



AGENDA

Ordinary Council Meeting Tuesday, 17 October 2023

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

Date: Tuesday, 17 October 2023

Time: 5:30pm

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

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Simone Saunders
Chief Executive Officer

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The Right Worshipful, the Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis (Chair)

Deputy Lord Mayor Ed Smelt

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Councillor Kim Farrar

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

Councillor Mick Palmer

Councillor Peter Pangquee

Councillor Morgan Rickard

Councillor Vim Sharma

Councillor Amye Un

Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe

Councillor Sam Weston

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THAT in accordance with Meeting Policy No.0043.100.E.R Section 3.12.2, the next item has been included in the business papers from the last Ordinary Council Meeting on 26 September 2023.

13.1 ADJOURNED NOTICE OF MOTION - SUPPORT FOR THE VOICE TO PARLIAMENT

Attachments: Nil

I, Councillor Morgan Rickard, give notice that at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 17 October 2023, I will move the following motion:-

MOTION

1. THAT Council publicly support the Yes23 Campaign that is encouraging citizens to vote in support of a First Nations Voice to Parliament in the upcoming referendum.
2. THAT this support come in the form of but not limited to:
 - Displaying “Yes23” campaign materials on City of Darwin premises – at libraries, swimming pools, community centres and the Civic Centre – materials to be provided by Yes23 campaign representatives.
 - Social media posts on official City of Darwin social media platforms.
 - Permitting staff and Elected Members to add Yes23 signatures to their emails at their discretion.
 - A press release announcing Council’s support.
 - Information on the City of Darwin website indicating Council’s support.
 - Permission for staff in support to wear Yes23 campaign T-shirts and badges etc in the workplace.
 - Allowing Yes23 campaign staff to place corflutes on fences of City of Darwin properties: corflutes must be removed no later than 48 hours after close of referendum poll.

REASON:

Darwin is the capital city with the highest population of First Nations people in Australia and is therefore the capital city with the highest number of residents per capita who will be affected by the outcomes of the referendum.

One of Darwin’s strongest and closest working partnerships is with Larrakia Nation, the First Nations- controlled organisation responsible for representing traditional custodianship and the traditional owners of the entire Darwin municipality.

Larrakia Nation have thrown their public support behind the Yes23 Campaign, and in respect of our ongoing and close working partnership with Larrakia Nation and all First Nations people living and working in the Darwin municipality, on Larrakia Country, it is a testament to our commitment to that partnership that we also support the campaign.

As well as the public support of Larrakia Nation, and among others, the following Northern Territory and Darwin organisations and representatives have publicly pledged their support of the Yes23 campaign:

- Six NT regional councils, including Darwin's Sister City, Milikapiti
- At Barunga Festival this year 200 delegates from various NT Land Councils signed a petition of support (including the NLC whose region includes the Darwin municipality)
- Charles Darwin University
- Danilla Dilba
- Senior Larrakia Elders Dr Richard Fejo and Aunty Bilawara Lee.

Polling also shows that 80 per cent of First Nations people support the Yes23 campaign.

Before every Council meeting we raise our voices in paying respect to Larrakia elders past, present and emerging - this motion provides us an opportunity to show that same respect in action. In following their lead in support of the Yes23 campaign, we truly live our acknowledgement of our Larrakia friends and partners on Larrakia country.

Signed by me at Darwin this 19 September 2023



COUNCILLOR MORGAN RICKARD

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

In this section information is provided by officers to facilitate decision-making:

- Facts and data
- Background context and historical information relating to the NOM
- What the next steps would be if the motion is passed, for example “a council report will be prepared and presented by 28 February 2023”

Should the motion be carried, the following implications of this motion should be considered. Note any costs provided are estimates only – no quotes or pricing has been obtained for this motion:

Public consultation requirements	No consultation requirements, the motion calls for communication activities only.
External consultant advice	Nil
Legal advice / litigation	<p>The proposed motion would potentially breach sections of the Employee Code of Conduct. This includes section 4.1.3 which requires staff to remain “strictly politically neutral” and “may not take part in any political event or similar activity as a representative of the organisation or when wearing a Council uniform”. This would mean that any email signature commentary or clothing would be in breach of the Code of Conduct.</p> <p>There is also commentary on this in section 4.4 of the Employee Code of Conduct that staff cannot wear “wording and badges” that implies “Council supports particular views on public or political matters”. The proposal for staff to be permitted to wear shirts and badges would also likely be in breach of this section.</p> <p>It is also noted that the Employee Code of Conduct does not restrict the concept of political neutrality to supporting political parties, but includes political issues, events or similar activities. It is self-evident that the Referendum would meet at least one of these definitions.</p> <p>The proposed motion would also potentially breach the Social Media Policy, section 3.1, where all content published on City of Darwin’s social media accounts must be apolitical in nature.</p>
Impacts to existing projects	Nil
Impact to FTE	<p>Approximately 15 hours’ time investment from Marketing, Communications and Engagement staff. Hours for moderation of comments on social media posts and responding to media enquiries are estimated. Other projects would need to be deprioritised to deliver the work outlined in the motion.</p>

Budget reallocation	No funding identified; any costs would need to be absorbed through existing operational budgets.
Capital investment	Nil
Officer time preparing the report requested in this motion	No further report is requested in the motion.
Officer time in receiving and preparing this Administration Comment	5 hours

13.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - LINKS ROAD MARRARA - TRAFFIC REVIEW**Attachments: Nil**

I, Councillor Sylvia Klonaris, give notice that at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 17 October 2023, I will move the following motion:-

MOTION

1. THAT Council recognises the importance of safety for all road reserve users including pedestrians, cyclists, people with mobility scooters, other active transport users and vehicles.
2. THAT an assessment of Links Road Marrara be undertaken in accordance with the adopted City of Darwin Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) and Pedestrian Facility Guidelines to determine any local area traffic management and or pedestrian facility works.
3. THAT a report be presented to Council in February 2024 that provides the outcome of the assessment including concept designs and associated cost estimates.
4. THAT any proposed works be prioritised against other identified LATM and or pedestrian crossing facility projects for inclusion in a future works program.

REASON:

Further to earlier year reports provided by the Waters Wards councillors which initiated the current request for installation of 'no parking' signs to be installed along the footpath on Links Road.

The footpath has been heavily utilised by large vehicles parking onto it and blocking egress to pedestrians. This is a hazard for pedestrian crossing in between the carparks from the shopping centre and golf club. Drivers' visibility is also restricted due to the number of vehicles parking illegally along the footpath during all hours making it difficult for rangers to monitor.

There is an apparent need for a Pedestrian Crossing to provide safe passage for the many people walking between the Bus Stop and Golf Club (including the Children's Playground) to/from the adjacent Northlakes Shopping Centre).

This motion will address issues and consider forward planning works of installation of a pedestrian crossing as the number of users who are crossing this road who are rushing to avoid vehicles that are constantly driving at high speed from within the suburb. This road is also utilised to bypass the traffic lights. This report will also identify if the new crossing on McMillans Road may contribute to increasing the traffic flow on this road.

This investigation will provide corrective measures and recommendations for planning of this new initiative to improve safety.

Signed by me at Darwin this 9th October 2023



Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

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- Facts and data
- Background context and historical information relating to the NOM
- What the next steps would be if the motion is passed, for example “a council report will be prepared and presented by 28 February 2023”

Should the motion be carried, the following implications of this motion should be considered. Note any costs provided are estimates only – no quotes or pricing has been obtained for this motion:

Public consultation requirements	Nil for the purpose of a feasibility report
External consultant advice	Maybe required for detailed costs estimates
Legal advice / litigation	Nil
Impacts to existing projects	No impact to existing projects but there is potential to impact future programs
Impact to FTE	Nil
Budget reallocation	<p>Nil for a feasibility report.</p> <p>The report will provide cost estimates for consideration.</p> <p>This motion is seeking for prioritisation of LATM funding for this project as a 24/25 budget new initiative before current scheduled LATM projects determined in accordance with guidelines.</p>
Capital investment	The installation of a pedestrian crossing or alternative traffic calming measures would require capital investment and ongoing operational costs.
Officer time preparing the report requested in this motion	20 to 25 hours
Officer time in receiving and preparing this Administration Comment	2 hours

13.3 NOTICE OF MOTION - CITY OF DARWIN PRIORITY PROJECTS UPDATE**Attachments:** Nil

I, Councillor Ed Smelt, give notice that at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 17 October 2023, I will move the following motion:-

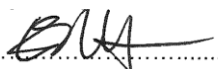
MOTION

1. THAT Council note forthcoming opportunities to advocate to the Northern Territory Government, Australian Government and private sector to partner with the City of Darwin in the delivery of priority projects.
2. THAT the 'Strategic Projects Prospectus' and '2021-2023 Priority Projects' documents are reviewed and updated to form a single, new project advocacy document for the 23rd Council.
3. THAT the update consider the following inputs, but not limited to: City of Darwin strategies and plans and master plans, current economic environment, updated stakeholder priorities such as oval infrastructure from peak sporting bodies, resolutions of Council, potential private sector proposals and Council Ward projects.
4. THAT a workshop is ideally held in mid-November 2023 with Elected Members to shape the scope of the review and the priorities to be included in the final document.

REASON:

A new, updated priority projects document is required with the impending expiry of our current reports. Listed projects have since been funded, deferred or may no longer be a priority for the 23rd Council. City of Darwin also needs to be ready to advocate to all parties and stakeholders ahead of future elections, new funding programs and potential private investment opportunities. This new document will clearly articulate the priority projects to deliver on our 10 year strategic plan '*Darwin 2030: City for People. City of Colour.*'

Signed by me at Darwin this 6 October 2023



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COUNCILLOR ED SMELT

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

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- Facts and data
- Background context and historical information relating to the NOM
- What the next steps would be if the motion is passed, for example “a council report will be prepared and presented by 28 February 2023”

Should the motion be carried, the following implications of this motion should be considered. Note any costs provided are estimates only – no quotes or pricing has been obtained for this motion:

Public consultation requirements	Nil for the Priority Projects Document
External consultant advice	Nil
Legal advice / litigation	Nil
Impacts to existing projects	Nil
Impact to FTE	Officers will be required to collate and create the updated document and facilitate the workshop.
Budget reallocation	Nil
Capital investment	Nil
Officer time preparing the report requested in this motion	1 to 2 hours for the workshop and a further 30 hours to prepare the Priority Projects Document.
Officer time in receiving and preparing this Administration Comment	30 minutes

14 ACTION REPORTS

14.1 REVIEW OF REMOTELY PILOTED AIRCRAFT POLICY

Author: Executive Manager Infrastructure

Authoriser: General Manager Corporate

Attachments:

1. **Remotely Piloted Aircraft Policy - Original** [↓](#)
2. **Remotely Piloted Aircraft Policy - Track Changes** [↓](#)
3. **Remotely Piloted Aircraft Policy - Draft** [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Remotely Piloted Aircraft Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the Remotely Piloted Aircraft Policy, provided at **Attachment 3**

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek adoption by Council of the revised Remotely Piloted Aircraft Policy.

KEY ISSUES

- In 2021, the inaugural Remotely Piloted Aircraft Policy was adopted by Council.
- The Remotely Piloted Aircraft Policy has been reviewed in line with the Council Policy Review Schedule and placed on the new template.
- This policy ensures City of Darwin meets the requirements and commits to best practice privacy requirements relating to Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) usage.
- Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) are the regulatory authority responsible for the enforcement of rules and regulations relating to the use of RPA.

DISCUSSION

As a leader in Smart City technologies, City of Darwin is leading local governments in the Northern Territory in recognising the value of RPA not just as a recreational activity but as a tool to support operations. RPA are used by City of Darwin to assist in collecting information and digital images, including for the inspection and audit of assets.

To support this work and as part of City of Darwin’s ongoing privacy uplift, policy guidance on the use of RPA by City of Darwin officers has been developed for Council’s approval.

This policy does not cover the use of RPAs on private land by third parties. Third parties seeking to operate drones on or over City of Darwin-owned land for commercial use may need to obtain a letter of support from City of Darwin before CASA authorise such flights. These requests will be assessed on a case-by-case basis by City of Darwin’s Chief Remote Pilot.

In addition to acknowledging the requirement to adhere to CASA regulations, such as not flying close to people or private property, City of Darwin commits to best practice privacy requirements including:

- Privacy Threshold Assessments to determine whether a Privacy Impact Assessment is required.
- Complying with Information Privacy Principles in the collection, recording, processing and access of personal information
- Facilitating access to information collected through the Freedom of Information process.
- Third parties wishing to fly over City of Darwin land are required to seek consent.

City of Darwin encourages the use of RPA in our municipality; however, users are required to adhere to CASA requirements. As CASA are the regulatory authority, City of Darwin does not enforce rules and regulations relating to RPA and encourages concerned members of the public to report breaches directly to CASA.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

At the 30 November 2021 meeting Council resolved:

RESOLUTION ORD459/21

1. THAT the report entitled Remotely Piloted Aircraft Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT the policy titled Remotely Piloted Aircraft Policy be approved.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	6 Governance Framework 6.4 Accountability
BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	N/A
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	Legislation: <i>Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998 (CASR 1998)</i> <i>Information Act 2002 (NT)</i> <i>Surveillance Devices Act 2007 (NT)</i>
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	N/A

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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1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the use and operation of Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) within the City of Darwin (CoD) municipality complies with all relevant legislation and meets the obligations of CoD’s Remotely Piloted Aircraft Operators Certificate (ReOC).

The objectives of this policy are to ensure that:

- CoD operation of RPA is conducted in a manner that is compliant with all relevant laws and statutory requirements in particular Part 101 of the *Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998 (CASR 1998)*.
- All CoD RPA operations are conducted under a current ReOC.
- CoD’s operation of RPA, and the management of data derived from drone use, will comply with *Information Act 2002 (NT)*, Information Privacy Principles (IPPs), community expectations and privacy best practice.

2 SCOPE

This policy applies to:

- The use of RPA by CoD employees and contractors (collectively named CoD staff in this policy) during delivery of services or performance of certain CoD activities.
- RPA systems and technologies managed or owned by CoD.
- Data collected by RPA operated by CoD, and
- The flying of RPA on CoD land.

All Elected Members, staff and contractors must comply with this policy and associated procedures in the conduct of all business activities performed by or on behalf of CoD.

3 POLICY STATEMENT

3.1 Acceptable Use of RPA

All use of RPA by CoD staff will be conducted under CoD’s ReOC and all pilots will be licensed appropriately. Where registration is required by the Civil Aviation and Safety Authority (CASA), CoD will ensure that such registration is kept up to date.

The use of RPA by CoD staff must comply with all legislation and must not breach any CoD policies. Relevant legislation includes the *Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998 (CASR 1998)*, the *Information Act 2002 (NT)* and the *Surveillance Devices Act 2007 (NT)*. As part of RPA usage planning, CoD will undertake a Privacy Threshold Assessment to determine whether a Privacy Impact Assessment is required.

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REMOTELY PILOTED AIRCRAFT POLICY 0100.100.E.R.

GOVERNANCE

CoD welcomes the use of drones in the Darwin municipality subject to CASA regulations, including not flying close to people/property, respecting personal privacy and not flying within restricted airspace. CoD does not enforce rules and regulations related to the use of RPA on CoD owned or controlled land and as such any breaches should be reported directly to CASA.

Third parties wishing to fly drones on or over CoD owned or controlled land may be required to obtain a letter of support from CoD before CASA provides authorisation to fly. Such requests will be assessed on a case by case basis by the Chief Remote Pilot.

3.2 Privacy

Project teams that develop and implement projects that collect personal information during the use of RPA will comply with CoD’s privacy obligations and policies in regard to the collection and processing of personal information. In other words, where data collected by drones or RPA technologies is personal information, CoD shall collect, record, process, access and manage such data fairly and transparently in accordance with the IPPs and best privacy practices.

To achieve transparency, CoD will ensure that the Darwin community is well informed about CoD’s use of RPA, the purpose(s) for the use of RPA, and how CoD will manage personal information collected by the use of RPA.

Freedom of Information requests to access CoD information collected from RPA devices will be assessed and managed in accordance with the *Information Act 2002* (NT)

4 DEFINITIONS

Civil Aviation Safety Authority is the Commonwealth regulatory authority for the operation of aircraft in Australian airspace. This includes RPA.

Remotely Piloted Aircraft is a drone flown under relevant licences and approvals for relevant CoD purposes.

5 LEGISLATIVE REFERENCES

- Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998 (CASR 1998)*
- Information Act 2002* (NT)
- Surveillance Devices Act 2007* (NT)

6 PROCEDURES AND RELATED DOCUMENTS

City of Darwin 0033.100.E.R Privacy Policy

7 RESPONSIBILITY AND APPLICATION

In accordance with civil aviation regulations, the organisational structure of CoD’s RPA operations is outlined in the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) approved Operations Manual. The general responsibilities of specified positions are described below.

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REMOTELY PILOTED AIRCRAFT POLICY 0100.100.E.R.

GOVERNANCE

Chief Executive Officer

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is accountable for safety and corporate compliance. The CEO will provide the necessary resources so that all operations and maintenance can be conducted to meet obligations, goals and objectives including finance and human resources. The CEO is accountable to ensure the currency of the ReOC and will ensure that any operation conducted on behalf of CoD is conducted under the control and authority of the Chief Remote Pilot and/or Maintenance Controller as identified on the ReOC.

Chief Remote Pilot

Appointment to this role must be approved by CASA. The Chief Remote Pilot is responsible for ensuring all departmental RPAs are maintained and operated safely in accordance with the organisation’s ReOC and the applicable civil aviation safety regulations. They are the primary contact for CASA regarding all operational, safety and regulatory matters.

Maintenance Controller

Appointment to this role must be approved by CASA. The Maintenance Controller is responsible for ensuring all RPAs operated under the organisation’s ReOC are maintained in accordance with the manufacturer and regulatory requirements.

Remote Pilot in Command

The Remote Pilot in Command is responsible for operating an RPA in accordance with the department’s operations manual, drone policy and aviation regulations.

The Chief Financial Officer is responsible for this policy. This policy will be reviewed every two (2) years or at such other time as necessary.

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~~Remotely Piloted Aircraft Policy~~ Remotely piloted aircraft policy

Policy No. 0102.100.E.R

1 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the use and operation of Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) within the ~~City of Darwin (CoD)~~ municipality complies with all relevant legislation, safety standards, and ethical practices, ~~and~~ The policy aims to meet the obligations of City of Darwin's Remotely Piloted Aircraft Operators Certificate (ReOC) while prioritising safety, privacy, and compliance with laws and regulation ~~legislation~~.

The objectives of this policy are to ensure that:

- ~~City of Darwin's~~ operation of RPA is conducted in a manner that is strict compliance ~~et~~ with all relevant aviation laws and statutory requirements, with a in particular focus on Part 101 of the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998 (CASR 1998).
- All City of Darwin RPA operations are conducted under a valid and up-to-date current ReOC.
- City of Darwin's operation of RPA, and the management of data derived from drone use, will comply align with Information Act 2002 (NT), Information Privacy Principles (IPPs), community expectations, and privacy best practices.

2 Scope

This policy applies to:

- ~~The use of RPA by City of Darwin staff Elected Members, and staff under ReOC during the delivery of services or performance of certain specific CoDCity of Darwin activities.~~
- ~~RPA systems and technologies owned by City of Darwin, as documented and listed in CoD Operations Manual.~~
- ~~Data collected by City of Darwin, through RPA activity operated under 's ReOC, and~~
- ~~The flying operation of RPA on City of Darwin-owned land.~~

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~~All Elected Members and staff must adhere to this policy and associated procedures during the execution of in the conduct of all any business activities performed by or on behalf of.~~

3 Policy Statement

3.1 Acceptable Use of RPA

All use of RPA, ~~as documented in's Operations Manual,~~ by ~~CoD~~City of Darwin staff will strictly adhere to ~~CoD's~~City of Darwin Operations Manual and will require appropriate pilot licensing. ~~CoD will~~City of Darwin will ensure that any required registrations with the Civil Aviation and Safety Authority (CASA) remain current.

The use of RPA, ~~listed in's Operations Manual~~ must comply with all relevant legislation ~~and must not breach any CoD policies.~~ Relevant legislation, ~~including~~ the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998 (CASR 1998), the Information Act 2002 (NT) and the Surveillance Devices Act 2007 (NT). ~~As part of RPA usage planning, CoD~~City of Darwin will undertake conduct a Privacy Threshold Assessment as part of RPA usage planning. The collection of personal information through RPA usage must comply with City of Darwin's privacy obligations and policies regarding the collection, storage, processing and disclosure of personal information. to determine whether a Privacy Impact Assessment is required.

City of Darwin ~~welcomes~~ encourages the responsible use of drones in the Darwin municipality subject to CASA regulations, including not avoiding flying close to near people or /properties, respecting personal privacy, and not adhering flying within to restricted airspace guidelines. ~~CoD~~City of Darwin does not enforce rules and regulations related to regarding the use of RPA on ~~CoD's~~City of Darwin ~~or~~ controlled land, and ~~as such~~ any breaches must should be reported directly to CASA.

Third parties wishing seeking to fly operate drones on or over ~~City of Darwin's~~City of Darwin ~~owned or controlled~~ land may need be required to to obtain a letter of support from ~~CoD~~City of Darwin before CASA ~~provides~~ authorisation such flights to fly. ~~These~~Such requests will be assessed on a case by case basis by the Chief Remote Pilot.

3.2 Privacy

~~Project teams that develop and implement projects that collect personal information during the use of RPA will comply with City of Darwin's privacy obligations and and policies in regard to the collection, storage, and processing and disclosure of personal information. In other words, where data collected by drones or RPA technologies is personal information, CoD shall collect, record, process, access and manage such data fairly and transparently in accordance with the IPPs and best privacy practices.~~

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~~To achieve transparency, CoD will ensure that the Darwin community is well informed about CoD's use of RPA, the purpose(s) for the use of RPA, and how CoD will manage personal information collected by the use of RPA.~~

~~Freedom of Information requests to access CoD information collected from RPA devices will be assessed and managed in accordance with the Information Act 2002 (NT)~~

4 Definitions

Civil Aviation Safety Authority: ~~is the~~ The Commonwealth regulatory authority responsible for regulating aircraft ~~the operation of aircraft~~ in Australian airspace. ~~This~~ includes RPA.

Remotely Piloted Aircraft: ~~is a~~ A drone flown-operated under relevant licenses and approvals for relevant specific City of Darwin purposes.

~~Remotely Piloted Aircraft Policy~~ Remotely piloted aircraft policy - 0102.100.E.R

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5 Legislative References

- Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998 (~~CASR 1998~~)
- Information Act 2002 (NT)-
- Surveillance Devices Act 2007 (NT)-

6 Procedures / Related Documents

~~City of Darwin~~-0033.100.E.R Privacy Policy

~~3101.001.I.N~~ [City of Darwin Operations Manual](#)

- ~~2530.001.I.R~~ [Privacy Threshold Assessment](#)

7 Responsibility / Application

In accordance with civil aviation regulations, ~~City of Darwin's~~ organisational structure of ~~CoD~~ RPA operations is outlined in the CASA approved Operations Manual. ~~The general~~ Key responsibilities ~~of~~ for specified positions are ~~described as~~ below:

- ~~The General Manager Corporate/Chief Financial Officer is responsible for ensuring that this policy is adhered to and understood.~~
- Chief Executive Officer (CEO): ~~The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is a~~ Accountable for safety and corporate compliance. ~~The CEO will provide the, ensuring~~ necessary resources ~~so that all are provided for~~ -operations and maintenance, ~~can be conducted to meet obligations, goals and objectives including finance and human resources. The CEO is accountable to ensure~~ Responsible for maintaining the ReOC's ~~currency of the ReOC and will ensure that any~~ and oversight of operations conducted on behalf of ~~City of Darwin,~~ is conducted under the control and authority of ~~the Chief Remote Pilot and/or Maintenance Controller as identified on the ReOC.~~
- Chief Remote Pilot: ~~Appointment to this role must be approved by CASA. The Chief Remote Pilot is~~ Responsible for ensuring all departmental RPAs are maintained and operated safely ~~maintenance and operation of departmental RPAs in compliance in accordance with~~ the organisation's ReOC and the applicable CASR. ~~They are the p~~ Primary contact ~~for with~~ CASA ~~regarding all~~ for operational, safety, and regulatory matters.
- Maintenance Controller: ~~Appointment to this role must be approved by CASA. The Maintenance Controller is~~ Responsible for ensuring all RPAs operated under the organisation's ReOC are maintained in accordance with ~~the~~ manufacturer and regulatory requirements.
- Remote Pilot in Command: ~~The Remote Pilot in Command is~~ Responsible for operating ~~an~~ RPAs ~~in accordance with following~~ the department's operations manual, drone policy and aviation regulations.-

~~This Policy will be reviewed once per term of Council or in response to significant changes in legislation or other circumstances which affect its effectiveness and validity.~~ Chief Financial Officer:

~~Remotely Piloted Aircraft Policy~~ Remotely piloted aircraft policy - 0102.100.E.R

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~~The Chief Financial Officer is responsible for the oversight of this policy. This policy, which will be reviewed every two (2) years or at such other time as necessary.~~

- ~~All staff must adhere to this policy and associated procedures during the execution of any business activities on behalf of City of Darwin.~~

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Remotely piloted aircraft policy

Policy No. 3101.100.E.R

1 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the use and operation of Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) by City of Darwin within the Darwin municipality complies with all relevant legislation, safety standards, and ethical practices. The policy aims to meet the obligations of City of Darwin’s Remotely Piloted Aircraft Operators Certificate (ReOC) while prioritising safety, privacy, and compliance with legislation.

The objectives of this policy are to ensure that:

- City of Darwin’s operation of RPA is conducted in strict compliance with all relevant aviation laws and statutory requirements. All City of Darwin RPA operations are conducted under a valid ReOC.
- City of Darwin’s operation of RPA and the management of data derived from drone use align with *Information Act 2002* (NT), community expectations, and privacy best practice.

2 Scope

This policy applies to:

- the use of RPA by City of Darwin staff during the delivery of services or performance of City of Darwin activities
- RPA systems and technologies owned by City of Darwin
- data collected by City of Darwin, through RPA activity
- the operation of RPA on City of Darwin-owned land.

3 Policy Statement

All use of RPA by City of Darwin staff will strictly adhere to City of Darwin Operations Manual and will require appropriate pilot licensing. City of Darwin will ensure that any required registrations with the Civil Aviation and Safety Authority (CASA) remain current.

The use of RPA must comply with all relevant legislation, including the *Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998 (CASR 1998)*, the *Information Act 2002* (NT) and the *Surveillance Devices Act 2007* (NT). City of Darwin will conduct Privacy Threshold Assessment as part of RPA usage planning. The collection of personal information through RPA usage must comply with City of Darwin’s privacy obligations and policies regarding the collection, storage, processing and disclosure of personal information.

City of Darwin encourages the responsible use of drones in the Darwin municipality subject to CASA regulations, including avoiding flying near people or properties, respecting personal privacy, and adhering to restricted airspace guidelines. City of Darwin does not enforce rules and regulations

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regarding the use of RPA on City of Darwin controlled land, and any breaches must be reported directly to CASA.

Third parties seeking to operate drones on or over City of Darwin-owned land may need to obtain a letter of support from City of Darwin before CASA authorise such flights. These requests will be assessed on a case-by-case basis by the Chief Remote Pilot.

4 Definitions

Civil Aviation Safety Authority: The Commonwealth regulatory authority responsible for regulating aircraft operation in Australian airspace including RPA.

Remotely Piloted Aircraft: A drone operated under relevant licenses and approvals for specific City of Darwin purposes.

5 Legislative References

Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998

Information Act 2002 (NT)

Surveillance Devices Act 2007 (NT)

6 Procedures / Related Documents

0033.100.E.R Privacy Policy

3101.001.I.N City of Darwin Operations Manual

2530.001.I.R Privacy Threshold Assessment

7 Responsibility / Application

In accordance with civil aviation regulations, City of Darwin’s organisational structure of RPA operations is outlined in the CASA approved Operations Manual. Key responsibilities for specified positions are as below:

- The General Manager Corporate/Chief Financial Officer is responsible for ensuring that this policy is adhered to and understood.
- Chief Executive Officer (CEO): Accountable for safety and corporate compliance, ensuring necessary resources are provided for operations and maintenance. Responsible for maintaining the ReOC’s currency and oversight of operations conducted on behalf of City of Darwin.
- Chief Remote Pilot: Responsible for ensuring safe maintenance and operation of departmental RPAs in compliance with the organisation’s ReOC and the applicable CASR. Primary contact with CASA for operational, safety, and regulatory matters.

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- Maintenance Controller: Responsible for ensuring all RPAs operated under the organisation’s ReOC are maintained in accordance with manufacturer and regulatory requirements.
- Remote Pilot in Command: Responsible for operating RPAs following the department’s operations manual, drone policy and aviation regulations.
- This Policy will be reviewed once per term of Council or in response to significant changes in legislation or other circumstances which affect its effectiveness and validity.

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14.2 SUBMISSION TO SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON AUSTRALIA'S DISASTER RESILIENCE

Author: Executive Manager Corporate and Customer Services

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: 1. Proposed Submission to the Senate Select Committee on Australia's Disaster Resilience [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report entitled Submission to Senate Select Committee on Australia's Disaster Resilience be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve the proposed submission to the Senate Select Committee on Australia's Disaster Resilience.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for a submission to Senate Select Committee on Australia's Disaster Resilience.

KEY ISSUES

- The Australian Government is currently reviewing its disaster response and recovery capabilities.
- A proposed response is for the Australian Defence Force (ADF) to no longer provide preparatory and response activities for disasters except in cases of extreme need.
- This will potentially have a significant impact on the Darwin community's ability to respond and recover for disaster events.
- City of Darwin has prepared a submission and will continue to advocate on this issue, including making a submission on this topic to, and appearing at, the Senate Select Committee on Australia's Disaster Resilience.

DISCUSSION

The Australian Government is currently reviewing its disaster response and recovery capabilities. Several reports including the *Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements*, the *Defence Strategic Review* and more recently, the *Alternative Commonwealth Capabilities for Crisis Response Discussion Paper* have been prepared.

The most recent Discussion Paper responds to the position of the *Defence Strategic Review* that climate change will result in a greater number of disaster events requiring significant response and that if the ADF continues to provide support, it is at risk of being “overwhelmed” and unable to perform its primary objective of defending Australia. A proposed response is for the ADF to no longer provide preparatory and response activities for disasters except in cases of extreme need, though this is undefined. This will potentially have a significant impact on the Darwin community’s ability to respond and recover for disaster events.

As a result, City of Darwin has made a submission recently to this Discussion Paper and has also prepared a submission at **Attachment 1** to the Senate Select Committee on Australia’s Disaster Resilience that is considering the same issues.

This submission discusses several issues including:

- Challenges of Disaster Response in the Northern Territory
- ADF Involvement in Disaster Response
- Impacts of Climate Change
- Resilience
- Alternative Models

Advocacy on this issue will continue, including the appearance before the Senate Select Committee on the 19th of September, along with advocacy through LGANT, CCCLM and ALGA.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	6 Governance Framework 6.2 Roles and Relationships
BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	N/A
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	N/A
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	N/A

<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>
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**To: The Senate Select Committee on Australia's
Disaster Resilience**

Submitted online

To Whom It May Concern

The City of Darwin appreciates the opportunity to provide this submission to the Senate Select Committee on Australia's Disaster Resilience and to provide testimony at the Darwin hearing on 19 September 2023.

Local government has a vital role to play in disaster response and resilience. As the level of government closest to the community, local councils have a unique understanding of the specific needs and challenges faced by their residents, and they can respond quickly and effectively to the needs of their communities. To maximize the effectiveness of local government in disaster response, it is essential that councils have the necessary resources and support from higher levels of government, including Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel and equipment, particularly where local capacity is limited.

Whilst this submission is made on behalf of City of Darwin, the issues covered here also impact surrounding local governments and communities, and the references to Darwin are to the metropolitan area that extends outside City of Darwin local government area boundaries.

This submission considers several issues including:

- Challenges of Disaster Response in the Northern Territory
- ADF Involvement in Disaster Response
- Impacts of Climate Change
- Resilience
- Alternative Models

Challenges of Disaster Response in the Northern Territory

Darwin has a relatively small base of operational local government and Northern Territory Government emergency services personnel. Similarly, Darwin also has a small private contractor base who already service multiple local governments, the Northern Territory Government, and public utilities. Furthermore, unlike most other major centres such as Southeast Queensland, metropolitan

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Sydney and Melbourne etc, readily deployable resources are not located in nearby or connected communities. In fact, the closest community of a comparable size to Darwin is Dili, the capital of Timor-Leste. The closest similar sized cities to Darwin are on the east coast of Queensland over 2,000km away and are potentially inaccessible during a significant weather event due to loss of road and rail access, and potentially use of Darwin International Airport. Another significant barrier to interstate support, especially from the private sector would be the cost to transfer personnel and equipment.

City of Darwin acknowledges that the presence of significant local, state and voluntary emergency organisations in more populous regions means that the need for a significant ADF response is sometimes surplus to requirements. However, given Darwin's isolation and small base of personnel and equipment, defence support is invaluable when required. The Alternative Commonwealth Capabilities for Crisis Response Discussion Paper (Discussion Paper) notes that it is the Commonwealth Government's intention to withhold ADF deployment unless it is cases of the "most extreme emergencies". The lack of definition of "most extreme emergencies" in the Discussion Paper is also of concern to City of Darwin. Given the limited resources and the nature of weather events in the Northern Territory, the threshold for requiring assistance would be lower than other metropolitan areas. For example, Tropical Cyclone Marcus in March 2018 was a Category 2 cyclone and despite this, still caused significant tree loss, extended loss of power and significant food wastage. A "one size fits all" approach to be applied nationally is not suitable given Darwin's circumstances.

Darwin has a strong defence presence recognising its strategic value in the defence of Australian and proximity to Asia. As of 30 June 2022, 5,191¹ residents of Darwin were ADF personnel which is 5.8% of the permanent and reserve headcount of the ADF². In addition to this, a further estimated 2,500 United States Marine Corps (USMC) personnel will rotate through Darwin in 2023³. By comparison, Darwin metropolitan area has only 0.55% of the nation's population⁴. This high number of personnel also means that there is significant plant, equipment and aviation assets based in Darwin. This ongoing ADF presence, supplemented by USMC between March and October means that there is critical mass of personnel and assets ready to assist the community if needed. For many ADF personnel who live in Darwin, their emotional connection to their home community also means they would be assisting restore the suburbs they live, the schools their children attend, the sporting and community facilities they use and other sites of emotional significant such as places of worship. Noting these local factors, City of Darwin notes that there are always competing operational requirements for the ADF, however the discretion to respond should be given to local military

¹ Source: Defence Annual Report 2021-22

² Source: Defence Annual Report 2021-22

³ Source: <https://www.minister.defence.gov.au/media-releases/2023-03-22/australia-welcomes-united-states-marines-back-darwin>

⁴ Source: Department of Treasury and Finance; ABS, *Regional Population Growth, Australia*, Cat. No. 3218.0





commanders who have a strong relationship with local and Northern Territory Government to authorise the deployment of local resources.

Concerns have also been raised about the cost impacts on the ADF of undertaking disaster preparation and recovery activities. If the ADF was not to provide support, it is likely local governments would attempt to supplement the capacity gap with contractor labour which would be recoverable under disaster funding arrangements. City of Darwin submits that if funding is a concern for the ADF, then any out-of-pocket costs should be recoverable for the ADF under the disaster funding arrangements which would have otherwise been paid to local government.

However, in terms of responding to potential concerns around “cost shifting”, City of Darwin believes that the better view is that the capacity and retention challenges of the ADF that are partially underpinning the intention of the ADF to withdraw from disaster assistance would effectively be transferred to the local government sector. This is a challenge for local government as the capacity constraints for the Northern Territory are the basis for seeking ADF support during disaster preparedness and response.

ADF Involvement in Disaster Response

Both the ADF and USMC personnel are well regarded and respected in the Darwin community, as is the resident veteran community. This support is of vital importance to the ADF and its partners in performing its functions, some of which may cause disruption and inconvenience to Darwin residents, eg. night time operations, operations on public land, live firing exercises etc. Part of that social acceptance is the reasonable expectation that when the community needs the support of the ADF in disaster recovery that it is provided, particularly given limited civilian resources.

In recent years, the ADF has provided specialised support not readily accessible in the Northern Territory including:

- Supply of equipment and construction of containment lines for bushfires in the Barkly Region (September 2023)
- Evacuation of 400 people by air during floods (March 2023)
- Evacuation in preparation for Tropical Cyclone Trevor (March 2019)
- Recovery efforts in partnership with the USMC following Tropical Cyclone Marcus (March 2018)

A strong example of the value of the recovery and response was the support provided by the ADF and USMC in 2018 in response to Tropical Cyclone Marcus. These efforts were integral in the prompt recovery of Darwin and Palmerston. Tropical Cyclone Marcus was a Category 2 cyclone and caused significant damage. ADF and USMC provided equipment and personnel for several weeks to assist in surveying, collection and disposal of green, food and construction waste, and repairs to private property. This assistance at least halved the recovery time for the communities of Palmerston and





Darwin, which was vital for the local economy in the lead up to the peak tourist period known as Dry Season.

Furthermore, training for humanitarian missions is part of operational activities of the ADF and its international partners, including the USMC deployment in Darwin. City of Darwin is aware of at least one recent trilateral humanitarian exercise named *Exercise Crocodile Response 23* with ADF, USMC and Indonesian military elements. It would cause reputational damage to the Commonwealth Government and the ADF if the Darwin community was to form the view that the ADF are willing to provide overseas humanitarian support but not provide support in Australia that they have been trained for, especially if USMC elements were willing to assist their host community, as they have done in the past.

Impacts of Climate Change

City of Darwin understands that the rationale for reducing ADF contribution to disaster response is that climate change will result in a greater number of disaster events requiring significant response and that if the ADF continues to provide support to respond, it is at risk of being “overwhelmed” and unable to perform its primary objective of defending Australia. This view is outlined in the Defence Strategic Review (Review) released earlier in 2023.

City of Darwin recognises that the potential threats of climate change and as a tropical community is at the forefront of changing climates. City of Darwin has researched this issue extensively and has prepared strategies to respond including the *Climate Emergency Strategy*, a commitment to net zero by 2030, and investment in renewable energies. If current climate change predictions are correct, the broader Darwin community will face more significant challenges to our built and natural environments. These may include:

- Extreme rainfall events
- Increased level and severity of bushfires
- Rising sea levels
- A greater proportion of cyclones
- An increase in average daily temperature maximums
- Continued loss and risk to biodiversity
- Risks of contamination to the water supply through saltwater intrusion into freshwater aquifers.

However, despite the Review acknowledging the threats from changing climates to the extent that it has categorised it as a national security issue, the Review commits to a strong presence in Northern Australia, including Darwin. The Review recommends an immediate upgrade and development of

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“our northern network of bases, ports and barracks⁵” and investment in defence facilities is ongoing in the Top End. The ADF clearly accepts the climate risks of a continued defence and civilian presence in Darwin.

City of Darwin recognises that there will be operational priorities for the ADF such as overseas deployment and scheduled exercises. However, it is City of Darwin's view that if it is in the national defence interest to have an enhanced defence presence in Darwin where there are real climate risks, the ADF will need to provide support to the Darwin community to recover from significant weather events with capacity not otherwise meeting critical operational requirements. It is City of Darwin's view that local military commanders will be best placed to assess this operational capacity.

Resilience

City of Darwin appreciates that at the Senate Hearing on 19 September 2023, there was discussion about Darwin's resilience. City of Darwin notes that most of the power network is overhead, however the Northern Territory Government has commenced a program of undergrounding power, with priority being given based on risk and potential impacts. Other forms of infrastructure are reasonably robust, however City of Darwin takes the opportunity to offer some commentary on waste management and the operation of the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility.

City of Darwin is committed to being a clean and environmentally responsible city and providing a sustainable waste management and resource recovery facility for Greater Darwin. The Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility (Shoal Bay) is the region's largest waste and resource recovery facility, which accepts around 200,000 tonnes of waste and recyclable material per year. Shoal Bay operates under an environmental protection licence and is the only Top End facility licenced to collect putrescible waste, consisting mainly of general household and business waste that contains organic matter. The licence also permits the receiving, processing and storage of commercial volumes of tyres, garden organics, inert waste (consisting primarily of construction and building waste) and asbestos.

There is an estimated 27 years of future life at Shoal Bay where additional best practice engineered landfill cells are designed and constructed to meet the future needs of community, while ensuring human health and environmental protection. Since 2016 more than \$40 million has been spent on capital upgrades at Shoal Bay to ensure a long term sustainable future for the facility including the construction of a leachate treatment plant (treating liquid waste generated in landfill), construction of covered storage ponds, gas collection systems, landfill capping and the construction of new cells. Fees and charges at Shoal Bay are calculated to cover the operational running costs and significant capital upgrades required for environmental compliance, recycling and ensuring the long term capacity at Shoal Bay. While tackling legacy issues and securing a long term sustainability for waste management for the Top End, Shoal Bay's fees and charges remain similar to, and in many cases less than, comparable interstate facilities.

⁵ Source: Page 76 Defence Strategic Review accessed at [National Defence: Defence Strategic Review 2023 | About | Defence](#)





In the event of an emergency, such as a cyclone, there is an increase in waste generation across all waste categories that are received at Shoal Bay. The Northern Territory Government Draft Emergency Waste Management Plan estimates that a Category 5 cyclone for Greater Darwin would generate 14 times the average annual waste within the Top End region. Shoal Bay is not designed as an emergency waste management facility and in the event of an emergency would support the resilience of the Greater Darwin area through prioritising the receiving and effective storage of putrescible waste to protect human health and the environment.

The impacts received at Shoal Bay as a result of Cyclone Marcus in 2018 led to a series of events that put the long term sustainability of Shoal Bay at significant risk. During Marcus, Shoal Bay was greatly exposed to Greater Darwin's emergency waste liability, where the putrescible waste landfill cells were rapidly filled with materials best managed at emergency sites and diverted from landfill. The multimillion dollar environmental and financial impacts of Cyclone Marcus at Shoal Bay are still experienced today through the monitoring and management of subsurface landfill hotspots fuelled from legacy combusting mahogany trees that were brought in as emergency waste. Coordinated emergency waste management is a significant area of opportunity to strengthen the resilience of the Greater Darwin area.

There are many other opportunities in building further resilience into waste management and materials recovery systems for the Northern Territory. The City of Darwin Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2030 outlines further actions for implementation at Shoal Bay to increase waste diversion from landfill and increase recycling to support the Northern Territories transition to a Circular Economy. Current focus areas here include the expansion of the landfill gas to energy plant, the processing of tyres for reuse, developing a composting facility and additional pre-sorting and processing of building waste.

Alternative Models

City of Darwin also understand there is potentially consideration being given to the use of a federally funded "rapid deployment" workforce and/or funding for locally based volunteer organisations. City of Darwin is concerned that any federal workforce or volunteer organisation would likely be based a significant distance from Darwin, would have a number of potential barriers restricting its ability to deploy rapidly and little local knowledge and presence due to the relatively small population base. However, if this is the preferred model in the future, City of Darwin has concerns about the structure and capability of any organisation, including command structures/accountability, organisational hierarchies, procedures and methodologies, especially work health and safety issues that will need to be addressed. Size of population also means that volunteer organisations may not be feasible and as noted in the Discussion Paper, may be competing for the same personnel as emergency services and the ADF Reserve.

City of Darwin also notes commentary from the ADF as part of the Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements that discussed the ongoing operational impacts of sustained non-military events such as COVID 19 and the 2019-20 bushfire response. Darwin's primary need for disaster response and recovery will likely be from impacts associated with cyclones requiring a short-term response, and not once in a century events such as COVID. City of Darwin is of the view that these local considerations should be taken into account.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide submission and participate in this Select Committee. City of Darwin would appreciate the opportunity to further participate including further submissions and committee appearances as appropriate. For further information please contact Chris Kelly, Executive Manager Corporate and Customer Service on 08 8930 0537 or chris.kelly@darwin.nt.gov.au.

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14.3 PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT - TELECOMMUNICATIONS - PA2023/0101

Author: Planning Officer
Executive Manager Growth & Economic Development

Authoriser: General Manager Innovation

Attachments: 1. Draft Letter Response [↓](#)
2. Planning Scheme Amendment - Telecommunications [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report entitled Planning Scheme Amendment Telecommunications - PA2023/0101 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the draft response letter to the Planning Commission at **Attachment 1**, entitled Planning Scheme Amendment Telecommunications - PA2023/0101.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to inform Council that the NT Planning Commission has requested Council's written submission regarding a proposed amendment to the Northern Territory Planning Scheme 2020 (NTPS). The amendment proposes to streamline the provisions for telecommunication facilities, as detailed in **Attachment 2**.

KEY ISSUES

- Council's feedback is being sought on amendments to the Northern Territory Planning Scheme 2020 (NTPS).
- The amendment proposes to streamline the provision of telecommunications facilities in circumstances where the risk to amenity is considered low.
- Proposed changes to the NTPS 2020 includes:
 - changes to the assessment categories of telecommunications facilities in some zones,
 - new zone outcomes in affected zones,
 - changes to Clause 5.8.10 (Telecommunications Facility),
 - the removal of car parking requirements for telecommunications facilities in all zones, and
 - two new exceptions.

DISCUSSION

The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics, Lands Planning team (DIPL) on behalf of the Planning Commission, are seeking City of Darwin's written comments on amending the Northern Territory Planning Scheme (NTPS) which proposes to streamline the provision of telecommunications facilities in circumstances where the risk to amenity is considered low.

The NTPS currently identifies telecommunications facilities as impact assessable in all zones across the Northern Territory, resulting in development applications being lodged for every new telecommunications facilities on zoned land.

The proposed Planning Scheme Amendment (PSA) aims to reduce the assessment requirements where risk to amenity is considered low and propose changes to requirements to ensure they are relevant, reasonable and strike a balance between the need to facilitate telecommunications infrastructure, while maintaining the amenity of a locality.

Changes to the assessment categories of telecommunications facilities in some zones

Changes to the assessment category of telecommunications facilities are proposed in zones where there is a low risk of impact to the amenity of surrounding land as demonstrated in the table below:

Proposed changes to Assessment Categories per Zone				
Zone	Assessment Category			
	Permitted	Merit Assessable	Impact Assessable	Prohibited
Zone LR - Low Density Residential			•	
Zone LMR - Low to Medium Density Residential			•	
Zone MR - Medium Density Residential			•	
Zone HR - High Density Residential			•	
Zone RR - Rural Residential			•	
Zone RL - Rural Residential			•	
Zone CV - Caravan Parks			•	
Zone CL - Community Living			•	
Zone CB - Central Business			•	
Zone C - Commercial			•	
Zone SC - Service Commercial		*		
Zone TC - Tourism Commercial			•	
Zone LI - Light Industry	*			
Zone GI - General Industry	*			
Zone DV - Development		*		
Zone PS - Public Open Space			•	
Zone OR - Organised Recreation		*		
Zone H - Horticulture	*			
Zone A - Agriculture	*			
Zone R - Rural		*		
Zone CP - Community Purpose		*		
Zone CN - Conservation			•	
Zone HT - Heritage			•	
Zone RD - Restricted Development			•	
Zone WM - Water Management			•	
Zone FD - Future Development			•	
Zone T - Township			•	
Zone M - Main Road			•	
Zone PM - Proposed Main Road			•	
Zone RW - Railway			•	
Zone U - Utilities	*			

• = No change proposed

* = Proposed change to this Assessment Category

Note: Both Merit and Impact assessable applications, still require a planning application to be submitted.

It is noted that Zones LI (Light Industry), GI (General Industry) and U (Utilities) are the only zones located in the Darwin municipality that telecommunications facilities will be permitted under the proposed PSA.

When City of Darwin officers have assessed telecommunications facilities applications in these zones, all works were proposed on private property with vehicle access and stormwater infrastructure already provided, resulting in no issues being identified for City of Darwin regarding these applications.

New zone outcomes in some zones

The new zone outcomes will provide additional guidance in zones where telecommunications facilities are not generally anticipated, and where they have the highest risk of impacting the amenity of the locality or compromising future use and development in the zone. Outcomes include, but not limited to:

- are located to minimise direct views from habitable rooms or outdoor living spaces of dwellings on adjoining lots.
- are sufficiently set back from street frontages so they do not unreasonably impact on the amenity of the public realm.
- are located and designed to integrate with surrounding uses and do not compromise the service commercial function of the locality.
- are located and designed to integrate with surrounding uses.

Full details of the proposed changes to zone outcomes are provided in **Attachment 2**.

Changes to Clause 5.8.10 (Telecommunications Facility)

The new zone outcomes require more appropriate levels of guidance, and the changes to Clause 5.8.10 will remove outdated provisions and provide more appropriate levels of guidance for the Development Consent Authority to consider applications.

Full details of the proposed changes to Clause 5.8.10 are provided in **Attachment 2**.

Removal of car parking requirements

Currently one car parking space is required to be provided. As part of the proposed PSA, the removal of the car parking requirement for telecommunications facilities has been proposed following the review of approved and constructed telecommunications facilities has found that:

- sufficient space generally wasn't available for a dedicated car parking space within the lease area,
- development relied on existing car parking areas in the vicinity, and
- development was generally located in areas where there is sufficient surrounding space to accommodate infrequent vehicles.

New exceptions

Schedule 3 of the NTPS allows for exceptions that exempt specified development from the NTPS.

There is one new exception and one exemption proposed as part of the PSA, *the inspection and maintenance of a telecommunications facility*. This has been proposed to be moved from Clause 5.8.10 (telecommunications facility) into Schedule 3 of the NTPS.

The proposed new exemption is:

- the extension and replacement of telecommunications facilities.

Specifically, where the extension of the tower component does not increase the height of an existing tower by more than 5m, and where a replacement facility is constructed in the same location as an existing facility and no more than 5m taller than the original facility.

<p>It is noted that the proposed changes to the NTPS refers to vehicle access and installation of services within a road reserve must be in accordance with the requirements of the relevant agency responsible for the management of the road.</p>	
<p>PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION</p> <p>N/A</p>	
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Proposal To Amend NT Planning Scheme - PA2023/0101 - Streamlining the provisions for telecommunications facilities

Thank you for the Proposal to Amend NT Planning Scheme 2020, referred to the City of Darwin on the 8 September 2023.

City of Darwin continues to support the ongoing process of reforming the Northern Territory Planning Scheme 2020 (NTPS).

City of Darwin supports this Planning Scheme Amendment to the NTPS, which proposes to streamline the provisions for telecommunications facilities to better guide the discretion of the Consent Authority and reduce the assessment requirements for telecommunications facilities where risk to amenity is considered low.

If you require any further information in relation to this application, please feel free to contact City of Darwin’s Innovation Team on 8930 0300 or email darwin@darwin.nt.gov.au

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NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
PROPOSAL TO AMEND NT PLANNING SCHEME
PA2023/0101

The Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics has decided to consider an amendment to the Northern Territory Planning Scheme to streamline the provisions for telecommunication facilities by placing it on exhibition.

The proposed amendment aims to reduce the assessment requirements for telecommunications facilities where risk to amenity is considered low. It proposes changes to existing requirements to ensure they are relevant, reasonable and strike a balance between the need to facilitate telecommunications infrastructure, while maintaining the amenity of a locality.

The amendment proposes:

- changes to the assessment categories of telecommunications facilities in some zones;
- new zone outcomes in some zones;
- changes to Clause 5.8.10 (Telecommunications Facility);
- the removal of car parking requirements for telecommunications facilities in all zones; and
- new exceptions in Schedule 3.

An explanation of the proposed changes can be found in the attached Explanatory Document.

Period of Exhibition and Lodging a Submission

The exhibition period is from 8 September 2023 to 6 October 2023.

Written submissions about the proposed planning scheme amendment are to be received by 11:59pm on 6 October 2023 and addressed to:

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GPO Box 1680
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- Darwin: Level 1, Energy House, 18-20 Cavenagh Street, Darwin City
- Alice Springs: Green Well Building, 50 Bath Street, Alice Springs
- Katherine: Level 1, Katherine Government Centre, 5 First Street, Katherine.

For more information please contact Lands Planning on telephone (08) 8999 8963.

Explanatory Document

Proposal to Streamline the Planning Provisions for Telecommunications Facilities in the Northern Territory

PA2023/0101



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1. Introduction

With the introduction of new technology and an ongoing effort by providers to improve existing networks across the Northern Territory, new telecommunications facilities will be required to meet increasing demands for mobile coverage and address evolving technology requirements.

The NT Planning Scheme 2020 (Planning Scheme) currently identifies telecommunications facilities as impact assessable in all zones across the Northern Territory, meaning development applications must be lodged for all new telecommunications facilities on zoned land.

The proposed planning scheme amendment aims to reduce the assessment requirements where risk to amenity is considered low. It proposes changes to requirements to ensure they are relevant, reasonable and strike a balance between the need to facilitate telecommunications infrastructure, while maintaining the amenity of a locality.

The proposed planning scheme amendment to streamline the delivery of telecommunications infrastructure proposes:

- changes to the assessment category of telecommunications facilities in some zones;
- new zone outcomes in some zones;
- changes to Clause 5.8.10 (telecommunications facility);
- the removal of car parking requirements for telecommunications facilities in all zones; and
- new exceptions in Schedule 3.

This document provides a background to the proposed planning scheme amendment, details of how the proposed amendment applies, and draft changes to the Planning Scheme.

2. Consideration of Legislative Framework

2.1. Alignment with the *Planning Act 1999*

The proposed amendment is consistent with the purpose of the Act, which is to establish a system to facilitate planning for the orderly use and development of land. It contributes specifically to the achievement of the following objectives:

- (b) to ensure that strategic planning reflects the wishes and needs of the community;*
- (c) to ensure that appropriate public consultation and input are included in the formulation of planning schemes and the making of decisions under planning schemes;*
- (d) to ensure the planning system is clear, comprehensive, effective, efficient and accessible to the community;*
- (i) to assist the provision of public utilities, infrastructure and facilities for the benefit of the community; and*
- (j) to promote the good design of buildings and other works that respect the amenity of the locality;*

The proposed amendment aims to provide better efficiencies and better outcomes for the provision of telecommunications facilities on zoned land in appropriate locations. The amendment proposes exemptions and changes to the assessment category of telecommunications facilities where the risk to amenity is low. It also proposes changes to the requirements of telecommunications facilities to ensure they are relevant, reasonable and provide better guidance to providers, decision makers, and the community.

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2.2. Alignment with the NTPS 2020 Strategic Framework

The proposed amendment seeks to change the assessment category of telecommunications facilities in some zones, make changes to the development requirements for telecommunications facilities in Part 5, remove car parking requirements for telecommunications facilities in all zones, and provide two new exceptions in Schedule 3 of the NT Planning Scheme 2020.

The proposal does not amend the strategic framework nor is it contrary to any strategic framework.

The proposal reduces the need to refer to the strategic framework in some zones where changes to the assessment category from *Impact Assessable* to *Merit Assessable* and *Permitted* are proposed. However, the strategic framework generally provides little guidance in relation to the location or design of telecommunications facilities.

2.3. Merits of the proposed amendment

Telecommunications facilities are integral to mobile phone coverage and associated digital technology which the community relies on for day to day communication, entertainment, work, and doing business. With the introduction of 5G technology and an ongoing effort to improve existing 3G and 4G network coverage across the Northern Territory, telecommunications companies need to modify and/or build new telecommunications facilities to meet higher demands.

The proposed amendment seeks to provide better efficiencies to meet higher demands for the delivery, maintenance and replacement of telecommunications facilities. This is proposed through changes to the assessment categories in some zones, removal of car parking requirements in all zones, and introducing two new exceptions in Schedule 3 of the Planning Scheme. New zone outcomes in Part 4 and changes to development requirements in Part 5 provide additional protection for locations where the risk to amenity is higher, such as in residential areas and heritage places.

3. Details of the draft amendment

The proposed amendment seeks to streamline the provision of telecommunications facilities through:

- Changes to the Assessment Category of Telecommunications Facilities in Some Zones

Changes to the assessment category of telecommunications facilities are proposed in zones where there is a low risk of impact to the amenity of surrounding land as follows:

- from *Impact Assessable* to *Merit Assessable* in Zones SC (Service Commercial), DV (Development), OR (Organised Recreation), R (Rural), and CP (Community Purpose);
- from *Impact Assessable* to *Permitted* in Zones LI (Light Industry), GI (General Industry), and U (Utilities) where they meet proposed requirements under Part 5 Clause 5.8.10 (telecommunications facility), including setbacks of 150m from any residential zone with a maximum height of 40m; and
- from *Impact Assessable* to *Permitted* in Zones H (Horticulture) and A (Agriculture) where they meet proposed requirements under Part 5 Clause 5.8.10 (telecommunications facility), including setbacks of 150m from any residential zone with a maximum height of 50m.

Where a proposal is within the *Permitted* assessment category, a development application would only be required where requirements in Part 5 are not met.

An application under the *Merit Assessable* category would be assessed against relevant requirements in Part 5, primarily the requirements under Clause 5.8.10 (telecommunications facility). New zone outcomes in Part 4 are proposed where telecommunications facilities are *Merit Assessable* to provide additional guidance only where development requirements in Part 5 are not being met.

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New zone outcomes have also been included in some zones where telecommunications facilities are proposed to remain as *Impact Assessable*. This will provide additional guidance in zones where telecommunications facilities are not generally anticipated, and where they have the highest risk of impacting the amenity of the locality or compromising future use and development in the zone.

Proposed draft changes to assessment categories are as follows:

Proposed changes to Assessment Categories per Zone				
Zone	Assessment Category			
	Permitted	Merit Assessable	Impact Assessable	Prohibited
Zone LR - Low Density Residential			•	
Zone LMR - Low to Medium Density Residential			•	
Zone MR - Medium Density Residential			•	
Zone HR - High Density Residential			•	
Zone RR - Rural Residential			•	
Zone RL - Rural Residential			•	
Zone CV - Caravan Parks			•	
Zone CL - Community Living			•	
Zone CB - Central Business			•	
Zone C - Commercial			•	
Zone SC - Service Commercial		•		
Zone TC - Tourism Commercial			•	
Zone LI - Light Industry	•			
Zone GI - General Industry	•			
Zone DV - Development		•		
Zone PS - Public Open Space			•	
Zone OR - Organised Recreation		•		
Zone H - Horticulture	•			
Zone A - Agriculture	•			
Zone R - Rural		•		
Zone CP - Community Purpose		•		
Zone CN - Conservation			•	
Zone HT - Heritage			•	
Zone RD - Restricted Development			•	
Zone WM - Water Management			•	
Zone FD - Future Development			•	
Zone T - Township			•	
Zone M - Main Road			•	
Zone PM - Proposed Main Road			•	
Zone RW - Railway			•	
Zone U - Utilities	•			

- = No change proposed
- = Proposed change **to** this Assessment Category

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- Proposed draft changes to the zone outcomes of relevant zones are as follows:

4.2 Zone LR – Low Density Residential

Zone Outcomes

- Non-residential activities **such as ~~are limited to~~ community centres that:**
 - support the needs of the immediate residential community;
 - are of a scale and intensity compatible with the residential character and **amenity** of the area;
 - wherever possible, are co-located with other non-residential activities in the locality;
 - avoid adverse impacts on the local road network; and
 - are managed to minimise unreasonable impacts to the **amenity** of surrounding residents.
- Telecommunications facilities** are located to minimise direct views from **habitable rooms** or outdoor living spaces of **dwellings** on adjoining lots.

4.3 Zone LMR – Low-Medium Density Residential

Zone Outcomes

- Non-residential activities **such as ~~are limited to~~ community centres that:**
 - support the needs of the immediate residential community;
 - are of a scale and intensity compatible with the residential character and amenity of the area;
 - wherever possible, are co-located with other non-residential activities in the locality;
 - avoid adverse impacts on the local road network; and
 - are managed to minimise unreasonable impacts to the amenity of surrounding residents.
- Telecommunications facilities** are located to minimise direct views from **habitable rooms** or outdoor living spaces of **dwellings** on adjoining lots.

4.4 Zone MR – Medium Density Residential

Zone Outcomes

- Telecommunications facilities** are located to minimise direct views from **habitable rooms** or outdoor living spaces of **dwellings** on adjoining lots.

4.5 Zone HR – High Density Residential

Zone Outcomes

- Telecommunications facilities** are located to minimise direct views from **habitable rooms** or outdoor living spaces of **dwellings** on adjoining lots.

4.6 Zone RR – Rural ResidentialZone Outcomes

5. **Telecommunications facilities** are located to minimise direct views from **habitable rooms** or outdoor living spaces of **dwellings** on adjoining lots.

4.7 Zone RL – Rural LivingZone Outcomes

7. **Telecommunications facilities** are located to minimise direct views from **habitable rooms** or outdoor living spaces of **dwellings** on adjoining lots.

4.8 Zone CV – Caravan ParksZone Outcomes

4. **Telecommunications facilities** are located away from accommodation uses where possible and do not unreasonably impact on the **amenity** of adjoining land.

4.9 Zone CL – Community LivingZone Outcomes

4. **Telecommunications facilities** are located to minimise direct views from **habitable rooms** or outdoor living spaces of **dwellings**.

4.10 Zone CB – Central BusinessZone Outcomes

8. **Telecommunications facilities** are sufficiently set back from street frontages so they do not unreasonably impact on the **amenity** of the public realm.

4.11 Zone C – CommercialZone Outcomes

4. **Telecommunications facilities** are sufficiently set back from street frontages so they do not unreasonably impact on the **amenity** of the public realm.

4.12 Zone SC – Service CommercialZone Outcomes

5. **Telecommunications facilities** are located and designed to integrate with surrounding uses and do not compromise the service commercial function of the locality.

4.13 Zone TC – Tourist Commercial

Zone Outcomes

3. **Telecommunications facilities** are set back sufficiently from street frontages so they do not unreasonably impact on the **amenity** of the public realm and are located to minimise direct views from **habitable rooms** or outdoor living spaces of **dwellings** on adjoining land.

4.16 Zone DV – Development

Zone Outcomes

3. Other non-industrial activities such as **telecommunications facilities**, indoor **leisure and recreation**, **medical clinic** and **club**, may only be established where they do not jeopardise the ongoing operation and viability of strategic industrial activities or the integrity of the zone.

4.17 Zone PS – Public Open Space

Zone Outcomes

4. **Telecommunications facilities** are located and designed to integrate into **public open space** and are located to minimise direct views from **habitable rooms** or outdoor living spaces of **dwellings** on adjoining land.

4.18 Zone OR – Organised Recreation

Zone Outcomes

4. **Telecommunications facilities** are located and designed to integrate with surrounding uses and do not compromise the organised recreation function of the site.

4.21 Zone R – Rural

Zone Outcomes

5. **Telecommunications facilities** do not compromise the primary use of the locality for rural activities and do not unreasonably impact on the amenity of surrounding uses.

4.22 Zone CP – Community Purpose

Zone Outcomes

3. **Telecommunications facilities** are located and designed to integrate with surrounding uses and do not compromise the community purpose function of the site.

4.23 Zone CN – ConservationZone Outcomes

6. **Telecommunications facilities** are located to minimise the clearing of **native vegetation** and minimise impacts on the natural features, natural habitats and recognised values of the locality.

4.25 Zone RD – Restricted DevelopmentZone Outcomes

4. **Telecommunications facilities** do not compromise the ongoing safety, efficiency and operations of an airport.

4.27 Zone FD – Future DevelopmentZone Outcomes

6. **Telecommunications facilities** do not compromise future use and development intended by the Strategic Framework.

4.28 Zone T – TownshipZone Outcomes

3. **Telecommunications facilities** are located and designed to integrate into the township context and are sited to minimise direct views from **habitable rooms** or outdoor living spaces of **dwelling**s on adjoining land.

- Review of Part 5 Clause 5.8.10 (Telecommunications Facility)

A review of Part 5 Clause 5.8.10 (telecommunication facility) is proposed to remove outdated provisions and provide more appropriate levels of guidance as follows:

- delete the requirement for detailed assessment of at least three sites and the co-location of facilities, as it is sufficiently covered by federal legislation and the Mobile Base Station Deployment Industry Code;
- better guide the discretion of the consent authority;
- provide new development requirements to facilitate new assessment categories in some zones;
- better suit the format and structure of ongoing planning reforms; and
- provide new editor's notes to assist interpretation of requirements and identify potential restrictions under other legislation.

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Proposed draft changes to Part 5 Clause 5.8.10 (telecommunications facility) are as follows:

5.8.10 Telecommunications Facility

Purpose

Ensure the development of a **telecommunications facility** does not unreasonably detract from the **amenity** of a locality whilst facilitating the provision of telecommunications infrastructure to meet community expectations and needs.

Administration

- ~~1. The inspection and maintenance of an established telecommunications facility is exempt from the requirements of this clause.~~
2. 1. An application for a **telecommunications facility** is to include information demonstrating how the **visual amenity** impacts of a proposal have been minimised using visual communications methods such as photographic images. ~~etc.~~
2. The consent authority may **consent** to a **telecommunications facility** that is not in accordance with sub-clause 5 if it is satisfied the facility does not unreasonably impact on the **amenity** of surrounding uses and the public realm.
3. The consent authority may **consent** to a **telecommunications facility** that is not in accordance with sub-clause 6 if it is satisfied the facility is located and designed to be sympathetic to the heritage place and conserve its heritage value.
4. The consent authority may **consent** to a **telecommunications facility** that is not in accordance with sub-clauses 7-9 if it is satisfied the facility is sensitively sited to minimise visual impacts on residential uses.

Requirements

- ~~3. 5. Provide a detailed feasibility assessment of at least three sites for the establishment of the facility and the rationale for the preferred site. Wherever possible, the facility should be co-located with existing telecommunications facilities. A telecommunications facility is to:~~
 - (a) use materials and colours that reduce its visual dominance in the landscape;
 - (b) use non-reflective finishes; and
 - (c) provide landscaping to screen equipment at ground level.
4. 6. A **telecommunications facility** is not to be located on or adjoining a heritage place declared under the *Heritage Act 2011*.
5. 7. ~~The location and design of a telecommunications facility minimises amenity impacts through sensitive siting, use of non-reflective finishes and appropriate landscaping.~~ Within Zones LI, GI and U a **telecommunications facility** is to:
 - (a) be set back at least 150m from any residential zone or land identified for residential development in the Strategic Framework; and
 - (b) have a maximum height of 40m.
8. ~~The amenity impacts of a proposal are appropriately minimised.~~ Within Zones H and A a **telecommunications facility** is to:
 - (a) be set back at least 150m from any residential zone or land identified for residential development in the Strategic Framework; and
 - (b) have a maximum height of 50m.

- 9. Within Zones OR, R and CP a **telecommunications facility** is to be set back at least 40m from any adjoining residential zone.

Editor’s Notes:

- (1) Residential zones are specified at Part 4 of the Planning Regulations 2000.
- (2) Exceptions for some telecommunications facilities are included in Schedule 3.
- (3) Any proposed vehicle access and installation of services within a road reserve must be in accordance with the requirements of the relevant agency responsible for the management of the road. It is advised to contact the relevant local government council or Transport and Civil Services Division of the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics by emailing DevRoads.NTG@nt.gov.au.
- (4) Any use or development of land that protrudes into a protected airspace, such as the use of cranes, within 15km of an airport or RAAF base may have additional restrictions and approval requirements from the airport operator under the Airports Act 1996 (Cth), Airports (Protection of Airspace) Regulations 1996 (Cth), and Defence Regulation 2016 (Cth). More Information is available on NT.GOV.AU.

- Removal of Car Parking Requirements for Telecommunications Facilities

The removal of car parking requirements for telecommunications facilities is proposed where currently a minimum of one on-site car parking space is required in Part 5 Clause 5.2.4.1 (Car Parking Spaces).

A review of approved and constructed telecommunications facilities has found that:

- sufficient space generally wasn’t available for a dedicated car parking space within the lease area;
- development relied on existing car parking areas in the vicinity; and
- development was generally located in areas where there is sufficient surrounding space to accommodate infrequent vehicles.

Proposed draft changes to remove car parking requirements for telecommunications facilities are as follows:

5.2.4 Car Parking

5.2.4.1 Car Parking Spaces

...

Requirements

- 4. Use and development is to include the minimum number of **car parking spaces** specified in the table to this clause (rounded up to the next whole number).

Editor’s Note: Clause 5.2.4.4 provides for the design and layout of a car parking area.

Table to Clause 5.2.4.1: Minimum number of required parking spaces	
Use or Development	Minimum Number of Car Parking Spaces Required
...	...
Telecommunications facility	4

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- Introduce Two New Exceptions within Schedule 3

Schedule 3 of the Planning Scheme allows for exceptions that exempt specified development from the Planning Scheme to enable the efficient provision of public utilities, infrastructure and facilities for the benefit of the community. This means that a development application is not required where development is in accordance with an exception.

Introducing new exceptions within Schedule 3 is proposed for the inspection and maintenance of a telecommunications facility, which was previously contained within Clause 5.8.10 (telecommunications facility). A second exception is also proposed for the extension and replacement of telecommunications facilities. Specifically, where the extension of the tower component does not increase the height of an existing tower by more than 5m, and where a replacement facility is constructed in the same location as an existing facility and no more than 5m taller than the original facility.

Proposed draft exceptions in Schedule 3 are as follows:

Schedule 3: Exceptions

1. The exceptions in this schedule are included to enable the efficient provision of public utilities, infrastructure and facilities for the benefit of the community.
2. *Omitted.*
3. This Planning Scheme does not prevent any of the following:
 - (a) ...
 - (-) The inspection and maintenance of a **telecommunications facility**.
 - (-) The extension or replacement of a **telecommunications facility** if:
 - i. the extension of the facility will not increase the height of the existing facility by more than 5m, providing it has not previously been extended; or
 - ii. the replacement facility is constructed on the same site within 20m of the existing facility and is less than 5m taller than the existing facility.

4. Further information

For further information on the details of this proposed planning scheme amendment, please contact Lands Planning, Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics.

Phone: 08 8999 8963 Email: planning.ntg@nt.gov.au

Please quote application number PA2023/0101 to be directed to the Project Officer.

You may make a submission to the proposed amendment during the exhibition period through the following means:

Online: <https://www.ntlis.nt.gov.au/planning-notices-online/notices#/>

Email: planning.ntg@nt.gov.au

Post: NT Planning Commission, GPO Box 1680, DARWIN NT 0801

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All submissions must include the name, contact details and signature of the person making the submission to be considered valid.

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15 RECEIVE & NOTE REPORTS

15.1 ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES - CHAPEL LANE REDEVELOPMENT

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Attachments: 1. Attachment A - Chapel Lane Redevelopment Engagement Report [↓](#)
2. Survey Responses [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the report entitled Engagement Outcomes - Chapel Lane Redevelopment be received and noted.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the outcomes of the Chapel Lane Redevelopment engagement process outcomes.

KEY ISSUES

- A stakeholder and community engagement process ran from 21 August to 8 September 2023.
- Communications materials and activities included:
 - Landing page on the Engage Darwin website, including FAQs and survey
 - Letter/emails to stakeholders
 - Media releases from City of Darwin and Northern Territory Government
 - Media event with spokespeople from City of Darwin and Northern Territory and Australian Governments
 - Media engagements with Lord Mayor
 - Social media posts
 - NT News advertisement
 - News articles on City of Darwin website and staff and Elected Member intranets
 - Two community pop-up stalls (Chapel Lane and Smith Street Mall).
- An engagement report from City of Darwin officers is available at **Attachment A**, which includes analysis of the survey responses and written submissions.
- The sentiment from survey responses was positive for the Chapel Lane redevelopment with 67.6 per cent of respondents more likely to visit after the redevelopment, 16.9 per cent not likely to visit and 15.5 per cent unsure. The top three priorities for design features were shade and urban cooling, enabling alfresco dining and activating laneway at night-time.

DISCUSSION

With endorsement from Council, City of Darwin officers conducted a stakeholder and community engagement process from 21 August to 8 September 2023.

Using the International Association for Public Participation principles that guide good community engagement, the engagement was conducted at the levels of inform and consult.

The goal of this engagement was to ensure that Chapel Lane redevelopment engagement was undertaken with strong input from key stakeholders and the broader community.

Engagement objectives

- Inform the community and key stakeholders about the Chapel Lane redevelopment project.
- Seek feedback on design priorities for the redevelopment of Chapel Lane.
- Explore the current usage, preferences, and local knowledge of Chapel Lane.

Communications and engagement tactics

City of Darwin used communications and engagement tactics such as to raise awareness of the proposal and associated engagement process:

- Landing page on the Engage Darwin website, including FAQs and survey
- Letter/emails to stakeholders
- Media releases from City of Darwin and Northern Territory Government
- Media event with spokespeople from City of Darwin and Northern Territory and Australian Governments
- Media engagements with Lord Mayor
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Engagement reach snapshot

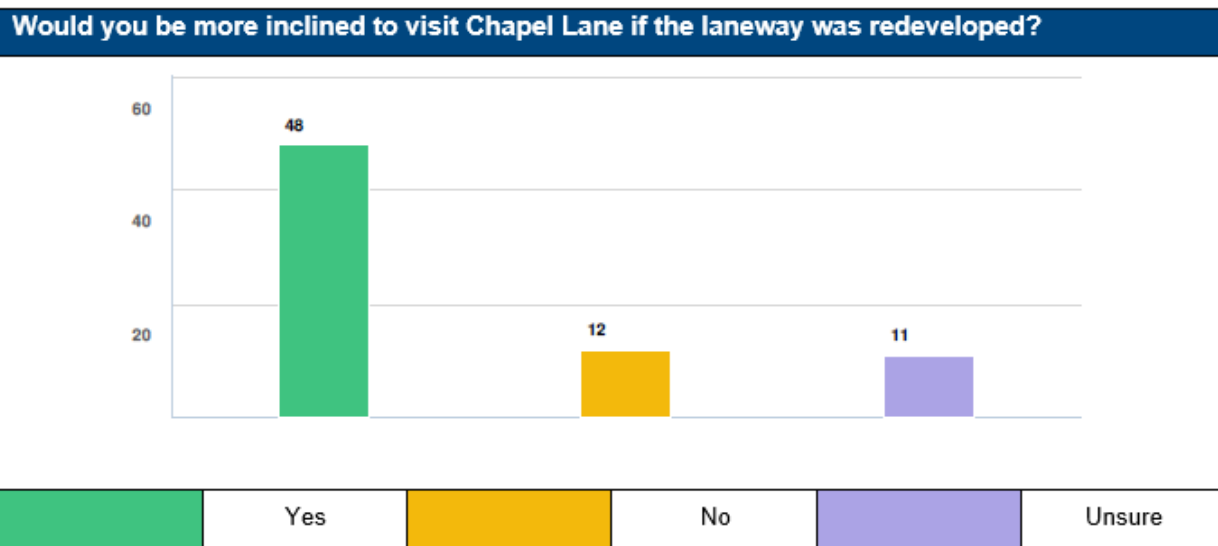
The snapshot of the reach of the engagement process is provided below:

- 561 people aware through Engage Darwin website
- 134 people informed through Engage Darwin website
- 71 survey submissions through Engage Darwin website
- 50 visitors to community pop-up stalls
- 25,535 people reached on social media (via official City of Darwin accounts)
- 37 stakeholders contacted directly.

Consultation outcomes

Some 71 survey submissions, four in-person stakeholder conversations, and 50 visitors to the community pop-up stall were made during the 19-day consultation.

The sentiment from survey responses was positive for Chapel Lane redevelopment:



The top three priorities for design features were shade and urban cooling, enabling alfresco dining and activating laneway at night-time.

What are your priorities for design features for the Chapel Lane redevelopment? 1 being most important, 7 least important.	
Shade and urban cooling	2.54
Enabling alfresco dining	3.69
Activating Laneway at night-time	3.92
Improved lighting	4.11
More permanent seating areas	4.35
Public art	4.49
Event space	4.90

Key feedback in support of the redevelopment centred around the boost to tourism, increased economic opportunities for local businesses and improved connectivity through the city.

Opposers raised concerns about financial impact to businesses surrounding Chapel Lane during redevelopment, overcrowding and priority of funding for the project.

There were varied views about impact to anti-social behaviour, loss of carparks, and improved reputation of area.

Additional noteworthy points raised included preference for green shade options however if required to withstand the wet season permanent/durable alternatives would be accepted and day-to-day maintenance of the area needs to be improved and more consistent.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

At the 13 June 2023 Confidential Ordinary Meeting Council resolved:

RESOLUTION ORD323/23

1. THAT the Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence - Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics - Chapel Lane Revitalisation 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 launch of media.

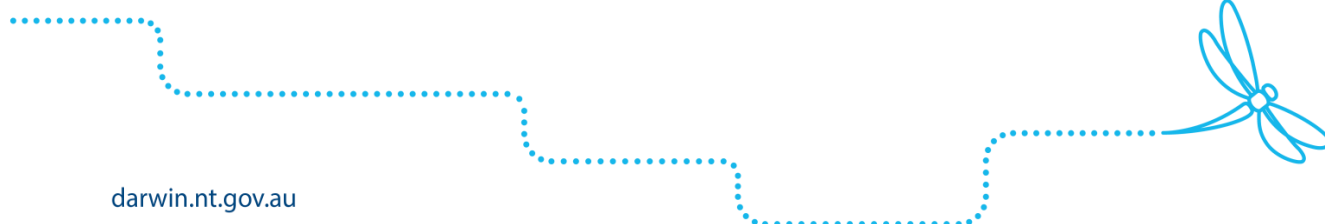
<p>STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT</p>	<p>5 A Vibrant and Creative City 5.1 By 2030, Darwin will be recognised as an iconic destination.</p>
<p>BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</p>	<p>Budget/Funding: NA Is Funding identified: NA</p>
<p>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</p>	<p>Legislation: <i>Planning Act</i> <i>Local Government Act</i> Policy: Community Engagement Policy</p>
<p>CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION</p>	<p>Engagement Level: Consult Tactics: Updates to landing page on Engage Darwin website. Internal: Senior Leadership Team and staff External: Local businesses, relevant NT Government departments and community.</p>
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Engagement report

Chapel Lane redevelopment

12 September 2023



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Executive summary

Background

The Australian Government, Northern Territory Government and City of Darwin, in partnership with city stakeholders, Larrakia and the community, are working together to implement a range of projects that will transform our city under the Darwin City Deal. A key objective of the deal is to improve connectivity within the city centre with revitalised laneways and walkways providing safe and easy access through the city. The Northern Territory Government Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics has allocated \$1.35 million to City of Darwin to redevelop Chapel Lane. With endorsement from Council (RESOLUTION ORD001/23) City of Darwin conducted an engagement process which commenced on 21 August 2023.

Engagement

Some 71 survey submissions were made during the 19-day engagement period. Using the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) spectrum of engagement, engagement was conducted at the level of inform and consult. City of Darwin used tactics such as a survey on the Engage Darwin website, letter/emails to stakeholders, social media content, proactive and reactive media relations, and community pop-up stalls.

The sentiment from survey responses was positive for the Chapel Lane redevelopment with 67.6 percent of respondents more likely to visit after the redevelopment, 16.9 percent not likely to visit and 15.5 percent unsure. The top three priorities for design features were shade and urban cooling, enabling alfresco dining and activating laneway at night-time.

Key feedback in support of the redevelopment centred around the boost to tourism, increased economic opportunities for local businesses, and improved connectivity through the city. Opposers raised concerns about financial impact to businesses surrounding Chapel Lane during redevelopment, overcrowding and priority of funding for the project. There were varied views about impact of and to anti-social behaviour, loss of carparks, improved reputation of area and general awareness of Chapel Lane.

Additional noteworthy points raised included preference for green shade options, however, if required to withstand the wet season, permanent/durable alternatives would be accepted, as well as improved and more consistent maintenance and cleaning of the area.

Communication recommendations

Based on the feedback received during the engagement process, it is recommended that:

- 1 The feedback outlined in this engagement report is used to inform and guide the design priorities for the project.
- 2 City of Darwin should undertake a communication program to inform surrounding businesses, other key stakeholders and the community of the Council decision as to how feedback has been incorporated into final design.



- 3 City of Darwin make the engagement report available to the community and stakeholders on the Engage Darwin website.



Background

The Australian Government, Northern Territory Government and City of Darwin, in partnership with city stakeholders, Larrakia and the community, are working together to implement a range of projects that will transform our city under the Darwin City Deal.

In September the *Laneways and Small Streets Action Plan* was released. The Action Plan was developed to assist Darwin City Deal partners to improve connectivity within the city centre through revitalised laneways and walkways providing safe and easy access through the city.

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Methodology

Goals and objectives

The goal of this process was to ensure the Chapel Lane redevelopment engagement was undertaken with strong input from key stakeholders and the broader community.

The objectives were to:

- Inform the community and key stakeholders about the Chapel Lane redevelopment project.
- Seek feedback on design priorities for the redevelopment of Chapel Lane.
- Explore the current usage, preferences, and local knowledge of Chapel Lane.

Level of engagement

City of Darwin has a policy on community engagement with a commitment to open, transparent and responsive community engagement. Using the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) principles that guide good community engagement, this engagement was conducted at the level of inform and consult.

City of Darwin provided the public with balanced and objective information to assist understanding the project and obtained public feedback.

Approach

The engagement approach for Chapel Lane development was divided into two 'streams' – internal engagement and stakeholder and community review and feedback.



Resourcing

City of Darwin led this engagement through the Communications and Engagement Officer with support from the Executive Manager Marketing, Communications and Engagement, General Manager Innovation, Executive Manager Infrastructure and Senior Project Officer.

Tools and tactics

A combination of tools and tactics were used to support the engagement process, as summarised below.

Internal engagement	Community and stakeholder engagement
Emails to Elected Members	Media release, media event and media interviews
Intranet article	Stakeholder letter/emails
CEO newsletters to staff and Elected Members	Survey on Engage Darwin website
	Social media
	NT News ad
	Two community pop-up stalls
	Face-to-face or phone stakeholder meetings (where possible)

Internal engagement

During August 2023 Elected Members and City of Darwin’s Senior Leadership Team were briefed on the engagement progress. City of Darwin staff were notified of the engagement via an intranet article.

Community and stakeholder review and feedback

On 21 August 2023 the engagement period opened for community and stakeholders to review the Chapel Lane redevelopment and provide feedback. Several tools and tactics were used to promote engagement, as outlined below.

Stakeholder letter/emails

Key stakeholders were emailed a link to the Engage Darwin webpage with an invitation to discuss or provide feedback. Stakeholders without an email address were hand delivered a letter with the same information.

Key stakeholders included:

- Darwin City Deal
 - Australian Government
 - Minister for Cities, Urban Infrastructure and Population
 - Northern Territory Government



- Chief Minister Hon Natasha Fyles
- Minister for Infrastructure Hon Eva Lawler
- A/Chief Executive Department of Infrastructure Planning and Logistics, Louise McCormick
- Senior Director Infrastructure NT, Leanne Taylor
- General Manager, Transport and Civil Services, Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics, Claire Brown
- Executive Director People and Places, Jo Smallacombe.
- CEO Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet Frank Daly

- Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation
- Hospitality NT
- Property Council of the Northern Territory
- Darwin City Retailers Association
- Chamber of Commerce NT
- Buslink
- Businesses in close proximity to Chapel Lane:
 - Manolas Properties Pty Ltd
 - Fat Tuna
 - Power And Water Corporation
 - Paspalis Hotel Investments Pty Ltd
 - The Hotel Darwin
 - Maddalozzo Investments Pty Ltd
 - Shape Australia
 - National Dental Care
 - Bg Investment Management P/L
 - Hilton Darwin
 - Ella by Manoli
 - Karen Brown Fine Art Gallery
 - Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions
 - Kinetic IT
 - Deloitte Australia
 - Territory Insurance Office
 - Superior Dentures
 - Chapel Lane Café
 - Bub & Sool Korean Restaurant
 - The Deck Bar
 - Hanky Panky Cocktail Bar
 - Galleria owners

- Tourism NT

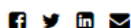


Engage Darwin

The Engage Darwin platform <https://engage.darwin.nt.gov.au/chapel-lane> was used for this engagement process and contained the following information:

- FAQs
- Map of Chapel Lane redevelopment area
- Submission portal (for survey submissions)
- Case study for similar project
- Link to Darwin City Deal 'Laneways and Small Streets Action Plan' and Darwin City Deal

Chapel Lane Redevelopment



Consultation has concluded

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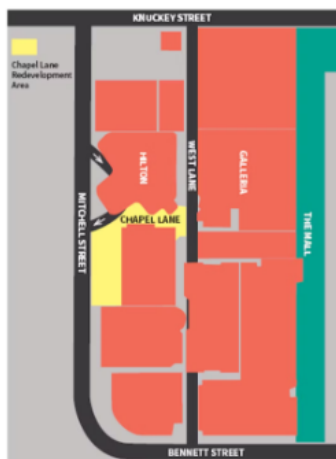
Have your say on the Chapel Lane redevelopment.

We want to create a laneway that encourages movement through the space, enhances pedestrian experience, and improves economic outcomes for local business through activation of the space.

The redevelopment will improve access to West Lane arcade, the Galleria and city business traders.

The redevelopment will include:

- creation of pedestrian plaza by removing nine on-street carparks in Mitchell Street
- cooling the area and mitigating the urban heat island effect through planting more shade trees and installing permeable shade canopies
- replacing hard surfaces with soft landscape and providing openness that supports public safety and security by allowing passive and active (CCTV) surveillance
- adding pedestrian lighting to enhance amenity and activation, including new illuminated gateway signage to Chapel Lane which doubles as wayfinding
- smart city infrastructure to provide free Wi-Fi, movement and environmental sensors, which will provide data for decision making and for measuring outcomes
- public art highlighting the character of the laneway, if possible within budget.



This project is funded by the Northern Territory Government as part of the Darwin City Deal. It aligns with the Darwin City Deal '[Laneways and Small Streets Action Plan](#)'.

Share your thoughts by completing the online survey below or visit one of the community engagement stalls in person (no booking required):

- Pop-up 1 – Chapel Lane - 12pm to 2pm, Friday 25 August 2023
- Pop-up 2 – Smith Street Mall – 12pm to 2pm, Wednesday 30 August 2023

Community consultation closes 3pm 8 September 2023.

For more information, please contact 8930 0300 or email engage@darwin.nt.gov.au

SURVEY

Have a say

Consultation has concluded



Key Dates

Consultation closes
08 September 2023

FAQs

- What is the Darwin City Deal?
- What is placemaking and why is it a focus of the Darwin City Deal?
- Why Chapel Lane?
- Where can I park to access Chapel Lane?
- Will the bus stop on Mitchell Street be affected?
- Is the project funded?
- Why are we being asked to provide feedback?

Important Links

- [Darwin City Deal 'Laneways and Small Streets Action Plan'](#)
- [Darwin City Deal](#)

Documents

- [Case Study - Austin Lane.pdf \(978 KB\) \(pdf\)](#)



Media

Media releases were issued by both City of Darwin and the Northern Territory Government, and a joint media event was held with relevant spokespeople from City of Darwin and the NT and Australian Governments, at the commencement of the engagement period to generate interest and promote the engagement process. During the engagement there was strong media interest as summarised below:

Media type	Segment
Radio mentions	<p>Monday 21 August 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABC Radio Darwin Morning Show, Adam Steer (9:43am) – Quotes from Chief Minister Natasha Fyles and City of Darwin Lord Mayor, Kon Vatskalis • MIX 104.9, 360, Katie Woolf (10:19am) – Interview with Minister for Business, Paul Kirby • ABC Radio Darwin News (12:03pm) - Quotes from City of Darwin Lord Mayor, Kon Vatskalis • ABC Radio Darwin News (1:00pm) - Quotes from City of Darwin Lord Mayor, Kon Vatskalis
	<p>Tuesday 22 August 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MIX 104.9, Mix Breakfast, Andrew Thain and Sarah Passalick (6:02am) - Quotes from City of Darwin Lord Mayor, Kon Vatskalis • MIX 104.9, 7:00 News (7:01am) - Quotes from City of Darwin Lord Mayor, Kon Vatskalis • MIX 104.9, 07:30 Local News (7:32am) - Quotes from City of Darwin Lord Mayor, Kon Vatskalis • MIX 104.9, 360, Katie Woolf (11:37am) – Comments from listeners
	<p>Wednesday 23 August 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABC Radio Darwin, Breakfast, Jo Lavery (7:51am) - Comments in relation to Litchfield National Park funding • MIX 104.9, Mix Breakfast, Andrew Thain and Sarah Passalick (8:31am) - Quotes from City of Darwin Lord Mayor, Kon Vatskalis • MIX 104.9, 360, Katie Woolf (9:01am) - Quotes from City of Darwin Lord Mayor, Kon Vatskalis • ABC Radio Darwin, Morning Show, Adam Steer (9:27am) – Comments in relation to Litchfield National Park funding
	<p>Tuesday 5 September 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABC Radio Darwin, Drive, Liz Trevaskis (5:23pm) – Commentary regarding street name and location • ABC Radio Darwin, Drive, Liz Trevaskis (5:45pm) - Commentary regarding street name and location



Media type	Segment
Radio Interviews	<p>Wednesday 30 August 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ABC Radio Darwin, Morning Show, Adam Steer (9:07am) – Interview with City of Darwin Lord Mayor, Kon Vatskalis ABC Radio Darwin, Morning Show, Adam Steer (9:18am) - Interview with City of Darwin Lord Mayor, Kon Vatskalis
Print Media	<p>Monday 21 August 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northern Territory News - Front page and article (pages 6 - 7) NT Independent – Online article <p>Tuesday 22 August 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northern Territory News - Online article
Broadcast	<p>Monday 21 August 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Channel 9 Darwin, National Nine News, Paul Murphy – Vision from media event, including Chief Minister Natasha Fyles and City of Darwin Lord Mayor, Kon Vatskalis

City of Darwin also placed an advertisement in the NT News on 26 August 2023 promoting the consultation and encouraging feedback.

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Festival for the senses with Katie Sierra High

HELP TURN SPACES INTO PLACES

Have your say on the Chapel Lane redevelopment by completing the online survey at engage.darwin.nt.gov.au/chapel-lane

Community consultation closes 3pm Friday 8 September 2023.

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Social media

There were nine social media posts promoting the engagement process, a summary is provided below:

Date	Topic	Comments	Likes & reactions	Shares	Reach	Engagement
Facebook						
30/08/23	REMINDER to have your say on the Chapel Lane redevelopment	8	3	2	6,542	82
30/8/23	FB event feedback on the Chapel Lane redevelopment.	0	3	0	8	N/A
25/8/23	FB event feedback on the Chapel Lane redevelopment.	0	1	0	4	N/A
21/8/23	Help turn spaces into places! Have your say on the Chapel Lane redevelopment. Pop up information.	79	149	4	14,149	2,744
Instagram						
30/08/23	IG story – Pop up details Smith Street Mall	N/A	0	0	761	0
29/8/23	IG story – Reminder	N/A	0	0	565	1
25/08/23	IG story – Pop up details Chapel Lane	N/A	0	1	1,110	2
21/08/23	IG story – Engagement commenced	N/A	0	1	1,463	2
LinkedIn						
21/8/23	Help turn spaces into places! We invite you to contribute your insights to the redevelopment plans for Chapel Lane.	31 (clicks)	22	2	933	55



Facebook

City of Darwin
30 August at 13:18

REMINDER to have your say on the Chapel Lane redevelopment 🍷🌳👉

We want to create a laneway that encourages movement through the space, enhances pedestrian experience, and improves economic outcomes for local business through activation of the space. City of Darwin wants to hear from stakeholders and community to help prioritise the features we all value most.

Sh... See more

City of Darwin
21 August at 12:30

Help turn spaces into places! 🍷🌳👉

Have your say on the Chapel Lane redevelopment.

The vision includes creating a pedestrian precinct, cooling the area, replacing hard surfaces, increasing lighting, and potentially installing smart city infrastructure such as free Wi-Fi and public art (if possible, within budget).

Come along to share your feedback with the team at the following community engagement stalls:

- 📍 Chapel Lane (Darwin CBD) – 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm, Friday 25 August
- 📍 Smith Street Mall near (Darwin CBD) – 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm, Wednesday 30 August

OR visit <https://engage.darwin.nt.gov.au/chapel-lane> to learn more and complete the online survey.

🔒 Community consultation closes 3:00 pm Friday 8 September 2023.

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🏗️ Concept by NT Urban Design Advisory Service

City of Darwin created an event.
Published by Indu Jaswal • August 21 at 10:31 AM

FRI, AUG 25
Help turn spaces into places! 🍷🌳👉

Chapel Lane
1 Went - 0 Interested

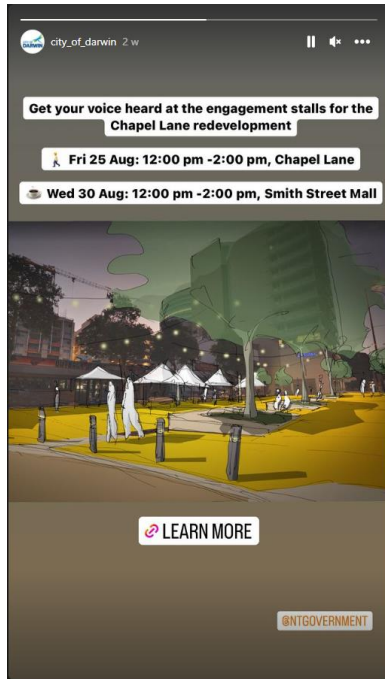
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WED, AUG 30
Help turn spaces into places! 🍷🌳👉

Darwin
1 Went - 2 Interested

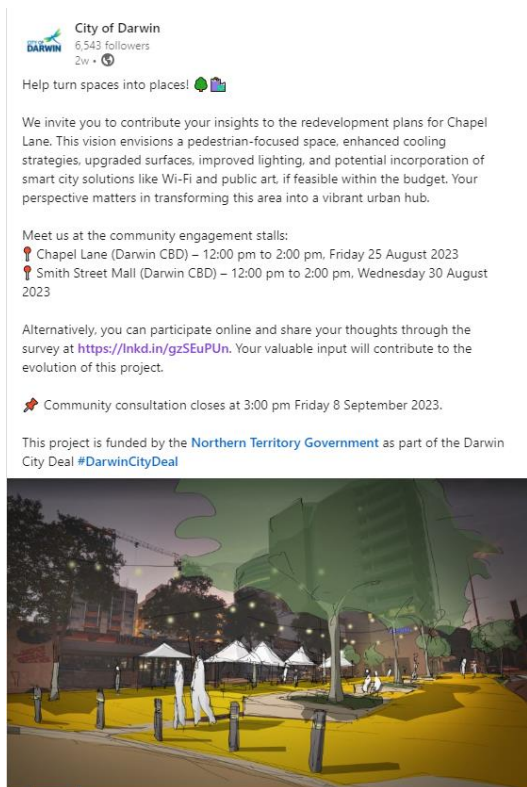


Instagram





LinkedIn



Community pop-up stalls

During the consultation period, there were two community pop-up stalls to promote the consultation process. The details of these and the number of discussions that took place are outlined below.

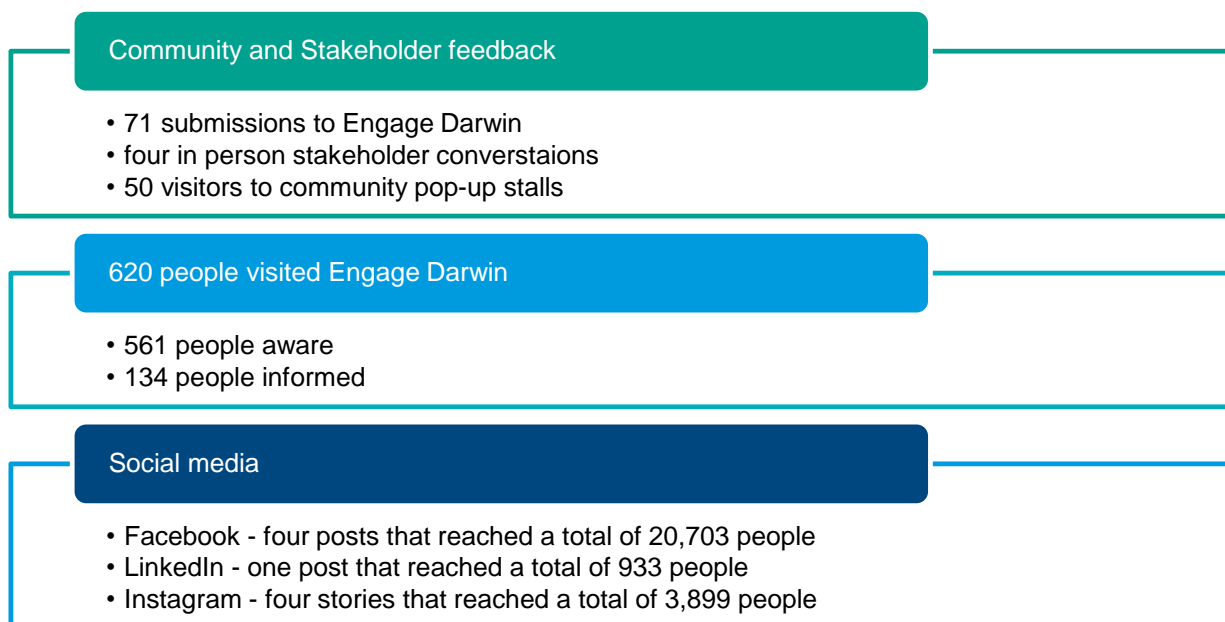
What	Where	Discussions
Community pop-up stalls (staffed)	Chapel Lane – 25 August	36
	Smith Street Mall – 30 August	14



Engagement

Snapshot

The following is a snapshot of the way in which people engaged and provided feedback:



Social media engagement

Social media activity on the Chapel Lane redevelopment engagement included nine posts shared to Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram stories.

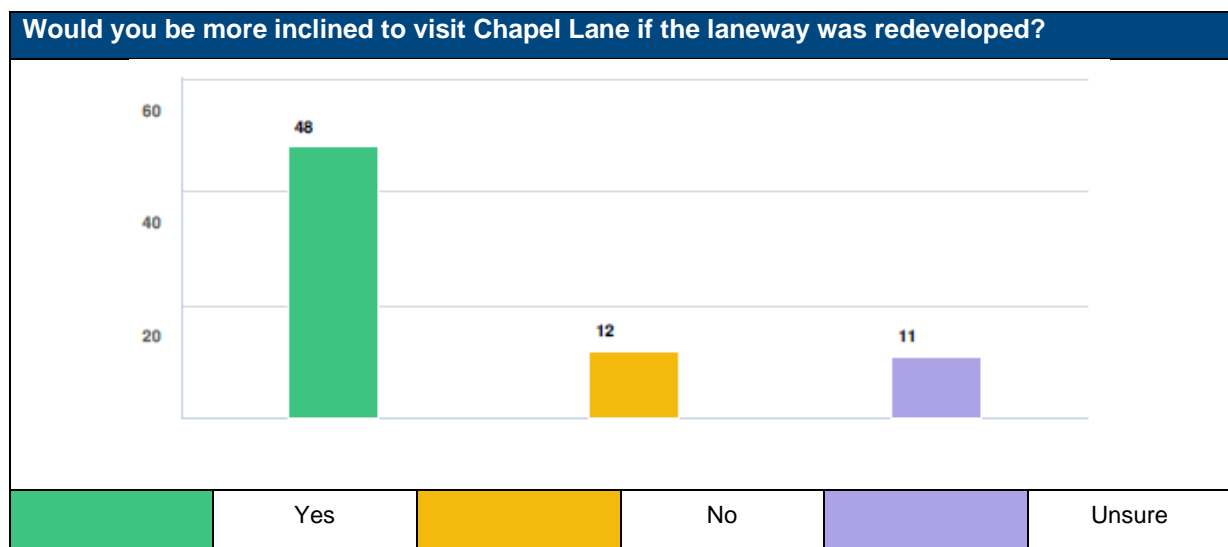
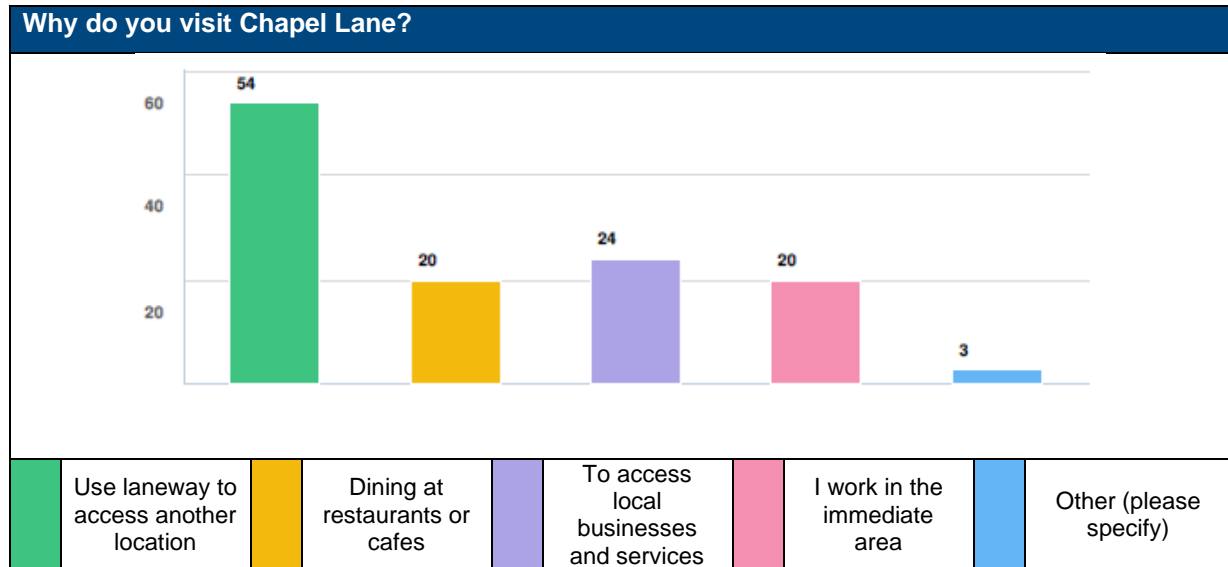
Additional accounts also took to Facebook to share the engagement process, including Councillor Sylvia Klonaris, Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis, Paul Kirby: Member for Port Darwin and Kate Worden MLA: Member for Sanderson.

A review of the Facebook comments across all pages showed that majority of comments were neutral.



Engagement feedback

The data below sets out the feedback on the Chapel Lane redevelopment proposal by stakeholders and the community during the engagement period 21 August to 8 September 2023. Refer to Appendix 1 for detailed Engage Darwin survey results.





What are your priorities for design features for the Chapel Lane redevelopment? 1 being most important, 7 least important.	
Shade and urban cooling	2.54
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Event space	4.90

Feedback analysis

The sentiment from survey responses was positive for the Chapel Lane redevelopment with 67.6 percent of respondents more likely to visit after the redevelopment, 16.9 percent not likely to visit and 15.5 percent unsure.

Key feedback in support of the redevelopment centred around:

- Boost to tourism. The redevelopment would add to the vibrancy of Darwin and entice tourists to explore and spend in the city.
- Increased economic opportunities for local businesses. Activating areas of the city will increase foot traffic opportunities for businesses.
- Creates better connectivity through the city. Majority of survey respondents use Chapel Lane to access another location. Comments were made about community being more likely to utilise the space of an evening if lighting and security measures were improved.

Opposers raised concerns about:

- Financial impact to businesses surrounding Chapel Lane during redevelopment. Some respondents were concerned about the impact on business due to noise and restricted access to properties during construction.
- Overcrowding. Some respondents raised concerns about overcrowding in a small space and worried additional infrastructure to the area would limit pedestrian access between Mitchell Street and the Mall.
- Priority of funding for the project. Is redevelopment of Chapel Lane the best use of taxpayer money.

There were varied views about the following topics:

- Impact to anti-social behaviour. Majority of responders acknowledged the current issues of anti-social behaviour in the area however there were mixed responses about whether the redevelopment would enhance or reduce anti-social behaviour.
- Loss of carparks. Whilst majority of responders recognised a need to revamp and invest in the city centre, there were differing views on removal of carparks. Supporters thought the removal of



carparks would increase pedestrian safety and reduce noise in the area whereas opposers were concerned that removal of carparks would deter visitors to the area.

- Reputation of activation area. Some respondents believe this project will reinvigorate the area others don't believe there is sufficient retail offering to attract visitors even after the redevelopment.

Additional noteworthy points that were raised:

- Shade and urban cooling was the top design priority for survey responders with a preference for green options. However, given Darwin's extreme weather conditions considerations for permanent/durable alternatives to withstand the wet season would be accepted.
- Enabling alfresco dining was the second design priority. Shaded seating options for all to enjoy was consistently mentioned. A lot of employees in the area were excited about the prospect of shaded seating areas.
- Maintenance and cleaning of Chapel Lane. Regardless of respondents' position on the redevelopment the consensus was that maintenance of the area needed to be improved and more consistent.
- Lack of awareness of Chapel Lane and its location.

Recommendations

Based on the feedback received during the engagement process, it is recommended that:

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Appendices

Appendix 1: Engage Darwin Survey Results

Have a say

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

29 January 2018 - 07 September 2023

PROJECT NAME:

Chapel Lane Redevelopment



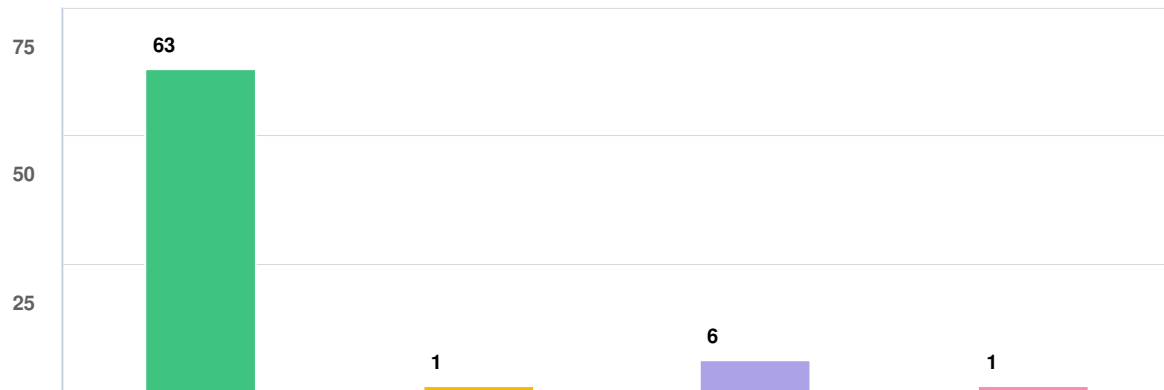
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SURVEY QUESTIONS

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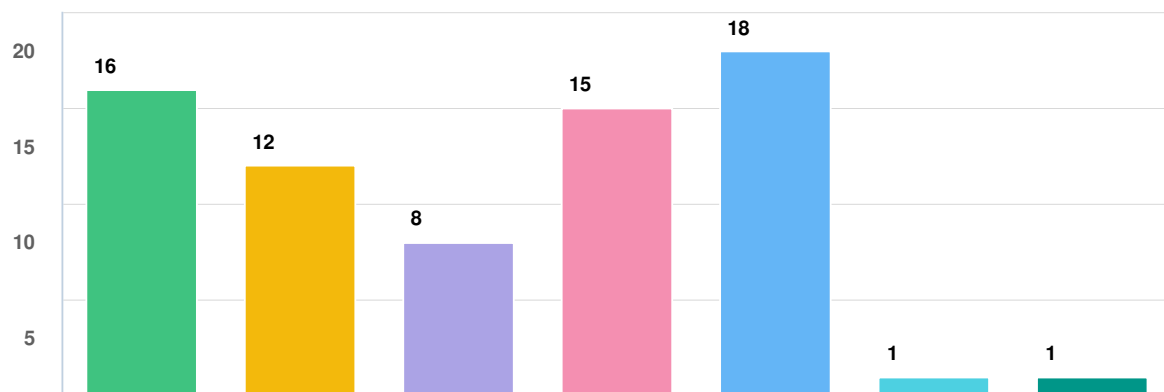


Question options

- Darwin resident
- Visitor
- I live in another local government area in the Northern Territory but work/operate a business in Darwin
- Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (71 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q2 How often do you visit Chapel Lane?



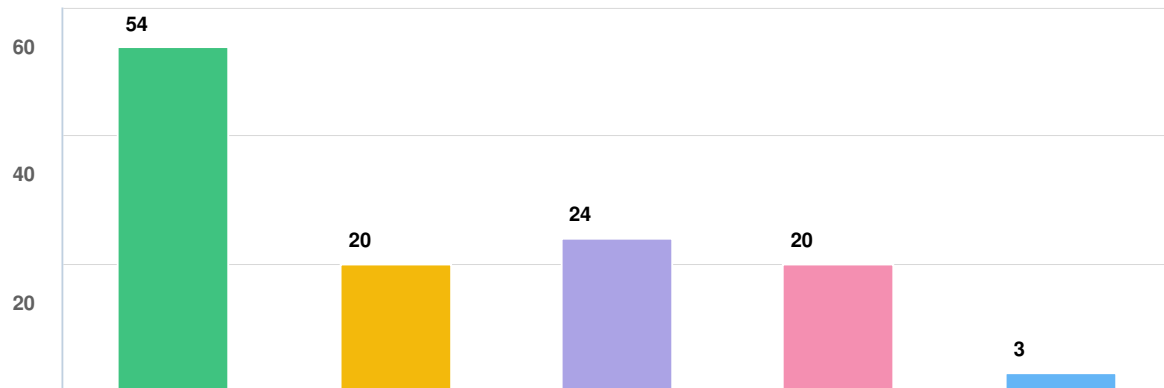
Question options

- More than once a week
- Weekly
- Fortnightly
- Monthly
- A few times a year
- Once a year
- Never

Mandatory Question (71 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question

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Q3 Why do you visit Chapel Lane?

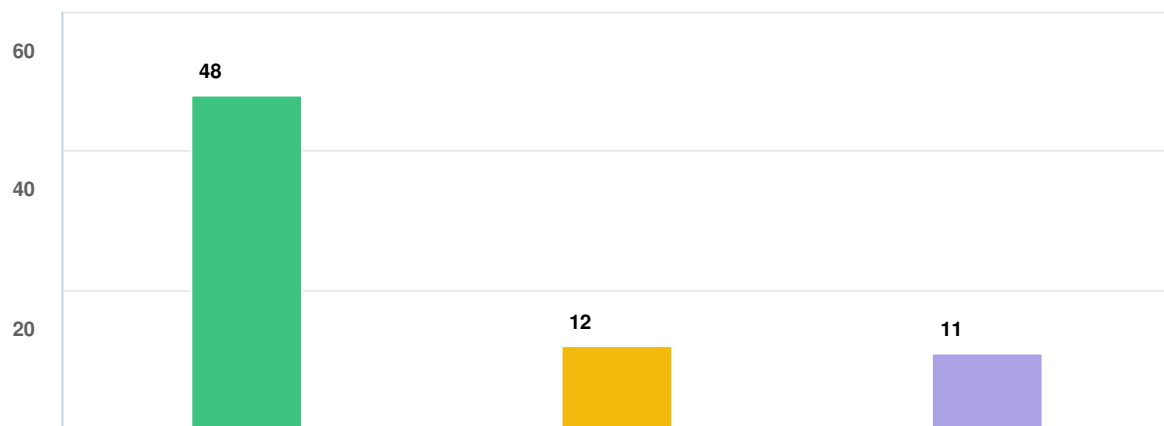


Question options

- Use laneway to access another location e.g., Galleria, Mall and West Lane carpark
- Dining at restaurants or cafes
- To access local businesses and services
- I work in the immediate area
- Other (please specify)

*Mandatory Question (71 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question*

Q4 Would you be more inclined to visit Chapel Lane if the laneway was redeveloped?



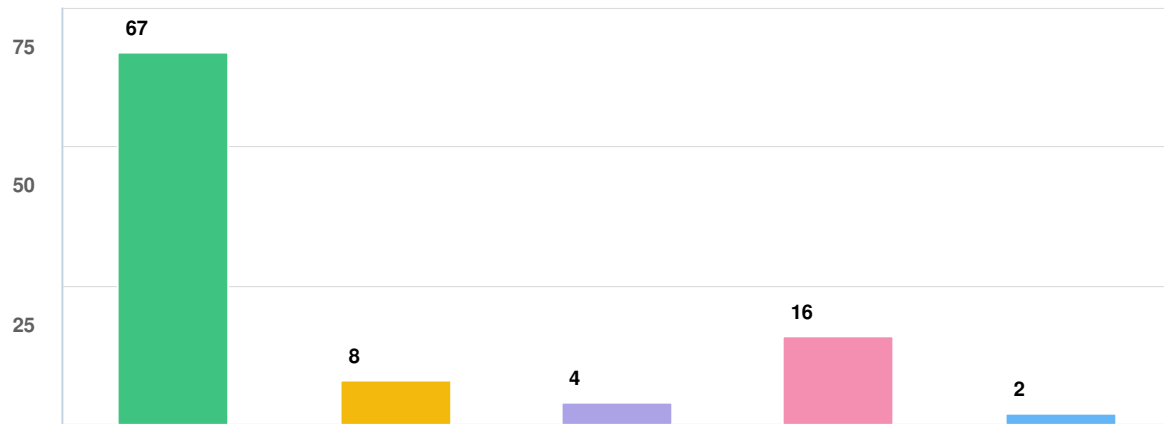
Question options

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

*Mandatory Question (71 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question*

Have a say : Survey Report for 29 January 2018 to 07 September 2023

Q5 How do you or would you access Chapel Lane?



Question options

- Walk
- Active transport eg scooter, bicycle
- Public transport
- Car
- Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (71 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q6 What are your priorities for design features for the Chapel Lane redevelopment? 1 being most important, 7 least important.

OPTIONS	AVG. RANK
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Mandatory Question (71 response(s))
Question type: Ranking Question

Have a say : Survey Report for 29 January 2018 to 07 September 2023

Q7 What are the potential challenges of the Chapel Lane redevelopment?

[REDACTED]
8/21/2023 09:16 AM

None

[REDACTED]
8/21/2023 10:28 AM

Parking, confined space, very loud and busy on mitchell st. Used as a throughfare.

[REDACTED]
8/21/2023 10:54 AM

A design that is not fit for purpose. Not engaging with with the right people who use or would use the area.

[REDACTED]
8/21/2023 10:57 AM

keeping it accessible to the public

[REDACTED]
8/21/2023 11:02 AM

Taking away carparking - replace lost carparks somewhere else.

[REDACTED]
8/21/2023 11:18 AM

Its an absolute waste of money, you have northern suburbs that are SCREAMING out for attention and you keep polishing up parts of Darwin that are absolutely fine! Potential challenge is if you keep putting rent up so high no business is going to survive the city! And that's what Chapel Lane is!

[REDACTED]
8/21/2023 11:19 AM

Anti-social behaviour.

[REDACTED]
8/21/2023 11:56 AM

The presents of itinerate people is a DANGEROUS prospect as they wander around the town and one that NEEDS URGENT ATTENTION ... even NOW ... When the Lane is redesigned I fear it will NOT MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE TO THEIR DANGEROUS presence in the CBD

[REDACTED]
8/21/2023 12:11 PM

City developments will never be fruitful until the rich property owners in this area curtail their rents so businesses may charge competitive prices.

[REDACTED]
8/21/2023 12:22 PM

Anti social behaviour

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[REDACTED]
8/21/2023 12:41 PM

The main one for me is the loss of car parking.

[REDACTED]
8/21/2023 12:47 PM

If hot space wont be used in day time. If no alfresco dining then the draw card won't be there for foot traffic

[REDACTED]
8/21/2023 02:29 PM

I feel as though many people will be hung up about the sacrificed parking spaces, and I really hope these people don't get their way. People tend not to like change, and to be honest, most who regularly engage with council tend to be on the older side. As seen in other major cities across Australia, this demographic has halted entertainment/revitalisation projects due to increased traffic and noise.

[REDACTED]
8/21/2023 03:07 PM

Having enough space to deliver alfresco dining with the option of being weather proof, and City of Darwin providing a safe experience free from heckling for diners.

[REDACTED]
8/21/2023 03:18 PM

Managing anti social behaviour

[REDACTED]
8/21/2023 03:20 PM

Impact on business owners. Even though the works taken out will be beneficial, the redevelopment will significantly impact business owners in the area. If access is cut off, there will be irreversible impacts on businesses. Ultimately customers will not want to walk past the tenancies if there are loud works happening for extended periods. There has just been a successful class action against NSW Government in Sydney for taking too long and putting a lot of business owners out of business

[REDACTED]
8/21/2023 05:52 PM

Area being used abused by public bad behaviour - it's a thoroughfare for long grassers and being opposite a popular pub, has its share of under the influence patrons. Bound to be a bit of a issue over the loss of the car parks (which are no loss at all given the surrounding parking options). Wet season storms whistle through the lane and it becomes a wild wind tunnel.

[REDACTED]
8/21/2023 06:05 PM

Currently a small space that has no real incentive to visit - the challenge would be making this a desirable area to visit, connecting it with other small spaces in the city and enabling access. The other challenge would be to keep it accessible in the wet season. I do not even consider using the lane when it is raining.

Have a say : Survey Report for 29 January 2018 to 07 September 2023

- ██████████

8/21/2023 06:18 PM

The funds should be spent greening the Cenotaph carpark as per the City Deal.
- ██████████

8/21/2023 06:21 PM

It's a side street with not much space.
- ██████████

8/21/2023 06:52 PM

Itinerants and anti social behaviour Keeping it to a high standard of cleanliness Using trees that are not established will mean long waits for them to grow
- ██████████

8/22/2023 09:08 AM

Getting sufficient foot traffic to use the area, needs to be supported by surrounding spaces (e.g. better shading for pedestrians, bike lanes, etc.)
- ██████████

8/22/2023 09:51 AM

Can't think of any
- ██████████

8/22/2023 10:02 AM

its a road and loading area for vehicles
- ██████████

8/22/2023 11:06 AM

The budget and resources not allowing for the standout priorities from consultation process. Ensuring a range of voices from the wider community and their needs are considered amid the project brief and deliverables.
- ██████████

8/22/2023 11:34 AM

It needs to be a nice spot to sit and eat or have a coffee, but needs to have spots to put a bicycle safely.
- ██████████

8/23/2023 07:25 AM

Vandalism
- ██████████

8/23/2023 07:46 PM

This is a bloody waste of money. just please feed people instead and build houses and train up counsellors/mental health support
- ██████████

8/24/2023 06:05 PM

Heat
- ██████████

tour buses safety

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8/24/2023 09:17 PM

[REDACTED]

Trying to pull too much off

8/25/2023 05:34 AM

[REDACTED]

Convincing people who drive and park there to go across the road to the underground car park.

8/25/2023 01:02 PM

[REDACTED]

Not capitalising on the space.

8/25/2023 01:45 PM

Anonymous

anti social behaviour

8/25/2023 03:09 PM

Anonymous

Nil

8/25/2023 03:14 PM

[REDACTED]

maintaining short term car parking during the day planting large shade trees and solid shade keeping itinerates out of the area changing existing leased area so it doesn't turn its back on the rest of the lane - how to ensure private investment /contribution by adjacent landowners

8/25/2023 03:32 PM

Anonymous

Accessed by I am assuming intoxicated patrons from near by hotels. Most mondays there is vomit & broken glass in the Laneway, it's disgusting. Especially as next door to an upmarket hotel.

8/25/2023 06:21 PM

Anonymous

Cleanliness Sustainability of food venues People being humbugged while eating al fresco

8/25/2023 06:31 PM

Anonymous

I am assuming the costs of rent increase to the local cafes/restaurants that struggle

8/26/2023 06:02 AM

Anonymous

Itinerants in the area

8/26/2023 06:47 PM

Anonymous

Overcrowd the area

8/27/2023 05:48 AM

Anonymous

At times, there is substantial pedestrian traffic through the lane.

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<p>8/28/2023 11:58 AM</p>	<p>Whatever else is established in this space, please ensure that its main purpose as a walkway is not impeded. There needs to be an indication that the laneway is not a dead end - let people know where they will end up at each entrance to the space.</p>
<p>Anonymous 8/28/2023 03:29 PM</p>	<p>Removing 9 easily accessible quick-term parks that provide access to the Mall. Providing an appealing space when the existing surrounding bars may be noisy and attract inebriated and potentially nuisance individuals</p>
<p>Anonymous 8/28/2023 05:03 PM</p>	<p>Narrow walkway to Galleria Arcade, poor passive surveillance</p>
<p>Anonymous 8/28/2023 09:54 PM</p>	<p>Carpark for Hilton hotel use as well as nearby facilities. Local itinerants humbugging in the area.</p>
<p>Anonymous 8/28/2023 10:15 PM</p>	<p>Removing parking. Be mindful of services close by like the dentist!</p>
<p>Anonymous 8/29/2023 02:35 PM</p>	<p>Limited space.</p>
<p>Anonymous 8/29/2023 05:10 PM</p>	<p>no comment</p>
<p>Anonymous 8/30/2023 09:48 AM</p>	<p>shade with trees not man made structures, more permeable plantings, cooling, rain protection from trees</p>
<p>Anonymous 8/30/2023 12:20 PM</p>	<p>Poor attractions/retail offerings and reputation of lane. People can be deterred by lack of parking in the area. Currently unattractive during wet season</p>
<p>Anonymous 8/30/2023 12:40 PM</p>	<p>Services conflict with tree pits. Tree pit design to allow for sufficient root system and protection of underground services (future and existing), interface between bus stop and alfresco dining.</p>
<p>Anonymous 8/30/2023 02:40 PM</p>	<p>Ensuring the project is value for money for the community.</p>
<p>Anonymous</p>	<p>Humbugging and violence from locals. It's often dark and little parking</p>

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8/30/2023 04:17 PM

Anonymous

8/30/2023 06:19 PM

When you keep taking out parking spaces, you discourage people visiting. Secondly, the wet season outside with no cover makes spaces unusable

Anonymous

8/30/2023 07:22 PM

Getting people to go into the city

Anonymous

8/30/2023 10:25 PM

Lane Market

Anonymous

8/31/2023 09:30 AM

You can't access The Mall at after hours/night time.

Anonymous

8/31/2023 11:09 AM

the car spaces are handy for people accessing businesses

Anonymous

8/31/2023 01:06 PM

The businesses that front Chapel Lane remain empty or choose not to maintain their street appeal, creating a poor atmosphere. That parking within the vicinity becomes more difficult to source than it currently is and people stay away. That the Government wants this to be an event space, which is not needed - there are plenty of other spaces around the city - and it affects traffic access to the Hilton port cohere. That it becomes a heat-sink when the proposed shade provisions take too long to grow or are damaged during storms and not immediately replaced. That the itinerants wreck the furniture, lighting, artwork, signage etc., causing the space to fall into disrepair or prevents locals and visitors activating the space. That any alfresco dining in the space either makes the space look messy because nobody, including City of Darwin, wants the responsibility of maintaining it OR prevents easy foot traffic to move through the area and people choose different pathways.

Anonymous

8/31/2023 08:20 PM

Attracting anti social behaviour by making it more appealing

Anonymous

9/01/2023 08:24 AM

Unless the crime is bought under control people are staying away from the City and it does not matter what beautification is done. People will not come in to town to be harassed or fear of a beating or their car windows broken.

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Anonymous 9/01/2023 07:54 PM	Wonder why areas being developed are so far apart - why not focus on a smaller area and why not bring back vic hotel
Anonymous 9/02/2023 06:31 AM	Too hot to be comfortable to be in
Anonymous 9/02/2023 04:15 PM	Traffic management from hotel
Anonymous 9/03/2023 04:30 PM	Longrassers, homeless defacating
Anonymous 9/03/2023 05:32 PM	Closing it while redevelopment
Anonymous 9/04/2023 09:03 PM	More places for the homeless to sleep and urinate
Anonymous 9/05/2023 07:11 PM	Please do not destroy the Frangipani trees the flowers are very beautiful
Anonymous 9/06/2023 08:08 PM	To build a better shade structure than the one in Cavenagh Street. It needs to be kept cool. Probably anti-social behaviour, but if plenty of people are attracted to the space the trouble-makers will be outnumbered.
Anonymous 9/06/2023 09:21 PM	Anti social behaviour, drunk people from Mitchell street. Would be great to have security on the Lane at the busiest times.
Anonymous 9/07/2023 08:04 AM	Anti social behaviour moving in on the space. Keeping clean and attractive.

Mandatory Question (71 response(s))

Question type: Essay Question

Q8 What are the potential benefits of the Chapel Lane redevelopment?

 None
8/21/2023 09:16 AM

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[REDACTED]
8/21/2023 10:28 AM

More places to discover and sit

[REDACTED]
8/21/2023 10:54 AM

Improved city space for lunches and dinners, more people visiting the city and injecting life into the city.

[REDACTED]
8/21/2023 10:57 AM

brighten it up

[REDACTED]
8/21/2023 11:02 AM

More shade. Less direct sun. Places to sit during lunch time. More inviting area.

[REDACTED]
8/21/2023 11:18 AM

More tourists - yey for you, all you ever think about is the tourists, what about your residents that are loyal Darwin people. You know the tourist have to leave the airport somehow, and unfortunately its through the mistreated, mis-maintained suburbs that don't get any attention - HAVE YOU SEEN BAGOT LATLY! Darwin is more then just a CBD!

[REDACTED]
8/21/2023 11:19 AM

Increase traffic for businesses in the area.

[REDACTED]
8/21/2023 11:56 AM

The benefits of improving the city is that there is a focus on NEEDING TO UPGRADE and provide SAFETY within the area ... which speaks to the governments respecting their community members.

[REDACTED]
8/21/2023 12:11 PM

very little see above.

[REDACTED]
8/21/2023 12:22 PM

Removal of antisocial behaviour and that it will be maintained. Always has broken glass and stinks of urine.

[REDACTED]
8/21/2023 12:41 PM

Greening that part of town would be good.

[REDACTED]
8/21/2023 12:47 PM

Draw people to CBD

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<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>8/21/2023 02:29 PM</p>	<p>The success of Austin Lane should be all the proof needed that these revitalisation projects do work. All other capital cities in Australia have some form of this contemporary style of urban planning, and its time Darwin joins the crowd. It would no doubt boost the business of the restaurants in this lane, and will make it more aesthetically pleasing. It'll also create more activities for tourists - believe it or not but people really do go on holiday just to walk around laneways.</p>
<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>8/21/2023 03:07 PM</p>	<p>Increased activation of City of Darwin owned space, encourages outdoor socialisation and enables a multi use space in the business district of the CBD.</p>
<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>8/21/2023 03:18 PM</p>	<p>Better community amenity</p>
<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>8/21/2023 03:20 PM</p>	<p>Increased foot traffic, cooler space in an otherwise hot area, activated nightlife area, more security, the laneway towards West Lane can be a little seedy</p>
<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>8/21/2023 05:52 PM</p>	<p>Would make a huge difference by greening and shading area and providing seating and public art. It should have a share of alfresco dining seating and public seating.</p>
<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>8/21/2023 06:05 PM</p>	<p>Increased custom and variety. The city is better as a selection of discrete small spaces (rather than a main drag) as has been shown with Austin lane and Spain Place, and if sufficiently covered during the wet makes a great thoroughfare connecting parts of the city which are less accessible when raining.</p>
<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>8/21/2023 06:18 PM</p>	<p>Seating and shade.</p>
<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>8/21/2023 06:21 PM</p>	<p>It could connect the mall better to the park between the Esplanade and the ocean.</p>
<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>8/21/2023 06:52 PM</p>	<p>Anything to improve our city is beneficial to the greater community</p>
<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>8/22/2023 09:08 AM</p>	<p>More accessible and inviting space increase time spent in the CBD, which improves economic activity for the surrounding businesses.</p>

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██████████
8/22/2023 09:51 AM

Looks better and will attract traffice/business

██████████
8/22/2023 10:02 AM

i think it's fine as it is.

██████████████████
8/22/2023 11:06 AM

Potential for increase in community engagement and flow through with an upgraded safe and attractive space, provision of infrastructure and access to support and develop local professional arts and cultural sectors, commission new public artworks and provide creative community opportunities. Increase in cooling and green spaces to want to linger in - including places for local workers to eat lunch that is outside but cool and with some functional sheltering options when needed. A place to trial tropical architectural design elements that suit and complement the climates as well as look visually appealing. A space to include accessibility best practices.

██████████
8/22/2023 11:34 AM

Having a laneway to get away from the car traffic and road noise will make it a great place to relax.

██████████
8/23/2023 07:25 AM

A beautiful utilitarian green space in Darwin that encourages people to use, relax and feel safe in

██████████
8/23/2023 07:46 PM

NONE

██████████
8/24/2023 06:05 PM

Fun area, whether just passing through or specifically targeted

██████████
8/24/2023 09:17 PM

connecting spaces

██████████
8/25/2023 05:34 AM

Bring some colour and life to that part of Mitchell st Create a throughway

██████
8/25/2023 01:02 PM

Cooling and activating the area, it's very hot and unused road ways and hot to walk through along the road

██████████
8/25/2023 01:45 PM

This laneway and others need this kind of development. Cooler, more walkable, more interesting.

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Anonymous
8/25/2023 03:09 PM

activate the space, more street events, support local restaurants in the area

Anonymous
8/25/2023 03:14 PM

Open and inviting space for residents to move through, gather and enjoy in safety day and night.


8/25/2023 03:32 PM

potentially a great place to visit and enjoy with cool shade potentially still a place to incorporate some short term parking during the day. a great site for a feature artwork / sculpture or similar a great site for a water station and seating

Anonymous
8/25/2023 06:21 PM

Cleaner & more pleasing space to move through.

Anonymous
8/25/2023 06:31 PM

More people in cbd, sustainable restaurants, nice place to take visitors

Anonymous
8/26/2023 06:02 AM

It will look modern & great if done correctly

Anonymous
8/26/2023 06:47 PM

Pleasure to walk through and another event space in the city to use

Anonymous
8/27/2023 05:48 AM

Increase traffic to the shops

Anonymous
8/28/2023 11:58 AM

It has the potential to provide a place where people will sit and people-watch; increase foot traffic through the CBD and remove people from the main thoroughfares of the city area.

Anonymous
8/28/2023 03:29 PM

more activated spaces in Darwin can only be a good thing!

Anonymous
8/28/2023 05:03 PM

Improves connectivity between Mitchell Street and the Smith Street Mall (and West Lane)

Anonymous
8/28/2023 09:54 PM

Security and lighting in area.

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<p>Anonymous 8/28/2023 10:15 PM</p>	<p>More useful things to do and engage with. Cooler transition between connected locations.</p>
<p>Anonymous 8/29/2023 02:35 PM</p>	<p>Visual appearance</p>
<p>Anonymous 8/29/2023 05:10 PM</p>	<p>No Comment</p>
<p>Anonymous 8/30/2023 09:48 AM</p>	<p>cooling, more greenery, less concrete</p>
<p>Anonymous 8/30/2023 12:20 PM</p>	<p>Bring vibrancy to CBD area.</p>
<p>Anonymous 8/30/2023 12:40 PM</p>	<p>Further developing the street are and night culture of the Darwin city.</p>
<p>Anonymous 8/30/2023 02:40 PM</p>	<p>The city potentially being a place where people want to come and spend then time and money outside of office areas.</p>
<p>Anonymous 8/30/2023 04:17 PM</p>	<p>A relaxing place to hang out no matter what day of the week.</p>
<p>Anonymous 8/30/2023 06:19 PM</p>	<p>I don't really know, I didn't think it was an option. Will it drive more activity and use of the city? That's the aim, isn't it?</p>
<p>Anonymous 8/30/2023 07:22 PM</p>	<p>More poeple in the city</p>
<p>Anonymous 8/30/2023 10:25 PM</p>	<p>Local Businesses</p>
<p>Anonymous 8/31/2023 09:30 AM</p>	<p>Nothing as I don't like using West Lane as it feels very unsafe. West Lane has terrible foot paths and I make sure to avoid it at night.</p>
<p>Anonymous 8/31/2023 11:09 AM</p>	<p>Permanent table and chair seating in a cool space so office workers can sit and enjoy food or have a cool place to sit that offers a table</p>

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	and chair
<p>Anonymous 8/31/2023 01:06 PM</p>	<p>The space entices a permanent coffee cart (aka food truck serving coffee) helping to activate the space by locals and visitors. That the seating affords different configurations, is inclusive (ie for wheelchairs, elderly that need good support to seat, sit and rise, and children can be accommodated) and perhaps even multi-use. That it looks nice and welcoming, inviting people to dwell and use the space. It moves the hotel's smokers away from the laneway so I don't have to inhale their second-hand smoke as I move through the area.</p>
<p>Anonymous 8/31/2023 08:20 PM</p>	<p>Visually appealing and more shade is always welcome</p>
<p>Anonymous 9/01/2023 08:24 AM</p>	<p>None unless crime is brought under control!</p>
<p>Anonymous 9/01/2023 07:54 PM</p>	<p>Not sure</p>
<p>Anonymous 9/02/2023 06:31 AM</p>	<p>A place to show visitors. Recent visitors felt Darwin city was grotty and too hot to spend too much time in. The limited parking put them off too.</p>
<p>Anonymous 9/02/2023 04:15 PM</p>	<p>Safer, bring more people, safer access to Vic Arcade businesses particularly Ella's restaurant at night.</p>
<p>Anonymous 9/03/2023 04:30 PM</p>	<p>More people in then city Creating More money Creating More jobs</p>
<p>Anonymous 9/03/2023 05:32 PM</p>	<p>More foot traffic and easy place to walk around Darwin</p>
<p>Anonymous 9/04/2023 09:03 PM</p>	<p>Darwin residents love outdoor dining/events.</p>
<p>Anonymous 9/05/2023 07:11 PM</p>	<p>Another meeting spot in Darwin</p>
<p>Anonymous 9/06/2023 08:08 PM</p>	<p>The cars are moved away from the space. It could be a lively outdoor space. It can be reached easily by public transport with a bus stop</p>

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right there.

Anonymous

9/06/2023 09:21 PM

More places to go, reactivación of the city.

Anonymous

9/07/2023 08:04 AM

Potential benefit to businesses in the area and might encourage street activity and dining spaces to open up. Another space for the community to use and enjoy (if we'll maintained)

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Question type: Essay Question

Q9 What other thoughts would you like to share about the Chapel Lane redevelopment?

[Redacted]

8/21/2023 10:28 AM

Adding safety to the area by utilising laneway space for places for people to dine and meet

[Redacted]

8/21/2023 10:54 AM

Keep it casual, don't try and be high-brow, this is Darwin.

[Redacted]

8/21/2023 10:57 AM

I like to see more activation in the residential suburbs

[Redacted]

8/21/2023 11:02 AM

Create similar area to green space above underground carpark. More plantings, grass and greenery. More shade!!!! Cool the city down.

[Redacted]

8/21/2023 11:18 AM

Stop wasting money and fix things that need fixing.

[Redacted]

8/21/2023 11:56 AM

SAFETY is a major concern for shop owners, tourists (especially cruise ships) and the community ... IMMEDIATE action is required so the community spirit can increase so more people will want to frequent the area

[Redacted]

8/21/2023 12:11 PM

see above

[Redacted]

8/21/2023 12:22 PM

In the meantime keep it clean free from broken glass rubbish and urine.

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[REDACTED]
8/21/2023 12:41 PM

I am not certain why it's called "Chapel". I can't see how this name is relevant. it should be a name which is synonymous with town.

[REDACTED]
8/21/2023 02:29 PM

I am a young (25) property owner in Darwin City, who pays rates, and fully supports Darwin City Council in these types of laneway projects. It's fantastic that the city I live and work in is becoming more contemporary, and supporting its businesses with projects like this. I really hope this goes ahead!

[REDACTED]
8/21/2023 03:07 PM

Has a maintenance budget been considered, taking into consideration social issues encountered in this space, for things such as i.e break-ins, damages to fairy light lighting, defacating. Has further budget been allocated to make such elements vandal proof?

[REDACTED]
8/21/2023 03:18 PM

nil

[REDACTED]
8/21/2023 03:20 PM

I own [REDACTED] and would like to be expressly notified of the expected timelines. I believe there will be significant impacts on our business and our neighbours businesses. Customers will either consciously or subconsciously think twice about visiting areas in the middle of a construction zone. They will associate the area as hard to access and may be the barrier for customers making a purchase decision with us. While we ultimately support the development, time is absolutely of the essence! Anytime from December through until March would be a great time to undertake these works when business is low. Not July or August.

[REDACTED]
8/21/2023 05:52 PM

It's a terrific idea - time to update and create a space to be proud of. Currently a concrete jungle with no soul. Let's go.

[REDACTED]
8/21/2023 06:05 PM

Please cover and fill with modern vibrant nightlife, do not discount the value of green space, eg vertical gardens, cyclone-proofed trees. I am excited by this initiative and pleased to take part in this survey.

[REDACTED]
8/21/2023 06:18 PM

City of Darwin should keep its commitments.

[REDACTED]
8/21/2023 06:21 PM

The money would be better spent elsewhere.

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[REDACTED]
8/21/2023 06:52 PM

Security is very important Please use established trees. Please keep the area clean - Currently the footpaths in the city are filthy. Weekly disinfecting and high pressure cleaning is essential. Thank you for investing in our city.

[REDACTED]
8/22/2023 09:08 AM

Shade crucial, not just in chapel lane but through connecting areas.

[REDACTED]
8/22/2023 09:51 AM

Great idea!

[REDACTED]
8/22/2023 10:02 AM

i think it's fine as it is. no need to spend money on it

[REDACTED]
8/22/2023 11:06 AM

As someone who engages with and sees the benefit of public arts, cultural celebration, and spaces to development these as well as being practical and accessible, some blue-sky ideas could include: - providing a performance space that could suit live music, dance and / or workshop set up options for visual arts (a stage or floor space with access to power and a lock up / tech box). -include an opportunity to utilise one / some of the wall spaces that could offer an annual partnership i.e with dsaf and CoD Launch program to pair a young/emerging artist with a professional career artist. It could either continue as a cumulative work each year and added too or repainted depending on the space available. - build in an opportunity to commission a new public artwork / installation / sculpture / digital work on screens embedded with i.e Larrakia organisations to foster local artist to add and include their lens. -Other ideas could include space for market pops up and food vendors - place to pre-promote activities in the lead up to and /or during major events and festivals that happen in Darwin in the dry season. This could tap into the tourism / hotel population in the immediate surrounds (i.e Daaf, Natsiaas, Nimas, Darwin Festival and Fringe Festivals, Greek Glenti, Harmony Day, Chinese New Year etc to showcase activities that may be happening elsewhere and cross promote/ pre- promote). -options for some innovative ways to include local native vegetation and greening ideas which may cross-purpose on shade structures.

[REDACTED]
8/22/2023 11:34 AM

If speed limits around Chapel Lane could be reduced to 30kph that would make accessing it safer, and reduce road noise pollution in the laneway.

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<p>██████████ 8/23/2023 07:25 AM</p>	<p>Will the development allow for child safety and engagement (fencing/small play area) thus be a safe for families to use?</p>
<p>██████████ 8/23/2023 07:46 PM</p>	<p>waste of time.</p>
<p>██████████ 8/24/2023 06:05 PM</p>	<p>I would love to paint some interactive activities on the ground so people passing through could participate. It would be bright, colourful, NT related and entertaining for others to watch. For example a hopscotch court in the shape of a crocodile. ██████████</p>
<p>██████████ 8/24/2023 09:17 PM</p>	<p>no smoking</p>
<p>██████████ 8/25/2023 05:34 AM</p>	<p>Such a good idea - looking forward to it</p>
<p>██████████ 8/25/2023 01:02 PM</p>	<p>Can't wait to see it happen!</p>
<p>██████████ 8/25/2023 01:45 PM</p>	<p>Darwin has been desperately undeveloped and incorrectly utilised for the 10+ years I've been here. You want to explore your own city with pride, finding new places but you couldn't as it was a concrete oven. The cavenagh street cooking and Austin lane gentrification shows what we can do. The whole city should have shading and art galore. Chapel lane can become a nice walk and place to socialise, connecting also to the new civic centre heart of the city. Keep up the improvements please this is where we want our money to go. Great work</p>
<p>Anonymous 8/25/2023 03:14 PM</p>	<p>Nil</p>
<p>██████████ 8/25/2023 03:32 PM</p>	<p>Well done to your comms people to attract engagement. Chapel Lane is already a great connecting walkway with Artwork - but has a closed off leased area that adds little to the amenity. The redevelopment should be conditional on contributions from adjacent landowners - given the potential benefit it brings at public cost. loss of short term on street parking should be incorporated in any cost benefit - given the significant financial and amenity they bring at present. I would estimate the parking to have at least a capital value of \$300k . the existing frangipanis trees are pretty but of little shade value and are extremely messy and should be relocated. sounds like the bus stop</p>

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<p>Anonymous 8/25/2023 06:31 PM</p>	<p>could be upgraded - but given it is a stop to get off at and not get on - don't overdo the area needed for people waiting to catch a bus.- the terminus is just around the corner! New shade should concentrate on cooling the hard surfaces including Mitchell street roadway. suggest rename your project to Chapel lane precinct -as most of the site appears to be Mitchell street.</p>
<p>Anonymous 8/26/2023 06:02 AM</p>	<p>Linking with the Hilton more,</p>
<p>Anonymous 8/27/2023 05:48 AM</p>	<p>Please get the planting and shade aspect correct</p>
<p>Anonymous 8/28/2023 11:58 AM</p>	<p>Leave it alone!</p>
<p>Anonymous 8/28/2023 03:29 PM</p>	<p>The Smith Street Mall is supposedly a no-smoking area but I have never seen this being enforced. Please make the laneway a non-smoking area and enforce this. Also, foot traffic and wheelchairs / mobility devices only - no bicycles, scooters, skateboards, etc -the area is not wide enough to ensure separation between pedestrians and more rapidly-moving wheeled transport.</p>
<p>Anonymous 8/28/2023 05:03 PM</p>	<p>interactive art would be a great drawcard. licensing to create afresco bar/dining options. Lighting is key to make the space enticing in the evening.</p>
<p>Anonymous 8/28/2023 09:54 PM</p>	<p>Austin Lane redevelopment is food, but still includes a lot of impermeable surfaces. More vegetation should be included here.</p>
<p>Anonymous 8/29/2023 05:10 PM</p>	<p>Consider opening Galleria at night time. Need to consider shade or protection from rain.</p>
<p>Anonymous 8/30/2023 09:48 AM</p>	<p>No Comment</p>
<p>Anonymous 8/30/2023 12:20 PM</p>	<p>soften area with greenery</p>
<p>Anonymous 8/30/2023 12:20 PM</p>	<p>Na</p>

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Anonymous
8/30/2023 12:40 PM

Sounds like a great idea. Removes a small number of carpark that were a high risk location for traffic incidents. Replaces it with a high value community space that has multie benefits to the community. Win win!

Anonymous
8/30/2023 02:40 PM

The project should involve the the whole city, but focus should be on the area being an inviting place to be in the city.

Anonymous
8/30/2023 10:25 PM

Local Artists

Anonymous
8/31/2023 09:30 AM

Encourage more shops in The Mall & reduce businesses. There are too many businesses in The Mall. Also reduce the crime and people loitering begging for money.

Anonymous
8/31/2023 11:09 AM

It is a good space for activating with art. the Austin Lane and Spain Place development was for an event space and that has not taken off really well. How would this space differ for the same purpose?

Anonymous
8/31/2023 01:06 PM

It's been a long time coming and will probably take as long to finalise the construction and make it a welcome, cool and activated space.

Anonymous
8/31/2023 08:20 PM

I like the idea and hope it's successful

Anonymous
9/01/2023 07:54 PM

Think focus should be closer to night life areas

Anonymous
9/02/2023 06:31 AM

Water Bottle fill station and handwash area please. Clean toilets needed- non gendered with disabled access plus change table for babe's.

Anonymous
9/03/2023 05:32 PM

I love the Idea

Anonymous
9/04/2023 09:03 PM

Make sure you have Cctv installed

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Anonymous

9/05/2023 07:11 PM

Please don't destroy the frangipani

Anonymous

9/06/2023 08:08 PM

One highlight should be an attractive bus stop. Bus stops and public transport in the NT have been neglected for too long. This is your chance to turn it around. There are plenty of people alighting from the busses in the morning. It would be good to have a kiosk and a shaded area right next to where people get off the bus. A place that invites people to have a coffee and a chat before they head to their offices. They could sell cold drinks, snacks and maybe even top-up bus tickets. The structure should incorporate plants to create shade and attract birds. There are at least 10 regular bird species still utilising the space. It could also be an artsy structure as if designed by Hundertwasser. It could even incorporate a Hundertwasser toilet. Google it if you are not sure what I am talking about. And while you are at it, you could continue creating fancy bus stops for the rest of Darwin..... How about a cooling water fountain in the centre of the square, surrounded by al fresco dinning options? I better stop now.....

Anonymous

9/06/2023 09:21 PM

Another good option would be to create a day space for kids and families to go during the day, eat and play. Have a small play area for kids, alfresco dinning so parents could eat and be very close to the kids while they play (could be anything, kids don't need much to play) add shade and trees to provide a fresh area. Need more places for young families to go and enjoy together.

Anonymous

9/07/2023 08:04 AM

Some thought should be had around weather protection as it's a large space to move through along Mitchell's St when raining. Would like to see pedestrian movement considered also such as where will people cross Mitchell St safely after walking from the Galleria. Would love to see some large shady rain trees (Samanea Saman / those used at the Water Front/ Rain Tree Park) which seem to be successful trees in Darwin in creating successful and beautiful shady spaces and in many ways are an iconic tree of Darwin now.

Optional question (57 response(s), 14 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

15.2 QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT - JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2023 (Q1)

Author: Planning and Performance Officer

Authoriser: General Manager Corporate

Attachments:

1. [Q1 - 2030 Strategy Plan Action Summary](#) ↓
2. [Q1 - 2023-2024 Municipal Plan Action Summary](#) ↓

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the report entitled Quarterly Performance Report - July to September 2023 (Q1) 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 developing 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.

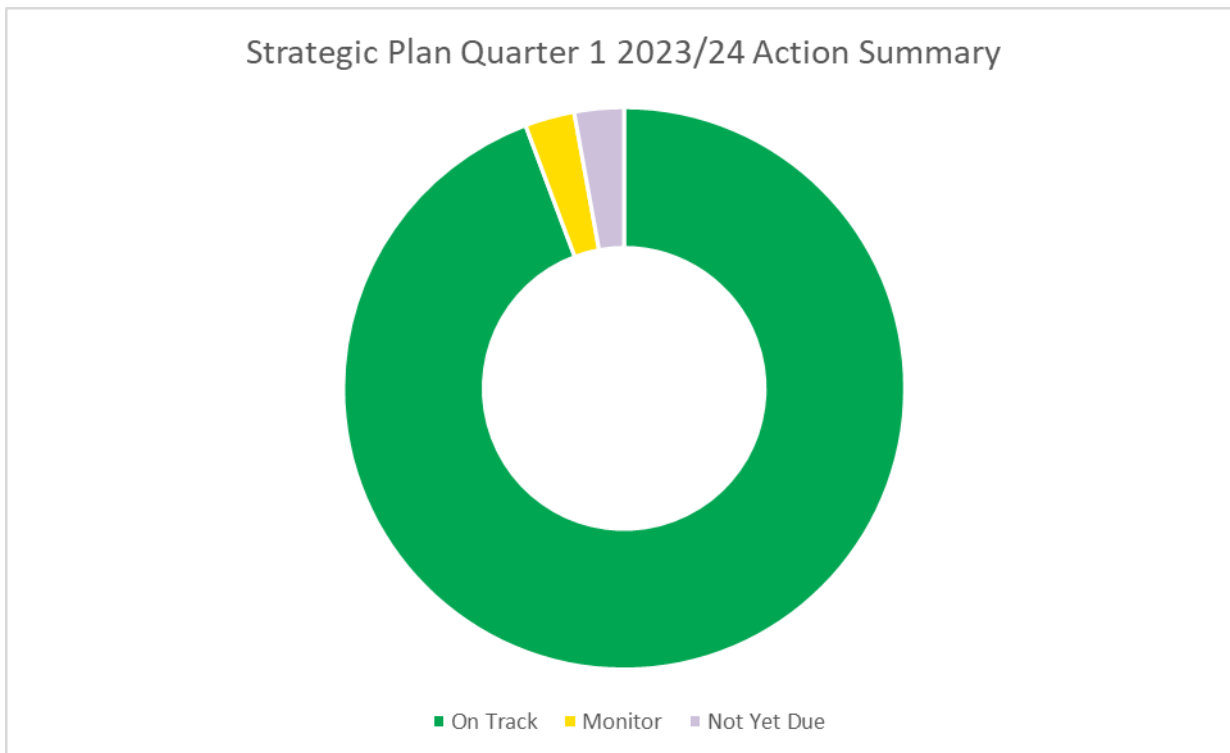
DISCUSSION

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 in July 2019.

There are 56 actions within the Strategic Plan, however during previous years 21 actions have been marked as Complete, leaving 35 actions to be reported in 2023/24.

Quarter 1 Highlights – Strategic Plan:

There are 35 actions for 2023/24; of which 33 are On Track, 1 is Monitor and 1 is Not Yet Due.



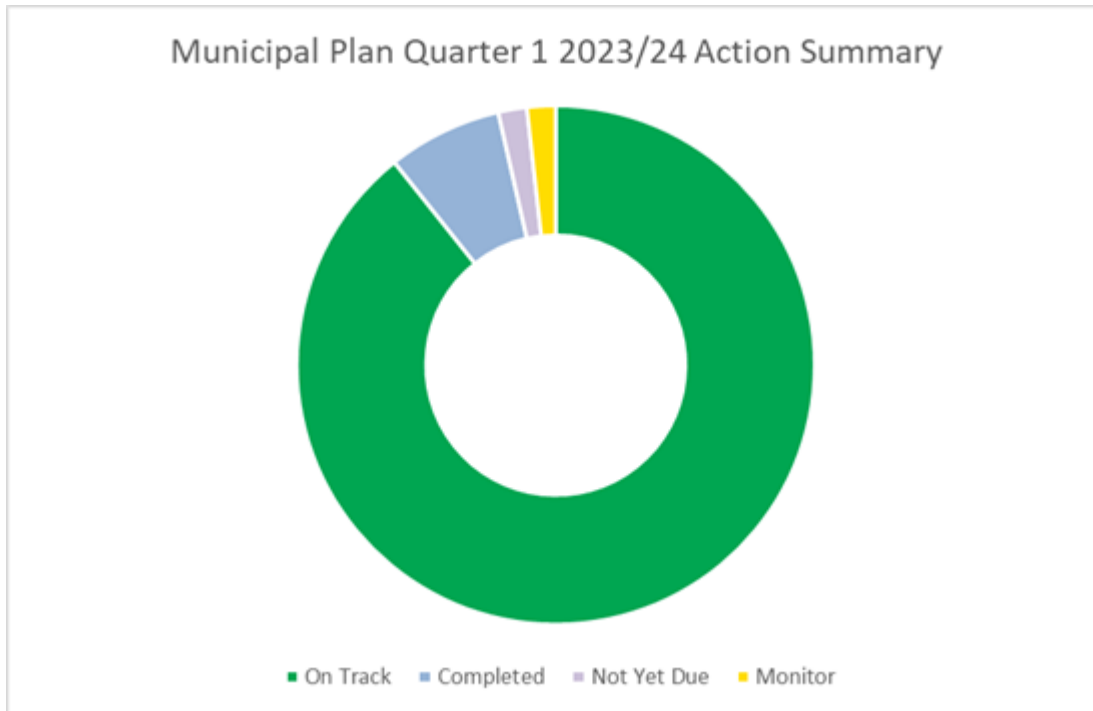
- 173 permits issues for public events this quarter increasing the utilisation of City of Darwin’s land and community assets.
- Showcased City of Darwin at the Darwin Show in July, interacting with residents and visitors promoting a Cool, Clean and Green city.
- In-kind support (\$2,500 estimated) provided to The Array, an innovation hub in The Mall which supports on-line gaming (not gambling) businesses.
- STEAM programs continue to be popular at the libraries including Science Week.
- Discover Darwin website redesigned by students at Charles Darwin University.
- Launched the Parklet and Laneway wayfinding signs with Larrakia artist.
- Asset Management Framework has been moved to ‘Monitor’ as the processes and associated resourcing structures are currently underway.
- Multi-cultural Framework is ‘not yet due’ and not due until 2025.

Quarter 1 Highlights – Municipal Plan:

Within the 2023/24 Municipal Plan there are 50 actions, including 11 actions which fall under the Governance Framework section.

During 2022/23, 10 actions were scheduled for delivery after 30 June 2023. Of these 10 actions, 4 were written into the 2023/24 Municipal Plan and the remaining 6 have been carried over. A total of 56 actions will now be reported during 2023/24.

There are 56 actions for 2023/24: of which 4 are Complete, 50 are On Track, 1 is Monitor and 1 is Not Yet Due.



- Innovation Reconciliation Action Plan launched in August 2023.
- Council endorsed the Play Space Strategy on 11 July 2023 designed for the management of playgrounds and recreation spaces.
- 3,000 native plants were given away under the giveaway program.
- Energy audits underway for Parap and Nightcliff Pool, West Lane and Dragonfly Car Park, Casuarina Library, and the Operations Centre.
- ICT Roadmap continues with a focus on developing a framework for its delivery.
- Enterprise Content Management (ECM) upgrade has commenced, due for completion by end of the calendar year.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

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

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

6 Governance Framework
6.4 Accountability

<p>BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</p>	<p>Budget/Funding: Nil Is Funding identified: Nil Corporate Services Hub is responsible for coordinating the City of Darwin Performance Reporting.</p>
<p>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION</p>	<p>Engagement Level: Inform Internal: The Actions contained within the Strategic Plan and 2023/24 Municipal Plan have been reviewed and Quarter 1 (Q1) updates are provided by responsible Executive Managers and Managers. Hub General Managers approve performance and status updates for responsible actions as part of this reporting framework. External: Quarterly Performance Report: July - September 2023 (Q1) will inform the City of Darwin 2023/24 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>
<p>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</p>	<p>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).</p>

STRATEGIC PLAN 2023/24 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	Develop a Priority Infrastructure Plan	EM - Technical Services	Q1 - Awaiting completion of asset surveys prior to drafting a draft Priority Infrastructure Plan (PIP) in collaboration with Infrastructure.	On Track	1/07/20	30/06/25	
SD1	TAR1	Implement City of Darwin's Asset Management Framework	EM - Infrastructure	Q1 - Data for six of the seven asset classes have been populated in Assetic. Condition surveys for Stormwater infrastructure ongoing. Building condition surveys planned for 2023/24. Recruitment is ongoing. Alternative outsourcing arrangements are being explored to deliver the implementation of the maintenance modules.	Monitor	1/07/20	30/06/25	
SD1	TAR1	Maintain existing Council assets to ensure best value for money and utilisation is achieved	EM - Operations	Q1 - Program is currently being delivered in accordance with available asset management plans, policy, guidelines and best practice. Opportunities for efficiencies are regularly investigated.	On Track	1/07/20	30/06/30	
SD1	TAR1	Increase utilisation of the City of Darwin's land and community assets	EM - Growth and Development Services	Q1 - There were 173 permits for public events issued for the quarter. The Street Food Program continues to be successful with new vendors applying and long-term vendors reporting strong trade. Malak Markets are currently finalising their insurance. They are considering options for a wet season market in Malak. City of Darwin officers are working with the provider to fund suitable alternatives, possibly in one of City of Darwin's hall/community venue spaces.	On Track	1/07/20	30/06/30	
Target: By 2030, Darwin will be a safer place to live and visit								
SD2	TAR1	Expand CCTV networks across the municipality as part of the #SmartDarwin Strategy	GM Innovation	Q1 - Discussions occurring with the Police to determine long term management of Smart City CCTVs and new locations for improved safety in the CBD.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2025	
SD2	TAR1	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	Q1 - Development of document has progressed with key focus on waste management. Focus of Emergency Management function has been on emergent security matters.	On Track	1/07/2020	31/12/2023	
Target: By 2030, Darwin will be increasingly recognised as a liveable city								
SD2	TAR2	Partner with the Australian Government and Territory Government to deliver on the Darwin City Deal	Office of the Lord Mayor and CEO	Q1 - City of Darwin participation with the Darwin City Deal continued with CEO representation at scheduled meetings.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2025	
SD2	TAR2	Promote Darwin as a more attractive place to live and work	EM - Growth and Development Services	Q1 - Showcased City of Darwin at the Darwin Show in July, interacting with the residents and visitors to Darwin around what we do to make Darwin a liveable and sustainable city. International Relations email update sent in August. The email aims to promote Darwin as a place to live, visit and work, and includes information from key Darwin stakeholders such as the Chamber of Commerce, Darwin Convention Centre, Charles Darwin University, Tourism Top End, NTG DITT, DEFT, Austrade, Larrakia Nation, Darwin Port, Darwin Airport Group amongst others.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2030	

STRATEGIC PLAN 2023/24 ACTION SUMMARY								
Strategic Direction (SD)	Target	Action	Responsible Executive Manager (EM)	Progress Comment	Action Status	Original Start Date	Expected End Date	
SD2	TAR2	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	Q1 - Discussions continue with DIPL during regular meetings. At the last meeting we discussed staffing, Movement Strategy action, place and liveability planning, the public realm, integrated planning and other notable large-scale projects. Continuing to advocate through the Land Development Committee. Collaboration with the UDIA and Property Council through advocacy efforts.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2030	
SD2	TAR2	Increase utilisation of Darwin's beaches and foreshores	EM - Growth and Development Services	Q1 - The Street Food program currently hosts 24 vendors. There were six new applications this quarter and two new vendors commenced this quarter. Street Food vendors report strong trading throughout the quarter. Less-popular trading sites are increasingly in demand as new vendors seek opportunities. Agreement with NTG finalised for Bundilla with engagement commencing for a Masterplan in October. This quarter 3 comprehensive events were hosted and 26 markets held at beaches and foreshores. These events included: - Territory Day - Mindil Beach Sunset Markets x 26 - Beercan Regatta - 40th Anniversary Harbour Crossing In addition to the comprehensive events, 22 small events ranging from birthday and weddings to recreational activities and community activities took place on our foreshores.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2030	
SD2	TAR2	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	Q1 - City of Darwin is engaging with stakeholders and the sector to determine the broader infrastructure and service requirements to progress the development of a social infrastructure plan.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2025	
Target: By 2030, Darwin residents will be more active and healthy								
SD2	TAR3	Increase the total kilometres of walking and cycling paths, including shaded pathways, to improve community connectivity and mobility	EM - Infrastructure	Q1 - To be delivered in line with Movement Strategy actions, total increase to network calculated at end of financial year.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2025	
SD2	TAR3	Provide an accessible network of Council parks and recreation facilities that encourage active living for all ages and abilities	EM - Community and Cultural Services	Q1 - The Play Space Strategy was endorsed in July 2023 with a key priority to ensure there are accessible and inclusive spaces for people of all abilities to play, be active and socialise. Advice on accessibility is also provided by the Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee for consideration to deliver an accessible network of parks and recreation facilities.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2030	
Target: By 2030, Darwin will be recognised as a clean and environmentally responsible city								
SD3	TAR1	Develop a best practice Environmental Management Plan	EM - Environment, Climate and Waste Services	Q1 - Management plans are complete and the EMS framework is being developed, where there is an annual review of the EMP.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2024	
SD3	TAR1	Council will have zero net emissions from operations by 2030	EM - Environment, Climate and Waste Services	Q1 - Energy audits for key Council assets have been completed including Parap Pool, Dragonfly Car Park and West Lane Car Park. Audits for the Operations Centre, Casuarina Library and Nightcliff Pool are about to commence. All lighting at the Shoal Bay Trash and Treasure Shop has been converted to LED. Audit of internal energy and emissions tracking software underway.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2030	

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Strategic Direction (SD)	Target	Action	Responsible Executive Manager (EM)	Progress Comment	Action Status	Original Start Date	Expected End Date	
SD3	TAR1	Deliver projects that will cool the Darwin City Centre	EM - Environment, Climate and Waste Services	Q1 - The Tree Advisory Committee are reviewing the preferred tree species list and advising on list of tree species to be trialled for adding to the preferred tree list. Planning underway for CBD landscaping projects along Cavenagh Street, Smith Street, McMinn Street and the revitalisation of Mitchell Street. Commenced development of a Place and Liveability Plan for Darwin including the CBD precinct. A draft MoU developed for finalisation between Power and Water and City of Darwin. Chapel Lane redeveloped launched to invigorate the space with additional shading.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2030	
SD3	TAR1	Ensure Council open spaces contribute to the city's biodiversity	EM - Environment, Climate and Waste Services	Q1 - A Biodiversity Management Plan has been developed for Rapid Creek, as well as a Cane Toad Management Plan for East Point. Land acquisitions are also progressing for East Point and Rapid Creek that support biodiversity.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2030	
SD3	TAR1	Contribute to Northern Territory Government's 50% renewable energy target by 2030	EM - Environment, Climate and Waste Services	Q1 - Engagement of Environment Centre NT to deliver the Coolmob sustainable living program. Promotion of NTG's EV charging station grants for business and residential properties. Reporting increase in landfill gas extraction and renewable electricity generation.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2030	
SD3	TAR1	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	Q1 - City of Darwin attended and presented at the Waste and Recycling Industry NT annual general meeting and the Darwin Living Lab Symposium. Also provided a Shoal Bay workshop and tour with Federal and Territory Government Circular Economy teams.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2030	
Target: By 2030, Darwin will be recognised globally as a smart city								
SD4	TAR1	Expand the #SmartDarwin Strategy	GM Innovation	Q1 - A Smart City Framework and Management Plan is being drafted.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2026	
SD4	TAR1	Lead innovation for the city and facilitate relevant activities to support these initiatives	GM Innovation	Q1 - Draft Smart City Framework and Management Plan developed. YourDarwin upgraded to align with Strategic Directions and City of Darwin 2030 Strategic Plan. A Data Analyst recruited to create insights dashboards for informed decision making. IT PMO Director commenced at City of Darwin to deliver the IT Roadmap. ECM upgrade to be completed.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2030	
SD4	TAR1	Support the development of business centres that foster industry engagement, collaboration and innovation across all markets	EM - Growth and Development Services	Q1 - Met with CDU to discuss their development in the CBD and how this might influence the business ecosystem of the area. Provided in-kind support to The Array, a new not for profit in Darwin that will be a business centre for the gaming industry. City of Darwin presented at the Darwin Living Lab Symposium discussing Smart Darwin and how it will supports a cool, clean and green Darwin.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2030	
SD4	TAR1	Develop innovation hubs for our community and future generations	GM Innovation	Q1 - In-kind support provided to The Array, an innovation hub in The Mall that supports gaming businesses.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2030	
SD4	TAR1	Support life-long learning opportunities through the provision of STEAM programs	EM - Library and Family Services	Q1 - The STEAM programs continue to have a high level of engagement across the four libraries delivering learning opportunities. In addition to the STEAM programs, special offerings in Science Week included a turtle themed story time, brush bot workshops and robotics STEAM zone.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2030	

STRATEGIC PLAN 2023/24 ACTION SUMMARY								
Strategic Direction (SD)	Target	Action	Responsible Executive Manager (EM)	Progress Comment	Action Status	Original Start Date	Expected End Date	
Target: By 2030, Darwin will have attracted and retained more residents and will offer sustainable investment opportunities								
SD4	TAR2	Implement an Economic Development Plan for the city	EM - Growth and Development Services	Q1 - Began implementing the Strategic Property Plan 2030 through the establishment of a Manager Property Portfolio, reviewing all leasing and licencing agreements held at City of Darwin, developing new templates for key documents along with policy and guideline work to support processes and service delivery. Lyons Community Centre lead tenant and Malak Market operators have been secured and under agreement negotiations. Discover Darwin undergoing revitalisation with Charles Darwin University students reviewing and redesigning to improve user experience for target audiences. The Discover Darwin website will continue to be implemented in the next Economic Development Plan for Darwin July 2023-25.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2030	
SD4	TAR2	Support initiatives to increase the population of Darwin through engagement with business and industry, and all levels of Government	EM - Growth and Development Services	Q1 - Continue participating in the Land Development Committee with Northern Territory Government around improving development processes to facilitate housing provision as well as working with industry groups such as the Urban Development Institute of Australia, NTG Department Industry Tourism and Trade and NTG Department of Infrastructure Planning and Logistics, Property Council and Chamber of Commerce to understand pressures the industry are facing in Darwin.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2030	
SD4	TAR2	Promote Darwin as a great destination to live, work, study and invest	EM - Growth and Development Services	Q1 - The Discover Darwin website has been re-designed by Charles Darwin University students providing suggested changes and improvements following a usability study of the site. LinkedIn Discover Darwin Marketing Plan has been developed and is under review this will be implemented over the next 12 months. Darwin Virtual Reality platform is being reviewed with the aim to add more providers to the site. International Relations email update went out in August to support and promote Darwin as a great destination to live, visit and work, including updates from key Darwin stakeholders such as: the Chamber of Commerce, Darwin Convention Centre, Charles Darwin University, Tourism Top End, NTG DITT, DFAT, AusTrade, Larrakia Nation, Darwin Port, Darwin Airport Group amongst others.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2030	
SD4	TAR2	Support initiatives to grow the economy and retain people and jobs in Darwin	EM - Growth and Development Services	Q1 - Delivered at the Darwin Show stall a virtual reality economic development platform initiative. Planning the Christmas program (including the Pageant with Activate Darwin) to activate and support business visitation in the Darwin municipality through the Christmas period.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2023	
SD4	TAR2	Develop an International Relations Program	EM - Growth and Development Services	Q1 - Council adopted the proposal to establish a Friendship City relationship with Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam. Delegation with Mayor of Joetsu, Japan visited Darwin in August 2023. Held the Sister Cities Advisory Committee and the International Relations Advisory Committee meetings in September and both committees supported a proposal to renew the Sister City Agreement with Tiwi Regional Council.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2030	
Target: By 2030, Darwin will be recognised as an iconic destination								

STRATEGIC PLAN 2023/24 ACTION SUMMARY								
Strategic Direction (SD)	Target	Action	Responsible Executive Manager (EM)	Progress Comment	Action Status	Original Start Date	Expected End Date	
SD5	TAR1	Partner with other stakeholders to grow the visitor economy of Darwin	EM - Growth and Development Services	Q1 - Larrakia Development Corporation Tourism Incubator Program has been completed. The final report has been delivered and a summary of the project outcomes will be provided to Elected Members. Tourism Top End performance review conducted to acquit the sponsorship. 82,593 visitors to the Visitor Information Centre run by TTE which also supports 492 member businesses.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2030	
SD5	TAR1	Deliver a City of Darwin events program and events management practices with a focus on developing and marketing of Council owned facilities for events	EM - Growth and Development Services	Q1 - Delivered the Darwin Show - a collaborative, informative and engaging stall that displayed City of Darwin's initiatives in an interactive way. Preparing to report for the next Cyclone Tracy 50th Commemoration Advisory Committee meeting on 16 October. Planning for the Christmas activities underway.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2030	
SD5	TAR1	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	Q1 - Sister City Advisory Committee supported the delivery of the Darwin to Ambon Yacht Race. as part of the 2 year Sister City Advisory Committee Action Plan are working to set up sponsorship for the Dili to Darwin Yacht Race. Support and work with members of the cruise ship working group, lead by Tourism NT.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2030	
Target: By 2030, Darwin will be a more connected community and have pride in our cultural history								
SD5	TAR2	Develop a City of Darwin Multicultural Framework	EM - Community and Cultural Services	Q1 - Multicultural Framework to be delivered in future years.	Not Yet Due	1/07/2025	30/06/2027	
SD5	TAR2	Promote Darwin as a destination known for its Aboriginal cultures and landmarks	EM - Growth and Development Services	Q1 - Launched the parklet and laneway wayfinding signs with Larrakia artist. Saltwater stories were on show in the listening booth at the Darwin Festival and well received.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2030	
SD5	TAR2	Fund the Darwin Entertainment Centre to deliver programs and services that create a cohesive, connected and culturally enriched community	General Manager Community & Regulatory Services	Q1 - City of Darwin continues to contribute to funds for Darwin Entertainment Centre	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2030	

MUNICIPAL PLAN 2023/24 ACTION SUMMARY								
Strategic Direction (SD)	Target	Action	Responsible Executive Manager (EM)	Progress Comment	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	
Target: By 2030, a number of strategic infrastructure projects will be developed and delivered								
SD1	TAR1	Deliver Council's 2022/23 Capital Works Program	EM - Infrastructure	Q1 - Carry forward projects approved by Council at the second Ordinary meeting in September 2023.	Completed	1/07/2022	30/09/2023	
SD1	TAR1	Deliver the 2023/24 Capital Works Program	EM - Infrastructure	Q1 - Capital works projects in various stages of planning, delivery and close out.	On Track	1/07/2023	30/06/2024	
SD1	TAR1	Deliver 2022/23 Better Suburbs and Enhancement Projects	EM - Infrastructure	Q1 - Council has approved carry forward projects for inclusion in 2023/24 program.	Completed	1/07/2022	30/09/2023	
SD1	TAR1	Deliver the 2023/24 Better Suburbs and Enhancement Projects	EM - Infrastructure	Q1 - Better suburbs projects in various stages of planning, delivery and close out.	On Track	1/07/2023	30/06/2024	
SD1	TAR1	Implement Council's Asset Management Information System	EM - Infrastructure	Q1 - Data for six of the seven asset classes have been populated in Assetic. Condition surveys for Stormwater infrastructure ongoing. Building condition surveys planned for 2023/24. Recruitment is ongoing. Alternative outsourcing arrangements are being explored to deliver the implementation of the maintenance modules.	Monitor	1/07/2020	30/06/2025	
SD1	TAR1	Continue asset condition assessments for Council's stormwater infrastructure	EM - Infrastructure	Q1 - Stormwater condition survey areas identified, contractor engaged and surveys underway.	On Track	1/07/2023	30/06/2024	
SD1	TAR1	Deliver 2022/23 Priority Infrastructure Program	EM - Technical Services	Q1 - Awaiting completion of asset surveys prior to drafting a draft Priority Infrastructure Plan (PIP) in collaboration with Infrastructure.	On Track	1/07/2022	30/06/2025	
SD1	TAR1	Deliver the Lee Point Road Project	EM - Infrastructure	Q1 - Service relocations complete. Road constructions commencing 3 October 2023.	On Track	1/07/2022	31/10/2024	
SD1	TAR1	Implement a Strategic Property Plan 2030 for City of Darwin properties to ensure sustainability	EM - Growth and Development Services	Q1 - City of Darwin Property team has been created with a Manager Property Portfolio, Senior Property Officer and Property Officer. The team are currently working with finance to measure outgoings for each property. This will help to inform a Leasing and Licencing Policy. A Parking Framework and Management Plan has been endorsed and is currently being implemented. Three other property policies are being reviewed and will be sent up for endorsement by Council next quarter. The property register has been updated for ease of use. Rent arrears are being tracked and settled. A property risk register is being developed through CAMMS. Tenant application form being drafted incorporating assessment criteria. The application form and procedures aim to support commercial/retail tenancies to ensure commercial advantage for City of Darwin.	On Track	1/07/2022	30/06/2024	
Target: By 2030, Darwin will be a safer place to live and visit								
SD2	Tar1	Deliver the Making Mindil Safe Project - Stage 2	EM - Infrastructure	Q1 - Project in detailed design phase construction scheduled for November.	On Track	1/07/2023	30/06/2024	

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Strategic Direction (SD)	Target	Action	Responsible Executive Manager (EM)	Progress Comment	Action Status	Start Date	End Date
SD2	Tar1	Deliver 2023/24 animal management programs and services	EM - Regulatory Services	Q1 - Regulatory Services has continued to deliver animal management programs and other services to the community. This includes animal educations initiatives and a subsidies de-sexing and microchipping programs for dogs and cats. Animal Management education team has developed a de-sexing program for low socioeconomic residents allowing for their cat or dog to be desexed at a low cost. This program will continue through the 2023/24 financial year.	On Track	1/07/2023	30/06/2024
SD2	Tar1	Expand CCTV networks across the municipality as part of the #SmartDarwin Strategy	GM - Innovation	Q1 - Discussions occurring with the Police to determine long term management of Smart City CCTVs and new locations for improved safety in the CBD.	On Track	1/07/2022	30/06/2025
SD2	Tar1	Continue to partner with the Northern Territory Government to deliver City Safe Security Patrol Services in the city	EM - Community and Cultural Services	Q1 - Quarterly reporting on NTG City Safe Security Patrols delivered to Council. Budget commitment made to continue support for NTG City Safe Security Patrols.	On Track	1/07/2023	30/06/2024
Target: By 2030, Darwin will be increasingly recognised as a liveable city							
SD2	TAR2	Deliver the 2023/24 Movement Strategy annual funded program	EM - Growth and Development Services	Q1 - Finalised an active transport audit prioritisation matrix. Reported the Parking Framework and Management Plan 2030 to Council and began implementing actions. Central Business District (CBD) precinct parking way-finding signs have been installed in five locations indicating parking availability in the State Square, Waterfront, Dragonfly and West Lane Car Parks. CBD speed limit review endorsed by Council. Changing speed in CBD streets to 40km/hr in November.	On Track	1/07/2023	30/06/2024
SD2	TAR2	Deliver the 2023/24 Play Space Strategy annual funded program	EM - Community and Cultural Services	Q1 - Play Space Strategy 2023-2030 adopted by Council in July 2023, there are three playgrounds scheduled for refurbishment in 2023/24 with the design and tender currently in progress.	On Track	1/07/2023	30/06/2024
SD2	TAR2	Deliver placemaking planning and opportunities across the municipality	EM - Growth and Development Services	Q1 - Placemaking projects underway at City of Darwin this quarter include Chapel Lane that is under redesign to become a laneway with alfresco dining and shade. The Bundilla Master Plan project is currently in planning and will go to public consultation in October 2023. In the early stages of development of a Place and Liveability Plan for Darwin.	On Track	1/07/2023	30/06/2024
SD2	TAR2	Participate in City Deal initiatives, including the State Square and Civic Precinct Redevelopment	EM - Growth and Development Services	Q1 - Chapel Lane redevelopment announced with engagement completed in September. Continuing to sit on the State Square and Civic Precinct Advisory Committee and providing feedback via working groups in regards to movement, traffic management, CCTV, event space, greening, biodiversity, character and more. A workshop planned with Elected Members for late October/early November. Collaborating with Activate Darwin on the Christmas Pageant.	On Track	1/07/2023	30/06/2024
Target: By 2030, Darwin residents will be more active and healthy							
SD2	TAR3	Deliver the annual milestone progress on the Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre Project	EM - Infrastructure	Q1 - Construction project milestones on track.	On Track	1/07/2023	30/06/2024
SD2	TAR3	Deliver the Healthy Darwin program across the municipality	EM - Community and Cultural Services	Q1 - Delivery of the Healthy Darwin program is underway and continues to provide activities across the municipality.	On Track	1/07/2023	30/06/2024
SD2	TAR3	Complete an audit which identifies locations for cycling and micromobility infrastructure opportunities	EM - Growth and Development Services	Q1 - Audit has been completed. The audit will inform shared path, bike lane and intersection capital works projects and programming. A Receive and Note report is planned for Council next quarter.	On Track	1/07/2023	30/06/2024

MUNICIPAL PLAN 2023/24 ACTION SUMMARY							
Strategic Direction (SD)	Target	Action	Responsible Executive Manager (EM)	Progress Comment	Action Status	Start Date	End Date
Target: By 2030, Darwin will be recognised as a clean and environmentally responsible city							
SD3	TAR1	Deliver the 2023/24 Greening Darwin Strategy annual funded programs	EM - Operations	Q1 - The Native Plant giveaway events have provided 3,000 tube stock plants during the quarter to the community. Forty street/park trees have been planted and designs works commenced for CBD trees. Tender documents have been developed for a 3-year Tree Planting and Watering contract for planting and establishment of trees in 2023/24. Tender will be advertised in October 2023.	On Track	1/07/2023	30/06/2024
SD3	TAR1	Deliver the 2023/24 Climate Strategy annual funded programs	EM - Environment, Climate and Waste Services	Q1 - Energy audits of Council assets are underway. These include Parap Pool, West Lane Car Park, Dragonfly Car Park, Casuarina Library, Operations Centre and Nightcliff Pool. - Engagement with the Environment Centre NT for the delivery of the Coolmob sustainable living program. - Active transport report and carparking review undertaken by consultant to inform future active transport planning. - Active transport surveys held across the municipality in partnership with the Northern Territory Government and Bicycle Network.	On Track	1/07/2023	30/06/2024
SD3	TAR1	Deliver the 2023/24 Waste Management and Resource Recovery annual funded program	EM - Environment, Climate and Waste Services	Q1 - Commercial composting facility overview and options workshop provided to Elected Members. - Drafting an EOI for the Shoal Bay commercial composting facility. - Engagement with NTRS has begun to develop and deliver a consistent education program for the Darwin community. - Sponsorship and promotion of community waste reduction workshops and the Too Much Stuff recycling and reuse markets. - Mattress processing has begun to increase air space utilisation in landfill cells. - 500 tonnes of tyres have been shredded on site for beneficial reuse. - Development of a data management dashboard has commenced for Shoal Bay incorporating financial, environmental and operational data.	On Track	1/07/2023	30/06/2024
SD3	TAR1	Deliver the final capping on landfill areas Stage 3/4 at Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility	EM - Infrastructure	Q1 - Reinstatement of damaged areas of cap completed, irrigation system installed in preparation for spray grassing.	On Track	1/07/2023	30/06/2024
SD3	TAR1	Stage 2 expansion and Stage 7 Design of Landfills Cells for Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility	EM - Infrastructure	Q1 - Contract awarded for stage 7 design and independent environmental auditor. Contract under negotiation for stage 2 design, contract awarded for stage 2 independent environmental auditor. Project slightly delayed due to contract negotiations and requires monitoring.	On Track	1/07/2023	30/06/2024
SD3	TAR1	Finalise a best practice Environmental Management System for City of Darwin operations	EM - Environment, Climate and Waste Services	Q1 - A draft Environmental Management System (EMS) manual has been completed.	On Track	1/07/2023	30/06/2024
SD3	TAR1	Partner with City Deal Partners to deliver the Heat Mitigation and Adaption Strategy and Urban Living Priorities	EM - Environment, Climate and Waste Services	Q1 - Draft Smart City Framework and Management Plan to be provided to Elected Members for review in October. Smart movement sensors continue to be rolled out across the municipality for people and traffic counting. YourDarwin upgraded to align with City of Darwin Strategic Directions and 2030 Strategic Plan. Virtual Twin Business Case for the CBD and Shoal Bay to be developed this financial year. Discussions occurring with virtual twin experts. Data Analyst recruited to create insights dashboards for more informed decision making. Environmental sensors procured and currently working with CSIRO and other key stakeholders to determine locations across Darwin.	On Track	1/07/2023	30/06/2024
Target: By 2030, Darwin will be recognised globally as a smart city							

MUNICIPAL PLAN 2023/24 ACTION SUMMARY							
Strategic Direction (SD)	Target	Action	Responsible Executive Manager (EM)	Progress Comment	Action Status	Start Date	End Date
SD4	TAR1	Deliver 2023/24 components of the Smart City Initiatives	GM - Innovation	Q1 - Draft Smart City Framework and Management Plan to be provided to Elected Members for review in October. Smart movement sensors continue to be rolled out across the municipality for people and traffic counting. YourDarwin upgraded to align with City of Darwin Strategic Directions and 2030 Strategic Plan. Virtual Twin Business Case for the CBD and Shoal Bay to be developed this financial year. Discussions occurring with virtual twin experts. Data Analyst recruited to create insights dashboards for more informed decision making. Environmental sensors procured and currently working with CSIRO and other key stakeholders to determine locations across Darwin.	On Track	1/07/2023	30/06/2024
SD4	TAR1	Implement Customer Service Strategy annual actions	EM - Corporate and Customer Service	Q1 - Continuous improvement consolidating First Contact resolution opportunities ongoing and part of BAU. All remaining actions relate to CRM which is currently deferred pending delivery under RoadMap.	Completed	1/07/2023	30/06/2024
SD4	TAR1	Implement Library Strategy annual actions	EM - Library and Family Services	Q1 - Now in in the last year of the Libraries for People Library Strategy 2020-24, 94% (44 of 47) of the actions have been completed.	On Track	1/07/2023	30/06/2024
SD4	TAR1	Deliver 2023/24 outcomes from the ICT Roadmap	ICT PMO Director	Q1 - The ICT Roadmap Program is continuing with a focus on establishing a robust framework for its delivery and resourcing the ICT PMO. Our dedicated efforts in defining our foundational process will help set the stage for successful implementation. Review of program deliverables and associated timings are in progress.	On Track	1/07/2023	30/06/2024
SD4	TAR1	Upgrade City of Darwin's electronic records management system	ICT PMO Director	Q1 - ECM Upgrade progress has commenced, with upgrade to 2023A on premise expected Nov-23, and upgrade to SaaS early 2024.	On Track	1/07/2023	30/06/2024
SD4	TAR1	Develop a Innovation Toolkit to empower City of Darwin Staff and the Community to deliver innovative outcomes	GM - Innovation	Q1 - Developing a project plan for an Innovation Toolkit.	On Track	1/07/2023	30/06/2024
Target: By 2030, Darwin will have attracted and retained more residents and will offer sustainable investment opportunities							
SD4	TAR2	Promote Darwin as a great destination to live, work, study, visit and invest through various channels	EM - Growth and Development Services	Q1 - The Discover Darwin website has been re-designed by CDU students providing suggested changes and improvements following a usability study of the site. LinkedIn Discover Darwin Marketing Plan has been developed and is under review this will be implemented over the next 12 months. Darwin Virtual Reality platform is currently being reviewed to consider additional locations across Darwin. International relations update email was sent in August to the International Relations mailing list which includes Sister and Friendship Cities, governments and organisations.	On Track	1/07/2023	30/06/2024
SD4	TAR2	Develop City of Darwin Revenue Strategy	GM - Corporate/CFO	Q1 - Draft Revenue Strategy to be tabled at Council in Q2 2023/24.	On Track	1/07/2022	30/06/2024
SD4	TAR2	Deliver an International Relations Program	EM - Growth and Development Services	Q1 - Continuing to deliver actions under the Sister City Action Plan including organisation of the Sister City performers at the Darwin Festival and sponsorship of the Darwin - Ambon Yacht Race. City of Darwin and the International Relations Advisory Committee delivered an email update to the International Relations Mailing list. The first mailout occurred following the Dragon Boat Festival to thank participants and to provide an update on the outcomes of the Festival.	On Track	1/07/2023	30/06/2024

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Strategic Direction (SD)	Target	Action	Responsible Executive Manager (EM)	Progress Comment	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	
SD4	TAR2	Promote City of Darwin via official website and social media accounts	EM - Marketing and Communications	Q1 - Website news feeds, which include media release information, timely community messaging and calls to action messaging remain timely and relevant. Website visitation is currently at 80,000 individual users per month (up 6.1%), with the latest trend seeing the Pre Cyclone Clean-Up page (14,000 views) overtaking the main landing page (12,000 views) as the most visited.	On Track	1/07/2023	30/06/2024	
Target: By 2030, Darwin will be recognised as an iconic destination								
SD5	TAR1	Deliver a City of Darwin annual events program and events management, including partnering with NTG to deliver the Christmas pageant	EM - Growth and Development Services	Q1 - Delivered the Darwin Show - a collaborative, informative and engaging stall that displayed City of Darwin's initiatives in an interactive way. Preparing to report for the next Cyclone Tracy 50th Commemoration Advisory Committee meeting on 16 October. Planning for the Christmas activities underway.	On Track	1/07/2023	30/06/2024	
SD5	TAR1	Partner with key stakeholders through the Cruise Tourism Working Group and Destination Darwin Working Group	EM - Growth and Development Services	Q1 - The Cruise Working Group continues to meet and is currently planning for the upcoming cruise season.	On Track	1/07/2023	30/06/2024	
SD5	TAR1	Develop and implement a Creative Strategy	EM - Community and Cultural Services	Q1 - The draft Creative Strategy has been developed and will be presented to Council for endorsement in late 2023.	On Track	1/07/2022	30/06/2024	
Target: By 2030, Darwin will be a more connected community and have pride in our cultural identity								
SD5	TAR2	Develop the new Innovation Reconciliation Action Plan	EM - Community and Cultural Services	Q1 - Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan endorsed by Council on 27 June and launched in August 2023	Completed	1/07/2023	30/06/2024	
SD5	TAR2	Deliver the 2023/24 Community Grants Program to support and enable community events and programs including those celebrating culture, arts and diversity	EM - Community and Cultural Services	Q1 - Delivery of the Community Grants program is underway with Round 2 currently open for activities to be held 1 January 2024 - 30 June 2024.	On Track	1/07/2023	30/06/2024	
SD5	TAR2	Deliver the 2023/24 Youth Strategy annual actions	EM - Community and Cultural Services	Q1 - Delivery of the 2023/24 actions against Youth Strategy are underway, a stakeholder workshop is scheduled for late 2023 to develop actions and priorities for 2024/25.	On Track	1/07/2023	30/06/2024	
SD5	TAR2	Develop the next Access and Inclusion Strategy	EM - Community and Cultural Services	Q1 - Procurement process currently underway to develop the next Access and Inclusion Strategy scheduled for late 2024	On Track	1/07/2023	30/06/2024	
SD5	TAR2	Deliver the 2023/24 communications, media and marketing program	EM - Marketing and Communications	Q1 - Highlights delivered for the quarter: Play Space Strategy, Cyber Security, Parklet Launch, Mid-Year staff breakfast, E-permits, Reconciliation Action Plan, Pre-Cyclone Clean-Up and Chapel Lane Development.	On Track	1/07/2023	30/06/2024	
Target: Vision and Culture								
GOV	TAR1	Continue to Implement Council's Integrated Strategic Planning Framework	EM - Corporate and Customer Service	Q1 - Not yet commenced.	Not Yet Due	1/10/2023	30/06/2024	
GOV	TAR1	Proactive risk management in supporting operations and project delivery	EM - Corporate and Customer Service	Q1 - Framework is developed and implemented. Will be reviewed in 23/24 year. Risk register development and reporting now BAU with supporting systems and resources.	On Track	1/07/2023	30/06/2024	

MUNICIPAL PLAN 2023/24 ACTION SUMMARY								
Strategic Direction (SD)	Target	Action	Responsible Executive Manager (EM)	Progress Comment	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	
Target: Roles and Relationships								
GOV	TAR2	Establish and maintain productive and positive relationships with Larrakia Nation, First Nations and Government Stakeholders to work in collaboration to improve public amenity	EM - Community and Cultural Services	Q1 - Through Assertive Outreach and Reconciliation programs we continue to work positively with all stakeholders to improve public amenity. MoU with Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation in draft.	On Track	1/07/2023	30/06/2024	
GOV	TAR2	Provide Operating Subsidies and Sponsorships in line with City of Darwin's Funding Guidelines	EM - Growth and Development Services	Q1 - Sponsorship agreements are in place with 15 organisations consisting of \$347,500 in funding. City of Darwin officers have received a number of requests for sponsorship and these will be considered for out-of-round sponsorship to be assessed at the end of September. The sponsorship policy and website has been reviewed and revised and City of Darwin have begun implementing a new In-kind Support Policy and register with supporting procedures to guide our operations. Carols by Candlelight has been provided with an operating subsidy. The ANZAC day operating subsidy for 2023 will be finalised by September.	On Track	1/07/2023	30/06/2024	
GOV	TAR2	Advocate Council's position at National and Local Levels for the benefit of the Darwin community	OCELM	Q1 - City of Darwin advocates for the Darwin community at every relevant opportunity.	On Track	1/07/2023	30/06/2024	
Target: Decision Making and Management								
GOV	TAR3	Implement new City of Darwin By-Laws in compliance with legislative requirements	EM - Regulatory Services	Q1 - Council has made new City of Darwin By-Laws 2023 on 27 June 2023 through a special resolution. The new By-Laws will now go through the process of being gazetted and put before the Legislative Assembly. The new By-Laws will come into effect and be operational on 2 October 2023.	On Track	1/07/2023	30/06/2024	
GOV	TAR3	Review and refine Workplace Health and Safety Management Framework and document suite	EM - Human Resources and Safety	Q1 - The WHS document suite developed (in draft) and in the process of being operationalised. Implementation to occur in stages over the FY. Key Priority 1 documents in place.	On Track	1/07/2023	30/06/2024	
GOV	TAR3	Implement Council's Privacy Management Framework and annual actions	EM - Corporate & Customer Services	Q1 - This work remains ongoing. Privacy Management Plan 2 has been provided and delivery has commenced.	On Track	1/07/2023	30/06/2024	
Target: Accountability								
GOV	TAR4	Deliver Unqualified 2022/23 City of Darwin Audited Financial Statements	EM - Finance	Q1 - External audit on draft Financial Statements in progress. To be presented to RMAC and Council late October.	On Track	1/07/2023	30/06/2024	
GOV	TAR4	Deliver the 2022/23 Annual Report	EM - Corporate and Customer Service	Q1 - Preparation has commenced. To be presented to RMAC and Council late October.	On Track	1/07/2023	30/06/2024	
GOV	TAR4	Deliver the 2023/24 Internal Audit Program	EM - Corporate and Customer Service	Q1 - Work has commenced on delivery. Privacy Management Plan 2 has been delivered.	On Track	1/07/2023	30/06/2024	

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, 31 October 2023, 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.

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 Chief Executive Officer Performance Appraisal Committee

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.

27.1 Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre Signage and Naming

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.

27.2 Karama Expression of Interest

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 Update on Code of Conduct Matters

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(f) 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 subject to subregulation 51(2) – information in relation to a complaint of a contravention of the code of conduct.

28.1 Incoming Correspondence - Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities - Update on Shiers Street Redevelopment

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.

21 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON



MINUTES

**Ordinary Council Meeting
Tuesday, 26 September 2023**

Unconfirmed

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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 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 5:30PM**

PRESENT:

Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis
Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris
Councillor Kim Farrar
Councillor Sylvia Klonaris
Councillor Brian O'Gallagher
Councillor Mick Palmer
Councillor Peter Pangquee
Councillor Morgan Rickard
Councillor Ed Smelt
Councillor Amye Un
Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe

OFFICERS:

Matt Grassmayr (Acting Chief Executive Officer)
Steve Thacker (General Manager Corporate)
Alice Percy (General Manager Innovation)

APOLOGY:

Councillor Vim Sharma
Councillor Sam Weston

GUESTS:

Nil

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Unconfirmed

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

3 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

RESOLUTION ORD556/23

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5.35 pm.

CARRIED 11/0

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES

RESOLUTION ORD557/23

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

THAT the apology from Member Councillor Sam Weston and Councillor Vim Sharma, be received.

CARRIED 11/0

4.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

Nil

4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED

Nil

5 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE**5.1 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE GRANTED****RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 61 (4) of the Local Government Act and Decision No. 21\0009 – 15/04/12, the following member(s) was granted permission for Electronic Meeting Attendance at this the Twenty-Eighth Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 26 September 2023:

- Councillor Amye Un
- Councillor Brian O’Gallagher
- Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe

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 ORD558/23**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 12 September 2023 be confirmed.

CARRIED 11/0

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

26.2 PROPOSAL FOR OUTDOOR ADVERTISING

RESOLUTION ORD585/23

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Morgan Rickard

1. THAT the report entitled Proposal for Outdoor Advertising be received and noted.
2. THAT Council note that City of Darwin officers have completed a review of the unsolicited proposal received at **Attachment 1**.
3. THAT Council do not endorse the unsolicited proposal as the proposal does not comply with the Unsolicited Proposal Policy 0088.100.E.R.
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 11/0

26.3 APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS - RISK MANAGEMENT & AUDIT COMMITTEE (RMAC)

RESOLUTION ORD586/23

Moved: Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

1. THAT the report entitled Appointment of External Committee Members – Risk Management and Audit Committee (RMAC) be received and noted.
2. THAT Sanja Hill, George Araj and Joe McCabe be endorsed as External Members of the Risk Management and Audit Committee from the date of this resolution to 31 August 2025.
3. 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*.
4. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

CARRIED 11/0

26.4 RECONCILIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION - APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBERS**RESOLUTION ORD587/23**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

1. THAT the report entitled Reconciliation Advisory Committee Recommendation - Appointment of New Members be received and noted.
2. THAT Council appoints the following community members to the Reconciliation Advisory Committee for a two-year term from 18 October 2023 to 18 October 2025:
 - i. Libby Collins
 - ii. Rosanna De Santis
 - iii. Charles William Briston
 - iv. Patrik Ralph
3. THAT Council note the Reconciliation Advisory Committee recommends the following community members, in order of preference, for appointment should the proposed community members not proceed for a 2-year term:
 - I. Lynette Fejo
 - II. Adrian Rotumah
 - III. Alinta McGuire
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 the decision Items 1 and 2 be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

CARRIED 11/0

9 MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE / LORD MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil

10 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

11 PETITIONS

Nil.

12 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS

Nil

13 NOTICES OF MOTION

13.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - IRRIGATION IN WATERS WARD

I, Councillor Sylvia Klonaris, give notice that at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 26 September 2023, I will move the following motion:-

MOTION

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

1. THAT City of Darwin investigates options to provide irrigation into the greenbelt areas in Waters Ward.
2. THAT a report be presented to Council in November 2023 that details:
 - The number and location of irrigated parks, greenbelt and playground areas in Waters Ward
 - The number and location of non-irrigated parks, greenbelt and playground areas in Waters Ward
 - The locations and use of kangaroo sprinklers in the Waters Ward that help support greening
 - Estimated costs for budget consideration to provide irrigation into the greenbelt areas in Waters Ward

RESOLUTION ORD559/23

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

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2. THAT a report be presented to Council in November 2023 that details:
 - The number and location of irrigated parks, greenbelt and playground areas in Waters Ward
 - The number and location of non-irrigated parks, greenbelt and playground areas in Waters Ward
 - The locations and use of kangaroo sprinklers in the Waters Ward that help support greening
 - Estimated costs for budget consideration to provide irrigation into the greenbelt areas in Waters Ward
3. THAT City of Darwin investigates alternative methods of source to supply irrigation for the greenbelt areas in Waters Ward.

CARRIED 11/0

13.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - NIGHTCLIFF CHILDREN'S CROSSING

I, Councillor Ed Smelt, give notice that at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 26 September 2023, I will move the following motion:-

RESOLUTION ORD560/23

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

1. THAT Council notes the important role of Children's Crossings in providing safer access to our local schools and supporting greater walking and cycling in our community.
2. THAT Council approves the creation of a new capital works project for the construction of a new Children's Crossing at Bauhinia Street Nightcliff, linking Nightcliff Primary School and Nightcliff Family Centre.
3. THAT Council reallocate \$50k from the Local Area Traffic Management Progress Drive/Dick Ward Drive refuge project to the Children's Crossing at Bauhinia Street Nightcliff.

CARRIED 11/0

13.3 NOTICE OF MOTION - KARAMA CHILDCARE CENTRE

I, Councillor Kim Farrar, give notice that at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 26 September 2023, I will move the following motion:-

RESOLUTION ORD561/23

Moved: Councillor Kim Farrar

Seconded: Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

THAT Council review the Expression of Interest for the Karama Childcare Centre prior to public issuance.

CARRIED 11/0

13.4 NOTICE OF MOTION - SUPPORT FOR THE VOICE TO PARLIAMENT

I, Councillor Morgan Rickard, give notice that at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 26 September 2023, I will move the following motion:-

MOTION

Moved: Councillor Morgan Rickard

Seconded: Councillor Amye Un

1. THAT Council publicly support the Yes23 Campaign that is encouraging citizens to vote in support of a First Nations Voice to Parliament in the upcoming referendum.
2. THAT this support come in the form of but not limited to:
 - Displaying “Yes23” campaign materials on City of Darwin premises – at libraries, swimming pools, community centres and the Civic Centre – materials to be provided by Yes23 campaign representatives.
 - Social media posts on official City of Darwin social media platforms.
 - Permitting staff and Elected Members to add Yes23 signatures to their emails at their discretion.
 - A press release announcing Council’s support.
 - Information on the City of Darwin website indicating Council’s support.
 - Permission for staff in support to wear Yes23 campaign T-shirts and badges etc in the workplace.
 - Allowing Yes23 campaign staff to place corflutes on fences of City of Darwin properties: corflutes must be removed no later than 48 hours after close of referendum poll.

RESOLUTION ORD562/23

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

PROCEDURAL MOTION - THAT THE DEBATE BE ADJOURNED

THAT in accordance with Meeting Policy No.0043.100.E.R Section 3.12.2, that the debate be adjourned.

CARRIED 7/4

14 ACTION REPORTS**14.1 NOMINATIONS FOR THE DARWIN DIVISION OF THE DEVELOPMENT CONSENT AUTHORITY****RESOLUTION ORD563/23**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

1. THAT the report entitled Nominations for the Darwin Division of the Development Consent Authority be received and noted.
2. THAT Council nominate the following Community Members to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics for consideration on the Darwin Division of the Development Consent Authority.

Councillor Mick Palmer

Councillor Peter Pangquee

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Councillor Morgan Rickard

CARRIED 11/0**14.2 REVIEW OF COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT POLICY, ENFORCEMENT GUIDELINES AND REGULATORY MISCELLANEOUS POLICY****RESOLUTION ORD564/23**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Compliance and Enforcement Policy, Enforcement Guidelines and Regulatory Miscellaneous Policy, be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the Compliance and Enforcement Policy No. 7210.100.E.R, Enforcement Guidelines No. 7210.001.I.N and Regulatory Miscellaneous Policy No. 7220.100.ER.

CARRIED 11/0**14.3 REVIEW OF ANIMAL MANAGEMENT POLICY****RESOLUTION ORD565/23**

Moved: Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Animal Management Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt Animal Management Policy No. 7230.100.E.R.

CARRIED 11/0

14.4 CARRY FORWARD BUDGET 2022-2023 AND RESERVE BALANCES AS AT 30 JUNE 2023**RESOLUTION ORD566/23**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

1. THAT the report entitled Carry Forward Budget 2022-2023 and Reserve Balances as at 30 June 2023 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt carry forward items listed in **Attachment 1** of report Carry Forward Budget 2022-2023 and Reserve Balances as at 30 June 2023, totalling \$9,668,064 by their inclusion in the 2023/24 Annual Budget.
3. THAT Council adopt the Reserve Balances 2023 total of \$93,526,109 listed in **Attachment 2** of report Carry Forward Budget 2022-23 and Reserve Balances as at 30 June 2023.

CARRIED 11/0**14.5 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY CALL FOR MOTIONS****RESOLUTION ORD567/23**

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

1. THAT the report entitled Local Government Association of the Northern Territory Call for Motions be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the following motion to be submitted to the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) General Meeting in November 2023:

City of Darwin calls on LGANT to advocate that the Commonwealth Government reaffirm that the Australian Defence Force provide disaster assistance to local communities.

CARRIED 11/0

14.6 TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**MOTION**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis
Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

1. THAT the report entitled Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the Tree Advisory Committee recommendations relating to the City of Darwin Greening Strategy, Report Establishing a Resilient Urban Forest for Darwin, Preferred and Not Recommended to be Planted Tree Lists and Trial Species List at **Attachment 1**.

AMENDMENT**RESOLUTION ORD568/23**

Moved: Councillor Morgan Rickard
Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the Tree Advisory Committee recommendations relating to the City of Darwin Greening Strategy, Report Establishing a Resilient Urban Forest for Darwin, Preferred and Not Recommended to be Planted Tree Lists and Trial Species List at **Attachment 1** excluding recommendation two, page 25 of the Greening Strategy, that Council endorse a 1% change to canopy coverage as the target over the 10 years of the strategy.
3. THAT the Tree Advisory Committee provide further clarification on canopy coverage in the Darwin Greening Strategy.

CARRIED 11/0**RESOLUTION ORD569/23**

Moved: Councillor Morgan Rickard
Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the Tree Advisory Committee recommendations relating to the City of Darwin Greening Strategy, Report Establishing a Resilient Urban Forest for Darwin, Preferred and Not Recommended to be Planted Tree Lists and Trial Species List at **Attachment 1** excluding recommendation two, page 25 of the Greening Strategy, that Council endorse a 1% change to canopy coverage as the target over the 10 years of the strategy.
3. THAT the Tree Advisory Committee provide further clarification on canopy coverage in the Darwin Greening Strategy.

CARRIED 11/0

15 RECEIVE & NOTE REPORTS**15.1 INTERIM MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - AUGUST 2023****RESOLUTION ORD570/23**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

THAT the report entitled Monthly Financial Report – August 2023 be received and noted.

CARRIED 11/0

15.2 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**RESOLUTION ORD571/23**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Morgan Rickard

THAT the report entitled Committee Meeting Minutes be received and noted.

CARRIED 11/0

15.3 RESPONSE TO ALTERNATIVE COMMONWEALTH CAPABILITIES FOR CRISIS RESPONSE DISCUSSION PAPER**RESOLUTION ORD572/23**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

THAT the report entitled Response to Alternative Commonwealth Capabilities for Crisis Response Discussion Paper be received and noted.

CARRIED 11/0

16 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**RESOLUTION ORD573/23**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

THAT the following Reports of Representatives be received and noted.

16.1

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris reported on attending the Greek School Festival, it was a great event for the community. Councillor Sylvia Klonaris requested assistance highlighting the solar car event via social media. Councillor Sylvia Klonaris also requested more rangers patrols of the Malak area, and if more parking can be provided closer to the Malak Oval. Acting Chief Executive Officer, Matt Grassmayr advised that once the building has been finalised then City of Darwin will look at the terms and conditions of use, including parking.

16.2

Lord Mayor reported on attending the Golden Jubilee for the Islamic Society, significant attendance and was a great event. The Lord Mayor also attended the Malayalee Festival, great Bollywood presentation with colourful music. Lord Mayor advised all Elected Members of the newly painted tables at East Point and Nightcliff, and look forward to seeing more throughout the community.

16.3

Councillor Peter Pangquee reported on attending the Bendigo Bank 15th Anniversary and commented on the assault against the Chief Minister, Natasha Fyles and asked that City of Darwin make a statement that this type of behaviour is not acceptable.

16.4

Councillor Kim Farrar reported on attending the Bendigo Bank 15th Anniversary, it was a wonderful event, such a shame that the assault on the Chief Minister, Natasha Fyles. Councillor Kim Farrar also attended the Knitters and Natters at Karama Library, who donate all their items to charities and are doing an excellent job for their community.

16.5

Councillor Morgan Rickard reported on being subject to extremely aggressive communication. This type of behaviour is not acceptable and will be elevating his concerns. Councillor Morgan Rickard encouraged all Elected Members to attend the Jingili Water Gardens for the Walking Together Family Fun Day this Saturday.

CARRIED 11/0

Councillor Morgan Rickard departed the meeting at 6.31 pm.

17 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

17.1 VARIOUS REQUESTS

RESOLUTION ORD574/23

Moved: Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

Seconded: Councillor Morgan Rickard

Question:

Councillor Amye Un received a complaint of barking dogs at 2 Coronation Street, Stuart Park and requested follow up.

Councillor Amye Un received a request to reinstall power at Tamarind Park.

Councillor Amye Un advised of parking issues along Nation Crescent, Coconut Grove, request to be investigated.

Councillor Amye Un received a request from the community for a new table near the parkland along Parap Road, Parap.

Answer:

The Lord Mayor advised that the request for a table will be considered.

CARRIED 10/0

Councillor Morgan Rickard re-joined the meeting at 6.32 pm.

Councillor Mick Palmer departed the meeting at 6.32 pm.

17.2 RAINTREE PARK - TREE INSPECTION

RESOLUTION ORD575/23

Moved: Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

Seconded: Councillor Morgan Rickard

Question:

The Lord Mayor requested for an inspection of the large tree closest to the Mall in Raintree Park, as the lights are not working.

CARRIED 10/0

17.3 COMMUNITY FEEDBACK- ALLWRIGHT STREET PARKING**RESOLUTION ORD576/23**

Moved: Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

Seconded: Councillor Morgan Rickard

Question:

Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris requested feedback on the community consultation regarding the parking issues along Allwright Street, Wanguri.

Answer:

The General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy advised that feedback has been received with a split of positive and negative feedback. City of Darwin are proposing to consult with the Mosque to discuss solutions.

CARRIED 10/0**17.4 PUBLIC TOILET SCHEDULE****RESOLUTION ORD577/23**

Moved: Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

Seconded: Councillor Morgan Rickard

Question:

Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris requested an update on the contract scheduling for change out of feminine hygiene bins in public toilets and if there have been any changes in the last fortnight.

Answer:

Acting Chief Executive Officer, Matt Grassmayr took the question on notice.

CARRIED 10/0**17.5 COMMENCEMENT OF DUTIES****RESOLUTION ORD578/23**

Moved: Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

Seconded: Councillor Morgan Rickard

Question:

Councillor Brian O'Gallagher asked when the newly Elected Member Sam Weston is scheduled to commence duties with City of Darwin.

Answer:

Lord Mayor advised that the newly Elected Member Sam Weston will be sworn in on the 17th October 2023.

CARRIED 10/0

18 GENERAL BUSINESS

Councillor Mick Palmer re-joined the meeting at 6.39 pm.

18.1 REQUEST FOR CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CHIEF MINISTER, NATASHA FYLES**RESOLUTION ORD579/23**

Moved: Councillor Morgan Rickard

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

Councillor Ed Smelt believes it would be appropriate for City of Darwin to issue a statement regarding the incident with the Chief Minister, Natasha Fyles, and that this behaviour is never ok nor appropriate.

CARRIED 11/0

19 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 17 October 2023, 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 Micromobility in Darwin

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.

26.2 Proposal for Outdoor Advertising

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.

26.3 Appointment of External Committee Members - Risk Management & Audit Committee (RMAC)

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.

26.4 Reconciliation Advisory Committee Recommendation - Appointment of New Members

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(a) 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.

27.1 Review of Non-Default Speed Limits

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 Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility - Trash and Treasure Shop

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 Committee Meeting Minutes - Confidential

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 Update on Code of Conduct Matters

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(f) 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 subject to subregulation 51(2) – information in relation to a complaint of a contravention of the code of conduct.

Unconfirmed

21 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

RESOLUTION ORD580/23

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

THAT the open section of the meeting be adjourned at 6.36pm.

CARRIED 11/0

THAT the open section of the meeting be resumed at 7.04pm.

THAT the chair declared the meeting be adjourned at 7.04pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 17 October 2023.

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CHAIR