



AGENDA

Ordinary Council Meeting Tuesday, 16 August 2022

I hereby give notice that an Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on:

Date: Tuesday, 16 August 2022

Time: 5:30pm

**Location: Council Chambers Darrandirra
Level 1, Civic Centre
Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin**

Webcasting: [MS Teams Link to Webcast](#)

**Simone Saunders
Chief Executive Officer**

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I, Councillor Sylvia Klonaris, give notice that at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 16 August 2022, I will move the following motion:-

MOTION

1. THAT Council receive a report to identify the costs for installation and operation of underground irrigation around the play space area at the Wolfram Court entrance to Driffield Park, Anula.
2. THAT this report to be returned to Council for consideration in November 2022 and that the area around the play space at the Wolfram Court be watered until the coming Wet season to assist with reestablishment following the recent vandalism.

REASON:

The area has an outdated and inefficient method of irrigation with the use of kangaroo stand sprinklers which require staffing to resource and manage. The area is highly used by the community, not only as a play space but it is also an entrance to the Anula greenbelt. The area surrounding the play space was recently vandalised by fire and the ground is becoming rocky, dry, hard, and hot. This is not only unattractive but severely impacts the use of the area by the community.

Signed by me at Darwin this 11 August 2022



COUNCILLOR SYLVIA KLONARIS

14 ACTION REPORTS**14.1 PARTIAL ACQUITTALS OF NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT 2021-22 GRANTS**

Author: Governance Projects Officer
Project Officer

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: 1. Signed Partial Acquittal Statements for NTG 2021/22 [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report entitled Partial Acquittals of Northern Territory Government 2021-22 Grants be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the Chief Executive Officer to forward the 2020-21 Local Government Priority Infrastructure Fund Grant Partial Acquittal documents to the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics.
3. THAT Council endorse the Chief Executive Officer to forward the Urban and Regional Oval Lights Grant Partial Acquittal documents to the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics.
4. THAT Council endorse the Chief Executive Officer to forward the Velodrome Upgrades Grant Partial Acquittal documents to the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics.
5. THAT Council endorse the Chief Executive Officer to forward the 2021/22 Local Government Immediate Priorities Grant Partial Acquittal documents to the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to meet the requirement in all Northern Territory Government (NTG) Grant Agreements that partial acquittals be laid before Council and submitted to the Department of origin in August each year.

KEY ISSUES

- The City of Darwin has several projects underway that are being funded using grant monies received from NTG.
- The requirement to partially acquit all grants at 30 June enables NTG departments to include updates and mentions of projects in their Annual Reports.
- Partial acquittals also provide valuable information that is used in NTG program evaluations, policy reviews and budget forecasting.
- This Report and attached statements are laid before Council to form the acquittal documentation as required in the funding agreements.

DISCUSSION

At 30 June 2022 the City of Darwin had four programs of work underway that were being funded via grants from the Northern Territory Government. Partial acquittal is now required.

The grants are:

- 2020-21 Local Government Priority Infrastructure Fund
- 2018 Urban and Regional Oval Lights Program
- Velodrome Upgrades Grant
- 2021/22 Local Government Immediate Priorities Grant

2020-21 Local Government Priority Infrastructure Fund

The Local Government Priority Infrastructure Grant for \$322,670 was received by City of Darwin on 30 June 2021.

In March 2022 an additional \$7,130 was added to the budget. This underspend from the acquitted 2018-19 Energy Efficiency and Sustainability Grant brings the NTG contribution towards the project to \$329,800.

At 22 June 2022 Darwin City Council has invested \$476,962 in the Shoal Bay perimeter fence project.

The project has experienced a series of delays including:

- necessity for significant revision to the scope of works relating to ground and vegetation disturbance, soil removal and protection measures for cycads in order to deliver a project that is in respectful keeping with the expectations of Aboriginal custodians and secure the authority Certificate from the Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority
- wet season making the site inaccessible to civil works machinery
- the excavation route encountering more rock than expected which has slowed progress

Representatives from the Livestock Biosecurity and Animal Welfare Branch of the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade have toured the project site on several occasions to inspect the works and assess its suitability for its intended purpose of preventing feral pigs from gaining access.

At 30 June 2022 the project is at 75% completion with 50% of the fence erected. Sections in place are already performing their intended functionality on the site boundary.

Total expenditure on the project including city of Darwin contribution as at 30 June 2022 was \$476,962.

Practical completion of the project is expected to be achieved in line with the grant Agreement.

Urban and Regional Oval Lights Program

The purpose of this grant is to facilitate a longer spread of hours of use of sporting ovals to make use of sports facilities in the cooler evenings; and enable more juniors and women sports participation.

Commencing in 2018 this project has involved community and user group and sporting peak body consultation to inform the planning and design of lighting to support sporting activities at Nightcliff Oval, Bagot Oval, Gardens Oval.

Following the initial consultation and design phase of the project, from the initial \$250,000 in funding, \$55,134 was returned to the Department of Tourism, Sport and Culture.

In 2018/19, \$4,550,000 in funding was received.

Expenditure in 2018/19 was \$99,561. In 2019/20 expenditure was \$1,198,770. In 2020/21 it was \$1,671,852.

Delivering the lighting infrastructure has included a program of ancillary works including environmental assessments, power supply upgrades, design and documentation and engineering certificates.

Delays were experienced in the installation works due to freight issues between China and Australia during the global pandemic.

As intended, the installation of lights did elicit proposals from oval user groups proposing to extend their hours of use. For example, Northern Territory Cricket requested the addition of a Premier Grade T20 Thursday night match, and Friday nights for junior and women's matches.

The facilities continue to utilise the lighting and the extended use by the community has been sustained across time.

In February 2022 AFL NT commissioned an audit of the lighting at Nightcliff Oval.

This was instigated as users of the oval had raised concerns. The outcome of the review found that while the installed lighting meets the specifications for 'maintained average horizontal illuminance' it does not meet standards for 'uniformity ratios'.

During the year Council commissioned an independent assessment of the performance and suitability of the Nightcliff Oval lighting for AFL training and matches. Officers are working through options for next steps to achieve lighting performance that meets the expectations of AFL NT.

A total of \$3,071,103 has been invested in the lighting across the three ovals and \$1,728,897 remains.

Once the Nightcliff Oval lighting rectification works are complete, a variation request will be sought for the remaining grant to be repurposed to other identified Oval Lighting projects, included within a further program of works.

Velodrome Upgrades

The \$2.5 million Bagot Park Velodrome Upgrade program included asphalt resurfacing and a new barrier rail to deliver safety improvements and enable continuing community access at the existing facility; installation of new lighting to improve performance and reduce energy consumption; and a refurbished, landscaped spectator area with improved accessibility.

Following the construction phase, all areas previously vegetated at the site are to be reinstated through landscaping, grass seeding, tree plantings, mulching and irrigation. This includes batters, centre of the track, any other areas either cleared or disturbed as part of the project and banks where trees had to be removed as part of the project.

The spend as at 30 June 2022 was \$1,528,361.

In June 2022, a Senior Lecturer from the CDU Engineering College approached the City of Darwin about utilising the works program as an opportunity for Civil Engineering students at various levels to gain first-hand experience of contemporary asphalt laying practices.

This project will be completed by September 2022 and the full acquittal of the project funds will be finalised with DIPL before the 30 November 2022 variation timeframe.

2021/22 Local Government Immediate Priorities Grant

This capital grant is for key components of a broader infrastructure improvement program focused on safety improvements in and around the Casuarina Library courtyard.

The project has been planned, designed and quoted. It includes removal of a brick wall that currently facilitates anti-social behaviour; installation of a 2100 high anti-climb fence; and replacement of slippery slate tile paving.

<p>The original grant submission was made following a spate of break-ins, the introduction of security personnel on site, NT Police installing a mobile police unit in the carpark and cancellations by community group users of the meeting space due to feeling unsafe after-hours.</p> <p>This project is complementary with City of Darwin funded works in the vicinity of the library including Bradshaw Terrance streetscaping beautification.</p> <p>Works have been planned however no actual spend was made against the grant budget during 2021/22. The Agreement requires acquittal by 31 January 2023 and this deadline is expected to be met.</p> <p>Next steps</p> <p>As projects are completed full acquittals will be presented to Council prior to submission to the originating NTG agencies. At that time, Officers will present options for potential projects where any underspends can best contribute to delivering Council's priorities for the community.</p>	
<p>PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION</p> <p>N/A</p>	
<p>STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT</p>	<p>6 Governance Framework</p> <p>6.4 Accountability</p>
<p>BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</p>	<p>Nil</p>
<p>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</p>	<p>Partial acquittals being presented in line with Northern Territory Government Grant policy.</p>
<p>CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION</p>	<p>Engagement Level: Inform</p> <p>Tactics:</p> <p>Providing timely project updates of projects funded by NTG grants to assist agencies in annual reporting to Ministers.</p> <p>External:</p> <p>NTG agencies where various grant funding streams originate.</p>
<p>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</p>	<p>The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).</p>



CITY OF DARWIN
DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER AND CABINET
LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMMEDIATE PRIORITY GRANT (SECURITY UPGRADE CASUARINA LIBRARY)

GRANT ACQUITTAL
For period 01 July 2021 to 30 June 2022

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>ACTUALS \$</u>
Grants Received:	
Grant - Funding Received	144,000
	<u>144,000</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
2022	0
	<u>0</u>
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>144,000</u>

Project Manager: Nik Kleine

Position: Executive Manager Program Management

Signature: 



CITY OF DARWIN
DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND CULTURE
VELODROME UPGRADES AND LIGHTING

PARTIAL GRANT ACQUITTAL
For period 01 July 2016 to 30 June 2022

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>ACTUALS \$</u>
Grants Received:	
Grants - Capital Funding (DTSC) - 2018	1,000,000
Grants - Capital Funding (DSR) - 2016	1,500,000
Grant - Funding Received (DIPL) - 2019	8,000,000
Grant - Funding Returned (DIPL) - 2021 Invoice 60902€	-8,000,000
	<u>2,500,000</u>
 <u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
2017 Velodrome	69,089
2018 Velodrome	35,921
2019 Velodrome	5,130
2020 Velodrome	12,900
2021 Velodrome	38,300
2022 Bagot Master Plan	92,140
2022 Velodrome	1,274,881
	<u>1,528,361</u>
 Net Surplus/(Deficit)	 <u><u>971,639</u></u>

Project Manager: Nik Kleine

Position: Executive Manager Program Management

Signature: 



CITY OF DARWIN
DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (DTC)
CAPTIAL (URBAN & REGIONAL OVAL LIGHTS PROGRAM)

GRANT ACQUITTAL
For period 01 July 2017 to 30 June 2022

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>ACTUALS \$</u>
Grants Received:	
Grants - Capital Funding 2018	250,000
Grants - Capital Funding 2019	4,550,000
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	4,800,000
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
2018	100,919
2019	99,561
2020	1,198,770
2021	1,671,853
2022	0
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	3,071,103
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	<hr/>
	1,728,897

Project Manager: Nik Kleine

Position: Executive Manager Program Management

Signature: 



CITY OF DARWIN
LOCAL GOVERNMENT PRIORITY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND
INSTALLATION OF SECURITY PERIMETER AND VERMIN CONTROL FENCING AT SHOAL BAY WASTE
MANAGEMENT FACILITY
GRANT ACQUITTAL
For period 01 July 2020 to 30 June 2022

INCOME**ACTUALS \$****Grants Received:**


Grants - Capital Funding	322,670
Underspend from ENERGY EFFICIENCY & SUSTAINABILITY GRANT (EESG) SPECIAL PURPOSE was permitted to be spent on the fence as part of the 2020-21 Local Government Priority Infrastructure Fund	7,130
	329,800

EXPENDITURE

2021	200,068
2022	276,894
	476,962
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	-147,162

Project Manager: Nik Kleine

Position: Executive Manager Program Management

Signature: 

14.2 PLACE NAMES APPLICATION - MICHAEL PASPALIS PARK - LOT 3940 (25) MITCHELL STREET & LOT 5796 (7) HERBERT STREET, DARWIN

Author: Manager City Planning
Planning Officer

Authoriser: General Manager Innovation

Attachments:

1. Draft City of Darwin Place Names Response [↓](#)
2. Place Names Application [↓](#)
3. Michael Paspalis Biography [↓](#)
4. Dual Naming of Geographic Features Response [↓](#)
5. Engagement Framework for Place Naming Response [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report entitled Place Names Application - Michael Paspalis Park - Lot 3940 (25) Mitchell Street & Lot 5796 (7) Herbert Street, Darwin be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the response letter at **Attachment 1**, to report entitled: Place Names Application - Michael Paspalis Park - Lot 3940 (25) Mitchell Street & Lot 5796 (7) Herbert Street, which provides that if the landowner, and/or authorised person/s administering the subject Lots has provided support for this request, then Council does not object to the proposed park name.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a Place Names application to officially name the recently completed park on Lot 3940 (25) Mitchell Street & Lot 5796 (7) Herbert Street - *Michael Paspalis Park*.

KEY ISSUES

- The subject park is located over two Lots, Lot 3940 (25) Mitchell Street & Lot 5796 (7) Herbert Street (The Site). These Lots are owned and maintained by the Northern Territory Government (NTG).
- The Place Names Act was recently amended and consultation from “Interested Persons” is required to be undertaken.
- Local Councils are included in the definition of “Interested Persons”.
- City of Darwin officers have not been involved in the place naming of existing or new NTG assets in the State Square precinct.
- Previous place name applications located on private property in the Darwin municipality were consulted with and through the Place Names Committee.
- As this parkland is in a prominent location, the Place Names Committee has requested that Council consider this application and provide comment.

DISCUSSION

City of Darwin has received a Place Names application from Peter Coombes who would like to name The Site as “Michael Paspalis Park”, after his late father-in-law, refer to the Application at **Attachment 2**. The biography of Michael Paspalis is included at **Attachment 3**.

The site is currently known as State Square Park and has been built over the State Square underground car park and has replaced the ground level Parliament House car park on the adjacent lot.

Subject Site – delineated by black line



The two lots are owned and maintained by the Northern Territory Government (NTG), and City of Darwin officers are not aware of any proposals for Council to take ownership of any assets resulting from the Civic and State Square revitalisation project.

Given the location and prominence of the park, the Place Names Committee has requested that Council assess the application and provide comment. However, there are several complex arrangements governing the interests of various parties over this site, and without having any interests in this project, City of Darwin officers are not aware of the future of this site.

The Place Names Unit has identified stakeholders requiring consultation, and provided the following to the applicant:

- City of Darwin,
- The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, who has administrative responsibility for the parliamentary precinct, on which land the park is located, and
- The Civic and State Square Redevelopment program team.

The NTG and Council have been working together for the past four years on elevating Aboriginal language and history, the Civic and State Square revitalisation project may be a place for the consideration of either single Aboriginal names or dual naming opportunities, which introduces further complexities, as consultation maybe required to be undertaken with other NTG departments and Larrakia Nation.

The proposal for an asset in the Darwin municipality to be named after Michael Paspalis is supported by City of Darwin officers. However, without further information from the land owners, occupiers and other interested parties, City of Darwin officers do not have enough information to provide to Council to recommend supporting this application to the Place Names Committee.

It has been recommended that if the landowner, and/or authorised person/s administering the subject Lots has provided support for this request, and the Place Names Committee consultation process recommends supporting the proposal, then Council should not object to the naming of the park "Michael Paspalis Park".

Place Names Legislation

This is the third place names application received by City of Darwin, which proposes an official name on an asset which is located within the Darwin municipality, but not located on City of Darwin land or a City of Darwin asset.

The first application was to officially name a walking lane through a private Lot in the CBD (2019), and the second application was to name a building located within the Royal Darwin Hospital precinct (2022). For both these applications, City of Darwin officers provided a "no comment" response back to the Place Names Committee, which was accepted, and both applications were approved.

Further applications may be received for dual naming of geographic features and places within the Darwin municipality, as reported to Council in April 2019. The Place Names Committee sought Council's feedback on:

- opportunities to dual name geographic features and places within the Darwin municipality,
- whether the City of Darwin would be interested in seeing the progression of dual or Aboriginal naming of one or more of these places, and
- advice on which particular place names City of Darwin would wish to see prioritised.

Thirty-three features were identified in the Darwin municipality which are suitable for dual naming, however, only nine of these features are located within City of Darwin controlled land, and the remaining are located within private property, including NTG land (Crown) and reserves.

Land Use Planning Policy - No. 0041.100.E.R

Section 3.2 of the City of Darwin's Land Use Planning Policy - No. 0041.100.E.R (LUPP) includes:

3.2 Place Names

The Northern Territory Place Names Committee administers the naming of places within the Territory.

Applications may be submitted to the City of Darwin for the naming of a City of Darwin asset. The application is to comply with the guidelines provided on Northern Territory Place Names Committee web site. The City of Darwin will consider place names that reflect existing themes associated with the history and character of Darwin and the Northern Territory and as listed by the Place Names Committee.

If approved, the City of Darwin will provide written support to the applicant to make a further application to the Place Names Committee.

Place Names Act

The Place Names Act requires the Place Names Committee to seek the views of interested persons and provide a report of those views.

Interested persons include the following:

- a) if the report relates to a place within a local government area – the local government council established for the area.

- b) if the report relates to a place outside a local government area – the Land Council, within the meaning of the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976 (Cth), established in respect of the area where the place is located.
- c) if the report relates to a place within an area covered by an agreement with the Territory that includes provisions relating to the naming of places – the organisation required under the agreement to be consulted with in respect of the naming of the place.
- d) if the report relates to the naming of land – the owner or developer of the land.
- e) the family or descendants of a person proposed to be commemorated through the naming of a place.

Changes to the Place Names Act as well as the future introduction of the Engagement Framework for Place Naming in the NT, has resulted in a review of the LUPP being required. Council's resolution to this application will provide guidance to the revised policy for place names applications which are located within the Darwin municipality, but not located on City of Darwin land or a City of Darwin asset.

As the changes to the legislation affects all place names applications in the Darwin municipality, and it is expected that the Engagement Framework for Place Naming in the NT will be implemented, the review of the LUPP will be made a priority.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

At the 2nd Ordinary meeting in April 2019, Council resolved:

13.2 DUAL NAMING OF GEOGRAPHIC FEATURES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DARWIN

The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement of feedback and support to the Place Names Committee for dual naming of geographic features in the Darwin municipality.

RESOLUTION ORD001/19

1. THAT the report be received and noted.
2. That Council endorse the response to the Place Names Committee at *Attachment 1*, with the exception of Lake Alexander, to report entitled: Dual Naming of Geographic Features in the Municipality of Darwin, which supports the dual naming of all the geographic features identified in the Darwin municipality.

Attachment 1 referred to the above decision can be reviewed at **Attachment 4** to this report

At the 1st Ordinary meeting in June 2022, council resolved:

14.5 ENGAGEMENT FRAMEWORK FOR PLACE NAMING IN THE NT

RESOLUTION ORD002/22

1. THAT the report entitled Engagement Framework for Place Naming in the NT be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the draft submission to the report entitled Engagement Framework for Place Naming in the NT, dated 17 June 2022, to the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory within *Attachment 3*.

Attachment 3 referred to the above decision can be reviewed at **Attachment 5** to this report

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

5 A Vibrant and Creative City

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

BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	Budget/Funding: N/A
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	Legislation: Place Names Act Policy: Land Use Planning Policy - No. 0041.100.E.R
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	<p>City of Darwin officers did not consult with the NTG regarding this proposal.</p> <p>The Place Names Committee of the Northern Territory is responsible for consultation regarding place names applications</p> <p>Engagement Level: Inform</p> <p>Internal:</p> <p>Senior Coordinator Infrastructure Senior Manager Major Projects Team Leader Development</p> <p>External:</p> <p>Place Names Unit</p>
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	<p>The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).</p>



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Dear Mr Coombes

State Square Park - Place Name Application

Thank you for the Place Names Application referred to Council on 7 June 2022, requesting Council's support to name the above park located on Lot 3940 (25) Mitchell Street & Lot 5796 (7) Herbert Street "Michael Paspalis Park".

Council considered your place names proposal at the Ordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday 16 August 2022. City of Darwin acknowledges that under the Place Names Act 1967, Council is defined as an interested party, and as your application is within the Darwin municipality and you are required to seek views from the Council for this proposal.

City of Darwin has assessed the proposal, and the subject parkland is not a City of Darwin asset, or land owned or maintained by City of Darwin. Therefore, on the condition that the landowner and/or authorised person/s administering the land, or any other person/department having interest in the land, has provided support for this request, City of Darwin does not object to the proposed park name.

Please note, that if your application is successful, any identification signage for the parkland is to be placed within the Lots and not on, or over the City of Darwin footpath/road reserve adjacent the subject sites.



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If you have any further queries, please contact Brian Sellers on 8930 0683 or brian.sellers@darwin.nt.gov.au.

Yours faithfully

CINDY ROBSON
MANAGER CITY PLANNING



7th June 2022

Simone Saunders, CEO
City of Darwin Council
Harry Chan Avenue
Darwin NT 0800

Via email: simone.saunders@darwin.nt.gov.au
cc: place.names@nt.gov.au

Dear Ms Saunders

RE: Application to name Michael Paspalis Park / Reserve

My late father-in-law was Michael Paspalis who during much of the mid twentieth century was a leading business pioneer and philanthropist in Darwin.

Attached is a biography of Michael Paspalis.

I have made an application to the NT Government's Place Names Committee for the naming of the newly created park / reserve between Parliament House and Herbert Street after Michael Paspalis. I understand that the park previously comprised lot 3940 (25) Mitchell Street and lot 5796 (7) Herbert Street which have now been consolidated into lot 11230 Town of Darwin.

October 17th of this year will be the fiftieth anniversary of Michael's death and the park / reserve the subject of my application is opposite the site of the former Hotel Darwin for which my late father-in-law was well known, and which is still within the ownership of the family.

Please see the attached two emails both dated 6th June 2022 from Liann Stephenson on behalf of the Place Names Committee advising of the requirement for our engagement with and support from the City of Darwin.

Subject of course to Council's agreement, I would greatly appreciate if you could provide a letter of support to the Place Names Committee (copied to me) for the naming of the park / reserve after Michael Paspalis

Please do not hesitate to advise if I can provide any additional information.

Kind Regards



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Perspectives on the Hellenic Diaspora 2

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Abstract

Darwin's most renowned and successful Greek businessman and philanthropist, Michael Theodosios Paspalis MBE, at the time of his death in 1972 was universally recognised as the wealthiest, most influential and famous Greek in Australia – a reputation deservedly achieved after arriving in Darwin in 1927 as a young boy of fifteen – seeking whatever work he could find.

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Michael Paspalis was born in Castellorizo, Greece, the southern-most island in the Dodecanese chain in January of 1912 to parents Theodosios and Chrisafina Paspalis. He was the second of five children - who were born in the following order: Mary, Michael, Nellie, Nicholas and Katina.

His father, Theodosios, emigrated from Castellorizo to Australia with his family in 1917, during World War 1. The immediate reason for their departure being that Greece, having aligned itself with the Allies in World War I, was now at war with Turkey (an ally of Germany), and Castellorizo suffered daily and heavy aerial and artillery bombardment from the nearby Turkish mainland—a decision also motivated because commerce and trading on his island had been deteriorating for many years and a great number of residents had little or no work and had already migrated to Australia.

At that time the most popular and direct route for migrants from Castellorizo was via Port Said and Fremantle. However, unlike other Greek families, they arrived in Australia via the less travelled sea route through Port Said and Singapore and disembarked at the small town of Cossack, birthplace of Australia's pearling industry, on the remote north-west coast of Australia.

Cossack was a small town and offered little opportunity for commercial prosperity. Shortly after their arrival they moved to the larger and more prosperous town of Port Hedland, 200 kilometres north of Cossack, where Theodosios opened a general store and enrolled the children in the local primary school.

Tragically he died in 1925 when Michael was 13 years old and he was forced to leave school and help his mother run the store and bring up his younger brother and sisters, a daunting task which Chrisafina undertook with great strength of character and a natural instinct to survive and prosper.

Among the many items of domestic hardware, food and cigarettes she sold, she also traded pearls which was the impetus for the later pearling interests of three of her children, Mary (Dakis) in Broome, Michael (for a short time) in Darwin and notably Nicholas in Broome and Darwin.

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Michael was a bright student and very proficient in English as his later letters and command of spoken English testify. However further study was not to be his vocation. His family circumstances, strong work ethic and personal ambitions were now to decide the direction his life would take.

His mother was still managing to support a family of five small children but only at a subsistence level in a harsh, frontier environment. Michael, as the oldest son, accepted the traditional responsibility to help his family but also wanted to carve out a future for himself—and, at the age of fifteen, decided to move to Darwin in the Northern Territory.

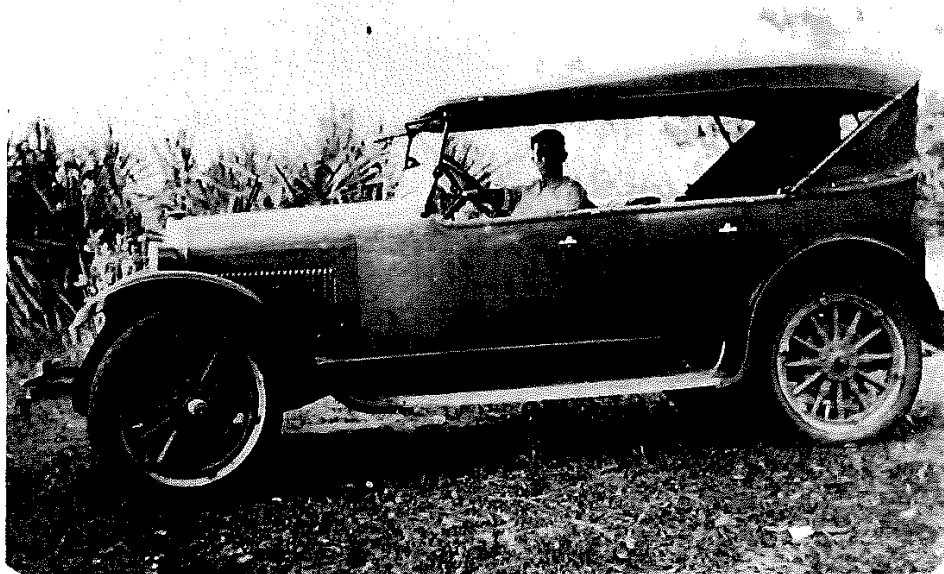


*Michael (RL) and his brother and sisters. Port Hedland, c 1926.
Courtesy Paspalis Collection.*

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The reason for this decision was because he wanted to convert the family delivery car to a taxi in Port Hedland to gain extra income but, being too young to obtain a licence, was forced to look for an alternative solution. He very soon calculated he would be able to operate unnoticed and more profitably in the larger, higher populated and less regulated city of Darwin.

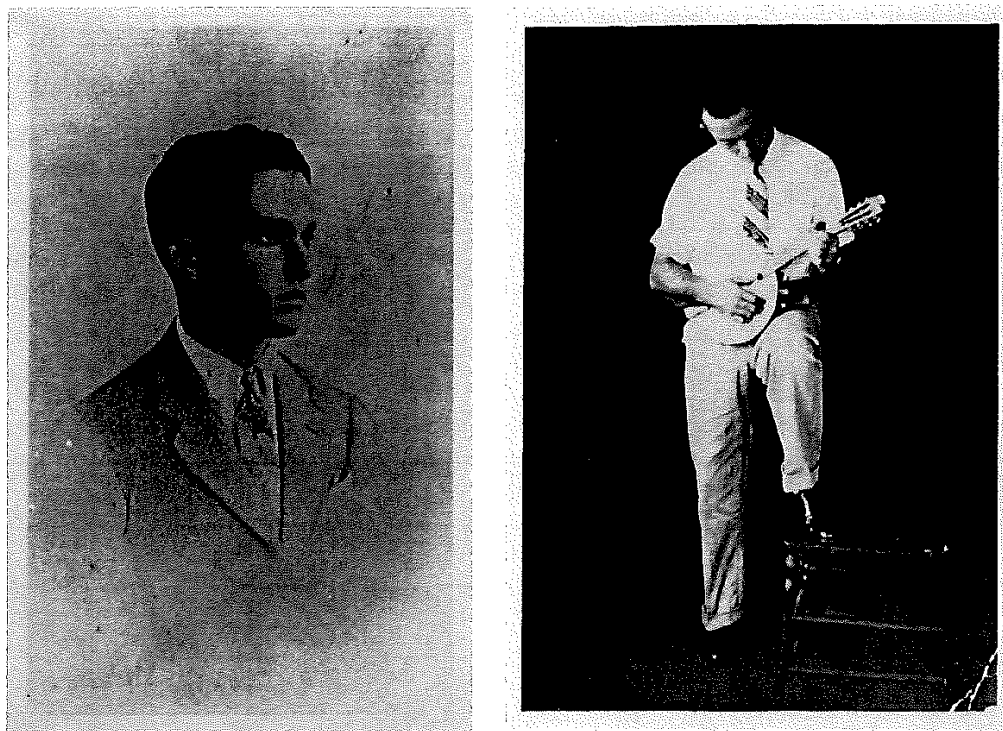
In 1927 Chrisafina, giving in to his persistency and proven maturity, entrusted him with the car and he drove straight to Darwin to find work.



*Michael Paspalis aged 15 at the wheel of his taxi, Darwin, 1927.
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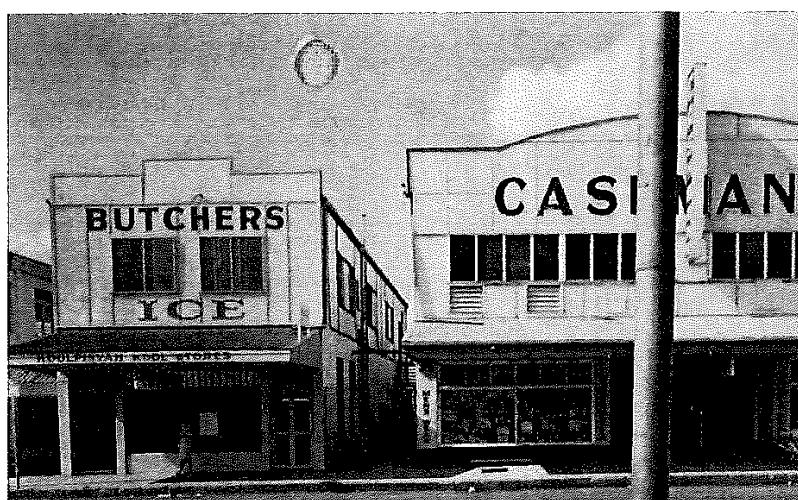
It was from his mother, during these years of hardship and struggle, that Michael learned his hard work ethic, responsibility and a keen eye for business opportunities that were to see him through the Great Depression of the 1930s and his future great successes.

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Michael, aged early 20s. Darwin. Courtesy Paspalis Collection.

Eight years later in 1935 on his marriage certificate he gave his occupation as truck driver but we are aware from family knowledge and his later interviews with famous Australian journalist Douglas Lockwood that he first started work in Darwin as a 'butcher's boy' and also delivered blocks of ice from the Koolpinyah Kool Store and butcher shop in Smith Street to homes and local businesses; in addition to trucking buffalo hides to Darwin from the outback as far away as Katherine – and driving his taxi at night and weekends.



*Koolpinyah Kool Stores and butcher shop. First floor, original Rendezvous café, 1935.
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On his arrival in Darwin in 1927 he proudly sent the whole of his first week's pay to his mother and continued to support her and the family for years afterwards.

With hard, non-stop work and careful savings he not only survived the bitter hardships of the Great Depression but also managed to save enough to buy two small houses in Smith Street, Darwin- and in 1935, at the age of 23, with regular well-paying work and his now debt-free properties, he married twenty-year-old Chryssanthi (Chrissie) Kailis in Perth on 27 January 1935.



*Wedding photo of Michael and Chrissie. 27 January 1935.
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Born on 17 July 1914, she was the daughter of Vasilios and Helene Kailis who had also migrated to Western Australia from Castellorizo in the 1920s. They had lived at Day Dawn in the remote goldfield areas of Murchison for several years before moving to Perth where they established a successful fruit and vegetable shop in Hay Street, Perth city (Appleyard & Yiannakis 2002: 45-46).

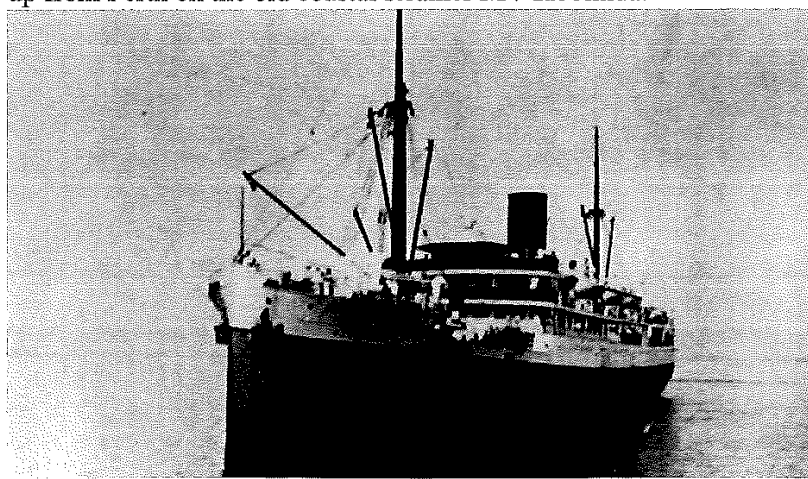
Chrissie had been well educated in Perth and was an active member of the prosperous Greek community, especially in their fund-raising efforts to build a new Greek Orthodox church. In addition, she helped her parents in their shop and had a good knowledge of business – and also first-hand experience of living and surviving in the harsh Australian outback – two most valuable assets that she brought to their marriage.

After the marriage Michael returned to Darwin to prepare his home to her meticulous standards for her arrival two months later on 1 April 1935. They then decided to open a restaurant and catering business utilising their combined experience. Chrissie writes of this period in her speech at the official opening of Paspalis Centrepoint 28 February 1981 (Paspalis collection unpublished 1981):

“When I arrived in Darwin on the 1st April 1935 as a young bride – there were just a few buildings in Smith Street – a shanty town in Cavanagh Street and about a hundred government servants – a few old Darwin families. In those days there was no electricity – we used kerosene lamps, no water – we had to drill wells in our back yards using a winch to bring up the water which we carried inside in kerosene tins – it was really pioneering - a far cry to our conveniences of today.

“In 1935 there were no restaurants or refreshment rooms in Darwin, so we decided to open one on the first floor of the Koolpinyah Kool Store in Smith Street where Michael had first worked.

“Did so well that in 1940 we opened a larger one opposite the Star picture theatre in Smith Street (now The Mall) - called The Rendezvous. I am happy and proud to say that Michael and I were the first to supply fresh fruit and vegetables as well as Peters ice cream to Darwin which we brought up from Perth on the old coastal steamer MV Koolinda.



MV Koolinda. Supplied by Library & Archives N.T.

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"We did all the inflight catering for Qantas Empire Airways (QEA), KLM, and all overseas aircraft transiting between Europe and the Eastern states. We both worked from 4am until 12pm midnight seven days a week, sometimes waiting all through the night as planes were delayed.

"We put all our profits back into Darwin - building six shops in Herbert Street in addition to Roslyn Court in Smith Street where we did the catering and accommodated airline passengers and crew in the upstairs rooms."

They also built a large new private residence at 67 Smith Street adjacent to Michael's two smaller existing homes.



*First home built by Michael and Chrissie. Smith St, Darwin, c 1937.
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They sold this property in 1967 to the Commercial Bank of Sydney (CBC Ltd) for \$100,000 –at that time the highest price ever paid for a private property in Darwin.

Business success was however saddened by the several miscarriages Chrissie suffered due to her strenuous work - but in particular, she believed, from her daily physical exertions at drawing and carrying heavy containers of water from the well.

Chrissie continued: "The war had arrived in the Pacific and we were now catering for evacuees from Singapore. "Then, on 19 February 1942, the Japanese bombed Darwin.

"Besides the dreadful riots and raids that we suffered we lost everything in our home and business with the looting but we stayed here feeding the people being evacuated from Darwin by plane. I remember vividly sprawling in the gutter to protect ourselves from the strafing of the Japanese planes. Eventually we were forced to leave by the authorities – I being the last woman to step out of Darwin on the flying boat (the only one left in Darwin harbour) which took us to Brisbane and then to Sydney".

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In his book, "Australia Under Attack – The Bombing of Darwin 1942" London 2013 (first published as "Australia's Pearl Harbour" Sydney 1966) p. 104, the journalist Douglas Lockwood confirms Chrissie's account and graphically adds:

"Among those who sheltered in gutters that day of the bombing included Michael Paspalis and his wife, Chrissie. Paspalis became a multi-millionaire and one of Australia's richest men. "On February 19, 1942, they were running Roslyn Court, a new rooming house they had built in Smith Street. They were also catering for Qantas flying boats handling the mass evacuation (that had started several days earlier); this was regarded as an essential service and for that reason Mrs Paspalis had been able to remain in Darwin. "Both ran from Roslyn Court as the bombs fell and lay in the Smith Street gutter and there they stayed until the All-Clear. They had plenty of company. The Smith Street and Cavenagh Street gutters were almost fully occupied. "That same morning Paspalis drove to Adelaide River (120 kilometres south of Darwin), hoping he would be able to get his wife away. But from there the road was impassable so he returned to Darwin. That night he saw Captain W. J. Crowther, of Qantas who agreed to take them both to Sydney on the last remaining flying boat early next morning. "The food eaten by the passengers and crew on the long trip was prepared by Paspalis and his wife" (Lockwood 2013: 104).

It is poignant to note that it was exactly 25 years since Michael and his family fled Greece for Australia from the bombing and destruction of World War I.

After their arrival in Sydney Michael did essential work for the airline company QEA at their flying boat base in Rose Bay, Sydney. They also opened a fruit and vegetable store in New South Head Road in Rose Bay and lived in the apartment complex above the shop.

Chrissie continued: "In 1945, after the War ended Michael was one of the first residents to return to Darwin to try and pick up the threads. I did not join him for several months as we now had two little girls in Sydney, Phynea and Helene.

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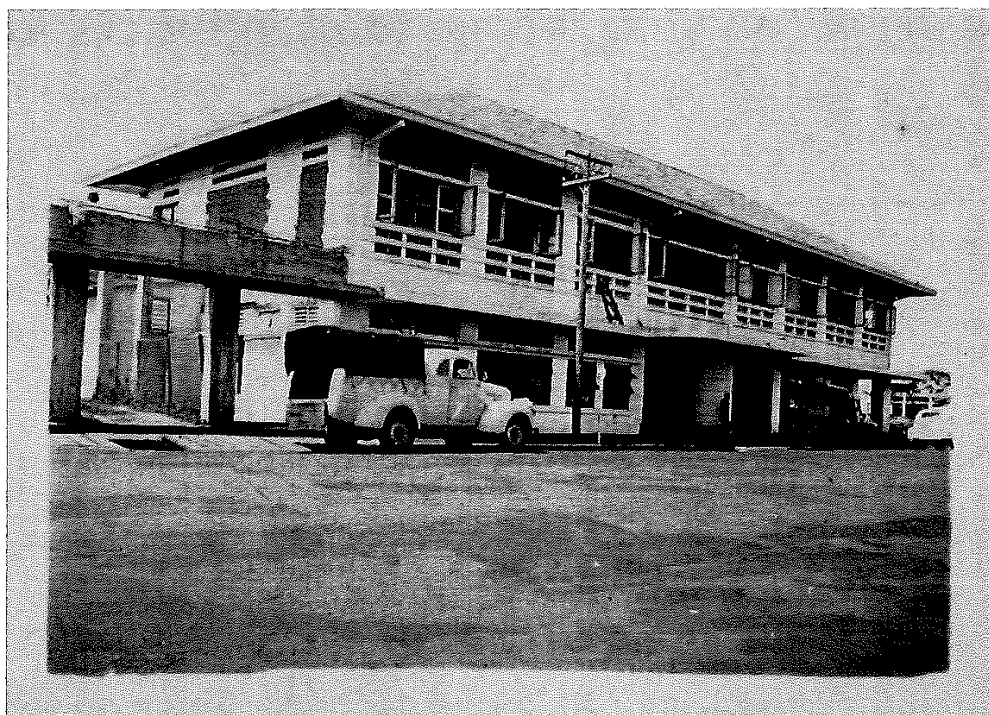
*Michael & Chrissie with their children, Phynea (L) & Helene (R), 1940s.
Courtesy Paspalis Collection.*

My husband started catering again – and even bought three pearling luggers in Darwin (named after his wife and children) but did not like the industry with its considerable dangers to workers and sold them within a year”.

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A major business opportunity suddenly presented itself in 1947 when the Commonwealth Government called for tenders for the Hotel Darwin of which Michael was successful (*Northern Standard* 11 April 1947, p. 1).

Michael bought the lease of the hotel in partnership with Stanley Lawrance in 1947 for the sum of 80,000 pounds, the original construction cost of the building in 1940.



*Hotel Darwin at time of purchase, April 1947.
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In October 1948 Lawrance, the official hotel licensee, was prosecuted for failing to display a price list. (*Northern Standard* 29 October 1948 p. 5). Lawrance, despite public anger and Michael's opposition, had decided to stop selling beer while the case was before the court. His resulting conviction - and the bad publicity the matter caused led to Lawrance selling his half share to Michael - who now owned the hotel and its licence outright (*Northern Standard* 29 October 1948, p. 5).

Within two years under Michael's and Chrissie's management and capital investment, and policy of ploughing back all their profits into the hotel, its public areas and rooms were refurbished and decorated, and new staff quarters, bars and extensive gardens planted.

The hotel, under their personal management, was now extremely grand, spacious and luxurious and was widely known as the 'Raffles of Darwin'. The spacious, colonnaded 'Green Room' managed by Chrissie was the centre of Darwin social life, with its many balls, weddings and community functions. Many prominent visitors stayed at the hotel, including Lord Vestey, Charles Lloyd Jones (founder of David Jones) and Federal Minister and later Governor General,

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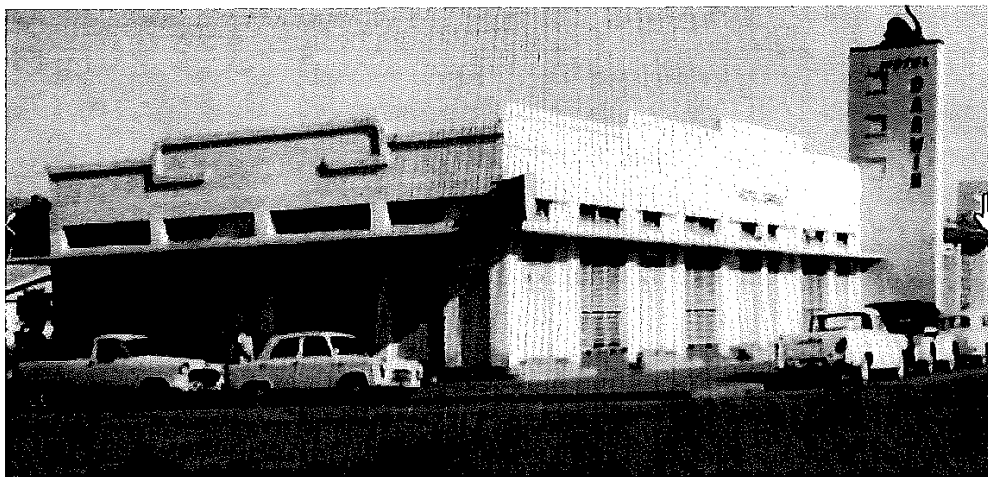
Sir Paul Hasluck and his wife, with whom Michael and Chrissie remained close personal friends.



*Michael & Chrissie with the then Minister for Territories and later Governor-General of Australia, Sir Paul Hasluck, at a reception at the Green Room, Hotel Darwin. Late 1950s.
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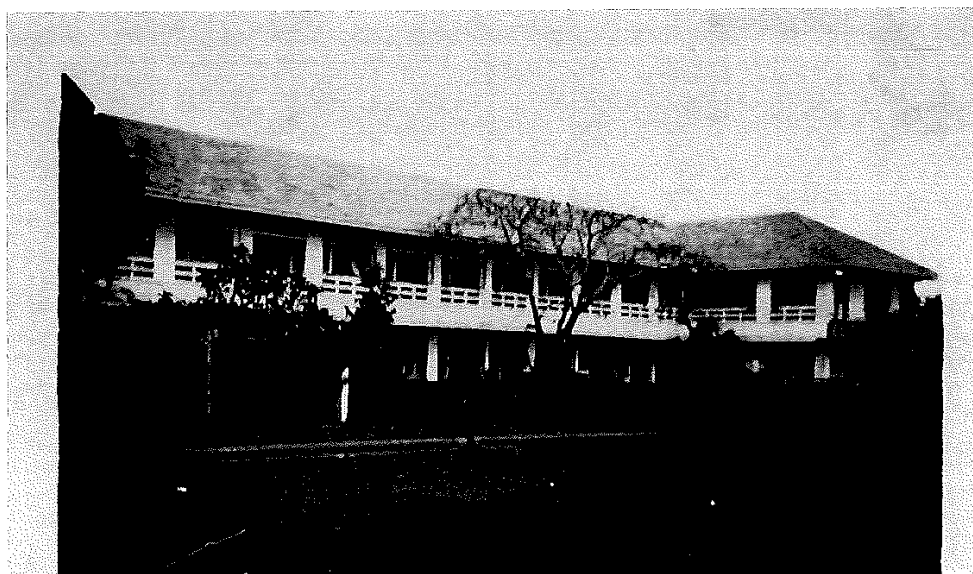
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Another example of Michael's many successful initiatives at the hotel was opening what was popularly known as the 'Hot and Cold Bar' - 'hot outside and cold inside' - it being the first air-conditioned bar in Darwin, located on the corner of Mitchell and Herbert streets.



'Hot and Cold Bar', Mitchell Street, c 1950. Courtesy Paspalis Collection.

Their success excited envy in a number of quarters. A newspaper editorial referred to "searching questions raised in the Legislative Council about the sale price of the Hotel Darwin for 80,000 pounds to Michael Paspalis" (*Northern Standard* 23 May 1952)—and contrasting it to the cost of 174,000 pounds for the new 40 bed nurses quarters at Darwin Hospital. It was stated that "even in pre-war days 80,000 pounds would not have been excessive for such a fine property. There is no doubt that Mr Paspali (sic) can congratulate himself. He got his hotel at bargain rates indeed."



Hotel Darwin c 1950. Supplied by Library & Archives N.T. PH0744-0019.

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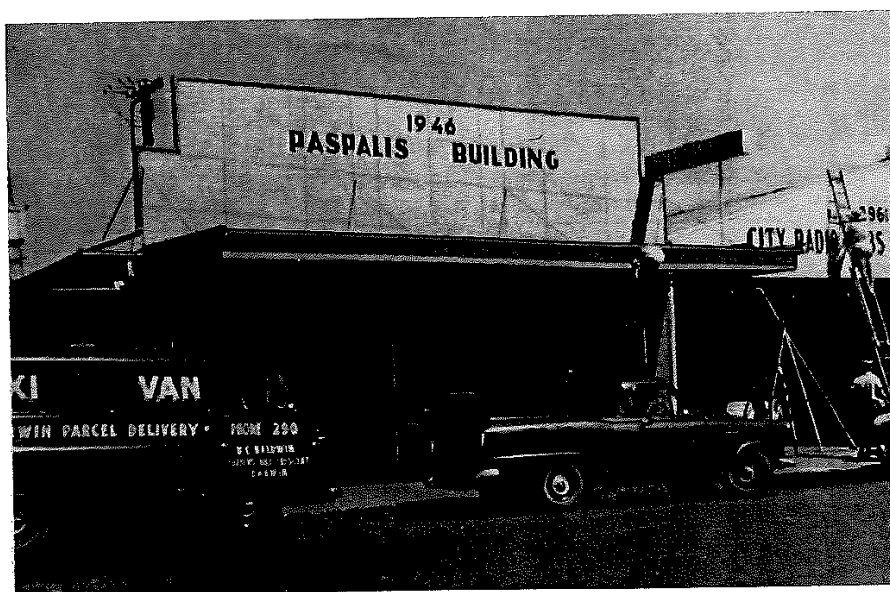
However, when they bought the hotel after the War it was not such a “fine property”, but was run-down, war-damaged and in need of considerable renovation work and capital. It was solely the efforts and savings of Michael and Chrissie that turned it into the “fine property” that was contrasted unfairly and in a spirit of envy with its original purchase price.

Chrissie commented some years later re the decision to purchase the Hotel Darwin: “Everyone told us later that we were fools, that it was a white elephant, that we should lose all our money – but we were determined to make a success of it. We now have a place of which we are very proud and which we are still building on.”

The family lived on the hotel premises for a number of years with Michael and Chrissie still working day and night, seven days a week, until the children went to boarding school at Sceggs NSW in 1958—and eventually the hotel, including the addition by Michael of two new wings of 50 rooms each, was leased in the late 1950s to Swan Brewery Ltd of Western Australia.

The resultant cash flow from their highly successful management of the Hotel Darwin provided the impetus that enabled Michael to rapidly begin further expanding his property and business empire.

During this period from 1946 he bought several retail buildings in Smith Street including the land where the current Galleria building was built in 1989. Among the tenants were licensed betting shops, cafes, taxi service, a supermarket, retail store and a very lucrative multi-cultural social club on the premises managed on his behalf. He then purchased a further three shops opposite the ones bought in 1947 and leased it to the ES & A bank (now ANZ Bank) as a tenant to strengthen the commercial viability of his surrounding premises.



*One of a number of retail buildings owned by Michael in Smith Street, Darwin.
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All these purchases were made with his own savings. He was very proud that he never borrowed money for any of his developments.

With the lease of the Hotel Darwin to the brewery Michael and Chrissie found themselves with unexpected spare time after nearly thirty years of concentrated business effort and now

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seized the opportunity to develop new projects which required less of their personal physical exertion and involvement.

Firstly, he built a spacious elevated house at 126 East Point Road in Fannie Bay directly opposite the beach with magnificent ocean views and tropical sunsets. Chrissie planted a beautiful and admired garden of tall palms framing open lawns with dense borders of colourful shrubs.



Michael in front of his newly built home in East Point Road, Fannie Bay, 1950s.

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In addition, Michael bought an apartment in exclusive Yarranabbe Road, Darling Point, Sydney for use when they visited their daughters and many friends. The penthouse was owned by Lady Fairfax and amongst the constant VIP visitors they met in the elevator was then Prime Minister, Sir Robert Menzies.

The 1950s and 1960s proved to be a period of enormous commercial achievement for Michael who undertook a number of major building projects. In 1959 he constructed the Fannie

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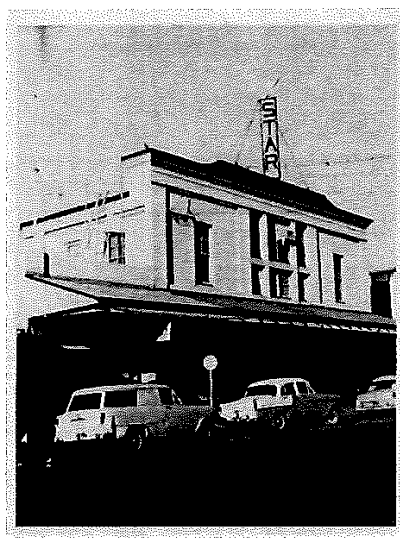
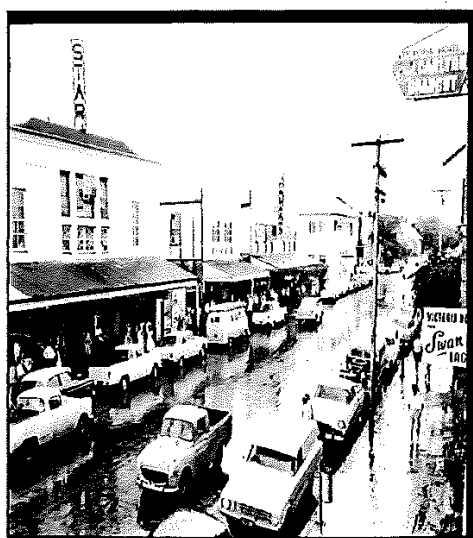
Bay Hotel for 300,000 pounds again from his own personal savings and leased it to Swan Brewery Ltd.



Michael in front of the Fannie Bay Hotel, c 1963. Courtesy Paspalis Collection.

However, he said on several occasions that despite the considerable income from these many leased properties he needed a new cash flow business to replace that of the Hotel Darwin and now turned his efforts in a new and highly profitable direction.

In 1959 he bought the Star Theatre, Darwin's only picture theatre, in central Smith Street from its owner, Mr Tom Harris, who had run it for many years. Built in the 1920s it had seating for 860 patrons and was full every night.

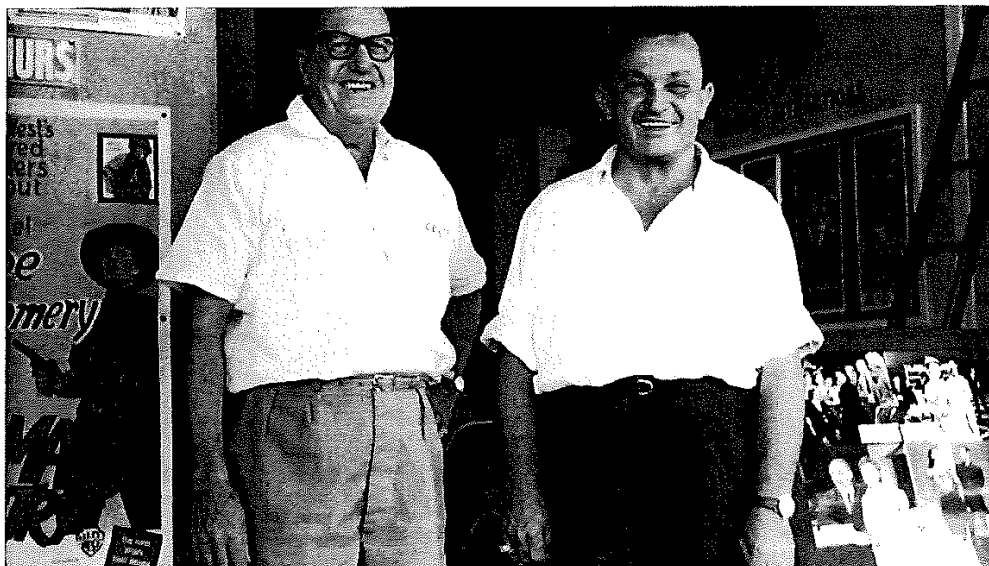


*Star Theatre, Smith Street, Darwin, 1960s.
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The next day Mr Harris went to see Michael in an emotional state and requested him to cancel the contract - as the theatre was his whole life and personal interest. Michael was

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sympathetic to Mr Harris who he knew personally and from business and Rotary and they agreed on a compromise for a new and expanded partnership.



*Tom Harris and Michael Paspalis in the foyer of the Star theatre, c 1960.
Courtesy of Paspalis Collection.*

Michael retained half ownership of the Star theatre and would purchase a block of land in Parap owned by Harris and build a new theatre there in partnership. The 'Parap Theatre' was built in 1959 – as with the Star - half undercover and the rest at the front in the open and with seating capacity for 440 patrons. Both these theatres with a combined total of 1,300 customers were full every night and provided the desired cash flow.



*Parap Theatre, c 1960s. Movie showing "Can Can".
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Of course, not everything went smoothly. At the last minute, as the Parap theatre neared completion, disaster almost struck and Michael achieved Australia-wide renown when Douglas Lockwood, through his syndicated news columns in all the major Australian newspapers,

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covered in detail the acrimonious dispute with the Darwin City Council that threatened the existence of the theatre.

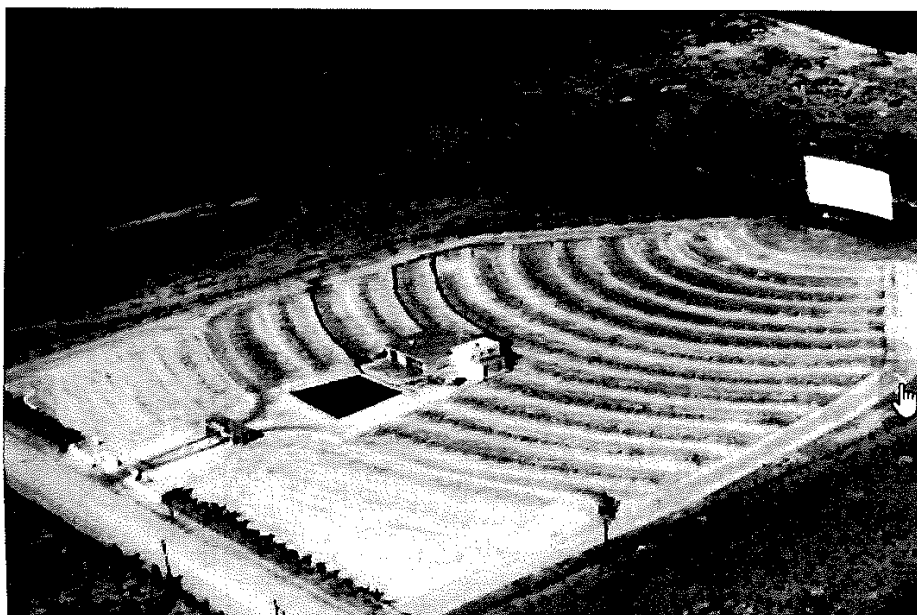
The theatre was being built in a sparsely settled part of the outer suburbs, with occasional wallabies seen in the vacant bushland nearby. A development of this kind was an obvious and valuable asset to the social amenities of the area servicing the local community and was publicly and widely praised at the time. However, the design included four retail shops in addition to the theatre and the Darwin City Council were only prepared to allow two shops under their building guidelines over which they had discretion to amend.

Lockwood reported how Michael, with the building under construction and after fruitless discussions with the Council, refused to reduce the number of shops as being heavy-handed and against the interests of the public. In defiance of the Council he then completed the building and announced an opening date. The Mayor, Harry Chan, who was also President of the NT Legislative Council, publicly announced he would refuse permission for the theatre to open. Over a period of two- or three-days Lockwood gave dramatic newspaper updates on the situation - finally noting that the building opened on the due date to a full house and in the presence of the Police Commissioner and city and political dignitaries – such was the power, influence and respect of a man who always had Darwin's interests at heart.

Harris stayed at the Star and controlled its daily operations whilst Michael ran the Parap where he also had his administrative offices managed by his long time, loyal and competent secretary and property manager Mrs Lillian (Lil) Little.

In addition, Michael showed Chinese movies on Thursday nights (popularly known as 'Kung Fu' night) and Greek movies on Sundays to full houses at the Parap theatre. It was now agreed between the partners that each would take the profits from their respective theatres.

In 1965 Michael built a large drive-in theatre at Coconut Grove, the largest privately-owned drive-in in Australia at a cost of \$600,000 – financed as usual with his own personal savings.



Nightcliff Drive-In theatre, under construction, c 1961. Courtesy Paspalis Collection.

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Unfortunately, he again faced obstruction from the Darwin Council. The major road, Dick Ward Drive that linked Nightcliff to the city of Darwin was also the only route passing the Drive-in theatre entrance. Prior to the opening of the theatre this road was not sealed with bitumen but graded and compacted with clay which sent up constant clouds of red dust from the heavy traffic - not only to the annoyance of Michael but to the many residents and businesses of all the surrounding suburbs forced to use the sub-standard road.

Michael requested the Council to seal the surface of the road but was bluntly refused. One alderman expressed the view that he “didn’t see why the Council should have to build a new road just to provide a millionaire with access to his new personal business. Let him pay for it.”

After pressing the Council at meetings on a number of occasions Michael finally forced them to concede that the only obstacle preventing approval for the road was lack of provision for funding in that year’s Council budget.

Michael then did agree ‘to pay for it’ – by offering to lend the Council the money, without interest, until the next budget was approved when they would repay him the money loaned. In addition, growing public pressure over the stalemate on the new road forced the Council to reluctantly accept the offer and the road was sealed prior to the opening of the drive-in.

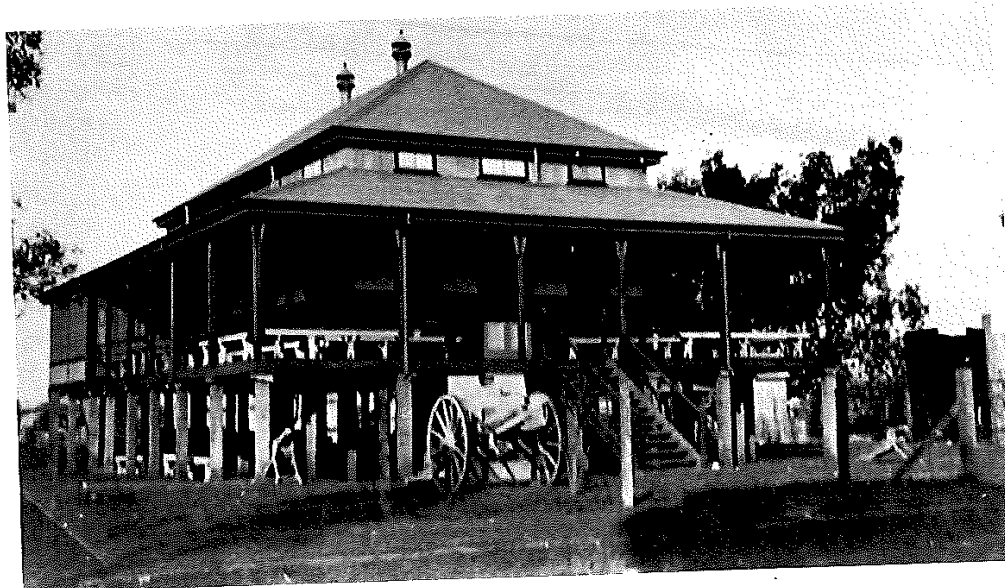
Despite the many obstacles Michael faced, these were all hugely successful ventures providing the desired levels of cash flow and popular new facilities appreciated by the regular and capacity patronage.

The Parap and Drive-in theatres, including the interval concessions takings and the screen advertising, film selection and projection boxes were managed by Vince Lucas who Michael had met in Perth when Lucas was running the popular outdoor Windsor Theatre on the Stirling Highway in Claremont. They became friends and Michael subsequently brought him up to Darwin.

A front-page article and editorial announced “further developments in the late 1960s included the Woolworths supermarket complex at Nightcliff with adjoining 12 shops on land he already owned at a construction cost of \$460,000, and a block of eight apartments on land adjacent to the Drive In, costing \$100,000.

“In 1969, again with his own savings he purchased the RSL building in Smith Street on a large corner block adjacent to the Raintree Park for \$200,000 intending to build a 900-seat theatre and a complex of retail shops for a total of \$700,000”.

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*RSL building, corner of Smith & Knuckey Streets, Darwin, c 1969.
Courtesy Paspalis Collection.*

"He then decided to buy the adjacent Dental Clinic building for \$175,000 and planned Darwin's first high-rise building –the 'Paspalis Centre' a \$4 million 14 storey office block with basement cinema and ground floor retail areas. First plans also showed provision for a revolving restaurant on the roof".

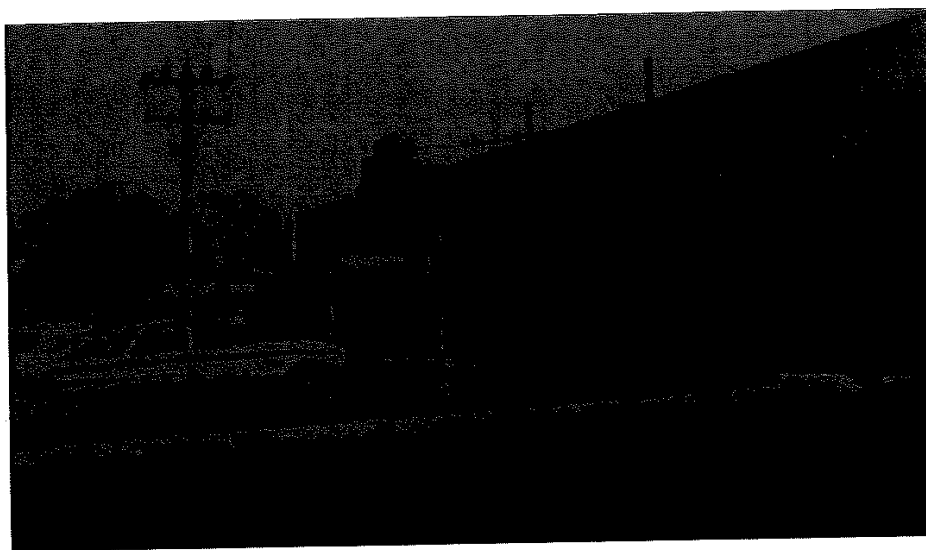
The NT News editorial made great merit of Michael's major civic and commercial contributions to Darwin adding that "since he came to Darwin as a youth Mr Paspalis' assets exceed many millions of dollars and that the Hotel Darwin alone is valued at five million dollars".

The editorial concludes: "These are worthwhile, important undertakings in this city ... made by a man who has continued to put back, not just to take out and has remained unchanged in attitude to others despite his very considerable wealth" (*NT News* of September 13, 1969, p. 1). Douglas Lockwood also wrote in his book wrote:

"The building boom of the late 1960s in Darwin was unprecedented and probably unequalled on a per capita basis by any city other than Canberra ... In addition to government infrastructure money has been made in other enterprises. Michael Paspalis, a multi-millionaire became one of Australia's wealthiest men by investing in Darwin businesses and real estate. He owns three hotels, a drive-in theatre, partnerships in two other theatres and blocks of more than fifty city and suburban retail shops and offices which alone are estimated to be worth \$5,000,000 (and on which no debt was owed).

"It is likely Paspalis became a millionaire (in pounds) before the population had passed 10,000 - and aged only in his middle thirties. His present net worth has been amassed in a community that has now just passed 20,000 (*The Front Door Darwin 1869-1969*, Adelaide 1969, p. 265)".

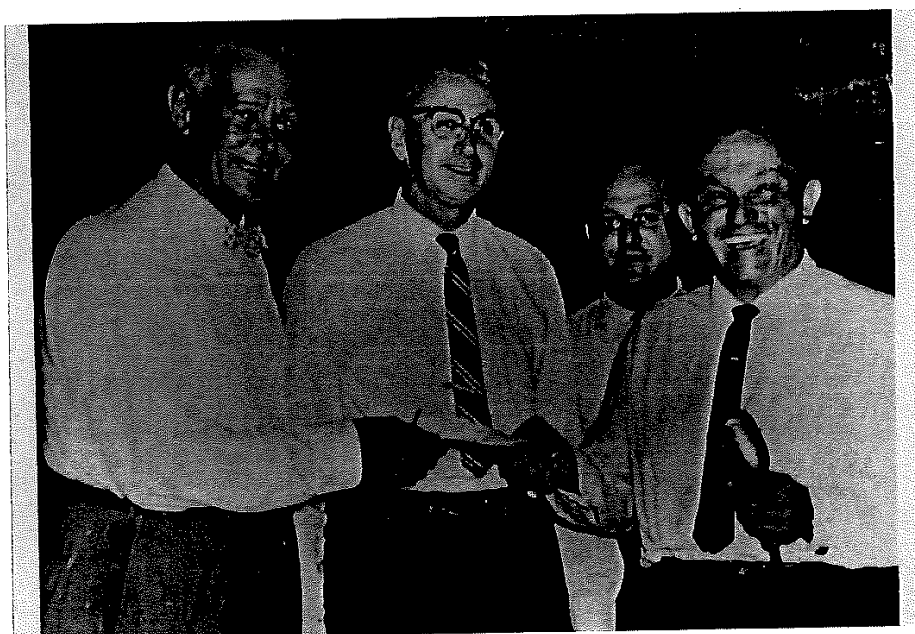
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Woolworths Supermarket and retail complex, c 1970. Courtesy Paspalis Collection.

In addition to his decades of business activity and this massive property expansion, Michael also involved himself with many charitable and community activities.

On January 1, 1964 he was awarded the MBE, the citation stating “as a leading businessman of Darwin Mr Paspalis has given many donations to charities. He has taken an active interest in the civic, social and sporting activities of Darwin. In recognition of his meritorious public service”. Michael’s donations to charities included tens of thousands of pounds to Rotary, Red Cross and St John’s Ambulance; including the donation of a fully equipped ambulance in 1963.



Michael presenting cheque for 1,000 pounds to the Administrator, the Hon. Roger Knott. Darwin, 1963. Supplied by Library & Archives N.T. PH0422-0044.

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Chrissie was also later to receive an MBE for services to the community - in particular for her active membership of the Golden Committee for the Royal Blind Society in NSW. The committee was chaired by Lady Barwick whose husband, Sir Garfield Barwick, was Chief Justice of the High Court.

She was a devout member of the Greek Orthodox Church and constantly donated very generous sums of money to the Archdiocese and St Basil's Retirement Home in Sydney. In Darwin she donated major ecclesiastical furnishings to the newly-extended Church of St Nicholas in Darwin. These included the hand-carved Archbishop's throne and ikon stands made especially in Greece.

She was also a prolific landscape and still-life painter who donated hundreds of oil paintings to charities for auction and sale for their fund-raising activities.



Oil painting of her Michael & Chrissie's Darwin home. Courtesy Paspalis Collection.



Oil painting of one of Michael's pearling luggers "The Chrissie", c 1946. Courtesy Paspalis Collection.

Michael was appointed Darwin's first Honorary Consul of Greece in 1963 by the Greek Government and was also appointed an Archon Depoutatos by the Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras for his services to the Greek Orthodox Church. Chrissie was also appointed Archontissa.



Michael receiving Archon appointment from Archbishop Ezekiel. Sydney, 1963. Supplied by Library & Archives N.T. PH0422-0048.

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And these services were substantial. Michael had been approached by members of the Greek Community in 1952, including its future President Michael Nicholas, seeking his help to persuade the Government authorities to grant them a block of land in Darwin on which to erect a Greek Orthodox Church and hall. Michael went immediately to see the NT Administrator, with whom he was on very good terms, and arranged a free grant of land on a prestigious CBD corner block where the Church of St Nicholas now stands.

In addition, he donated in the early 1960s the sum of 10,000 pounds towards the erection of an adjoining church hall to hold Greek social functions and meetings and also guaranteed the substantial bank loan needed on the building. He was given the honour of laying the foundation stone.



*Michael laying the foundation stone of the new Greek hall in Mitchell Street, Darwin presided over by His Eminence Archbishop Ezekiel of the Greek Orthodox Church, c 1960s.
Courtesy Paspalis Collection.*

In 1970 he agreed to donate \$250,000 (an enormous sum fifty years ago. Enough to buy two waterside mansions in Point Piper) to the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese in Sydney for the building of a Greek Orthodox Theological College. Shortly afterwards Michael teasingly suggested to Archbishop Ezekiel who was also a close and trusted friend, "why not just send the students to the Boston USA theological college and save all the expenses". Aware of Michael's shrewd business acumen the Archbishop, who was a former Dean of the Boston College, astutely replied that "he'd thought of that already, but the problem was that once they went there, they'd never come back".

Michael also employed as many Greek workers as possible on his building projects and in ongoing maintenance. He also lent many of them considerable sums of money to help them open their own businesses and buy homes.

Mr Pantelis Frazis, long-time Darwin painter and businessman has kindly put in writing about Michael's generosity. "In 1968 I bought land at East Point Road at a government auction to build my family home. I paid \$1000 deposit with a balance due of \$4,500. The bank told me, despite my income and other collateral they had no authority to lend that sum of money from

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their Darwin branch and I faced losing the land and my deposit. I was told Michael Paspalis had helped others in need of financial assistance and went to see him for help.

He immediately lent me the \$4,500 and a few years also personally guaranteed the loan of \$40,000 to build my house. I also painted Michael's house and wanted to do it for free as a gesture of appreciation but he refused and insisted on paying me in full. I used to do painting work at the drive in and every morning when I was there, around 8.30 he came over to greet me and always ask if I needed anything.

One morning he didn't come and the manager, Mr Lucas, told me he'd passed away that night. He was a very good man and loved by everyone"¹. Michael also respected and supported aboriginal people and employed a number of them in his businesses and home.

In his MA proposal thesis at CDU, Desmond Raymond, known as Kootji, wrote of his mother, one of Michael's aboriginal employees at the Hotel Darwin in the 1950s, Barbara Raymond (nee Mills), and her high esteem for Michael.

She often mentioned how 'he once offered to save a portion of her wages each week to help her and her family buy a block of vacant land near his own houses in Smith Street. She politely refused saying: "This land belongs to the aborigines and why should I have to pay money for it". Government entitlements enacted many years later in Darwin did not provide her with hoped for land or financial benefits, leading her to express regrets she did not take up Michael's offer. "If I'd listened to him, we would have all been wealthy today"².

He also mentioned to me (oral November 2019) that members of their family knew and worked with Michael in his first days in Darwin at Koolpinyah delivering ice in baskets on the handlebars of bicycles.

Michael also employed an aboriginal lady, Marjorie White to clean and maintain the Parap and drive-in theatres by herself on a daily basis. She never missed one day and worked better than anyone else could have done. She stayed on this job until the 1980s when the theatres were forced to close due to American cinema monopolies refusing to supply first-run movies to independent theatres in Darwin and indeed throughout Australia.

Michael, for many years, also employed the aboriginal Clarke family to do all the housework at his Fannie Bay home, including gardening. They loved him and his family so much they named their first daughter Phylene, after Michael's eldest daughter.

On a personal level Michael was meticulous in his appearance, always well-groomed, well-spoken, courteous and polite. He was a non-smoker and only drank occasionally. In his later years especially when in Sydney he wore tailor-made suits and had a liking for Swiss-made Bally shoes and Patek Philippe and Rolex watches. His main enjoyments were driving high quality limousines which included Rolls-Royces and a Mercedes Benz Pullman 600- the most expensive in the world. The only other Pullman 600 in Australia at the time was owned by Kerry Packer's father, Sir Frank Packer, founder and chairman of News Ltd.

In business he considered 'his word was his bond'. Apart from publicly listed companies like the Swan Brewery Ltd and Woolworths Ltd he never entered into formal lease documents with his tenants but did every deal on a hand-shake and, as was well known, always kept his word.

Michael rarely travelled overseas - apart from Hong Kong; his first visit to Europe being in 1964 to receive his MBE from the Queen personally at Buckingham Palace.

¹ Interview with Pantelis Frazis, CDU Hellenic Department collection.

² Desmond Raymond unpublished Thesis.

MICHAEL THEODOSIOS PASPALIS MBE



Michael & Chrissie departing for Buckingham Palace, London for his investiture of the MBE from Her Majesty The Queen, c 1964. Courtesy Paspalis Collection.

He visited Greece once where he met Alexander Onassis, the son of the legendary ship-owner, Aristotle Onassis. Michael never returned to his birthplace on the island of Castellorizo. His home and love was always Darwin and its people.

And then tragically on October 17, 1972, at the relatively young age of sixty, Michael passed away in his sleep at his home in Darwin from a severe heart attack.

Glowing tributes to him came from all over the world and his funeral at St Nicholas Church overflowed into the streets outside. The service was presided over by the Greek Archbishop and clergy in the presence of all the leading dignitaries of Darwin and members of the business and Greek communities from across Australia³.

Sir Norman Young, Chairman of News Ltd (now Fox Corporation) and other major Australian public companies delivered the eulogy.

After his death the family businesses continued operating under the supervision of Chrissie who remained in charge of the various activities of the Paspalis companies until her death on 25 April 1995.

Michael and his wife Chrissie were among the finest, most famous and outstanding pioneering Greeks of Australia. Modest and unassuming they worked tirelessly and harmoniously together to create a world of immense financial, civic and personal achievement for which they could be justifiably proud - achievement not only for themselves but also for the community in which they lived and to which they were sincerely grateful for the opportunities they were given.

There is no question that Michael's contribution to the wider community of Darwin was of immense importance. He built Darwin up from a small "shanty town" when he first arrived and in the aftermath of the destructive bombing of Darwin in World War II with the introduction of new luxury hotels with modern facilities, new picture theatres and over 100 retail shops and

³ Three articles in *NT News* 17 October 1972, pp. 1 & 10, 19 October 1972, 20 October 1972, p. 8.

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office buildings to provide trading and new banking opportunities for local and incoming investors.

Most importantly, unlike today's Darwin hotel, casino and cinema monopolies, he re-invested all his earnings back into the Darwin economy and at such a dynamic rate he attracted Australia-wide interest for himself and Darwin as a new and flourishing growth capital.



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MICHAEL THEODOSIOS PASPALIS MBE

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Place Names Committee for the Northern Territory
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Dear Dr Wells

Dual Naming of Geographic Features in the Darwin Municipality

Thank you for your correspondence dated 14 March 2019, concerning the above.

Council commends the Place Names Committee in taking a leadership role in recognising the importance of Aboriginal place names and keeping history and culture active throughout the Northern Territory.

City of Darwin acknowledges the Larrakia people as the Traditional Owners of all the land and waters of the greater Darwin region and as such, City of Darwin supports the dual naming of all the submitted geographic features submitted by the Place Names Committee in and in close proximity to the Darwin municipality.

Of the 33 geographic features submitted to City of Darwin, nine identified features are located within land administered by City of Darwin. The remaining features are located on property controlled by others.

Of the nine features located within City of Darwin controlled land, Lake Alexander and Doctors Gully have been registered in the Place Names Register. Doctors Gully is appropriate for dual naming. However, Lake Alexander is a man-made lake completed in 1991, and named in honour of Alec Fong Lim who was Lord Mayor of Darwin from 1984-1990. As the lake is a recent man-made project, dual naming alternatives do not appear to be applicable for this feature.

Lameroo Beach, Mindil Beach, Vesteys Beach, Dudley Point, East Point, O'Ferrals Rock and Port War have been recorded in the Place Names Register, so are appropriate for either dual naming or alternatively official naming using only their Aboriginal name.

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Due to the history and the importance of the recorded names, City of Darwin supports dual naming for Lameroo Beach, Mindil Beach, Vestey's Beach, Dudley Point and East Point, rather than a single Aboriginal name for these areas.

City of Darwin supports either the renaming of O'Ferrals Rock and Port War to the preferred Larrakia name, or dual named if requested by the Larrakia Community.

City of Darwin would like to see geographic features located on City of Darwin controlled land dual named. However, City of Darwin does not have a preference in prioritising particular features and requests that the Place Names Committee consult with the Larrakia and broader Aboriginal Community to obtain their preferred geographic features to be dual named.

Should you have any further queries, please contact Brian Sellers, Planning Coordinator, City of Darwin on 8930 0683.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Cindy Robson', written in a cursive style.

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17 June 2022

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Via email: sean.holden@lgant.asn.au

Dear Mr Holden

Engagement Framework for Place Naming in the NT

Thank you for representing City of Darwin and other local government Councils in the Northern Territory on the NT Place Naming Engagement and Consultation Framework Working Group and the Place Names Enhancement Project (PNEP), over the past two years.

Council at their meeting on 14 June 2022 supported the draft Engagement Framework for Place Naming in the NT, as the document promotes Aboriginal place names and provides guidance for organisations, stakeholders and communities to engage and consult on place naming opportunities across the Northern Territory.

City of Darwin will undertake a review of the website, and relevant policies to align with and incorporate information and resources from the final Engagement Framework for Place Naming in the NT, in support of Aboriginal place names in our municipality.

Please do not hesitate to call me on 8930 0506, if you require any further information.

Yours faithfully

SIMONE SAUNDERS
INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



14.3 NORTHERN TERRITORY TRADE MISSION TO TIMOR-LESTE 2022

Author: Manager International Business Relations

Authoriser: General Manager Innovation

Attachments: 1. Invitation letter [↓](#)
2. Draft itinerary [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report entitled Northern Territory Trade Mission to Timor-Leste 2022 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve for the Lord Mayor to travel to Dili in Timor-Leste, to participate in the Northern Territory Timor-Leste Trade Mission to Dili according to [Policy 0017 Elected Members Expenses, Facilities, and Support](#).

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek endorsement from Council for Lord Mayor to travel to Dili to participate in a Northern Territory Trade Mission to Dili, Timor-Leste.

KEY ISSUES

- The Chamber of Commerce NT is organising a Trade Mission from Darwin to enhance economic and social exchanges between Northern Territory and Timor-Leste. It aims to showcase Northern Territory businesses and to explore opportunities in Timor-Leste.
- The President of the Dili Municipality has invited the Lord Mayor to participate in the Trade Mission to Timor-Leste from 7th to 9th September 2022.
- Over seventy organisations, Local Government, and Northern Territory Government representatives have expressed interest in being part of the Trade Mission to Timor-Leste. The business and industry representatives are from various sectors, including education and training, agriculture, forestry and fishing, information media and telecommunications, mining, tourism, transport, postal, and warehousing.

DISCUSSION

Darwin established its Sister City relationship with Dili on 18 September 2003. The aim of the relationship is to increase understanding between the two regions, particularly in the areas of tourism, sport, economic development, trade, education, and cultural exchange.

Darwin is one of Dili's closest neighbors and played a crucial role in assisting Dili when violence broke out in 1999 through government and non-government programs that provided support to refugees and financial assistance.

City of Darwin and Dili have in the past, conducted student and staff exchanges, and exchanged information on waste management and By-Laws.

The NT Trade Mission is being led by the Chamber of Commerce NT, which will comprise a conference-style event, a trade show, and site visits. An expression of interest process for participation in the Trade Mission commenced in early July 2022. Over seventy organisations and government representatives have expressed an interest in participation. Final registration closes on 17 August.

In response to an invitation received from the President of the Dili Municipality (**Attachment 1**), it is proposed that the Lord Mayor, Chief Executive Officer, and General Manager Innovation participate in the Trade Mission.

City of Darwin's participation in the Trade Mission to Dili provides an opportunity to:

- reinvigorate the Sister City relationship with Dili,
- promote Darwin as a place to study, live, visit and do business,
- attract workers to Darwin, particularly in the construction and agricultural industries,
- share knowledge about waste and resource recovery and local government,
- discuss opportunities for education and cultural exchange,
- promote the City of Darwin's Dragon Boat Festival and Darwin International Virtual Trade Show 2023, and
- extend an invitation to relevant Timor-Leste government officials and businesses to organise a race team for the Festival and participate in the Trade Show.

It is estimated that the budget will be \$2,500 per person.

A flight has been organised by the Chamber of Commerce NT for the Trade Mission to Dili, which will depart on 7 September and return on 9 September and 11 September.

City of Darwin Officers from the Innovation Hub are sitting on a Timor-Leste Trade Mission Working Group alongside the Northern Territory Government, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and industry representatives. A draft three-day itinerary developed in collaboration with the Working Group is provided in **Attachment 2**.

It should be noted that City of Darwin participants will take part in additional meetings outside of the three-day itinerary, including meetings with the Municipality of Dili, government, and business stakeholders.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

NA

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	4 A Smart and Prosperous City 4.2 By 2030, Darwin will have attracted and retained more residents and will offer sustainable investment opportunities
BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE	Budget/Funding: \$7,500 Is Funding identified: Yes

IMPLICATIONS	Existing Position No: NA Contractor: NA
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	Legislation: <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> Policy: Policy 0017 Elected Member's Expenses, Facilities, and Support Policy 053 International Relations and Sister City
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	Engagement Level: Discuss External: NT Timor Leste Trade Mission Working Group, including Northern Territory Government representative, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade NT office, Chamber of Commerce NT, NT Farmers, and other industry stakeholders
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	<p>The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).</p>



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The Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor of Darwin

The Hon. Kon Vatskalis

Dear Lord Mayor,

I am pleased to extend an invitation to you to attend the Trade Mission to Timor-Leste, on 7th, 8th and 9th September 2022.

The trade mission will be an opportunity to showcase the unique opportunities for investment for Northern Territory businesses and farmers, including local business practices and protocols, the socio-cultural background of Timor-Leste, the post-covid economic environment, potential barriers to market penetration, foreign exchange requirements and adapting products to Timor-Leste customer needs.

The Trade Mission to Timor-Leste will be organized by **IBC I** and we would appreciate confirmation of your attendance by **22 August 2022**, to **Chief of head office of Municipality Dili, Mrs. Elizabeth Mali**, by Email-elizabethtimor@gmail.com. Upon confirmation, more information will be provided.

I hope you are able to participate in this trade mission and I look forward to welcoming you to Dili.

Yours faithfully,

Dili, 04 August 2022


(Guilhermina Filomena Saldanha Ribeiro)
President of Dili Municipality

Day 1 - Wednesday 7th September Focus: Official welcomes, orientation and introductions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11.00am – arrive at Dili Airport Travel to hotels and function venue <p>12.30pm-2.45pm – Welcome lunch hosted by the NT Government. <i>Lunch is served during the official remarks. Interpretation time required for each presenter.</i></p> <p>12.30pm - 1.30pm - Official remarks by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Timor-Leste Government Australian Embassy representative - TBC NT Government Minister - TBC <p>1.30pm – 2.15pm - Official remarks by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> President of Dili Municipality – (TBC) Darwin Lord Mayor – (TBC) NT Chamber Commerce – Greg Ireland – CEO <p>2.15pm – 2.45pm - Official Photo</p> <p>2.45pm – 3.15pm – Afternoon Tea</p> <p>3.15pm - 4.15pm – Overview presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The role of Timor-Leste’s Investment and Export Promotion Agency Overview of Business Registration in Timor-Leste Overview and opportunities to do business with Timor-Leste Overview of the Agricultural Sector in the Northern Territory <p>4.15pm-5.30 pm – Check in to hotel and freshen-up</p> <p>6.30pm – Welcome Reception/dinner hosted by Office of Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs (MCAE) - TBC</p>	
Day 2 - Thursday 8th September Focus: Getting down to Business/Sector Specific	
Plenary 7.30 –8.30 Sponsor’s breakfast - TBC	
8.45am- 10.45am Break out room 1 Territory businesses looking to do business in Timor-Leste <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of doing business(business environment) in TL Overview of Government’s Value Chain Initiative in TL Doing Business & Trading in the NT Financial system for business opportunities in TL 	8.45-10.45 Break Out Room 2 Timor-Leste businesses looking to do business in the Northern Territory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doing business in Australia (cultural protocols) Doing business in Australia (workforce obligations, tax implications etc.) Market and investment opportunities in the Northern Territory

Morning Tea 10.45am-11.15am	
Sector specific sessions	
11.15am – 1.00pm The Northern Territory Workforce requirements and opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Overview of workforce requirements across all sectors in skilled and unskilled labour & opportunities to gain trade qualifications and work in the construction industry in the NT ▪ Agricultural labour opportunities in the Northern Territory ▪ Labour skills, shortages, and requirements in Timor-Leste ▪ Pacific Australia Labour Mobility Program 	
1.30pm – Take away lunch on the way to visits - Sponsor lunch TBC	
1.30pm – 4.30pm Bus tour 1 – Dili export trading local businesses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ GOTA Mineral Water Production – ▪ Mahanaim Garment ▪ Heineken The Heineken Experience (investing and operating in TL) 	1.30pm-4.30pm Bus tour 2 – Farm tours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Timor Global (Coffee) in Railaku (45 min from Dili)- TBC ▪ Farm Pro (Horticulture) TBC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 7.00pm – 8.30pm – Networking dinner hosted by Investment and Export Promotion Agency 	
Friday 9th September	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 7.30am – 8.30am - Sponsor's message and networking breakfast – TBC ▪ 8.30-12.30pm – Timor-Leste Trade Show (mostly TL exhibitors), separate B2B meetings arranged via on-line or paper based booking system ▪ 10.00am – Morning tea/coffee ▪ 10.30am - Biosecurity + Farmer exchange programs ▪ 11.00am – Trade show (continued) and B2B continued ▪ 12.00pm – Thank you speeches ▪ 12.30pm – End of program 	

15 RECEIVE & NOTE REPORTS**15.1 PETITION SEEKING TO BAN ROOSTERS FROM THE URBAN RESIDENTIAL AREAS OF DARWIN**

Author: Executive Manager Community and Cultural Services

Authoriser: General Manager Community

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the report entitled Petition Seeking to Ban Roosters from the Urban Residential Areas of Darwin be received and noted.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to inform Councillors of the progress of the proposed new City of Darwin By-Laws in relation to a recently received petition seeking to ban roosters from urban residential areas of Darwin.

KEY ISSUES

- City of Darwin currently operates under Darwin City Council By-Laws 1994.
- City of Darwin is in the final drafting stages for new By-Laws. The proposed new By-Laws include a section on Animal Management which incorporates By-laws relating to Livestock and Animal Causing Nuisance.
- On 12 July Council received a Petition from 20 residents requesting the City of Darwin create a By-law to: *Ban roosters from the urban residential areas of Darwin.*
- The petition will be considered in line with previous community consultation outcomes to inform drafting instructions for a final version of new By-Laws for consideration by Council.
- It is anticipated that a final draft version of the proposed new City of Darwin By-Laws will be presented to Council by end of September 2022.

DISCUSSION

City of Darwin currently operates under Darwin City Council By-Laws 1994. Over the last 28 years only minor amendments have been made to the existing By-Laws. There are currently no By-laws relating to chickens or roosters, any complaints regarding poultry are actioned through a Regulatory Order under the Local Government Act 2019.

City of Darwin began a process in 2020 of reviewing the By-Laws, consulting with key stakeholders and providing drafting instructions to Parliamentary Counsel to update and develop new By-Laws. A working draft went out for community consultation on 31 March 2021 for 21 days in accordance with the legislative requirements.

On 25 May 2021 Council received the community consultation report outlining the responses to the draft By-Laws. The majority of community feedback focussed on By-laws that relate to Part 5 Animal Management.

The response from the community focussed on three main elements:

- Restricting chickens to six on a residential property and banning roosters
- Cat containment; and
- Dangerous dog controls and nuisance behaviour by dogs such as barking.

As part of the community consultation a petition was received with signatures from 70 Darwin residents opposing the banning of roosters and the restricting the number of chickens that can be kept on a residential property.

The sentiment from the community consultation was that any issues regarding noise, smell or welfare should be covered under other by-laws that are relevant to 'nuisance'. It is noted that a lot of the feedback pointed to the positive impacts of having chickens as a pet and not just producing eggs. While some residents voiced support for limits, most submissions received were opposed to restrictions on the number of chickens.

On 12 July 2022, Council received a further petition requesting the City of Darwin create a By-law to: *Ban roosters from the urban residential areas of Darwin*. Twenty signatories supported this petition with half of those residing in Tiwi. The petition states the reason for the request is that roosters living in urban residential areas create unnecessary disturbances by frequent crowing. This can interrupt the sleep of shift workers and work of people (working from home). The crowing causes anger towards the rooster and its owner.

City of Darwin is in the final drafting stages for new By-Laws. The final draft will incorporate and consider the feedback from the community consultation and the recently received petition regarding roosters.

It is anticipated that the final draft of the proposed new City of Darwin's By-Laws will be presented to Council for endorsement by end of September 2022. In line with the Local Government Act 2019, the proposed new By-Laws will be required to be published on Council's website and copies made available for inspection at the Civic Centre. A notice advertising the availability and general nature of the proposed By-Laws is required to be published in a circulating newspaper and the Council must allow at least 21 days for members of the public to make written submissions to the Council about the proposed new By-Laws. Under the legislation, Council must consider any submissions before By-laws can be made.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

At the 12 July meeting Council resolved:

RESOLUTION ORD346/22

<p>A. THAT the Petition, requesting the City of Darwin to create a By-Law to: Ban roosters from the urban residential areas of Darwin, be received and noted.</p> <p>B. THAT, in accordance with By-Law 153(7)(a), the Petition requesting the City of Darwin to create a By-Law to: Ban roosters from the urban residential areas of Darwin be referred to the Community Hub for consideration and a report to return to Council.</p>	
STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	6 Governance Framework 6.3 Decision Making and Management
BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	Budget/Funding: Nil
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	Legislation: <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> and associated Regulations
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	Engagement Level: Consult Consultation on the proposed City of Darwin By-Laws took place in April 2021
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).

15.2 QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT: APRIL - JUNE 2022 (Q4)

Author: Planning and Performance Officer

Authoriser: Acting General Manager Corporate

Attachments:

1. Q4 - 2030 Strategic Plan Action Summary [↓](#)
2. Q4 - 2021/2022 Municipal Plan Action Summary [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the report entitled Quarterly Performance Report: April - June 2022 (Q4) be received and noted.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to utilise a systematic approach and methodology to proactively inform Council and the community on the performance against adopted strategies and plans.

KEY ISSUES

- The Darwin 2030 – *City for People. City of Colour.* Strategic Plan sets the direction for all strategic plans for the City of Darwin
- Council's integrated planning and reporting framework has been under development since July 2019.
- Quarterly Performance Reports track progress in delivering on the Strategic and Municipal Plan and is utilised to inform the Annual Report each year.

DISCUSSION

City of Darwin has been implementing its strategic planning and performance reporting framework since the adoption of the Darwin 2030 – *City for People. City of Colour.* Strategic Plan since July 2019.

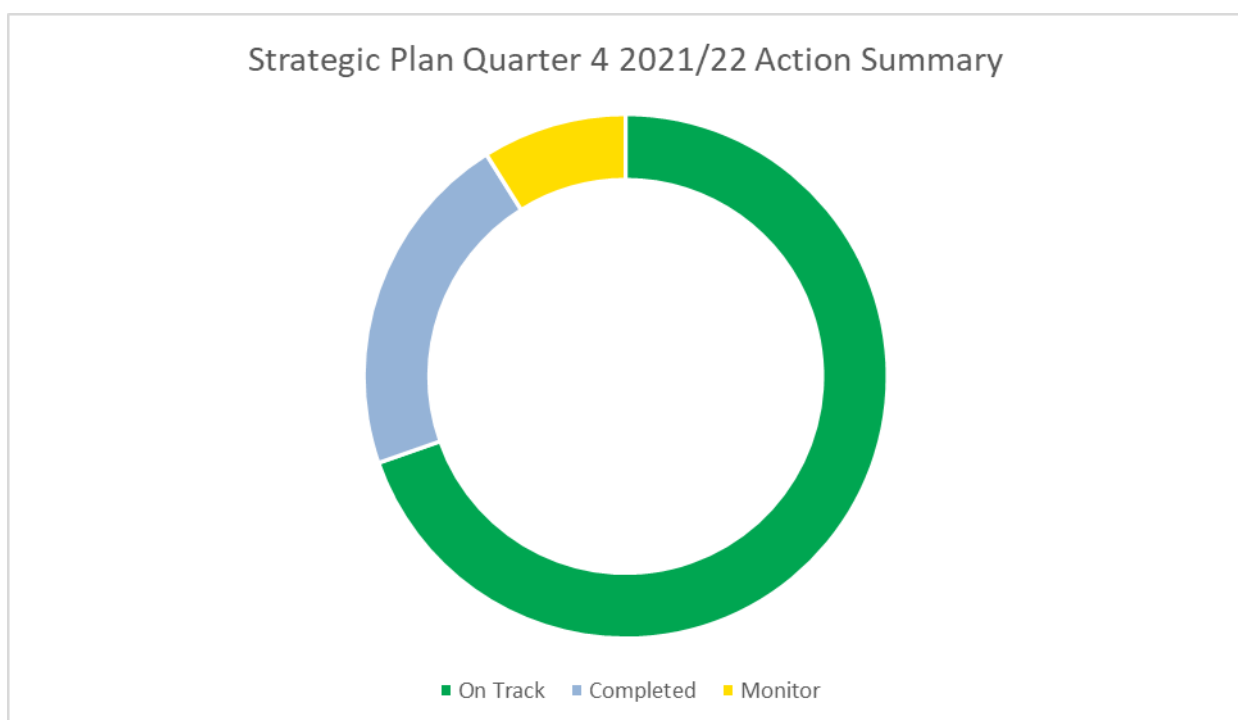
There are 56 actions within the Strategic Plan and 78 actions within the 2021/22 Municipal Plan, including 32 actions in the 2021/22 Municipal Plan which fall under the Governance Framework section.

Those actions which have been marked a Completed as at 30 June will not be reported on in future years.

Any financial data referenced in the report and attachments are subject to changes during the end of financial year process.

Quarter 4 Highlights – Strategic Plan:

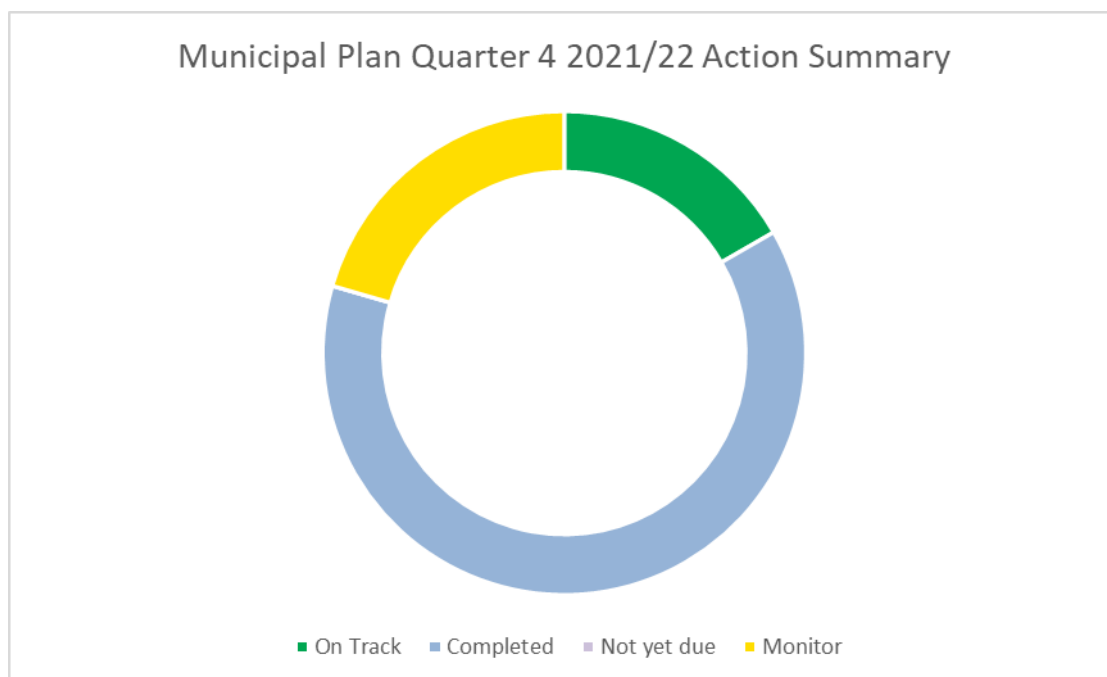
39 actions On Track, 12 Completed and 5 Monitor



- Resource recruited for the development of Darwin Municipal Planning Framework
- Play Space Strategy tabled to Council, ready for community consultation
- NASA Scientists presented on a mission to Pluto and their work in the NT at Library
- Lord Mayor Delegation to Denpasar in June 2022 to promote Darwin as a place to live, work, invest and study

Quarter 4 Highlights – Municipal Plan:

12 actions On Track, 49 Completed, and 17 Monitor.



- Asset Management Information System has gone live and asset management plans are now operational
- Youth Strategy 2022-2026 endorsed by Council
- All requirements for Local Government Act 2019 have now been mapped and delivered
- Additional Food Vendor site at Nightcliff is being utilised

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Not applicable. Each quarterly report is considered on its own merit.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	6 Governance Framework 6.4 Accountability
BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	Budget/Funding: Nil Is Funding identified: Nil Corporate Services Hub is responsible for coordinating the City of Darwin Performance Reporting.
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	Legislation: <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> Section 34 – Contents of municipal, regional or shire plan (1)(d) Municipal Plan must define indicators for judging the standard of the Council's performance Policy:

	Darwin 2030 – <i>City for People. City of Colour.</i> Strategic Plan, Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework.
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	<p>Engagement Level: Inform</p> <p>Internal:</p> <p>The Actions contained within the Strategic Plan and 2021/22 Municipal Plan have been reviewed and Quarter 4 (Q4) updates are provided by responsible Executive Managers and Managers.</p> <p>Hub General Managers approve performance and status updates for responsible actions as part of this reporting framework.</p> <p>External:</p> <p>Quarterly Performance Report: April – June 2022 (Q4) will inform the City of Darwin 2021/22 Annual Report and reporting is part of the open session of Council, so public at the time meeting agendas are issued for an Ordinary Meeting.</p>
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	<p>The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).</p>

STRATEGIC PLAN 2021/22 ACTION SUMMARY							
Strategic Direction (SD)	Target	Action	Responsible Executive Manager (EM)	Progress Comment	Action Status	Original Start Date	Expected End Date
Target: By 2030, a number of strategic infrastructure projects will be developed and delivered							
SD1	TAR1	1.1.1.4 Implement Council's City Deal infrastructure projects	EM - Infrastructure	2021/22 Q4 - City of Darwin does not have any identified City Deal Projects for 2021/22.	On Track	1/07/20	30/06/24
SD1	TAR1	1.1.1.2 Develop a Priority Infrastructure Plan	EM - Technical Services	2021/22 Q4 - Collated list of priority infrastructure projects already identified based on capacity analysis and future planning overlays to inform the PIP. The balance of the projects, based on condition and age, for consideration for inclusion in this priority infrastructure plan, will be determined through Assets and GIS.	On Track	1/07/20	30/06/25
SD1	TAR1	1.1.1.1 Implement City of Darwin's Asset Management Framework	EM - Infrastructure	2021/22 Q4 - Councils Asset Management Information System has gone live with a consolidated asset register. Milestones and tasks schedules for the 2021/22 financial year have been delivered to schedule	On Track	1/07/20	30/06/25
SD1	TAR1	1.1.1.5 Increase local expenditure to 95% of Council's total expenditure in accordance with Council's revised procurement policy	EM - Finance	PY - Procurement Policy has been updated to reflect 95% expenditure intention and reporting targets	Completed	1/07/20	30/06/21
SD1	TAR1	1.1.1.6 Implement a City of Darwin 'Buy Local' policy which has a weighting of 30% local content requirements	EM - Corporate and Customer Service	PY - A revised procurement policy which includes a 30% weighting for local content was adopted by Council in February 2020	Completed	1/07/20	1/07/20
SD1	TAR1	1.1.1.3 Undertake a review and develop a strategy for Council's landholdings to ensure their commercial value and advantage achieve best public value	EM - Growth and Development Services	2021/22 Q4 - Strategic review of property portfolio has commenced and ongoing	On Track	1/07/20	30/06/22
SD1	TAR1	1.1.1.7 Maintain existing Council assets to ensure best value for money and utilisation is achieved	EM - Operations	2021/22 Q4 - Routine maintenance and asset renewal programs continuing in accordance with adopted asset management plans	On Track	1/07/20	30/06/30
SD1	TAR1	1.1.1.8 Increase utilisation of the City of Darwin's land and community assets	EM - Growth and Development Services	2021/22 Q4 - Review of Street Food Program complete. A record number of Street Food vans this year. Pop Up Markets commenced for the dry season in Tamarind Park. Strategic property review ongoing. 51 event permits approved in the quarter. West Lane activated with a new Masterchef restaurant. Also the Arcade has been painted and new lights have been installed.	On Track	1/07/20	30/06/30
Target: By 2030, Darwin will be a safer place to live and visit							
SD2	TAR1	1.2.1.1 Work with all stakeholders, including NT Government, Larrakia Nation, businesses and the community to improve community safety and amenity	EM - Community and Cultural Services	2021/22 Q4 - Regular meetings with Larrakia Nation and other key Stakeholders, Public Places Collaboration Services Group has been disbanded and the Regional taskforce coordinated by NTG and PES is now attended by Manager of Regulatory Services. Reconciliation Advisory Committee organisational members are established. Assertive Outreach Officers continue to be recognised as key resources by NTG and Community organisations in this space. Budget allocation by council for continuation of City Safe Security Patrols, Assertive Outreach staff working relationships remain critical to positive relationship and actions across the sector.	On Track	1/07/20	30/06/30

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SD2	TAR1	1.2.1.4 Utilise place-making and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) methodologies when planning and maintaining public spaces	EM - Technical Services	2021/22 Q4 - Ongoing. These principles will be applied to the design of projects as appropriate.	On Track	1/07/20	30/06/30	
SD2	TAR1	1.2.1.5 Actively participate in counter disaster, target hardening and emergency management planning, preparation, response and recovery activities	EM - Corporate and Customer Service	2021/22 Q4 - City of Darwin has appointed a dedicated resource for Emergency Management that will undertake all of these functions as ongoing.	Completed	01/07/2020	30/09/2021	
SD2	TAR1	1.2.1.2 Expand CCTV networks across the municipality as part of the #SmartDarwin Strategy	EM - Innovation & Information	2021/22 Q4 - Commercialisation of SmartDarwin Assets continuing and budget consideration for expansion.	Monitor	01/07/2020	30/06/2025	
SD2	TAR1	1.2.1.12 Implement City of Darwin Business Continuity Plans to enable appropriate responses to disaster and man-made events that could impact on the safety of the community, Council staff and Council assets	EM - Corporate and Customer Service	2021/22 Q4 – Business Continuity Plans for individual departments are held and managed by departmental area. Business Continuity will be incorporated into City of Darwin's Enterprise Emergency Management Plan. Work continues as part of the Emergency Planning Framework	On Track	01/07/2020	30/06/2023	
Target: By 2030, Darwin will be increasingly recognised as a liveable city								
SD2	TAR2	1.2.2.2 Work with government, property owners and retail businesses to reinvigorate the city centre through membership of the Activate Darwin Advisory Board	Office of the Lord Mayor and CEO	2021/22 Q4 - Council participation with the Activate Darwin Advisory Board continued throughout the quarter.	On Track	01/07/2020	30/06/2030	
SD2	TAR2	1.2.2.4 Partner with the Australian Government and Territory Government to deliver on the Darwin City Deal	Office of the Lord Mayor and CEO	2021/22 Q4 - Council's participation with the Darwin City Deal continued with CEO representation at scheduled meetings.	On Track	01/07/2020	30/06/2025	
SD2	TAR2	1.2.2.3 Contribute strategic land to enable CDU to deliver the education and community precinct including student accommodation, underground parking and co-located libraries in the Darwin CBD	Office of the Lord Mayor and CEO	PY - Contribution of land at market value completed in 2020/21	Completed	01/07/2020	30/09/2020	
SD2	TAR2	1.2.2.5 Promote Darwin as a more attractive place to live and work	Manager Marketing & Communications	2021/22 Q4 - Discover Darwin website live promoting Darwin as a place to live, work, study, visit and invest. A Lord Mayor Delegation visited Denpasar to sign a Memorandum of Understanding for Sister City Relationship and to attract workers and students to Darwin.	On Track	01/07/2020	30/06/2030	
SD2	TAR2	1.2.2.6 Work with the NT Government on a long term plan for Council to take on an increased role in planning decisions within the municipality	EM - Growth and Development Services	2021/22 Q4 - Internal process mapping for Development Applications is on hold until vacant position is filled. DIPL have provided an information sheet outlining Local Government's role in the Development Assessment Process	On Track	01/07/2020	30/06/2030	
SD2	TAR2	1.2.2.7 Increase utilisation of Darwin's beaches and foreshores	EM - Growth and Development Services	2021/22 Q4 - Bicentennial Park, Mindil Beach, East Point Reserve and Nightcliff Foreshore promoted to event organisers as suitable venues to hold events.	On Track	01/07/2020	30/06/2030	
SD2	TAR2	1.2.2.8 Implement programs that will ensure Darwin is recognised for its urban forests and as a leader in tropical design	EM - Environment, Climate and Waste Services	2021/22 Q4 - Climate Emergency Response Strategy and Greening Darwin Strategy adopted by Council in July 2021 and are now in the implementation stage.	Completed	01/07/2020	31/07/2021	

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SD2	TAR2	1.2.2.9 Develop a Social Infrastructure Plan that outlines Council facilities and services that meet the long term social needs of the city	EM - Growth and Development Services	2021/22 Q4 - Senior Coordinator Strategic Projects and Events recruited for City of Darwin and will investigate commencement of a Darwin Municipal Planning Framework over the next financial year	Monitor	01/07/2020	30/06/2025	
Target: By 2030, Darwin residents will be more active and healthy								
SD2	TAR3	1.2.3.2 Increase the total kilometres of walking and cycling paths, including shaded pathways, to improve community connectivity and mobility	EM - Infrastructure	2021/22 Q4 - Movement Strategy Implementation Plan being finalised for 2022/23 financial year. Movement Strategy Launch, including Journey Planner and Share the Path Program campaign.	Monitor	01/07/2020	30/06/2025	
SD2	TAR3	1.2.3.3 Provide an accessible network of Council parks and recreation facilities that encourage active living for all ages and abilities	EM - Community and Cultural Services	2021/22 Q4 - Play Space Strategy was tabled to Council in June, includes priority of accessibility. Community consultation to take place in August 2022.	On Track	01/07/2020	30/06/2030	
SD2	TAR3	1.2.3.4 Further develop Council-owned sport and recreation assets to support Darwin being recognised as an inclusive and leading regional sports and recreation hub	EM - Community and Cultural Services	2021/22 Q4 - Recreation continue to include Access and Inclusion consideration across asset development and renewal. Play Space Strategy was tabled to Council in June, include priority of accessibility for consultation with community in August 2022.	On Track	01/07/2020	30/06/2026	
SD2	TAR3	1.2.3.1 Deliver the Healthy Darwin program	EM - Community and Cultural Services	2021/22 Q4 - Program continues, COVID safe measures introduced.	On Track	01/07/2020	30/06/2023	
Target: By 2030, Darwin will be recognised as a clean and environmentally responsible city								
SD3	TAR1	1.3.1.5 Develop a best practice Environmental Management Plan	EM - Environment, Climate and Waste Services	2021/22 Q4 - Environmental Management Plan has been developed by consultants, and methods for implementation, including funding for outcomes are being explored.	Monitor	01/07/2020	30/06/2022	
SD3	TAR1	1.3.1.6 Renew Council's commitment to Climate Action	EM - Environment, Climate and Waste Services	2021/22 Q4 - Climate Emergency Response Strategy and Greening Darwin Strategy adopted by Council in July 2021 and are now in the implementation stage.	Completed	01/07/2020	31/07/2021	
SD3	TAR1	1.3.1.1 Implement the Greening Darwin Strategy	EM - Environment, Climate and Waste Services	2021/22 Q4 - Greening Darwin Strategy was adopted in July 2021 and has now moved into the action implementation stage.	Completed	01/07/2020	31/07/2021	
SD3	TAR1	1.3.1.7 Council will have zero net emissions from operations by 2030	EM - Environment, Climate and Waste Services	2021/22 Q4 - Ongoing Business as usual climate actions being undertaken to work towards net zero across council. The soon to be developed Carbon Management Plan will play a role in expediting actions to achieve this outcome.	On Track	01/07/2020	30/06/2030	
SD3	TAR1	1.3.1.8 Deliver projects that will cool the Darwin City Centre	EM - Environment, Climate and Waste Services	2021/22 Q4 - Climate Emergency Response Strategy and Greening Darwin Strategy adopted by Council in July 2021 and are now in the action implementation stage.	On Track	01/07/2020	30/06/2030	
SD3	TAR1	1.3.1.9 Ensure Council open spaces contribute to the city's biodiversity	EM - Environment, Climate and Waste Services	2021/22 Q4 - Climate Emergency Response Strategy and Greening Darwin Strategy adopted by Council in July 2021 and are now in the action implementation stage. A range of initiatives will commence to enhance the City's biodiversity	On Track	01/07/2020	30/06/2030	

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SD3	TAR1	1.3.1.10 Contribute to Northern Territory Government's 50% renewable energy target by 2030	EM - Environment, Climate and Waste Services	2021/22 Q4 - Climate Emergency Response Strategy adopted by Council in July 2021 and is now in the action implementation stage. Ongoing strategy actions contribute to NT targets	On Track	01/07/2020	30/06/2030
SD3	TAR1	1.3.1.3 Facilitate forums for environmental service providers to share information and develop relationships within the sector and with other industries	EM - Environment, Climate and Waste Services	2021/22 Q4 - City of Darwin continues to facilitate such discussions as business as usual.	On Track	01/07/2020	30/06/2030
SD3	TAR1	1.3.1.4 Implement a Waste Strategy that encourages innovative solutions for reducing and re-using waste resources	EM - Environment, Climate and Waste Services	2021/22 Q4 - Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy adopted by Council in July 2021 and are now in the action implementation stage.	Completed	01/07/2020	31/07/2021
SD3	TAR1	1.3.1.2 Partner with the Northern Territory Government and CSIRO for the Urban Living Lab, as an initiative of the Darwin City Deal	EM - Environment, Climate and Waste Services	2021/22 Q4 - The partnership continues into the new financial year.	Completed	01/07/2020	31/07/2021
Target: By 2030, Darwin will be recognised globally as a smart city							
SD4	TAR1	1.4.1.56 Expand the #SmartDarwin Strategy	EM - Innovation & Information	2021/22 Q4 - #SmartDarwin Action Plan to be redeveloped with new Manager Digital Innovation.	Monitor	01/07/2020	30/06/2023
SD4	TAR1	1.4.1.4 Lead innovation for the city and facilitate relevant activities to support these initiatives	EM - Innovation & Information	2021/22 Q4 - Second round of IDEATE to commence early 2022/2023 with the commencement of a Business Improvement Specialist	On Track	01/07/2020	30/06/2030
SD4	TAR1	1.4.1.2 Support the development of business centres that foster industry engagement, collaboration and innovation across all markets	EM - Growth and Development Services	2021/22 Q4 - New Darwin Data Centre announced. A first challenge has been launched to establish a permanent Digital Games and eSports Development Centre in Darwin under the Territory Innovation Challenge MoU between City of Darwin and the Department of Industry, Business and Trade.	On Track	01/07/2020	30/06/2030
SD4	TAR1	1.4.1.3 Develop innovation hubs for our community and future generations	EM - Innovation & Information	2021/22 Q4 - Program development to commence planning in 2022/23	On Track	01/07/2020	30/06/2030
SD4	TAR1	1.4.1.5 Support life-long learning opportunities through the provision of STEAM programs	EM - Library and Family Services	2021/22 Q4 - Regular STEAM programs continue across all libraries and are well attended. In May, NASA scientists gave a talk about their mission to Pluto and the work they are doing in the NT. The media digitisation station has been launched and is popular with customers wanting to digitise and preserve their memories.	On Track	01/07/2020	30/06/2030
Target: By 2030, Darwin will have attracted and retained more residents and will offer sustainable investment opportunities							
SD4	TAR2	1.4.2.2 Implement an Economic Development Plan for the city	EM - Growth and Development Services	2021/22 Q4 - Discover Darwin website launched. Tourism Incubator Program commencing in July. Strategic property review ongoing. Lord Mayor delegation to Denpasar to attract workers to Darwin. Promoting new jobs available in Darwin via the Discover Darwin website.	On Track	01/07/2020	30/06/2023

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SD4	TAR2	1.4.2.5 Support initiatives to increase the population of Darwin through engagement with business and industry, and all levels of Government	EM - Growth and Development Services	2021/22 Q4 - Discover Darwin website launched. Tourism Incubator Program commencing in July. Strategic property review ongoing. Lord Mayor delegation to Denpasar to attract workers to Darwin. Promoting new jobs available in Darwin via the Discover Darwin.	On Track	01/07/2020	30/06/2023	
SD4	TAR2	1.4.2.4 Promote Darwin as a great destination to live, work, study and invest	EM - Growth and Development Services	2021/22 Q4 - Discover Darwin website live promoting Darwin as a place to live, work, study, visit and invest. A Lord Mayor Delegation visited Denpasar to sign a Memorandum of Understanding for a Sister City Relationship and to attract workers and students to Darwin.	On Track	01/07/2020	30/06/2023	
SD4	TAR2	1.4.2.6 Support initiatives to grow the economy and retain people and jobs in Darwin	EM - Growth and Development Services	2021/22 Q4 - Discover Darwin website live promoting Darwin as a place to live, work, study, visit and invest. A Lord Mayor Delegation visited Denpasar to sign a Memorandum of Understanding for a Sister City Relationship and to attract workers and students to Darwin.	On Track	01/07/2020	30/06/2023	
SD4	TAR2	1.4.2.3 Develop an International Relations Program	EM - Growth and Development Services	2021/22 Q4 - Delivered a Darwin International Virtual Trade Show 2022 on 22 and 23 June 2022. 107 business/organisations booths from Darwin and its Sister/Friendship cities and 39 presentations and/or speeches were organised to promote Darwin as a destination to its Sister/Friendship cities. Organised a City of Darwin Lord Mayoral Trade Missions with the delegations members from key industries and NTG represented in Denpasar from 13 - 17 June to promote Darwin as a destination to study, invest, visit, work and do business. Signed MOU of Sister City Relationship with City of Denpasar on 13 June 2022.	On Track	01/07/2020	30/06/2023	
SD4	TAR2	1.4.2.1 Develop the Darwin 2030 Partners Program including an Advocacy Plan for funding opportunities	Governance Business Partner	2021/22 Q4 - The City of Darwin Advocacy and Partnerships Strategy was adopted in July 2021. Prioritisation of priority projects based on community value was completed in July 2021 by Place Score.	Completed	01/07/2020	30/06/2022	
Target: By 2030, Darwin will be recognised as an iconic destination								
SD5	TAR1	1.5.1.2 Partner with other stakeholders to grow the visitor economy of Darwin	EM - Growth and Development Services	2021/22 Q4 - Distinctly Darwin Tourism Incubator Program finalised. A local supplier will commence delivery of the Program in July 2022. The Destination Management Plan developed in collaboration with Tourism NT has been launched. Saltwater Stories of the Larrakia podcast launched. Grant application successful in development of another podcast to promote the history of Darwin families.	On Track	01/07/2020	30/06/2023	
SD5	TAR1	1.5.1.1 Deliver a City of Darwin events program and events management practices with a focus on developing and marketing of Council owned facilities for events	Manager Engagement & Events	2021/22 Q4 - Event Management Practices streamlined with a revision of Event Application/Permit form, and introduction of venue map for Austin Lane/Spain Place as well as updated to the Bicentennial Park map. Minor updates to Events Section of website also done.	On Track	01/07/2020	30/06/2030	
SD5	TAR1	1.5.1.3 Support the promotion of Darwin as a cruise ship and yachting destination and as a home port for expedition ships	EM - Growth and Development Services	2021/22 Q4 - Several meetings held with NTG, Tourism Top End, Darwin Port and other partners to prepare for the upcoming cruise season. Cruise Strategy NTG launched and City of Darwin provided feedback and advice on the Strategy.	On Track	01/07/2020	30/06/2030	

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Target: By 2030, Darwin will be a more connected community and have pride in our cultural history								
SD5	TAR2	1.5.2.75 Implement the City of Darwin Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan 2020-22 annual actions	EM - Community and Cultural Services	2021/22 Q4 - RAP implementation continues. Budget confirmed for ongoing level 7 position of Reconciliation Action Lead. Reconciliation Advisory Committee established. Cross Cultural Consultants undertaking evaluation and supporting development of next RAP.	On Track	01/07/2020	30/06/2022	
SD5	TAR2	1.5.2.70 Develop a City of Darwin Multicultural Framework	EM - Community and Cultural Services	2021/22 Q4 - All community programs and activities are developed with an acknowledgement of diversity and inclusion. In February 2022 Council endorsed multicultural presentations and interfaith blessings at Council meetings for the 2022 calendar year. Multicultural framework to be further developed.	On Track	01/07/2020	30/06/2023	
SD5	TAR2	1.5.2.1 Review and update the Young Darwin Youth Strategy 2016-2021	EM - Community and Cultural Services	2021/22 Q4 - Youth Strategy 2022-2026 endorsed by Council and implementation starts in July 2022	Completed	01/07/2020	06/10/2021	
SD5	TAR2	1.5.2.68 Promote Darwin as a destination known for its Aboriginal cultures and landmarks	EM - Growth and Development Services	2021/22 Q4 - Discover Darwin website launched that promotes Larrakia people, places and culture. Finalisation of the Tourism Incubator Program to create unique tourism experiences that promote Larrakia people, places and landmarks.	On Track	01/07/2020	30/06/2030	
SD5	TAR2	1.5.2.69 Support the protection and enhancement of Darwin's heritage sites	EM - Community and Cultural Services	2021/22 Q4 - Council is an advocate for the protection and enhancement of Darwin's heritage sites. Council has established the Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee to provide advice regarding heritage sites.	Completed	01/07/2020	31/12/2021	
SD5	TAR2	1.5.2.79 Deliver events and activities that recognise Darwin's rich and multi-faceted history	EM - Community and Cultural Services	2021/22 Q4 - Significant Larrakia history with public art commission for Bicentennial Park and Larrakia Cultural Awareness training delivered March 2022 through RAP.	On Track	01/07/2020	30/06/2030	
SD5	TAR2	1.5.2.3 Fund the Darwin Entertainment Centre to deliver programs and services that create a cohesive, connected and culturally enriched community	General Manager Community & Regulatory Services	2021/22 Q4 - City of Darwin has provided first and second instalment of funding to Darwin Entertainment Centre in accordance with funding agreement.	On Track	01/07/2020	30/06/2030	

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Target: By 2030, a number of strategic infrastructure projects will be developed and delivered					
1.1.1.196 Deliver Council's 2021/22 Capital Works Program	EM - Infrastructure	2021/22 Q4 - 100% of identified projects for 2021/22 FY have commenced through the project documentation process. The YTD expenditure including commitments, against the revised budget, which is less early carry forward of projects that span the end of the financial year is at 95%.	Monitor	01/07/21	30/06/22
1.1.1.197 Deliver the Civic Centre Redevelopment Project and Carpark Upgrade	EM - Infrastructure	2021/22 Q4 - Community consultation undertaken with draft functional design brief under development for presentation to Council in August 2022.	On Track	01/07/21	30/06/22
1.1.1.198 Deliver 2021/22 Better Suburbs and Enhancement Program	EM - Infrastructure	2021/22 Q4 - 32 projects confirmed as total program with the inclusion of the Lord Mayor's projects, all in various stages of delivery. A number of projects have been identified for construction in the 2022/23 FY due to materials supply and contractor availability.	Monitor	01/07/21	30/06/22
1.1.1.199 Upgrade Council's Asset Management Information System	EM - Infrastructure	2021/22 Q4 - Council's Asset Management Information System has gone live with a consolidated asset register. Milestones and tasks schedules for the 2021/22 financial year have been delivered to schedule	Completed	01/07/21	30/06/22
1.1.1.200 Renew, replace and maintain Council's assets in accordance with adopted service levels in Asset Management Plans	EM - Infrastructure	2021/22 Q4 - The asset management plans are being operationalised via ongoing annual process.	Completed	01/07/21	30/06/22
1.1.1.201 Undertake asset condition assessments for Council's stormwater infrastructure	EM - Infrastructure	2021/22 Q4 - Surveys are underway and ongoing to completion of financial year. Whilst the assets surveys are being undertaken, maintenance works required are being addressed as issues are encountered. Inspections ongoing over a 4 year period 100% through 2021/22 program of works	Completed	01/07/21	30/06/22
1.1.1.2 Develop a Priority Infrastructure Plan	EM - Technical Services	2021/22 Q4 - Collated list of priority infrastructure projects already identified based on capacity analysis and future planning overlays to inform the PIP. The balance of the projects, based on condition and age, for consideration for inclusion in this priority infrastructure plan, will be determined through Assets and GIS.	On Track	01/07/21	30/06/22
1.1.1.203 Develop a City of Darwin Commercial Property Strategy	EM - Growth and Development Services	2021/22 Q4 - Strategic review of property portfolio has commenced and ongoing.	On Track	1/01/21	30/06/22
1.1.1.204 Implement Council's Darwin City Deal Infrastructure Projects	EM - Infrastructure	2021/22 Q4 - City of Darwin does not have any identified City Deal Projects for 2021/22.	On Track	01/07/21	30/06/22
1.1.1.205 Deliver the Lee Point Road Project	EM - Infrastructure	2021/22 Q4 - Preliminary works finalised, project delayed due to underground services requiring relocation	Monitor	01/07/21	30/06/22

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Target: By 2030, Darwin will be a safer place to live and visit					
1.2.1.8 Deliver the Making Mindil Safe Project, an Australian Government Safer Communities Fund (Round 5) initiative	EM - Infrastructure	2021/22 Q4 - Overall project progress sitting at 45%, project is currently undertaking approval process through Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority.	Monitor	01/07/21	30/06/22
1.2.1.9 Deliver animal management programs and services as detailed in Council's Dog and Cat Management Strategy 2018-2022	Manager Regulatory Services	2021/22 Q4 - Regulatory Services have delivered animal management programs and services including animal investigations for dog attack, barking and nuisance complaints and animal education initiatives in line with the Dog and Cat Management Strategy. Animal management programs and services including registrations, pound services and education programs and initiatives through the 'Great Pets Starts With You' campaign is available the the YourDarwin portal on Council's website.	Completed	01/07/21	30/06/22
1.2.1.2 Expand CCTV networks across the municipality as part of the #SmartDarwin Strategy	EM - Innovation & Information	2021/22 Q4 - Commercialisation of SmartDarwin Assets continuing and consideration for expansion.	Monitor	01/07/21	30/06/22
1.2.1.10 Continue to partner with the Northern Territory Government to deliver City Safe Security Patrol Services in the city centre	EM - Community Services	2021/22 Q4 - Council has allocated funding and will continue to contribute towards the City Safe Security Patrols in the 2022/23 Municipal Plan.	Completed	01/07/21	30/06/22
Target: By 2030, Darwin will be increasingly recognised as a liveable city					
1.2.2.55 Work with the Northern Territory Government to deliver the Laneways and Small Streets Activation Strategy	Manager Engagement & Events	2021/22 Q4 - Austin Lane was activated as an event space in May 2022 with Activate Darwin holding their inaugural 'Austin Lane Markets' - a market which is set to reoccur monthly. The laneway was also activated for the Ultimate Street Squad Dance Challenge on a weekly basis for a period of four weeks and an event application is in place for Spain Place throughout the Supercars event. A venue map for the newly created event space has been developed & being launched on the website. City of Darwin has received a grant from NTG to create wayfinding for the laneways.	Completed	01/07/21	30/06/22
1.2.2.56 Implement City of Darwin Movement Strategy annual actions	EM - Growth and Development Services	2021/22 Q4 - Movement Strategy Implementation Plan being finalised for 2022/2023 financial year. Movement Strategy Launch, including Journey Planner and Share the Path Program campaign	Monitor	1/07/21	30/06/22
1.2.2.57 Review the Darwin City Centre Masterplan to align with the Northern Territory Government Central Darwin Area Plan	EM - Growth and Development Services	2021/22 Q4 - Review completed report going to Council in October 2021. Feasibility of remaining projects to be completed this year.	Completed	01/07/21	31/01/22

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1.2.2.58 Deliver upgrades to Street Food sites giving customers a better experience	EM - Growth and Development Services	2021/22 Q4 - East Point bollards have been installed - operational but minor final works to be completed. Nightcliff third bollard completed. Additional vendor site in Nightcliff being utilised.	Completed	01/07/21	30/06/22
Target: By 2030, Darwin residents will be more active and healthy					
1.2.3.13 Deliver the Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre Redevelopment Project	GM Community	2021/22 Q4 - Procurement and contracting process ongoing. Funding for the project to be finalised.	Monitor	01/07/21	30/06/22
1.2.3.14 Deliver the Darwin Velodrome Upgrade Project	EM - Community Services	2021/22 Q4 - Final draft of Bagot Masterplan will be recommended to Council for endorsement in July 2022. Capital works for velodrome underway with Infrastructure team managing the project.	On Track	01/07/21	30/06/22
1.2.3.1 Deliver the Healthy Darwin program	EM - Community Services	2021/22 Q4 - Program continues, COVID safe measures introduced.	Completed	01/07/21	30/06/22
Target: By 2030, Darwin will be recognised as a clean and environmentally responsible city					
1.3.1.18 Continue to implement the Tree Establishment Program across the municipality	EM - Operations	2021/22 Q4 - Tree establishment programs have been delivered including maintenance and watering of new trees, tree and plant giveaway and the customer request tree planting program.	Completed	01/07/21	30/06/22
1.3.1.19 Implement the Greening Darwin Strategy annual actions	EM - Operations	2021/22 Q4 - Funding proposal to deliver actions of the plan currently being considered	On Track	01/07/21	30/06/22
1.3.1.20 Implement Council's response to Climate Emergency	EM - Environment, Climate and Waste Services	2021/22 Q4 - Strategies were adopted by Council in July 2021 and are now in the implementation stage.	On Track	01/07/21	30/06/22
1.3.1.21 Complete final capping of Cells 3 and 4 at the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility	EM - Infrastructure	2021/22 Q4 - Cell 3 capping completed June, construction works commenced on cell 4	On Track	01/07/21	30/06/22
1.3.1.22 Implement the Waste Management Strategy annual actions	EM - Environment, Climate and Waste Services	2021/22 Q4 - The Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy was adopted by Council in July 2021 and is now in the implementation stage	On Track	01/07/21	30/06/22
1.3.1.23 Develop and implement an Environmental Management System for Council operations	EM - Environment, Climate and Waste Services	2021/22 Q4 - The Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy was adopted by Council in July 2021 and is now in the implementation stage as business as usual.	On Track	01/07/21	30/06/22
1.3.1.24 Partner with the Northern Territory Government and CSIRO to deliver the Darwin Living lab, as an initiative of the Darwin City Deal	EM - Environment, Climate and Waste Services	2021/22 Q4 - Partnership continues with delivery on track. Symposium schedule for August 2022 to promote outcomes from projects so far.	Completed	01/07/21	30/06/22
1.3.1.25 Working with the Darwin Living Lab, finalise the Digital Twin Project for the Darwin City Deal	EM - Environment, Climate and Waste Services	2021/22 Q4 - Progressing well and on track. Now forms part of business as usual for Environment Team.	Completed	01/07/21	30/06/22

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Action	Responsible Executive Manager (EM)	Progress Comment	Action Status	Start Date	End Date
1.3.1.26 Provide support to the City of Darwin East Point Advisory Committee as a mechanism to protect and improve the biodiversity of East Point Reserve	EM - Environment, Climate and Waste Services	2021/22 Q4 - Progressing well and on track. Now forms part of business as usual for Environment Team. Meetings have continued with recommendations such as developing a strategic plan for the area presented to Council.	Completed	01/07/21	30/06/22
Target: By 2030, Darwin will be recognised globally as a smart city					
1.4.1.56 Expand the #SmartDarwin Strategy	EM - Innovation & Information	2021/22 Q4 - #SmartDarwin Action Plan to be redeveloped with the new Manager Digital Innovation.	Monitor	01/07/21	30/06/22
1.4.1.57 Deliver a Darwin Destination Management Plan	EM - Growth and Development Services	2021/22 Q4 - Distinctly Darwin Tourism Incubator Program finalised. A local supplier will commence delivery of the Program in July 2022. The Destination Management Plan developed in collaboration with Tourism NT has been launched. Saltwater Stories of the Larrakia podcast launched. Grant application successful in development of another podcast to promote the history of Darwin families.	Completed	01/07/21	30/06/22
1.4.1.4 Lead innovation for the city and facilitate relevant activities to support these initiatives	EM - Innovation & Information	2021/22 Q4 - Second round of IDEATE to commence early 2022/2023 with the commencement of a Business Process Improvement Specialist	On Track	01/07/21	30/06/22
1.4.1.58 Implement Customer Service Strategy annual actions	EM - Corporate & Customer Services	2021/22 Q4 - This is now part of BAU.	Completed	01/07/21	28/03/22
1.4.1.59 Implement the City of Darwin Library Strategy 2020-2024 annual actions	EM - Library and Family Services	2021/22 Q4 - 31 actions (66%) from the City of Darwin Library Strategy 2020-2024 have been completed to date. 4 actions are in progress and 12 are not yet due.	Completed	01/07/21	30/06/22
Target: By 2030, Darwin will have attracted and retained more residents and will offer sustainable investment opportunities					
1.4.2.2 Implement an Economic Development Plan for the city	EM - Growth and Development Services	2021/22 Q4 - Discover Darwin website launched. Tourism Incubator Program commencing in July. Strategic property review ongoing. Lord Mayor delegation to Denpasar to attract workers to Darwin. Promoting new jobs available in Darwin via the Discover Darwin website.	Completed	01/07/21	30/06/22

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1.4.2.10 Implement program to support local business to be innovative	EM - Growth and Development Services	2021/22 Q4 - City of Darwin has received a grant from NTG to create two parklets for the 22/23 financial year. Discover Darwin website now live with a business directory. The Darwin International Virtual Trade Show was held on the 22 and 23 June with over 287 registered guests, 107 business and organisation booths and 39 webinars across multiple time zones. Sponsorship for 2022/23 has been announced with multiple local businesses running innovative events and economic development projects across Darwin. Tourism Incubator Program RFQ finalised with contract currently being finalised with a local supplier to deliver the program.	Completed	01/07/21	30/06/22
1.4.2.11 Develop City of Darwin Revenue Strategy	EM - Finance	2021/22 Q4 - To be considered in conjunction with review of Fees and Charges	Monitor	1/01/22	30/06/22
1.4.2.4 Promote Darwin as a great destination to live, work, study and invest	EM - Growth and Development Services	2021/22 Q4 - Discover Darwin website live promoting Darwin as a place to live, work, study, visit and invest. A Lord Mayor Delegation visited Denpasar to sign a Memorandum of Understanding for a Sister City Relationship and to attract workers and students to Darwin.	Completed	01/07/21	30/06/22
Target: By 2030, Darwin will be recognised as an iconic destination					
1.5.1.1 Deliver a City of Darwin events program and events management practices with a focus on developing and marketing of Council owned facilities for events	Manager Engagement & Events	2021/22 Q4 - Event Management Practices streamlined with a revision of Event Application/Permit form, and introduction of venue map for Austin Lane / Spain Place as well as updated to the Bicentennial Park map. Minor updates to Events Section of website also done.	Completed	01/07/21	30/06/22
1.5.1.4 Deliver the 80th anniversary event commencing the Bombing of Darwin on 19 February 1942	Manager Engagement & Events	2021/22 Q4 - 80th anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin event was successfully held on Saturday 19th Feb 2022. There was an increase in accommodation occupancy rates of 5% as compared to last year demonstrating the success of the promotion of the event this year. A number of visiting dignitaries attended the 80th anniversary including the Prime Minister.	Completed	01/07/21	30/06/22
Target: By 2030, Darwin will be a more connected community and have pride in our cultural identity					
1.5.2.74 Implement the City of Darwin Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan 2020-22 annual actions	EM - Community Services	2021/22 Q4 - RAP implementation continues. Budget confirmed for ongoing level 7 position of Reconciliation Action Lead. Reconciliation Advisory Committee established. Cross Cultural Consultants undertaking evaluation and supporting development of next RAP.	Completed	01/07/21	30/06/22
1.5.2.75 Implement the City of Darwin Youth Strategy	EM - Community Services	2021/22 Q4 - Youth Strategy 2022-26 endorsed by Council and set for implementation from July 2022	Completed	01/07/21	30/06/22
1.5.2.76 Deliver the City of Darwin Community Grants Program	EM - Community Services	2021/22 Q4 - 2022 Community Grants round delivered, new initiative for Youth and Arts not supported in budget allocation.	Completed	01/07/21	30/06/22

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Action	Responsible Executive Manager (EM)	Progress Comment	Action Status	Start Date	End Date
1.5.2.2 Fund the Darwin Entertainment Centre to deliver programs and services that create a cohesive, connected and culturally enriched community	GM Community	2021/22 Q4 - City of Darwin has provided first and second instalment of funding to Darwin Entertainment Centre in accordance with funding agreement.	Completed	01/07/21	30/06/22
1.5.2.77 Implement the City of Darwin Access and Inclusion Plan 2019-2022 annual actions	EM - Community Services	2021/22 Q4 - Implementation of Plan continues, Access and Inclusion Committee renewed and active. Allocation of capital works Access budget made and endorsed by Council.	Completed	01/07/21	30/06/22
Target: Vision and Culture					
1.1.1.206 Continue to implement Council's Integrated Planning Framework	Governance Business Partner	2021/22 Q4 - The suite of planning documents are now finalised. These are regularly reviewed in line with changes and improvements in best practice, eg. privacy.	Completed	01/07/21	31/12/21
1.1.1.207 Implement compliance requirements for the new Local Government Act 2019	Governance Business Partner	2021/22 Q4 - All requirements have been mapped and delivered	Completed	01/07/21	27/06/22
1.1.1.208 Deliver initiatives to embed risk management principles into organisation decision making	EM - Corporate & Customer Services	2021/22 Q4 - Following appointment of resources, this has now transitioned to BAU.	Completed	01/07/21	28/03/22
1.1.1.209 Implement initiatives to support the enhancement of proactive risk-based approaches to operations and safety	EM - Corporate & Customer Services	2021/22 Q4 - Following appointment of resources, this has now transitioned to BAU.	Completed	01/07/21	28/03/22
1.1.1.210 Revise the City of Darwin Code of Conduct and deliver the complaints management framework for Elected Members in response to the Local Government Act 2019	Governance Business Partner	2021/22 Q4 - Council must comply with Schedule 1 - Code of Conduct as outlined in the Local Government Act 2019. Council adopted a policy for Breach of Code of Conduct complaints in July 2021.	Completed	01/07/21	31/07/21
1.1.1.211 Undertake an interim review of the Darwin 2030 City for People. City of Colour. Strategic Plan for the 23rd Council of the City of Darwin	Governance Business Partner	2021/22 Q4 - This project will commence in 2022/2023.	Monitor	1/01/22	30/06/22
Target: Roles and Relationships					
1.1.1.212 Deliver the City of Darwin Advocacy and Partnership Strategy	Governance Business Partner	2021/22 Q4 - The City of Darwin Advocacy and Partnerships Strategy was adopted in July 2021. Prioritisation of priority projects based on community value was completed in July 2021 by Place Score.	Completed	01/07/21	30/06/22
1.1.1.213 Manage and implement Council's Communications and Engagement Strategy	Manager Marketing & Communications	2021/22 Q4 - Continuing and ongoing in accordance with strategy.	Completed	01/07/21	30/06/22

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1.1.1.214 Respond to legislative change and compliance at the Federal, Territory and local levels	EM - Corporate and Customer Service	2021/22 Q4 - This will be ongoing. CAMMS Compliance and supporting processes to monitor changes in legislative environment are now in place.	Completed	01/07/21	31/12/21
1.1.1.215 Manage Council's strategic role in the Darwin City Deal including governance and reporting obligations	Governance Business Partner	2021/22 Q4 - Council's role in the Darwin City Deal continues to be managed by the CEO.	Completed	01/07/21	30/06/22
1.1.1.216 Facilitate Council's position at the national and local levels for impacting environment, waste and climate policy and targets	EM - Environment, Climate and Waste Services	2021/22 Q4 - Collaborations continue across all levels of government, industry and the private sector.	Completed	01/07/21	30/06/22
1.1.1.217 Establish and maintain productive and positive relationships with Larrakia, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, and Government stakeholders to work collaboratively in addressing public safety	EM - Community Services	2021/22 Q4 - Regular meetings with LNAC. PPSCG have disbanded and the Regional taskforce coordinated by NTG and PES is now attended by Manager of Reg Services. Reconciliation Advisory Committee organisational members are established and include representatives from NAAJA, ABC, NT IBN, LNAC, Public Health Network and NAIAA. Budget allocated by Council to continuation of City Safe Security Patrols, Assertive Outreach staff working relationships remain critical to positive relationships and actions across the sector.	Completed	01/07/21	30/06/22
1.1.1.218 Develop Council's role and key relationships as a partner in emergency response and recovery to support our community during critical events	EM - Corporate & Customer Services	2021/22 Q4 - City of Darwin has appointed a dedicated resource for Emergency Management that will undertake these functions as business as usual.	Completed	01/07/21	30/06/22
1.1.1.219 Deliver an Enterprise Agreement that fosters a positive workplace culture and productive cross organisational relationships	EM - HR & Safety	2021/22 Q4 - Good faith bargaining continued throughout Q4 with increased meeting frequency, working towards taking the proposed EA back out to vote.	Monitor	01/07/21	30/06/22
Target: Decision Making and Management					
1.1.1.220 Review City of Darwin's insurance, system and reporting requirements	EM - Corporate & Customer Services	2021/22 Q4 - City of Darwin has reviewed and placed the insurance program for 21/22. A further review in preparation for the 22/23 year was undertaken over the course of this year.	Completed	01/07/21	1/07/21
1.1.1.221 Develop City of Darwin's Emergency Planning and Response Framework including natural disasters, critical incidents and security risks	EM - Corporate & Customer Services	2021/22 Q4 - This work has been completed, approved and circulated internally.	Completed	01/07/21	30/09/21
1.1.1.222 Develop and implement a Council Policy Review Program for the 23rd Council of the City of Darwin	EM - Corporate & Customer Services	2021/22 Q4 - Completed during Q3. Regular updates on progress will be provided to Council.	Completed	1/01/22	28/03/22
1.1.1.223 Develop City of Darwin Integrated Quality Management System	EM - Corporate & Customer Services	2021/22 Q4 - The Integrated Quality Management System has been developed and the implementation and enhancement of various elements will continue throughout the year.	Completed	01/07/21	30/09/21

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Action	Responsible Executive Manager (EM)	Progress Comment	Action Status	Start Date	End Date
1.1.1.224 Develop an internal Corporate Governance Framework, supported by policy, procedures and guidance review in alignment with legislative requirements	EM - Corporate & Customer Services	2021/22 Q4 - Work is continuing in conjunction with the Office of CEO and Lord Mayor.	Completed	01/07/21	30/06/22
1.1.1.225 Review and refine Workplace Health & Safety Management Framework and document suite and implement the WHS incident reporting system	EM - HR & Safety	2021/22 Q4 - Review of the WHS Management System (document suite) is underway with key policies and procedures to be finalised by the end of Q4. Implementation of the system will continue throughout the FY22/23. CAMMS Incident configuration module completed and roll out via a staged approach in Q1 FY22/23.	Monitor	01/07/21	30/06/22
1.1.1.226 Implement new City of Darwin By-laws in compliance with legislative requirements	Governance Business Partner	2021/22 Q4 - Final draft version has been developed and has been independently legally reviewed. By-Laws to be provided to Council in Q1 of FY 22/23 for endorsement for final consultation with the community.	Monitor	1/07/21	30/06/22
1.1.1.227 Implement and report on Council's Privacy Management Framework and annual actions	EM - Corporate & Customer Services	2021/22 Q4 - The Privacy Management Implementation Plan is being implemented and is reported on through CAMMS.	Completed	01/07/21	4/02/22
1.1.1.228 Review City of Darwin's compliance with Privacy and Information Management Legislation	EM - Innovation & Information	2021/22 Q4 - Privacy Management Framework completed. Privacy Information Register in progress.	On Track	01/07/21	30/06/22
1.1.1.229 Upgrade City of Darwin's electronic records management system	EM - Innovation & Information	2021/22 Q4 - ICT Architectural Review in progress, formulating a best practice approach for an electronic records management business system.	Monitor	01/07/21	30/06/22
Target: Accountability					
1.1.1.230 Develop and refine the City of Darwin Corporate Performance Reporting to include Place Score	Governance Business Partner	2021/22 Q4 - Place Score will no longer form part of the Corporate Performing Framework.	Completed	01/07/21	28/03/22
1.1.1.231 Deliver Annual Internal Audit Program	EM - Corporate & Customer Services	2021/22 Q4 - Audits have been identified and are being undertaken. CAMMS Audit system is also live.	Completed	01/07/21	30/06/22
1.1.1.232 Implement new automated Financial Systems upgrades	EM - Finance	2021/22 Q4 - Accounts Payable Workflow is now live. A number of system improvements are still being worked through.	On Track	01/07/21	30/06/22
1.1.1.233 Implement enhancements to integrated functionality between enterprise systems and Human Resource Information Systems (HRIS)	EM - HR & Safety	2021/22 Q4 - Roll out continued for indoor workforce where not affected by proposed Enterprise Agreement terms and conditions.	Monitor	01/07/21	30/06/22
1.1.1.234 Deliver the City of Darwin Annual Report 2020/21	EM - Finance	2021/22 Q4 - A special Council meeting was held on 9 November 2021 to adopt the City of Darwin 2020/21 Annual Report.	Completed	01/07/21	9/11/21
1.1.1.235 Deliver the 2020/21 Audited Financial Statements	EM - Finance	2021/22 Q4 - Annual Report and Annual Financial Statements adopted by Council on November 9th.	Completed	01/07/21	9/11/21

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Action	Responsible Executive Manager (EM)	Progress Comment	Action Status	Start Date	End Date
1.1.1.236 Facilitate the 2021 Local Government General Election and induct the new Council	Governance Business Partner	2021/22 Q4 - 2021 Local Government Elections were held on 28 August 2021 and results declared on 13 September 2021. The new Council attended a three day Orientation and Induction Program from 20-22 September. The inauguration for the new Council was held on Monday 20 September 2021 and the first meeting of the new Council was held on Tuesday 28 September 2021.	Completed	01/07/21	28/09/21
1.1.1.237 Review the cost of delivering services to ensure appropriate fees and charges and ensure the level of Council subsidy is identified	EM - Finance	2021/22 Q4 - Project will continue into the 2022/23 financial year in conjunction with Revenue Strategy	Monitor	1/11/21	30/06/22

15.3 PRE-CYCLONE CLEAN UP 2022 UPDATE

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Authoriser: General Manager Innovation

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the report entitled Pre-Cyclone Clean Up 2022 Update be received and noted.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to inform Council about the planning that is being undertaken for the 2022 Pre-Cyclone Clean Up (PCCU).

KEY ISSUES

- Planning for the 2022 Pre-Cyclone Clean Up is currently underway.
- Collection for Zone 1 is scheduled for 5 September – 16 September 2022.
- Collection for Zone 2 is scheduled for 26 September – 7 October 2022.
- Assisted pickups and collection from the Larrakeyah Defence Precinct will occur separate to the rest of the municipality.
- City of Darwin will work with Helping People Achieve (HPA) to recover items that can be reused.
- This year, City of Darwin is focussing communication on raising awareness of City of Darwin's recycling initiatives and alternative waste disposal streams for the community i.e. yellow bins for recycling, compost for food waste, reusing through Helping People Achieve Shoal Bay Trash and Treasure Shop.

DISCUSSION

Each year, City of Darwin provides a service to collect items from Darwin residents' verges which may become hazardous to the community in the event of a cyclone. Planning for the 2022 Pre-Cyclone Clean Up (PCCU) is well underway with collections scheduled to begin in September.

As with previous years, the Larrakeyah Defence Precinct will be collected separately to the rest of the Darwin municipality. Unlike last year, the service will not be extended to residents in Northcrest.

Resources allocated to the PCCU consist of twelve City of Darwin trucks, six utes, three backhoes, plus, four wet hire trucks, one wet hire backhoe, two dry hire utes and four pantech whitegoods trucks. On ground resources (labour) for this year's program will engage 39 City of Darwin staff, five contractor staff and eight traffic controllers.

The clean-up methodology will be conducted using a convoy system as done in previous years. Identified areas within each zone will use two teams starting on the extremities working towards each other ensuring that all streets are completed in their entirety before moving on.

People with disabilities and senior citizens are encouraged to contact the Environment, Climate and Waste Services Support Officer on 8930 0431 who will assist with coordinating the collection of larger items. Changes to the dates of the assisted pick up have been discussed, however, given the limited availability of resources (in particular, fleet), this was not deemed feasible this year. An earlier collection time may also make it more difficult for people to access this service as most rely on family members and carers to help facilitate an assisted pick up. Discussions have also been held regarding changing the booking system to an online platform however, concerns were identified that this may not be an effective mechanism to target the intended audience.

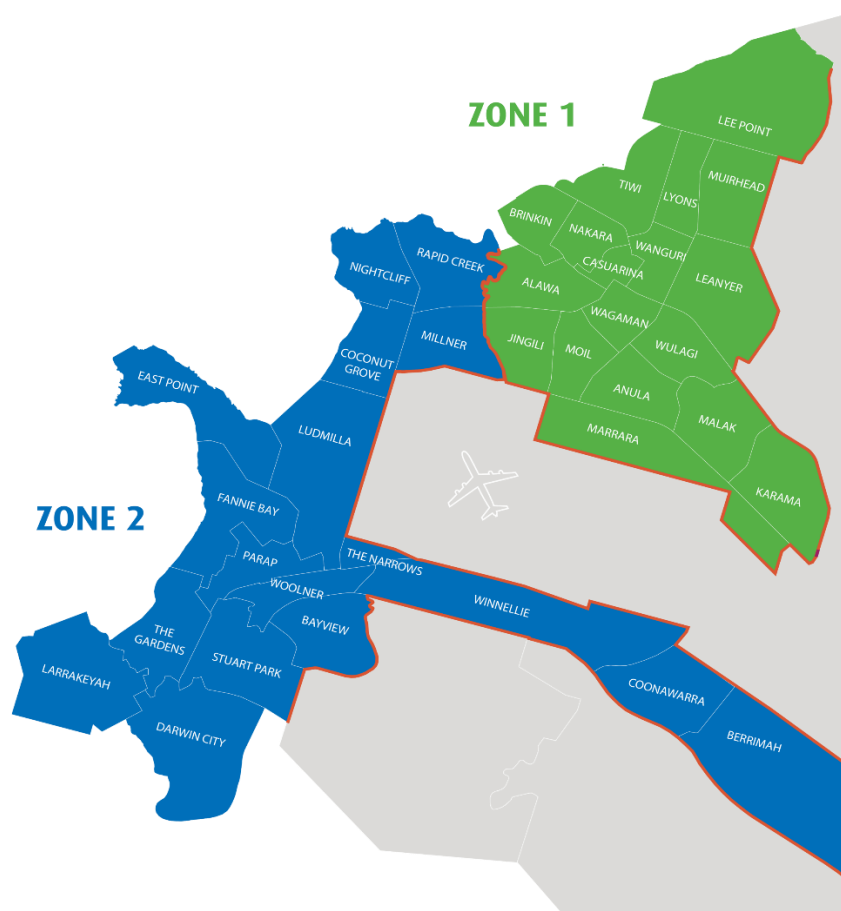
Key dates for the 2022 Pre-Cyclone Clean Up are as follows:

Collection Zone 1: Items out by Sunday, 4 September. Collection scheduled for 5 September – 16 September

Collection Zone 2: Items out by Sunday, 25 September. Collection scheduled for 26 September – 7 October

Larrakeyah Defence Precinct Collection: Saturday, 1 October

Assisted Pick-ups: 10 October to 28 October



As occurred in previous years, a map showing the progress of the PCCU collection will be posted on our website to provide daily visual updates to Darwin residents. This will track streets that are to be cleared and streets that have been cleared from a central location.

City of Darwin will again work with Helping People Achieve (HPA) this year to collect items that can be reused and sold at the HPA Shoal Bay Trash and Treasure shop. There will be an increased focus on identifying recycled content during the collection with a view to reduce waste going to landfill and increasing saleable items for the Trash and Treasure Shop at Shoal Bay.

Media Strategy

The key communication goals of the PCCU are to:

- inform Darwin residents of the dates for pick-ups in their zone, including when to place items on the verge,
- increase awareness of Assisted Pick-Up Service,
- educate the community on which items will and will not be picked up during the PCCU,
- educate residents on how to properly set out their items for collection,
- raise awareness of alternative waste disposal streams i.e. yellow bins for recycling, compost for food waste, reusing through Helping People Achieve Shoal Bay Trash and Treasure Shop,
- raise awareness of City of Darwin's recycling initiatives throughout PCCU, and
- inform residents that once their street is completed, we will not return to do additional pick-ups.

Overarching messages:

- City of Darwin is committed to creating a clean and environmentally friendly Darwin,
- the PCCU is an opportunity to tidy up around your yard before cyclone season,
- the pick-up is free,

- PCCU is for outdoor household items that are broken or cannot be reused and are too big for your red-topped wheelie bins,
- we will pick up household items such as furniture, whitegoods, as well as scrap metals from items like BBQs and bikes,
- we will not pick up liquids, paints, asbestos, car parts (including batteries and tyres), glass or mirrors, food waste, green waste, gas bottles and large items longer than 1.5m, such as scrap metal and lengths of timber, and
- to make collection easier, please group your rubbish into like items.

Assisted Pick Up Service key messages:

- seniors and residents with mobility limitations can request assistance with removing items from their property, and
- bookings can be made by calling 8930 0431.

Media releases will commence in mid-August, with media event at Shoal Bay Trash and Treasure Shop. There will be a media release the Friday prior to collection at Zone's 1 and 2 and a final media release at the conclusion of the PCCU. There will also be television, radio, social media, newspaper, print and sign advertising.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

N/A.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	2 A Safe, Liveable and Healthy City 2.1 By 2030, Darwin will be a safer place to live and visit
BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	<p>Budget/Funding: \$300,000 direct funding</p> <p>Is Funding identified: Yes</p> <p>Recurrent annual funding. Note that this funding does not include the in-kind costs of staffing, such as project supervisory support, Regulatory Services, Technical Officers and Shoal Bay support staff. Not all costs are covered for managing illegally dumped materials including asbestos and chemicals. The intent is to capture all these costs for next year's budget cycle, so we have a true understanding the financial impact of conducting the PCCU.</p> <p>Existing Position No: Multiple</p> <p>Contractor: Contractors to be engaged for some aspects of the project.</p>
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	<p>Legislation: <i>Waste Management and Pollution Control Act 1998</i></p> <p>Policy: No 006 - Environment – General Policy No 054 - Waste Management</p>
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	<p>Engagement Level: Consult and Inform</p> <p>Tactics: As above</p> <p>Internal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHS Manager

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training Officer • Corporate and Procurement Services Department • Senior Coordinator City Maintenance • Executive Manager Marketing, Communications and Engagement • Staff and Elected Members <p>External:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Larrakeyah Defence Precinct • Helping People Achieve (HPA) • Council on The Ageing NT (COTA) • Community
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	<p>The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).</p>

15.4 CIVIC CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT PUBLIC CONSULTATION UPDATE

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Authoriser: Acting General Manager Corporate

Attachments: 1. Civic Centre Redevelopment - Stage 1 Community Consultation Report [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the report Civic Centre Redevelopment Public Consultation Report be received and noted.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the outcomes of the stage 1 community consultation undertaken for the Civic Centre Redevelopment project.

KEY ISSUES

- The existing civic centre does not meet the current or future needs of our community and is beyond its serviceable life.
- City of Darwin is intending on redeveloping the current building and has sought the community's aspirations to inform the functional design brief for the project.
- Community consultation was undertaken between 17 February and 20 March 2022.
- The report recommends further consultation with key stakeholders as the Civic Centre Redevelopment project develops.

DISCUSSION

City of Darwin is redeveloping the Darwin Civic Centre, which is located next to Civic Park in the Darwin central business district (CBD). Council has committed \$30 million to this significant project, which will be central to City of Darwin's approach to economic recovery, jobs and CBD enhancement.

The new Civic Centre will provide new offices and a state-of-the-art Council Chambers and is anticipated to offer public spaces for exhibitions, events, library services. Along with its proximity to, and as part of the Civic and State Square Masterplan redevelopment, the new civic centre will be an important and valued public asset into the future.

Consultation for this project was planned over two stages to ensure community aspirations were reflected in the design of this important community facility. The methodology for Stage 1 community consultation focused on inspiring the community on the potential for public spaces in the new Civic Centre.

The Stage 1 community consultation was conducted over a four week period from 17 February 2022 to 20 March 2022 and this report provides analysis of the consultation outcomes and recommendations for Council's consideration.

The consultation report at **Attachment 1** provides details of the stage 1 consultation process and the feedback received from the community. Feedback from staff will form part of a future report. The Executive Summary of the consultation report will be used to inform functional design brief development.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	1 A capital city with best practice and sustainable infrastructure 1.1 By 2030, a number of strategic infrastructure projects will be developed and delivered
BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	Budget/Funding: \$30 Million Is Funding identified: Yes Existing Position No: Nil Contractor: Nil
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	Legislation: Nil Policy: 025 Community Engagement Policy
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	Engagement Level: Consult Tactics: Open public consultation and approach specific stakeholders Internal: Consultation at the involved level for staff is being managed separate to the public consultation. External: Urban Development Institute of Australia NT, LGANT, NTG, Darwin Retailers Association, and wider Darwin community

DECLARATION OF INTEREST	<p>The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).</p>
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City of Darwin

Civic Centre Redevelopment

Stage 1 Community Consultation Report

Prepared by True North Strategic Communication

May 2022

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V2	21/7/2022	True North			
V3					

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Consultation statement

True North Strategic Communication is guided by the principles of good community engagement, based on people's level of interest and concern as outlined by the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2).

Our role is to provide stakeholders and the general public with objective information, so they can provide informed feedback on consultation projects. We give people the opportunity to provide input that is balanced and reflective of the range of community views to independently provide the best possible guidance to decision makers.

Our practice reflects professional standards and ethical standards for human research including anonymity, confidentiality, record storage and keeping people informed.



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Executive Summary

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Consultation for this project was planned over two stages to ensure community aspirations were reflected in the design of this important community facility. The methodology for Stage 1 community consultation focused on inspiring the community on the potential for public spaces in the new Civic Centre.

The Stage 1 community consultation was conducted over a four week period from 17 February 2022 to 20 March 2022 and this report provides analysis of the consultation outcomes and recommendations for Council's consideration.

Consultation

The **goal** of Stage 1 community consultation was to explore aspirational ideas on the public access areas within Darwin's new Civic Centre.

The **objectives** for Stage 1 community consultation were to:

- introduce the Civic Centre Redevelopment project to the community and stakeholders
- promote the new Civic Centre being central to City of Darwin's approach to economic recovery, jobs and CBD enhancement
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Tools and tactics for the consultation included:

- media release
- Engage Darwin website page
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- fact sheet
- stakeholder emails
- eNewsletter
- social media
- survey
- Tree of Big Ideas - community displays.



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Ideas

The community provided ideas based on the themes of celebrate, learn, collaborate, play, meet, honour and remember. The top two ideas for each theme collated from all of the feedback were:

Celebrate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event and function spaces • Expand the event space and infrastructure in Civic Park 	Learn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modern, upgraded library space • Cutting edge technology in all facilities 	Collaborate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting rooms for community use • Community engagement spaces
Play <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground/play areas for children • Specialty gardens 	Meet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shady outdoor spaces/landscaped gardens • Cafe/restaurant 	Honour and remember <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aboriginal/Larrakia focus and input • Public art/artwork

Design

Tropical was the strongest theme presented for the design of the new building and landscaping. There was a desire for open, cool and inviting indoor and outdoor spaces designed for the Darwin climate with climate change factored in. The outdoor green spaces are an important element for the community with a strong desire for shady, cool, landscaped areas to rest, play and meet. Other important elements included:

- capturing our unique Darwin culture and history
- celebrating Larrakia people



- including artistic elements.

Importance is placed on having Larrakia involved in developing the project and included in the design of the building. For example, a 'yarning circle' was suggested as an idea from the Tree of Big Ideas (see right). Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority provided details for applying to get an overview of any sacred sites registered in the area.



Sustainability

Sustainability was a value held strongly by the community. It was rated as the most important feature to be considered in the design and it was a strong focus for ensuring the building will meet the needs of the community for the next 50 years.

Community spaces

The library is the reason most respondents visit the Civic Centre. There is excitement for a new and improved modern library with enhanced library services.

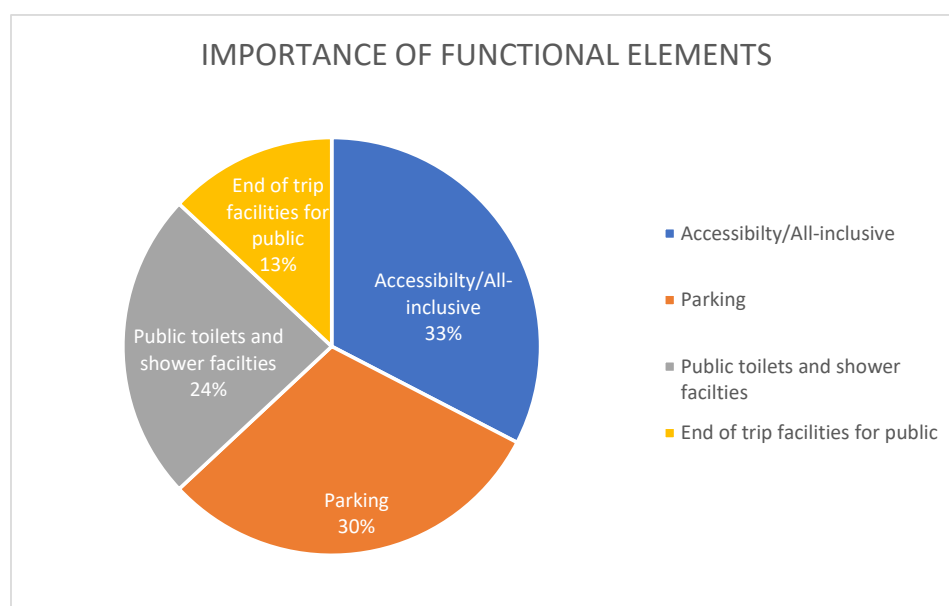
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A lot of people were keen to see a café or restaurant included in the new Civic Centre. Some ideas included a rooftop restaurant with gardens, library café and an indoor/outdoor café with a play centre.

Function

The following functional elements were considered most important for the new Civic Centre:





Looking to the future

Sustainability and planning for climate change were considered key factors to ensuring the building meets the needs of the community for the next 50 years. Suggestions included:

- make it a zero-carbon footprint space
- plan for climate change
- sustainable use of water in the design
- green space and sustainable, low energy practices – be a leader and showcase tropical design that encourages community use and interaction.

Recommendations

Based on the information gathered during this consultation, it is recommended that:

- City of Darwin consult further with key stakeholders, including five key stakeholders who requested a briefing on the project – Urban Development Institute of Australia NT, Local Government Association of the NT, Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics, Darwin City Retailers Association and Planning Action Network NT (PLAN NT)
- the community and staff feedback is used to inform the function building requirements and concept designs of the new Civic Centre
- City of Darwin sources an abstract of records application to get an overview of any sacred sites registered in the area.

Recommendations to consider for Stage 2 of the community consultation for the Civic Centre include:

- informing the community of how their feedback from Stage 1 was used in the building concept design
- providing opportunity for comment on the building concept designs
- an inclusive approach to prompt feedback from a wide range of the community, including:
 - videos hosted on the Engagement HQ site and used in social media to promote the consultation and encourage feedback
 - videos to include subtitles and an Auslan interpreter version
 - radio media advertisements and videos to include voice overs in Indigenous languages supplied by the Aboriginal Interpreter Service.





Background

Council has committed \$30 million to build a new state-of-the-art Civic Centre and create new public spaces, linked to Civic Park and the Civic and State Square Masterplan project that is being developed under the Darwin City Deal.

This significant project will be central to City of Darwin's approach to economic recovery, jobs and CBD enhancement. The new Civic Centre will provide new offices and a state-of-the-art Council Chambers, and it will be an important and valued public asset into the future.

The new Civic Centre will remain in Civic Park, a strategic location connected to the CBD, Darwin Waterfront and Parliament House.

The project will include augmented parking to allow for increased parking opportunities for community events in Council's Civic or Festival Park. Additional car parking could also provide overflow parking for the Waterfront Precinct, with easy access via the walkway from Civic Park and Harry Chan Avenue.

In February 2022 Rossi Architects were engaged to scope the Functional Design Brief (FDB) for the new Civic Centre. Rossi Architects have held workshops with Elected Members during the consultation period.

An Expression of Interest was released in February 2022 to explore industry capability and availability in relation to the new building. Options will include exploring the benefits that industry innovation can bring to a development of this nature.

Staff consultation occurred in October 2021 with a consultation report produced, and the outcomes were used to inform the strategy for this Stage 1 community consultation.

Stage 1 community consultation focused on inspiring the community on the potential for new public spaces in the new Civic Centre. The consultation was conducted over a four week period from 17 February 2022 to 20 March 2022. This report provides details of the consultation process and analysis of the consultation outcomes and recommendations for Council's consideration.

The outcomes from the staff, stakeholder, Elected Member and community consultations will be used to inform the FDB being completed by Rossi Architects and the future design of the Civic Centre.

Approach

Goal and objectives

The **goal** of Stage 1 of the Civic Centre redevelopment community consultation was to capture internal, stakeholder and community needs and aspirational ideas on the public access areas within Darwin's new Civic Centre.

The **objectives** for Stage 1 community consultation were to:

- introduce the Civic Centre Redevelopment project to the community and stakeholders
- promote the new Civic Centre being central to City of Darwin's approach to economic recovery, jobs and CBD enhancement
- promote the connection of this important and valued community asset and how it is linked to the Civic and State Square Masterplan
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Engagement Level

True North adheres to the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) spectrum of participation. This engagement was conducted at the level of **inform** and **consult**.

Level of Engagement	Promise to the Public
Inform	We will keep you informed
Consult	We will keep you informed, listen to your concerns and provide feedback on how the public's input influenced the decision
Involve	We will work with you to ensure your concerns are reflected in the alternatives developed, and provide feedback on how the public's input influenced the decision
Collaborate	We will look to you for advice, ideas and solutions and incorporate those into the decisions as much as possible
Empower	We will implement what you decide
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Method

The methodology for this first stage of consultation focused on inspiring the community on the potential for new public spaces in the new Civic Centre and promote 'blue sky thinking'. These ideas were to inform Council of community aspirations and guide decision making on the new facilities to include in the design of the new building.

The consultation was conducted over a four week period and included the following tools and tactics:





Media release

A media release announcing the start of the consultation was pitched to media through City of Darwin's media team and secured coverage in the *Northern Territory News*.

Social media

City of Darwin's Facebook page was used to promote the consultation, with one post released per week during the four week consultation. Each of the four posts promoted awareness of the project and involvement in the consultation, received a total of 57 likes, one comment and were shared by 19 people.

Engage Darwin

The Engage Darwin site was used as the online engagement platform and included project information, FAQs, fact sheet, survey, online 'Tree of Big Ideas' via the ideas tool and consultation details. The Engage Darwin eNewsletter was sent to all registered participants, reaching about 2100 people. There were 330 visits to the Engage Darwin page with 79 surveys completed and five ideas added to the online Tree of Big Ideas.

FAQs

FAQs were developed to provide more detailed information about the project. There were 13 FAQs with topics including: why Council chose a full redevelopment rather than an upgrade to existing building, community engagement process, project funding, site location, preserving the Tree of Knowledge and the project stages.

Survey

A survey was available on the Engage Darwin site and in hard copy at the Tree of Big Ideas community display sites. The survey was targeted at residents, businesses and stakeholders and included questions about the current and future facilities, features, services and functions for the Darwin Civic Centre.

Fact sheet

A four page fact sheet provided background information on the project, progress to date, and details of the consultation process. The fact sheet was available electronically and in hard copy.

Stakeholder emails

Emails were sent to 67 stakeholders providing project information, a link to the Engage Darwin site, and inviting participation in the consultation. Key stakeholders were offered a briefing to take place after the end of Stage 1 consultation.

Tree of Big Ideas

Displays were set up at six locations across Darwin:

- Civic Centre
- Casuarina Library
- Nightcliff Library
- Karama Library
- Nightcliff Pool
- Parap Pool.

The displays were located in the high use community facilities to attract feedback from community members who may not usually participate in online engagement. The displays included a poster, fact sheet, hard copy surveys and the feature engagement tool – the Tree of Big Ideas.

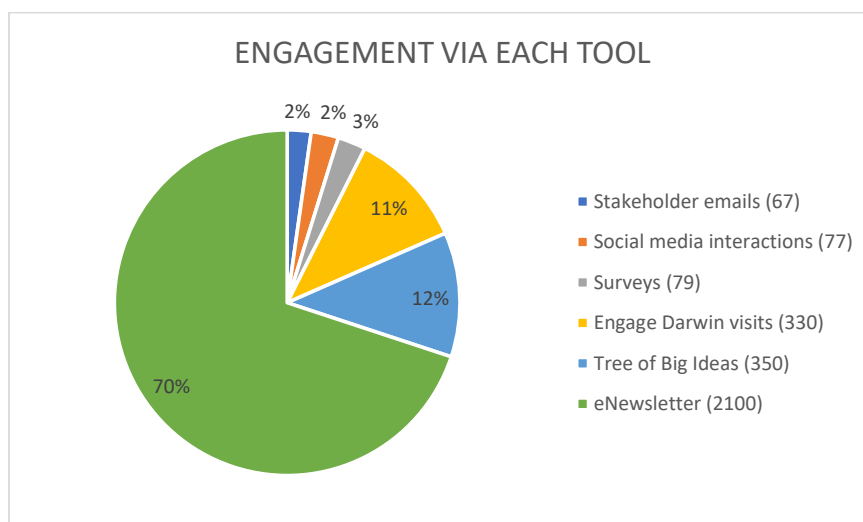


Community members were encouraged to write their ideas for the new Civic Centre on a leaf and add it to the tree. A total of 350 ideas were written up on leaves and attached to the Tree of Big Ideas in these six locations.



Photos: Tree of Big Ideas at Nightcliff Pool and Parap Pool

The graphic below shows the amount of engagement with the community and stakeholders via the different engagement tools and tactics:



Stakeholders

Stakeholders from the following stakeholder groups were provided information about the project and invited to provide feedback through the consultation process. Key stakeholders were identified and offered a briefing once the Stage 1 community consultation ended. City of Darwin – elected members, staff and advisory committees relevant to youth, access, history, arts and cultural development



- Northern Territory Government – all Members of the Legislative Assembly and relevant Ministers
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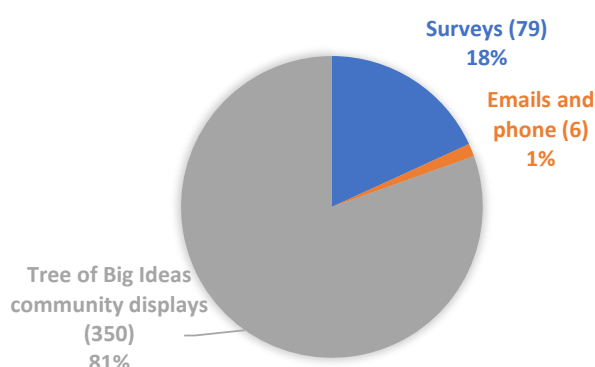
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MAIN METHODS OF FEEDBACK

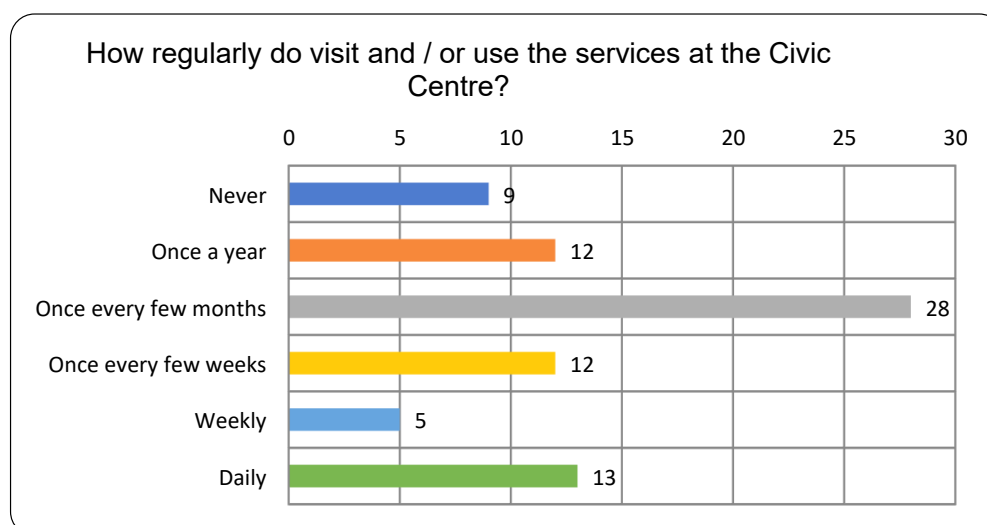


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The following analysis has been collated based on the feedback from all methods of engagement.

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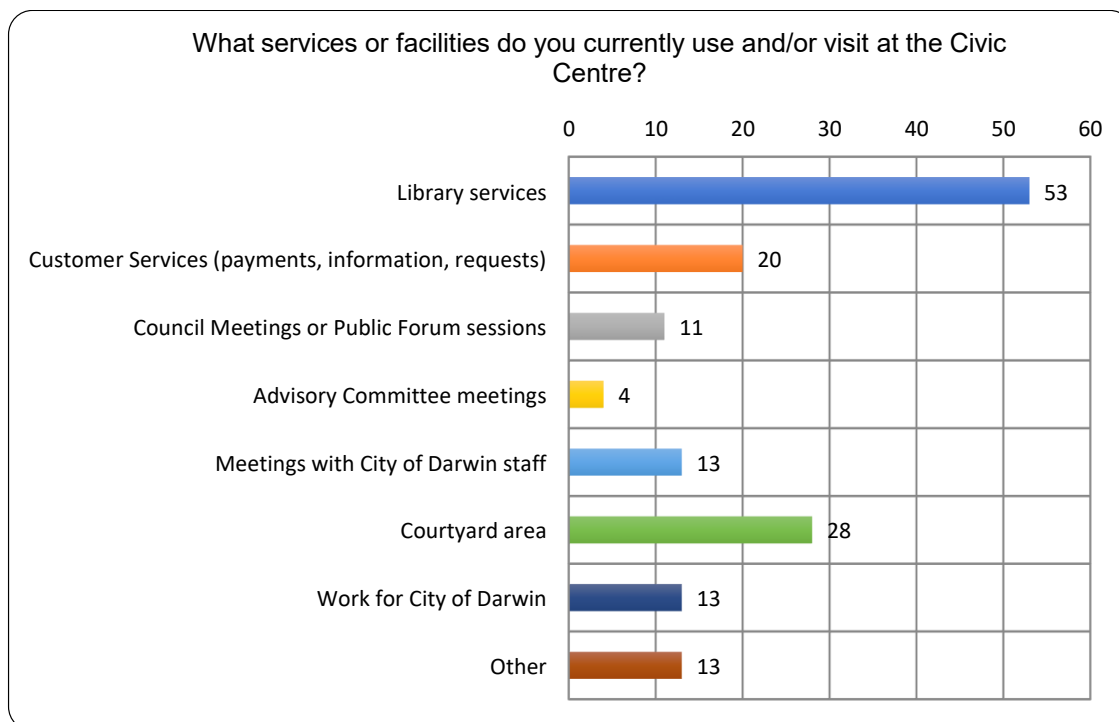
The survey showed varying use of the current Civic Centre, with most respondents (28 respondents) using it every few months.



Current use of services



The chart below shows the main reason survey respondents visit the Civic Centre is for the library services (48 responses), followed by using the courtyard area (27 responses) and accessing customer services (19 responses).



Priorities for new Civic Centre

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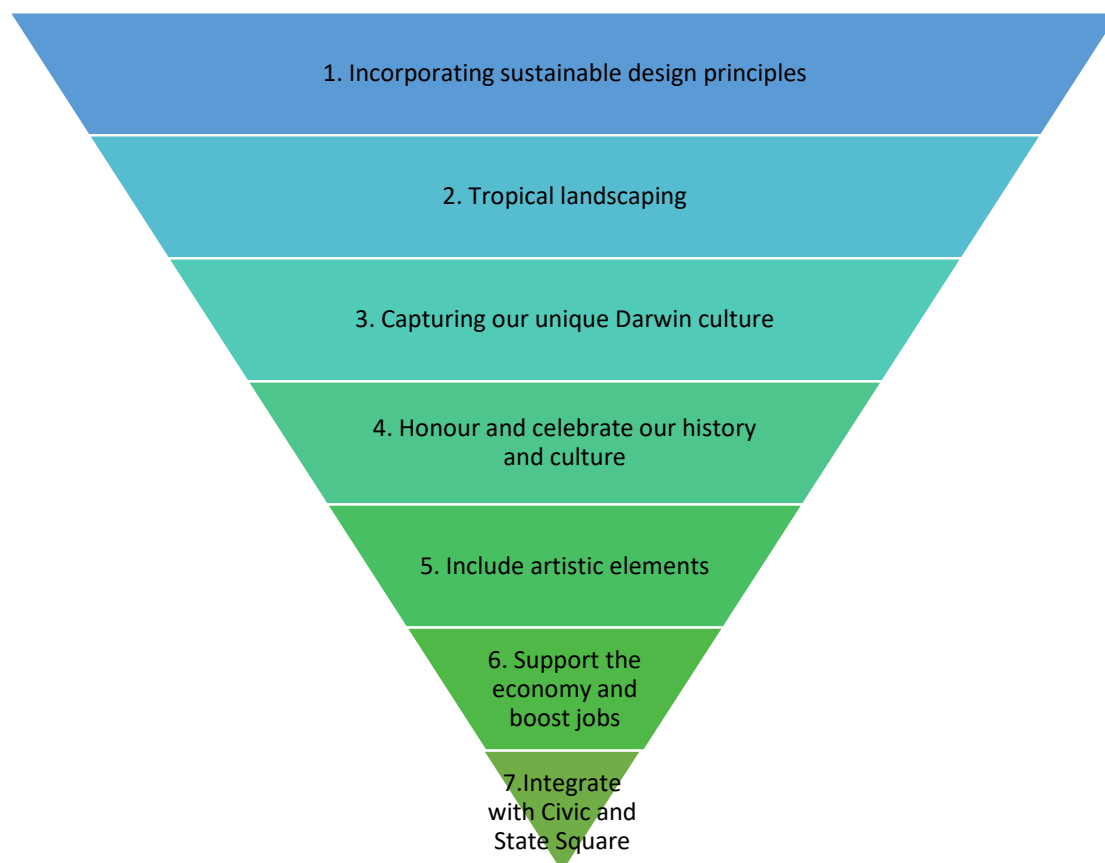
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Survey respondents rated the importance of the following features, shown below ranked from most important:



Ideas

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A total of 613 ideas were provided in total, collated from the 350 ideas written on leaves from the Tree of Big Ideas at community displays at six locations across Darwin and 263 ideas sourced from the survey responses and the ideas tool on Engage Darwin.

The following table shows the top responses for each theme (listed from highest priority as sub categories), with greater detail for each one provided below.



CELEBRATE

- event and functions spaces
- expand the event space and infrastructure in Civic Park
- host and support community events
- open air or indoor/outdoor event venue
- recording and rehearsal studio

LEARN

- modern, upgraded library space
- cutting edge technology in all facilities
- quiet spaces
- open and social spaces that encourage interaction
- interactive/educational/audio displays

COLLABORATE

- meeting rooms for community use
- community engagement
- youth spaces/hub
- retail space

PLAY

- playground/play areas for children
- specialty gardens
- skate park/bike tracks
- spaces for adult classes and exercise

MEET

- green space/shady outdoor spaces/landscaped gardens
- cafe/restaurant
- public dialogue space/a yarnning circle

HONOUR AND REMEMBER

- Aboriginal/Larrakia focus and input
- public art/artwork/photographic displays/gallery space
- memorabilia/plaques/honour boards/interactive displays
- Tree of Knowledge



The top responses provided during the consultation have been collated as sub categories identified for each of the six main themes and are listed below.

Celebrate

Event and functions spaces (37 responses)	Expand event space and infrastructure in Civic Park (16 responses)	Host and support community events (15 responses)	Open air or indoor/outdoor event space (6 responses)	Recording and rehearsal studio (5 responses)
<p>Available and affordable for community groups</p> <p>Community performance space - music performances, plays, spoken word events</p> <p>Town hall</p> <p>Include catering space and in-house bar</p> <p>Include appropriate technology</p>	<p>Embrace and complement Darwin Festival</p> <p>Better toilets, power and water to handle capacity</p>	<p>City night markets, festivals, parades, dance night, citizenship ceremonies, forums, weddings, concerts, live performances, festivals, youth events, seniors' events</p> <p>Events about things that shaped Darwin e.g. Bombing of Darwin, Cyclone Tracy</p>	<p>Design that bridges indoor/outdoor spaces. It would need to have good lighting and sound equipment</p> <p>Open air tropical venue design</p>	<p>Bookable recording studios for amateur musicians and artists</p>

Other

- 'It would be far greater value to Darwin if the money was directed toward improving the attractiveness of Darwin to visitors and tourists. In particular, invest in irrigation to keep the grass on verges of the city entrances green.'
- 'Plenty of other spaces available in the region.'



Learn

Modern, upgraded library space (24 responses)	Cutting edge technology in all facilities (9 responses)	Quiet spaces (9 responses)	Open and social spaces that encourage interaction (6 responses)	Interactive/ educational/ audio displays (6 responses)
<p>Interactive experiential discovery library - cutting edge learning through technology such as virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR), banks of computers, wireless printing</p> <p>Reformulate NT's flagship library. Effective libraries these days are technological hubs and learning centres</p> <p>Include a community centre and larger library. The two features could be combined to utilise space better.</p> <p>Enticing for work, relaxing and stopping out of the heat</p> <p>Outdoor/organic library - a unique library to encourage more reading and learning in an outdoor setting</p> <p>Late night access to library</p>	<p>Provide up to date technology in all facilities i.e. the required technology in event spaces and meeting rooms</p> <p>Access to technology is vital - wifi, but also audio/visual equipment and spaces where people might record/vlog or interact with electronic learning content</p> <p>Interactive technology for research and for people to provide feedback</p> <p>24hr access to 240 volt power to run laptops and projectors</p>	<p>For study and writing</p> <p>Private rooms or studios that can be hired on a casual basis</p> <p>Safe, quiet and accessible space with power outlets, free wifi</p> <p>Dedicated study space for middle and high school students</p>	<p>It needs to look beautiful and inviting and be a place where people want to spend time. The area also needs to facilitate group learning by having break-out areas and designs that have discreet areas for people to spend time.</p> <p>Gallery or communal spaces to display information and for people to gather</p> <p>Community spaces to share skills</p>	<p>Changing displays and educational tools on a range of key topics e.g. democracy/voting in the elections, recycling, Aboriginal knowledge sharing</p> <p>Local information for locals as well as tourists</p> <p>Audio recording about the history and culture of the site</p> <p>A small interactive museum that details the stories of the site and histories of Darwin residents who have parks and roads etc named after them</p>

Other

- Learning is not the function unless it is about local government. The library provides that function (2 responses)
- Complement rather than mirror the facilities that will be available at the CBD, CDU and Parliament House (2 responses)

**Collaborate**

Meeting rooms (47 responses)	Community engagement (8 responses)	Youth spaces (7 responses)	Retail spaces (7 responses)
<p>To workshop and collaborate with business, community and council</p> <p>Co-locate with other business or government agencies</p> <p>Breakout spaces/alcoves/small meeting pods</p> <p>A think tank type of lab that encourages innovation and creativity</p> <p>Free meeting spaces available after hours — it is very hard to find affordable venue hire for community organisations in Darwin</p> <p>Maker-space (a place for hands-on learning with all the tools for creativity)</p> <p>Include appropriate technology</p>	<p>Enough space for public in Council Chambers</p> <p>Councillor offices to meet with constituents</p> <p>Dedicated computer/ipad to see consultations and fill out surveys</p> <p>Facilities to capture/record feedback from those who aren't literate (audio/video)</p> <p>Community forums with elected members, can be all of council or ward by ward</p> <p>Town hall debates during elections</p> <p>Volunteer opportunities</p>	<p>Youth centre for teenagers to go and hang out</p> <p>Replacement for The Shack</p> <p>Youth hub to have a publishing and community radio with recording suite, sound booth, and video editing facilities with collaborative think tank meeting space</p> <p>Rock climbing wall, fishing museum, indoor theatre/cinema, dance/ exercise hall, green room/space for meditation/tech free time</p>	<p>Big W</p> <p>Adult entertainment facility</p> <p>Candy shop</p> <p>Teddy bear shop</p> <p>Space for tour operators</p> <p>Petbarn</p> <p>Lego world/store</p>

Other (all single responses)

- 'Everything we need we have. It's not clear what council wants to achieve. Another concrete building? Create more parks!'
- Spaces that advocate for the range of groups and services catered for with the functioning of the Civic Centre e.g. cultural, sport, CoD services, history etc.
- Childcare/creche.



Play

Playground/play areas for children (44 responses)	Specialty Gardens (18 responses)	Skate park (12 responses)	Bike tracks (6 responses)	Space for adult classes and exercise (6 responses)
<p>Undercover/indoor play areas</p> <p>Nature playground with aerial climb, rock climb - eco friendly</p> <p>Adventurous as well as quiet spaces</p> <p>Shaded and natural</p> <p>Indoor and airconditioned</p>	<p>Children's, sensory, play, Japanese</p> <p>Community garden – a great way to connect and learn. A garden that teaches the community about sustainability is an invaluable learning resource</p> <p>Adventure/ exploratory garden</p> <p>Children's garden with a small water feature and a place to cool off</p> <p>Fairy garden</p> <p>Dinosaur/dragon garden</p> <p>Living walls (vertical gardens inside and outside the building)</p> <p>Green clean multi-aged chill areas</p>	<p>Creating and designing a great skatepark (could be in the shape of a croc 😊) in a great location (public transport friendly/car parking/bike path access). Skateparks have proven to be great places to socialise, grow as a human, overcome challenges and intermingle with people of all ages and nationalities</p> <p>Skate area that fosters community. Skateboards and roller skaters are interesting to watch and bring play and joy to open urban spaces</p>	<p>Shaded bike paths and tracks for kids</p>	<p>Gardening, cooking, basic home maintenance, how to adult</p> <p>Meditation area</p> <p>Cater for the elderly</p>



Other

- water play or small pool for kids (4 responses)
- gaming room (2 responses)
- theatre/cinema (2 responses)
- toy library (1 response)
- small interactive museum (1 response)
- outdoor chess set (1 response)
- billiards (1 response)
- Ferris wheel (1 response)

Meet

Green space/shady outdoor spaces/landscaped gardens (47 responses)	Café/restaurant (44 responses)	Public dialogue space/a yarnning circle (4 responses)
<p>Beautiful, landscaped grounds. Council should show off their parks, greening and maintenance skills through lush parks and gardens</p> <p>Nice grounds that link seamlessly with State Square</p> <p>Park and open space areas with adjacent cafes / bars / restaurants</p> <p>Open, comfortable, tables, BBQ facilities, seating, toilets, shaded, trees and plants</p> <p>Landscaping that allows us to learn about and interact with native plants and Larrakia history and culture</p> <p>Outdoor gazebos that are shaded with fans. These can be used as both places to sit and rest at lunch time or for classes like yoga</p>	<p>With seating outside that is shaded, protected from the elements, and with air flow</p> <p>Library café</p> <p>Outdoor café with a play centre</p> <p>Rooftop restaurant with gardens</p>	<p>Permanent benches or a concrete step that can be used for seating. This space can be used to have conversations and storytelling about issues that matter. Especially as the pace of change is so fast and politics is polarising</p>



Tropical! We need a beautiful garden and lots of shady trees		
Water feature		

Other

- not at Civic Centre, this is not the business of Council
- areas where I don't feel I'm under surveillance
- safe spaces without fear of violence

Honour and remember

Aboriginal/Larrakia focus and input (22 responses)	Public art/artwork/photographic displays / gallery space (21 responses)	Memorabilia/plaques honour boards/interactive displays (11 responses)	Tree of Knowledge (5 responses)
<p>Ensure strong Larrakia advisory in the design of the Centre</p> <p>Larrakia history, Tiwi visitors, Aboriginal soldiers</p> <p>NT Aboriginal/cultural centre - history, art, cinema, experience, languages, info</p> <p>Artwork based on rich Indigenous history</p> <p>If you're not Larrakia you shouldn't be making any decisions about</p>	<p>Permanent exhibition space indoors and outdoors</p> <p>Pictures of lord mayors and council members</p> <p>Memorial sculptures/artwork</p> <p>Gold rush and the Chinese, our first Australian Chinese Mayor</p> <p>Eras - pre-war, war to Cyclone Tracy, Tracy to gas</p> <p>Need advice from appropriate Heritage Council, Department, architects</p>	<p>More prominent displays for the gifts to the City of Darwin</p> <p>Interactive (update regularly) displays that focus on a range of pioneering families and the establishment of their businesses that contributed to the growth of Darwin</p> <p>Such as the interactive displays at the Flying Doctors at the Wharf</p> <p>Displays of Darwin throughout the years</p>	<p>Honour the Tree of Knowledge</p> <p>Do something spectacular with the Tree of Knowledge</p>



<p>what represents Larrakia history and culture</p> <p>Engage all Larrakia peoples from the start, not just Larrakia Nation</p> <p>Document Songlines — ask Bilawara about these</p> <p>An email response from AAPA provided the details for abstract of records application to get an overview of any sacred sites registered in the area.</p>	<p>An interactive historical walk featuring art and displays that can be illuminated at night, that tell a story of the history of the site</p> <p>The old WWII plaques are below council chambers, these should play a role in the redevelopment</p>	<p>Video displays, artifices, war relics</p>	
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Other

- Darwin does this too much. We need to move on from being obsessed with WWII and Cyclone Tracy. Look to the future not the past (2 responses)
- The Civic Centre is a place of business, museums are for honouring and our past. Stop trying to be fancy and recreate place that already exist (1 response)



Elected member and staff interactions

Suggested ways for the community to interact with staff and Elected Members include:

- adequate meeting space for Councillors and staff with a number of smaller meeting areas
- informal and open spaces
- more online assistance and systems
- face to face with electronic options available
- set times when Elected Members are available to drop in
- Councillor's currently part time, consider it becoming a full time role requiring office space and staff support.

Design

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- capturing our unique Darwin culture and history
- celebrating Larrakia people
- including artistic elements.

Importance is placed on having Larrakia involved in developing the project and included in the design of the building. Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority provided details for applying to get an overview of any sacred sites registered in the area.

Comments included:

- Indoor and outdoor spaces. It is integral that the building is designed for the climate of Darwin. If the fundamental design principles aren't correct from the start any outdoor use spaces will become obsolete.
- Open, inviting, cool (temperature), unique and intertwined with the landscape
- Modern, contemporary building incorporating the Civic Park area and access to the mall, Brown's Mart etc.
- Utilise space better with three story building and multi-story car park.
- Multi-story (smaller footprint), landscaped gardens and water features. Beautiful, covered arbours (e.g. Southbank Brisbane) with bougainvillea that created connectivity around the civic site and connect to state square and waterfront.
- 100% eco building, local materials and labour, solar.
- Connect to other parts of the city e.g. bus transport, Waterfront, Parliament House, CBD in a way that flows, is safe, inclusive and shady.
- A connection to Brown's Mart and future local arts precinct in Harry Chan Ave.

One email response emphasised the importance of considering future scenarios to inform the planning of the design. Key points were:

- consider Council's future shape, size and purpose in 50 years. How do Council responsibilities evolve and expand?
- consider numerous possible scenarios for Darwin over the next 50 years, including;
 - successful local government evolution or remain parks, pools and parking?



- Darwin becoming a garrison town
- NT having \$40 billion economy by 2030 and increased population
- more boom and bust cycles
- the problems of the local, territory and federal jurisdiction will increase. How can cooperation be increased?
- o if these scenarios are to happen, then an appropriate building must be designed to cater for expanding administrative function and incredible flexibility.

Function

The following elements were important to the community regarding the function of the new Civic Centre:

ACCESSIBILITY / ALL-INCLUSIVE (15 Responses)	PUBLIC TOILETS AND SHOWER FACILITIES (11 responses)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • wheelchair access and interactive for people with disability • access arrangements for old and people with disability integrated into the design so they do not stand out • shady access points for people with disability • accessible ramps to all levels for staff and visitors, important as during an emergency a lift cannot be used • a park for children with disability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • suitable toilets for people with disability • gender neutral toilets • changing rooms • baby change facilities
PARKING (14 responses)	END OF TRIP FACILITIES FOR PUBLIC (6 responses)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • plenty of parking • shaded parking and free parking for staff • bike, scooter and motorbike parking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bicycle storage, showers, lockers, it would encourage active transport • features that help the public get active • more public transport/access for public transport

Looking to the future

Sustainability was a value held strongly by the community. It was rated as the most important feature to be considered in design and it was a strong focus for ensuring the building will meet the needs of the community for the next 50 years.

Comments included:

- make it a zero-carbon footprint space
- plan for climate change – increases in temperature, possible flooding and more cyclones
- sustainable use of water in the design
- ensure whole of life maintenance plan
- the structural grid should allow for modification into residential uses in the future



- eScooter and eBike areas, eCar charging areas
- Larrakia Nation and Larrakia Development involvement within the Council work opportunities, training opportunities
- consider how the space can adapt to changing technologies
- green space and sustainable, low energy practices – be a leader and showcase tropical design that encourages community use and interaction

Recommendations

Based on the information gathered during this consultation, it is recommended that:

- City of Darwin consult further with key stakeholders, including five key stakeholders who indicated they would like a briefing on the project – Urban Development Institute of Australia NT, Local Government Association of the NT, Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics, Darwin City Retailers Association and Planning Action Network NT (PLAN NT)
- the community and staff feedback is used to inform the function building requirements and concept designs of the new Civic Centre
- City of Darwin sources an abstract of records application to get an overview of any sacred sites registered in the area.

Recommendations to consider for Stage 2 of the community consultation for the Civic Centre include:

- informing the community of how their feedback from Stage 1 was used in the building concept design
- providing opportunity for comment on the building concept designs
- an inclusive approach to prompt feedback from a wide range of the community, including:
 - videos hosted on the Engagement HQ site and used in social media to promote the consultation and encourage feedback
 - videos to include subtitles and an Auslan interpreter version
 - radio media advertisements and videos to include voice overs in Indigenous languages supplied by the Aboriginal Interpreter Service.



Appendix A – Communication material



Civic Centre Redevelopment logo – inspired by the Tree of Knowledge

Fact sheet





Project values

The new Civic Centre will be more than just an office building, it will be the new heart of the community in the Darwin CBD.

Council has identified values to guide this important development, including that the Civic Centre needs to:

- recognise the local traditional owners, the Larrakia people, and their cultural values
- celebrate and promote Darwin's history
- create tourism opportunities
- enable and enhance public access and involvement in civic life, such as Council meetings, forums and activities.

Other ideas to explore include the potential for more public spaces for exhibitions, a conventional town hall that could be used for weddings and official functions, and the City Library, for the community to use and enjoy.

The Tree of Knowledge will be protected and become a feature as part of the Civic Centre redevelopment.

The ancient Larrakia tree is culturally significant to the Larrakia people, who know it as 'Galarmarra', and it is believed to have been well established by 1898 as part of the remnant raintree in the original town of Palmerston – now Darwin.

Located in the courtyard of the existing Civic Centre, the tree of knowledge was originally on the site of the old terminus hotel in Darwin's old Christown and was used as a meeting place, postal address and community notice board.

The terminus Hotel was demolished after closing in November 1911 and in 1919 community pressure saw plans for a new Civic Centre in Darwin altered by three metres to protect the tree as a significant part of Darwin's history and heritage.

Galarmarra has survived to remind us of our past, including three very destructive cyclones, one of which was Cyclone Tracy on Christmas Day 1974, World War II bombings and a fire that destroyed Christown.

Our Tree of Knowledge (Galarmarra)



Tree of Knowledge 1915.



Tree of Knowledge today.

Celebrate
How could you celebrate special events at the new heart of Darwin's CBD?

Collaborate
What spaces could help you collaborate with your community, business partners and your Council?

Learn
What would a space look like to help you, your family and community learn in Darwin's CBD?

Meet
Where would you like to meet with your friends, family and community members in the new heart of Darwin's CBD?

Honour and Remember
How can we honour and remember our history and our culture in the new Civic Centre?

Play
What places would you like to play in of the new heart of Darwin's CBD?

Tree of Big Ideas
Have your say
We want to hear your big ideas for our new Civic Centre.

Head to the following locations to add your ideas to our Tree of Big Ideas:

- Consensus Library
- Darwin City Library
- Kalamia Library
- Highfield Library
- Highfield Pool
- Peppin Pool

You can also provide your feedback through one of the following options:
engage.darwin.nt.gov.au/civic-centre
Email: feedback@truenorthcomm.com.au
Phone: 8981 6445
Community engagement will be open from 17 February to 20 March 2022.

Have your say

City of Darwin is in the early planning stages of the redevelopment to scope the functional building requirements.

An Expression of Interest will be released in February to explore the capability and availability for the new building. Options will include exploring the benefits that industry innovation can bring to such an important landmark development of this nature.

Council is asking the Darwin community what they would like to see included in the landmark building that will add value to the Darwin CBD and meet the needs of current and future generations of residents.

City of Darwin would like to hear from residents and community groups, as well as businesses and key stakeholders of the area about what they would like to see in the new Civic Centre.



Civic Centre site, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin City

There are several ways you can provide your feedback.

You can provide your feedback using one of the methods below or by visiting our Tree of Big Ideas at your local Library or swimming pool.

engage.darwin.nt.gov.au/civic-centre
Email: feedback@truenorthcomm.com.au
Phone: 8981 6445
Community engagement will be open from 17 February to 20 March 2022.

CITY OF DARWIN

Social media posts

City of Darwin
Published by Joanne Elizabeth · 2 March ·

Have you seen our Tree of Big Ideas at your local Pool or Library? 🌳

The Darwin Civic Centre is getting a refresh and we want to hear from you all the ways you want to learn, play, meet, collaborate, honour and remember in the new Civic Centre.

If you'd like... a new wedding hall... special meeting rooms for entrepreneurial projects... a high-tech learning space... then head to one of the following locations to tell us your big idea for the new Civic Centre - and add your idea to one of our big idea trees at:

- 🌳 Casuarina Library
- 🌳 Darwin City Library
- 🌳 Karama Library
- 🌳 Nightcliff Library
- 🌳 Nightcliff Pool
- 🌳 Parap Pool

Consultation on redeveloping the Civic Centre is open until 20 March, so make sure you get your idea in before then!

You can also provide input at:



ENGAGE.DARWIN.NT.GOV.AU

Civic Centre Redevelopment

As our city grows and changes so does our need ...

[Learn More](#)

City of Darwin
Published by Joanne Elizabeth · 17 February ·


Play, celebrate, learn and come together in your new home in the heart of Darwin CBD...

City of Darwin are calling all of Darwin to tell us what they want in the new Civic Centre to provide a fun and functional space for the community to come together for generations to come.

From a new playground, state-of-the-art library, drone landing pad or a cafe to catch-up with friends – we want to hear all your big ideas for the new Civic Centre!

Provide your feedback using one of the methods below or by visiting our Tree of Big Ideas at your local library or swimming pool.

<https://engage.darwin.nt.gov.au/civic-centre-redevelopment>
Email: feedback@truenorthcomm.com.au
Phone: 8981 6445



[See insights](#) [Boost post](#)

City of Darwin
Published by Joanne Elizabeth · 11 March ·

Have you told us your big idea... for ways we can play, celebrate, collaborate, learn, meet, honour and remember at our new Civic Centre?


The Civic Centre is an important landmark building for our community and the redevelopment is central to City of Darwin's approach to economic recovery, jobs and CBD enhancement.

Think big and tell us your ideas for how the new Civic Centre can best serve you and future generations.

Provide your feedback using one of the methods below or by visiting our Tree of Big Ideas 🌳 at your local library or swimming pool.

Consultation closes 20 March.

<https://engage.darwin.nt.gov.au/civic-centre-redevelopment>
Email: feedback@truenorthcomm.com.au
Phone: 8981 6445



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Civic Centre Redevelopment

As our city grows and changes so does our need for new and impr...

[See insights](#) [Boost post](#)

1 share

City of Darwin
Published by Joanne Elizabeth · 15 March at 17:05 ·

Think Big! 🌳 There are already some great big ideas on our Tree of Big Ideas. Have told us your idea yet?

Tell us ways you want to learn, play, meet, collaborate, honour and remember in the new Civic Centre.


Consultation for the redevelopment of the Darwin Civic Centre is closing THIS WEEK!

Tell us your big idea for the new Civic Centre by stopping by one of the following locations and adding your idea to one of our big idea trees:

- Casuarina Library
- Darwin City Library
- Karama Library
- Nightcliff Library
- Nightcliff Pool
- Parap Pool

Consultation on the redevelopment of the Civic Centre is open until 20 March.

You can also have your say by visiting <https://engage.darwin.nt.gov.au/civic-centre-redevelopment> or emailing feedback@truenorthcomm.com.au or calling 8981 6445.



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Appendix B – Email responses

Response	Full email	Key points
#1	<p>Need to utilise space better with three story building and multi-story car park. Include a community centre and larger library. The two features could be combined to utilise space better.</p> <p>Need to maximise out door space for use in dry season with plenty of shade structures and seating area.</p> <p>Need to consider recreational or community centre out in the northern suburbs which can be utilised for various options at little or no cost.</p> <p>Palmerston has such facilities and makes them available to various seniors groups with fit for life activities.</p> <p>Darwin is lagging behind on providing these support facilities. The aged group is getting larger.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -three story building and multi-story car park to utilise space better -community centre and larger library -shady outdoor area with seating
#2	<p>Here are some ideas for Civic Park redevelopment. I would like to see more proactive engagement with our adolescents. We have many playgrounds for young children but few facilities to cater for teenagers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - commercial sized rock climbing wall - fishing museum - indoor theatre/cinema - dance/exercise hall - green room/space for meditation/tech free time 	<p>Facilities for youth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - rock climbing wall - fishing museum - indoor theatre/cinema - dance/exercise hall - green room/space for meditation/tech free time
#3	<p>The upgrade of the civic centre is very exciting. It will be great to see the CBD more actively used by all ages. A lot of People here in Darwin would love to see some progress in the infrastructure for an up to date skatepark. Skateboarding, freestyle BMX are now Olympic sports. Logan Martin from QLD is the world champion in BMX. Darwin has indeed already got Jingili and Leanyer skateparks, however they are very basic or outdated.(hence why they are nearly not used).</p> <p>Let me introduce myself,</p> <p>I am xxxxx, Originally from Belgium. Travelled the world for 10 years riding BMX both for fun and professionally. I got stuck in Darwin after meeting the woman of my life. We are expecting a baby this July 😊 I work at the Parap markets on Saturday</p>	<p>Creating and designing a great skatepark (could be in the shape of a croc 😊) in a great location (public transport friendly/car parking/bike path access)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a pump track in asphalt/dirt jumps for all ages - a portable mini ramp that could move between suburbs and installed in different parks - skateparks have proven to be great places to socialise, grow as a human, overcome challenges and intermingle with people of all ages and nationalities.

	<p>doing operations and at Apollo motorhomes in Winnellie during the week.</p> <p>I would really like to be involved in growing the infrastructure here in Darwin. By this I mean:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Creating and designing a great skatepark(could be in the shape of a croc 😊) in a great location(public transport friendly/car parking/bike path access) - a pump track in asphalt/dirt jumps for all ages - a portable mini ramp that could move between suburbs and installed in different parks <p>I have lived and worked in all major cities of Australia and noticed first hand that this country is one of the best in the world when looking at investing in skatepark infrastructure. Adelaide for example has over 30 skateparks ... all well designed with an Australian company called CONVIC. The amount of skateparks in epic beach locations are overwhelmingly used with the youths around Australia. They have also proven to be great places to socialise, grow as a human, overcome challenges and intermingle with people of all ages and nationalities.</p> <p>The person running Build up skateboarding here in Darwin/the owner of House of Darwin and myself would like to sit down with you and look at how we could make this much needed improvement to Darwin happen. I can bring some designs and pictures of what Darwin is missing compared to all other major cities in Australia. The investment needed is reasonable and will for sure also attract people from down south to visit the North in their winter time.</p>	
#4	<p>If the new Civic building is to stand for 50 years then the Council's administrative future shape, size and purpose needs to be considered.</p> <p>Currently the Aldermen are part time, and are in danger of becoming more subservient to a top-down bureaucracy.</p> <p>Can we envisage a structure where the elected representatives of ratepayers overseeing a multi-million-dollar budget would become less of a part</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - consider Council's future shape, size and purpose in 50 years. How do Council responsibilities evolve and expand? - consider numerous possible scenarios for Darwin over the next 50 years, including; successful local government evolution or remain parks, pools and parking?; Darwin becoming a garrison town; NT having \$40 billion economy by 2030

	<p>time job approving the technocrats wishes, to becoming a fulltime job representing ratepayers, requiring office space, secretarial services, staff with employment conditions, and salaries, training etc?</p> <p>How do Council responsibilities evolve and expand?</p> <p>Are there any examples of successful evolution, or will their responsibilities remain traditionally Parks, Pools and Parking etc?</p> <p>If the NT does have a \$40 billion economy by 2030, and a complementary increase in population, then the function of Aldermen, indeed the Council, must expand and change. That is in eight years' time.</p> <p>There are already pressures from FIFO workers, Skilled Migrants, Guest Agricultural Workers, and Semi-skilled Workers from SE Asia. There are also contingents of American Marines which are likely to increase plus an increase in air and sea activity from overseas military forces. Fuel dumps and warehousing of military hardware.</p> <p>Will Darwin become a garrison town?</p> <p>Will Darwin again become a dormitory town like during the IMPEX Gas Plant construction? With the corresponding boom/bust we have recently seen?</p> <p>How will the council's responsibilities expand to enable the increased population enjoy the facilities of our City?</p> <p>While most of these changes are far beyond the control of the City Council the consequences will not be.</p> <p>The problems of the Local, Territory and Federal jurisdiction will increase. How can cooperation be increased?</p> <p>Has any thought been given to the scenarios above?</p> <p>If this is going to happen, then an appropriate building must be designed to cater expanding administrative function and incredible flexibility.</p>	<p>and increased population; more boom and bust cycles; the problems of the Local, Territory and Federal jurisdiction will increase. How can cooperation be increased?.</p> <p>If these scenarios are to happen, then an appropriate building must be designed to cater expanding administrative function and incredible flexibility.</p> <p>- Councillor's currently part time, consider it becoming a full time role requiring office space and staff support.</p> <p>- fond of the existing building.</p>
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	Actually, I am quite fond of the present building.	
Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority	<p>In relation to your proposal, may wish to apply for an <u>abstract of records</u> from AAPA's request for information service.</p> <p>An <u>abstract of records</u> provides an overview of any sacred sites currently registered or recorded in a particular location.</p> <p>If you are interested in seeking an <u>abstract of records</u> please apply via <u>AAPA Online</u>.</p> <p>The cost of an <u>abstract of records</u> is \$28 per parcel, lot or portion.</p> <p>If you have any questions or issues applying for an abstract, please contact the AAPA Registrar on 8999 4359 or email <u>enquiries.aapa@nt.gov.au</u></p>	-details for abstract of records application to get an overview of any sacred sites registered in the area.

Appendix C – Stakeholder list

Stakeholder	Email	Response
City of Darwin		
Elected Members	✓	Workshops (separate to consultation process)
City of Darwin staff	✓	
Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee	✓	
Youth Advisory Committee	✓	
Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee	✓	
Military History Advisory Committee	✓	
RAP Advisory Committee	✓	
NT Government - elected		
Michael Gunner	✓	
Nicole Manison	✓	
Natasha Fyles	✓	
Eva Lawler	✓	
Lauren Moss	✓	
Kate Worden	✓	
Chansey Peach	✓	
Ngaree Ah Kit	✓	
Marie-Clare Boothby	✓	
Joel Bowden	✓	
Lawrence Costa	✓	
Steven Edgington	✓	
Lia Finocchiaro	✓	
Paul Kirby	✓	
NT Government - departments		
Department of the Chief Minister	✓	
Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development	✓	
NT Police Fire and Emergency Services	✓	
Department of Education	✓	
Activate Darwin	✓	
Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics	✓	Requested meeting
Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade	✓	

Department of Education	✓	
Industry and business		
Chamber of Commerce	✓	
Property Council	✓	
Darwin Waterfront Corporation	✓	
Darwin Major Business Group	✓	
Urban Development Industry Association	✓	Requested meeting
Tourism NT	✓	
Darwin City Retailers Association	✓	Requested meeting
Tourism Top End	✓	
Community and interest groups		
Multicultural Council of the NT	✓	
Council of the Aging	✓	
Northern Territory Council of Social Services	✓	
Historical Society of the Northern Territory	✓	
Environment Centre of the NT	✓	
CSIRO - Darwin Living Lab	✓	
The Planning Action Network Group	✓	Interested to stay involved for stage 2
Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation	✓	
Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority	✓	Email response
NT Heritage Council	✓	
National Trust	✓	
CSIRO Darwin Living Lab	✓	
Australian Red Cross	✓	
St Vincent de Paul Society	✓	
Anglicare NT	✓	
Somerville Community Services	✓	
Catholic Care NT	✓	
NT Shelter	✓	
The Y NT	✓	
Mission Australia	✓	
DiversAbility Collective	✓	
Anti-Discrimination Commission	✓	
Australian Library Association NT	✓	

Life Without Barriers	✓	
Local Government Association of the NT	✓	Requested meeting
Brown's Mart Theatre	✓	
NT Council of Social Services	✓	
Libraries and Archives NT	✓	
ArtBack NT	✓	
Darwin Festival	✓	
Music NT	✓	

Appendix D – Survey

(attached)

15.5 INSTALLATION OF SPEED CHECK SIGNS AROUND DARWIN SCHOOLS

Author: Senior Design Officer
Executive Manager Technical Services

Authoriser: General Manager Innovation

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the report entitled Installation of Speed Check Signs around Darwin Schools be received and noted.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to Council on City of Darwin's Installation of Speed Check Signs around Darwin Schools project.

KEY ISSUES

- As part of the Australian Government's 2021/22 Black Spot Program, City of Darwin (CoD) was granted \$250,000 in funding for the installation of Speed Check Signs around 14 Darwin Schools, on the provision that CoD co-contribute \$250,000 towards the project.
- CoD's \$250,000 contribution towards the Black Spot Project was allocated from the 2021/22 Local Area Traffic Management budget.
- CoD also received \$120,000 in funding from the Northern Territory Government (NTG) as part of the Capital Funding Agreement to Facilitate Works within the City of Darwin Municipality for the Installation of Speed Check Signs around Larrakeyah Primary, Wagaman Primary and Holy Spirit Primary Schools.
- \$34,000 in funding from the Richardson Ward's Better Suburbs Program were also allocated to the project budget for the installation of further speed check signs on Castelreagh Drive, Leanyer.
- In total, 36 speed check signs around Darwin schools and two signs along Castelreagh Drive, Leanyer are included in the overall project scope.
- The vast majority (33 of 36) of signs have been installed, with installations at the remaining sites being delayed due to unforeseen circumstances outlined in this report.
- The revised deadline for the Black Spot component of this project is the end of September 2022.

DISCUSSION

Through the 2021/22 Black Spot Program, the Northern Territory Government's (NTG's) Funding Agreement to Facilitate Works within the City of Darwin (CoD) Municipality and CoD's 2021/22 Local Area Traffic Management and Richardson Ward's Better Suburbs budgets, \$654,000 of funding has been allocated for the installation of a total of 36 speed check signs across the Darwin municipality.

Sign locations were identified based on traffic count and crash data, with locations being verified from a road safety perspective by Road Safety Audit.

Thirty three of the 36 speed check signs for this project have been installed to date, with the installation of the remaining three signs being delayed due to unforeseen circumstances. All issues will be addressed to ensure the remaining speed check signs are installed by the revised project deadline of the end of September 2022.

Service location exercises found that the proposed locations of the two Speed Check Signs on Cavenagh Street for St Mary's Primary School were not achievable due to the presence of underground services. To avoid the service clashes, CoD are investigating the feasibility of installing these two speed check signs on existing light poles along Cavenagh Street. Alternatively, kerb lines could be built-out to provide traffic islands for the signs to be install upon, however this would result in the loss of on-street parking, which is not supported.

The installation of the speed check sign on Ashley Street has been delayed twice due to road geometry issues identified in the Road Safety Audit and adverse feedback received during community consultation for this element of the overall project. CoD is now service locating at the third proposed location on Ashley Street. If this alternative location is possible, consultation with the affected property owners and residents will be undertaken before the signs are installed.

The location of a number of signs was restricted as the result of the Road Safety Audit and will necessitate various levels of verge tree-trimming. This matter will be addressed between the relevant CoD staff.

The below table outlines the sites where the speed check signs have or will be installed and their associated school, grouped within CoD's Wards.

School	Street	Suburb	Ward	Status
Karama Primary School	Koolinda Crescent	Karama	Waters	Completed
Milkwood Steiner School	Boulter Road	Berrimah	Waters	Completed
O'Loughlin Catholic College	Mueller Road	Malak	Waters	Completed
Wulagi Primary School	Wulagi Crescent	Wulagi	Waters	Completed
Malak Primary School	Malak Crescent	Malak	Waters	Completed
Wagaman Primary School	Wagaman Terrace	Wagaman	Waters	Completed
Essington School	Chapman Road	Rapid Creek	Chan	Completed
St Pauls Catholic Primary School	Cummins Street	Rapid Creek	Chan	Completed
Darwin High School	Atkins Drive	The Gardens	Lyons	Completed
St Johns College	Salonika Street	Parap	Lyons	Completed
St Mary's Catholic Primary School	Cavenagh Street	Darwin CBD	Lyons	Further design work required due to location of underground services. Expected completion in early September 2022.
Stuart Park Primary School	Nudl Street & Ashley Street	Stuart Park	Lyons	Partially completed. One sign has been installed on Nudl St. Further design work required due to road geometry issues and adverse feedback received during public consultation. Expected completion in early September 2022.
Larrakeyah Primary School	Packard Street	Larrakeyah	Lyons	Completed
Nakara Primary School	Nakara Terrace	Nakara	Richardson	Completed
Nemarluk School	Styles Street	Alawa	Richardson	Completed
Wanguri Primary School	Wanguri Terrace	Wanguri	Richardson	Completed

Holy Spirit Primary School	Gsell Street	Wanguri	Richardson	Completed
N/A	Castlereagh Drive	Leanyer	Richardson	Completed
<p>PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION</p> <p>At its Ordinary Meeting of 27 July 2021 meeting Council resolved as follows:</p> <p>14.1 UPDATE ON 2021/22 BLACK SPOT PROGRAMME PROJECT NOMINATIONS</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p>RESOLUTION ORD363/21</p> <p>Moved: Alderman Rebecca Want de Rowe</p> <p>Seconded: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. THAT the report entitled Update on 2021/22 Black Spot Programme Project Nominations be received and noted. 2. THAT Council endorse the provision of \$250,000 from its 2021/22 Budgets for part-funding of the installation of Speed Check signs for Darwin schools as part of the 2021/2022 Black Spot Program in accordance with the scope outlined in this report, in response to the Black Spot Consultative Panel's recommendation to only fund this project nomination on a 50-50 basis. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 12/0</p> </div>				
STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	<p>2 A Safe, Liveable and Healthy City</p> <p>2.1 By 2030, Darwin will be a safer place to live and visit</p>			
BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	<p>Budget/Funding: \$250,000 of Black Spot funding, \$250,000 from CoD's 2021/22 Local Area Traffic Management budget, \$34,000 in funding from the Richardson Ward's Better Suburbs programme and \$120,000 in funding from the NTG as part of the Capital Funding Agreement to Facilitate Works within the City of Darwin Municipality for the installation of Speed Check Signs around three additional schools, constituted the overall funding for this project.</p> <p>Is Funding identified: Yes-see above.</p> <p>Existing Position No: The project is being managed by CoD staff</p> <p>Contractor: CoD's contractor is undertaking the works</p>			
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	<p>Legislation: N/A</p> <p>Policy: N/A</p>			

CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	Engagement Level: Inform Tactics: Letters, emails Internal: Various CoD officers have been consulted. External: Each of the relevant schools and any affected residents have been informed via letters about the installation of speed check signs in the vicinity of their premises.
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).

15.6 ADVICE ON MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY CHANGES

Author: General Manager Innovation

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

Attachments:

1. **Darwin DCA Boundaries** [↓](#)
2. **Palmerston DCA Boundaries** [↓](#)
3. **Government Gazette March 2022** [↓](#)
4. **Map of old Palmerston boundary and new Palmerston municipal boundary** [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the report entitled Advice on Municipal Boundary Changes be received and noted.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to Council on changes to municipality boundaries.

KEY ISSUES

- City of Darwin officers received notification from the Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Logistics on the 18 July that the Northern Territory Government has recently made a decision to, as of 1 July 2022, include the previously unincorporated areas of Wishart, Tivendale, Kirkland Road and Elrundie Avenue within Palmerston's Development Consent Authority municipal boundary.
- On further investigation it has been determined that the Minister for Local Government, with effect on and from 1 July 2022, changed the boundaries of the local government area known as the Municipality of the City of Palmerston to include the unincorporated land to the north of Palmerston, including Wishart, Tivendale and Elrundie.

DISCUSSION

The Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Logistics notified City of Darwin officers on the 18 July that the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics has determined to amend the Darwin Development Consent Authority (DCA) boundary to exclude the area within Tivendale which is now within the Palmerston Municipality. Northeast remains within the Darwin DCA area. The new Darwin DCA Division Area Map is at **Attachment 1**. Also included for your information is the new Palmerston DCA Division Area Map at **Attachment 2**.

On further investigation it has been determined that a Gazette was released on the 9 March 2022 detailing that the Minister for Local Government, with effect on and from 1 July 2022, changed the boundaries of the local government area known as the Municipality of the City of Palmerston to be the boundaries delineated by the thick black lines on approved survey plan S2021/088, a copy of which is shown in **Attachment 3**.

Attachment 4 shows the old Palmerston Municipal boundary (labelled as existing in the Attachment) and new Palmerston Municipal boundary.

Northcrest remains an unincorporated land and is located within the Darwin DCA area.

Development Consent Authority

The DCA is established under section 82 of the Planning Act 1999 and covers the whole of the Northern Territory. Each division of the DCA determines development applications within their area. The composition of a DCA division is established by section 87 of the Act. It allows the Minister to appoint a Chair of the DCA (who presides over all divisions), two community members nominated by the local government council, one alternate member nominated by the local government council, and two specialist members. Outside of the division areas, the consent authority is the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics.

The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics provides technical and secretariat support to the DCA to enable it to properly exercise its power and perform its functions.

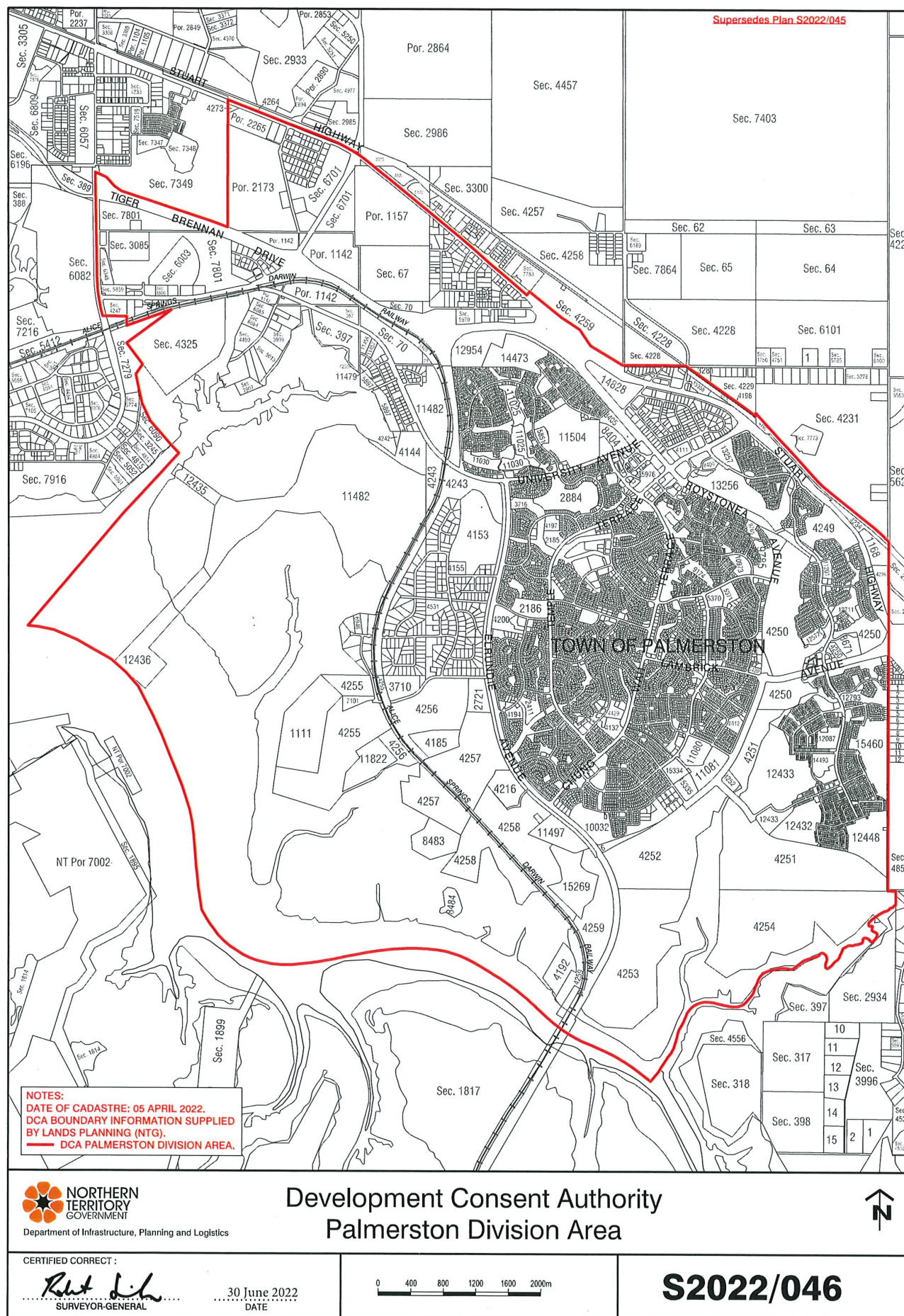
City of Darwin provides responses to development applications within the Darwin Municipality.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	6 Governance Framework 6.3 Decision Making and Management
BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	Nil
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	Legislation: Planning Act 1999 and regulations Policy: Nil
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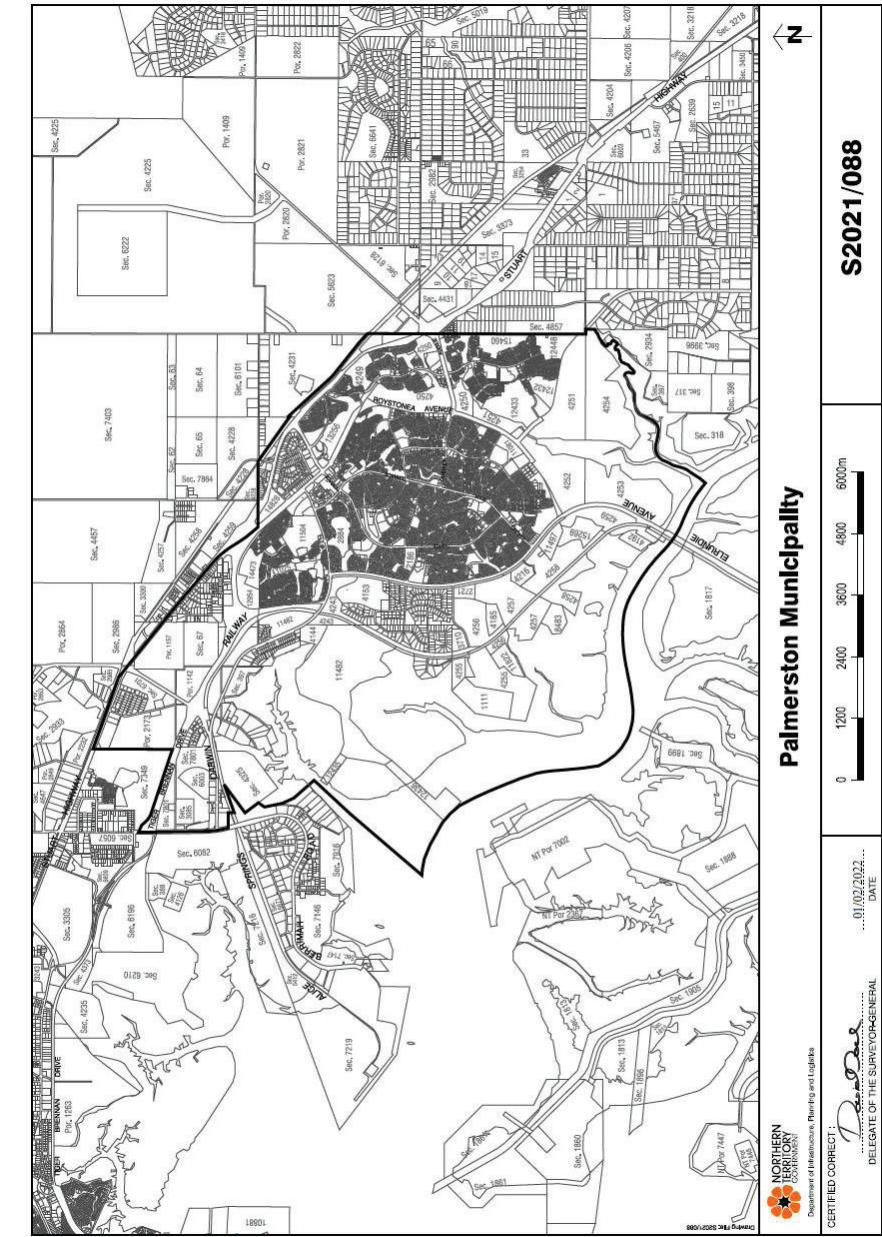
Change to Boundaries of Local Government Area – Municipality of the City of Palmerston

I, Chanston James Paech, Minister for Local Government, under section 16(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and with reference to section 16(1)(j) of the Act, with effect on and from 1 July 2022, change the boundaries of the local government area known as the Municipality of the City of Palmerston to be the boundaries delineated by the thick black lines on approved survey plan S2021/088, a copy of which is shown in the Annexure.

C. J. Paech
Minister for Local Government

Dated 28 February 2022

Annexure





16 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**17 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS****18 GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil

19 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 30 August 2022, at 5:30pm (Open Section followed by the Confidential Section), Council Chambers Darrandirra, Level 1, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin.

20 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

THAT pursuant to Section 99 (2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 51 of the Local Government (General) Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

21 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON



MINUTES

**Ordinary Council Meeting
Tuesday, 26 July 2022**

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**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS DARRANDIRRA, LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE, HARRY
CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN
ON TUESDAY, 26 JULY 2022 AT 5:30PM**

- PRESENT:** Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis, Deputy Lord Mayor Amye Un, Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris, Councillor Sylvia Klonaris, Councillor Brian O'Gallagher, Councillor Mick Palmer, Councillor Peter Pangquee, Councillor Morgan Rickard, Councillor Ed Smelt, Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe
- OFFICERS:** Simone Saunders (Interim Chief Executive Officer), Chris Kelly (Acting General Manager Corporate), Ron Quinn (Acting General Manager Community), Alice Percy (General Manager Innovation)
- Gemma Perkins (Coordinator Councillor Governance and Support), Edith Heiberg (Governance Projects Officer), Angela O'Donnell (Executive Manager Community and Cultural Services), Irene Frazis (Executive Manager Finance), Nik Kleine (Executive Manager Infrastructure), Fred McCue (Public Relations and External Affairs Advisor)
- APOLOGY:** Councillor Paul Arnold, Councillor Vim Sharma
- Matt Grassmayr (General Manager Community)
- GUESTS:** Football NT

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1 Acknowledgement of Country

We the members of City of Darwin acknowledge that we are meeting on Larrakia Country.

We recognise and pay our respects to all Larrakia people, Traditional Owners and Custodian Elders of the past and present.

We support emerging Larrakia leaders now and into the future.

We are committed to working together with all Larrakia to care for this land and sea for our shared future.

2 THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever.

Amen.

Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe was not present at the resumption of the meeting at 5:30 pm.

3 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

RESOLUTION ORD381/22

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Morgan Rickard

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5.31 pm.

CARRIED 9/0

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES

RESOLUTION ORD382/22

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

THAT the apology from Councillor Paul Arnold and Vim Sharma be received.

CARRIED 9/0

4.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

Nil

4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED

Nil

5 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

5.1 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE GRANTED

Nil

5.2 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE REQUESTED

Nil

6 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

6.1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

Nil

6.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY STAFF

Nil

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLUTION ORD383/22

Moved: Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

Seconded: Councillor Amye Un

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 12 July 2022 be confirmed.

CARRIED 9/0

8 MOVING OF ITEMS

8.1 MOVING OF OPEN ITEMS INTO CONFIDENTIAL

Nil

8.2 MOVING OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS INTO OPEN

Nil

8.3 MOVING CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS TO OPEN AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

27.1 CASUARINA AQUATIC AND LEISURE CENTRE DESIGN UPDATE

RESOLUTION ORD413/22

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Ed Smelt

1. THAT the report entitled Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre Design Update be received and noted.
2. THAT Council note the design options that could be explored post contract award and Council receive a further update on the options as the design develop.
3. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 40(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to continue to negotiate and enter into detailed design and construction contracts for the delivery of the Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre with the preferred tenderer subject to finance.
4. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
5. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

CARRIED 10/0

27.2 YMCA NT QUARTERLY REPORT - APRIL TO JUNE 2022

RESOLUTION ORD414/22

Moved: Councillor Amye Un

Seconded: Councillor Ed Smelt

1. THAT the report entitled YMCA NT Pool Management Report – April to June 2022 be received and noted.
2. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
3. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

CARRIED 10/0

27.3 CITY SAFE PATROLS - QUARTERLY REPORT - APRIL TO JUNE 2022

RESOLUTION ORD415/22

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Amye Un

1. THAT the report entitled City Safe Patrols – April to June 2022 be received and noted.
2. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
3. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

CARRIED 10/0

27.4 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT - JUNE 2022

RESOLUTION ORD416/22

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

1. THAT the report entitled Corporate Services Monthly Report – June 2022 be received and noted.
2. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
3. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

CARRIED 10/0

27.5 UPDATE ON ROCK CENTRE LEGAL MATTER

RESOLUTION ORD417/22

Moved: Councillor Morgan Rickard

Seconded: Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

1. THAT the report entitled Update on Rock Centre Legal Matter be received and noted.
2. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
3. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

CARRIED 10/0

27.6 UNCONFIRMED CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES - RISK MANAGEMENT & AUDIT COMMITTEE (RMAC) - 17 JUNE 2022

RESOLUTION ORD418/22

Moved: Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

Seconded: Councillor Amye Un

1. THAT the report entitled Unconfirmed Confidential Minutes – Risk Management and Audit Committee (RMAC) – 17 June 2022, be received and noted.
2. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
3. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

CARRIED 10/0

9 MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE / LORD MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil

10 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

11 PETITIONS

Nil

Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe joined the meeting at 5:36 pm.

12 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS

RESOLUTION ORD384/22

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Amye Un

THAT the presentation from Football NT be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/0

13 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

14 ACTION REPORTS

14.1 BAGOT PARK MASTER PLAN

RESOLUTION ORD385/22

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Morgan Rickard

1. THAT the report entitled Bagot Park Master Plan be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the finalised Bagot Park Master Plan at **Attachment 1** of the report entitled Bagot Park Master Plan.

CARRIED 10/0

14.2 FOOTBALL NT CHANGE ROOM PROPOSALS - RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION OUTCOMES

MOTION

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

1. THAT the report entitled Football NT Change Room Proposals – Response to Consultation Outcomes be received and noted.
2. THAT Football NT proceed with the next stage of preparation of detailed design and technical specifications for the change room proposals at Fannie Bay and Malak Ovals, in accordance with the orientation of facilities as proposed in **Attachment 1** and their initial proposals.
3. THAT Football NT proceed with the next stage of preparation of detailed design and technical specifications for the change room proposal at Bagot Park, in accordance with the orientation of facilities as proposed in the Bagot Park Masterplan.
4. THAT a further report be presented to Council for endorsement of Football NT and club proposals for Bagot, Fannie Bay and Malak Ovals detailing:
 - final designs
 - technical specifications
 - confirmation of funding availability
 - confirmation of whole of life costs

AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION ORD386/22

Moved: Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

1. THAT the report entitled Football NT Change Room Proposals – Response to Consultation Outcomes be received and noted.
2. THAT Football NT proceed with the next stage of preparation of detailed design and technical specifications for the change room proposals at Fannie Bay and Malak Ovals, in accordance with the orientation of facilities as proposed in **Attachment 1** and their initial proposals.
3. THAT Football NT proceed with the next stage of preparation of detailed design and technical specifications for the change room proposal at Bagot Park, in accordance with the orientation of facilities as proposed in the Bagot Park Masterplan.
4. THAT a further report be presented to Council for endorsement of Football NT and club proposals for Bagot, Fannie Bay and Malak Ovals detailing:
 - final designs
 - technical specifications
 - confirmation of funding availability
 - confirmation of whole of life costs
5. THAT Football NT meet with local residents in Malak to explain the development at Malak Oval.

14.3 APPLICATION TO PLAY MUSIC IN THE MALL - CAFE 21 - LICENSED OUTDOOR DINING AREA

RESOLUTION ORD387/22

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

1. THAT the report entitled Application to Play Music in The Mall - Cafe 21 - Licensed Outdoor Dining Area be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve the application by Café 21 to play music in the outdoor dining area in The Mall during Café 21's operating hours.
3. THAT Council approve for Café 21 to provide broadcast music in their outdoor dining area in the Mall, subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) That there is no conflict between City of Darwin music and Café 21's music.
 - (b) City of Darwin can specify what type of music can be played throughout the day.
 - (c) Playlists and hours of play is to be approved by and can be interchanged as per the requirements of Nightlife, Café 21 and City of Darwin.
 - (d) City of Darwin can revoke Café 21's use of City of Darwin's Audio system for any reason and at any time.
4. THAT Council delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to negotiate and enter into an agreement with Cafe21 in relation to the broadcast of music in their outdoor dining area.

CARRIED 10/0

14.4 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND SISTER CITY POLICY, TERMS OF REFERENCE AND MEMBERSHIP REVIEW

RESOLUTION ORD388/22

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

1. THAT the report entitled International Relations and Sister City Policy, Terms of Reference and Membership review be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the proposed International Relations and Sister City Policy 053.
3. THAT Council endorse the proposed Terms of Reference for the Sister City Advisory Committee and the International Relations Advisory Committee.
4. THAT Council endorse the appointment of the nominated members to the International Relations Advisory Committee for the period of 2022-24.

CARRIED 10/0

14.5 MEMORIAL POLICY

RESOLUTION ORD389/22

Moved: Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

1. THAT the report entitled Memorial Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the Memorial Policy at **Attachment 1**.

CARRIED 10/0

15 RECEIVE & NOTE REPORTS

15.1 INTERIM MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - JUNE 2022

RESOLUTION ORD390/22

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

THAT the report entitled Interim Monthly Financial Report – June 2022 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/0

15.2 UPDATE ON DARWIN INTERNATIONAL VIRTUAL TRADE SHOW 2022

RESOLUTION ORD391/22

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Amye Un

THAT the report entitled Update on Darwin International Virtual Trade Show 2022 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/0

15.3 UPDATE ON LORD MAYORAL TRADE MISSION TO DENPASAR JUNE 2022

RESOLUTION ORD392/22

Moved: Councillor Amye Un

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

THAT the report entitled Update on Lord Mayoral Trade Mission to Denpasar June 2022 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/0

15.4 MOVEMENT STRATEGY UPDATE

RESOLUTION ORD393/22

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe

THAT the report entitled Movement Strategy Update be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/0

15.5 UNCONFIRMED OPEN MINUTES - RISK MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT COMMITTEE (RMAC) - 17 JUNE 2022

RESOLUTION ORD394/22

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

THAT the report entitled Unconfirmed Open Minutes - Risk Management & Audit Committee (RMAC) – 17 June 2022 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/0

16 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

RESOLUTION ORD395/22

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe

THAT the following Reports of Representatives be received and noted.

16.1

Councillor Peter Pangquee reported on the LGANT Executive Meeting. Elected Members have been invited to attend the CEO performance and appraisal workshops that LGANT is facilitating on the 17 August 2022. Encourage Elected Members who are on the CEO performance and appraisal panel to attend. Nominations for the Public Service Awards are coming. Council should consider City of Darwin staff for nomination.

Councillor Peter Pangquee also attended the Top End Tourism Board Meeting who are keen to present to Council.

16.2

The Lord Mayor reported on the scheduled meeting with the Chief Minister and Mayors/Presidents regarding antisocial behaviour. The Lord Mayor has seen some footage of incidents in the CBD and has drafted a letter to the Chief Minister regarding antisocial behaviour and police response times.

16.3

Councillor Brian O'Gallagher presented a petition to Member Ngaree Ah Kit on behalf of 1168 residents to establish a permanent police presence in Karama. The residents highlighted their frustration with the high level of criminal and antisocial behaviour. The Lord Mayor can present that information to the Chief Minister in their discussions and Councillor Brian O'Gallagher will keep Elected Members informed on the petition getting tabled in the Legislative Assembly.

16.4

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris reported on the Council on the Ageing (COTA) Meeting. The Seniors Expo is on Saturday. COTA is looking forward to the Senior Fun Bus Activation and have offered their bus to Council.

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris also reported on the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) Meeting. The YAC are seeking donations for their fundraiser. Elected Members are encouraged to attend the Quiz for Dili.

Councillor Sylvia Klonairs also reported on the upcoming event from the Kalymnian Brotherhood fundraiser on Saturday and also the Cyprus Memorial Service with the Lord Mayor and Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris in memory of the Turkish invasion of Cyprus. A wonderful and welcoming event.

16.5

Councillor Amye Un reported on her visit to the Museum and Art Gallery.

16.6

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris clarified that the upcoming event from the Kalymnian Brotherhood is on Saturday.

16.7

Councillor Morgan Rickard reported on the Darwin Fringe Festival. The quality of the underground and fringe arts community and the entire arts community in Darwin is blossoming and brilliant. Encourage all Members to continue supporting the Arts, continue going to shows and art exhibitions. The Darwin Festival is upcoming.

CARRIED 10/0

17 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**17.1 RAPID CREEK WATER GARDENS FOOTBRIDGE UPDATE****RESOLUTION ORD396/22**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Question

Councillor Ed Smelt requested an update on the open/closure/works on the Rapid Creek Water Gardens Footbridge.

Answer

The Acting General Manager Community, Ron Quinn responded and advised that the bridge is showing signs of disrepair. City of Darwin engaged a structural engineer for an assessment. The assessment indicated that there is significant damage to the supporting beams with a recommendation to close the bridge. Over a period of time the structures that Council have put in place have been damaged and removed. Council staff continue to rectify the structure. Due to the bridge being on a natural waterway, various stakeholders will be engaged. There is a stakeholder meeting scheduled to discuss preferred options, timelines and costings and will bring it back to Council.

CARRIED 10/0

17.2 BRINKIN TERRACE ROAD WORKS UPDATE

RESOLUTION ORD397/22

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Question

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris queried the recent road works on Brinkin Terrace, Brinkin. There is heaps of residual stone.

Answer

The Executive Manager Infrastructure, Nik Kleine responded and advised that it was potentially part of the reseal program and the road may need additional sweeping. Possibly due to being a low traffic road they may need to go back to sweep. The Executive Manager Infrastructure will take on notice.

CARRIED 10/0

17.3 TIMINGS FOR CONTRACTORS

RESOLUTION ORD398/22

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Question

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris queried the Street Sweeping Contract. Is there a time they are permitted to start and is it monitored and managed and are the times available to the community and Elected Members on the website.

Answer

The Acting General Manager Community, Ron Quinn responded and advised that City of Darwin work to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) guidelines. If there are complaints, City of Darwin will act on those complaints. There is no information currently on our website but it is something that could be considered.

CARRIED 10/0

17.4 FIREBREAK IN THE MUIRHEAD AREA

RESOLUTION ORD399/22

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Question

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris requested an update on the firebreak issues in the Muirhead area.

Answer

The Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders took the question on notice. The General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr has taken responsibility on the City of Darwin areas.

CARRIED 10/0

17.5 COUNCIL MEETINGS AND EVENTS

RESOLUTION ORD400/22

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Question

Councillor Brian O'Gallagher queried if there was a clash next Tuesday, with the Council Briefing and the By-Election Candidates Information section.

Answer

The Lord Mayor responded and advised that the next Council Meeting is 16 August 2022.

CARRIED 10/0

17.6 ELECTED MEMBER UNIFORMS

RESOLUTION ORD401/22

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Question

Councillor Brian O'Gallagher requested an update on the Elected Members Uniforms.

Answer

The Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders took the question on notice.

CARRIED 10/0

17.7 SPRINKLERS AT ANULA PARK

RESOLUTION ORD402/22

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Question

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris queried the sprinklers at Anula Park and the frequency of watering.

Answer

The Lord Mayor responded and advised that it should be raised as a Click and Fix and the Acting General Manager Community, Ron Quinn to review.

CARRIED 10/0

17.8 LIQUOR LICENCE APPLICATION

RESOLUTION ORD403/22

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Question

Councillor Ed Smelt queried the liquor licence application for the Parap Supermarket to extend their opening hours. Has Council received this application under the new framework?

Answer

The Executive Manager Community and Cultural Services, Angela O'Donnell took the question on notice.

CARRIED 10/0

17.6 REVIEW OF CURRENT POLICIES

RESOLUTION ORD404/22

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Question

Councillor Morgan Rickard requested an update and meeting on the current policies under review including the outdoor advertising policy.

Answer

The General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy took the question on notice.

CARRIED 10/0

17.7 COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

RESOLUTION ORD405/22

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Question

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris advised that Communication and Engagement Strategy 21/2023 is currently unavailable to download from the website.

Answer

The Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders responded and advised that the Communication and Engagement Strategy was presented to Elected Members late last year. The document should be available on the website.

CARRIED 10/0

18 GENERAL BUSINESS

18.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE - AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION - MOTION SUBMITTED TO 2022 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

RESOLUTION ORD406/22

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

THAT the Incoming Correspondence - Australian Local Government Association - Motion Submitted to 2022 National General Assembly of Local Government be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/0

18.2 ELECTED MEMBER EMAILS IN QUARANTINE

RESOLUTION ORD407/22

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Ed Smelt

Councillor Peter Pangquee asked for an update on emails in quarantine. Emails are requested to be released from quarantine however the attachment is not attached. There has been a few occasions with the same issue.

CARRIED 10/0

18.3 COMMEND STAFF AT THE ROYAL DARWIN SHOW

RESOLUTION ORD408/22

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Ed Smelt

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris commended the staff for their effort at the show. Thank you to all involved. The staff engagement was awesome and staff should be commended. Some potential ideas for next year include rostering Elected Members, an outside stall and showbags.

CARRIED 10/0

19 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 16 August 2022, at 5:30pm (Open Section followed by the Confidential Section), Council Chambers Darrandirra, Level 1, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin.

20 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT pursuant to Section 99 (2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 51 of the Local Government (General) Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 99(2) of the Local Government Act:

26.1 Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre Update

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

27.1 Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre Design Update

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(iv) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to subject to subregulation 51(3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

27.2 YMCA NT Quarterly Report - April to June 2022

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

27.3 City Safe Patrols - Quarterly Report - April to June 2022

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

27.4 Corporate Services Report - June 2022

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(a) and 51(c)(iv) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with 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 and information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to subject to subregulation 51(3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

27.5 Update on Rock Centre Legal Matter

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(ii) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law.

27.6 Unconfirmed Confidential Minutes - Risk Management & Audit Committee (RMAC) - 17 June 2022

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(iv) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to subject to subregulation 51(3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

RESOLUTION ORD409/22

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

THAT the open section of the meeting be adjourned at 7.48pm.

CARRIED 10/0

THAT the open section of the meeting be resumed at 9.32pm.

THAT the chair declared the meeting closed at 9.32pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 16 August 2022.

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CHAIR