 BS:hd entitled Council Responses to Planning Applications - October 2017.
- C. THAT the Planning-related notification at **Attachment C** to Report Number 17CF0028 BS:hd entitled Council Responses to Planning Applications - October 2017, be received and noted.
- D. THAT the cross-reference table of the Development Consent Authority outcomes at **Attachment D** to Report Number 17CF0028 BS:hd entitled Council Responses to Planning Applications - October 2017, be received and noted.

BACKGROUND

City of Darwin responded to five Development Applications exhibited between 7 October and 20 October 2017.

DISCUSSION

City of Darwin officers recommend supporting all the Development Applications (either subject to normal or specific conditions).

Development Applications supported, subject to normal Council conditions

The table below describes the Development Applications that are supported by City of Darwin officers, subject to Council's normal Development Permit conditions in regard to issues including, but not necessarily limited to, waste collection, access and stormwater drainage.

Responses to these Development Applications are provided at **Attachment A** to this report.

Property Address	Description of Development Proposal
Lot 5021 - Town of Darwin 2 Railway Street, Parap	Service Station – Additional Information (Additional information relating to access and egress from the Stuart Highway. To be assessed and responded to by the Northern Territory Government)

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Property Address	Description of Development Proposal
Lot 6652 - Town of Sanderson 40 Patterson Street, Malak	Community Land Grant Application (Reorganising the vacant land behind the Red Cross shop located on the corner of Patterson Street and Malak Cres)
Lot 5688 - Town of Darwin 23 Mirambeena Street, The Gardens	Changes to DP15/0769 resulting in 11 x 3 bedroom multiple dwellings in 5 x 2 and 1 x 1 storey buildings (The number of dwellings reduced from 16 to 11. Application now generally complies with the Northern Territory Planning Scheme)
Lot 11289 - Town of Nightcliff 16 Ward Crescent, Muirhead	Unit title Schemes subdivision to create two units and common property (Muirhead duplex)

The Development Application supported subject to specific matters being adequately resolved:

The table below describes the Development Application that was supported by City of Darwin officers subject to the following specific matters being adequately resolved.

Response to this Development Application is provided at **Attachment B** to this report.

Property Address	Description of Development Proposal	Specific Matters
Portions 1397, 1398 & 1399 - Hundred of Bagot 3, 7 & 13 Sweet Street, Winnellie	10 x warehouses in a single storey building	The location of the Benison access may be a traffic hazard. Traffic impact assessment requested. Existing garden beds within the road reserve not included in plans. A full landscaping plan requested, inclusive of street trees.

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Other Planning Notifications

The City of Darwin received notification from the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics, that the provisions relating to dual occupancy will be removed from the Northern Territory Planning Scheme.

The notification is provided at **Attachment C** to this report.

Cross Reference Table

A comparison of Council letter responses and the Development Consent Authority outcomes for the hearing held on the Friday 22 September 2017 is provided at **Attachment D**.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

In preparing this report, the following City of Darwin officers were consulted:

- Strategic Town Planner
- Town Planner
- Planning Officer

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Relevant Council policies are noted in individual letter responses.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Budget implications may arise from individual development applications, including payment in lieu of car parking, payment of various contribution plans, and long term upgrading of infrastructure and services as a result of accumulative development.

RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Risks, legal and legislative implications, if applicable, are noted in individual letter responses.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Environmental implications, if applicable, are noted in individual letter responses.

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COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

We the Author and Approving Officers declare that we do not have a Conflict of Interest in relation to this matter.

CINDY ROBSON
MANAGER CITY PLANNING

GERARD ROSSE
GENERAL MANAGER CITY FUTURES

For enquiries, please contact Cindy Robson on 8930 0528 or email:
 c.robson@darwin.nt.gov.au.

Attachments:

- Attachment A:** Letters of support, subject to normal Council conditions, for Development Applications not yet considered by the Development Consent Authority
- Attachment B:** Letters of conditional support to Development Applications not yet considered by the Development Consent Authority
- Attachment C:** Planning notifications received from the Northern Territory Government.
- Attachment D:** Cross reference table of City of Darwin responses and the Development Consent Authority outcomes

12 October 2017

Please quote: 3450155 CR:hd

Your reference: PA2016/0762

Ms May Patterson
Senior Planner – Development Assessment Services
Department of Infrastructure, Planning & Logistics
GPO Box 1680
DARWIN NT 0801

Email: may.patterson@nt.gov.au

Dear Ms Patterson

Parcel Description: **Lot 5021 - Town of Darwin
2 Railway Street, Parap**

Proposed Development: **Service Station**

Thank you for the additional information referred to this office 28 September 2017, relating to the above Development Application. This letter may be placed before City of Darwin's, Ordinary Council Meeting. Should this letter be varied or not endorsed by Council, you will be advised accordingly.

As the additional information provided does not relate to City of Darwin assets, no further comments are provided. Please refer to the letter dated 12 May 2017, for comments in relation to this application, where City of Darwin strongly objected to the proposal.

In considering this application, the Development Consent Authority is requested to take into account any implications of the *Disability Discrimination Act* (Cth) or the *Anti-Discrimination Act* (NT) with regard to access for the disabled.

If you require any further discussion in relation to this application, please feel free to contact me on 8930 0528.

Yours faithfully



CINDY ROBSON
MANAGER CITY PLANNING

11 October 2017

Please quote: 3656595 BS:hd

Miss Alla Filkovskaya
Crown Land Estate
Department of Infrastructure, Planning & Logistics
GPO Box 1680
DARWIN NT 0801

Email: alla.filkovskaya@nt.gov.au

Dear Miss Filkovskaya

Parcel Description: **Lot 6652 – Town of Sanderson**
 40 Patterson Street, Malak

Proposed Development: **Community Land Grant Application – Car Park**

Thank you for the Community Land Grant referred to this office 28 September 2017, concerning the above. This letter may be placed before City of Darwin's, Ordinary Council Meeting. Should this letter be varied or not endorsed by Council, you will be advised accordingly.

The City of Darwin raises no issues to the proposed Community Land Grant in relation to matters that fall within the responsibility of Council. However, Council requests that access to the site shall meet City of Darwin requirements.

If you require any further discussion in relation to this application, please feel free to contact me on 8930 0528.

Yours faithfully



CINDY ROBSON
MANAGER CITY PLANNING

13 October 2017

Please quote: 3547225 DB:hd

Your reference: PA2017/0248

Mr Tony Brennan
Acting Manager Urban Planning
Department of Infrastructure, Planning & Logistics
GPO Box 1680
DARWIN NT 0801

Dear Mr Brennan

Parcel Description: **Lot 5688 - Town of Darwin
23 Mirambeena Street, The Gardens**

Proposed Development: **Changes to DP15/0769 resulting in 11 x 3
bedroom multiple dwellings in 5 x 2 and 1 x 1
storey buildings**

Thank you for the amended plans to Development Application PA2017/0248 referred to this office 28 September 2017. This letter may be placed before City of Darwin's, Ordinary Council Meeting. Should this letter be varied or not endorsed by Council, you will be advised accordingly.

City of Darwin acknowledges that the Development Consent Authority (DCA) has issued the Development Permit (DP15/0769), varying the following clauses of the Northern Territory Planning Scheme (Resolved 385/15), dated 11/12/2015:

- Clause 7.1.1 (Residential Density Limitations)
- Clause 7.3.1 (Additional Building Setback Requirements of Residential Buildings longer than 18 metres...); and
- Clause 7.5 (Private Open Space).

In addition, Condition 1 of (DP15/0769) required amended plans demonstrating:

- The deletion of one dwelling as identified by the applicant at the consent authority hearing to aid in resolving on-site vehicle movement issues;
- That balconies are internally drained;
- The visitor car parking bays are designed in accordance with Clause 6.5.3; and
- Confirmation of the overall height.

City of Darwin notes that it previously objected to the proposed development approved under Development Permit DP15/0769 and also objected to the initial plans provided under Development Application PA2017/0248. City of Darwin

received notification of deferral to allow the applicant “attain resolution on public and service authority issues raised during exhibition period” from the Development Consent Authority on 6 July 2017.

Subsequently, the following comments relate to the amended plans received 28 September 2017:

- i). **City of Darwin does not object to the granting of a Development Permit for the following reasons:**

Residential Density (Clause 7.1)

Clause 7.1 of the Northern Territory Planning Scheme (NTPS) requires that the dwelling density for multiple dwellings within Zone MD be a maximum of 1 dwelling per 300m².

The subject site has an area of 3,630m², which allows for up to 12 dwellings to be developed. Given that 11 dwellings are proposed within the subject site the proposed development is considered to comply with Clause 7.1 of the NTPS.

Height Limitations (Clause 7.1)

Clause 7.1.2 of the NTPS identifies that multiple dwelling developments within Zone MD (Multiple Dwelling Residential) restrict development to a maximum of 2 storeys and maximum height of 8.5 metres above ground level.

It is acknowledged that the proposed development will not exceed a height of 8.5 metres above ground level and consists solely of 1 and 2 storey buildings. Subsequently, the proposed development is considered to comply with Clause 7.1 of the NTPS.

Notwithstanding compliance with Clause 6.1, City of Darwin requests a general condition be included within any Development Permit to ensure that the ‘LANDSCAPED SCREENING’ indicated within the submitted plans provides suitable vegetation capable of mitigating the impact of any overlooking from the rear of the property.

Setbacks and private open space (Clause 7.3)

It is noted that the proposed development now meets the requirements of Clause 7.3 and 7.5 of the NTPS through the provision of adequate private open space and minimum setbacks.

However, unit 10 and 11 are contained within 1 building with a total length of 20 metres and has been constructed at a minimum of 1.5

metres from the eastern allotment boundary. Clause 7.3.1 of the NTPS states that “for residential buildings ... longer than 18m ... there are setback requirements additional to those outlined in the tables to clause 7.3 as follows ... a) for each additional 3m or part thereof in building length over 18m, an additional building setback to the affected boundary of 0.5m.” Subsequently, the proposal does not comply with Clause 7.3.1 of the NTPS by 0.5 metre. This variation from the NTPS is considered negligible as the minimum setback of 1.5 metres pursuant to Clause 7.3 of the NTPS is maintained and the benefit of an additional setback from this particular boundary of 0.5 metre is considered insignificant.

Please be advised that the following issues continue to be of concern for City of Darwin:

Waste

Condition 3 of Development Permit (DP15/0769) requires “a statement from a private waste contractor confirming that waste collection is achievable using a vehicle capable of making a 3 point turn on or adjacent the site in accordance with relevant Australian Standards.” Council requests that waste be internally serviceable from within the allotment and that evidence be provided prior to the Development Permit being issued.

Stormwater

Condition 4 of Development Permit (DP15/0769) states that “a schematic plan demonstrating the on-site collection of stormwater and its discharge into the City of Darwin stormwater Drainage system shall be submitted to and approved by the City of Darwin,” however, it is noted that the drainage easement to which the stormwater is predominantly disposed to, is under the control of the Northern Territory Government. It is recommended that the Development Permit be amended to reflect this.

Traffic

A Traffic Impact Assessment will be required given the significant changes to the type and number of dwellings.

- ii). **City of Darwin requests that should a Development Permit be issued, that the following be provided as a condition precedent:**
 - a). **A dilapidation report covering infrastructure within the road reserve to the satisfaction of City of Darwin at no cost to Council.**

- b). **The crossover and driveway shall meet City of Darwin requirements.**
- c). City of Darwin requires a comprehensive **Traffic Impact Assessment Report**, to be prepared by a suitably qualified traffic engineer in accordance with the Austroads Document Guide to Traffic Management Part 12: Traffic Impacts of Developments, in the report structure provided as Appendix C of that document, with particular attention to vehicular, pedestrian, cyclist and public transport issues and opportunities.

The Traffic Impact Assessment report is to also include swept paths for waste collection vehicles entering and exiting the site.

- d). **City of Darwin requests that the Authority require a schematic plan demonstrating all stormwater to be collected on the site and discharged underground to City of Darwin and Northern Territory Government stormwater drainage system.** The applicant's plans fail to demonstrate how on-site stormwater will be collected and discharged underground to City of Darwin and Northern Territory Government drainage network.
- 1). The plan shall include details of site levels as well as City of Darwin and Northern Territory Government stormwater drain connection point/s. The plan shall also indicate how stormwater will be collected on the site and connected underground to the City of Darwin and Northern Territory Government system.
 - 2). City of Darwin requires a stormwater drainage plan to confirm that it is technically feasible to collect stormwater on the site and dispose of it into City of Darwin's stormwater drainage system. It is also necessary to ensure that no stormwater will sheet-flow into the road reserve or onto adjoining properties.

- e). **Waste**
City of Darwin requests that the Authority require a Waste Management Plan demonstrating waste disposal, storage and removal in accordance with City of Darwin's Waste Management Policy 054.

The applicant's plans fail to demonstrate adequate waste management, this includes:

- any access gates to the bin enclosure not being locked;
- there shall be no step between the bin enclosure and the collection area to allow for ease of access;
- the bin enclosure shall include a hose and wash down area with a drain connected to the stormwater system;

- an unimpeded concrete access path to the bin enclosure from the development; and
- Demonstrated adequate servicing for waste.

A copy of the City of Darwin's Waste Management Policy 054 may be viewed on the City of Darwin's website or by contacting City of Darwin.

f). **Site Construction**

The City of Darwin requests that an Environmental and Construction Management Plan (ECMP) be required.

The ECMP should specifically address the following:

- waste management,
- traffic control,
- haulage routes,
- storm water drainage,
- use of City of Darwin land, and
- how this land will be managed during the construction phase;

to the satisfaction of the City of Darwin.

Note: Sediment control measures are to be established and maintained, to prevent silt and sediment escaping the site or producing erosion.

Building rubbish or debris must not be placed, or be permitted to be placed, on any adjoining public reserve, footway, road or private land, without first obtaining a works approval from City of Darwin.

Should the above issues be adequately addressed, City of Darwin offers the following comments:

City of Darwin comments on issues for which it is the sole responsible authority, under the *Local Government Act* and associated By-Laws:-

a). **Shoring and Hording Adequacy for Adjoining Properties**

If the development involves an excavation that extends below the level of the base of the footings of a building on adjoining land, the developer must, at their own expense:

- protect and support the adjoining property and pedestrians from possible damage or injury from the excavation; and
- where necessary, underpin the adjoining premises to prevent any such damage.

b). **Building Identification**

In accordance with City of Darwin By-Laws, prior to occupation, the applicant shall ensure that any building numbers are displayed in a

position clearly visible from the street. The number must be visible against the background on which it is placed, to the satisfaction of City of Darwin and at no cost to City of Darwin.

Should this application be approved, the following conditions pursuant to the Planning Act and City of Darwin's responsibilities under the *Local Government Act* are also recommended for inclusion in the Development Permit issued by the Development Consent Authority.

- Designs and specifications for landscaping of the road verges adjacent to the property shall be submitted for approval by City of Darwin and all approved works shall be constructed at the applicant's expense, to the requirements of City of Darwin.
- The location, design and specifications for proposed and affected crossovers shall be provided at the applicant's expense, to the satisfaction of City of Darwin.
- Sight lines shall be provided at crossovers to public streets, to the satisfaction of City of Darwin. No fence or tree exceeding 0.6 metres in height shall be planted in front of the sight line.
- Any gate over an access to a public road shall be placed on the subject site at least 4.5 metres from the face of the kerb line of the adjoining public road.
- Car parking spaces and internal driveways shall meet the requirements of the relevant Australian Standard and be line-marked and sealed with an impervious material.
- All developments on/or adjacent to any easements on-site, in favour of City of Darwin shall be carried out to the requirements and satisfaction of City of Darwin.
- Waste bin storage and pick-up shall be provided in accordance with City of Darwin Policy Number 54 - Waste Management.
- Any proposed works on/over City of Darwin property shall be subject to separate application to City of Darwin and shall be carried out to the requirements and satisfaction of City of Darwin.
- Any proposed stormwater connections to City of Darwin stormwater system or proposed works on/over City of Darwin property shall be subject to separate application to City of Darwin and shall be carried out to the requirements and satisfaction of City of Darwin.

In considering this application, the Development Consent Authority is requested to take into account any implications of the *Disability Discrimination Act* (Cth) or the *Anti-Discrimination Act* (NT) with regard to access for the disabled.

If you require any further discussion in relation to this application, please feel free to contact me on 8930 0528.

Yours faithfully

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CINDY ROBSON
MANAGER CITY PLANNING

17 October 2017

Please quote: 3661838 BS:hd

Your reference: PA2017/0460

Mr Tony Brennan
Acting Manager Urban Planning
Department of Infrastructure, Planning & Logistics
GPO Box 1680
DARWIN NT 0801

Dear Mr Brennan

Parcel Description: **Lot 11289 – Town of Nightcliff
16 Ward Crescent, Muirhead**

Proposed Development: **Unit title Schemes subdivision to create two units
and common property**

Thank you for the Development Application referred to this office 6 October 2017, concerning the above. This letter may be placed before City of Darwin's, Ordinary Council Meeting. Should this letter be varied or not endorsed by Council, you will be advised accordingly.

No issues are raised for this Development Application in relation to matters that fall within the responsibility of City of Darwin.

In considering this application, the Development Consent Authority is requested to take into account any implications of the *Disability Discrimination Act* (Cth) or the *Anti-Discrimination Act* (NT) with regard to access for the disabled.

If you require any further discussion in relation to this application, please feel free to contact me on 8930 0528.

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CINDY ROBSON
MANAGER CITY PLANNING

13 October 2017

Please quote: 3656541 BS:hd

Your reference: PA2017/0464

Mr Tony Brennan
Acting Manager Urban Planning
Department of Infrastructure, Planning & Logistics
GPO Box 1680
DARWIN NT 0801

Dear Mr Brennan

Parcel Description: **Portions 1397, 1398 & 1399 - Hundred of Bagot
3, 7 & 13 Sweet Street, Winnellie**

Proposed Development: **10 x warehouses in a single storey building**

Thank you for the Development Application referred to this office 28 September 2017, concerning the above. This letter may be placed before City of Darwin's, Ordinary Council Meeting. Should this letter be varied or not endorsed by Council, you will be advised accordingly.

The following issues are raised for consideration by the Authority:

i). **City of Darwin supports the granting of a Development Permit provided the following issues are adequately addressed:**

- a). City of Darwin has concerns with the location of the Benison Road vehicular access. The location is on a bend, which may cause hazards when vehicles enter the subject site. The access is also in close proximity with an adjacent driveway.

City of Darwin requires a comprehensive Traffic Impact Assessment Report detailing access sightlines and the impact to traffic, due to the location of the entrance.

The report should identify any necessary design changes or upgrades to the surrounding street network as a result of the development. The developer will be required to institute all required upgrade measures resulting from the traffic assessment at no cost to City of Darwin.

- b). Council notes that concrete surrounded garden beds are currently located within the road reserve. Council requests that the Authority

require a comprehensive landscape plan of the road reserve adjacent to the development, which shall include street trees, to be submitted to Council prior to construction of the development commencing.

ii). **City of Darwin requests that should a Development Permit be issued, that the following be provided as condition precedents:**

- a). **A dilapidation report covering infrastructure within the road reserve to the satisfaction and at no cost to City of Darwin.**
- b). Vehicular access to the site shall meet City of Darwin requirements, including the number and proposed locations of the crossovers.
- c). City of Darwin requires a comprehensive **Traffic Impact Assessment Report**, to be prepared by a suitably qualified traffic engineer in accordance with the Austroads Document Guide to Traffic Management Part 12: Traffic Impacts of Developments, in the report structure provided as Appendix C of that document, with particular attention to vehicular, pedestrian, cyclist and public transport issues and opportunities.

The Traffic Impact Assessment report is to also include swept paths for waste collection vehicles entering and exiting the site.

- d). Designs and specifications for landscaping of the road verges adjacent to the property shall be submitted for approval by City of Darwin and all approved works shall be constructed at the applicant's expense, to the requirements of City of Darwin.
- e). **City of Darwin requests that the Authority require a schematic plan demonstrating all stormwater to be collected on the site and discharged underground to City of Darwin's stormwater drainage system.** The applicant's plans fail to demonstrate how on-site stormwater will be collected and discharged underground to City of Darwin's drainage network.
 - 1). The plan shall include details of site levels and City of Darwin's stormwater drain connection point/s. The plan shall also indicate how stormwater will be collected on the site and connected underground to City of Darwin's system.
 - 2). City of Darwin requires a stormwater drainage plan to confirm that it is technically feasible to collect stormwater on the site and dispose of it into City of Darwin's stormwater drainage system. It is also necessary to ensure that no stormwater will sheet-flow into the road reserve or onto adjoining properties.

f). **Waste**

City of Darwin requests that the Authority require a Waste Management Plan demonstrating waste disposal, storage and removal in accordance with City of Darwin's Waste Management Policy 054.

The applicant's plans fail to demonstrate adequate waste management, this includes:

- any access gates to the bin enclosure not being locked,
- there shall be no step between the bin enclosure and the collection area to allow for ease of access,
- the bin enclosure shall include a hose and wash down area with a drain connected to City of Darwin's stormwater system, and
- an unimpeded concrete access path to the bin enclosure from the development.

A copy of City of Darwin's Waste Management Policy 054 may be viewed on City of Darwin's website or by contacting City of Darwin.

g). **Site Construction**

City of Darwin requests that an Environmental and Construction Management Plan (ECMP) be required.

The ECMP should specifically address the following:

- waste management,
- traffic control,
- haulage routes,
- storm water drainage,
- use of City of Darwin land, and
- how this land will be managed during the construction phase;

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Note: Sediment control measures are to be established and maintained, to prevent silt and sediment escaping the site or producing erosion.

Building rubbish or debris must not be placed, or be permitted to be placed, on any adjoining public reserve, footway, road or private land, without first obtaining a works approval from City of Darwin.

iii). **Should the above issues be adequately addressed, City of Darwin offers the following comments:**

City of Darwin comments on issues for which it is the sole responsible authority, under the *Local Government Act* and associated By-Laws:-

- a). Submitted plans demonstrate advertising signs, which do not comply with Part 8 – Signs, Hoardings and Advertising of the Darwin City Council By-laws. The applicant is required to submit a separate application to City of Darwin for Council approval, prior to the installation of the advertising signs.
- b). **Building Identification**
In accordance with City of Darwin By-Laws, prior to occupation, the applicant shall ensure that a building number is displayed in a position clearly visible from the street. The number must be visible against the background on which it is placed, to the satisfaction and at no cost to City of Darwin.

Should this application be approved, the following conditions pursuant to the *Planning Act* and City of Darwin's responsibilities under the *Local Government Act* are also recommended for inclusion in the Development Permit issued by the Development Consent Authority.

- The location, design and specifications for proposed and affected crossovers shall be provided at the applicant's expense, to the satisfaction of City of Darwin.
- Kerb crossovers and driveways to the site shall be provided and disused crossovers removed, public footpath and cycleways shall be provided, stormwater shall be collected and discharged into City of Darwin's drainage network, and reinstatement works carried out, all of which is to be provided at the applicant's expense and to the requirements and satisfaction of City of Darwin.
- Sight lines shall be provided at crossovers to public streets, to the satisfaction of City of Darwin. No fence or tree exceeding 0.6 metres in height shall be planted in front of the sight line.
- Car parking spaces and internal driveways shall meet the requirements of the relevant Australian Standard and be line-marked and sealed with an impervious material.
- The total number of required disabled car parking bays shall be met on site.
- All developments on/or adjacent to any easements on-site, in favour of City of Darwin shall be carried out to the requirements and satisfaction of City of Darwin.
- Waste bin storage and pick-up shall be provided in accordance with City of Darwin Policy Number 54 - Waste Management.

- Any proposed signage for the site shall be subject to a separate assessment in accordance with City of Darwin Policy Number 42 – Outdoor Advertising Signs Code.
- Any proposed stormwater connections to City of Darwin stormwater system or proposed works on/over City of Darwin property shall be subject to separate application to City of Darwin and shall be carried out to the requirements and satisfaction of City of Darwin.

In considering this application, the Development Consent Authority is requested to take into account any implications of the *Disability Discrimination Act* (Cth) or the *Anti-Discrimination Act* (NT) with regard to access for the disabled.

If you require any further discussion in relation to this application, please feel free to contact me on 8930 0528.

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File Ref: LUPD2016/0043

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Review of the NT Planning Scheme provisions relating to Dual Occupancy

You are receiving this letter because you took part in community consultation or lodged a submission relating to the review of the dual occupancy provisions in the NT Planning Scheme. This review was conducted by Elton Consulting during April and May 2017.

Please be advised that the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics, the Hon Nicole Manison MLA, has determined to remove the provisions relating to dual occupancy from the NT Planning Scheme, as per Amendment 483 to the NT Planning Scheme.

Amendment No. 483 has been published in the NT News and takes effect on 6 October 2017. A copy of the Amendment and "Reasons for Decision" are attached for your information.

For further information, or to discuss this matter further, please contact Lands Planning on 8999 8963.

Yours sincerely,



Allison Hooper
Senior Planner, Lands Planning

10 October 2017

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Planning Act

AMENDMENT TO NT PLANNING SCHEME

I, NICOLE SUSAN MANISON, Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics, under section 12(2)(a) of the *Planning Act*, amend the NT Planning Scheme by making the amendment specified in the Schedule.

Dated

3/10/17

2017

Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

SCHEDULE

AMENDMENT TO NT PLANNING SCHEME

AMENDMENT No. 483

1. Citation

This amendment to the NT Planning Scheme may be cited as Amendment No. 483.

2. Amendment of Clause 3.0 (Definitions)

omit

“**site coverage**” means the proportion of a site that is covered by buildings and structures, expressed as a percentage. It does not include:

- access ramps, driveways, pathways or paving;
- awnings or eaves that are outside the outer wall of a building, to a maximum depth of 0.9m;
- basements;
- swimming pools, spas or ponds;

3. Amendment of Clause 5.1 (Zone SD – Single Dwelling Residential)

omit

sub-clause 1 and 2.

substitute:

1. The primary purpose of Zone SD is to provide **single dwellings** on individual lots

omit

advisory note referring to Clause 6.4.2

omit

zoning table to Clause 5.1.

substitute:

abattoir	x
agriculture	x
animal boarding	x
business sign	P 6.7
caravan park	x
caretaker's residence	x
car park	x
child care centre	x
community centre	D 6.1, 6.5.1
domestic livestock	x
education establishment	x
fuel depot	x
general industry	x
group home	P 7.1, 7.10.5
home based child care centre	D 6.5.1, 7.10.6
home based contracting	P 7.10.8
home based visitor accommodation	S 7.10.1
home occupation	P 7.10.7
horticulture	x
hospital	x
hostel	x
hotel	x
independent unit	P 6.5.1, 7.1, 7.3, 7.5, 7.10.4
intensive animal husbandry	x
leisure and recreation	x
licensed club	x
light industry	x
medical clinic	x
medical consulting rooms	D 6.5.1, 7.10.9
motel	x
motor body works	x
motor repair station	x
multiple dwellings	x
office	x
passenger terminal	x
place of worship	x
plant nursery	x
promotion sign	x
recycling depot	x
restaurant	x
retail agricultural stall	x
rural industry	x
service station	x

shop	x
showroom sales	x
single dwelling	P 6.5.1, 7.1, 7.3, 7.5
stables	x
supporting accommodation	D 6.5.1, 7.1, 7.5, 7.6, 7.7, 7.8
transport terminal	x
vehicle sales and hire	x
veterinary clinic	x
warehouse	x

P = Permitted S = Self Assessable D = Discretionary x = Prohibited

4. Amendment of Clause 5.16 (Zone H – Horticulture)

omit

zoning table to Clause 5.16.

substitute:

abattoir	x
agriculture	P 6.1, 10.1, 10.2
animal boarding	D 6.1, 6.5.1, 10.1, 10.2
business sign	P 6.7
caravan park	x
caretaker's residence	x
car park	x
child care centre	x
community centre	x
domestic livestock	P 6.1, 10.1, 10.2
education establishment	x
fuel depot	x
general industry	x
group home	P 6.1, 7.3, 7.10.5
home based child care centre	x
home based contracting	P 7.10.8, 10.2
home based visitor accommodation	S 7.10.1
home occupation	P 7.10.7
horticulture	P
hospital	x
hostel	x
hotel	x
independent unit	P 6.5.1, 7.1, 7.3, 7.5, 7.10.4
intensive animal husbandry	D 6.1, 10.1, 10.2
leisure and recreation	x
licensed club	x
light industry	x
medical clinic	x
medical consulting rooms	x
motel	x
motor body works	x
motor repair station	x
multiple dwellings	P 6.1, 6.5.1, 7.1, 7.3, 10.2
office	x
passenger terminal	x
place of worship	x
plant nursery	P 6.1, 6.5.1, 10.2
promotion sign	x
recycling depot	x
restaurant	x

retail agricultural stall	P	6.1, 10.2
rural industry	P	6.1, 6.5.1, 10.2, 10.6
service station	x	
shop	x	
showroom sales	x	
single dwelling	P	6.1, 6.5.1, 7.3
stables	D	6.1, 6.5.1, 10.1, 10.2
supporting accommodation	x	
transport terminal	D	6.1, 6.5.1, 6.6, 7.3, 10.1, 10.2, 10.5
vehicle sales and hire	x	
veterinary clinic	x	
warehouse	x	

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5. Amendment of Clause 5.17 (Zone A – Agriculture)

omit

zoning table to Clause 5.17.

substitute:

abattoir	D	6.1, 6.5.1, 10.1, 10.2
agriculture	P	6.1, 10.1, 10.2
animal boarding	P	6.1, 6.5.1, 10.1, 10.2
business sign	P	6.7
caravan park	D	6.1, 6.5.1, 10.2
caretaker's residence	x	
car park	x	
child care centre	x	
community centre	x	
domestic livestock	P	6.1, 10.1
education establishment	D	6.1, 6.5.1, 10.2
fuel depot	x	
general industry	x	
group home	P	6.1, 7.3, 7.10.5
home based child care centre	P	6.5.1, 7.10.6
home based contracting	P	7.10.8, 10.2
home based visitor accommodation	S	7.10.1
home occupation	P	7.10.7
horticulture	P	
hospital	x	
hostel	D	6.1, 6.5.1, 7.3, 7.6, 7.7, 7.8, 10.2
hotel	x	
independent unit	P	6.5.1, 7.1, 7.3, 7.5, 7.10.4
intensive animal husbandry	D	6.1, 10.1, 10.2
leisure and recreation	P	6.1, 6.5.1, 10.2
licensed club	x	
light industry	x	
medical clinic	x	
medical consulting rooms	D	6.5.1, 7.10.9
motel	x	
motor body works	x	
motor repair station	x	
multiple dwellings	P	6.1, 6.5.1, 7.1, 7.3, 10.2
office	x	
passenger terminal	x	
place of worship	D	6.1, 6.5.1, 10.2
plant nursery	P	6.1, 6.5.1, 10.2
promotion sign	x	

recycling depot	x	
restaurant	x	
retail agricultural stall	P	6.1, 10.2
rural industry	P	6.1, 6.5.1, 10.2
service station	x	
shop	x	
showroom sales	x	
single dwelling	P	6.1, 6.5.1, 7.3
stables	D	6.1, 6.5.1, 10.1, 10.2
supporting accommodation	x	
transport terminal	D	6.1, 6.5.1, 6.6, 7.3, 10.1, 10.2
vehicle sales and hire	x	
veterinary clinic	P	6.1, 6.5.1, 10.2
warehouse	P	6.1, 6.5.1, 6.6, 10.2

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6. Amendment of Clause 6.4 (Plot Ratios and Site Coverage)

omit

title to Clause 6.4 (Plot Ratios and Site Coverage)

substitute:

title to Clause 6.4 (Plot Ratios)

7. Omit Clause 6.4.2 (Site Coverage)

8. Amendment of Clause 6.9 (Land in Proximity to Airports)

omit

sub-clause 4

9. Amendment of Clause 6.14 (Land Subject to Flooding and Storm Surge)

omit

sub-clause 9.

10. Amendment of Clause 7.1.1 (Residential Density Limitations)

omit

Table A to Clause 7.1.1.

substitute:

TABLE A TO CLAUSE 7.1.1 – DWELLING DENSITY IN CERTAIN ZONES	
Zone	Dwelling Density
SD, RR, RL, R and for a single dwelling in CL, CV and T	1 single dwelling per lot and may include an independent unit
MD and for multiple dwellings in CL and T	1 per 300m ²

11. Omission of Clause 7.2 (Street Accessibility for Multiple Dwellings in Zone SD)

12. Amendment of Clause 7.3.2 (Distance between Residential Buildings on One Site)

omit

sub-clause 2.

substitute:

2. Where more than one building comprising one or two **storey residential buildings** is located on a **site** the distance between the buildings is to be calculated in accordance with Table A to Clause 7.3 as if there was a boundary between the buildings.

13. Amendment of Clause 7.5 (Private Open Space)

omit

sub-clause 3.

substitute:

3. Private open space on lots less than 600m² should:
- (a) be sufficiently permeable to allow stormwater infiltration and lessen stormwater runoff from the site;
 - (b) include at least one area of approximately 5m² for the deep soil planting of shade trees; and
 - (c) allow for landscaping at the property frontage to complement the visual amenity of the streetscape.

14. Omit Clause 11.1.4 (Subdivision of Multiple Dwellings in Zone SD)

15. Amendment of Clause 11.2.3 (Lot Size and Configuration in Residential Subdivisions)

omit

sub-clause 2(c).

substitute:

- (c) There are no battle-axe lots;

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Planning Act Section 29

Reasons for Decision

NORTHERN TERRITORY PLANNING SCHEME

AMENDMENT No. 483

During April and May 2017, Elton Consulting conducted community consultation on dual occupancy throughout the Northern Territory. At the conclusion of the consultation process, Elton Consulting provided me with a report on the outcomes from the community consultation process.

After considering the report from Elton Consulting, I have decided to amend the NT Planning Scheme to remove the provisions that allowed the development of dual occupancies in Zone SD (Single Dwelling Residential) because:

- The provisions for dual occupancies in Zone SD (Single Dwelling Residential) have been suspended since the introduction of Interim Development Control Order No. 23 on 19 October 2016.
- Removing the provisions for dual occupancies in Zone SD (Single Dwelling Residential) will maintain the purpose of the zone, which is to provide for single dwellings on individual lots, preserving the residential amenity and lifestyle of many Territorians who live on large urban lots.
- Landowners and developers may use already available processes to seek to rezone land and develop multiple dwellings.

A small number of clauses that were either amended or introduced as part of the original dual occupancy in Zone SD (Single Dwelling Residential) amendment have been retained. These clauses are:

- sub-clause 4 in clause 7.1.1, which allows no more than two dwellings in Zones H (Horticulture) and Zone A (Agriculture) – this provision existed prior to the introduction of the dual occupancy controls subject to this amendment;
- sub-clause 1 to clause 7.3.2, which clarifies the purpose behind separating two residential buildings on one site in higher density residential developments; and
- sub-clause 2 to clause 7.6, which clarifies that communal open space is not required where each dwelling has direct access to private open space.

The retention of these clauses provides clarification on the function of these provisions, and simplifies the administration of the NT Planning Scheme. These clauses do not allow for the development of multiple dwellings in Zone SD (Single Dwelling Residential).



NICOLE SUSAN MANISON
Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

3 / 10 / 2017

ENCL: YES	2ND ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING/OPEN	AGENDA ITEM: 16.2
NETBALL STADIUM AND SUPPORT FACILITIES PA2017/0465 - SECTION 5936 (235) ABALA ROAD, MARRARA		
REPORT No.: 17CF0019 :DB:hd	COMMON No.: 3656473	DATE: 31/10/2017

Presenter: Manager City Planning, Cindy Robson

Approved: General Manager City Futures, Gerard Rosse

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to refer to Council for comment, Pursuant to Section 19 of the *Planning Act*, the following development application: Netball Stadium and Support Facilities PA2017/0465 - Section 5936 (235) Abala Road, Marrara.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies outlined in the 'Evolving Darwin Towards 2020 Strategic Plan':-

Goal

1. Collaborative, Inclusive and Connected Community

Outcome

- 1.4 Improved relations with all levels of government and significant stakeholders

Key Strategies

- 1.4.2 Play an active role in strategic and statutory planning processes

KEY ISSUES

- It is recommended that Council support the proposal subject to conditions.
- The proposed development is located within the self-titled 'Marrara Sporting Precinct' and is an expansion to existing sporting facilities in the form of an additional four indoor netball courts, spectator seating, offices, function rooms, basement car parking and other associated sporting facilities.
- The proposed development will incur a car parking shortfall of approximately 305 car parking spaces due to the provision of 2042 spectator seats.
- The Subject Site is located within the Rapid Creek catchment and requires addition information with regards to stormwater drainage and any removal of vegetation to facilitate the development.
- City of Darwin has requested a Stormwater Schematic Plan, amended Traffic Management Plan, Environmental Impact Assessment, Waste Management Plan and an Environment and Construction Management Plan.

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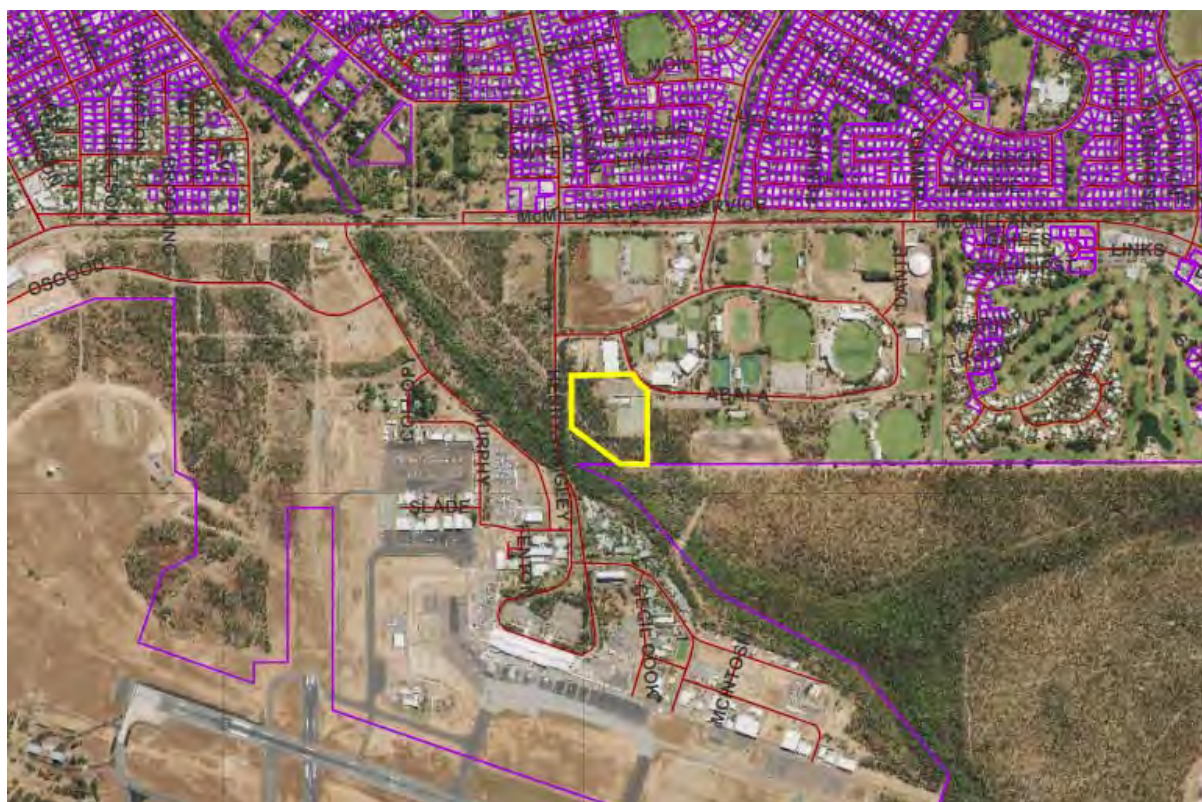
RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. THAT Report Number 17CF0019 :H:hd entitled Netball Stadium And Support Facilities PA2017/0465 - Section 5936 (235) Abala Road, Marrara be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council endorse the submission, dated 13 October 2017, to the Development Assessment Services within **Attachment A** to Report Number 17CF0019 :hd entitled Netball Stadium and Support Facilities PA2017/0465 - Section 5936 (235) Abala Road, Marrara.

BACKGROUND

Site and Surrounds

The Subject Site is identified as Section 5936 (235) Abala Road and is located wholly within Zone OR (Organised Recreation). The Subject Site is located in the southern corner of what is commonly referred to as 'Marrara Sporting Precinct.' The Subject Site is currently being used for leisure and recreation in the form of netball courts and associated infrastructure, approved in 2007. The southern and western portions of the Subject Site are heavily vegetated. The site is located within the Rapid Creek catchment. Rapid Creek separates the Marrara Sporting Precinct from the Darwin International Airport, which is located directly south of the Subject Site.



Locality Plan, Subject Site (yellow line)

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Site Plan, approximate location of building work (redline) and approximate location of primary structure (orange shading)

DISCUSSION

Current Proposal

The proposed development would be an expansion to the existing use of leisure and recreation in the form of an additional four indoor netball courts, spectator seating, offices, function rooms, basement car parking and other associated sporting facilities.

Land use

Leisure and Recreation is considered to be a discretionary use, pursuant to Zone OR (Organised Recreation) of the Northern Territory Planning Scheme (NTPS). Clauses 6.1 (height), 6.5.1 (vehicle parking), 8.2 (site responsive design) and 6.14 (flooding) of the NTPS are of particular interest with regard to this development application. City of Darwin's primary concerns relate to access, stormwater and removal of vegetation, particularly regarding any impact on Abala Road, the City of Darwin owned allotments to the south and the Rapid Creek catchment.

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Height

The proposed development would have a maximum height of 14.25 metres above ground level. The maximum height requirement for zone OR is 8.5 metres above ground level. However, the proposed development is considered relatively consistent with the scale of other sporting facilities within the locality and is unlikely to unduly impact upon the public amenity of the locality, particularly due to vegetation along the southern and western aspects of the proposal.

Access and Parking

The Statement of Effect identifies the proposals requirement for 589.8 car parking spaces, pursuant to Clause 6.5.1 of the NTPS. The Subject Site currently has 165 car parking spaces and the proposal would increase the total number of car parking spaces on-site to 285 car parking spaces through the provision of a basement carpark located underneath the proposed building. Subsequently, the proposed development would incur a shortfall in car parking of 304.8 (rounded up to 305) car parking spaces.

The cost to the developer would be \$4300.00 per car parking space, pursuant to the City of Darwin Car Parking Contribution Plan. Total estimated cost for the shortfall would equal approximately \$1,311,500.

Of the 589.8 required car parking spaces, 510.5 are calculated for 'spectator' seating and only required during major events. However officers acknowledge that the primary use for the proposal is as a community sporting facility.

To effectively consider the parking demand of the netball courts within the facility Officers have undertaken a rudimentary calculation for prospective user groups (based on expected netball team player numbers). These calculations would suggest that the parking facilities proposed are likely to be at or close to capacity when operating for community sporting facility events. It is also noted that approximately 278 car parking spaces are located within 150 metres east of the proposed development under the ownership of the Northern Territory Government and provides for other sporting venues within the locality.

City of Darwin generally supports the joint usage of carparks to reduce the burden of additional stormwater runoff in this location. On balance the provision of 285 car parking spaces is generally acceptable with overflow on adjacent allotments to accommodate for major events, provided suitable management and timing of events. However, if the Development Consent Authority (DCA) consider there to be a shortfall, Council will request that the shortfall be paid pursuant to the City of Darwin Car Parking Contribution Plan.

City of Darwin requests the provision of landscaping in the form of shade for the protection of pedestrians and the screening of open expanses of pavement and car parking, pursuant to Clause 8.2 of the NTPS, as the current carpark and pedestrian access is considered desolate and lacking in vegetation. In addition, City of Darwin

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requests the provision of bicycle parking, pursuant to Clause 8.2 of the NTPS to encourage active transport options.

A revised Traffic Impact Assessment has been requested prior to clearance to ensure that all necessary upgrades are considered.

Stormwater

The site is located within the Rapid Creek catchment and proposes an increase in non-permeable surfaces. Upon inspection of the Subject Site it is considered likely that stormwater will drain toward Rapid Creek. The applicant has not provided adequate explanation regarding the provision of stormwater. Subsequently, City of Darwin requires a schematic stormwater plan to demonstrating how stormwater is to be disposed of and how the proposal will limit any impact upon Rapid Creek.

Vegetation

Concerns regarding any impact the proposal may cause to the Rapid Creek catchment have been raised. In particular, it is uncertain as to whether the proposed development will result in any clearing of vegetation. Subsequently, documentation has requested to indicate whether the proposal will require the clearance of any vegetation. Currently, the applicant does not believe any removal of vegetation to be required.

The applicant has been requested to provide an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), pursuant to the Environmental Assessment Act in order to analyze the extent of any impact on the environment within the proximity of the proposal. The EIS should detail the net loss and appropriate revegetation in accordance with the Rapid Creek Management Plan which details weed management, fire management, hydrological flows, catchment management, erosion, sedimentation, stormwater contamination and flood mitigation. The EIS should specifically address the following:

- The potential to cause the pollution of freshwater/marine waterways, groundwater, soils and/or air;
- The potential to cause detrimental impacts on aquatic fauna consumed as food;
- The potential to obstruct or alter existing waterways and ground water flows;
- An assessment of flora and fauna with particular regard to threatened species and habitats of potential significance within proximity to the proposed development.

Flooding

Clause 6.14 of the NTPS specifies that the “defined flood area” means the area that would be inundated in 1% AEP flood event. The applicant has confirmed that only a small portion of the Subject Site, along the western and southern boundaries, would be inundated in the 1% AEP flood event. The proposed development does not appear to be within the 1% AEP flood event.

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Summary

The proposal is likely to benefit the community through the provision of community sporting facilities. Subsequently, City of Darwin supports the proposal provided the following matters are addressed:

- Any environmental impact of the proposed development on the Rapid Creek catchment.
- A schematic stormwater plan must be provided to the satisfaction of City of Darwin.
- Additional landscaping should be provided, pursuant to Clause 8.2 of the NTPS.
- Other standard conditions.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

In preparing this report, the following City of Darwin officers were consulted:

- Town Planner
- Planning Officer
- Team Leader Development
- Senior Climate Change & Environmental Officer

In preparing this report, the following External Parties were consulted:

- Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority
- Development Assessment Services

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

All works within Council road reserve will be subject to the relevant City of Darwin policies and standards.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Monetary contributions have been requested for any shortfall in car parking.

RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

There is unlikely to be any legal implications as City of Darwin is providing its response pursuant to Section 48 of the Planning Act.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

City of Darwin is concerned about the possible environmental impacts of the proposed development and has subsequently requested additional information as part of a condition.

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COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

We the Author and Approving Officers declare that we do not have a Conflict of Interest in relation to this matter.

CINDY ROBSON
MANAGER CITY PLANNING

GERARD ROSSE
GENERAL MANAGER CITY FUTURES

For enquiries, please contact Cindy Robson on 8930 0528 or email:
c.robson@darwin.nt.gov.au.

Attachments:

Attachment A: City of Darwin, Letter of Response to Development Assessment Services, dated 13 October 2017

Attachment B: Development Application, Netball Stadium and Support Facilities PA2017/0465 - Section 5936 (235) Abala Road, Marrara

13 October 2017

Please quote: 3656473 DB:hd
Your reference: PA2017/0465

Mr Tony Brennan
Acting Manager Urban Planning
Department of Infrastructure, Planning & Logistics
GPO Box 1680
DARWIN NT 0801

Dear Mr Brennan

**Parcel Description: Section 5936 - Hundred of Bagot
235 Abala Road, Marrara**

Proposed Development: Netball Stadium and support facilities

Thank you for the Development Application referred to this office 28 September 2017, concerning the above. This letter may be placed before City of Darwin's, Ordinary Council Meeting. Should this letter be varied or not endorsed by Council, you will be advised accordingly.

The following issues are raised for consideration by the Authority:

- i). **City of Darwin supports the granting of a Development Permit provided the following issues are adequately addressed:**
 - a). **Environmental Impact**
Rapid Creek catchment is considered of significant environmental importance. City of Darwin believes that the proposal may impact upon the Rapid Creek catchment. City of Darwin requests that the applicant provide additional information to identify any impact on the Rapid Creek catchment, this may be in the form of an Environmental Impact Statement.
 - b). **Stormwater**
The site is located within the Rapid Creek catchment and proposes increased non-permeable surfaces. The applicant has not provided adequate detail regarding the provision of stormwater drainage infrastructure. City of Darwin requires a schematic stormwater plan to demonstrate stormwater disposal and limit any impact upon the Rapid Creek catchment.

c). **Landscaping**

The current car parking area lacks landscaping, in particular shade. City of Darwin requests that the applicant provide a landscaping plan to facilitate shade, pursuant to Clause 8.2 (2)(k) and (m) of the Northern Territory Planning Scheme (NTPS). In addition, the applicant should also provide bicycle parking facilities, pursuant to Clause 8.2 (2)(o) of the NTPS.

ii). **City of Darwin requests that should a Development Permit be issued, that the following be provided as a condition precedent:**

a). **Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**

City of Darwin requests that the Authority require an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The EIS should detail the net loss and appropriate revegetation in accordance with the Rapid Creek Management Plan which details weed management, fire management, hydrological flows, catchment management, erosion, sedimentation, stormwater contamination and flood mitigation. The EIS should specifically address the following:

- The potential to cause the pollution of freshwater/marine waterways, groundwater, soils and/or air;
- The potential to cause detrimental impacts on aquatic fauna consumed as food;
- The potential to obstruct or alter existing waterways and ground water flows; and
- An assessment of flora and fauna with particular regard to threatened species and habitats of potential significance within proximity to the proposed development.

Reason: Rapid Creek Catchment is of significant environmental importance for City of Darwin.

b). **Stormwater**

City of Darwin requires, as a condition precedent, a schematic plan demonstrating how stormwater will be managed on site, so that post development flows exiting the site will not exceed pre development levels. The stormwater management plan should also demonstrate how the quality and any concentration of stormwater exiting the site will not have detrimental impacts on the downstream Rapid Creek catchment.

Reason: The applicant's plans fail to demonstrate how on-site stormwater will be collected and discharged.

c). **Landscaping**

City of Darwin requests that the applicant provide a detailed landscape plan demonstrating vegetation within the car parking

areas in accordance with Clause 8.2 of the Northern Territory Planning Scheme.

d). **A dilapidation report covering infrastructure within the road reserve to the satisfaction and at no cost to City of Darwin.**

e). **Waste Management**

City of Darwin requests that the Authority require a Waste Management Plan demonstrating waste disposal, storage and removal in accordance with City of Darwin's Waste Management Policy 054.

The applicant's plans fail to demonstrate adequate waste management, this includes:

- any access gates to the bin enclosure not being locked,
- there shall be no step between the bin enclosure and the collection area to allow for ease of access,
- the bin enclosure shall include a hose and wash down area with a drain connected to City of Darwin's stormwater system, and
- an unimpeded concrete access path to the bin enclosure from the development.

A copy of City of Darwin's Waste Management Policy 054 may be viewed on City of Darwin's website or by contacting City of Darwin.

f). **Site Construction**

City of Darwin requests that an Environmental and Construction Management Plan (ECMP) be required.

The ECMP should specifically address the following:

- waste management,
- traffic control,
- haulage routes,
- storm water drainage,
- use of City of Darwin land, and
- how this land will be managed during the construction phase;

to the satisfaction of City of Darwin.

Note: Sediment control measures are to be established and maintained, to prevent silt and sediment escaping the site or producing erosion.

Building rubbish or debris must not be placed, or be permitted to be placed, on any adjoining public reserve, footway, road or private land, without first obtaining a works approval from City of Darwin.

- iii). **Should the above issues be adequately addressed, City of Darwin offers the following comments:**

City of Darwin comments in relation to the *Planning Act*, the Northern Territory Planning Scheme and Land Use Objectives:-

- a). **City of Darwin requests that the Authority require a monetary contribution is paid to City of Darwin in accordance with its Car Parking Contribution Plan in lieu of any on-site car parking shortfall as a result of this development.**

- b). **Traffic**
City of Darwin requires a comprehensive **Traffic Impact Assessment Report** to be prepared by a suitably qualified traffic engineer in accordance with the Austroads Document Guide to Traffic Management Part 12: Traffic Impacts of Developments, in the report structure provided as Appendix C of that document, with particular attention to vehicular, pedestrian, cyclist and public transport issues and opportunities.

The Traffic Impact Assessment report is to also include swept paths for waste collection vehicles entering and exiting the site.

The report should identify any necessary upgrades to the surrounding street network as a result of the implications of the development. The developer will be required to institute all required upgrade measures resulting from the traffic assessment at no cost to City of Darwin.

Should this application be approved, the following conditions pursuant to the *Planning Act* and City of Darwin's responsibilities under the *Local Government Act* are also recommended for inclusion in the Development Permit issued by the Development Consent Authority.

- Pursuant to clause 6.5.2 of the Northern Territory Planning Scheme and s.70(5) of the *Planning Act* a monetary contribution shall be paid to City of Darwin for any determined parking shortfall.
- All developments on/or adjacent to any easements on-site, in favour of City of Darwin shall be carried out to the requirements and satisfaction of City of Darwin.
- Waste bin storage and pick-up shall be provided in accordance with City of Darwin Policy Number 54 - Waste Management.

- Any proposed signage for the site shall be subject to a separate assessment in accordance with City of Darwin Policy Number 42 – Outdoor Advertising Signs Code.
- Any proposed works on/over City of Darwin property shall be subject to separate application to City of Darwin and shall be carried out to the requirements and satisfaction of City of Darwin.
- Any proposed stormwater connections to City of Darwin stormwater system or proposed works on/over City of Darwin property shall be subject to separate application to City of Darwin and shall be carried out to the requirements and satisfaction of City of Darwin.

In considering this application, the Development Consent Authority is requested to take into account any implications of the *Disability Discrimination Act* (Cth) or the *Anti-Discrimination Act* (NT) with regard to access for the disabled.

If you require any further discussion in relation to this application, please feel free to contact me on 8930 0528.

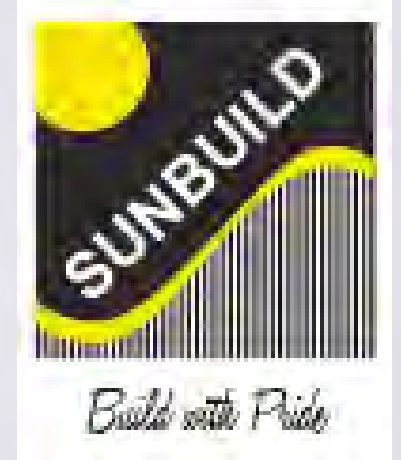
Yours faithfully

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CINDY ROBSON
MANAGER CITY PLANNING

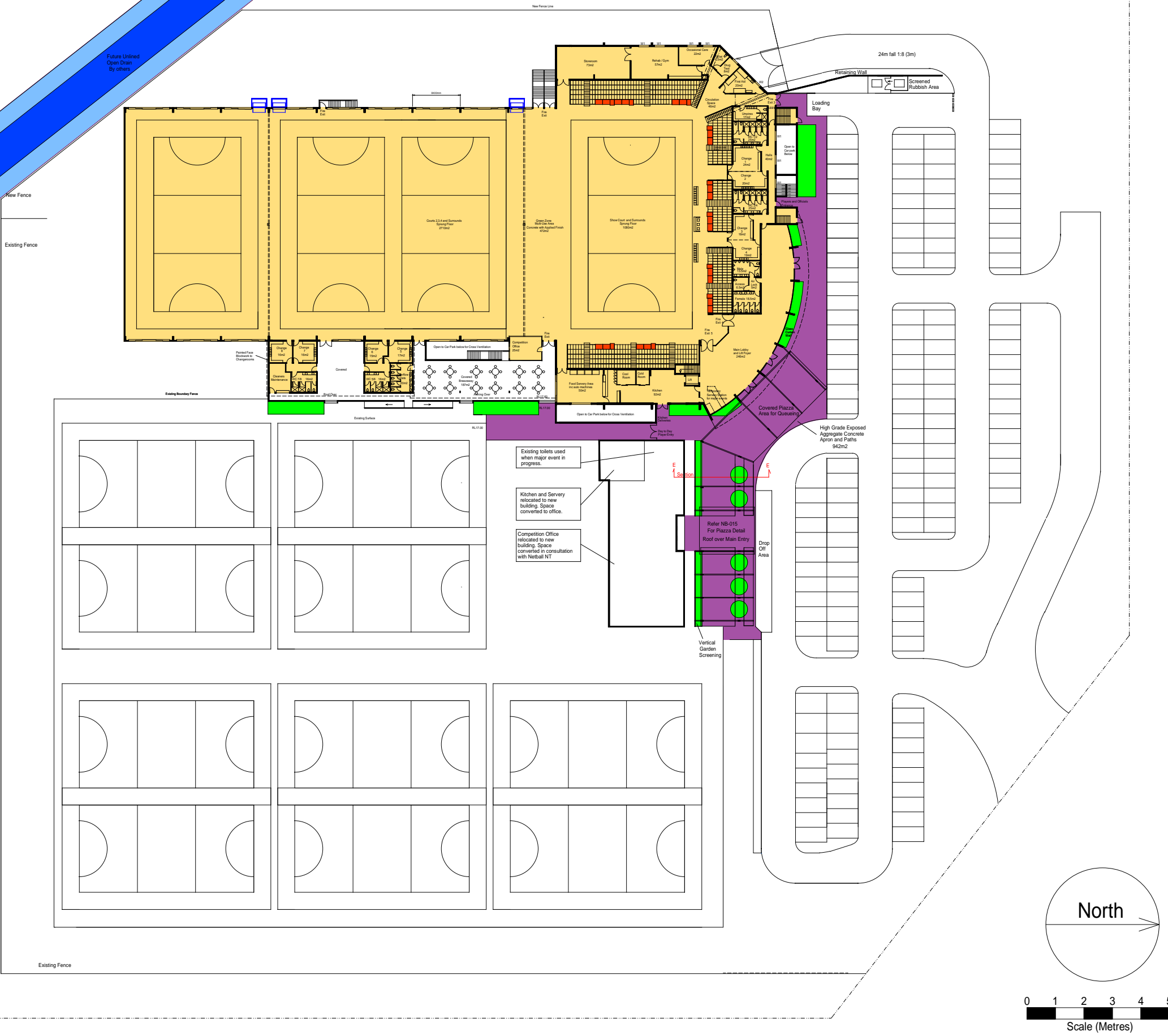
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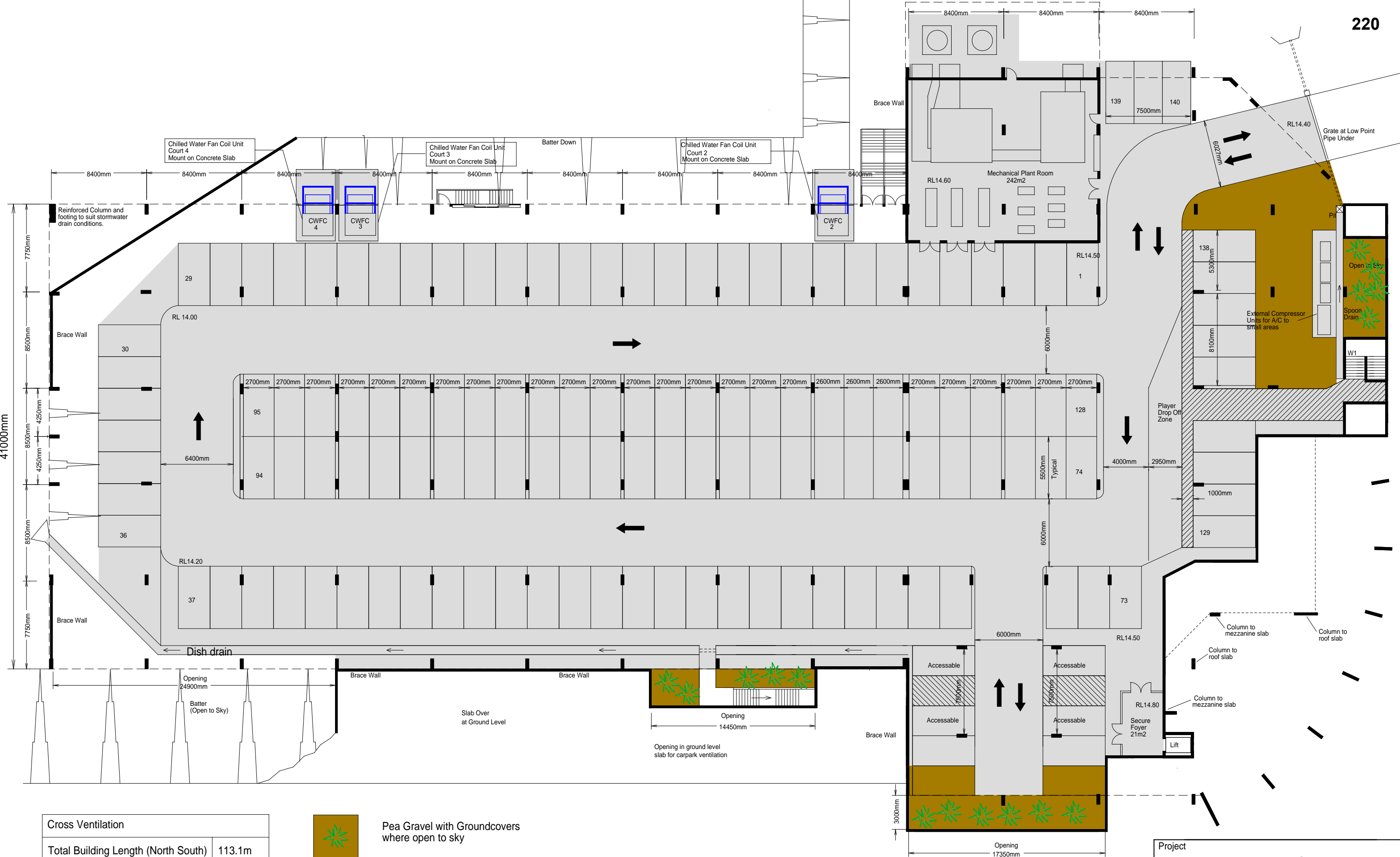


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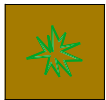




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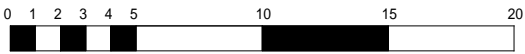
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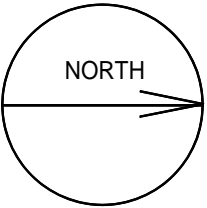
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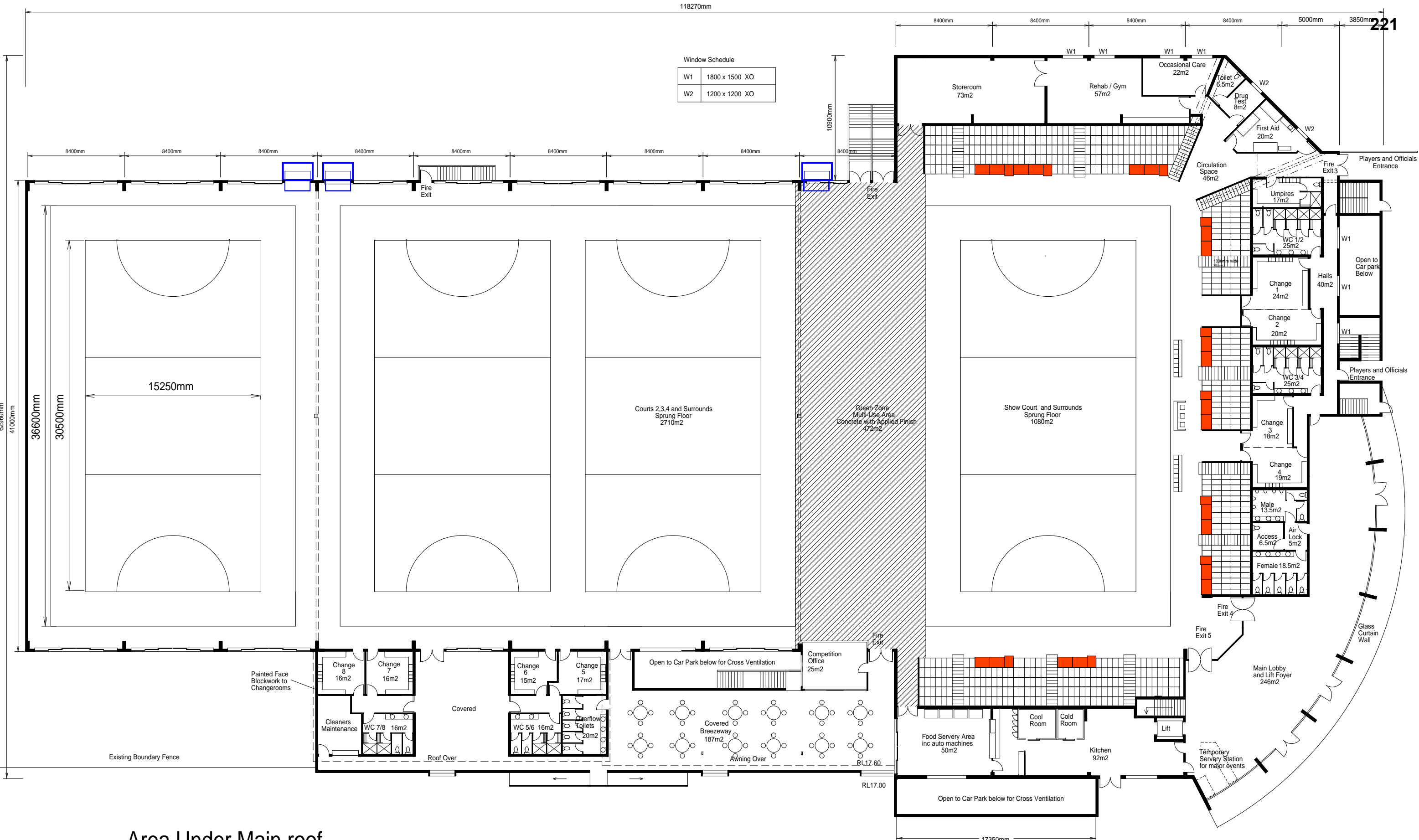
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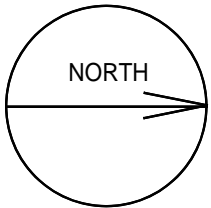
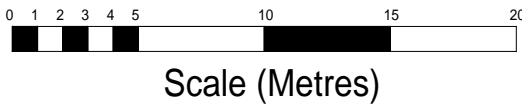
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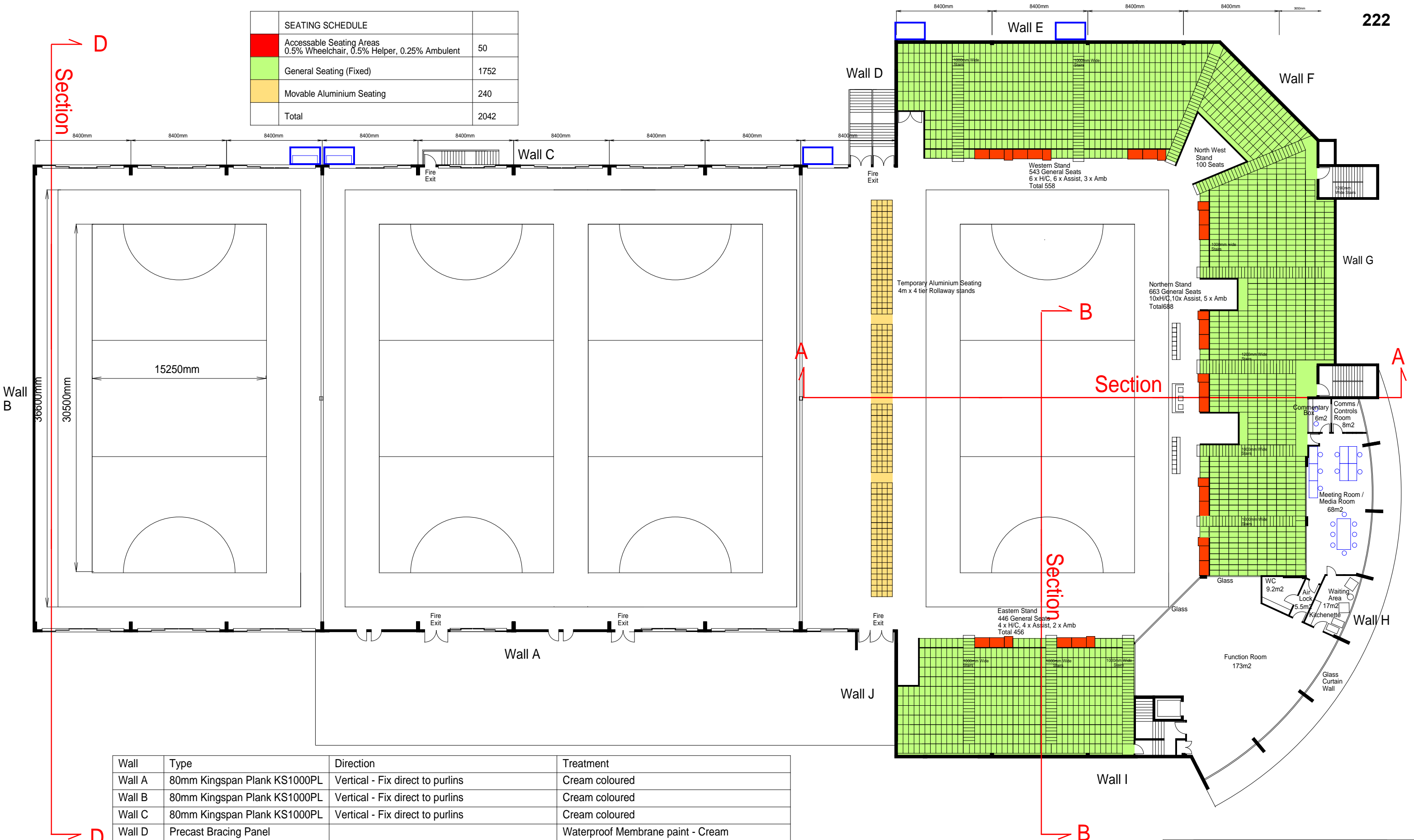
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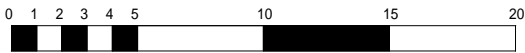


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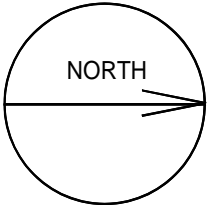
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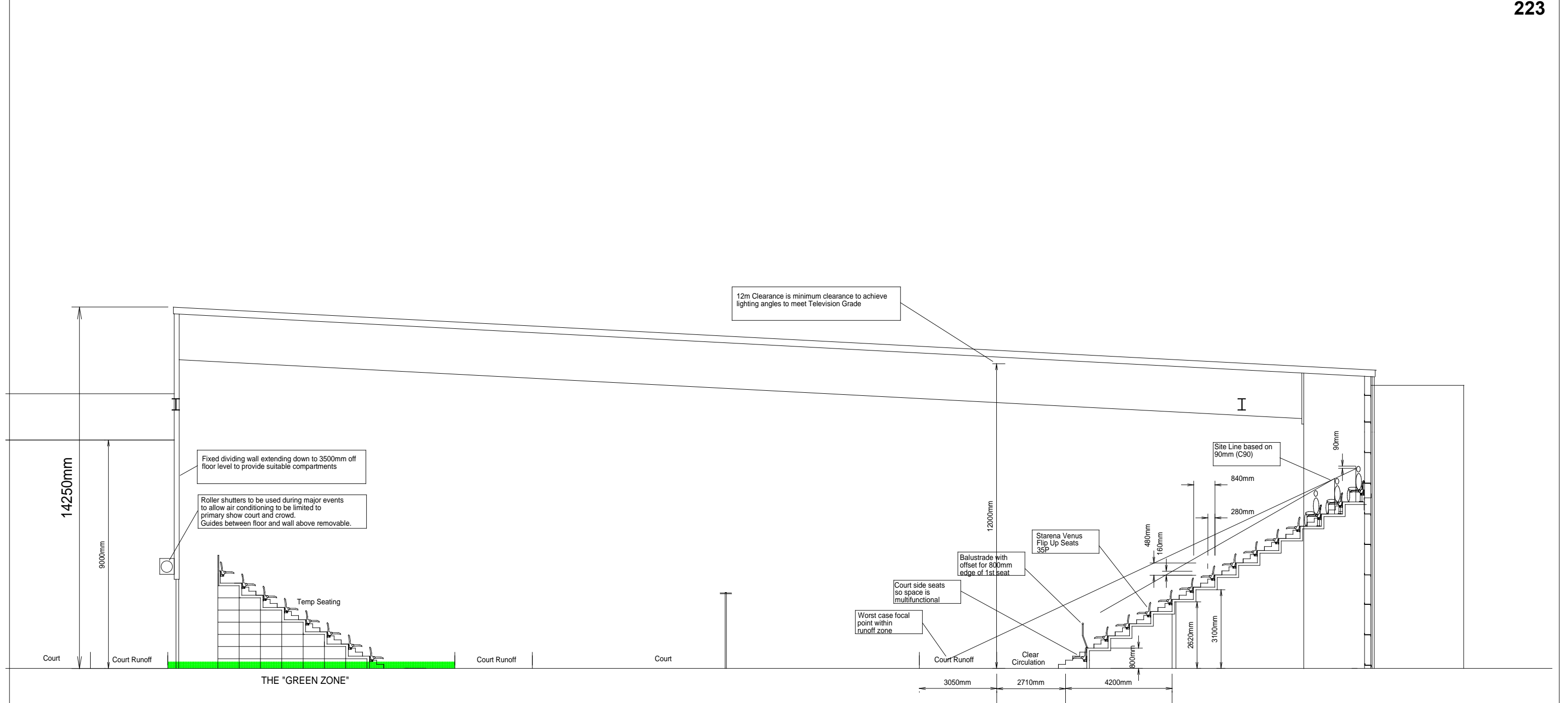
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Wall D	Precast Bracing Panel		Waterproof Membrane paint - Cream
Wall E	80mm Kingspan Plank KS1000PL	Horizontal - Add vertical batten to purlin	Multi-coloured refer initial brief
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Wall G	80mm Kingspan Plank KS1000PL	Horizontal - Add vertical batten to purlin	Multi-coloured refer initial brief
Wall H	Glass and Aluminium Curtain Wall	Vertical Aluminium Mullions at 1200mm Centres	E Glass
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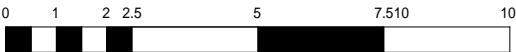
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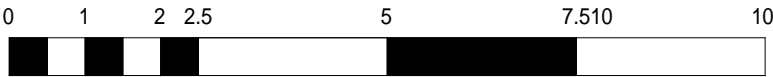
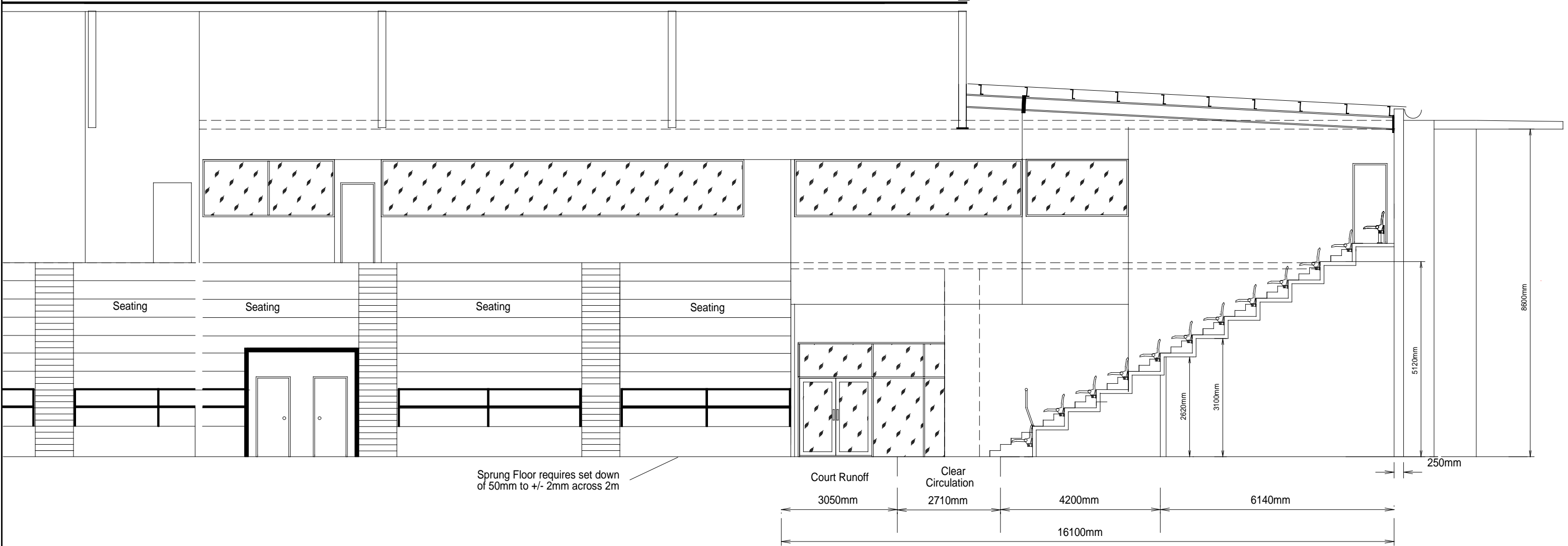


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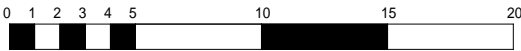
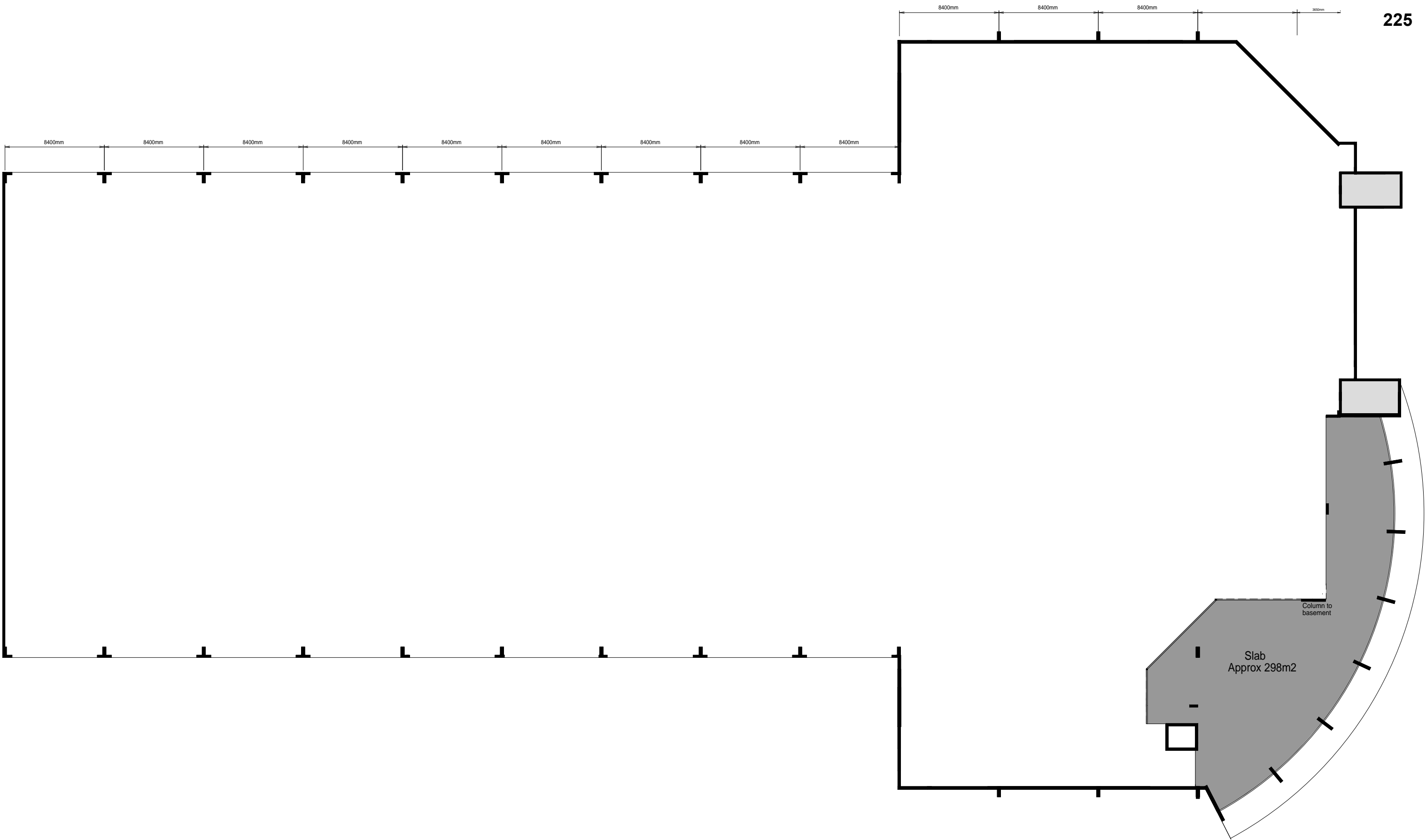
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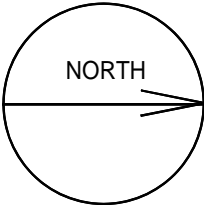


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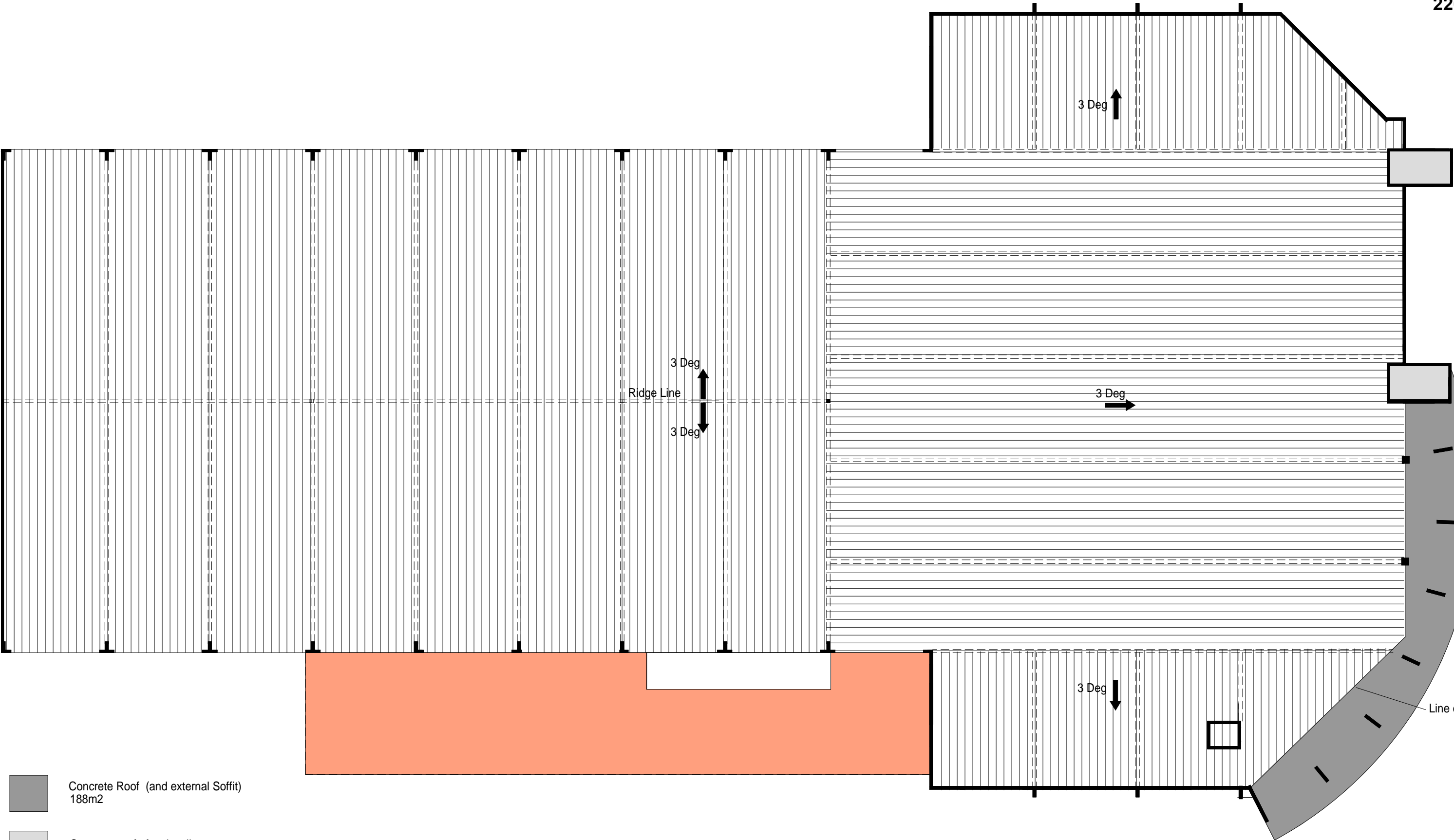
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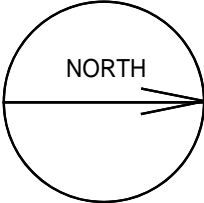
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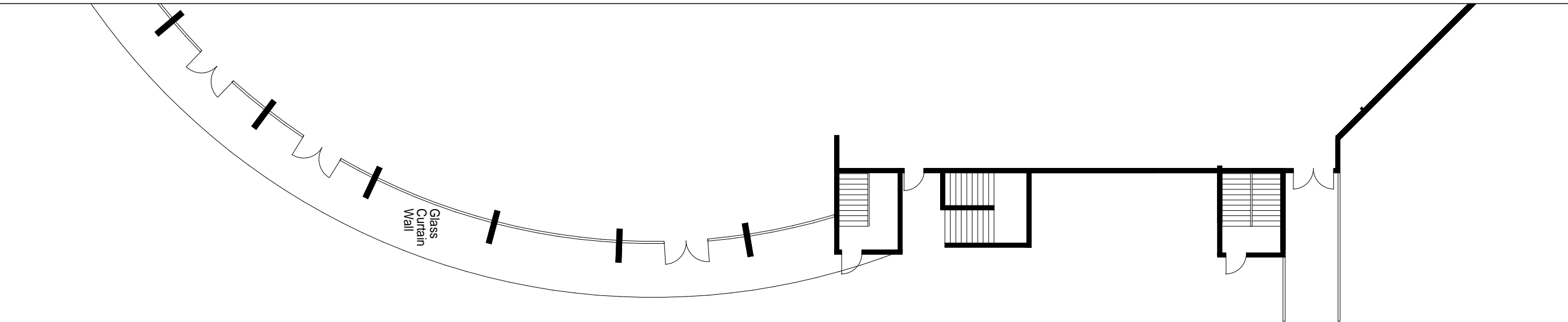
-  Concrete Roof (and external Soffit)
188m²
-  Concrete roof of stairwells
32m²
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-  Raised section over Main Court
Kingspan Trapezoidal Roof Panel (KS1000RW) - 60mm thick
-  Trimdeck Steel Roof (Lower Level)
458m²



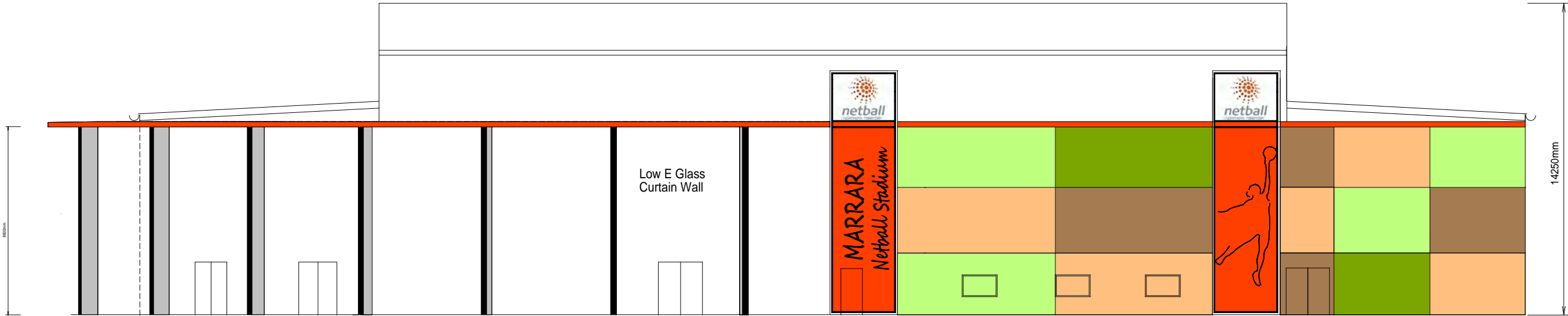
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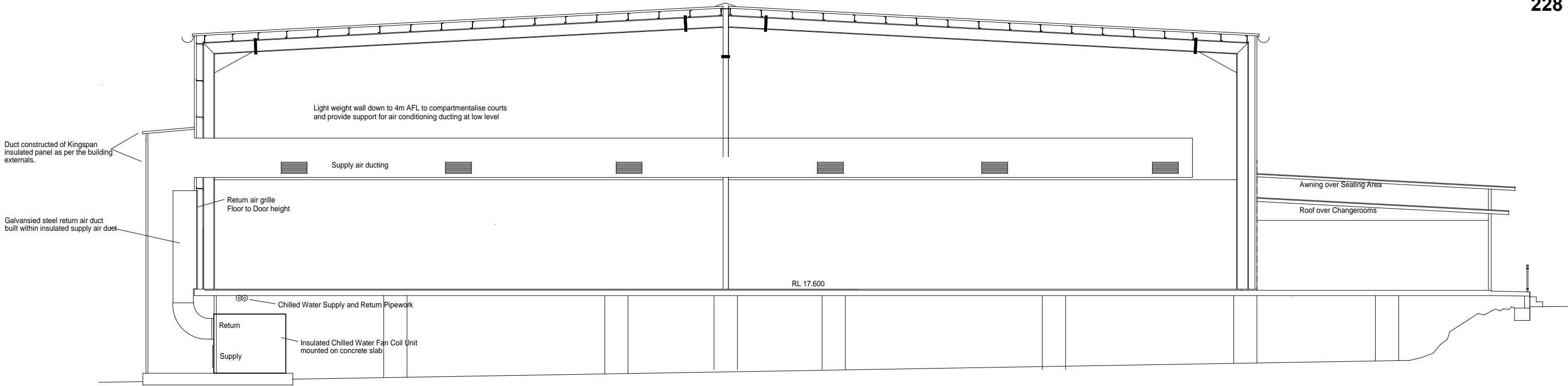


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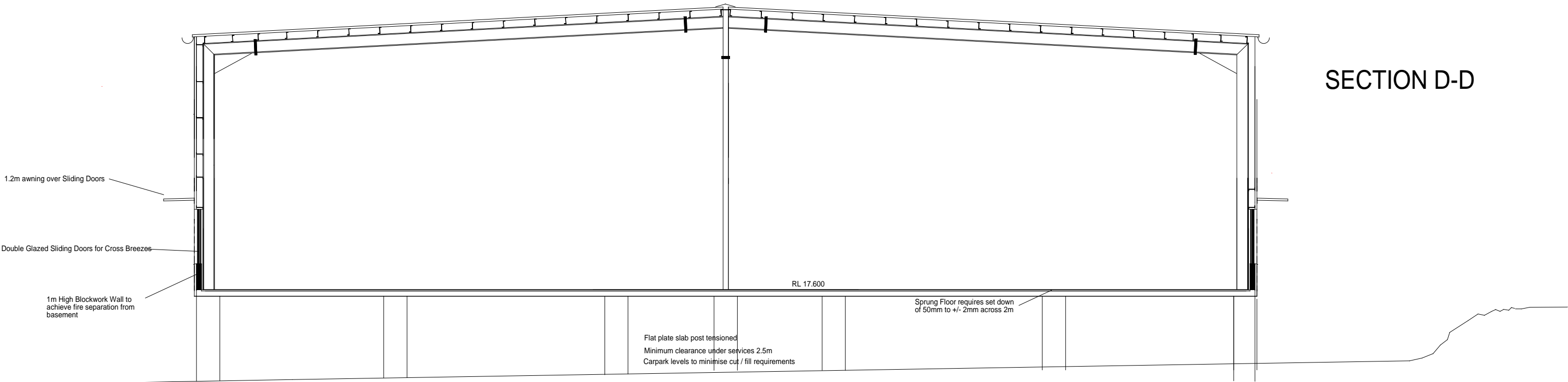


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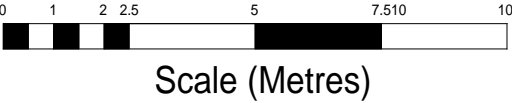


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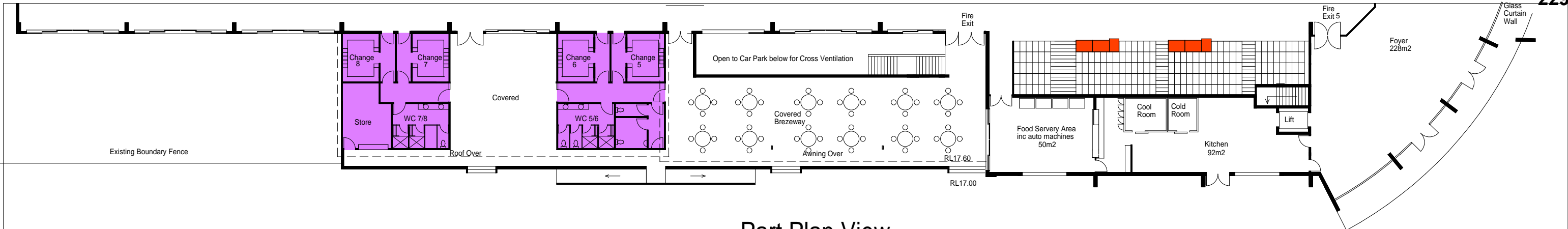


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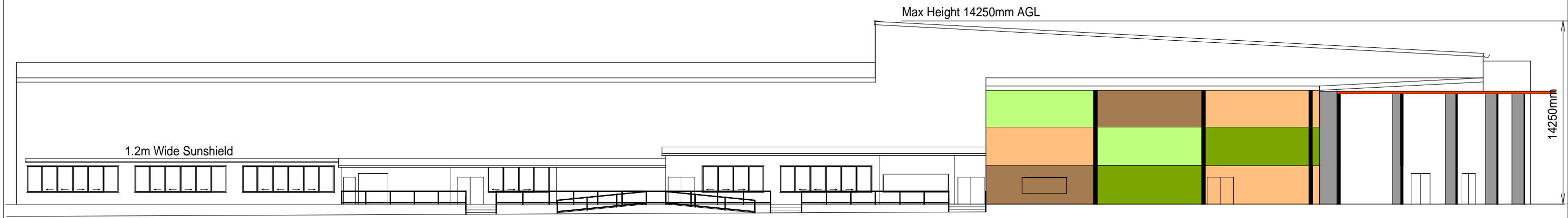
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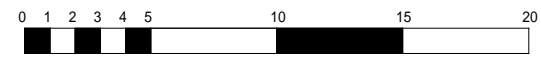
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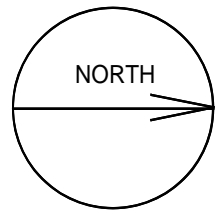
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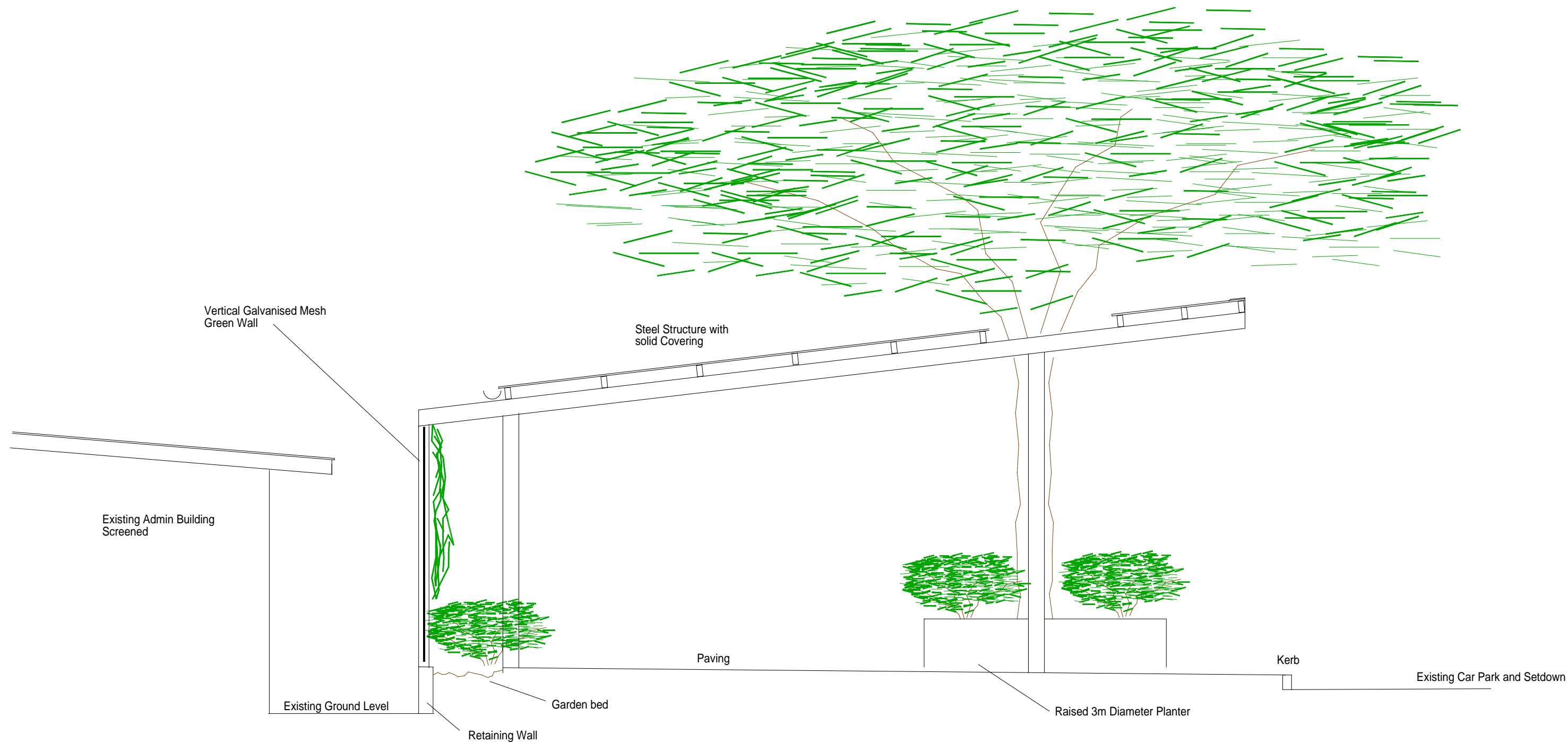
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Section E-E
Piazza Structure in front of Existing Admin Building



Scale (Metres)

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**APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT CONSENT
NEW NETBALL STADIUM : LOT 5936 HUNDRED OF BAGOT (235 ABALA
ROAD, MARRARA)**

1. NATURE OF THE APPLICATION

The application is made under section 46(1) of the Planning Act 1999.

The application is for consent to redevelop the existing netball ground on Lot 5936 by constructing a new netball stadium containing 4 indoor courts, spectator seating, players' rooms, offices, function rooms, and provision for future basement parking.

The proposal is shown in the attached drawings set, prepared by Sunbuild.

2. LAND DESCRIPTION

Lot 5936 is located in the south-western corner of the Marrara Sporting Complex at 235 Abala Road, Marrara, as highlighted in the aerial image of the locality in Figure 1.

Lot 5936 has an area of 6.43 ha. It has a boundary to Abala Road of approximately 62.4 m, and a boundary to Henry Wrigley Drive of approximately 256.89 m. There is no access from Henry Wrigley Drive.

The lot has sewer easements, as shown in the extract of the survey diagram in Figure 2. Two of these easements are relatively small, and are located at the Abala Road end. The other easement is 10 m wide, and runs in a north-west to south-east alignment between the western and southern site boundaries, and along the southern boundary. The area enclosed by the western and southern site boundaries and this easement is not included in the area to be developed.

Rapid Creek runs approximately parallel to the south-western boundary of the site, in near proximity to this boundary of the land.



Figure 1 : Aerial image of Marrara Sporting Complex
(Background image : Google Maps)

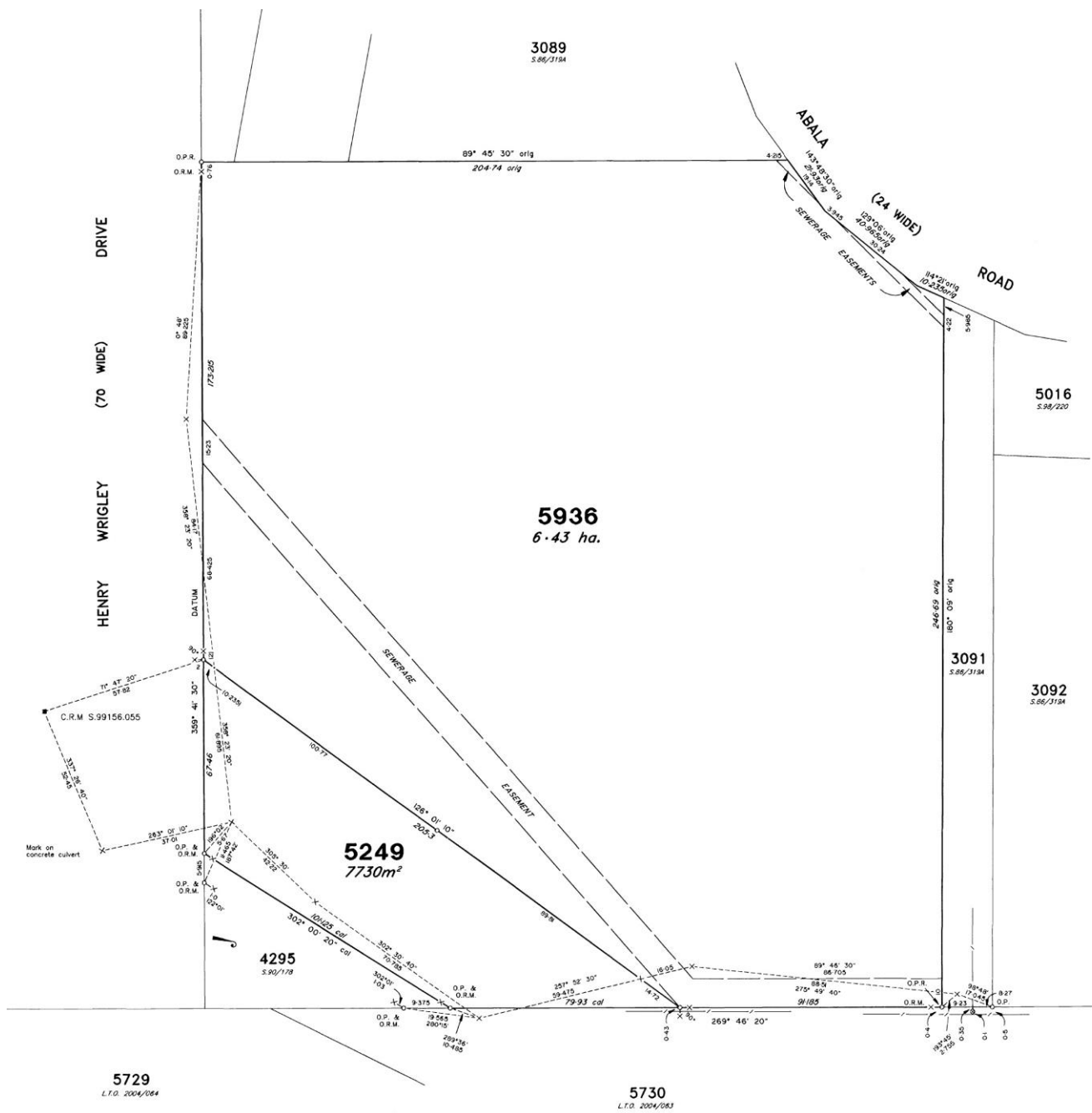


Figure 2 : Extract of Survey Drawing S2007/199

Lot 5936 is zoned OR (Organised Recreation) under the NT Planning Scheme. The land on the northern and eastern boundaries is also zoned OR. Henry Wrigley Drive is designated as a main road, and its road reserve is zoned M (Main Road). The land on the southern boundary is unzoned Commonwealth land, on which the Defence airfield and Darwin International Airport are situated. An extract of the zoning map is in Figure 3

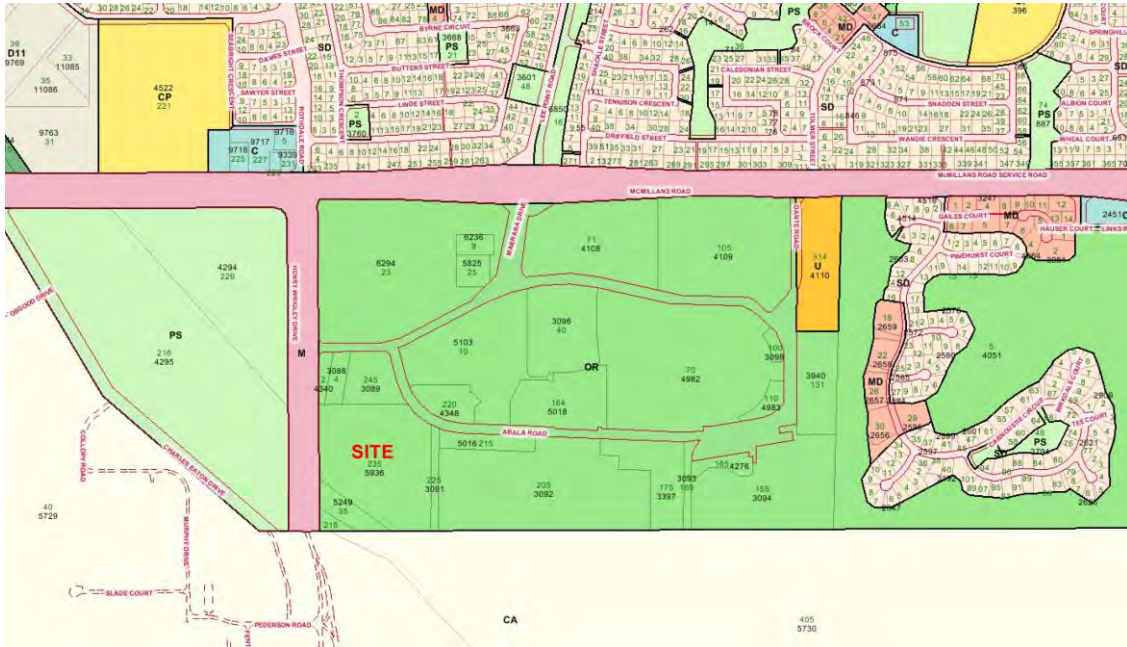


Figure 3 : Extract of Zoning Map

Aircraft noise exposure forecasts to the year 2042 shows that the site lies between ANEF 20 and 25. An extract of ANEF mapping is in Figure 4.

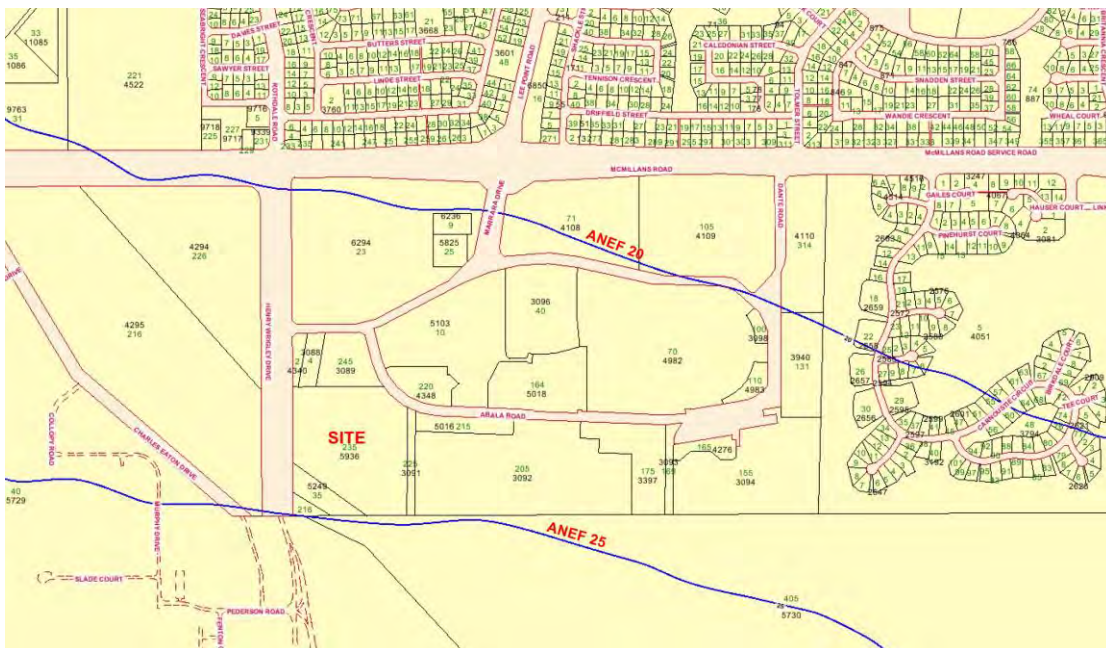


Figure 4 : Extract of ANEF Map 2042

Lot 5936 is developed as a sports ground for netball. Improvements on the site include 10 outdoor netball courts with pylon-mounted flood lights, a single-storey administrative building, storage shed, sealed parking area, and fencing.

The only vehicle access to the site is from Abala Road. Access from Henry Wrigley Drive is prohibited and the road infrastructure includes vehicle barriers and dense roadside vegetation.

The site is supplied with water, sewer, power supply, and telecommunications services.

An aerial image of the project site is in Figure 5.



Figure 5 : Aerial image of Netball NT
(Background image : Google Earth)

As noted, the site is in a well-established sports precinct, which contains sporting venues for a wide variety of indoor and field sports, as well as social clubs.

3. THE PROPOSAL

In May 2017, the NT Government announced that it had fast-tracked funding for the construction of a new netball stadium at Marrara by committing \$10M for the stadium's construction. The Federal Government has contributed \$8M to the cost of the facility.

Netball NT occupies Lot 5936, and the new stadium will supplement the existing outdoor netball courts on the land.

The proposal is to construct a new indoor stadium, containing –

- 4 new courts with sprung floors;
- players' rooms;
- offices, function rooms, and media rooms;
- treatment and drug testing rooms;
- outdoor café style seating;
- store rooms; and
- basement car park of 140 bays

The existing single-storey administrative and recreation building (about 300 m² of net floor area) will be retained, as will the existing 10 outdoor netball courts.

The existing sealed car park will be largely retained, except for minor reconfiguration to one access aisle and reduction in the number of bays from 165 to 145, to enable construction of a ramp to the basement car park and an entry concourse for the stadium.

The proposal will result in a net increase in parking of 120 bays.

Stadium capacity will be 2,042 spectators, for whom 1,802 seats will be provided as fixed tiered seating. For larger events, an additional 240 seats will be provided in collapsible seating.

Spectator seating for 300 persons will be sufficient for local fixtures, age-based competition, training sessions, and social games. Capacity crowds are expected only for fixtures featuring elite teams, and national and international competition.

Net floor area will be disposed in the buildings as shown in Table 1.

Table 1 : Proposed Netball Stadium - Net Floor Area	
Room type	Net floor area, sq m
Office	25
Meeting rooms and media	74
Function Rooms, kitchens, and food service	439
Fitness, Medical Care and Drug Testing	107
Storage Rooms	73
Total	718

It is the intention of the sport's administrators and the NT Government to present the stadium as a premier sporting venue, capable of hosting national and international competition, in a contemporary stadium comparable to similar facilities around Australia.

The stadium will be equipped with facilities for television broadcasting, PA systems, and internal lighting. Cabling for these elements will be accommodated in the roof space.

The stadium, together with the existing facilities on the site, is expected to be used for local and major competition in all age divisions, training sessions, social functions such as receptions for visiting teams and sponsors, and fund-raising events.

Local competition events are expected to attract not more than 300 spectators, while competition at the finals stage is expected to attract about 500 spectators.

Spectators at major national and international fixtures are expected to be accommodated within the 2,042 person seating capacity.

Vehicle access to the ground will continue to be from Abala Road only, and no pedestrian access will be available from Henry Wrigley Drive.

4. MATTERS TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT

Section 46 (3) sets out the matters to be addressed in a development application. Section 51 sets out the matters to be considered by the consent authority.

(a) the Planning Scheme as it applies to the land to which the application relates - s. 46(3)(a) and s. 51(a);

The project site is zoned OR (Organised Recreation) under the NT Planning Scheme.

The proposal answers the definition of “leisure and recreation”, which is defined in the Planning Scheme as the provision indoors or outdoors of recreation, leisure or sporting activities and includes cinemas, theatres, sporting facilities and the like as a commercial enterprise but does not include a licensed club or community centre.

The proposal is consistent with the zone purpose for Zone OR, which is to provide areas for organised recreational activities.

The zone purpose also says that development is to be limited to that which is consistent with the recreational opportunities of the land. It is submitted that the proposal is consistent with this principle, because –

- the land has been used as a sports ground for netball since 2009, when the existing facilities were constructed; and
- the new stadium will improve the recreational opportunities of the land by providing better court surfaces for players, and extending the playing season into the wet season.

Leisure and recreation is discretionary development in Zone OR, subject to clauses 6.1, 6.5.1, and 8.2.

As a small part of Lot 5936 is in a Defined Flood Area, clause 6.14 applies to the proposal.

Clause 6.1 – General Height Control

This clause sets a maximum height of buildings (with some exceptions) of 8.5 m.

The highest point of the stadium building will be 14.25 m, which will exceed the height specified in this clause.

A variation to the height limit of this clause is requested on the basis that there are special circumstances critical for the essential function of the proposed building, as follows –

- Netball Australia¹ specifies a minimum ceiling height of 8.3 m. This height excludes elements such as roof beams, brackets, light fittings, vents etc. With

¹ Netball Australia **National Facilities Policy** Version 02 March 2016, p 16.

required roof superstructure, including housing for plant and broadcast, lighting and PA systems, it is not possible to constrain the height limit to 8.5 m if the stadium is to be compliant with the competition requirements of the sport's governing body.

- As the stadium is intended to be a contemporary facility suitable for elite competition, it is obligatory for it to comply with the requirements of the sport's governing body.
- The minimum ceiling height has been determined with reference to the essential characteristics of the sport to be played in the stadium.

It is submitted that these circumstances justify variation to the provisions of this clause, because –

- The height of the buildings is consistent with the height of other sports facilities in the Marrara Sports Complex. For example, Marrara Indoor Stadium, in near proximity to the site, has a ceiling height of 12.5 m (which is the minimum ceiling height for volleyball), which does not include roof form.
- The stadium site has no interface with residential development, and will have no effect on the visual amenity of nearby residential areas.
- The height of the building is appropriate to the size of the site and will have minimal effect on the overall mass of the building.

Clause 6.5.1 - Parking

The table to this clause specifies parking requirements for a very limited range of leisure and recreation activities, making specific mention of “indoor spectator facilities including cinema or theatre”, racquet court games, lawn bowls, and golf course.

For all other leisure and recreation facilities, the requirement of this clause is 10 parking bays for every 100 m² of net floor area, and 1 for every 4 spectator seats.

Parking under this clause would be required as follows-

▪ Net floor area from Table 1: 718 m ² , 10 bays/100 m ² ,	071.8
▪ Existing administrative building : 300 m ² , 2.5 bays/100 m ²	007.5
▪ Spectator seats : 1 bay/4 spectators, 2042 spectators	510.5
Total bays	589.8

The proposal will provide a total of 285 bays in the existing car park and the basement of the new building.

Clause 6.5.2 allows the Authority to reduce the calculated parking requirement, having regard to criteria specified in the clause. The matters to be considered are :

(a) the zoning of the land, the use or development or proposed use or development of the land and the possible future use or development of the land;

and

(b) the provision of car parking spaces in the vicinity of the land;

It is appropriate to derive a more realistic estimate of parking demand, taking into account that –

- i. more than 10% of the net floor area in the new building is to be used as store rooms, which generate no demand for parking;
- ii. parking for 439 m² of function rooms, kitchens and food service areas is overstated because the parking ratio applied is 10 bays/100 m² net floor area whereas the ratio for the similar use of restaurant is 6 bays/100 m²; and
- iii. there are no sporting venues that are capable of accommodating their peak parking demand on site.

Regarding the circumstance in i, it is submitted that, as floor space used for storage is incidental to the activities conducted on the site, and does not generate any demand for parking, storage floor space should not require any parking.

Regarding the circumstance in ii, if the parking ratio for restaurant and retailing is applied to the function room, kitchens and food service areas, the number of bays required for these components would reduce from 44 to 26.

Taking the circumstances in i and ii together, the parking attributable to floor area of the new building would be 47 bays.

Regarding the issue outlined in iii, parking generation based on stadium capacity is not appropriate, because there will be very few occasions in any given year that spectator numbers will approach stadium capacity. These occasions are major fixtures featuring high-profile interstate, national and international teams. These major events are unlikely to occur more than a few times a year. For this reason, it is generally recognised that it is unrealistic to require sports venues to meet parking demand for their peak events.

The vast majority of events are local team competitions (not including semi-finals and grand final), age-based competitions, training, and social games. These activities attract fewer than 300 spectators.

Significant local competitions, such as semi-finals and grand finals, attract up to 500 spectators, and are very few in number each year.

It is submitted that, for events up to 500 spectators, the appropriate number of bays would be –

- | | |
|---|-----------------|
| ▪ 1 for every 4 spectator seats, 500 seats | 125 bays |
| ▪ Net floor area, new stadium | 047 bays |
| ▪ Net floor area, existing building, 300 m ² | <u>008</u> bays |
| | 180 bays |

Net floor area of the existing building will consist of administrative functions after the new building is constructed, which indicates that a parking ratio of 2.5 bays/100 m² is more appropriate.

For these reasons, it is submitted that, for all but the highest profile national and international fixtures attracting up to 500 spectators, the parking provision of 285 bays will meet the demand more than adequately, with more than 100 bays likely to be vacant.

For high-end and elite competition, parking demand will be greater than can be accommodated on the site. However, as noted above, this is the normal situation for all sporting venues.

Parking required under clause 6.5.1 for peak events would be –

- | | |
|---|-----------------|
| ▪ 1 for every 4 spectator seats, 2,040 seats | 510 bays |
| ▪ Net floor area, new stadium | 047 bays |
| ▪ Net floor area, existing building, 300 m ² | <u>008</u> bays |
| | 565 bays |

For the very few occasions on which on-site parking supply will not meet demand, special arrangements are usually made by venues in Marrara Sporting Complex. These include –

- overflow parking accommodated in other car parks in the Complex if other sports venues and community clubs are not hosting events at the same time. There is a large sealed car park adjoining the eastern boundary of the site, as well as car parks adjoining Marrara Indoor Stadium and TIO Stadium, as well as smaller car parks in the Complex; and
- special free bus services from Darwin, Casuarina and Palmerston interchanges, and Humpty Doo and Coolalinga Park and Ride facilities.

An example of special parking and traffic arrangements for an AFL match featuring interstate teams at TIO Stadium in July 2017 is in Figure 6. The recorded crowd number for this fixture was 12,104 people.

It is submitted that there are sufficient opportunities to accommodate overflow parking for peak netball events in the vicinity of the site, and that the arrangements commonly made for other sporting venues in the Complex represent an efficient use of parking resources in the locality.

SATURDAY JULY 15 2017

**DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND CULTURE
2017 AFL PREMIERSHIP SEASON**

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The Territory Government welcomes the AFL back to Darwin.
7.10pm Saturday 15 July TIO Stadium - Gates open from 2:00pm
3:00pm NT Thunder v Aspley Hornets

Please note the following conditions of entry, transport options and changed traffic conditions.

PARKING
 Free parking is available at the Bonson Gate car park (airport side of complex), Marrara Indoor Stadium and the Hockey Complex car park;
 South Darwin Rugby League Club - \$5 parking fee;
 Disabled parking is available at the Bonson Gate car park (airport side of complex);
 VIP parking for TIO Stadium corporate guests is available at the Bonson Gate car park (airport side of complex);
 VIP parking for guests of Michael Long Learning and Leadership Centre is available at the Ah Mat car park (McMillan's Road side of complex);
 No parking along McMillians Road or Ah Mat Gate.

ONE WAY TRAFFIC
 One way traffic applies clockwise on Abala Road from 2:00pm until late on Saturday 15 July 2017.

GATE ACCESS
 No pedestrian access through Dante Road;
 Bonson Gate will open from 2:00pm for entry;
 Ah Mat Gate and Wanderers (formerly scoreboard gate) Gates will open from 2:30pm;
 All pre-paid tickets and game day collections from the Bonson Gate;
 Corporate guests (excluding Michael Long Leadership Centre guests) to enter via the Bonson Gate;
 Alcohol, eskies, glass, scooters, skateboards etc. and commercial recording devices are not permitted;
 All bags and plastic containers will be checked prior to entry.

FREE BUS SERVICE
 Free buses will be operating to and from the stadium. Buses will run from Casuarina, Darwin and Palmerston interchanges picking up at bus stops along each route.
 A free bus will pick up at the Humpty Doo Park and Ride at 5:45pm and at the Coolalinga Park and Ride at 6:00pm. Buses will depart Marrara from 9:50pm with the final service departing 20 minutes after the final whistle.
 For more information visit [http://aflnt.com.au/index.php?id=6&tx_ttnews\[tt_news\]=990&tx_ttnews\[backPid\]=5&clash=36b127571c](http://aflnt.com.au/index.php?id=6&tx_ttnews[tt_news]=990&tx_ttnews[backPid]=5&clash=36b127571c)

TAXIS, MINI BUSES, BUSES AND CARS
 A pick up and drop off area is located at the Ah Mat Gate (McMillans Road side of complex).

FAMILY FRIENDLY AREA
 Situated at the airport end of the complex. No alcohol permitted.
 No anti-social behaviour accepted.
 TIO Stadium is a **NO SMOKING** venue. Any patrons entering the playing arena at TIO Stadium will face strict penalties (\$2000 fine or six months imprisonment) from the NT Police and the AFL. Please be courteous and obey all instructions from NT Police, Security and Traffic Controllers.



Marrara Complex

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Figure 6 : Special event parking and traffic arrangements
 (Source : NT News Public Notice, 15 July 2017)

(c) the availability of public transport in the vicinity of the land;

Bus Route 3 serves Marrara Sporting Complex, and there is a bus stop in Abala Road, about 95 m from the site. The service is infrequent on weekday mornings, with only one service. It is more frequent on weekday afternoons, when there are 7 services between 3:00 and 7:00 pm.

For Route 3, there are 13 services on Saturdays, between 6:30 am and 7:00 pm, and 12 services on Sundays and public holidays between these hours.

Bus Route 5, between Casuarina and Darwin Interchanges, runs on McMillans Road, with a bus stop near the intersection with Marrara Drive, approximately 750 m from the site. Although it is a relatively frequent service during the day, there is no service after 6:00 pm and on weekends and public holidays.

Bus Routes 22 and 25 also run on McMillans Road. However, these are very infrequent weekday peak-hour services, with only one morning service and two afternoon services. There are no services on weekend and public holidays.

Despite the paucity of regular bus services serving Marrara Sporting Complex, for major sporting and community events, special bus services are frequently operated. Special event bus services provided by public transport providers may be requested by event organisers, and there are also private bus companies that provide contracted services for special events.

(d) the use or development relates to a heritage place and the Minister responsible for administration of the Heritage Conservation Act supports the reduced provision of parking spaces in the interest of preserving the significance of the heritage place.

This provision is not relevant to the proposal.

Clause 6.5.3 - Parking layout

The layout of the parking area is shown in the aerial image of the existing car park in Figure 7. The facility is an existing development, and it is not proposed to alter the layout.

The layout is generally compliant with this clause, as shown by the layout characteristics noted in Figure 7.

The existing car park includes a drop-off zone in front of the existing building. This narrows the access aisle to a width of about 4.2 m, if the drop-off zone is continuously occupied. In practice, the bays opposite the drop-off zone are accessible, because the drop-off zone acts as a shared zone for access to bays and drop-off. The drop-off zone has operated in this manner for several years without difficulty. As part of the reconfiguration of the existing car park to accommodate an entry plaza to the new stadium, the drop-off zone will be reduced in length



Figure 7 : Layout of existing car park

The new basement car park will be fully compliant with the requirements of this clause.

Clause 6.14 – Land subject to flooding and storm surge

Lot 5936 is not affected by storm surge, as shown in the extract of storm surge mapping in Figure 8.

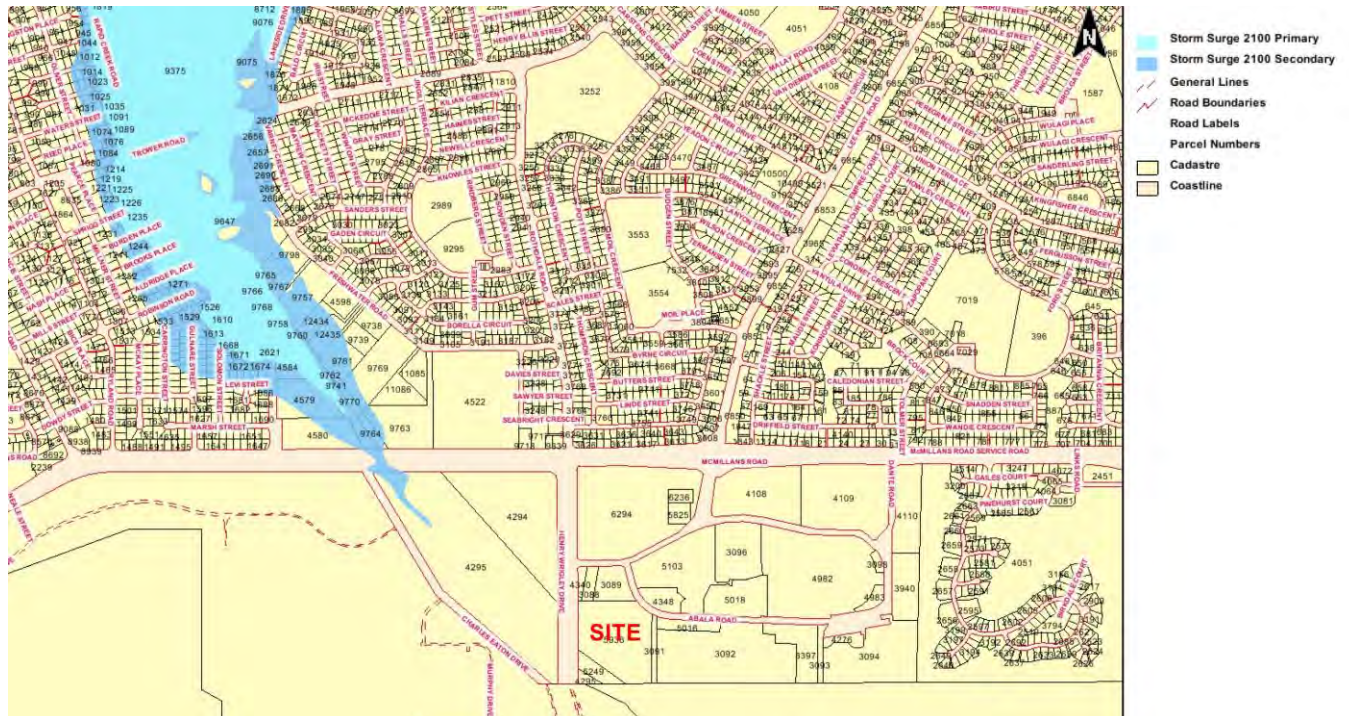


Figure 8 : Extract of storm surge map

The Rapid Creek Flood Study² conducted for NT Government in 2013 modelled peak flows for various flood scenarios, and generated flood maps showing the likely extent of flooding under these scenarios.

Clause 6.14 specifies that the “defined flood event” (where there is no floodplain management plan) is the 1% annual exceedance probability (AEP) event. The “defined flood area” means the area that would be inundated in a 1%AEP flood event.

Accordingly, of the various flood scenarios modelled by the study, the relevant scenario is the Q100 event.

The study modelled flooding in a combination of conditions, including highest astronomical tide, 100-year storm surge event, and sea level rise of 0.8 m in the year 2100. Each of these was modelled individually in combination with the flood event, and also with all these events occurring simultaneously.

Clause 6.14 does not require the 1%AEP to be combined with any other event, so Q100 modelled with mean sea level is adopted. The area that would be inundated in this scenario is shown in Figure 20.1 of the study. An extract of this figure is in Figure 9.

² Sinclair Knight Merz **Rapid Creek Flood Study** Report No 13/2013D 6 December 2013



Figure 9 : Extract of Flood Map
Source : SKM Rapid Creek Flood Study 2013

The flood map shows that a small portion of the site along the western and south-western boundaries would be inundated in the 1%AEP flood event.

Clause 6.14.5 imposes restrictions on the type of development that should be avoided in a defined flood area. These are storage or disposal of hazardous industrial material, fuel depots, and habitable rooms.

The proposal does not involve any of these activities, and consequently, it complies with this clause.

Clause 8.2 – Building design for commercial buildings

The proposal will be consistent with the objectives of this clause, of promoting site-responsive designs that are attractive and pleasant and contribute to a safe environment.

The design of the building is consistent with the essential nature of the activities to be conducted at the facility, and will create a high-quality facility for netball, that will compare favourably with contemporary netball facilities around Australia.

The design of the building will include a large open paved concourse near the entry to the building, adjoining the ground level foyer and function room, and a curved curtain wall to the foyer.

A casual outdoor sheltered eating area will be located on the eastern edge of the building.

East-facing windows to the southern court will be protected by a 1.2 m wide sun shield.

Building services and services required for the efficient functioning of the stadium will be integrated in the building design. The mechanical plant room and chilled water units will be located in the basement. Services integrated in roof design will include cabling for internal and architectural lighting, television broadcasting, and PA systems.

Community safety will be assisted by fostering a sense of pride in sporting participation. Competition, social play, and training sessions across a wide range of skill and age levels will ensure that the grounds are in use through the day and during evenings. Existing outdoor courts are equipped with pole-mounted sports lighting, and the car park is illuminated at night.

- (b) any proposed amendments to the Planning Scheme - s. 51(b);**
- (c) an interim development control order, if any, in respect of the land to which this application relates - s. 46(3)(b) and s. 51(c); and**
- (f) a matter that the Minister has, under section 85, directed it to consider in relation to development applications generally - s. 51(f)**

There are no proposed amendments to the Planning Scheme, interim development control orders, or ministerial directions relevant to this land.

(d) an environmental protection objective within the meaning of the *Waste Management and Pollution Control Act* that is relevant to the land to which this application relates - s. 51(d);

(g) if a public environmental report, or an environmental impact statement has been prepared or is required under the *Environmental Assessment Act* in relation to the proposed development - the report or statement and the results of any assessment of the report or statement under that Act by the Minister administering that Act - s. 46(3)(c) and s. 51(g); and

(s) any beneficial uses, quality standards, criteria, or objectives, that are declared under section 73 of the *Water Act* - s. 51(s)

No report or statement under the Environmental Assessment Act has been sought and none is expected.

By s 18 of the *Waste Management and Pollution Control Act*, any beneficial use, quality standard, criterion or objective declared under s 73 of the *Water Act* is an environmental protection objective.

A declaration for beneficial uses is current for Darwin Harbour Region. The declared beneficial uses for saline waters between Charles Point and Gunn Point are aquaculture, environmental, and cultural.

The declared beneficial uses for natural waterways are agriculture, environment, cultural, and rural stock and domestic.

The proposal will include stormwater drainage works, and erosion and sedimentation control works during construction and operations, and these will be required under conditions of any development permit issued as a result of this application. A preliminary Erosion and Sediment Control Plan is at Annexure 1. It is unlikely that the proposal will adversely affect the declared beneficial uses.

There are no other environmental protection objectives that are relevant to this land.

(e) any submission made under section 49 in relation to the development application - s. 51(e)

It is expected that the proposal will be referred to the relevant persons and authorities and that submissions from these parties will become known after the proposal has been notified in accordance with Section 47.

Any issues raised from the notification of the proposal during the public consultation period will be dealt with prior to or at the meeting of the Development Consent Authority at which this application will be considered.

(h) the merits of the proposed development as demonstrated in the application - s. 46(3)(d) and s. 51(h); and

(n) the potential impact on the existing and future amenity of the area in which the land is situated- s. 46(3)(h) and s. 51(n)

The proposal is a major investment in women's sport, and fulfils a commitment given by NT Government in 2016.

The new stadium will be a venue that will compare favourably with contemporary venues around Australia, and will assist the sport to grow and develop, and improve the capacity of the sport's governing body to attract elite and national and international fixtures to Darwin.

The new stadium will allow year-round competition, and will improve the conditions under which the sport is played. New indoor courts with sprung floors will reduce the incidence of injury sustained by players, compared to play on existing outdoor concrete courts, and will enable players of other sports to maintain their fitness in the off-season of their principal sport.

The proposal is consistent with the zoning of the land, the essential purpose of which is to provide areas for organised recreational activities.

In view of the underlying purpose of Zone OR, the proposed development should be expected in the zone.

The proposal will be located in a long-established purpose-built sports precinct, and is consistent with other indoor sports facilities in Marrara Sporting Complex.

Although the proposal requires variation to the height of the stadium building, the proposed height is consistent with the essential characteristics of the sport, as determined by the sport's governing body, and also for the accommodation of lighting, broadcast, and PA system infrastructure required for high-level competition.

It is acknowledged that the proposal will not meet its likely parking demand on a few occasions each year when high-level and national and international games are hosted. However, this situation is common to all sporting venues, and overflow parking can be provided in near proximity to the venue. It is submitted that this type of arrangement is an efficient use of parking resources in the locality.

A traffic impact assessment conducted by i3 Traffic Consultants found that the forecast additional trip generation in the busiest hour of operation will be 40 – 50 vehicle trips.

The TIA found that the additional traffic generation will not adversely affect road or intersection capacity in the surrounding road network, and that the right turn movement from Abala Road into Henry Wrigley Drive will operate with acceptable delays.

The TIA recommends that, consistent with normal practice, traffic associated with major events should be managed by the implementation of a Major Events Traffic Management Plan.

A copy of the traffic impact assessment is at Annexure 2.

It is submitted that the effect on amenity of the area will be similar to that of other sporting activities in the precinct.

(j) the capability of the land to which the proposed development relates to support the proposed development and the effect of the development on the land and on other land, the physical characteristics of which may be affected by the development - s. 51(j)

The land is zoned for and is suitable for the proposed development.

There are no physical constraints that limit the development of the site in the manner applied for.

The proposed development is an addition for a sport that has been conducted on the site for several years.

With appropriate stormwater management and erosion and sedimentation control, the proposed development will not affect the physical characteristics of any other land.

(k) the public facilities or public open space available in the area in which the land is situated and the requirement, if any, for the facilities, or land suitable for public recreation, to be provided by the developer - s. 46(3)(f) and s. 51(k)

The proposed development is itself a major open space resource, and is part of a sizeable regional open space and recreation precinct. Accordingly, there is no requirement for additional public facilities or public open space to be provided by the proponent.

(m) the public utilities or infrastructure provided in the area in which the land is situated, the requirement for public facilities and services to be connected to the land and the requirement, if any, for those facilities, infrastructure or land to be provided by the developer for that purpose - s. 46(3)(g) and s. 51(m)

The site is serviced by all necessary urban infrastructure.

Infrastructure upgrades to service the development will be required as a condition of any development permit that may be issued as a result of this application.

(p) the public interest - s. 46(3)(j) and s. 51(p)

The proposal serves the public interest by deepening investment in a growing sport and making better use of the site.

The proposal will encourage greater participation in sport, which is a very significant aspect of the Territory's social and cultural character.

The proposal will encourage visits by elite teams and fixtures that will promote sports tourism, and provide local players and followers of the sport with the opportunity to meet and watch sporting role models in action.

Key stakeholders were consulted in developing the proposal and preparing the functional brief for the stadium, and NT Government conducted further public consultation through its Have Your Say website in June 2017. Community reaction to the proposal has so far been favourable, with no major negative issues being raised during the consultation period.

Community safety will be assisted by encouraging people's presence on the site and by fostering pride in sporting activities and ownership of an improved facility.

Water safety is not specifically relevant in this proposal, because no water features are proposed.

The building will be fully accessible to people with disabilities as all levels are accessible by the lift, parking is provided for disabled drivers, and pedestrian access is directly at ground level.

(q) in the case of a proposed subdivision of land on which a building is situated - whether the building will cease to comply with the *Building Act* if the proposed development were to proceed - s. 46(3)(k) and s. 51(q)

The proposal does not involve land subdivision.

(r) any potential impact on natural, social, cultural or heritage values - s. 51(r)

The proposal is located within a precinct that has developed as a major social and cultural asset. The existing netball facility has occupied Lot 5936 since 2009, and has become an important local sporting and social institution. The proposal will reinforce these values.

Rapid Creek is a significant natural element in the near locality of the site. The proposal will include stormwater infrastructure and erosion and sediment control measures, and is unlikely to have any adverse impact on the natural values of Rapid Creek.

(t) other matters it thinks fit;

There are no other matters that have not been dealt with under other heads of consideration.

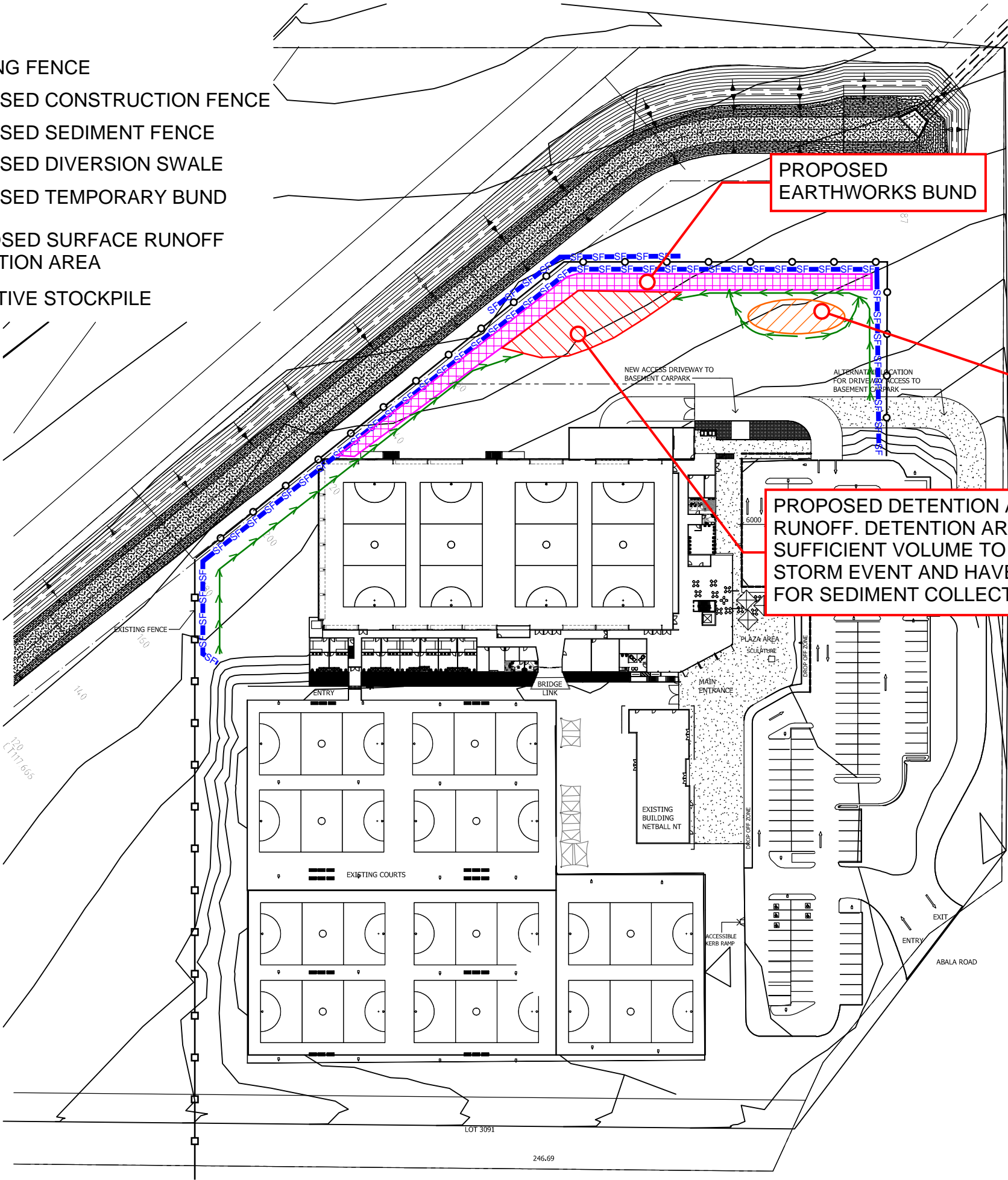
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- PROPOSED DIVERSION SWALE
- PROPOSED TEMPORARY BUND
- PROPOSED SURFACE RUNOFF DETENTION AREA
- INDICATIVE STOCKPILE



PROPOSED EARTHWORKS BUND

INDICATIVE STOCKPILE LOCATION

PROPOSED DETENTION AREA FOR SURFACE RUNOFF. DETENTION AREA TO HAVE SUFFICIENT VOLUME TO CATER FOR DESIGN STORM EVENT AND HAVE SUMP IN LOW POINT FOR SEDIMENT COLLECTION AND PUMP OUT.

EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL:
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- NOTES
- ALL DISTURBED SURFACES TO BE LANDSCAPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH LANDSCAPE CONSULTANT'S DRAWINGS
 - CONCRETE WASHOUT NOT TO BE UNDERTAKEN ON SITE, OR TO BE UNDERTAKEN AT A DESIGNATED LOCATION, CONTRACTOR TO ESTABLISH CONCRETE WASHOUT AS PER IECA GUIDELINES

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**MARRARA NETBALL FACILITY
NORTHERN TERRITORY**

Title
**PRELIMINARY EROSION AND
SEDIMENT CONTROL LAYOUT
PLAN**

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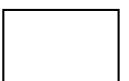
17. INFORMATION ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

17.1 Nomination to Neighbourhood Watch NT Board

Document No. 3668711 (31/10/17) Common No. 375173

*The nomination information is **Attachment A**.*

- A. THAT the incoming request from the Local Government Association of the NT for nomination for a representative on the Neighbourhood Watch NT Board be received and noted.
- B. THAT Member _____ be nominated.





Position Title	Volunteer Ordinary Board members Neighbourhood Watch NT
Location	Northern Territory
Primary Objective	Ordinary Board members are required to be active participants in the organisation to support NHWNT to provide crime prevention strategies to the community. Board members represent the organisation, regular members and volunteers across the NT. A board member is required to participate in Board meetings and be part of relevant sub-committees when required. A board member must also ensure that NHWNT is compliant under the Constitution and legislation (Act and regulations).
Key responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be well informed about all the organisation activities • Attend and participate in all Board meetings , including the AGM • Provide agenda items (if relevant and when called for) • Be prepared for Board meeting by reading all Board papers before attending the meetings to allow for active discussion. These include (not limited to): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Agendas ○ Minutes ○ Reports ○ Papers ○ Financials • Attend all meetings in line with the constitution and at the meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ be interested and involved ○ participate fully ○ listen to others ○ clarify points ○ consider ideas carefully ○ voice concerns / opinions ○ act in the best interest of the organisation • Board members may also be called upon to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ fill executive committee casual vacancies that may arise ○ perform specific tasks for the organisation ○ sit on sub committees. • Work with and support the employees of NHWNT inc Police positions to meet the strategic directions of the organisation

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY



PROCEDURES FOR LGANT REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES

LGANT representatives on committees are required to provide the Association with regular reports and an annual report for its Annual General Meeting in November of each year.

The Association also requires the minutes of each meeting attended to be emailed to the CEO's Personal Assistant, elaine.mcleod@lgant.asn.au.

Representatives are required to supply the Association with contact details such as mobile phone number, email address, postal address and the council they are a member of.

The Association will supply information to nominees of committees, including their Terms of Reference.

If a LGANT representative resigns from a committee, he/she is requested to inform the Association in writing, by letter or email, so that an alternative representative can be nominated to the committee.

The Association may remove its endorsement of a representative on a committee if that representative fails to deliver regular reports or misses meetings without just cause. It would then be up to the committee to decide whether or not the representative remains on that committee if the representative is without LGANT endorsement.

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NORTHERN TERRITORY



NOMINATION FORM

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NT BOARD

COUNCIL NAME:

1. Agreement to be nominated

I, _____ agree to be nominated as a member of the
(full name)

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NT BOARD.

Signature:

Dated this _____ day of _____ 2017.

2. Council Confirmation of Nomination

I, _____ the Chief Executive Officer

hereby confirm that _____

was approved by resolution of Council to be nominated as a member of the
NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NT BOARD at a meeting held on ____ / ____ /2017.

Signature:

Dated this _____ day of _____ 2017.

3. Nominee Information

The following information is required to enable the Executive to make an informed decision. A current curriculum vitae can be submitted in lieu of section 3 of the nomination form.

3.1 What is your current council position? _____

3.2 How long have you held your current council position? _____

3.3 How long have you been involved in local government? _____

3.4 Please list your educational qualifications:

3.5 What experience do you have that is relevant to this committee?

3.6 Apart from your current position what other roles have you had in the local government sector?

4. You agree to supply the Executive with a report on the committee meetings you attend?

I agree ☐ I Disagree ☐

5. Have you read and agree to the Outside Committee procedures

Yes ☐

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17.2 Nomination to NT Settlement Planning and Outcomes Committee (NTSPOC)

Document No. 3668709 (31/10/17) Common No. 375173

*The nomination information is **Attachment B**.*

- A. THAT the incoming request from the Local Government Association of the NT for nomination for a representative on the NT Settlement Planning and Outcomes Committee (NTSPOC) be received and noted.
- B. THAT Member _____ be nominated.

NT Settlement Planning and Outcomes Committee (NTSPOC)

TERMS OF REFERENCE

PURPOSE	<p>The NT Settlement Planning and Outcomes Committee (NTSPOC) will provide a forum for senior representatives from federal, state and local government to share information from each agency, identify and progress opportunities to support people in regional settlement, and discuss future planning for the delivery of government services to migrants, refugees and asylum seekers.</p> <p>NTSPOC will collaborate and leverage existing local networks to support the settlement priorities in the National Settlement Framework.</p> <p>The purpose of the Committee is informed by the National Settlement Framework, as referred: https://www.dss.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/11_2016/the_national_settlement_framework.pdf</p> <p>The National Settlement Framework does not provide additional resources for the NTSPOC.</p>
CHAIR and SECRETARIAT	Department of Social Services will chair the committee meetings and provide Secretariat responsibilities.
FREQUENCY	<p>The committee will meet every six months; additional meetings can be scheduled as required.</p> <p>The Secretariat will call for agenda items at least two weeks prior to a meeting date.</p>
MEMBERSHIP	<p>Membership of the Committee will include senior representatives of Australian Government agencies, Northern Territory Government agencies and the Local Government Association of Northern Territory, with portfolio responsibilities of addressing initial settlement needs.</p> <p>NTSPOC membership will comprise of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian Government Department of Social Services • Australian Government Department of Immigration and Border Protection • Australian Government Department of Human Services • Australian Government Department of Employment • Northern Territory Government Office of Multicultural Affairs, Territory Families • Local Government Association of the Northern Territory <p>Other agencies may be asked to participate. Information may be gathered from other parties as required.</p> <p>Members may nominate senior level representatives to participate in meetings as their proxies, if required.</p>
TARGET GROUPS	<p>The NTSPOC will consider issues relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent migrants - people arriving under a range of visa subclasses within the Humanitarian Program and within the Skilled, Family and Special Eligibility streams of the Migration Program. • Temporary migrants - longer-term temporary entrants that come to Australia for a set length of time and for a specific purpose (this category comprises visa subclasses for international students and workers/business people). • Asylum Seekers - asylum seekers who may have either arrived lawfully in Australia on a temporary substantive visa or people who have arrived illegally in Australia by sea or air. Australia provides protection to asylum seekers during their status determination process (this category will include SHEV and TPV visa holders).
REVIEW	NTSPOC Terms of Reference and membership will be reviewed annually.

NT Settlement Planning and Outcomes Committee (NTSPOC)

MEMBERSHIP

Agency	Representative	Contact
Department of Social Services	Nikki Walford NT State Manager (Chair)	Nikki.walford@dss.gov.au Phone: (08) 8928 6117
	Fiona Crick A/Assistant Director	Fiona.crick@dss.gov.au Phone: (08) 8928 6174
Department of Immigration and Border Protection	Ms Jane Sansom Regional Director SA, NT & WA	Jane.sansom@border.gov.au c/o Sharyn Henry (EA to Jane Sansom) 08 74217602; Sharynn.henry@border.gov.au
Department of Human Services	Ms Katrina Zander A/State Manager	Katrina.zander@humanservices.gov.au c/o EA: 8948 7922
Department of Employment	Joanne Fry NT State Manager	Joanne.fry@employment.gov.au phone: (08) 8936 5057
Northern Territory Government Office of Multicultural Affairs, Territory Families	Siobhan Okely Manager, Community Engagement	Siobhan.okely@nt.gov.au Phone: (08) 8999 2552 *Senior Officials Settlement Outcomes Group (SOSOG) - NT representative
	Diana Miranda Senior Policy Officer	Diana.miranda@nt.gov.au Phone: (08) 8999 3891 *Senior Officials Settlement Outcomes Group (SOSOG) - NT representative
Local Government Association of the Northern Territory	TBC	NB: LGANT are working through new nominations for committees in November. c/o Elaine.McLeod@lgant.asn.au (EA to CEO Tony Tapsell)

STANDING AGENDA

Item	Time	Agenda Item	Presenter/s
1		Welcome and review of last meeting/actions	Nikki Walford, Chair
2		Acceptance of Minutes	Nikki Walford, Chair
3		Departmental updates (each agency)	All
4		Focus area discussions (as required): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment • Education and training • English • Emerging issues and/or trends 	All
5		Update from Senior Officials Settlement Outcomes Group (SOSOG)	Siobhan Okely, Diana Miranda
6		Any other business	All
7		Close and next meeting	Nikki Walford, Chair

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18. REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

19. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

20. GENERAL BUSINESS

21. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
Common No. 2695130

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 14 November 2017, at 5:30pm (Open Section followed by the Confidential Section), Council Chambers, 1st Floor, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin.

22. CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC
Common No. 2695131

THAT pursuant to Section 65 (2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

23. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON