

# Agenda

## Ordinary Council Meeting

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

**Date:** Tuesday, 24 June 2025  
**Time:** 5:30pm  
**Location:** Council Chambers Darrandirra  
Level 1, Civic Centre  
Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin  
**Webcasting:** [MS Teams Link to Webcast](#)

Simone Saunders

Chief Executive Officer



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Councillor Sam Weston

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Nil

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Nil

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Nil

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I, Councillor Sylvia Klonaris, give notice that at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 24 June 2025, I will move the following motion:-

**MOTION**

1. THAT Council is seeking to enhance the connectivity of footpaths and bicycle lanes to better support pedestrians and cyclists under the movement strategy:
  - (a) to maintain and provide a network of footpaths and shared paths for the community that is safe, provides equal access, and is fit for purpose to encourage cycling and walking.
  - (b) to maintain and provide footpaths and shared paths to ensure safety, accessibility and connectivity of spaces and to improve access for people of all ages and abilities.
2. THAT Council endorses and refers the construction of footpaths and micromobility lanes on Bowen Street, Coonawarra Road and Benison Road, Winnellie to the 2026/2027 budget process.

**REASON:**

The objective of this motion is to improve pedestrian safety in the wards. Winnellie is an industrial business area fast-growing residential properties are being developed in this zone connecting from Berrimah and Northcrest suburbs.

Waters Ward Councillors have been approached by cyclists who travelling into the city fearing the ride as they compete with high volume of traffic such as trucks and 4WD vehicles on the roads. There are no footpaths established in the area making it difficult to commute and people need to move onto the road to commute.

This motion supports the movement strategy and is seeking to enhance the connectivity of footpaths and bicycle lanes for commuters walking, riding and using micromobility.

New footpath and shared path construction will be determined within budgetary constraints and prioritised according to special need, demand, road hierarchy, connection and linkages, town planning zones, and area plans. This motion will place the road on the list for recommendation to be referred to the appropriate budget category for prioritisation and consideration in 2026/2027.

City of Darwin are encouraged to improve access to the community as part of our strategic action plan being a safe and liveable and healthy city. This also contributes to deliver the movement strategy.

Signed by me at Darwin this 30 May 2025



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**COUNCILLOR SYLVIA KLONARIS**

## 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:

### Footpath Construction Benison Rd, Bowen St & Coonawarra Rd

The above roads are classified as Category A Collector Roads in the Northern Territory Subdivisional Guidelines requiring a standard 1500mm minimum wide footpath on one side of the road only.

Currently there are disconnected sections of footpath constructed along Coonawarra Rd mainly in the section between Bowen St and Hook Rd. Bowen St is devoid of footpaths and Bishop has only two short sections that do not provide connectivity.

To estimate costs associated with providing a compliant footpath to connect the three roads in compliance with the subdivisional guidelines, a desk top study was undertaken using existing asset information, the length of pathway to be constructed across the three roads is estimated at 2360 lineal metres. Further studies to determine design requirements, construction feasibility/scope, stormwater modifications or potential road geometry changes required for pedestrian safety have not been undertaken therefore project costs may vary from the initial estimate. Design contingency and a modest escalation to construction has been added to the project estimate to manage risk.

Public consultation requirements	Construction of new footpaths/micro-mobility lanes would follow BAU process of advising owner and resident of intent to construct via mail out and website updates on the project web page.
External consultant advice	NIL able to be assessed internally provided the routes are flat and not affected by existing constraints. In the case of shared paths and micro-mobility lanes, some survey and design provided by external consultants would likely be required.
Legal advice / litigation	Not applicable
Impacts to existing projects	The ability to include any Winnellie area paths and/or micro-mobility lanes for inclusion in future works programmes, will need to be determined against already identified priority projects would need to be delayed-if additional funding is not made available.  Footpaths are funded from a separate funding programme and any new footpaths requested in the Winnellie area would need to be prioritised against other footpath projects for inclusion in future works programmes.
Impact to FTE	Staff would be required to undertake the review required.
Budget reallocation	The motion refers the construction of footpaths and micromobility lanes on Bowen Street, Coonawarra Road and Benison Road, Winnellie to the 2026/2027 budget process. Other already identified projects for 2026/27 (currently including CBD micro-mobility lanes) would need to be delayed, unless the additional

	funding required is provided,
Capital investment	Footpath construction (no enhancement to surrounding infrastructure) - \$1,572,000 Micromobility – to be determined at budget
Officer time preparing the report requested in this motion	10 hours to provide new initiative budget data
Officer time in receiving and preparing this Administration Comment	4 hours

## **14 ACTION REPORTS**

### **14.1 DECLARATION OF RATES AND CHARGES 2025/2026**

**Author:** Executive Manager Finance

**Authoriser:** General Manager Corporate

**Attachments:** 1. CEO Certification of Assessment Record and Record of Rates [↓](#)

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. THAT the report entitled Declaration of Rates and Charges 2025/2026 be received and noted.
2. THAT the Certificate in terms of Regulation 29 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*, provided in Attachment 1, regarding Assessment Record and Record of Rates, be received and noted.
3. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 227(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 (the Act), adopts the Unimproved Capital Value (as it appears on the valuation roll prepared and maintained under the Valuation of Land Act 1963) as the basis of the assessed value of allotments within the Darwin Municipality.
4. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 237 of the Act, declares that it intends to raise, for general purposes by way of rates, the amount of \$79,224,044 which will be raised by the application of differential valuation-based charges ("differential rates") with differential minimum amounts ("minimum amounts") being payable in application of each of those differential rates.

For the purposes of this paragraph 3, a "separate part or unit" means a part of or a unit on an allotment that is adapted for separate occupation or use as described in section 226(5) of the Act, whether for residential, commercial or industrial purposes, and the expression "separate parts or units" has a corresponding meaning.

Council declares the following differential rates and minimum amounts payable in the application of those differential rates for the financial year ending 30 June 2026:

- (a) 0.590967% of the assessed value of all rateable land within those parts of the municipality zoned LR, RR, R or RL under the *NT Planning Scheme*, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,388.00 multiplied by:
  - (i) the number of separate parts or units on each allotment of land; or
  - (ii) the number 1,whichever is the greater.
- (b) 0.590967% of the assessed value of all rateable land within those parts of the municipality zoned LMR, MR or HR under the *NT Planning Scheme*, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,458.00 multiplied by:
  - (i) the number of separate parts or units on each allotment of land; or
  - (ii) the number 1,whichever is the greater.
- (c) 0.430488% of the assessed value of all rateable land within those parts of the municipality zoned CV under the *NT Planning Scheme*, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,388.00 multiplied by:
  - (i) the number of separate parts or units on each allotment of land; or
  - (ii) the number 1,whichever is the greater.
- (d) 0.80108% of the assessed value of all rateable land within those parts of the municipality zoned CB under the *NT Planning Scheme*, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,758.00 multiplied by:
  - (i) the number of separate parts or units on each allotment of land; or
  - (ii) the number 1,

whichever is the greater.

- (e) 1.167664% of the assessed value of all rateable land within those parts of the municipality zoned PS or CN under the *NT Planning Scheme*, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,447.00 multiplied by:

- (i) the number of separate parts or units on each allotment of land; or
- (ii) the number 1,

whichever is the greater.

- (f) 0.598411% of the assessed value of all rateable land within those parts of the municipality zoned OR under the *NT Planning Scheme*, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$574.00 multiplied by:

- (i) the number of separate parts or units on each allotment of land; or
- (ii) the number 1,

whichever is the greater.

- (g) 0.590967% of the assessed value of all rateable land within those parts of the municipality zoned FD, SU, CP, CL, RD or U under the *NT Planning Scheme*, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,458.00 multiplied by:

- (i) the number of separate parts or units on each allotment of land; or
- (ii) the number 1,

whichever is the greater.

- (h) 0.758356% of the assessed value of all rateable land within those parts of the municipality zoned C, or SC under the *NT Planning Scheme* other than those classes of allotments described in paragraphs (m) and (n) below, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,447.00 multiplied by:

- (i) the number of separate parts or units on each allotment of land; or
- (ii) the number 1,

whichever is the greater.

- (i) 0.586897% of the assessed value of all rateable land within those parts of the municipality zoned TC or HT under the *NT Planning Scheme*, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,447.00 multiplied by:

- (i) the number of separate parts or units on each allotment of land; or
- (ii) the number 1,

whichever is the greater.

- (j) 0.551019% of the assessed value of all rateable land within those parts of the municipality zoned LI under the *NT Planning Scheme*, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,447.00 multiplied by:

- (i) the number of separate parts or units on each allotment of land; or
- (ii) the number 1,

whichever is the greater.

- (k) 0.478602% of the assessed value of all rateable land (other than the small allotments identified in paragraph (l) below) within those parts of the municipality zoned GI or DV under the *NT Planning Scheme*, with the minimum amount payable

in the application of that differential rate being \$1,447.00 multiplied by:

- (i) the number of separate parts or units on each allotment of land; or
- (ii) the number 1,

whichever is the greater.

- (l) Council considers the following classes of allotments within the municipality zoned GI to be a different class of allotments and small allotments for the purposes of section 226(3)(b) of the Act and the example given at the foot of that section:

- (i) Units 1 to 3 and Units 5 to 98 comprised in Unit Plan No. 95/95;
- (ii) Units 101 to 216 in Unit Plan 97/112;
- (iii) Units 17 to 32 comprised in Unit Plan 98/32;
- (iv) Lots 6244 to 6285 Hundred of Bagot; and
- (v) Lots 6330 to 6336 Hundred of Bagot.

Council considers that an inequity would result if the minimum amount declared in respect of rateable land within Zone GI were applied to these small allotments, and accordingly, Council declares a lesser minimum amount, being \$361.00, to be payable in respect of each of these small allotments.

- (m) 1.281162% of the assessed value of those classes of allotments within the municipality zoned C or SC under the *NT Planning Scheme* with a parcel area equal to or greater than 40,000m<sup>2</sup> and being allotments on which there is situated a major shopping centre, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential being \$1,447.00 multiplied by:

- (i) the number of separate parts or units on each allotment of land; or
- (ii) the number 1,

whichever is the greater.

- (n) 0.758356% of the assessed value of those classes of allotments within the municipality zoned C or SC under the *NT Planning Scheme* with a parcel area less than 40,000m<sup>2</sup> and being allotments on which there is situated a major shopping centre, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,447.00 multiplied by:

- (i) the number of separate parts or units on each allotment of land; or
- (ii) the number 1,

whichever is the greater.

- (o) 0.590967% of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within the municipality not otherwise described above, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,388.00 multiplied by:

- (i) the number of separate parts or units on each allotment of land; or
- (ii) the number 1,

whichever is the greater.

- 5. Pursuant to Section 240 of the Act and Regulation 84 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* (the **Regulations**) Council imposes the following municipal parking rate for land in Central Darwin as defined in Regulation 83 of the Regulations (the **Parking Rate**):

- (a) The amount to be raised by the imposition of the Parking Rate is \$1,149,324.
- (b) The Parking Rate is to be an amount of \$284.24 per parking space which will be calculated, assessed, levied and payable in accordance with the Regulations.



- (c) The parking usage schedule 2025/2026 has been prepared in accordance with Regulation 86 of the Regulations and has been notified on City of Darwin's Website and in the Northern Territory News on 2 June 2025 in accordance with Regulation 87 of the Regulations. A person may inspect the parking usage schedule free of charge.
- (d) An application for a review in relation to an entry in the parking usage schedule may be made in accordance with regulation 88 of the Regulations. An application for a review must be made no later than 1 July 2025.
- (e) The Parking Rate will be applied by Council to the trading fund established pursuant to Regulation 85 of the Regulations.

6. *Pursuant* to Section 239 of the Act, Council declares and imposes the following charges for the financial year ending 30 June 2026 for the purpose of enabling or assisting Council to meet the cost of the garbage collection and recycling collection services and the waste disposal services it provides for the benefit of residential land within the municipality and the occupiers of such land and declares that it intends to raise \$10,396,613 by the imposition of such charges:

- (a) A charge of \$364.37 per annum per residential dwelling in respect of kerbside garbage and recycling collection services and a waste disposal service provided for the benefit of, or which Council is willing and able to provide for the benefit of, each residential dwelling within the municipality other than a residential dwelling as described in Parts 1, 2 and 3 of the Schedule below and the occupiers of such land.

The services are:

- (i) a kerbside garbage collection service of one visit per week with the collection of waste contained in a maximum of one 240 litre mobile bin per garbage collection visit; and
- (ii) a kerbside recycling collection service of one visit per fortnight with the recycled items contained in a maximum of one 240 litre mobile bin per recycling visit; and
- (iii) access to Shoal Bay, by means of an access tag of such type as may be provided by the Council, to enable the owner or occupier of such residential dwelling to dispose of such waste items as may be accepted by the operator of Shoal Bay from time to time. Council will provide one access tag for each such residential dwelling. Additional or replacement tags can be purchased for the fee determined by Council from time to time.

- (b) A charge of \$339.84 per annum per residential dwelling in respect of non kerbside (communal) garbage and recycling collection services and a waste disposal service provided for the benefit of, or which Council is willing and able to provide for the benefit of, each residential dwelling within the municipality where the number of residential dwellings (as the case may be) exceeds three (3).

The services to be provided by Council are as described in Part 1 of the Schedule below and in Parts 2 & 3 of the Schedule below where the facilities in and about the residential dwellings meet the requirements of the Council for the purposes of providing the services, and Council has not approved of an alternative regular garbage and recycling collection service.

- (c) For the purposes of this paragraph 0:
  - (i) "residential dwelling" means a dwelling house, flat or other substantially self contained residential unit or building on residential land and includes a unit within the meaning of the *Unit Titles Act* and the *Unit Title Schemes Act*;
  - (ii) "residential land" means land used or capable of being used for residential purposes (but does not include land on which there is no residential dwelling); and

- (iii) "Shoal Bay" means the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility located at Lot 3952 Town of Sanderson.

**SCHEDULE**

**CITY OF DARWIN**

**GARBAGE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICES**

**PART 1 –**

**Communal Services for more than 3 residential dwellings**

The services are –

- (a) two (2) non-kerbside garbage collections per week; and
- (b) one (1) non-kerbside recycling collection per week,

with the collection of waste and recycled items contained in the number of bins for garbage and recycling collections being as set out in the table below; and

- (c) access to Shoal Bay, by means of an access tag of such type as may be provided by the Council, to enable the owner or occupier of such residential dwelling to dispose of such waste items as may be accepted by the operator of Shoal Bay from time to time. Council will provide one access tag for each such residential dwelling. Additional or replacement tags can be purchased for the fee determined by Council from time to time.

NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	GARBAGE BINS 240 LITRE	RECYCLING BINS 240 LITRE	TOTAL NUMBER 240 LTR BINS
4	1	1	2
5-6	2	1	3
7-8	2	2	4
9-12	3	2	5
13-16	4	3	7
17-18	5	3	8
19-20	5	4	9
21-24	6	4	10
25-28	7	5	12
29-30	8	5	13
31-32	8	6	14
33-36	9	7	16
37-40	10	7	17
41-44	11	8	19
45-48	12	8	20

**PART 2 –****Communal Services for more than 12 residential dwellings which have facilities that meet the requirements of Council**

The services are –

- (a) two (2) non-kerbside garbage collections per week; and
- (b) one (1) non-kerbside recycling collection per week,

with the collection of waste and recycled items contained in the number of bins for garbage and recycling collections being as set out in the table below; and

- (c) access to Shoal Bay, by means of an access tag of such type as may be provided by the Council, to enable the owner or occupier of such residential dwelling to dispose of such waste items as may be accepted by the operator of Shoal Bay from time to time. Council will provide one access tag for each such residential dwelling. Additional or replacement tags can be purchased for the fee determined by Council from time to time.

<b>NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS</b>	<b>GARBAGE BINS 1,100 LITRE</b>	<b>RECYCLING BINS 240 LITRE</b>	<b>TOTAL NUMBER MIXED BINS</b>
<b>13-16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>17-18</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS</b>	<b>GARBAGE BINS 1,100 LITRE</b>	<b>RECYCLING BINS 1,100 LITRE</b>	<b>TOTAL NUMBER 1,100 LTR BINS</b>
<b>19-24</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>25-32</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>33-48</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>49-64</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>65-71</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>72-80</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>81-96</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>97-112</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>

**PART 3 –****Communal Services for more than 40 residential dwellings which have facilities that meet the requirements of Council**

The services are –

- (a) two (2) non-kerbside garbage collections per week; and
- (b) one (1) non-kerbside recycling collection per week

with the collection of waste and recycled items contained in the number of bins for garbage and recycling collections being as set out in the table below; and

- (c) access to Shoal Bay, by means of an access tag of such type as may be provided by the Council, to enable the owner or occupier of such residential dwelling to dispose of such waste items as may be accepted by the operator of Shoal Bay from time to time. Council will provide one access tag for each such residential dwelling. Additional or replacement tags can be purchased for the fee determined by Council from time to time

NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	3 CUBIC METRE GARBAGE BIN	RECYCLING BINS 1,100 LITRE	TOTAL NUMBER MIXED BINS
<b>41-48</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>49-50</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>51-71</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>

7. The relevant interest rate for the late payment of rates and charges is fixed in accordance with Section 245 of the Act at the rate of 18.0% per annum and is to be calculated on a daily basis.
8. Rates and charges declared under this declaration may be paid by four (4) approximately equal instalments on the following dates, namely:-
  - (a) First Instalment: 30 September 2025
  - (b) Second Instalment: 30 November 2025
  - (c) Third Instalment: 31 January 2026
  - (d) Fourth Instalment: 31 March 2026

Instalments falling due on a weekend or public holiday may be paid by the following business day, without incurring any penalty.
9. Details of due dates and specified amounts will be listed on the relevant Rates Notice.
10. Variations to those options for payment will be administered according to the conditions outlined on the front and reverse of the Rates Notice.

A ratepayer who fails to abide by such conditions may be sued for recovery of the principal amount of the rates and charges, late payment penalties, and costs reasonably incurred by Council in recovering or attempting to recover the rates and charges. If rates are payable by the owner of the land and are not paid by the due date, they become a charge on the land to which they relate, except within an Aboriginal community living area. In addition, Council may apply to register its charge over the land and sell the land to recover unpaid rates and charges.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide for the adoption of 2025/2026 Rates and Charges that support the Budget contained in the City of Darwin 2025/2026 Municipal Plan.

**KEY ISSUES**

- The Council's 2025/2026 Municipal Plan contains Council's key rating proposals for the 2025/2026 financial year.
- The General Rate Yield for rateable properties within the Municipality has been increased by 2.5%.
- Income per Municipal Plan/Budget:
  - General Rates \$79.34M
  - Garbage/Recycling \$10.4M
  - Parking Rate \$1.15M

**DISCUSSION**

The City of Darwin 2025/2026 Municipal Plan contains Council's key rating proposals for the 2025/2026 financial year.

The General Rate Yield for rateable properties within the Municipality has been increased by 2.5%.

The rates declaration recognises and incorporates as part of the charges imposed under Section 239 of the Act, the waste disposal service, namely access to Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility (SBWMF), provided to each residential dwelling.

The charges for Kerbside and Manual collection services (including the waste disposal service) has been increased by 4%, which increases the charge for Kerbside Collection to \$364.37 per service and for Manual Collection to \$339.84 per service.

The rate applied for the Parking Rate has been increased to \$284.24 per shortfall bay from \$277.31.

Council has previously recognised that strata titled self-storage units should attract a lesser Minimum General Rate than other strata titled units situated within the GI Town Planning Zone. The charge for General Rate has been increased by \$9.00, which increases the charge for General Rate to \$361.00. A lesser Minimum General Rate may be declared for these types of properties in accordance with Section 226 (3)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

The penalty interest rate imposed pursuant to Section 245 of the *Local Government Act* has been retained at 18%. Relief from part or all of penalty interest accruals is available to ratepayers who are experiencing severe financial hardship and meet payment arrangement criteria, upon application.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

At the 29 April 2025 meeting Council resolved:

**RESOLUTION ORD200/25**

1. THAT the report entitled Draft Municipal Plan 2025/26 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse officers to conduct a 21-day public consultation on the Draft Municipal Plan 2025/26, including the proposed 2025/26 Annual Budget.
3. THAT pursuant to Section 35 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, and Regulation 8 of the

<p>Local Government (Administration) Regulations, the decision, report, and attachments, be held in-confidence until 30 April 2025 at which time the decision, report, and endorsed Draft Municipal Plan document will be published on Council's website.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED 8/0</b></p>	
<b>STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT</b>	<p>6 Governance Framework</p> <p>6.3 Decision Making and Management</p>
<b>BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	<p><b>Budget/Funding:</b> N/A</p> <p><b>Is Funding identified:</b> N/A</p> <p><b>Existing Position No:</b> N/A</p> <p><b>Contractor:</b> N/A</p>
<b>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</b>	<p><b>Legislation:</b></p> <p><i>Local Government Act 2019</i></p> <p><i>Local Government (General) Regulations 2021</i></p>
<b>CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT &amp; COMMUNICATION</b>	<p><b>Engagement Level:</b> Consult</p> <p><b>Tactics:</b></p> <p>Internal and External</p> <p><b>Internal:</b></p> <p>The budget estimates have been discussed in depth with Council and the Executive Leadership Team. The estimates were published in the City of Darwin 2025/2026 Draft Municipal Plan and made available for public inspection and comment for a period of 21 days following a media event and publication on Council's website.</p> <p><b>External:</b></p> <p>The draft Declaration of Rates and Charges report and public notice has been legally reviewed to ensure compliance with the requirements of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> and <i>Local Government (General) Regulations 2021</i>.</p>
<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>	<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>

**Certificate in Terms of Regulation 29 (1) of the Local  
Government (General) Regulations 2021**

This is to certify that, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the assessment record maintained by Council under section 230 of the *NT Local Government Act 2019* is a comprehensive record of all rateable land within the municipality.

  
Signed .....  
Chief Executive Officer

Dated at Darwin this 10th Day of June 2025.

Section 29 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 states that the above certification must be made before a council adopts its budget.

**14.2 ADOPTION OF 2025/26 MUNICIPAL PLAN**

**Author:** Manager Risk and Customer Experience  
Executive Manager Finance

**Authoriser:** General Manager Corporate

**Attachments:** 1. **Municipal Plan 2025/26** [↓](#)  
2. **Fees and Charges 2025/26** [↓](#)

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. THAT the report entitled adoption of 2025/26 Municipal Plan be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the 2025/26 City of Darwin Municipal Plan, provided at **Attachment 1**, noting that it includes:
  - (a) City of Darwin's annual service delivery plan as the basis of deliverables to the Darwin municipality for 2025/26
  - (b) the 2025/26 Annual Budget to be effective from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.
3. THAT Council adopt the 2025/26 Fees and Charges as provided at **Attachment 2**, to be effective from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is for Council to adopt the 2025/26 Municipal Plan, incorporating the 2025/26 Annual Budget and 2025/26 Fees and Charges.

**KEY ISSUES**

- Council is required to have an annual municipal plan. This annual plan incorporates City of Darwin's annual service delivery plan, annual budget and the fees and charges booklet.
- Elected Members developed a draft budget and plan between January and April 2025.
- A draft of the Municipal Plan was released for public consultation on 30 April 2025. Consultation concluded on 21 May 2025.
- The document must be adopted by Council by 30 June 2025.



**DISCUSSION**

Section 33 of the *Local Government Act 2019* (the Act) states that each Council must have a plan for its area, and as provided in Section 34 of the Act, the plan must include a service delivery plan, budget, reference long-term or strategic plans adopted by Council, and the long-term financial plan.

Further, Section 35 of the Act states the Municipal Plan must be adopted by Council between 1 March and 30 June and undergo a minimum of 21 days public consultation, with Council required to consider the submissions made, and make any revisions considered appropriate in light of the submissions.

The City of Darwin Municipal Plan 2025/26 was developed through a series of workshops with Elected Members between January and April 2025 and with consideration for Darwin 2030 – *City for People. City of Colour* Strategic Plan and other Council strategies and plans.

The draft document was released for public consultation on 30 April 2025, with consultation closing on 21 May 2025. Elected Members were presented with the engagement outcomes report at the meeting held on 27 May 2025 and provided the opportunity to consider any changes based on the submissions. No changes were proposed, and the final Municipal Plan 2025/26 is being presented for adoption.

During the consultation period, minor administrative changes have been made to the document, including the re-insertion of notes to the waste charges, updated language to make fees and charges at the libraries and swimming pools easier to understand, and an adjustment to the number of childcare centres operated in City of Darwin controlled facilities.

**Overview of 2025/26 Municipal Plan**

The Municipal Plan 2025/26 details City of Darwin's commitments for the year ahead, which includes reference to both the operating and capital budgets, priority projects programs, Better Suburbs projects, and key deliverables.

The document features commitments including:

- \$36.33 million waste management operations and investment
- \$91.5 million total capital works program
- \$9.6 million maintaining our parks, tree planting and maintenance
- \$4.2 million for libraries
- \$2.6 million playground recreational spaces and refurbishments
- \$1.9 million animal management program
- \$4.8 million connectivity and accessibility
- \$1.9 million in funding through sponsorships, grants and in-kind support
- \$1.33 million arts and culture

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

The identified key deliverables will be reported to Elected Members on a quarterly basis, providing Council a regular opportunity to assess the City of Darwin's performance against the municipal plan.

<b>Overview of 2025/26 Annual Budget</b> <p>The Operating Budget includes \$136.92 million income across rates and charges (\$90.88 million); fees and statutory charges (\$33.1 million), grants and contributions (\$6.67 million) and interest and other income (\$6.27 million).</p> <p>The Operating Expenditure for 2025/26 is \$148.47 million - or \$114.94 million less depreciation.</p> <p>The Capital Expenditure for 2025/26 is \$91.51 million.</p>	
<b>PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION</b> <p>At the 27 May 2025 meeting Council resolved:</p> <p><b>RESOLUTION ORD263/25</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. THAT the report entitled Engagement Outcomes – Draft Municipal Plan 2025/26 be received and noted.</li> <li>2. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i>.</li> <li>3. THAT this report and attachments and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED 10/0</b></p>	
<b>STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT</b>	6 Governance Framework 6.3 Decision Making and Management
<b>BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	<b>Budget:</b> Adoption establishes the budget for the 2025/26 Financial Year.
<b>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</b>	<b>Legislation:</b> <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> <i>Local Government (General) Regulations 2021</i>
<b>CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT &amp; COMMUNICATION</b>	<b>Engagement Level:</b> Consult <b>Tactics:</b> Consultation, public exhibition period of the draft document for 21 days. <b>Internal:</b> Elected Member and senior officer workshops to develop budget and plan. <b>External</b> Community consultation
<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>	<p>The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).</p>

CITY OF DARWIN

# MUNICIPAL PLAN

2025/2026



Vibrant, inclusive  
and dynamic





## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LARRAKIA COUNTRY

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

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

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

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



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# INTRODUCTION

## MUNICIPAL PLAN 2025/26

### Purpose

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

### Mission

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

### Vision

**DARWIN 2030: CITY FOR PEOPLE. CITY OF COLOUR.**

### Our strategic directions

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

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



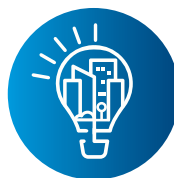
**A capital city  
with best practice  
and sustainable  
infrastructure**



**A safe, liveable and  
healthy city**



**A cool, clean and  
green city**



**A smart and  
prosperous city**



**A vibrant and  
creative city**

Continuing the conversation through consultation

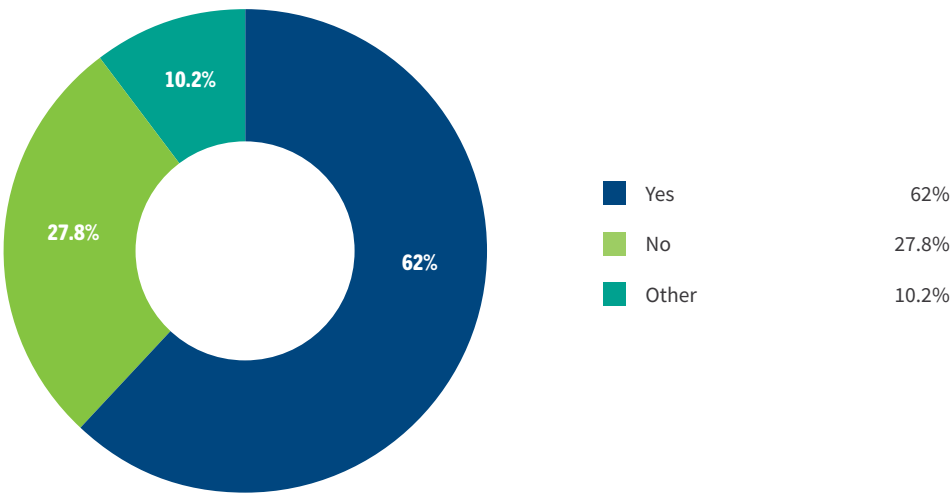
To ensure that Council, officers, and the community continue to align on their vision for Darwin’s future, City of Darwin takes the opportunity each year to check in and consult on the Draft Municipal Plan.

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

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

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

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



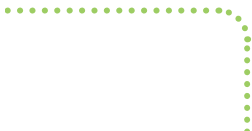
Regarding the direction of the Municipal Plan and Annual Budget, including the priority projects, an even 50 percent of respondents were in favour, 33 per cent do not support it, and 17 per cent of respondents were unsure. This suggests moderate support for the plan. Those who are uncertain have commented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

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

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

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

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



# LORD MAYOR & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOREWORD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis and Chief Executive Officer Simone Saunders

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

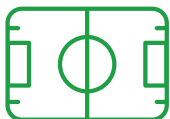
**The Honourable Lord Mayor**  
**Kon Vatskalis**

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**Simone Saunders**

# OUR CITY



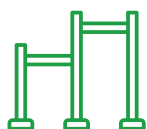
**475KM** ROADS



**19** SPORTING  
GROUNDS & OVALS



**3** SWIMMING POOL  
FACILITIES



**20** EXERCISE STATIONS  
ACROSS 12 PARKS



**22,029** DRIVEWAYS



**41** PUBLIC AMENITY  
FACILITIES



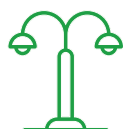
**590HA** GREEN  
SPACE



**8** TENNIS COURTS  
AT 3 LOCATIONS



**3** COMMUNITY  
CENTRES



**10,127**  
STREET AND PUBLIC  
LIGHTING



**421KM**  
STORMWATER  
INFRASTRUCTURE



**9** BASKETBALL  
COURTS



128  
PLAYGROUNDS



28  
BARBEQUES



3,943  
PARKING BAYS



6  
CHILDCARE CENTRES



4  
LIBRARIES



221  
PARKS



3  
CEMETERIES



1  
VELODROME



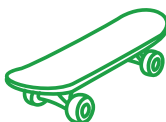
1,175  
SMART DEVICES



2  
ENTERTAINMENT VENUES



574KW  
ROOF TOP SOLAR



1  
SKATE PARK



632.8KM  
FOOTPATHS AND WALKWAYS IN TOTAL



136  
DRINKING WATER BUBBLERS



36,208  
RATEABLE ASSESSMENTS

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# OUR HIGHLIGHTS

## HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE YEAR AHEAD



\$4.2M

LIBRARIES



\$1.33M

ARTS AND  
CULTURE



\$36.33M

WASTE MANAGEMENT  
OPERATIONS & INVESTMENT



\$91.5M

CAPITAL WORKS  
PROGRAM



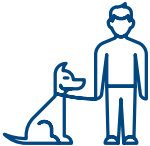
\$3.2M

TREE PLANTING AND  
MAINTENANCE



\$0.72M

SPORT AND RECREATION  
INVESTMENT



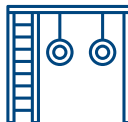
\$1.9M

ANIMAL MANAGEMENT  
PROGRAM




\$400K

SOLAR PV AT WEST LANE  
CAR PARK




\$2M

FOR WATERS WARD  
MULTIGENERATIONAL  
RECREATION SPACE STAGE 1




\$4.8M

CONNECTIVITY AND ACCESSIBILITY




\$1.9M

STORMWATER UPGRADES AND RECONSTRUCTION



\$580K

STREET AND PUBLIC LIGHTING




\$1.9M

COMMUNITY FUNDING THROUGH SPONSORSHIPS AND GRANTS AND IN-KIND FUNDING




\$9.6M

MAINTAINING OUR PARKS\*



\$9.125M

SHOAL BAY WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY



PLAYGROUND REVITALISATIONS

FONG PARK, SUNSET PARK, NIGHTCLIFF BEACH, LAKE ALEXANDER

\*Includes \$3.2m tree planting and maintenance

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# PRIORITIES TO PROGRESS

## Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility

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

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

## Waters Ward Multigenerational Recreation Space

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

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

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

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

## Civic Centre and Precinct Redevelopment Project

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

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

The new Civic Centre will feature:

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

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

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

## ICT Roadmap and Customer Relationship Management Solution

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

## Connectivity and Accessibility

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





Malak Greenbelt Playground and Obstacle Course

Key highlights of the program are:

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

Climate Emergency

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

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

Greening Strategy

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

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

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

Playgrounds

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

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

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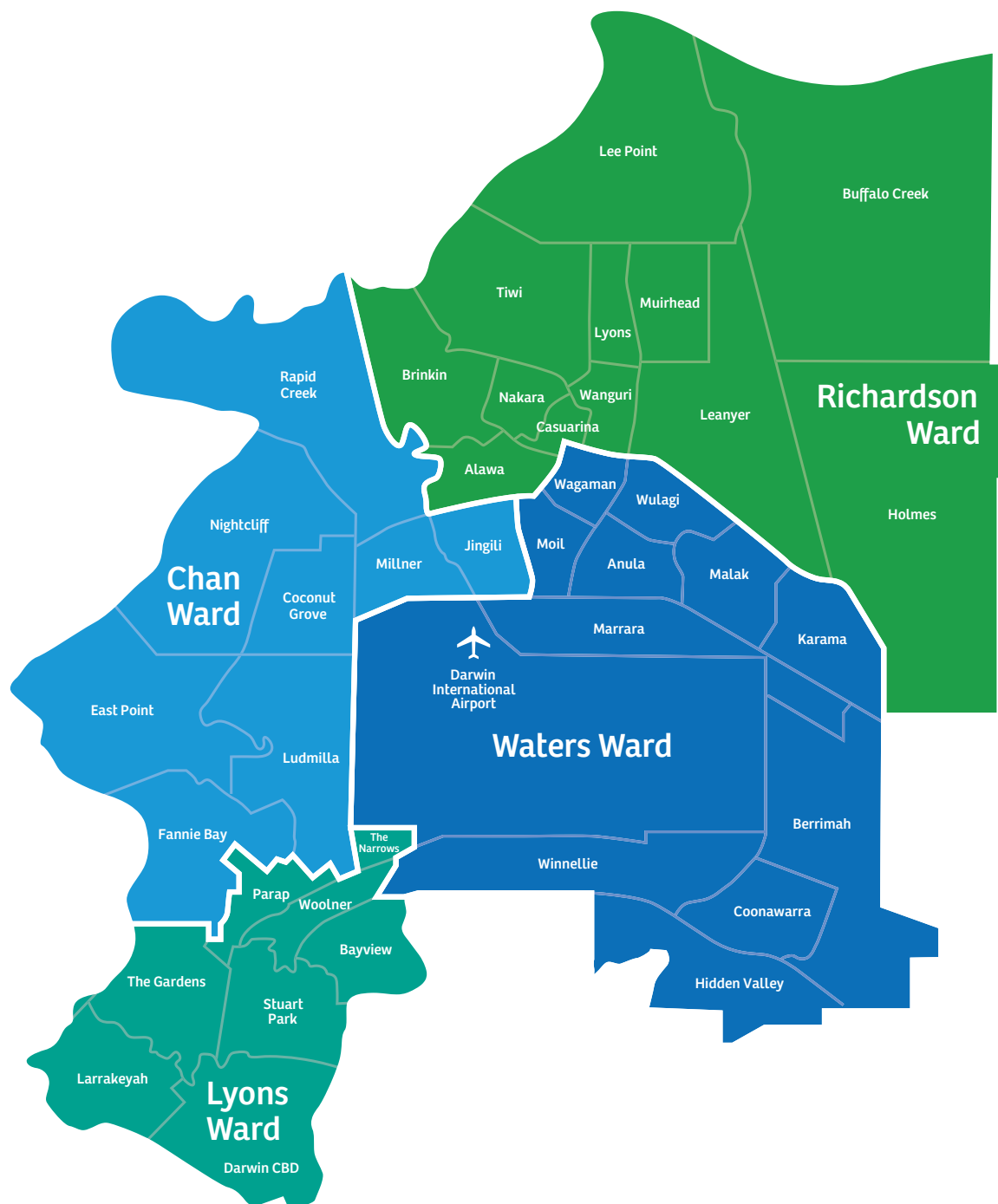
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# ELECTED MEMBERS



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# ELECTED MEMBER ALLOWANCES

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

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

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

Table 1 2025/26 Elected Member allowances





Coriolis, Cyclone Tracy Kinetic Sculpture, Bundilla Beach Reserve

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Nightcliff Oval

# STRATEGIC PLANNING FRAMEWORK



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

**Informed by:**

- Legislation (Australian and NT)
- City of Darwin By-laws 2023
- NT Government strategies and policies
- City of Darwin Long Term Financial Plan
- Long term asset management plans
- Other City of Darwin strategies and policies

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# LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

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

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

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

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



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

# ADVOCACY AND COLLABORATION

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

## **Council of Capital City Lord Mayors (CCCLM)**

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

## **Australian Local Government Association (ALGA)**

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

## **Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT)**

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

## **Top End Regional Organisations of Council (TOPROC)**

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



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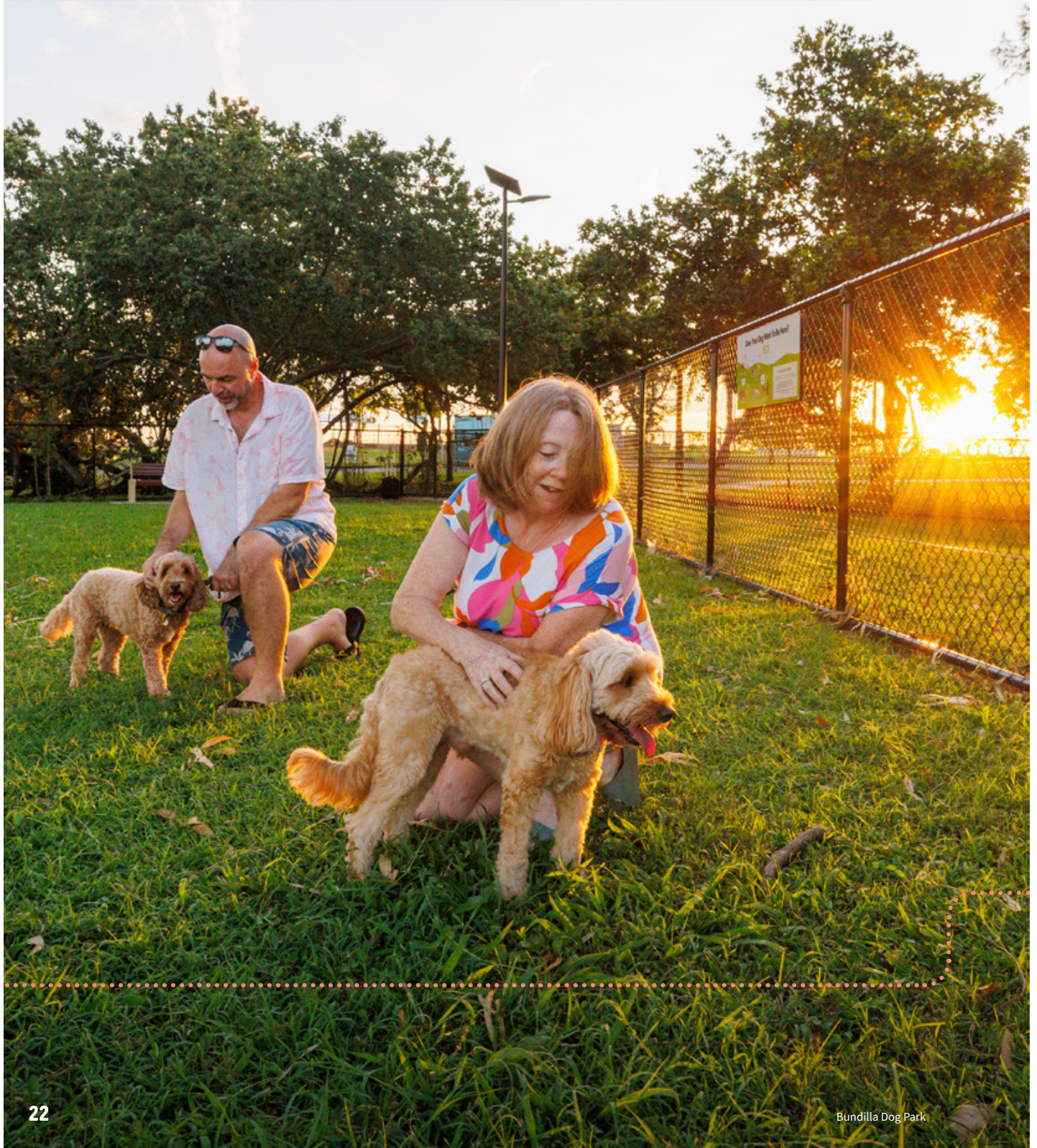
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# OUR SERVICE DELIVERY





Corporate Structure

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



OFFICE OF THE LORD MAYOR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
Simone Saunders  
Chief Executive Officer



COMMUNITY  
Matt Grassmayr  
General Manager



INNOVATION  
Alice Percy  
General Manager



CORPORATE  
Natalie Williamson  
General Manager



Solar Powered Parking Meters, Darwin City

## HOW OUR SERVICES ARE STRUCTURED

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

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

## OUR DELIVERY COMMITMENTS

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

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



# SD1: A CAPITAL CITY WITH BEST PRACTICE AND SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE

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

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



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# SD2: A SAFE, LIVEABLE AND HEALTHY CITY

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

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

## By 2030, Darwin residents will be more active and healthy

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

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

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

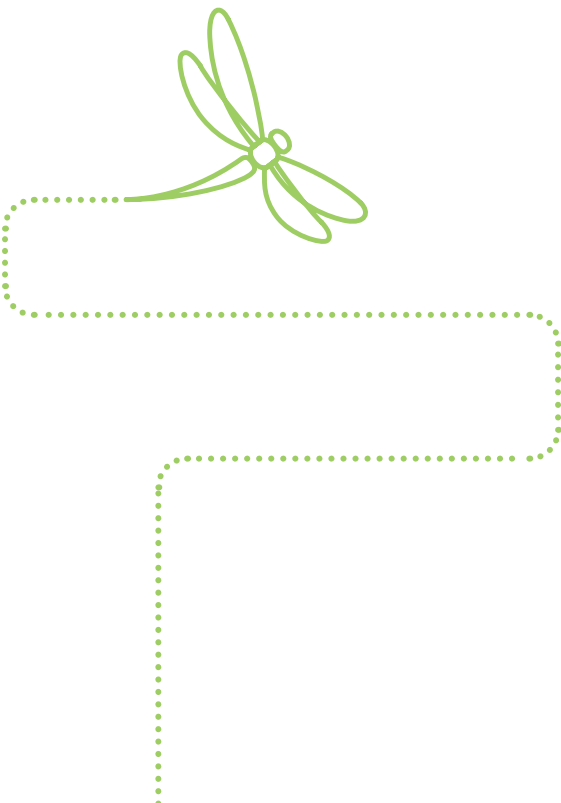




# SD3: A COOL, CLEAN AND GREEN CITY

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

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



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# SD4: A SMART AND PROSPEROUS CITY

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

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

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

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





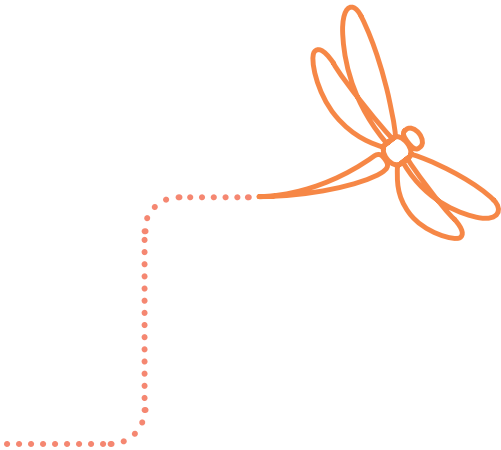
# SD5: A VIBRANT AND CREATIVE CITY

By 2030, Darwin will be recognised as an iconic destination

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

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

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



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# GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK

## Vision and Culture

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

## Roles and Relationships

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

## Decision Making and Management

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

## Accountability

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





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# BUDGET

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

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

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

## 2025/26 operating budget overview

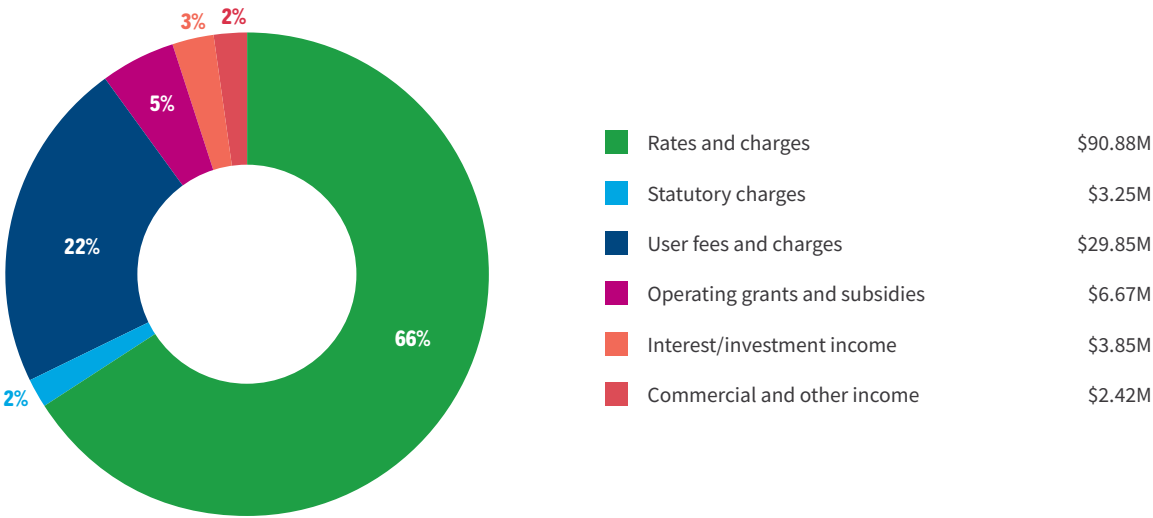
The operating budget provides details of the income received to fund its operations and the expenses it incurs in delivering services to the community.

## ANALYSIS OF OPERATING BUDGET

### Income

#### Where the funds come from

**Operating income (excluding income for capital purposes)**  
2025/26 total operating income \$136.92 million



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

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



## Draft annual budget income

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

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

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

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

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

### Operating and capital grants

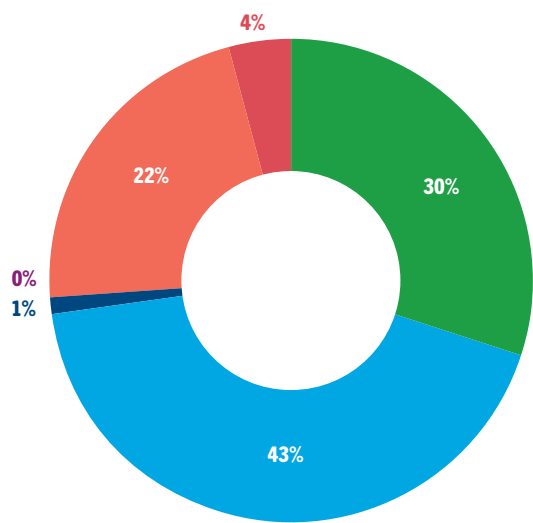
Council actively collaborates with both the Australian and Northern Territory Governments to optimise the funding received through grants and reduce the reliance on rates for major capital works. These partnerships enable the City of Darwin to offer additional services and expedite critical infrastructure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



EXPENDITURE

Where the income goes

Operating expenditure  
Expenditure 2025/26 \$148.47 million



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

Figure 2 2025/26 operating expenses

Table 3 2025/26 operating expenses

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

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

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

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

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

CAPITAL WORKS

Delivering for our community

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

The program includes a broad range of categories.

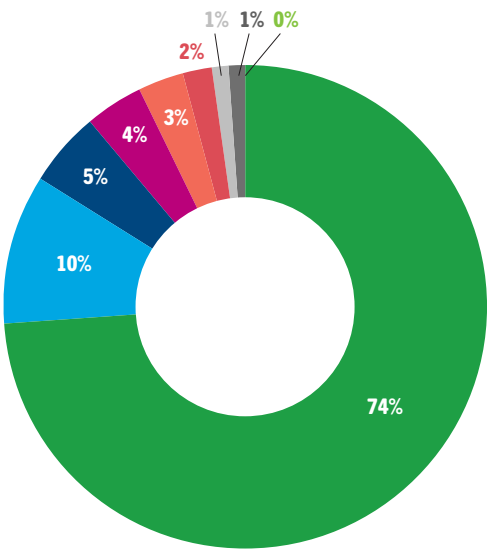


Figure 3 Capital works by asset category

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

Table 4 Capital works by asset category

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# 2025/26 BUDGETED CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM

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

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



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



# BUDGETED FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2025/26

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

## A. Annual budget income and expenditure

This statement outlines:

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

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

## B. Annual budget operating position

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

## C. Budgeted statement of financial position

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

## D. Budgeted statement of reserves

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

## E. Budgeted statement of borrowings (external and internal)

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

## F. Capital expenditure and funding

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

## G. Planned major capital works and projected costing

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

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**Budget assumptions**

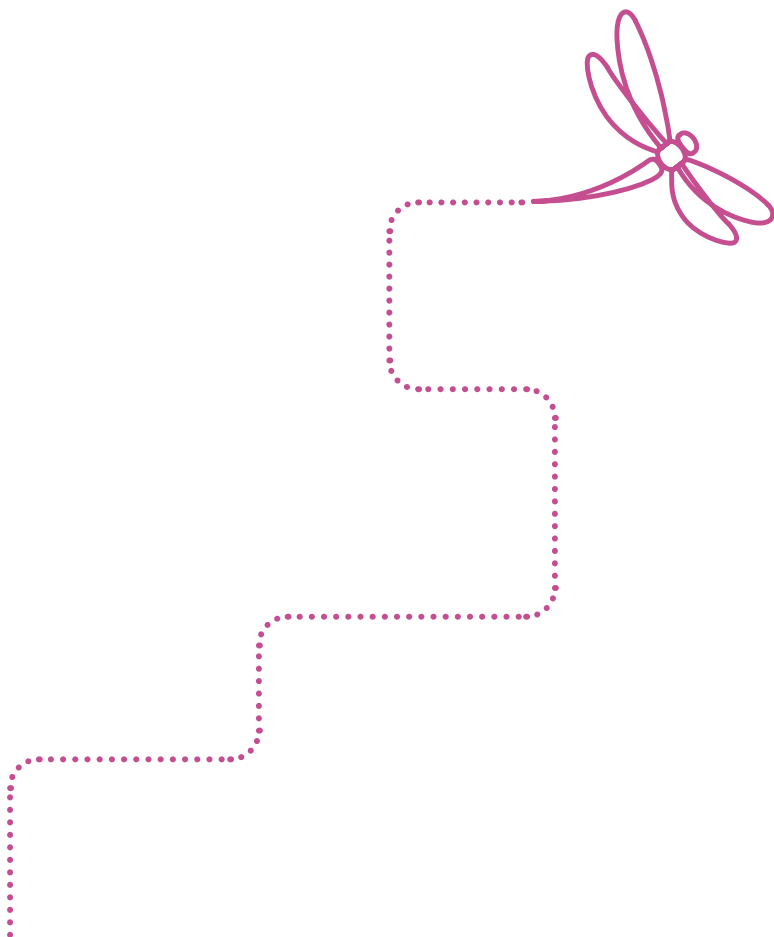
A budget is an estimation on the income and the expenses that City of Darwin is expected to incur in the forthcoming year, consequently a number of assumptions for uncertain conditions must be made in order to develop an achievable target.

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

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

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

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



# OUR RATING STRATEGY

## Rating strategies

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

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

## Rating principles

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

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

## Rates inclusions

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

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

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

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

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



# RATES AND CHARGES

Rates and charges by major category

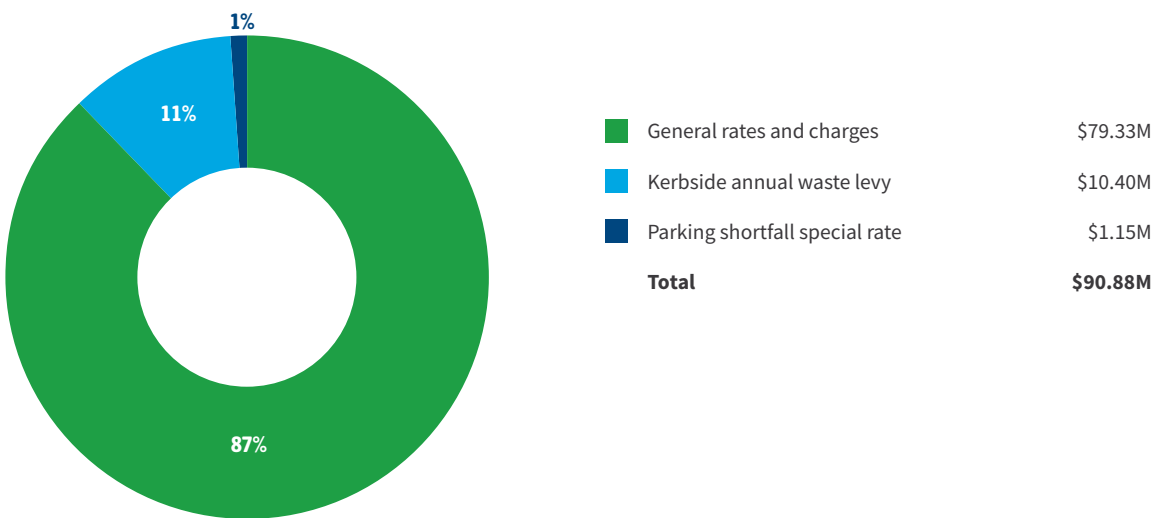


Figure 4 Rates and charges by major category

Table 5 Rates and charges by major category

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

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

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

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

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

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

General rates

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

Other rates

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

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

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

Waste management charges

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

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

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

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

## A. Annual budget income and expenditure

Annual budget income and expenditure	Budget 2025/26 \$'000	Original budget 2024/25 \$'000
<b>Operating income</b>		
Rates	80,478	78,596
Charges	10,398	9,876
Statutory charges	3,252	2,539
User fees and charges	29,851	28,337
Operating grants and subsidies	6,667	6,551
Interest/investment income	3,852	3,513
Commercial and other income	2,419	2,377
<b>Total income</b>	<b>136,917</b>	<b>131,790</b>
<b>Operating expenses</b>		
Employee expenses	44,073	42,535
Materials, contracts and services	64,326	61,147
Elected member allowances	832	800
Elected member expenses	21	12
Council committee allowances	20	10
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	33,536	32,524
Interest expenses	5,664	3,722
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>148,472</b>	<b>140,751</b>
<b>Budgeted operating surplus/ (deficit)</b>	<b>(11,555)</b>	<b>(8,961)</b>

\* Numbers in statements may include minor rounding differences

**B. Annual budget operating position**

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

\*Numbers in statements may include minor rounding differences



### C. Budgeted statement of financial position

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

\* Numbers in statements may include minor rounding differences

## D. Budgeted statement of reserves

For the year ended 30 June 2026

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

1. Opening balance as at 2nd budget review 2024/25 with known/pending adjustments
2. Reserves with nil budgeted balances and movements are not listed
3. Numbers in statements may include minor rounding differences

The purpose of reserve funds in general is to:

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

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

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

E. Budgeted statement of external borrowing

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

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

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## F. Capital expenditure and funding

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

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

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

\* Projected borrowings require ministerial approval

\* Grant funded projects are subject to securing funding

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

\*Actuals information as at March 2025

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

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

^ Interim capping; final capping is post 2030

# 2025/26 ANNUAL BUDGET KPIS

## Financial key performance indicators (KPIs)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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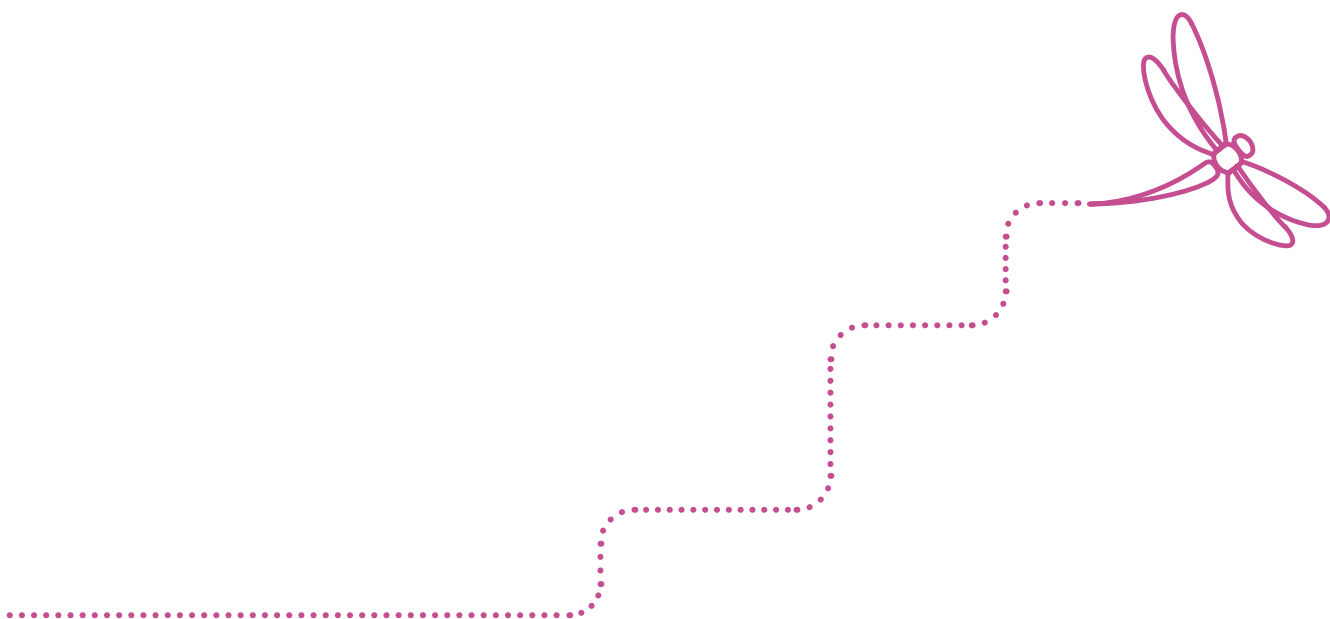
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Each year the Municipal Plan is developed by Councillors under the leadership of the Lord Mayor. It establishes the strategic direction, resourcing, funds available and income streams for the coming year to deliver programs, projects and actions that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

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**CITY OF DARWIN**

# **FEES AND CHARGES**

**2025/2026**



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

## GENERAL CONDITIONS

### Fees

Within this document facility hire states three levels of fees.

These are:

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

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

### Not-for-profit organisations

The definition for eligibility for concession fees is:

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

### Pensioner concessions

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

### Indemnity

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

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

### Credit card surcharge

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

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Responsibility for damage to City of Darwin property

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

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

Seasonal oval allocations

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

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

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

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

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

Single use plastics

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

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

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# ADMINISTRATION FEES

## Assessment record inspection fee

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

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

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

## Rate search

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

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

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

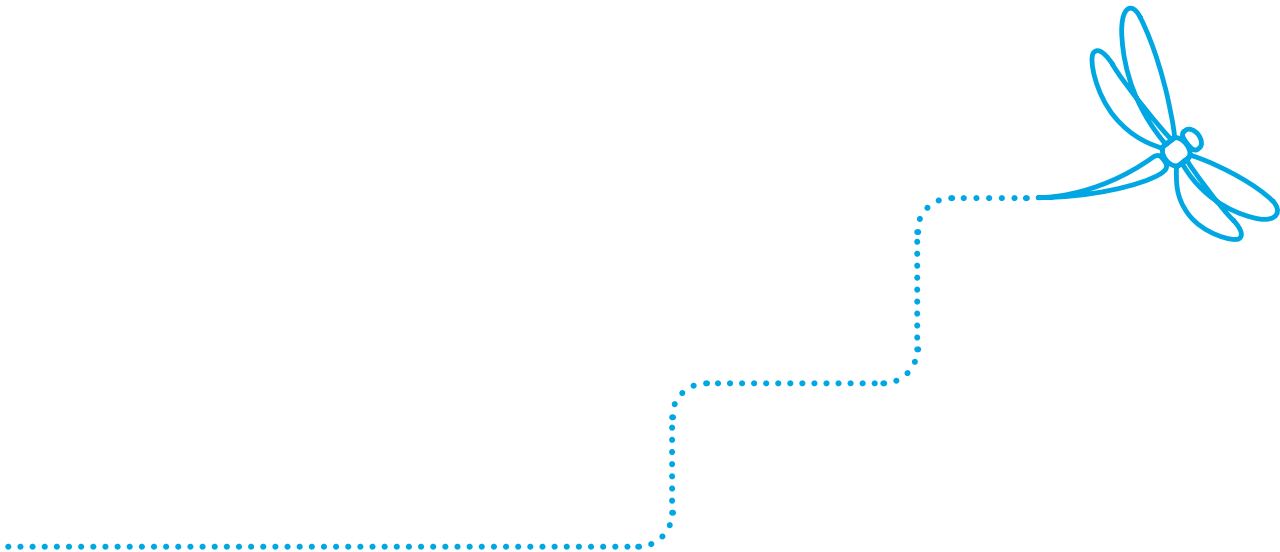
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# APPLICATIONS UNDER FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

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



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

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# ADVERTISING SIGNS

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

## Note

Specifications and requirements available from City of Darwin.

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

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# BINS – ADDITIONAL DOMESTIC SERVICE

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

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

**Note**

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

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# CAR PARKING

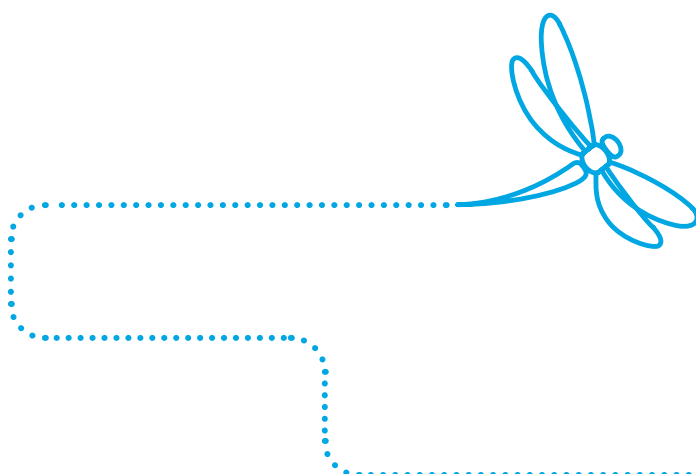
## Car parking – off-street

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

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



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## Car parking – on-street

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

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

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

Metered on-street car parking within Darwin city centre	2025/2026 Including GST \$
<b>Zone A – per hour per bay</b> 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday (excludes weekends and public holidays)	<b>3.20</b>
<b>Zone A – 8.00am – 2.00pm</b> Saturday per hour with a 2-hour limit (excludes Sunday and public holidays)	<b>2.00</b>
<b>Zone B – per hour per bay</b> 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday (excludes weekends and public holidays)	<b>2.30</b>
<b>Zone C – per hour per bay</b> 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday (excludes weekends and public holidays)	<b>1.80</b>
Maximum daily charge	<b>9.50</b>
<b>Zones B and C</b> All day public holidays and weekends	Free
<b>Parking exemption</b>	2025/2026 Including GST \$
Permitted vehicle parking permit – per annum	2,126 ✕
Permitted vehicle parking permit per annum – media (x 3 permits)	2,126 ✕

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

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Car parking – conditions

Conditions of parking

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

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Car parking areas – alternative uses

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

West Lane Car Park is unavailable for alternate use.

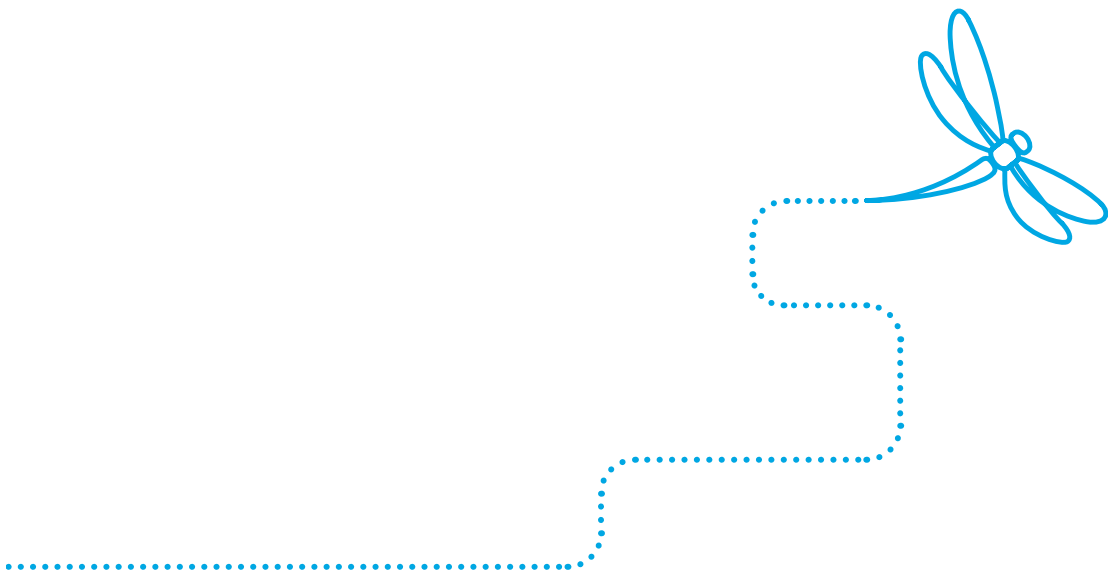
Persons hiring car parks for alternative use shall pay to City of Darwin all costs associated with City of Darwin providing car park attendants and supervisors and other necessary expenses such as electricity occasioned by the alternative use. The General Manager Innovation shall provide estimates to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

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

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

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

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



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# CEMETERY CHARGES

Cemetery charges		2025/2026 Including GST \$
<b>Graves</b>		
First burial		<b>2,931.00</b>
Subsequent burial		<b>3,600.00</b>
Interment of ashes		<b>428.00</b>
<b>Concrete seal</b> (Required when less than 1 meter of soil is achievable)		<b>1,390.00</b>
Cemetery investigation		<b>920.00</b>
Issue of reservation certificate		100.00 ✕
Issue of exclusive right of subsequent burial fee		100.00 ✕
Transfer of exclusive right certificate/reservation		100.00 ✕
<b>Exhumation</b>		
Exhumation		<b>4,280.00</b>
<b>Memorial niche wall</b>		2025/2026 Including GST \$
Reservation		1,060.00 ✕
Interment of ashes and plaque – permit fee (Includes installation)		<b>913.00</b>
Removal/installation of memorial plaque for second interment		<b>315.00</b>
Transfer of reservation		100.00 ✕
Supply and installation of vase		<b>215.00</b>

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

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

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

Exhumations to coffin depth only.

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# COMMUNITY CENTRES CHARGES

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

There are two levels of charges:

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

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

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

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

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

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# COMMERCIAL AND OTHER OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

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

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

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

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

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

**Note**

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

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

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# DOG/CAT FEES AND CHARGES

Registration	2025/2026 Including GST \$
Entire dog/cat – annual	155.00 ✕
De-sexed dog/cat – over 12 months of age	35.00 ✕
De-sexed dog/cat less than 12 months of age	Free
Declared dog	330.00 ✕

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

## \*Note

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

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Licence fees – annually		2025/2026 Including GST \$
Licence to keep more than 2 dogs or 2 cats (annual)		165.00 ✕
<i>Plus registration fees for each dog/cat</i>		
Impounding		2025/2026 Including GST \$
Registered dogs / cats release fee – per animal		130.00 ✕
Unregistered dogs / cats release fee – per animal		320.00 ✕
Additional fee if animal is impounded outside of City of Darwin hours		105.00 ✕
Animal surrender fee		75.00 ✕
Animal surrender fee – commercial rate		180.00 ✕
Maintenance fee for each impounded dog / cat – applied after expiration of four impounding days		35.00 ✕
<b>Note</b>		
All dogs and cats released from or purchased at the pound must be registered.		
Miscellaneous		2025/2026 Including GST \$
Microchipping for dogs and cats – per animal		<b>50.00</b>

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# LIBRARIES

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

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

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

**Inter-library loan charges**

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

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

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

**Note**

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

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# OUTDOOR VENUE HIRE AND EVENTS

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

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

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

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Gardens Oval complex		2025/2026 Including GST \$
Gardens Oval hire – special events outside seasonal usage – sporting or Territory/national championships – per day		<b>635.00</b>
Gardens Oval hire – special events outside seasonal usage – fund raising/community events – per day		<b>335.00</b>
Gardens Oval hire – special events outside seasonal usage – commercial events – per day		<b>3,980.00</b>
Gardens Amphitheatre		2025/2026 Including GST \$
<b>Bump in/bump out fee</b>		
Applies to events – % of hire fee – per day	0% to 50% of hire fee per day, to be negotiated	
<b>Booking fee</b>		
Community organisations – per day/night		<b>590.00</b>
Commercial hirer fee – per day/night	Greater of <b>\$7,500.00</b> or 5% of net box office, capped at a total of <b>\$15,000.00</b>	
<b>Hire fee</b>		
Wedding receptions/ceremonies/private functions – per day/night		<b>315.00</b>
<b>Security Deposit</b>		
Community organisations		Free
Commercial operations		2,730.00 ✗
Electricity charge is calculated on units used + GST		
Private or community organisations		<b>Per current tariff</b>
<b>Note</b>		
All enquiries and bookings are to be made through the Darwin Entertainment Centre on (08) 8980 3333. The Darwin Entertainment Centre manages the Gardens Amphitheatre on behalf of City of Darwin.		

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Outdoor fitness classes – annual permit		2025/2026 Including GST \$
Commercial – 1 to 3 sessions per week – maximum of 20 participants		680.00 ✕
Commercial – 4+ sessions per week – maximum of 20 participants		1,025.00 ✕
Non-commercial – maximum of 20 participants		Free
Outdoor fitness classes – half year permit		2025/2026 Including GST \$
Commercial – 1 to 3 sessions per week – maximum of 20 participants		345.00 ✕
Commercial – 4+ sessions per week – maximum of 20 participants		520.00 ✕
Non-commercial – maximum of 20 participants		Free
Outdoor fitness classes – monthly permit		2025/2026 Including GST \$
Commercial – 1 to 3 sessions per week – maximum of 20 participants		67.00 ✕
Commercial – 4+ sessions per week – maximum of 20 participants		92.00 ✕
Non-commercial – maximum of 20 participants		Free
Event equipment hire		2025/2026 Including GST \$
MiPRO – hire per event		<b>72.00</b>
<b>Access to power</b>		
Comprehensive events – per day		<b>82.00</b>
Low/small scale events		Free

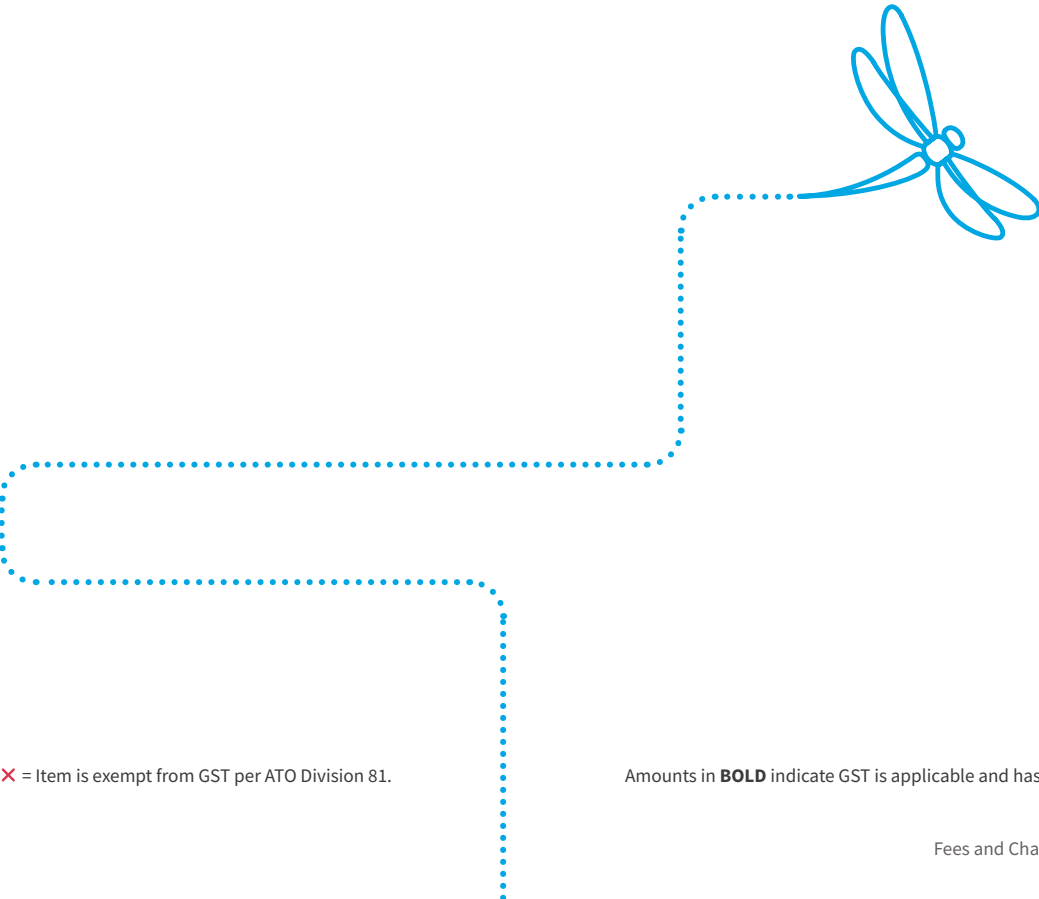
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Other venue hire	2025/2026 Including GST \$
Site inspection for all permits – per inspection	125.00
Access to power – commercial/non-commercial – per day	<b>72.00</b>
Access to lighting – commercial/non-commercial – per day	<b>120.00</b>
Road closure/traffic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

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If works are not to the satisfaction of the City of Darwin officer, additional inspections may be required.  
A security deposit will be charged. This deposit will be assessed by the City of Darwin officer and based upon the scope of the work involved.  
Inspection fee and other costs will be deducted from this deposit at the completion of the work.



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PARKS

After hours callouts	2025/2026 Including GST \$
After hours on-call officer attendance per person/hour (minimum 3 hours)	<b>220.00</b>

Memorials	2025/2026 Including GST \$
Memorial plaque – supply and install on the Cenotaph civilian memorial wall	<b>Actual Cost</b>
Memorial seat and plaque – supply and install	<b>Actual Cost</b>
Memorial tree and plaque – supply and install	<b>Actual Cost</b>



Bundilla Beach Reserve

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# PRIVATE WORKS

## Works permit application fee

2025/2026  
Including GST  
\$

Works permit application fee per application – includes review of all supporting documents such as traffic guidance schemes 105.00 ✕

## Inspections for proposed works as a condition of works permits

2025/2026  
Including GST  
\$

Inspection fee when required as a condition of works permit during weekday **95.00**

Inspection fee when required as a condition of works permit during weekend **215.00**

## Works within road reserve

2025/2026  
Including GST  
\$

Residential works within verge/nature strip. No impact on pedestrians. Weekly rate. Includes skip bins, shipping containers, driveway replacement/alterations – maximum period 1 week 100.00 ✕

Works undertaken by others per day e.g. commercial entities and public utilities, where flow of traffic (pedestrians and motorists included) is not interrupted. **75.00**

Works undertaken by others per day by Government utilities providers, where flow of traffic (pedestrians and motorists included) is not interrupted. **60.00**

Works undertaken by others per day e.g. commercial entities and public utilities, where flow of traffic (pedestrians and motorists included) is interrupted. **125.00**

Works undertaken by others per day by Government utilities providers, where flow of traffic (pedestrians and motorists included) is interrupted **100.00**

Works whereby the commercial entity or public utility is traversing the road reserve to access a worksite on private property per day **25.00**

Works whereby the Government utilities provider is traversing the road reserve to access a worksite on private property per day **20.00**

### Note

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

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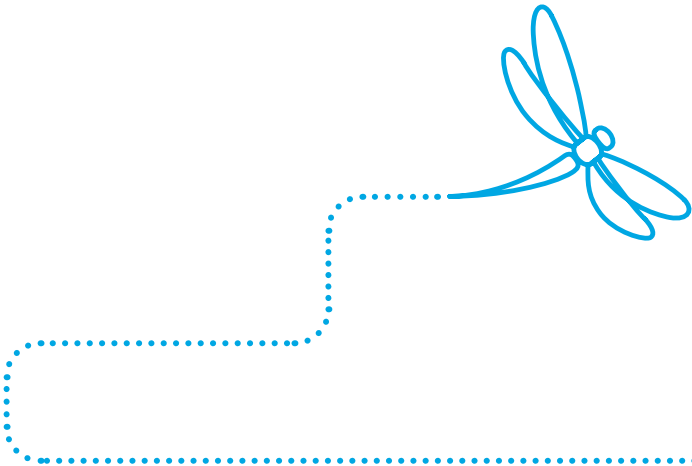
# PRIVATE WORKS (WITHIN ROAD RESERVE AND DEVELOPMENT)

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

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



×

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# PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS

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

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

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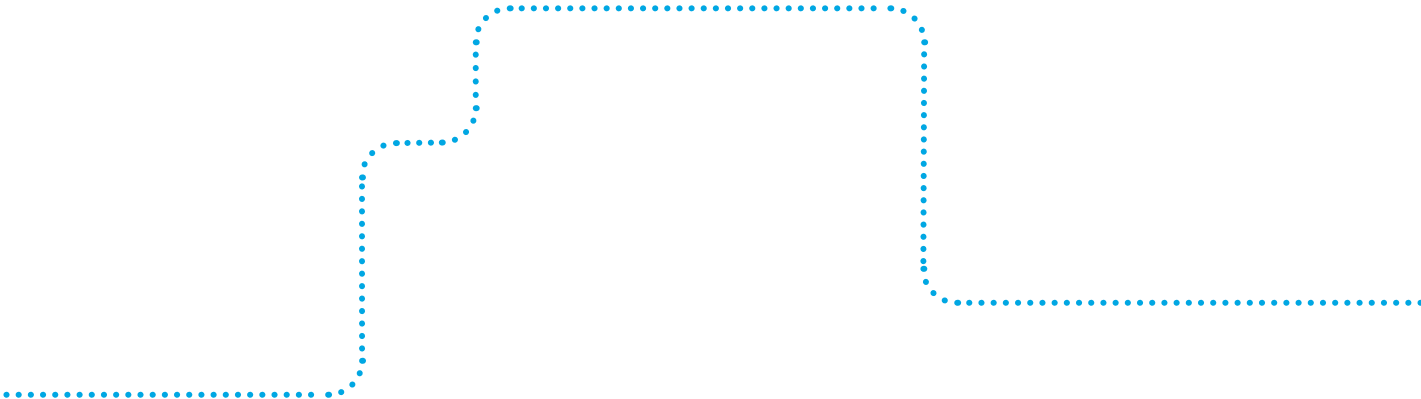
# REGULATORY SERVICES

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

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

**Note**

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



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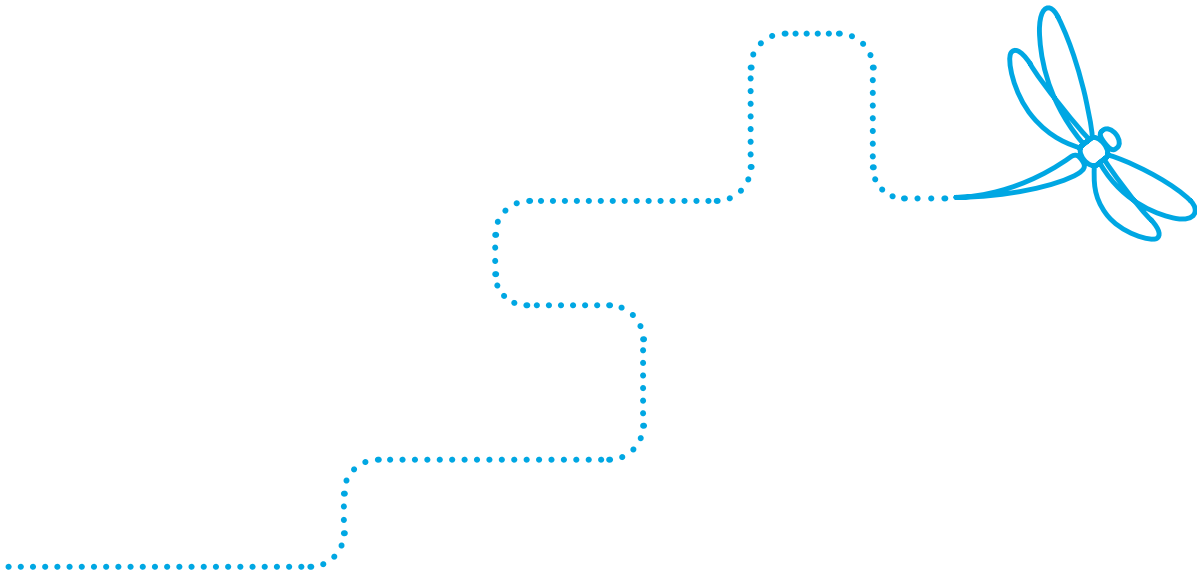
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# REGULATORY SERVICES

## COURT COSTS

Complaint and summons	2025/2026 Including GST
	\$
<i>Motor Vehicles Act (NT)</i> section 118 certificate (proof of ownership)	22.00 ✕
Lodgement of the complaint and summons with the Court of Summary Jurisdiction	164.00 ✕
Administration	<b>87.00</b>

Other direct costs to City of Darwin determined as necessary.



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# SPORTING OVALS

## Sporting grounds, ovals

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

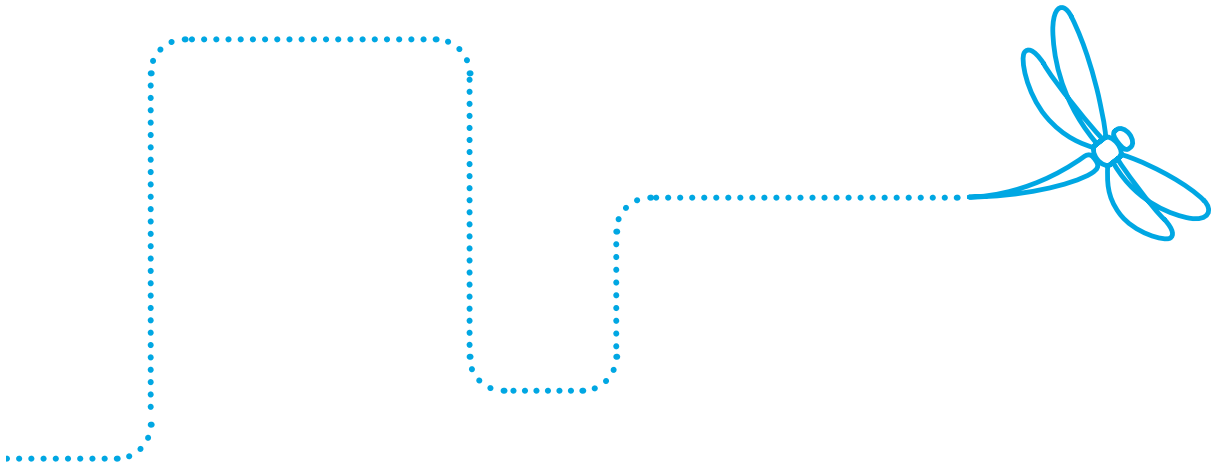
- wet season:1 October to 31 March
- dry season:1 April to 30 September

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

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Regional ovals (Gardens Oval One) Seasonal training and competition allocations		2025/2026 Including GST \$
<b>Training 1 night per week</b>		
Seniors		550.00
Juniors		280.00
Combined seniors and juniors		820.00
<b>Multiple training</b>		
Seniors		1,100.00
Juniors		555.00
Combined seniors and juniors		1,655.00
<b>Competition use</b>		
Seniors		1,075.00
Juniors		540.00
Combined seniors and juniors		1,485.00
<b>Competition and training use</b>		
Seniors		1,725.00
Juniors		870.00
Combined seniors and juniors		2,680.00



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District and local (Gardens Oval Two and all other ovals) Seasonal training and competition allocations		2025/2026 Including GST \$
<b>Training for 1 night per week</b>		
Seniors		<b>515.00</b>
Juniors		<b>255.00</b>
Combined seniors and juniors		<b>760.00</b>
<b>Multiple training</b>		
Seniors		<b>1,030.00</b>
Juniors		<b>520.00</b>
Combined seniors and juniors		<b>1,435.00</b>
<b>Competition use only</b>		
Seniors		<b>1,030.00</b>
Juniors		<b>520.00</b>
Combined seniors and juniors		<b>1,435.00</b>
<b>Competition and training use</b>		
Seniors		<b>1,295.00</b>
Juniors		<b>650.00</b>
Combined seniors and juniors		<b>1,940.00</b>
<b>Pre-season</b>		
One night per week – up to 6 weeks		<b>185.00</b>
Multiple training – up to 6 weeks		<b>340.00</b>
<b>Casual hire</b>		
Per Session up to 2 hours		<b>90.00</b>
Per Day		<b>120.00</b>
<b>Darwin school bookings (including Darwin school sports associations)</b>		
Monday – Friday, 7.30am – 4.00pm only, subject to availability. Bookings can only be made up to one school term in advance.		Free

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Oval toilet keys		2025/2026 Including GST
		\$
Cutting and issuing additional key		<b>Actual cost</b>
Sporting ovals signage		2025/2026 Including GST
		\$
<b>Boundary fence and scoreboard signage</b>		<b>861.00</b>
Nightcliff and Gardens Oval – per season		
Sports field lighting		2025/2026 Including GST
		\$
Oval lights 100 lux – per hour (Gardens Oval One, Bagot Oval, Nightcliff Oval, Malak Oval)		<b>27.00</b>
Oval lights 200 lux – per hour (Bagot Oval, Nightcliff Oval)		<b>43.00</b>
<b>Gardens Oval One</b>		
300 lux – per hour		<b>54.00</b>
500 lux – per hour		<b>70.00</b>
Cricket training net lights – per hour		<b>17.00</b>
Velodrome lights – per hour		<b>22.00</b>

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

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



# TENNIS COURTS

Parap – free of charge  
Aralia Street – free of charge  
Chrisp Street – free of charge  
Tennis Courts are available for use by social players during daylight hours.  
No bookings required – all courts to operate on first come first served basis.

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

# TREES, SHRUBS

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

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

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

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

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# WASTE DISPOSAL – SHOAL BAY

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

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



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

**Note**

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

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

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

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





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**14.3 3RD BUDGET REVIEW 2024/2025**

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**Attachments:**

1. **Statement of Income** [↓](#)
2. **Statement of Operating Position** [↓](#)
3. **Statement of Cash and Reserves** [↓](#)
4. **Cost of Services** [↓](#)
5. **Statement of Capital Expenditure** [↓](#)

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. THAT the report entitled 3rd Budget Review 2024/2025 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council amend the 2024/2025 budget in accordance with Part 10.5 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, as detailed in report titled 3rd Budget Review 2024/2025 and associated attachments.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to present the 3rd Budget Review 2024/2025 and seek Council's approval of the recommended amendments to the budget.

Budget Reviews provide additional financial information to supplement statutory monthly financial reporting.

**KEY ISSUES**

- The budget review proposes several amendments to Council's adopted Annual Budget 2024/2025.
- The budget is balanced, as per legislative requirements.

**DISCUSSION**

The 3rd Budget Review is presented with no change in General Funds and is compliant with Section 202 of the Local Government Act 2019, which prohibits budgeting for a deficit except in accordance with the regulations specified in Section 10 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021.

This report outlines a high-level summary of some of the significant movements and does not discuss in detail all the variations. The report should be read in conjunction with the detailed notes provided in the attachments for a comprehensive view of all the variations.

**Overall Impact**

- a. The “Net Operating Result” decreases by \$1.37M (credit). **Attachment 1 and 2.**
- b. Total Additional Outflows comprising “Purchases of Infrastructure” is a net decrease of \$9.25M (debit). **Attachment 5.**
- c. Total Additional Inflow comprising of Capital Grants and Transfers from Reserves is a net decrease of \$7.88M (credit). **Attachment 2 and 3**
- d. The sum of the above (a-b) variations to the existing adopted budget result in a nil effect to the General Funds (**Attachment 2 – Bottom Line**).

**Variations of Note**

The overall Net Surplus decreases by \$2.99M, substantially due to reduction in operational income at Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility of \$1.6M and a net reduction in capital grant income of \$1.6M offset by reduction in associated capital expenditure.

Capital grant income adjustments comprise of:

- Removal of \$3M Roads to Recovery grant funds and associated expenditure with submission for approval of project progressing with Federal Government. Funds will be restated on approval and recognised as a budget variation in 25/26 FY.
- Recognition of grant funds received of \$1.4M LRCI Phase 2.

**Purchases of Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment**

The 3rd Budget Review proposes a net decrease in the capital program of \$9.25M with \$7.8M transferred to the Carry Forward Reserve or appropriate reserve to progress in the 2025/26 FY.

Carry forward variations greater than \$0.50M include:

- \$3.18M fleet capital program – transferred to Plant Replacement Reserve
- \$2.36M Shoal Bay Stage 2 Expansion - transferred to Carry Forward Reserve
- \$0.69M Better Suburb projects – transferred to Carry Forward Reserve
- \$0.64M Jingili Watergardens Footbridge – transferred to Asset Replacement & Refurbishment Reserve

Other variations in this review reflect budget adjustments for additional operational grants (offset by expenditure), transfers from/to capital programs and operational (due to the nature of the works to undertaken).

Details of the variations are provided in the notes of the attachments.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

N/A

**STRATEGIC PLAN  
ALIGNMENT**

6 Governance Framework  
6.3 Decision Making and Management

<b>BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	<b>Budget/Funding:</b> Detailed within the body and attachments of the report. Adoption of the recommendation in this report will amend the 2024/2025 Annual Budget.
<b>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</b>	<p><b>Legislation:</b></p> <p><b>Local Government Act 2019</b></p> <p>Part 10.5</p> <p><b>Local Government (General) Regulations 2021</b></p> <p>Section 9 <i>Review of budget</i></p> <p>Section 10 <i>Budget for deficit in some circumstances</i></p> <p>Section 11 Reserves</p> <p><b>Policy:</b></p> <p>Nil</p>
<b>CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT &amp; COMMUNICATION</b>	<p><b>Engagement Level:</b> Consult</p> <p><b>Tactics:</b></p> <p>Request submissions of Budget Variations from all Hubs.</p>
<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>	<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>

ATTACHMENT 1						
<u>Income Statement</u> for the period ended 30/04/2025	YTD Actual \$'000	FY Original Budget \$'000	FY Revised Budget \$'000	Proposed Variations \$'000	Projected Result \$'000	YTD v Projected Result %
% of year elapsed						83%
<b>Income from Continuing Operations</b>						
Rates	65,455	78,596	78,596	-	78,596	83%
Charges	8,334	9,876	9,876	-	9,876	84%
Statutory Charges	3,352	2,539	2,544	35	2,579	130%
Fees and Charges	26,401	28,337	32,337	(1,600)	30,737	86%
Operating Grants and Subsidies	6,447	6,551	6,668	74	6,742	96%
Interest / Investment Income	5,153	3,513	3,513	-	3,513	147%
Commercial & Other Income	1,138	2,377	2,377	-	2,377	48%
<b>Total Income from Continuing Operations</b>	<b>116,280</b>	<b>131,790</b>	<b>135,911</b>	<b>(1,491)</b>	<b>134,420</b>	<b>87%</b>
<b>Expenses from Continuing Operations</b>						
Employee Expenses	32,488	42,535	42,825	(441)	42,385	77%
Materials and Contracts	48,644	61,147	63,827	323	64,150	76%
Elected Member Allowances	514	800	800	-	800	64%
Elected Member Expenses	-	12	12	-	12	0%
Council Committee Expenses	10	10	10	-	10	96%
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	26,204	32,524	32,524	-	32,524	81%
Interest Expenses	1,080	3,722	3,722	-	3,722	29%
<b>Total Expenses from Continuing Operations</b>	<b>108,940</b>	<b>140,751</b>	<b>143,720</b>	<b>(118)</b>	<b>143,602</b>	<b>76%</b>
<b>Operating Result - Continuing Operations</b>	<b>7,340</b>	<b>(8,961)</b>	<b>(7,808)</b>	<b>(1,373)</b>	<b>(9,182)</b>	<b>-80%</b>
Grants & Contributions - Capital	2,582	3,500	12,362	(1,623)	10,738	24%
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit) For the Year</b>	<b>9,922</b>	<b>(5,461)</b>	<b>4,554</b>	<b>(2,997)</b>	<b>1,557</b>	

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**Notes on recommended variations:**

1. The increase in the projected deficit in the Income Statement is as detailed in Attachment 4, Cost of Services.



ATTACHMENT 2						
Statement of Operating Position for the period ended 30/04/2025	YTD Actual \$'000	FY Original Budget \$'000	FY Revised Budget \$'000	Proposed Variations \$'000	Projected Result \$'000	YTD v Projected Result % Notes
% of year elapsed						83%
<b>Net Operating Result From Income Statement</b>	<b>7,340</b>	<b>(8,961)</b>	<b>(7,808)</b>	<b>(1,373)</b>	<b>(9,182)</b>	-80% 1
<b>Add Non-Cash Items</b>						
Add back Depreciation (not cash)	26,204	32,524	32,524	0	32,524	81%
Add back Other Non Cash Items	-	1,402	1,402	0	1,402	0%
<b>Total Non Cash Items</b>	<b>26,204</b>	<b>33,926</b>	<b>33,926</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>33,926</b>	77%
<b>Less Additional Outflows</b>						
Repayment of Borrowings & Advances	(10,744)	(4,422)	(11,359)	0	(11,359)	95%
Purchases of Infrastructure, Property, Plants & Equipment	(15,760)	(61,054)	(49,316)	9,253	(40,063)	39% 2
<b>Total Additional Outflows</b>	<b>(26,504)</b>	<b>(65,476)</b>	<b>(60,675)</b>	<b>9,253</b>	<b>(51,422)</b>	
<b>Add Additional Inflows</b>						
Add Capital Grants	2,582	3,500	12,362	(1,623)	10,738	24% 1
Proceeds from Borrowings & Advances	142	-	500	0	500	28%
Sale of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	36,000	500	36,000	0	36,000	100%
Transfers from/(to) Reserves	(40,484)	36,511	(21,242)	(6,256)	(27,498)	147% 3
Transfers from Unrestricted Cash	6,937	0	6,937	0	6,937	100%
<b>Total Additional Inflows</b>	<b>5,177</b>	<b>40,511</b>	<b>34,557</b>	<b>(7,879)</b>	<b>26,677</b>	
<b>Net Increase (-Decrease) in General Funds</b>	<b>4,877</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	4
<b>Notes on recommended variations:</b>						
1. The net decrease in funds from operations and Capital Grants is as detailed in Attachment 4, Cost of Services						
2. The net decrease in Purchases of Assets is as detailed in Attachment 5, Statement of Capital Expenditure.						
3. The net increase in transfers to Reserves is as detailed in Attachment 3, Statement of Cash and Reserves						
4. This is the net sum of all fund flows after reserve transfers and results in a "balanced" budget. There is no increase or decrease in General Funds in the 3rd Budget Review.						

ATTACHMENT 3						
<b>Cash &amp; Reserves</b>	YTD	FY Original	FY Revised	Proposed	Projected	
<b>for the period ended 30/04/2025</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Variations</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Notes</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	
<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>46,960</b>	<b>17,482</b>	<b>10,545</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,545</b>	
<b>Externally restricted</b>						
CBD Carparking Shortfall - Developer Cont.	13,303	2,425	12,284		12,284	
CBD Carparking Shortfall - Rate Levy	17,527	4,660	16,538	10	16,548	1
Developer Contributions	1,910	1,842	1,949		1,949	
Highway/Commercial Carparking Shortfall	57	57	58		58	
Market Site Development	644	660	653		653	
Other Carparking Shortfall	415	418	421		421	
Unspent Grants	604	10	604		604	
Waste Management Reserve	13,171	3,268	8,188	(1,600)	6,588	2
Waste Remediation Reserve	6,390	6,412	7,917		7,917	
<b>Total Externally Restricted</b>	<b>54,021</b>	<b>19,752</b>	<b>48,612</b>	<b>(1,590)</b>	<b>47,022</b>	
<b>Internally restricted</b>						
Asset Replacement & Refurbishment	2,102	3,559	1,430	640	2,070	3
Carry Forward	35,624	245	35,624	3,973	39,597	4
DEC Asset Replacement/Refurbishment	400	-	400		400	
Disaster Contingency	2,525	2,525	2,525		2,525	
Election Expense	478	478	478		478	
Environmental	44	44	44		44	
IT Strategy	4,351	1,206	1,466		1,466	
Nightcliff Community Hall	2	-	3		3	
Off & On Street Carparking	4,011	716	2,861		2,861	
Plant Replacement	8,016	2,885	2,875	3,234	6,109	5
Public Art	171	171	171		171	
Sale of Land	12,693	-	9,508		9,508	
<b>Total Internally Restricted</b>	<b>70,417</b>	<b>11,829</b>	<b>57,385</b>	<b>7,846</b>	<b>65,231</b>	
<b>Total Cash &amp; Reserves</b>	<b>171,398</b>	<b>49,063</b>	<b>116,542</b>	<b>6,256</b>	<b>122,799</b>	

Cash & Reserves		YTD	FY Original	FY Revised	Proposed	Projected	Notes
for the period ended 30/04/2025		Actual	Budget	Budget	Variations	Result	
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
<b>Notes on recommended variations:</b>							
1. +\$10k transfer savings back to CBD Carparking Shortfall Reserve - Rate Levy Westlane/Dragonfly car park count system							
2. -\$1.6M transfer from Waste Management Reserve to offset reduction in anticipated income at Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility							
3. +\$640k transfer to Asset Replacement & Refurbishment Reserve funds for Jingili Watergardens Footbridge to continue in 25/26 FY.							
4. Carry Forward net +\$3.97M for projects continuing in 25/26 FY:							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• +\$2.36M Shoal Bay Stage 2 Expansion loan funds</li><li>• +\$693k Better Suburb projects</li><li>• +\$195k uniforms project</li><li>• +\$180k Movement Strategy project - tied to Beam contract</li><li>• +\$140k Public Lighting capital project savings to expand 25/26 program</li><li>• +\$134k Regional Playground Malak</li><li>• +\$127k Community Energy Upgrades</li><li>• +\$90k LATM capital project not progressing transfer to expand 25/26 priority projects</li><li>• +\$60k Consultant operational expense for grant submissions, military tourism/UPPS &amp; W2E</li><li>• +\$20k CAALC pool heating operational cost in 25/26</li><li>• +\$19k Gardens Cemetery project has been delayed due to setbacks in acquiring the 3D radar machine</li><li>• +\$9k Sister Cities Action Plan project</li><li>• -\$50k transfer out for design of Micromobility lanes on Smith St between Whitfield St and Daly St</li></ul>							
5. +\$3.2M net transfer to Plant Replacement Reserve: \$3.18M Fleet replacement funds and \$50k savings in operational Vehicle Damages budget							

ATTACHMENT 4

<b>COST OF SERVICES</b> for the period ended 30/04/2025	<b>YTD</b> <b>Actual</b> \$'000	<b>FY Original</b> <b>Budget</b> \$'000	<b>FY Revised</b> <b>Budget</b> \$'000	<b>Proposed</b> <b>Variations</b> \$'000	<b>Projected</b> <b>Result</b> \$'000	<b>YTD v</b> <b>Projected</b> <b>Result</b> %	<b>Reference</b> <b>Note</b>
<b>% of year elapsed</b> 83%							
<b>Office of the Lord Mayor &amp; CEO</b>							
<b>Expense</b>							
Marketing & Communications & Engagem	1,119	1,741	1,789	(195)	1,594	70%	1
Executive Support & Governance	1,657	2,020	2,125		2,125	78%	
Chief Executive Officer Section	752	834	1,009	(60)	949	79%	2
<b>Expense Total</b>	<b>3,528</b>	<b>4,595</b>	<b>4,923</b>	<b>(255)</b>	<b>4,668</b>	<b>76%</b>	
<b>Net Surplus / (-Cost)</b>	<b>(3,528)</b>	<b>(4,595)</b>	<b>(4,923)</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>(4,668)</b>	<b>76%</b>	

**Office of the Lord Mayor & CEO Notes:**

1. -\$195K uniforms project carried forward to 2025/26 FY
2. -\$60K Consultant expenditure carried forward to 25/26 FY for grant submissions, military tourism/UPPPS & W2E

ATTACHMENT 4

<b>COST OF SERVICES</b> for the period ended 30/04/2025	<b>YTD</b> <b>Actual</b> \$'000	<b>FY Original</b> <b>Budget</b> \$'000	<b>FY Revised</b> <b>Budget</b> \$'000	<b>Proposed</b> <b>Variations</b> \$'000	<b>Projected</b> <b>Result</b> \$'000	<b>YTD v</b> <b>Projected</b> <b>Result</b> %	<b>Reference</b> <b>Note</b>
% of year elapsed 83%							
<b>Community Hub</b>							
<b>Income</b>							
Animal Management	568	621	621		621	92%	
Buildings and Facilities	205	163	163		163	126%	
Darwin Entertainment Centre		7	7		7	0%	
Family & Children	108	105	108		108	100%	
Library Services	1,557	1,489	1,559		1,559	100%	
Mosquito Control	109	219	219		219	50%	
Parks & Reserves	187	200	200		200	93%	
Recreation	103	120	120		120	86%	
Regulatory Services	1,843	1,421	1,421		1,421	130%	
Roads Maintenance	2,459	2,523	2,523	24	2,546	97%	1
Workshop	53	47	47		47	115%	
Youth Services	45	1	46		46	99%	
<b>Income Total</b>	<b>7,237</b>	<b>6,915</b>	<b>7,032</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>7,056</b>		
<b>Expense</b>							
Animal Management	1,707	1,922	1,942		1,942	88%	
Arts & Culture	168	258	368		368	46%	
Buildings and Facilities	3,310	3,667	3,667	10	3,677	90%	2
City Maintenance	11,903	14,421	14,571		14,571	82%	
Community Development	470	505	586	(21)	565	83%	3
Community Hub GM	441	477	447		447	99%	
Darwin Entertainment Centre	943	972	972		972	97%	
Darwin Safer Cities Program	291	421	421		421	69%	
Family & Children	444	572	579		579	77%	
Library Services	3,506	4,519	4,602	(13)	4,589	76%	4
Mosquito Control	119	406	406		406	29%	

ATTACHMENT 4

<b>COST OF SERVICES</b> for the period ended 30/04/2025	<b>YTD</b> <b>Actual</b> <b>\$'000</b>	<b>FY Original</b> <b>Budget</b> <b>\$'000</b>	<b>FY Revised</b> <b>Budget</b> <b>\$'000</b>	<b>Proposed</b> <b>Variations</b> <b>\$'000</b>	<b>Projected</b> <b>Result</b> <b>\$'000</b>	<b>YTD v</b> <b>Projected</b> <b>Result</b> <b>%</b>	<b>Reference</b> <b>Note</b>
<b>% of year elapsed</b>							
<b>83%</b>							
Operations Administration	1,112	1,300	1,300		1,300	86%	
Parks & Reserves	7,991	9,493	9,533		9,533	84%	
Pathways	2,259	2,159	2,165		2,165	104%	
Reconciliation Action	103	284	336		336	31%	
Recreation	1,478	2,340	2,340		2,340	63%	
Regulatory Services	2,617	3,104	3,104		3,104	84%	
Roads Maintenance	3,309	3,644	3,664	24	3,688	90%	1
Stormwater Drainage	628	1,019	1,019		1,019	62%	
Workshop	1,891	2,347	2,347	(50)	2,297	82%	5
Workshop - Internal Plant Recharges	(3,664)	(3,965)	(3,965)		(3,965)	92%	
Youth Services	448	534	609		609	74%	
<b>Expense Total</b>	<b>41,471</b>	<b>50,400</b>	<b>51,015</b>	<b>(51)</b>	<b>50,964</b>	<b>81%</b>	
<b>Net Surplus / (-Cost)</b>	<b>(34,234)</b>	<b>(43,485)</b>	<b>(43,983)</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>(43,908)</b>	<b>78%</b>	

**Community Hub Notes:**

1. \$24k allocation income and expense additional FAA grant - Roads component
2. +\$10 transfer from Better Suburbs Reichardson Ward capital project into operational cost for CAALC pool heating
3. -\$21k transfer of operational funds from Disability Access operational budget to capital ORD203/25
4. -\$13k transfer of operational to capital for Casuarina Library self serve kiosk expenditure
5. -\$50K transfer savings in vehicle damages budget back to Plant Replacement reserve

ATTACHMENT 4

<b>COST OF SERVICES</b> for the period ended 30/04/2025	<b>YTD</b> <b>Actual</b> <b>\$'000</b>	<b>FY Original</b> <b>Budget</b> <b>\$'000</b>	<b>FY Revised</b> <b>Budget</b> <b>\$'000</b>	<b>Proposed</b> <b>Variations</b> <b>\$'000</b>	<b>Projected</b> <b>Result</b> <b>\$'000</b>	<b>YTD v</b> <b>Projected</b> <b>Result</b> <b>%</b>	<b>Reference</b> <b>Note</b>
% of year elapsed 83%							
<b>Innovation Hub</b>							
<b>Income</b>							
City Parking	3,481	4,304	4,304		4,304	81%	
Development	819	436	441	(18)	423	194%	1
Economic Development	295	260	260	53	313	94%	1
Environment & Climate	50	56	56		56	90%	
Events	30	13	13		13	240%	
International Relations	14			20	20	70%	2
Property	1,236	1,514	1,514		1,514	82%	
Public Lighting Program		7	7		7	0%	
Waste Management	29,674	33,143	37,143	(1,600)	35,543	83%	3
<b>Income Total</b>	<b>35,598</b>	<b>39,733</b>	<b>43,738</b>	<b>(1,545)</b>	<b>42,193</b>	<b>84%</b>	
<b>Expense</b>							
City Parking	3,266	4,770	4,911		4,911	67%	
City Planning	292	292	558	(180)	378	77%	4
Corporate Information	447	507	507		507	88%	
Design	1,223	1,425	1,695		1,695	72%	
Development	222	236	341	35	376	59%	1
Economic Development	13	36	36		36	36%	
Environment & Climate	808	807	851		851	95%	
Events	994	1,039	1,296		1,296	77%	
Growth and Development Services	889	1,138	1,171		1,171	76%	
Innovation Hub GM	458	499	499		499	92%	
International Relations	146	250	297	11	308	47%	5
Property	398	419	419	30	449	89%	6
Public Lighting Program	1,583	2,571	2,571		2,571	62%	
Smart Cities Projects	520	686	686		686	76%	
Waste Management	16,411	24,859	25,373		25,373	65%	
<b>Expense Total</b>	<b>27,670</b>	<b>39,535</b>	<b>41,213</b>	<b>(104)</b>	<b>41,109</b>	<b>67%</b>	
<b>Net Surplus / (-Cost)</b>	<b>7,928</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>2,525</b>	<b>(1,441)</b>	<b>1,084</b>	<b>731%</b>	

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COST OF SERVICES		YTD	FY Original	FY Revised	Proposed	Projected	YTD v	
for the period ended 30/04/2025		Actual	Budget	Budget	Variations	Result	Projected	Reference
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%	Note
% of year elapsed								
83%								
<b><u>Innovation Hub Notes:</u></b>								
1. +\$35k recognise additional income, offset Development expenditure temporary staff costs & -\$53 transfer of income budget to Growth & Development budget								
2. +\$20k recognise Sister Cities Australia grant & Darwin Fusion sponsorship income, offset corresponding								
3. +\$1.6M reduction to Shoal Bay Waste Management fees to reflect actuals trend, offset Waste Management Reserve								
4. -\$180k transfer of Movement Strategy project funds into Carry Forward Reserve								
5. +\$20K grant expenditure offset (note 2) & -\$9k transfer into Carry Forward Reserve for projects underway but not completed in time for EOFY and Sister Cities Action Plan project postponed								
6. +\$30K increase the security budget due new contract and CPI increase								



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<b>COST OF SERVICES</b> for the period ended 30/04/2025	<b>YTD</b> <b>Actual</b> <b>\$'000</b>	<b>FY Original</b> <b>Budget</b> <b>\$'000</b>	<b>FY Revised</b> <b>Budget</b> <b>\$'000</b>	<b>Proposed</b> <b>Variations</b> <b>\$'000</b>	<b>Projected</b> <b>Result</b> <b>\$'000</b>	<b>YTD v</b> <b>Projected</b> <b>Result</b> <b>%</b>	<b>Reference</b> <b>Note</b>
% of year elapsed 83%							
<b>Corporate Hub</b>							
<b>Income</b>							
Customer Experience	49	26	26		26	187%	
Finance Section	383	609	609		609	63%	
Information Communication & Technology	63	65	65		65	97%	
Organisational Development	9	5	5		5	175%	
Risk & Assurance	19					100%	
Workplace Health & Safety	125	100	100		100	125%	
<b>Income Total</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>805</b>	<b>805</b>		<b>805</b>	<b>80%</b>	
<b>Expense</b>							
Asset Management Section	906	1,107	1,215		1,215	75%	1
Chief Financial Officer Section	822	1,377	1,401	300	1,701	48%	2
Corporate Services	590	483	483		483	122%	
Customer Experience	471	796	796		796	59%	
Employee Overheads (net)	(29)	(20)	120		120	-24%	
Finance Section	2,528	3,588	3,588		3,588	70%	3
Human Resources	1,136	1,248	1,304		1,304	87%	
Information Communication & Technology	2,804	3,204	3,204		3,204	88%	
Organisational Development	749	1,481	1,481		1,481	51%	
Procurement Section	249	217	217		217	115%	
Program Management	989	1,378	1,378	(8)	1,370	72%	4
Risk & Assurance	2,333	2,897	2,917		2,917	80%	
Workplace Health & Safety	701	957	957		957	73%	
<b>Expense Total</b>	<b>14,249</b>	<b>18,715</b>	<b>19,063</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>19,355</b>	<b>74%</b>	
<b>Net Surplus / (-Cost)</b>	<b>(13,602)</b>	<b>(17,910)</b>	<b>(18,258)</b>	<b>(292)</b>	<b>(18,550)</b>	<b>73%</b>	

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COST OF SERVICES	YTD	FY Original	FY Revised	Proposed	Projected	YTD v	
for the period ended 30/04/2025	Actual	Budget	Budget	Variations	Result	Projected	Reference
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	Result	Note
% of year elapsed						%	
83%							

**Corporate Hub Notes:**

- 1. +/- \$53k Asset Management materials & services from salaries savings for vacancy support (nil impact overall)
- 2. +\$300k transfer from capital to operational ICT Roadmap project
- 3. +/- \$380k Finance materials & services from salaries savings for vacancy support (nil impact overall)
- 4. -\$8K transfer of operational cost to capital cover minor overspends in Playground Refurbishment capital budget

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<b>COST OF SERVICES</b> for the period ended 30/04/2025	<b>YTD</b> <b>Actual</b> <b>\$'000</b>	<b>FY Original</b> <b>Budget</b> <b>\$'000</b>	<b>FY Revised</b> <b>Budget</b> <b>\$'000</b>	<b>Proposed</b> <b>Variations</b> <b>\$'000</b>	<b>Projected</b> <b>Result</b> <b>\$'000</b>	<b>YTD v</b> <b>Projected</b> <b>Result</b> <b>%</b>	<b>Reference</b> <b>Note</b>
% of year elapsed 83%							
<b>General</b>							
<b>Income</b>							
General Revenue (rates, interest, Federal Asstce)	72,797	84,338	84,337	30	84,366	86%	1
Grants & Contributions and Other Income for Capital Purposes	2,582	3,500	12,362	(1,623)	10,738	24%	2
<b>Income Total</b>	<b>75,379</b>	<b>87,838</b>	<b>96,698</b>	<b>(1,593)</b>	<b>95,104</b>	<b>79%</b>	
<b>Expense</b>							
Contribution To General Funds by Other Activities	(4,182)	(5,018)	(5,018)	-	(5,018)	83%	
Depreciation & Impairment	26,204	32,524	32,524	-	32,524	81%	
<b>Expense Total</b>	<b>22,022</b>	<b>27,507</b>	<b>27,507</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,507</b>	<b>80%</b>	
<b>Net Surplus (-Cost)</b>	<b>53,357</b>	<b>60,331</b>	<b>69,192</b>	<b>(1,593)</b>	<b>67,597</b>	<b>79%</b>	
<b>Net Surplus (-Cost) All Services</b>	<b>9,922</b>	<b>(5,461)</b>	<b>4,554</b>	<b>(2,997)</b>	<b>1,557</b>	<b>637%</b>	

**General Notes on recommended variations:**

1. -\$30k additional Financial Assistance grant due to CPI increase
2. -\$3M R2R grant with project submission progressing, funds not received in 24/25 FY and +\$1.37M recognise LRCI Phase 2 Grant received

## ATTACHMENT 5

Statement of Capital Expenditure for the period ended 30/04/2025 Master Account	YTD Actual \$'000	FY Original Budget \$'000	FY Revised Budget \$'000	Proposed Variations \$'000	Projected Result \$'000	YTD v Projected Result %	Reference Note
05.221060 Swimming Pools Capital Projects Expenditure	48	0	34		34	140%	
05.221061 Public Art Program Capital Expenditure	441	768	575		575	77%	
05.223065 Sports Facilities - Capital Projects	183	400	467		467	39%	
05.235060 Libraries Capital Expenditure	0	0	0	13	13	0%	1
05.311060 Infrastructure Capital Projects	2,455	0	2,212	6	2,218	111%	2
05.322061 Economic Development Capital Expenditure	54	0	60	(6)	54	100%	2
05.322062 Minor Capital Works Program	33	158	131		131	25%	
05.322063 Streetscape Development & Upgrade	447	950	1,703	(723)	981	46%	3
05.322064 Road Works Capital Projects Expenditure	476	0	533	1,377	1,909	25%	4
05.322066 Roads to Recovery Capital Projects Expenditure	0	3,000	3,000	(3,000)	0	100%	5
05.322067 LATM Capital Projects Expenditure	112	630	952	(90)	862	13%	6
05.322068 Cyclepath Capital Projects	379	850	430		430	88%	
05.322069 Black Spot Program	47	0	1,151		1,151	4%	
05.331061 Footpaths Capital Projects	812	1,038	1,038		1,038	78%	
05.331062 Disability Access Capital Projects (W/O ONLY)	0	58	50	21	71	0%	7
05.331064 Driveway Capital Projects	172	231	231		231	74%	
05.331065 Road Reseal & Rehabilitation Capital Projects	618	2,000	2,458		2,458	25%	
05.331066 Public Lighting Capital Projects	712	840	1,438	(140)	1,298	55%	8
05.331069 Traffic Signals Capital Projects	0	53	0		0	100%	
05.332060 Building Maintenance Capital Projects	516	1,066	1,862	(12)	1,851	28%	9
05.332063 Signage & Memorial Capital Projects	0	21	21	(19)	2	0%	10
05.332086 Open Spaces Capital Refurbishment Costs (W/O ONLY)	739	0	4,343	50	4,393	17%	11
05.332087 Civic Centre Capital Refurbishment Costs (W/O ONLY)	3,821	14,100	9,000		9,000	42%	
05.333061 Environmental Management Capital Projects	0	200	115	(115)	0	100%	12
05.333062 Shoal Bay Upgrade Works	330	915	3,160	(2,356)	803	41%	13
05.334060 Stormwater Drainage Capital Projects	807	2,038	2,099		2,099	38%	
05.334065 Walkway Capital Projects	26	126	126		126	20%	
05.335060 Fleet Management Capital Projects	893	3,000	4,542	(3,183)	1,359	66%	14
05.341061 Fencing Capital Projects	0	147	147		147	0%	
05.341062 Parks & Reserves Revitalisation Capital Projects	447	943	1,168	(126)	1,042	43%	15
05.341063 Parks Infrastructure Capital Projects	153	858	858	(640)	218	70%	16
05.341065 Parks Landscaping & Irrigation Capital Projects	206	263	263		263	78%	
05.410070 ICT Road Map Capital	0	0	3,097	(300)	2,797	0%	17
05.431060 IT Capital Projects	36	336	1,210		1,210	3%	
05.453065 Off Street Parking Capital Projects	0	26,000	10	(10)	0	100%	18
05.456060 On Street Parking Capital Projects	762	0	762		762	0%	
05.520060 Smart Cities Capital Expenditure	38	68	68		68	56%	
<b>Capital Expenditure Total</b>	<b>15,767</b>	<b>61,054</b>	<b>49,316</b>	<b>(9,253)</b>	<b>40,063</b>	<b>39%</b>	

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Statement of Capital Expenditure for the period ended 30/04/2025 Master Account	YTD Actual \$'000	FY Original Budget \$'000	FY Revised Budget \$'000	Proposed Variations \$'000	Projected Result \$'000	YTD v Projected Result %	Reference Note
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**Notes on recommended variations:**

1. +\$13k transfer from operational to capital for Casuarina Library self serve kiosk replacement
2. -/+6k transfer of funds from Bundilla Stage 1 to Bundilla Activation
3. Net -\$713k Better Suburbs projects transferred to carry forward reserve due to timing of projects & -\$10k transferred to operational:
  - -\$215 Oval Storage Sheds Nakara & Wanguri
  - -\$40k Trower Road Landscape
  - -\$45k Trower Rd Speed Check Signs
  - -\$20k Alawa Toilet Mural
  - -\$15k Camphor St Verge Landscape
  - -\$14k Rothdale Rd Planting & Landscaping
  - -\$10.5k Sunset Park Parking
  - -\$14k Ken Waters Park Pedestrian Crossing
  - -\$122k Wagaman Oval Stage 1
  - -\$198k CBD Stone Paving Trial
  - -\$20k CAALC heating operational cost and further \$10k transferred to operational in 24/25
4. +\$1.38M LRCI Phase 2 grant funds received 24/25
5. -\$3M Roads to Recovery funds not received in 2024/25 - will be restated as budget variation in 25/26
6. -\$90k LATM Cummins St Children's Crossing not progressing - transfer funds to Carry Forward Reserve to increase 25/26 LATM capital projects budgets to undertake a further priority projects
7. +\$21k Transfer of funds from operational to capital for Disability Access capital project ORD203/25
8. -\$140k Public Lighting capital funds savings - transfer into Carry Forward Reserve to expand the 25/26 program
9. -\$12k surplus funds for Casuarina Library Chiller to Carry Forward Reserve to fund CoD contribution towards Community Energy Upgrades delivery in 25/26 FY (consolidate to 333061 in 25/26).
10. -\$19k transfer to Carry Forward Reserve as 3D radar machine not available until July 2025

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11. +50k transfer back out of Carry Forward Reserve funds for design of micromobility lanes (Smith St between Whifield St and Daly St)							
12. -\$115k transfer into Carry Forward Reserve to fund CoD contribution towards Community Energy Upgrades grant in 25/26 FY							
13. -\$2.36M Shoal Bay Stage 2 Expansion to Carry Forward Reserve due to project timelines (loan funds)							
14. -\$3.18M Fleet replacement funds transfer back to Plant Replacement Reserve due to timing of supply							
15. -\$134k Regional Playground Malak transfer into Carry Forward Reserve due to project timelines, and +\$8k transfer of surplus operational funds to offset overspends in Playground refurbishments							
16. -\$640k Jingili Watergardens Footbridge transfer back to Asset Replacement & Refurbishment as carry forward due project timelines extended into 25/26 FY							
17. -\$300k transfer ICT Roadmap capital funds to operational due to nature of expenditure							
18. -\$10k transfer of Westlane/ Dragonfly Car Park count system project capital surplus funds back to CBD Carparking Shortfall Rate Levy Reserve							

**14.4 SHADING NIGHTCLIFF FORESHORE**

**Author:** Executive Manager Infrastructure  
**Authoriser:** General Manager Corporate  
**Attachments:** Nil

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. THAT the report entitled Shading Nightcliff Foreshore be received and noted.
2. THAT Council refer an amount of \$1,275,000 to the 2026/27 Budget deliberations for the provision of artificial shade to assets along the Nightcliff foreshore as identified in the body of the report entitled Nightcliff Foreshore Shade Petition.
3. THAT Council refer an amount of \$42,500 to the 2026/27 Budget deliberations for the provision of tree planting along the Nightcliff foreshore as identified in the body of the report entitled Nightcliff Foreshore Shade Petition.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide for Councils consideration a report on the costs associated with providing shade to the assets along the Nightcliff foreshore as requested by a petition.

**KEY ISSUES**

- A petition requesting that Council fund additional shade provision, in the 2026/27 budget deliberations, to assets along the Nightcliff foreshore between Kite Corner and The Nightcliff Jetty area was tabled at the Ordinary Council meeting in April 2025.
- A desk top assessment of seating/tables, BBQ's and exercise stations within the nominated area to identify potential costs was completed.
- An assessment for planting opportunities within the nominated area has been completed.
- This report considers the cost of the provision of artificial shade and natural shade achieved through tree planting.

**DISCUSSION**

A petition containing 322 signatures requesting that Council fund, in the 2026/27 budget deliberations, additional shade provision to assets along the Nightcliff foreshore between Kite Corner and the Nightcliff Jetty area was tabled at the Ordinary Council Meeting 29 April 2025.

A desktop assessment to identify assets that are currently not shaded and would benefit from constructed shade between Sunset Park and Kite Corner has been undertaken. Between Aralia Street, Sunset Park and the footbridge across Rapid Creek the following assets have been identified for potential works:

- 21 Picnic Tables/Seating settings
- 5 BBQ's
- 3 Exercise Stations

Costs associated with providing artificial shade to assets varies with the materials, type and location of the shade. Two recent projects of a similar nature have been used for the desk top assessment and the estimate for the provision of artificial shade to BBQ and Picnic Table settings is \$45,000.

Costs associated with providing artificial shade to exercise stations is based on recent playground refurbishments and is estimated at \$35,000 per site.

The estimated cost to provide artificial shade to all the assets identified within the subject area is \$1.275 million.

Further an assessment has been undertaken to identify opportunities and feasibility to provide additional natural shade with 15 locations identified for planting of 25L trees between Kite Corner and the Nightcliff Jetty. The costs associated with these works is estimated at \$42,500 due to the requirement for irrigation instillation.

It is proposed that the cost estimates for shade provision along the Nightcliff Foreshore be referred as a new initiative to the 2026/27 budget deliberations.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

At the 29 April 2025 meeting Council resolved:

**RESOLUTION ORD174/25**

*Councillor Ed Smelt will present the Petition.*

1. THAT the Petition, in relation to shading Nightcliff Foreshore, be received and noted.
2. THAT in accordance with By-Law 12, the Petition regarding shading at the Nightcliff Foreshore be referred to the Corporate Hub for consideration and a report to return to Council.

**CARRIED 12/0**

<b>STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT</b>	2 A Safe, Liveable and Healthy City 2.2 By 2030, Darwin will be increasingly recognised as a liveable city
<b>BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	<p><b>Budget/Funding:</b> \$1,317,500</p> <p><b>Is Funding identified:</b> No</p> <p>To be considered by Council in future budget deliberations</p> <p><b>Existing Position No:</b> N/A</p> <p><b>Contractor:</b> N/A</p>



<b>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</b>	<b>Legislation:</b> <b>City of Darwin By-Laws 2023</b> <i>Part 2; Division 2 Procedural Matters   12 - Petitions</i>
<b>CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT &amp; COMMUNICATION</b>	<b>Engagement Level:</b> Inform <b>Tactics:</b> N/A <b>Internal:</b> Infrastructure and Operations Team <b>External:</b> NA
<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>	<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>

**14.5 REVIEW OF LAND ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL POLICY**

**Author:** Executive Manager Growth and Economic Development

**Authoriser:** General Manager Innovation

**Attachments:** 1. Land Acquisition and Disposal Policy - Tracked Changes [↓](#)  
2. Land Acquisition and Disposal Policy - Revised Version [↓](#)

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Land Acquisition and Disposal Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the revised Land Acquisition and Disposal Policy at **Attachment 2**.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to seek endorsement from Council for a revised Land Acquisition and Disposal Policy.

**KEY ISSUES**

- On the 28 January 2025, Council resolved for City of Darwin officers to review the Land Acquisition and Disposal Policy and to present a revised draft policy to Council for consideration by June 2025 that includes community engagement prior to sale of City of Darwin land.
- City of Darwin officers reviewed the policy against the Strategic Property Plan 2030 and the Community Engagement Policy.
- A new revised Land Acquisition and Disposal Policy is provided at **Attachment 2** for review and approval.

**DISCUSSION**

As per Resolution ORD008/25, Council resolved for City of Darwin officers to review the Land Acquisition and Disposal Policy and to include community engagement prior to sale of City of Darwin land.

The current endorsed Land Acquisition and Disposal Policy allows for the disposal of land in an open market format except where certain circumstances apply, such as where there only one identifiable purchaser or where the total cost of the public sale process will exceed the expected community benefit.

As per the Strategic Property Plan and Framework, City of Darwin officers present a report to Council with a proposal to sell a property. This report may be in open or confidential depending on information and any commercial details. When considering the report, budget and timeframes, Council can enact, as required, a community engagement process in accordance with the City of Darwin Community Engagement Policy, except where circumstances give rise to an alternative process to the open market approach. The revised Land Acquisition and Disposal Policy provided at **Attachment 2** contains exceptions to community engagement in circumstances that give rise to an alternative process to the open market approach.

The results of community engagement will be reported back to Council to assist Council to make informed decisions on disposal of land.

Community engagement will include a notice of consideration to sell, and this will be published on the City of Darwin website and social media at least four (4) weeks prior to the disposal of items.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

At the 28 January 2025 meeting Council resolved:

**RESOLUTION ORD008/25**

1. THAT Council note the sale of public land is of great importance and interest to our community and 'you can only sell the farm once'.
2. THAT Officers review the City of Darwin Land Acquisition and Disposal Policy No.7610.100.E.R
3. THAT a revised draft City of Darwin Land Acquisition and Disposal Policy No.7610.100.E.R. is presented to Council for consideration by June 2025, that includes:

*Prior to all sales of City of Darwin land:*

- *at least 4 weeks prior to Council making a decision, publish notice of intention to do so on the City of Darwin website and social media channels, and*
- *undertake a community engagement process in accordance with the City of Darwin Community Engagement Policy*

*The results of the community engagement will be reported to Council for a decision whether the Council Land will be sold, retained or considered for some other alternative use. Following a decision, the community will be informed of the decision.*

**CARRIED 9/0**

<b>STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT</b>	1 A capital city with best practice and sustainable infrastructure 1.1 By 2030, a number of strategic infrastructure projects will be developed and delivered
<b>BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	<b>Budget/Funding:</b> \$30,000 per Consult <b>Is Funding identified:</b> No <b>Existing Position No:</b> Manager Property Portfolio <b>Contractor:</b> Engagement consultants
<b>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</b>	<b>Legislation:</b> Local Government Act 2019 Local Government Regulations <b>Policy:</b> Strategic Property Plan 2030 Land Acquisition and Disposal Policy
<b>CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT &amp; COMMUNICATION</b>	<b>Engagement Level:</b> Consult <b>Tactics:</b> Engagement as per the Community Engagement Policy, including 4 weeks on the City of Darwin website and social media posts. <b>Internal:</b> EM Marketing, Communications and Engagement <b>External:</b> Community members

<p><b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b></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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# Land acquisition and disposal policy

## Policy No. 7610.100.E.R

### 1 Purpose

This policy establishes clear processes for the acquisition of land, referred to as real property, including conditions for taking control over Crown Land or other open space, and the disposal of land.

The purpose of this policy is to provide City of Darwin with a documented reference to guide its decision-making process when acquiring or disposing of land, which adopts the following principles:

- probity
- statutory compliance
- commercial maximisation, flexibility and confidentiality
- transparency of process
- achievement of specific City of Darwin policy outcomes.

### 2 Scope

This policy deals with all land acquisitions and disposals by City of Darwin, as defined in the *Local Government Act 2019* (NT) (the Act) and applies to all contracts relating to land acquisition or disposal.

This policy does not extend to the disposal of public roads or any interests in public roads, such as permits, as these matters are dealt with in accordance with the specific provisions of the Act and any other relevant legislation.

This policy does not deal with disposal of walkways, which is covered by City of Darwin's Walkway Management Policy.

### 3 Policy statement

Any recommendation to sell or dispose of land must be approved by Council (or delegate) prior to sale or disposal.

The sale and disposal of land must be in accordance with sound contracting principles as per *Guideline 4: Assets* established under the *Local Government Act 2019* (NT) and must be conducted in a fair, accountable and transparent matter that is capable of withstanding public scrutiny.

Consideration must be given to the principles of land lifecycle management, which relate to acquisition and disposal.

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3 Legislative references

*Local Government Act 2019* (NT)

4 Procedures / related documents

7730.100.E.R Walkway Management Policy

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# Land acquisition and disposal policy

## Policy No. 7610.100.E.R

### 1 Purpose

This policy establishes clear processes for the acquisition of land, referred to as real property, including conditions for taking control over Crown Land or other open space, and the disposal of land.

The purpose of this policy is to provide City of Darwin with a documented reference to guide its decision-making process when acquiring or disposing of land, which adopts the following principles:

- probity
- statutory compliance
- commercial maximisation, flexibility and confidentiality
- transparency of process
- achievement of specific City of Darwin policy outcomes.

### 2 Scope

This policy deals with all land acquisitions and disposals by City of Darwin, as defined in the *Local Government Act 2019* (NT) (the Act) and applies to all contracts relating to land acquisition or disposal.

This policy does not extend to the disposal of public roads or any interests in public roads, such as permits, as these matters are dealt with in accordance with the specific provisions of the *Act* and any other relevant legislation.

This policy does not deal with disposal of walkways, which is covered by City of Darwin’s Walkway Management Policy.

### 3 Policy statement

Any recommendation to sell or dispose of land must be approved by Council (or delegate) prior to sale or disposal.

The sale and disposal of land must be in accordance with sound contracting principles as per *Guideline 4: Assets* established under the *Local Government Act 2019* (NT) and must be conducted in a fair, accountable and transparent manner that is capable of withstanding public scrutiny.

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**14.6 NORTHERN TERRITORY PLANNING COMMISSION - STRATEGIC PLANNING POLICY**

**Author:** Manager Planning and Place  
Planning Officer

**Authoriser:** General Manager Innovation

**Attachments:** 1. Draft Response Strategic Planning Policy letter [↓](#)

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. THAT the report entitled Northern Territory Planning Commission - Strategic Planning Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the Letter of Submission at **Attachment 1**.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to seek endorsement from Council for the draft Letter of Submission (**Attachment 1**) to The Northern Territory Planning Commission (the Commission) on the Draft NT Strategic Planning Policy (SPP).

**KEY ISSUES**

- The Commission has provided City of Darwin with the opportunity to make a submission on its Draft SPP.
- The purpose of the SPP is to provide high-level guidance for the preparation of strategic land use plans and policies to ensure they realise the objectives of the *Planning Act 1999* (Planning Act).
- City of Darwin generally supports the Draft SPP but considers it is in the public interest for it to:
  - Holistically plan for strong local identity, sense of place, sense of community and liveability in neighbourhoods and cities.
  - Be collaborative, consider national planning policy, improve whole-of-government governance and help direct funding programs at agreed strategic planning objectives in the Northern Territory.
- The letter of submission includes all recommended amendment to the Draft SPP.

## DISCUSSION

### The Process

The Commission has provided City of Darwin with the opportunity to make a submission on its Draft SPP. In July 2024, Council agreed to make a submission on the Commission's earlier discussion paper called the Strategic Directions Planning Policy. Following feedback on this paper, the Commission has prepared the Draft SPP available at <https://haveyoursay.nt.gov.au/92946/widgets/463878/documents/309009>.

The purpose of the SPP is to provide high level guidance for the preparation of strategic land use plans and policies across the NT. The intent is for the SPP to support the objectives of the *Planning Act 1999* and long-term aspirations for land use and development. Following consideration of feedback, the Commission will finalise, endorse and implement the SPP.

Under Section 81D of the Planning Act, the Commission plays an independent and impartial role in exercising its powers in the public interest, while applying professional care and acting with integrity and diligence.

When adopted as a planning instrument, the SPP will sit outside the Northern Territory Planning Scheme and may possibly lead to future changes to the *Planning Act 1999*, perhaps Section 81N which sets out that the Northern Territory Planning Commission is to decide its own procedures.

### A more holistic approach to Good Design is in the public interest

The Draft SPP's policy statements for Good Design do not promote a holistic approach to achieving strong local identity, sense of place, sense of community and liveability. While the Draft SPP actively seeks to engage with local councils regarding infrastructure, this level of engagement is not extended to the policy statements for Good Design. The Commission's view (expressed in the earlier discussion paper) is that local government's stakeholder role in strategic planning is that of a 'service provider'. The Commission does not appear to recognise that local government is also a regulator, policymaker, infrastructure provider, planning adviser and community representative.

As a collaborative stakeholder in the NT planning system, local government's role goes far beyond that of a service provider. Local government is a democratic institution that plays a strategic and cooperative role in shaping places and liveability. It is closely connected to its local community. Local government helps the community tackle liveability challenges through ongoing engagement, service provision, infrastructure delivery, partnerships, advocacy and integrated strategic planning. Through Darwin 2030: City for People. City of Colour and our emerging Place and Liveability Plan, City of Darwin's strategic planning objectives directly reflect our community's needs and are aligned with the:

- United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,
- Commonwealth Government's National Urban Policy (NUP – available at <https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/national-urban-policy.pdf>), and
- NTG's strategic objectives for local and regional planning and the Planning Act.

It is in the public interest to ensure the SPP supports holistic planning for good design, sense of place and liveability. Therefore, City of Darwin recommends that the SPP includes the following:

- Additional Guiding Principle: *Holistically plan for strong local identity, sense of place, sense of community and liveability in neighbourhoods and cities.*
- Additional Strategic Policy Statement under Good Design: *Strategic land use plans are to be developed with the active involvement of communities and local councils to holistically plan for high quality liveability outcomes and a strong sense of place.*

Consideration of the NUP is in the Public Interest

The Draft SPP appears to have been prepared with no consideration of the NUP. There is no mention of it in the policy itself, the supporting documentation or the earlier discussion paper. The Draft SPP recognises the importance of sequencing funding for services and utilities but does not recognise the importance of funding other types of development. These are significant weaknesses in the Draft SPP.

Endorsed by the National Cabinet, the NUP has been shaped and is supported through:

- whole-of-government collaboration (State and Territory governments, Planning Ministers' meetings, Heads of Planning Group, Australian Local Government Association and the Council of Capital City Lord Mayors),
- First Nations engagement (principles, consultation, equity),
- the Urban Policy Forum (including Mike Zorbas, CEO, Property Council of Australia), and
- industry groups such as the Planning Institute of Australia, the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute and the Green Building Council of Australia.

The NUP drives whole-of-government collaboration and is integrated with major funding programs that will help deliver sustainable urban growth. These competitive funding programs are listed throughout the NUP and will help deliver sustainable urban growth in Australia's cities.

To date, City of Darwin has not benefited from any of the NUP funding programs for urban renewal, thriving suburbs, supporting infrastructure or transport. These funding programs rely heavily on collaborative partnerships to help to deliver liveability improvements at agreed strategic planning objectives.

As collaborative stakeholders and democratic institutions, all three levels of government share the responsibility of ensuring these strategic planning objectives reflect the wishes and needs of the community. The SPP should also be amended to acknowledge that whole-of-government policy alignment enables public resources to be accurately targeted at shared planning objectives and priorities. This holistic, joined-up approach to strategic planning will benefit Darwin and the NT by providing greater certainty and transparency for the community, public sector, business, developers and investors alike. Therefore, City of Darwin recommends the SPP be amended to include:

- An additional Guiding Principle: *Be collaborative, consider national planning policy, improve whole-of-government governance and help direct funding programs at agreed strategic planning objectives in the Northern Territory (NT).*

Support for the Draft SPP, subject to amendments

City of Darwin commends the Commission's effort to prepare high-level guidance for strategic land use plans and policies, is satisfied that previous feedback has been addressed and is generally supportive of the Draft SPP.

While City of Darwin supports the overall scope, principles and themes of the SPP, it should be amended to better reflect and strengthen the collaborative roles that the local and Commonwealth governments play in strategic planning in the NT.

In addition to the abovementioned amendments, the letter of submission recommends several other minor amendments to better reflect City of Darwin's strategies and policies.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

At the 13 August 2024 meeting Council resolved:

**RESOLUTION ORD326/24**

1. THAT the report entitled Developing a Strategic Directions Planning Policy - NT Planning Commission be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse City of Darwin's draft response letter to the NT Planning

Commission, at <b>Attachment 1</b> to this report, entitled Strategic Directions Planning Policy - Northern Territory Planning Commission.	
<b>CARRIED 9/0</b>	
<b>STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT</b>	6 Governance Framework 6.2 Roles and Relationships
<b>BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	<b>Budget/Funding:</b> N/A
<b>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</b>	<b>Legislation:</b> <i>Planning Act 1999</i> <i>Planning Regulation 2000</i> <b>Policy:</b> National Urban Policy Draft Place and Liveability Plan Climate Emergency Strategy 2030 Economic Development Strategy 2030
<b>CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT &amp; COMMUNICATION</b>	<b>Engagement Level:</b> Involve <b>Tactics:</b> Letter <b>Internal:</b> N/A <b>External:</b> NT Planning Commission
<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>	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).





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Dear Sir/Madam

### **Draft Strategic Planning Policy**

City of Darwin appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on the Northern Territory (NT) Planning Commission's Draft Strategic Planning Policy (SPP). We commend the Commission's effort to prepare high-level guidance for strategic land use plans and policies in ways that align with the objectives of the NT Planning Act 1999. We also acknowledge the independent and impartial role the Commission plays in exercising its powers in the public interest, while applying professional care and acting with integrity and diligence.

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## **SPECIFIC FEEDBACK**

### **Guiding Principles**

City of Darwin recommends that the SPP be amended to include the following additional principles:

- ensure planning policies and land use plans support strong local identity, sense of place, sense of community and liveability in neighbourhoods and cities
- be collaborative, consider national planning policy, improve whole-of-government governance and help direct funding programs at agreed strategic planning objectives in the Northern Territory.

### **Good Design**

City of Darwin recommends the policy statements for Good Design be amended to:

- include an additional statement: Strategic land use plans are to be developed with the active involvement of communities and local councils to holistically plan for high quality liveability outcomes and a strong sense of place
- reword policy statement 1: *Consideration is to be given to the local context of a place, along with communal aspirations to ensure land use plans and policy respect any existing or preferred distinctive character valued by the community*
- include an additional statement to provide for the preparation of a planning policy to facilitate the provision of public art as part of the development application approval process and ensure suitable locations for public art are identified in land use plans. As in other jurisdictions, the policy would provide certain criteria such as a percent for public art contribution. The policy would support good design by providing a consistent approach for integrating public art in public spaces and public life.

### **Strategic planning for social, transport and utilities infrastructure**

City of Darwin recommends that the SPP be amended to:

- ensure land use plans for social, transport and utilities infrastructure identify funding mechanisms and sources to secure the timely delivery of infrastructure
- ensure, where relevant, land use plans provide for developer contributions.

These amendments will enable a holistic, collaborative approach to funding infrastructure and help avoid unsustainable financial burdens for local government.

### **Heritage & Sacred Sites and Sacred Sites**

City of Darwin recommends the policy statements on Heritage & Sacred Sites and Natural Environment be amended to strengthen protective measures for retaining significant trees that are culturally important to the Aboriginal community.

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### **Land Supply and Housing Diversity**

City of Darwin recommends the policy statements for Land Supply and Housing Diversity be amended to include a statement to promote housing developments that enable residents to access affordable renewable energy.

### **Activity Centres**

City of Darwin recommends the policy statements for Activity Centres be amended to:

- encourage onsite renewable energy generation, such as solar and geothermal, and battery storage to improve the resilience of higher density areas to climate change and natural disasters, and to support our community's path to net zero
- ensure tourism issues are adequately considered in planning decisions to reinvigorate Activity Centres
- develop innovation hubs to support economic opportunities for our community and future generations.

### **Resilient and Responsive**

City of Darwin recommends the policy statements for Resilient and Responsive be amended to:

- ensure land use plans include provisions for electric vehicles charging in planning provisions for new commercial and residential developments
- encourage the use of plants of local provenance, high cyclone and climate change resilience plants, especially trees
- advocate for incorporation of solid shade structures in streetscapes and use of non-reflective pavements surfaces and materials that do not absorb and then radiate heat.

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 [darwin@darwin.nt.gov.au](mailto:darwin@darwin.nt.gov.au).

Yours faithfully

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## 15 RECEIVE & NOTE REPORTS

### 15.1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - MAY 2025

**Author:** Executive Manager Finance

**Authoriser:** General Manager Corporate

**Attachments:** 1. Monthly Financial Report - May 2025 [↓](#)

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the report entitled Monthly Financial Report – May 2025 be received and noted.

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the financial position of Council for the period ended 31 May 2025.

Further, this report and the contents are required to be presented to Council in compliance with the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*.

#### KEY ISSUES

The Monthly Financial Report includes:

- Income Statement, which compares actual YTD income and expenditure against YTD budget.
- Fund Flow Statement (Monthly Operating Position), which outlines the effect on General Funds.
- Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet), which outlines what Council owns (assets) and what it owes (liabilities) at a point in time.
- Notes to the Balance Sheet, this includes further details on the Cash Balance, Trade Debtors, Trade Creditors, and a statement on Council's current payment and reporting obligations.
- Lord Mayor and CEO council credit card transactions.
- Investments, which provides details of treasury activities, investments as at month end.
- Procurement Reporting, which is a summary of contract variations and exempt procurement.
- Capital Expenditure and Funding, which compares YTD capital expenditure and funding against YTD budget.
- Planned Major Projects Capital Works, provides a high-level financial overview of our major projects at a point in time.

**DISCUSSION****May 2025 – Year to Date Result**

The year-to-date operating result until 31 May 2025 is a **surplus of \$7.3M compared to a YTD Budgeted deficit of \$5.5M** as highlighted in the table below.

Including capital income results in a favourable **\$9.8M** variance overall (as shown in the income statement).

	<b>Actual \$'000</b>	<b>Budget \$'000</b>	<b>Variance \$'000</b>
<b>Operating Surplus/ (Deficit)</b>	<b>9,846</b>	<b>(17)</b>	<b>9,863 Favourable</b>

***Commentary***

Please find below additional commentary for the material variances.

**Income****Total Operating Income is tracking above budget by \$1.9M**

Total Operating Income results in a positive surplus of \$1.9M compared to budget. The variance mainly relates to Interest/Investment income exceeding budget expectations YTD, due to achieving higher average returns and timing of capital projects. Statutory charges which include animal registration fees, infringements and works permits on road reserves are also tracking higher YTD. The increases are offset by lower income than anticipated in User Fees and Charges related to Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility, this is addressed at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Budget Review.

**Expenditure****Total Expenses are below budget by \$10.8M.**

Materials & Contract expenses have an annual budget of \$63.8M and this incorporates various expenditure types. Combined this budget line is under budget by \$4.1M, primarily relating to Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility, variance is expected to decrease with year end adjustments and invoicing, in addition utilities within Public Lighting section is underspent. Interest Expenses continue to provide savings with loan offsets utilised against the variable loans. Employee expenses are trending below budget with vacancies (with offsets in materials and services). Year end adjustments for employee entitlements are expected to reduce the variance.

**Statement of Fund Flows**

The variances are related to a mismatch in the timing of projects and budget profiles, and the reasons described above under operating statement commentary. Capital expenditure and Transfers from Reserves relates to timing of capital projects.

**Cash and Investments Note A**

City of Darwin has achieved 3.57% on weighted average interest rate on its end of month cash and investment portfolio of \$123.2M (excluding loan offset \$44.4M). There have been no investment policy breaches in this month.

The Investment Reports include surplus cash funds that are placed against variable loans. These funds are considered 'at call' as they can be accessed in short time frames.

**Treasury Comment**

In May, at the very short-end of the curve (less than 6 months), the average deposit rates offered by the domestic major banks fell by around 20bp compared to where they were the previous month (April), after the RBA rate cut. At the longer-end of the curve (1-5 years), the average rates fell by 7bp compared to where they were in April, with the market factoring up to another three rate cuts over the next 12 months.

**Accounts Receivable (Trade Debtors) Note B**

This section considers the receipt timing of general Debtors outstanding.

**Accounts Payable (Trade Creditors) Note C**

Accounts Payable owing at end of month was \$1.7M at the time of reporting. City of Darwin recognises the liability of invoices once goods are receipted as received.

**Procurement Reporting**

Under the Local Government (General) Regulations, Council is required to disclose at the next Council meeting and on the City of Darwin website:

- contract variations:
  - where a tender was not required, however the total cost exceeds \$100,000, or
  - where a contract requiring a tender is varied by 10%.
- exempt procurement greater than \$100,000.

**Contract Variations**

Vendor	Supply	Original cost	Total cost	% Change	Applicable variation
.lgiQ	Financial Services Support	Schedule of Rates	N/A	N/A	Exempt procurement extension.

**Exempt Procurement**

There were no exempt procurements greater than \$100,000 during May 2025.

**Certification by the CEO to the Council**

That, to the best of the CEO's knowledge, information and belief:

- (1) The internal controls implemented by the council are appropriate; and
- (2) The council's financial report best reflects the financial affairs of the council.

*D. Saunders*

CEO Signed

19 June 2025

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

N/A

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

6 Governance Framework  
6.3 Decision Making and Management

<b>BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	N/A
<b>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</b>	<p>Part 2 Division 7 the <i>Local Government (General) Regulations 2021</i> require that a monthly financial report is presented to Council each month setting out:</p> <p>(a) the actual income and expenditure of the council for the period from the commencement of the financial year up to the end of the previous month; and</p> <p>(b) the most recently adopted annual budget; and</p> <p>(c) details of any material variances between the most recent actual income and expenditure of the council and the most recently adopted annual budget.</p> <p>Regulation 17(5) Part 2 Division 7 the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 require that the monthly report must be accompanied by:</p> <p>(a) a certification, in writing, by the CEO to the council that, to the best of the CEO's knowledge, information and belief:</p> <p>(i) the internal controls implemented by the council are appropriate; and</p> <p>(ii) the council's financial report best reflects the financial affairs of the council; or</p> <p>(b) if the CEO cannot provide the certification – written reasons for not providing the certification.</p> <p>The report is compliant with the requirements of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> and <i>Local Government (General) Regulations 2021</i>.</p>
<b>CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT &amp; COMMUNICATION</b>	N/A
<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>	<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>



Income Statement For the Period Ended 31 May 2025	2024/25			
	May-25			FY Revised Budget \$'000
	YTD Actual \$'000	YTD Revised Budget \$'000	Variance \$'000	
<b>Operating Income</b>				
Rates	71,982 57%	72,046 58%	(64)	78,595
Charges	9,169 7%	9,053 7%	116	9,876
Statutory Charges	3,697 3%	2,318 2%	1,379	2,544
User Fees and Charges	28,470 22%	30,552 24%	(2,082)	32,337
Operating Grants and Subsidies	6,750 5%	6,597 5%	153	6,668
Interest / Investment Income	5,722 5%	3,221 3%	2,501	3,513
Commercial & Other Income	1,231 1%	1,306 1%	(75)	2,377
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>127,021</b>	<b>125,093</b>	<b>1,928</b>	<b>135,911</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>				
Employee Expenses	35,635 30%	39,327 30%	3,692	42,825
Materials, Contracts & Services	53,123 44%	57,245 44%	4,122	63,827
Elected Member Allowances	622 1%	733 1%	111	800
Elected Member Expenses	- 0%	11 0%	11	12
Council Committee Allowances	10 0%	9 0%	(1)	10
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	29,027 24%	29,814 23%	787	32,524
Interest Expenses	1,340 1%	3,412 3%	2,072	3,722
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>119,757</b>	<b>130,551</b>	<b>10,794</b>	<b>143,720</b>
<b>Budgeted Operating Surplus/ (Deficit)</b>	<b>7,264</b>	<b>(5,458)</b>	<b>12,722</b>	<b>(7,808)</b>
Capital Grants Income	2,582	5,441	(2,859)	12,362
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>9,846</b>	<b>(17)</b>	<b>9,863</b>	<b>4,554</b>

<b>Statement of Fund Flows</b> <b>Monthly Statement of Operating Position</b> <b>For the Period Ended 31 May 2025</b>	2024/25			
	May-25			FY
	YTD Actual	YTD Revised Budget	Variance	Revised Budget
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Net Operating Result from Income Statement</b>	<b>7,264</b>	<b>(5,458)</b>	<b>12,722</b>	<b>(7,808)</b>
<b><u>Add Non Cash Items</u></b>				
Add Back Depreciation (Non-Cash)	29,027	29,814	(787)	32,524
Add Back Other Non-Cash Items	0	0	0	1,402
<b>Total Non Cash Items</b>	<b>29,027</b>	<b>29,814</b>	<b>(787)</b>	<b>33,926</b>
<b><u>Less Additional Outflows</u></b>				
Repayment of borrowings & advances	(11,034)	(10,992)	(42)	(11,359)
Capital Expenditure	(18,812)	(32,924)	14,112	(49,316)
<b>Total Additional Outflows</b>	<b>(29,846)</b>	<b>(43,917)</b>	<b>14,070</b>	<b>(60,675)</b>
<b><u>Add Additional Inflows</u></b>				
Capital Grants Income	2,582	5,441	(2,859)	12,362
Sale of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	238	457	(220)	500
Proceeds from borrowings & advances	36,000	36,000	0	36,000
Transfers from/(to) Reserves	(38,656)	(34,733)	(3,923)	(21,242)
Transfer from Unrestricted Cash	6,937	6,937	0	6,937
<b>Total Additional Inflows</b>	<b>7,101</b>	<b>14,102</b>	<b>(7,002)</b>	<b>34,557</b>
<b>Net Increase (-Decrease) in Funds</b>	<b>6,281</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,281</b>	<b>0</b>

Statement of Financial Position as at 31 May 2025	2024/25			
	May-25 Actual \$'000	Note	FY Revised Budget \$'000	FY Original Budget \$'000
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Cash at Bank & Investments	44,204	A	10,545	17,482
Cash at Bank & Investments - externally restricted	53,375	A	48,612	19,753
Cash at Bank & Investments - internally restricted	70,037	A	57,385	11,829
Trade & Other Receivables	4,197	B	15,770	15,770
Rates & Charges Receivables	8,563		-	-
Inventories	296		300	300
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>180,671</b>		<b>132,612</b>	<b>65,134</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>				
Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment	1,245,891		1,293,686	1,293,686
Lease Right of Use Assets	2,260		-	-
<b>Total Non Current Assets</b>	<b>1,248,151</b>		<b>1,293,686</b>	<b>1,293,686</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1,428,822</b>		<b>1,426,298</b>	<b>1,358,819</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
Trade Payables & Other Payables	1,784	C	21,438	21,438
Accruals	11,584		-	-
ATO & Payroll Liabilities	103	D	-	-
Rates Revenue struck (in advance)	10,161		-	-
Borrowings	2,038		6,084	4,974
Provisions	6,765		7,583	7,583
Lease Liabilities	951		979	979
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>33,180</b>		<b>36,084</b>	<b>34,974</b>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>				
Trade & Other Payables	10		-	-
Borrowings	80,994		75,386	46,925
Provisions	50,236		56,784	56,784
Lease Liabilities	1,460		571	571
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>	<b>132,699</b>		<b>132,740</b>	<b>104,280</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>165,879</b>		<b>168,824</b>	<b>139,252</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>1,262,943</b>		<b>1,257,474</b>	<b>1,219,567</b>
<b>Equity</b>				
Accumulated Surplus	272,235		289,349	325,857
Asset Revaluation Reserve	867,297		862,128	862,128
Other Reserves	123,411		105,997	31,582
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>1,262,943</b>		<b>1,257,474</b>	<b>1,219,567</b>

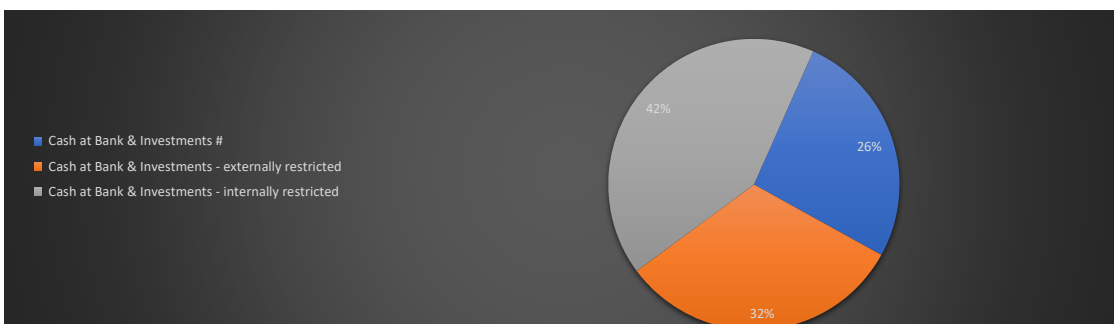
\*Please note that these reports are unaudited management financial reports. Information contained in the reports were current as at the date of the reports and may not reflect any event or circumstances which occurred after the reports were completed.

### Monthly Balance Sheet Report (Notes to the Balance Sheet) as at 31 May 2025

#### Note A. Details of Cash and Investments Held

Investments Report attached, which provides details of treasury activities, investments as at the end of the Month. City of Darwin has achieved 3.57% on weighted average interest rate on its May 2025 cash and investment portfolio of \$167.7M (including \$44.4M Variable Loans Surplus/Offset). There have been no investment policy breaches in this month. The Investment Reports include surplus cash funds that are placed against variable loans. These funds are considered 'at call' as they can be accessed in short time frames.

Cash at Bank & Investments	\$'000
Cash at Bank & Investments #	44,204
Cash at Bank & Investments - externally restricted	53,375
Cash at Bank & Investments - internally restricted	70,037
<b>Total Cash at Bank &amp; Investments</b>	<b>167,616</b>



# Cash at Bank & Investments includes Cash on Call of \$44.4M

Note B. Statement of Trade Debtors*	Past Due 1 – 30 Days	Past Due 31 – 60 Days	Past Due 61-90 Days	Past Due 90+ Days	Total *
Other Trade Receivables and Other Receivables	\$ 2,019,907	\$1,425,893	\$140,536	\$610,403	\$ 4,196,739
<b>Total Trade and Other Receivables</b>	<b>\$ 2,019,907</b>	<b>\$1,425,893</b>	<b>\$140,536</b>	<b>\$610,403</b>	<b>\$ 4,196,739</b>

Note C. Statement on Trade Creditors*	Past Due 1 – 30 Days	Past Due 31 – 60 Days	Past Due 61-90 Days	Past Due 90+ Days	Total*
General Trade Creditors	-\$1,685,236	-\$62,226	-\$32,960	-\$3,651	-\$1,784,072
ATO & Payroll Liabilities	\$103,392				\$103,392
<b>Total Trade and Other Payables</b>	<b>-\$1,581,844</b>	<b>-\$62,226</b>	<b>-\$32,960</b>	<b>-\$3,651</b>	<b>-\$1,680,680</b>

#### Note D. Statement on Australian Tax Office (ATO) and Payroll Obligations

The Council has met its payment and reporting obligations for GST, Fringe Benefits Tax, PAYG withholding tax, superannuation, and insurance for the month May 2025.

\* Please note that these reports are unaudited management financial reports. Information contained in the reports were current as at the date of the reports and may not reflect any event or circumstances which occurred after the date the reports were completed.

Table 4. Member and CEO Council Credit Card Transactions for the Month  
For the Month Ended 31 MAY 2025

Cardholder Name: CEO

Transaction Date	Amount \$	Supplier's Name	Reason for the Transaction
26-May-25	20.00	Paystay South Wharf AUS	Parking
26-May-25	11.22	DoubleTree Esplanade D Darwin AUS	Meeting
26-May-25	12.24	DoubleTree Esplanade D Darwin AUS	Meeting
7-May-25	1.49	APPLE.COM/BILL SYDNEY NSW	IT and Communications
6-May-25	10.00	KNOTTS CROSS RESORT KATHERINE NT	Travel
Total	54.95		

Cardholder Name: Lord Mayor

Transaction Date	Amount \$	Supplier's Name	Reason for the Transaction
26-May-25	20.00	Paystay South Wharf AUS	Parking
26-May-25	2.00	BGHotels Darwin NT	Parking
23-May-25	8.00	BGHotels Darwin NT	Parking
15-May-25	20.00	Paystay South Wharf AUS	Parking
Total	50.00		

**INVESTMENTS REPORT TO COUNCIL  
AS AT  
31 May 2025**

**Investment and Cash at Call/Offset Distribution by Term to Maturity**

Term to Maturity Policy Limits

There have been no breaches in Term to Maturity Policy limits for the month of May 2025

Term to Maturity Category	% of Total Portfolio	Term to Maturity (Policy Max.)	Term to Maturity (Policy Min.)
<b>Less than 1 Year</b>			
Term Deposits	61%		
Business Online Saver Accounts	4%		
Floating Rate Notes	5%		
General Surplus on Variable Loans	27%		
Bonds	0%		
<b>Less than 1 Year Total</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Greater than 1 Year less than 3 Years</b>			
Term Deposits	0%		
Business Online Saver Accounts	0%		
Floating Rate Notes	2%		
Bonds	0%		
<b>Greater than 1 Year less than 3 Years Total</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Greater than 3 Years</b>			
Term Deposits	0%		
Business Online Saver Accounts	0%		
Floating Rate Notes	1%		
Bonds	0%		
<b>Greater than 3 Years Total</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Greater than 5 Years</b>			
Term Deposits	0%		
Business Online Saver Accounts	0%		
Floating Rate Notes	0%		
<b>Greater than 5 Years</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>		

**Investment Distribution by Portfolio Credit Rating**

Portfolio Distribution Credit Rating Limits

There have been no breaches in Portfolio Credit Rating Limits for the month of May 2025

Credit Rating - Maximum Individual Limit	ADI	Counterparty	% of Total Portfolio	Individual Counterparty Limits of Total Investments
<b>AA-</b>	Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd	Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd	13%	50%
	National Australia Bank Ltd	National Australia Bank Ltd	21%	50%
	Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	34%	50%
	ANZ Banking Group Ltd	ANZ Banking Group Ltd	0%	50%
	Northern Territory Treasury Corporation	Northern Territory Treasury Corporation	0%	50%
<b>A+</b>	Macquarie Bank	Macquarie Bank	0%	30%
<b>AA-</b>	Suncorp Metway Limited	Suncorp Bank	18%	30%
<b>A-</b>	Bank of Queensland Ltd	Bank of Queensland Ltd	7%	30%
<b>BBB+</b>	Bank Australia Limited	Bank Australia Limited	1%	10%
	Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd	Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd	1%	10%
	Members Banking Group Limited t/as RACQ Bank	Members Banking Group Limited t/as RACQ Bank	1%	10%
<b>BBB</b>	Great Southern Bank	Great Southern Bank	3%	10%
	Maitland Mutual Bank Ltd	Maitland Mutual Bank Ltd	1%	10%
	Heritage and People's Choice Limited	Heritage and People's Choice Limited	0%	10%
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>100%</b>	
<b>Credit Rating - Maximum Portfolio Limit</b>			<b>% of Total</b>	<b>Policy Limit</b>
<b>AAA to AA-</b>			86%	100%
<b>A+ to A-</b>			8%	45%
<b>BBB+ to BBB</b>			6%	30%
<b>BBB-</b>			0%	0%
<b>Total</b>			<b>100%</b>	

**INVESTMENT AND CASH AT CALL/OFFSET REPORT TO COUNCIL  
AS AT  
31 May 2025**

									FRN ONLY (Maturity Date - last pmt)		% Portfoli o		
Instrument	Institution Category	Counterparty	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Credit Rating (LT)	Credit Rating (ST)	Inv Type			Principal \$			
INVESTMENT	MAJOR BANK	ANZ Banking Group Ltd	30 June 2025	5.19%	AA-	A1+	FRN		31 March 2028	\$500,000	0.30%		
		ANZ Banking Group Ltd Total								\$500,000	0.30%		
		Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd	18 August 2025	4.20%	AA-	A1+	FRN		18 August 2025	\$1,000,000	0.60%		
			14 July 2025	5.24%	AA-	A1+	FRN		13 January 2026	\$2,000,000	1.20%		
			16 August 2025	4.97%	AA-	A1+	FRN		18 August 2025	\$1,000,000	0.60%		
			31 May 2025	4.35%	AA-	A1+	BOS			\$7,742,503	4.66%		
		Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd Total								\$11,742,503	7.07%		
		National Australia Bank Ltd	17 June 2025	5.10%	AA-	A1+	TD			\$3,000,000	1.81%		
			23 September 2025	4.90%	AA-	A1+	TD			\$2,000,000	1.20%		
			18 November 2025	5.10%	AA-	A1+	TD			\$2,035,970	1.23%		
			16 September 2025	4.70%	AA-	A1+	TD			\$2,116,428	1.27%		
			2 September 2025	4.75%	AA-	A1+	TD			\$3,219,468	1.94%		
			12 August 2025	4.75%	AA-	A1+	TD			\$4,000,000	2.41%		
			5 August 2025	4.50%	AA-	A1+	TD			\$3,096,986	1.86%		
		National Australia Bank Ltd Total								\$19,468,853	11.72%		
		Suncorp Bank											
				19 August 2025	5.10%	AA-	A1+	TD			\$2,000,000	1.20%	
				26 August 2025	5.10%	AA-	A1+	TD			\$2,000,000	1.20%	
				30 September 2025	5.03%	AA-	A1+	TD			\$2,000,000	1.20%	
				10 June 2025	5.00%	AA-	A1+	TD			\$2,085,315	1.26%	
				11 November 2025	4.73%	AA-	A1+	TD			\$5,000,000	3.01%	
				9 September 2025	5.05%	AA-	A1+	TD			\$2,000,000	1.20%	
				4 November 2025	4.84%	AA-	A1+	TD			\$5,000,000	3.01%	
				25 November 2025	4.84%	AA-	A1+	TD			\$2,051,781	1.24%	
				25 November 2025	4.66%	AA-	A1+	TD			\$2,000,000	0.66%	
				9 December 2025	4.84%	AA-	A1+	TD			\$5,000,000	3.01%	
				16 July 2025	5.21%	AA-	A1+	FRN		17 October 2025	\$1,000,000	0.60%	
		Suncorp Bank Total										\$30,137,096	17.60%
		Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd											
				23 September 2025	4.80%	AA-	A1+	TD			\$2,194,654	1.32%	
				21 October 2025	4.99%	AA-	A1+	TD			\$3,155,274	1.90%	
				10 June 2025	5.05%	AA-	A1+	TD			\$3,000,000	1.81%	
				11 November 2025	5.09%	AA-	A1+	TD			\$3,162,155	1.90%	
				18 November 2025	5.12%	AA-	A1+	TD			\$3,040,596	1.83%	
				2 December 2025	5.00%	AA-	A1+	TD			\$2,000,089	1.20%	
				3 June 2025	5.00%	AA-	A1+	TD			\$2,026,957	1.22%	
				15 July 2025	4.81%	AA-	A1+	TD			\$2,000,000	1.20%	
				22 July 2025	4.81%	AA-	A1+	TD			\$2,000,000	1.20%	
				22 July 2025	4.73%	AA-	A1+	TD			\$2,000,000	1.20%	
				20 January 2026	4.85%	AA-	A1+	TD			\$2,000,000	1.20%	
				17 February 2026	4.85%	AA-	A1+	TD			\$2,000,000	1.20%	
				14 April 2026	4.28%	AA-	A1+	TD			\$3,000,000	1.81%	
				27 January 2026	4.40%	AA-	A1+	TD			\$3,167,770	1.91%	
				21 April 2026	4.54%	AA-	A1+	TD			\$2,090,122	1.26%	
			MAJOR BANK Total	Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd Total								\$36,837,616	22.18%
			OTHER									\$98,686,068	58.87%
				Bank of Queensland Ltd	17 June 2025	5.15%	A-	A2	TD			\$3,000,000	1.81%
					24 June 2025	5.18%	A-	A2	TD			\$6,154,077	3.71%
					16 December 2025	4.60%	A-	A2	TD			\$2,000,000	1.20%
				Bank of Queensland Ltd Total								\$11,154,077	6.72%
				Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd	27 August 2025	4.91%	A-	A-	FRN		28 November 2029	\$2,000,000	1.20%
				Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd Total								\$2,000,000	1.20%
				Bank Australia Limited	25 August 2025	5.73%	BBB+	A2	FRN		24 November 2025	\$2,000,000	1.20%
				Bank Australia Limited Total								\$2,000,000	1.20%
				Members Banking Group Limited t/as RACQ Bank	25 August 2025	5.63%	BBB+	A2	FRN		24 February 2026	\$1,600,000	0.96%
				Members Banking Group Limited t/as RACQ Bank Total								\$1,600,000	0.96%
				Great Southern Bank	14 October 2025	4.64%	BBB	A2	TD			\$4,214,268	2.54%
				Great Southern Bank Total								\$4,214,268	2.54%
				Maitland Mutual Bank Ltd	10 August 2025	5.80%	BBB	A2	FRN		10 May 2027	\$2,000,000	1.20%
		Maitland Mutual Bank Ltd Total								\$2,000,000	1.20%		
	OTHER Total									\$22,968,345	13.83%		
INVESTMENT Total										\$121,654,413	72.70%		
VARIABLE LOAN SURPLUS	MAJOR BANK	Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd	31 May 2025	0.00%	AA-	A1+	General Surplus -			\$10,000,000	6.02%		
		Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd Total								\$10,000,000	6.02%		
		National Australia Bank Ltd	31 May 2025	0.00%	AA-	A1+	General Surplus -			\$14,663,900	8.83%		
		National Australia Bank Ltd Total								\$14,663,900	8.83%		
		Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	31 May 2025	0.00%	AA-	A1+	General Surplus -			\$19,763,909	11.90%		
		Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd Total								\$19,763,909	11.90%		
	MAJOR BANK Total									\$44,427,809	26.75%		
VARIABLE LOAN SURPLUS Total										\$44,427,809	26.75%		
Grand Total										\$166,082,222	99%		

N.B.

\*INV TYPE - FRN = interest rate is the 'Coupon Margin' established on issue date, this plus 3M BBSW provides the yield for the current coupon period.

\*MATURITY DATE - FRN = the interest coupon payment date not actual FRN maturity date (paid every 91 days).

CBA General Bank Funds	\$1,209,936
NAB General Bank Funds	\$50,079
WBC General Bank Funds	\$334,032
Total Funds	\$167,676,268
Less Variable Loans Offset (Cash on Call)	-\$44,427,809
Total Investment & Cash (less offset)	\$123,248,459
Total Budgeted Investment Earnings	\$2,753,480
Year to Date Investment Earnings	\$4,776,747
Weighted Ave Rate	3.57%
Weighted Ave Rate (excluding Cash on Call)	4.87%
BBSW 90 Day Rate	3.73%
Bloomberg AusBond (Bank Bill Index)	

Trust Bank Account	\$456,675
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Capital Expenditure For The Period Ended 31 May 2025	2024/25			
	YTD Actuals	YTD Revised Budget	YTD Variance	FY Revised Budget Current Financial Year Budget
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY ASSET CLASS:</b>				
Capital Work In Progress				
Land - Under Roads	0	0	0	0
<b>Land and Buildings:</b>				
Land and Improvements	0	0	0	0
Buildings	5,186,192	9,447,586	4,261,394	10,906,466
<b>Infrastructure:</b>				
Stormwater Drainage	812,991	1,161,408	348,417	2,098,908
Transport	2,644,560	5,945,048	3,300,488	8,274,673
Pathways	1,516,030	1,708,288	192,258	1,824,500
Public Lighting	1,566,649	2,870,003	1,303,354	5,780,621
Waste Management Infrastructure	339,933	1,613,750	1,273,817	3,159,699
Waste Remediation	0	0	0	0
<b>Right Of Use Assets (Leases):</b>				
Leased Land and Buildings	0	0	0	0
Other Leased Assets	0	0	0	0
<b>Plant &amp; Equipment, including Fleet</b>	2,249,888	3,855,069	1,605,181	9,795,014
<b>Parks &amp; Reserves Infrastructure</b>	4,054,907	6,321,995	2,267,088	6,899,698
<b>Other Assets</b>	441,099	0	(441,099)	574,667
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>18,812,249</b>	<b>32,923,147</b>	<b>14,110,898</b>	<b>49,314,246</b>
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUNDED BY*:</b>				
Operating Income	6,099,019	11,029,559	4,930,540	13,757,586
Capital Grants	4,179,645	6,575,580	2,395,935	11,675,374
Transfer from Reserves	8,193,652	13,704,258	5,510,606	21,149,578
Borrowings	339,933	1,613,750	1,273,817	2,731,708
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUNDING</b>	<b>18,812,249</b>	<b>32,923,147</b>	<b>14,110,898</b>	<b>49,314,246</b>

\*YTD Funding of expenditure is assumed to be consumed in line with YTD Capital Expenditure



**Report on Planned Major Capital Works  
For The Period Ended 31 May 2025**

Class of Assets	By Major Capital Project	Total Prior Year(s) Actuals \$  (A)	YTD Actuals \$  (B)	Total Actuals \$  (C = A + B)	Total Planned Budget \$  (D)	Total Yet to Spend \$  (E = D - C)	Expected Project Completion Date
Buildings	Civic Centre and Plaza Precinct Development	591,590	1,525,006	2,116,596	44,600,000	42,483,404	30/06/2028
Buildings	Civic Centre Public Carpark/CBD Parking	0	2,932,927	2,932,927	30,000,000	27,067,073	30/06/2028
Buildings	Project Contingency	0	0	0	2,000,000	2,000,000	30/06/2028
Waste Management Infrastructure	Shoal Bay - Stage 2 Expansion Phase 1	268,292	238,937	507,229	6,000,000	5,492,771	31/03/2026
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>859,883</b>	<b>4,696,870</b>	<b>5,556,753</b>	<b>82,600,000</b>	<b>77,043,247</b>	

**15.2 ADVISORY COMMITTEE OPEN MEETING MINUTES**

**Author:** Councillor and Committee Support Officer

**Authoriser:** A/Manager Office of Council and CEO

**Attachments:**

1. East Point Reserve Advisory Committee Unconfirmed Open Minutes 15 May 2025 [↓](#)
2. Reconciliation Advisory Committee Unconfirmed Open Minutes 19 May 2025 [↓](#)
3. Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee Unconfirmed Open Minutes 21 May 2025 [↓](#)
4. Tree Advisory Committee Unconfirmed Open Minutes 22 May 2025 [↓](#)

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to present the minutes of the Advisory Committee Open Minutes for meetings in May 2025 to Council.

**KEY ISSUES**

- The East Point Reserve Advisory Committee Unconfirmed Open Minutes of 15 May 2025 are presented at **Attachment 1**.
- The Reconciliation Advisory Committee Unconfirmed Open Minutes of 19 May 2025 are presented at **Attachment 2**.
- The Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee Unconfirmed Open Minutes of 21 May 2025 are presented in **Attachment 3**.
- The Tree Advisory Committee unconfirmed open minutes of 22 May 2025 are presented in **Attachment 4**.

**DISCUSSION**

This report provides the minutes for the following committees:

- East Point Reserve Advisory Committee
- Reconciliation Advisory Committee
- Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee
- Tree Advisory Committee

Any recommendations that arise from the committee meetings will be presented to Council in a separate report.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

At the 27 May 2025 meeting Council resolved:

**RESOLUTION ORD234/25**

THAT the report entitled Advisory Committees and Risk Management and Audit Committee Open Meeting Minutes be received and noted.

**CARRIED 11/0**

<b>STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT</b>	6 Governance Framework 6.1 Vision and Culture
<b>BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	Nil
<b>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</b>	<b>Legislation:</b> <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> <b>Policy:</b> Meetings Policy Advisory and Other Committees Policy
<b>CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT &amp; COMMUNICATION</b>	Nil
<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>	<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>



# **MINUTES**

## **East Point Reserve Advisory Committee Meeting Thursday, 15 May 2025**

**Date:** Thursday, 15 May 2025

**Time:** 4:30 PM

**Location:** Meeting Room Bidjpidji (Meeting Room 1)  
Level 1, Civic Centre  
Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin

**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN  
EAST POINT RESERVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE MEETING ROOM BIDJPIDJI (MEETING ROOM 1), LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE,  
HARRY CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN  
ON THURSDAY, 15 MAY 2025 AT 4:30 PM**

**PRESENT:**

Chairperson Councillor Morgan Rickard  
Community Representative Lorraine Corowa  
Friends of East Point Helen Haritos  
Community Representative Ulrike Kachel  
Researcher John Rawsthorne  
Fannie Bay Equestrian Club Anja Zimmermann proxy Jurgen Dous  
NT Heritage Samantha Wells  
Darwin Triathlon Club Gary Wall  
Larrakia Nation Victor Williams proxy Kyle Hunt Lew Fatt

**OFFICERS**

Emma Smith (Coordinator Environment and Climate Change),  
Kali Stepto (Business Support Officer)

**GUESTS:**

Charles Darwin University Amy Cook  
Charles Darwin University Dr Mirjam Kaestli

**APOLOGY:**

Birdlife Top End Brittany Hayward-Brown  
Museum and Art Gallery of the NT Kirsten Abbott  
Chairperson Councillor Kim Farrar

**NOT PRESENT :**

Crown Lands Management Wendy Pengelly

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*Community Representative Ulrike Kachel was not present at the commencement of the meeting.*

*Fannie Bay Equestrian Club Inc. Jurgen Dous was not present at the commencement of the meeting.*

**1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC009/25**

Moved: Councillor Morgan Rickard

Seconded: Researcher John Rawsthorne

The Chair declared the meeting open at 4:33 pm.

**CARRIED 7/0****2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

*City of Darwin acknowledges that we are living and working on Larrakia Country. We acknowledge the Larrakia people as the Traditional Owners of the Darwin region. We pay our respects to the Larrakia elders past and present and support emerging Larrakia leaders now and into the future. City of Darwin is committed to working together with all Larrakia to care for this land and sea for our shared future.*

**3 APOLOGIES****3.1 APOLOGIES****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC010/25**

Moved: Researcher John Rawsthorne

Seconded: Community Representative Lorraine Corowa

- Birdlife Top End Brittany Hayward-Brown
- Museum and Art Gallery of the NT Kirsten Abbott
- Councillor Kim Farrar

**CARRIED 7/0**

## 4 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

### 4.1 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC011/25

Moved: Councillor Morgan Rickard

Seconded: Researcher John Rawsthorne

THAT the following member(s) attended the meeting electronically:

- Researcher John Rawsthorne
- Darwin Triathlon Club Gary Wall
- Community Representative Lorraine Corowa
- Friends of East Point Helen Haritos
- NT Heritage Samantha Wells

**CARRIED 7/0**

## 5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

### 5.1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Community representative Lorraine Corowa declared that the views expressed at this committee are her personal views as a community representative and not the views of her senior public servant role within the Northern Territory Government.
- Community representative Ulrike Kachel declared that she is also on the Committee for Friends of Casuarina Coastal Reserve.

### 5.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY STAFF

Nil

## 6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC012/25

Moved: Researcher John Rawsthorne

Seconded: Community Representative Lorraine Corowa

THAT the minutes of the East Point Reserve Advisory Committee Meeting held on 13 February 2025 be confirmed.

**CARRIED 7/0**

*Community Representative Ulrike Kachel joined the meeting at 4:37 pm.*

*Fannie Bay Equestrian Club Inc. Jurgen Dous joined the meeting at 4:37 pm.*



## 7 OFFICER REPORTS

### 7.1 OFFICER UPDATES

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC013/25**

Moved: NT Heritage Branch Samantha Wells

Seconded: Researcher John Rawsthorne

THAT the report entitled Officer Updates be received and noted.

**CARRIED 9/0**

### 7.2 LAKE ALEXANDER MICROBIAL SOURCE TRACKING INVESTIGATION

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC014/25**

Moved: Community Representative Ulrike Kachel

Seconded: Researcher John Rawsthorne

THAT the report entitled Lake Alexander microbial source tracking investigation be received and noted.

**CARRIED 9/0**

*Darwin Triathlon Club Gary Wall departed the meeting at 5:08 pm.*

## 8 MEMBER REPORTS

### 8.1 MEMBERS VERBAL UPDATES

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EPRAC015/25**

Moved: NT Heritage Branch Samantha Wells

Seconded: Fannie Bay Equestrian Club Inc. Jurgen Dous

THAT the report entitled Members Updates be received and noted.

Fannie Bay Equestrian Jurgen Dous updated member on the below:

- Construction of a new horse wash bay is underway, and the old one will be dismantled as soon the new one is ready.
- There is a new weed called tar vine, which is a microscopic sticky seed that spreads quickly. It is unknown where it comes from. Emma Smith will investigate.
- Last toad bust was done at the end of the wet season and they caught 60 toads. The population of goanna is growing as well as birds population, particularly bush curlews.

Community Representative Lorraine Corowa updated member on the below:

- There has been an increase in the number of barking owls, especially around sunset.
- The area of land near to the rock sitters club are slowly creeping back towards the buildings and the gun turrets, also towards the historic military area and needs some securing. Is there any grants available to fix it.
- NT Heritage Samantha Wells mentioned that there is a Military Tourism project where East Point should be part of it, but she is not sure. She will have a look at it for the next meeting. She acknowledged that the erosion aspect is extremely important.

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- Councillor Morgan Rickard also acknowledged that this is an issue in the municipality and coastal erosion is an item to be considered in major project plans in City of Darwin and that looking for other forms of funding from Federal Government is a good idea.
- Community Representative Lorraine Corowa also mentioned that Snap Send Solve app is great. She used it too and notice that the matter was solved straight away.

**CARRIED 8/0****9 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**

Nil

**10 GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil

**11 NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, 17 July 2025

The meeting closed at 5:18 pm.



# **MINUTES**

## **Reconciliation Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Monday, 19 May 2025**

**Date: Monday, 19 May 2025**

**Time: 1:30 PM**

**Location: Meeting Room Bidjpidji (Meeting Room 1)  
Level 1, Civic Centre  
Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin**

**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN  
RECONCILIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE MEETING ROOM BIDJPIDJI (MEETING ROOM 1), LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE,  
HARRY CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN  
ON MONDAY, 19 MAY 2025 AT 1:30 PM**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor Peter Pangquee  
City of Darwin Chief Executive Officer Simone Saunders  
Community Member Patrik Ralph  
Community Member Alinta McGuire  
Community Member Adrian Rotumah  
NT Primary Health Network Jace Berry  
Larrakia Nation David Kurnoth

**OFFICERS:**

Executive Manager Community and Cultural Services Angela O'Donnell  
Senior Administration Officer Karen Long

**APOLOGY:**

Nil

**GUESTS:**

NT Primary Health Network Joline Bouwer

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*Community Member Patrik Ralph was not present at the commencement of the meeting.*

*NT Primary Health Network organisational representative Jace Berry and Joline Bouwer were not present at the commencement of the meeting.*

## APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC012/25

Moved: Larrakia Nation David Kurnoth

Seconded: Community Member Alinta McGuire

THAT City of Darwin Chief Executive Officer Simone Saunders is appointed as chair for the meeting.

**CARRIED 5/0**

## 1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

The Chair declared the meeting open at 1.33 pm.

## 2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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## 3 APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE

### 3.1 Apologies

Nil

### 3.2 Leave of Absence

Nil

### 3.3 Leave of Absence Notified

Nil

## 4 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE

## 5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

### 5.1 Declaration of Interest by Members

Nil

### 5.2 Declaration of Interest by Staff

Nil

**6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC013/25**

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Larrakia Nation David Kurnoth

THAT the minutes of the Reconciliation Advisory Committee Meeting held on 17 February 2025 be confirmed.

**CARRIED 5/0**

**7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Nil

**8 PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

**8.1 INTRODUCTION****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC014/25**

Moved: Community Member Alinta McGuire

Seconded: Community Member Adrian Rotumah

THAT the introduction by Councillor Peter Pangquee to the new members be received and noted.

**CARRIED 5/0**

*Community Member Patrik Ralph joined the meeting via Teams at 1.42 pm*

**9 OFFICER REPORTS**

*Moved Item 9.2 as the first item of business to allow time for those members that are on their way before considering Item 9.1 Nomination of Chair.*

**9.2 NAIDOC 2025 AND RECONCILIATION WEEK 2026 GRANT PROGRAM****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC015/25**

Moved: Community Member Alinta McGuire

Seconded: Larrakia Nation David Kurnoth

THAT the report entitled NAIDOC 2025 and Reconciliation Week 2026 Grant program be received and noted.

**CARRIED 6/0**

*NT Public Health Network organisational representative Jace Berry and Joline Bouwer joined the meeting at 1.47 pm.*

*Community Member Patrik Ralph left the Teams meeting at 1.53 pm and rejoined the meeting at 1.53 pm.*

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**9.3 RECONCILIATION WEEK PROGRAM 2025****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC016/25**

Moved: NT Primary Health Network Jace Berry

Seconded: Community Member Alinta McGuire

1. THAT the report entitled Reconciliation Week Program 2025 be received and noted.
2. THAT the Committee promote and attend Reconciliation Week Program events.

**CARRIED 7/0****9.1 NOMINATION OF CHAIR****RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. THAT the report entitled Nomination of Chair be received and noted.
2. THAT that Reconciliation Advisory Committee nominate \_\_\_\_\_ as the Chair for a two-year term.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC017/25**

Moved: City of Darwin Chief Executive Officer Simone Saunders

Seconded: NT Primary Health Network Jace Berry

THAT this matter lay on the table and be brought back to the next meeting.

**CARRIED 7/0****9.4 2024 REPORTING****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC018/25**

Moved: Larrakia Nation David Kurnoth

Seconded: Community Member Alinta McGuire

THAT the report entitled 2024 Reporting be received and noted.

**CARRIED 7/0****9.5 NT RECONCILIATION NETWORK****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC019/25**

Moved: Community Member Alinta McGuire

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

THAT the report entitled NT Reconciliation Network be received and noted.

**CARRIED 7/0**



**10 MEMBER REPORTS****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC020/25**

Moved: City of Darwin Chief Executive Officer Simone Saunders

Seconded: Community Member Alinta McGuire

THAT the following verbal member reports be received and noted.

- NT Primary Health Network organisational representative Jace Berry informed the committee that this was his last meeting as the organisational representative and that Joline Bouwer will be the representative.

The committee thanked Jace for his contribution and wished him well.

**CARRIED 7/0**

**11 GENERAL BUSINESS****11.1 UPCOMING LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC021/25**

Moved: Community Member Patrik Ralph

Seconded: Community Member Alinta McGuire

Councillor Peter Pangquee noted that currently there are two First Nations elected members on the City of Darwin Council and encouraged others to consider nominating, outlining that Council elections take place in August this year.

**CARRIED 7/0**

**12 NEXT MEETING**

1:30 pm

Monday 17 November 2025

**13 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC****RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT pursuant to Section 99 (2) of the Local Government Act 2019 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government 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 2019*:

**16.1 Membership Update**

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

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC022/25**

Moved: City of Darwin Chief Executive Officer Simone Saunders

Seconded: Larrakia Nation David Kurnoth

The chair declared the Open meeting closed at 2.53 pm.

**CARRIED 7/0**



# **MINUTES**

## **Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday, 21 May 2025**

**Date: Wednesday, 21 May 2025**

**Time: 3:30 PM**

**Location: Meeting Room Bidjpidji (Meeting Room 1)  
Level 1, Civic Centre  
Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin**

**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN  
ARTS AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE MEETING ROOM BIDJPIDJI (MEETING ROOM 1), LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE,  
HARRY CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN  
ON WEDNESDAY, 21 MAY 2025 AT 3:30 PM**

**PRESENT:**

Community Member Chairperson Rachael Shanahan  
Councillor Morgan Rickard  
Community Member Kelly Blumberg  
Community Member Alyson Evans  
Community Member Petrit Abazi  
Darwin Entertainment Centre Melissa White

**OFFICERS:**

Jenelle Saunders (Arts and Cultural Development Officer)  
Kaye Strange (Arts and Cultural Development Officer)  
Angela O'Donnell (Executive Manager Community and Cultural Services)  
Chloe Armitage (Community Development Officer)

**APOLOGY:**

Arts NT Georgia Thomas  
Community Member Abby Dunn

**GUESTS:**

External Facilitator Sean Pardy

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<b>13</b>	<b>Meeting Closed .....</b>	<b>8</b>

**1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN**

The Chair declared the meeting open at 3:34 pm.

**2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

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**3 APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE****3.1 Apologies**

Arts NT, Georgia Thomas  
Community Member Abby Dunn

**3.2 Leave of Absence**

Nil

**3.3 Leave of Absence Notified**

Nil

**4 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE**

Community Member Kelly Blumberg  
Councillor Morgan Rickard

**5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF****5.1 Declaration of Interest by Members**

Community Member Alyson Evans – is employed by Darwin Community Arts (DCA), DCA applies for City of Darwin funding and grant opportunities.

Community Member Rachael Shanahan – is on the Textiles Travelling Suitcase Committee and a member on the NT Liquor Commission, NT Racing and Wagering Commission and the Charles Darwin University Finance and Infrastructure Development Committee.

Community Member Petrit Abazi – is employed by Northern Centre for Contemporary Art (NCCA) which is funded through the Northern Territory Government and the Australian Government.

Multicultural Council of the NT Edwin Joseph – MCNT members apply for City of Darwin grants.

**5.2 Declaration of Interest by Staff**

Nil

**6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AACDA006/25**

Moved: Community Member Alyson Evans

Seconded: Darwin Entertainment Centre Melissa White

THAT the minutes of the Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee Meeting held on 12 February 2025 be confirmed.

**CARRIED 6/0**

**7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Nil

**8 PRESENTATIONS****8.1 CIVIC CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT****RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT the presentation on the Civic Centre redevelopment from the City of Darwin Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders be received and noted.

*Item 8.1 – Civic Centre Redevelopment will be tabled at the next Committee meeting to be held on 19 November 2025.*

*Moved to Item 9.2 as the first item of business to allow time for discussion during presentation of Action Plan.*

**9 OFFICER REPORTS****9.1 MINIMUM FEE FOR MUSICIANS - MEDIA ENTERTAINMENT AND ARTS ALLIANCE CAMPAIGN****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AACDA007/25**

Moved: Community Member Alyson Evans

Seconded: Community Member Petrit Abazi

1. THAT the report entitled Minimum Fee for Musicians - Media Entertainment and Arts Alliance Campaign be received and noted.
2. THAT the Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee recommend to Council funding guidelines and agreements be updated to include clear reference to peak body standards and requirements when employing creatives.
3. THAT the Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee recommend to Council funding guidelines and agreements include guidance on when it is appropriate to engage volunteers.

**CARRIED 6/0****9.2 ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AACDA008/25**

Moved: Community Member Alyson Evans

Seconded: Darwin Entertainment Centre Melissa White

THAT the report entitled Advisory Committee Action Plan be received and noted.

**CARRIED 6/0****9.3 PROJECT UPDATES****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AACDA009/25**

Moved: Councillor Morgan Rickard

Seconded: Community Member Kelly Blumberg

THAT the report entitled Project Updates be received and noted.

**CARRIED 6/0**



**10 MEMBERS REPORTS****10.1 MEMBER REPORTS****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AACDA010/25**

Moved: Community Member Alyson Evans

Seconded: Darwin Entertainment Centre Melissa White

THAT the following verbal member reports be received and noted.

**Community Member Petrit Abazi**

Northern Centre for Contemporary Art (NCCA) has opened a new exhibition Queer Territory, the first significant exhibition of queer contemporary art practice in the NT.

Visit: [www.nccart.com.au](http://www.nccart.com.au).

**Darwin Entertainment Centre Melissa White**

Garrmalang Festival Retrospective 2025 will be celebrating 10 years on Saturday 21 June, including Our Elders, a special hour of curated conversations with a range of Darwin's First Nation's elders. And Dan Sultan will be performing with the Darwin Symphony Orchestra Quintet. Coming up in October at the Darwin Entertainment Centre is a staged work based on Trent Dalton's Love Stories. Visit: [www.yourcentre.com.au](http://www.yourcentre.com.au).

**Community Member Alyson Evans**

Darwin Community Arts (DCA) will be taking part in the upcoming Harmony Soiree at the Waterfront on Saturday 31 May. DCA have begun a trial partnership with the Darwin Fringe Festival, Tracks Dance and Corrugated Iron Youth Arts in 2025 to cohost and facilitate a series of creative industry conversation events Critical Conversations. The next one will take place at DCA on Thursday 5 June. Visit: [www.darwincommunityarts.org.au](http://www.darwincommunityarts.org.au).

**Councillor Morgan Rickard**

Acknowledges this is the last Committee meeting before Council goes into the pre election caretaker period. Thank you to the Committee and congratulations on the new direction and work already achieved.

**Community Member Chairperson Rachael Shanahan**

The Textiles Travelling Suitcase project had over 300 embroidered works returned, with a launch at Government House in July and a new connection with the local Ukrainian community.

Chair proposes the Committee meet informally in August during the caretaker period. Idea to meet at Darwin Community Arts, noting 10.2 resolution.

**CARRIED 6/0**

**10.2 ADDITIONAL MEETING DATE****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AACDA011/25**

Moved: Community Member Alyson Evans

Seconded: Darwin Entertainment Centre Melissa White

THAT the Members Report entitled Additional Meeting Date be received and noted.

**CARRIED 6/0**

*Community Member Kelly Blumberg departed the meeting at 4:45 pm.*

*Councillor Morgan Rickard departed the meeting at 4:52 pm.*

## **11 GENERAL BUSINESS**

Angela O'Donnell (Executive Manager Community and Cultural Services) informed the Committee that the Draft Percentage for Art Policy will be considered by Council at the Ordinary Meeting, on Tuesday 27 May.

Reminder that there is a public forum prior to Ordinary Council meetings, where members of the public can attend to present an idea, issue or concern. They may also speak to an item on the agenda to support or add their voice to.

## **12 NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 19 November, 2025.

## **13 MEETING CLOSED**

The Chair closed the meeting at 4:54 pm



# MINUTES

## Tree Advisory Committee Meeting Thursday, 22 May 2025

**Date:** Thursday, 22 May 2025

**Time:** 9:00 AM

**Location:** Meeting Room Bidjpidji (Meeting Room 1)  
Level 1, Civic Centre  
Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin

**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN  
TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE MEETING ROOM BIDJPIDJI (MEETING ROOM 1), LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE,  
HARRY CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN  
ON THURSDAY, 22 MAY 2025 AT 9:00 AM**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor Morgan Rickard  
Australian Institute Landscape Architects Marisa Fontes  
Community Member Greg Leach  
Community Member Mike Clark  
NT Arboriculture Association Richard Kenyon

**OFFICERS:**

Tracy Bignell (Executive Manager Operations)  
Emma Smith (Coordinator Environment and Climate Change)  
Maya Moon (Coordinator Operations Services)

**APOLOGY:**

Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

**GUESTS:**

Nil

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*NT Arboriculture Association Richard Kenyon was not present at the commencement of the meeting.*

**APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TAC030/25**

Moved: Australian Institute Landscape Architects Marisa Fontes

Seconded: Community Member Mike Clark

THAT Councillor Morgan Rickard is appointed as chair for the meeting.

**CARRIED 4/0****1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN**

The Chair declared the meeting open at 9:02 am.

**2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

*City of Darwin acknowledges that we are living and working on Larrakia Country. We acknowledge the Larrakia people as the Traditional Owners of the Darwin region. We pay our respects to the Larrakia elders past and present and support emerging Larrakia leaders now and into the future. City of Darwin is committed to working together with all Larrakia to care for this land and sea for our shared future.*

**3 APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE****3.1 Apologies**

Chairperson Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

**3.2 Leave of Absence**

Nil

**3.3 Leave of Absence Notified**

Nil

**4 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE**

Community Member Greg Leach

**5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF****5.1 Declaration of Interest by Members**

Nil

**5.2 Declaration of Interest by Staff**

Nil

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**6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TAC031/25**

Moved: Community Member Greg Leach

Seconded: Australian Institute Landscape Architects Marisa Fontes

THAT the minutes of the Tree Advisory Committee Meeting held on 28 November 2024 be confirmed.

**CARRIED 4/0****7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Nil

**8 PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

**9 OFFICER REPORTS**

Nil

**10 MEMBER REPORTS**

Nil

**11 GENERAL BUSINESS****11.1 ORGANISATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE - PARKS AND WILDLIFE****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TAC032/25**

Moved: Councillor Morgan Rickard

Seconded: Community Member Mike Clark

THAT the Committee were notified that Bryan Harty has resigned from the position as he has retired from the Darwin Botanical Gardens.

**CARRIED 4/0****12 NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, 27 November 2025

**13 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

The Chair declared the meeting closed to the public at 9:06 am.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT pursuant to Section 99 (2) of the Local Government Act 2019 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government 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 2019*:

**16.1 Draft Road Verge Planting Policy**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(e) - subject to subregulation 51(3) – information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.

**16.2 10 Year Planting Plan - Proposed Scope**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(e) - subject to subregulation 51(3) – information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.



**16 CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil

**17 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES****18 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS****19 GENERAL BUSINESS****20 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 29 July 2025, at 5:30pm (Open Section followed by the Confidential Section), Council Chambers Darrandirra, Level 1, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin.

## **21 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

THAT pursuant to Section 99 (2) of the Local Government Act 2019 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government 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 2019*:

**28.1 Integrated Art and Design - New Civic Centre**

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.

**28.2 Environment and Climate Change Grants 2025/26**

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.

**28.3 Unclaimed Money Policy**

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.

**28.4 Disbursements - Persons Authorised**

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

**28.5 Darwin City Hotel Proposed Drop Off Zone - Shadforth Lane**

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.

**28.6 Northern Territory Government Road Works**

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.

**28.7 Proposed 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.

**28.8 Kerbside Collections and Recyclables Processing Review**

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.

#### **29.1 General Rates in Arrears For More Than Two Years**

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.

#### **29.2 Civic Centre Project Update**

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

#### **29.3 Programming Update - Community Inclusion**

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.

#### **29.4 Advisory Committee Confidential Meeting Minutes**

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.

**22      ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON**

# Minutes

## Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday, 27 May 2025

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, 27 MAY 2025 AT 5:30PM**

**PRESENT:**

Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer (Chair)  
Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris  
Councillor Kim Farrar  
Councillor Mirella Fejo  
Councillor Sylvia Klonaris  
Councillor Peter Pangquee  
Councillor Morgan Rickard  
Councillor Ed Smelt  
Councillor Amye Un  
Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe  
Councillor Sam Weston

**OFFICERS**

Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders  
General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr  
General Manager Corporate, Natalie Williamson  
General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy

**APOLOGY:**

Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis  
Councillor Vim Sharma

**GUESTS:**

Nicole Brown – Following in Their Footsteps

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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 ORD217/25

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5:32 pm.

**CARRIED 11/0**

## 4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

### 4.1 APOLOGIES

### RESOLUTION ORD218/25

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT the apology from Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis and Councillor Vim Sharma, be received.

**CARRIED 11/0**

### 4.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

Nil

### 4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED

**RESOLUTION ORD219/25**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

1. THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis for the period 24 June 2025.
2. THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris for the period 24 June 2025.
3. THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for Councillor Peter Pangquee for the period 24 June 2025.

**CARRIED 11/0**

**5 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE****5.1 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE GRANTED****RESOLUTION ORD220/25**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 95 (3) of the *Local Government Act 2019*, the following Councillor(s) was granted permission for Electronic Meeting Attendance:

- Amye Un
- Kim Farrar

**CARRIED 11/0**

**5.2 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE REQUESTED**

Nil

## 6 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

### 6.1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

#### RESOLUTION ORD221/25

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 114 and 115 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Councillor Mirella Fejo declared a Conflict of Interest in Item 28.5 Proposal for Land.
2. THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 114 and 115 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Councillor Sam Weston, declared a Conflict of Interest in Item 14.4 Darwin RSL Sub Branch Plaque Proposal at the Eternal Flame.
3. THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 114 and 115 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Councillor Kim Farrar, declared a Conflict of Interest in Item 28.4 2025/26 Out of Round Sponsorship Application.

**CARRIED 11/0**

### 6.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY STAFF

Nil

## 7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

#### RESOLUTION ORD222/25

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Mirella Fejo

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 April 2025 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****28.1 DRAFT ACCESS STRATEGY 2025-2030****RESOLUTION ORD250/25**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Mirella Fejo

1. THAT the report entitled Draft Access Strategy 2025-2030 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the text version of the Draft Access Strategy 2025-2030 at **Attachment 1**.
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**

**28.3 PARAP POOL TRAINING FACILITY****MOTION**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

1. THAT the report entitled Parap Pool Training Facility be received and noted.
2. THAT Council provide approval for Swimming NT to construct a training facility at Parap Pool, subject to the following:
  - (a) That a City of Darwin representative be part of the Project Control Group.
  - (b) That appropriate approvals for construction and certification requirements are obtained for the building and connecting pathway.
  - (c) That on practical completion and certification of the building, the training facility at Parap Pool become an asset of City of Darwin and that a property agreement is established with Swimming NT for use of the facility.
3. THAT Council refer an amount of \$2,500 for the maintenance of the Parap Pool Training Facility to the 2026/27 Budget deliberations.
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.

**AMENDMENT****RESOLUTION ORD252/25**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled Parap Pool Training Facility be received and noted.
2. THAT Council provide approval for Swimming NT to construct a training facility at Parap Pool, subject to the following:

<p>(a) That a City of Darwin representative be part of the Project Control Group.</p> <p>(b) That appropriate approvals for construction and certification requirements are obtained for the building and connecting pathway.</p> <p>(c) That on practical completion and certification of the building, the training facility at Parap Pool become an asset of City of Darwin and that a property agreement is established with Swimming NT for use of the facility.</p> <p>3. THAT Council advocate to Swimming NT for the inclusion of an accessible toilet within the new project in a future stage.</p> <p>4. THAT Council refer an amount of \$2,500 for the maintenance of the Parap Pool Training Facility to the 2026/27 Budget deliberations.</p> <p>5. 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.</p> <p>6. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.</p> <p><u>In Favour:</u> Members Jimmy Bouhoris, Kim Farrar, Mirella Fejo, Sylvia Klonaris, Morgan Rickard, Ed Smelt and Rebecca Want de Rowe</p> <p><u>Against:</u> Members Mick Palmer, Peter Pangquee, Amye Un and Sam Weston</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED 7/4</b></p>
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<p><b>RESOLUTION ORD253/25</b></p> <p>Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris</p> <p>1. THAT the report entitled Parap Pool Training Facility be received and noted.</p> <p>2. THAT Council provide approval for Swimming NT to construct a training facility at Parap Pool, subject to the following:</p> <p>(a) That a City of Darwin representative be part of the Project Control Group.</p> <p>(b) That appropriate approvals for construction and certification requirements are obtained for the building and connecting pathway.</p> <p>(c) That on practical completion and certification of the building, the training facility at Parap Pool become an asset of City of Darwin and that a property agreement is established with Swimming NT for use of the facility.</p> <p>3. THAT Council advocate to Swimming NT for the inclusion of an accessible toilet within the new project in a future stage.</p> <p>4. THAT Council refer an amount of \$2,500 for the maintenance of the Parap Pool Training Facility to the 2026/27 Budget deliberations.</p> <p>5. 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.</p> <p>6. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED 11/0</b></p>
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<p><b>28.4 2025/26 OUT OF ROUND SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION</b></p> <p><b>RESOLUTION ORD254/25</b></p> <p>Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris</p>
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Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer

1. THAT the report entitled 2025/26 Out of Round Sponsorship Application be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve sponsorship of \$40,000 cash and \$2,000 in-kind support to be provided to the Christmas in Darwin Association for 2025/26 and \$35,000 cash and \$2,000 in-kind for 2026/27.
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 10/0**

## **28.5 PROPOSAL FOR LAND**

### **MOTION**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer

1. THAT the report entitled Proposal for Land be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the letter available at **Attachment 2**.
3. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 40 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to negotiate deeds of agreement as per the details in this report.
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.

### **AMENDMENT**

#### **RESOLUTION ORD255/25**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

1. THAT the report entitled Proposal for Land be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the letter available at **Attachment 2**, with the option for freehold position to be removed.
3. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 40 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to negotiate deeds of agreement as per the details in this report.
4. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
5. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

**CARRIED 10/0**

### **AMENDMENT**

**RESOLUTION ORD256/25**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled Proposal for Land be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the letter available at **Attachment 2**, with the option for freehold position to be removed.
3. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 40 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to negotiate deeds of agreement as per the details in this report, and in accordance with **Attachment 2**.
4. THAT a further report be returned to Council with the outcome.
5. 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*.
6. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

**CARRIED 10/0****RESOLUTION ORD257/25**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled Proposal for Land be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the letter available at **Attachment 2**, with the option for freehold position to be removed.
3. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 40 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to negotiate deeds of agreement as per the details in this report, and in accordance with **Attachment 2**.
4. THAT a further report be returned to Council with the outcome.
5. 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*.
6. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

In Favour: Members Jimmy Bouhoris, Kim Farrar, Sylvia Klonaris, Mick Palmer, Peter Pangquee, Amye Un, Rebecca Want de Rowe and Sam Weston

Against: Members Morgan Rickard and Ed Smelt

**CARRIED 8/2****28.7 COMMUNITY GRANTS ROUND 1 AND NAIDOC 2025 RECONCILIATION WEEK 2026 PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS 2025/26****RESOLUTION ORD261/25**

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Mirella Fejo

1. THAT the report entitled Community Grants Round 1 and NAIDOC 2025 Reconciliation Week 2026 Program Recommendations 2025/26 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve the following eight projects for funding in the Community Grants



## Program Round 1 2025/26, for a total of \$50,000.

	Applicant	Activity	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
1	Disability Sports Northern Territory	Abilities Unleashed Multi Sports Day: A series of sport days that offer individuals with disabilities the chance to engage in a variety of sports in an inclusive, safe, and fun environment.	\$3,500	\$3,500
2	Playgroup association of the Northern Territory	St Johns Caring for Kids First Aid Course for Families: Playgroup NT together with St John's will hold a Caring for Kids First Aid course at Marrara Playgroup House. This course is designed to equip parents and carers with basic first aid knowledge specific to children up to the age of seven.	\$3,680	\$3,680
3	Top End Pride	40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Family Day: An event in Raintree Park to celebrate 40 years of Pride in the NT. This milestone event will include guest speakers, entertainment, community health services and other activities.	\$10,000	\$10,000
4	Brother to Another LTD	Brother to Another Holiday Program: A comprehensive school holiday program during the late June/ July school holidays with a broad range of wellbeing activities for young people (8-24 yrs old) facing vulnerabilities and/ or at risk of the Youth Justice and Out of Home Care systems.	\$9,500	\$9,500
5	Bus Stop Films	Inclusive Filming and Showcase Darwin: An event to showcase the film project created through the Accessible Filmmaking Program that supports young adults with intellectual disability or autism to learn filmmaking skills in a supportive environment.	\$10,000	\$10,000
6	Darwin Triathlon Club	International Men's Day Multi Sport event: A Multi-sport event to celebrate International Men's Day, followed by BBQ with resources provided to support men's mental health.	\$4,250	\$4,250
7	NT Cricket	2025 Multicultural Cup: A Cricket Cup where local multicultural grassroots cricket teams represent their cultural communities and countries of origin to celebrate a shared passion for cricket, culture and community.	\$7,500	\$7,000
8	Speedcubing Australia Inc	NT Rubik's Cube Championship: A competition in solving twisty puzzles	\$2,599	\$2,070

		of various shapes and sizes, including the Rubik's Cube. The event will focus on the social aspect of competitions, bringing many like-minded people together to connect, help each other, and provide support.		
3. THAT Council approve the following six projects for funding in the NAIDOC 2025 Reconciliation Week 2026 for a total of \$50,000.				
	Applicant	Activity	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
1	CAAPS AC	Community Cultural and Family Fun Days for NAIDOC Week 2025 and Reconciliation Week 2026: These days will also serve as a Mini-Expo for the Darwin NT ATSI/ACCO Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD), Mental Health and Wellbeing (MHWB), Homelessness, Family Support and other Human Service providers to provide at-risk people with culturally appropriate celebrations and access to assistance to navigate Human Services.	\$10,000	\$10,000
2	TRACKS Care Pty Ltd	Next Gen on TRACK: NAIDOC Leadership & Career Breakfast: A leadership and career breakfast during NAIDOC Week 2025, aligning with this year's NAIDOC theme, "The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy." This event will empower the next generation of Indigenous leaders, including those with disability, by fostering career development, cultural pride, and meaningful connections with employers and mentors.	\$5,000	\$5,000
3	North Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Service	2025 First Nations Future Leaders Gathering: A First Nations future leaders gathering, panel discussion and networking event for the Greater Darwin region that celebrates the achievements of young leaders and everyday heroes who are working tirelessly, often as quiet achievers, to shape the future for Indigenous people.	\$9,518	\$9,518
4	Yilli Rreung Housing Aboriginal Corporation	NAIDOC @ YISSA: A Family Fun Day which will include Larrakia Welcome To Country, a smoking ceremony, Children's Activities, Arts and Craft, Story Telling, with a quiet area for elders to tell stories and share their knowledge, and a lunch for 600	\$10,000	\$10,000

		people.			
5	Deadly Enterprises Pty Ltd Trading As Deadly Vision Centre	Deadly Cup Rugby League Carnival 2025: The Deadly Cup Rugby League Carnival is a free community health promotion event and is one of the largest NAIDOC Week celebrations in the Northern Territory.	\$10,000	\$9,000	
6	Xhale Events	Threads & Yarns: A sewing workshop for First Nations women to come together, celebrate culture, and learn new skills. Held during NAIDOC Week 2025, this initiative will provide a safe, supportive space for participants to engage in a culturally enriching experience while learning to sew skirts using Northern Territory Aboriginal fabrics.	\$9,700	\$6,482	

4. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
5. THAT the documents remain confidential, and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

**CARRIED 10/0**

## 29.1 ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND RISK MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT COMMITTEE CONFIDENTIAL MEETING MINUTES

### RESOLUTION ORD262/25

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Morgan Rickard

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

**CARRIED 10/0**

## 29.2 ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES - DRAFT MUNICIPAL PLAN 2025/26

### RESOLUTION ORD263/25

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe

1. THAT the report entitled Engagement Outcomes – Draft Municipal Plan 2025/26 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 this report and attachments and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

**CARRIED 10/0**

## **9 MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE / LORD MAYORAL MINUTE**

Nil

## **10 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Nil

## **11 PETITIONS**

### **11.1 PETITION**

#### **RESOLUTION ORD223/25**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Ed Smelt

Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer will present the Petition.

1. THAT the Petition, in relation to the Community Gardens, be received and noted.
2. THAT in accordance with By-Law 12, the Petition regarding Community Gardens be referred to the Innovation Hub's, Growth and Economic Development Team for consideration.

**CARRIED 11/0**

## **12 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS**

### **12.1 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS**

#### **RESOLUTION ORD224/25**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

1. THAT the Welcome to Country delivered by Nicole Brown, be received and noted.
2. THAT the performance by the Darwin Beach Choir, be received and noted.

**CARRIED 11/0**

## **13 NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

## 14 ACTION REPORTS

### 14.1 NOMINATION TO THE NORTHERN TERRITORY PLACE NAMES COMMITTEE

#### RESOLUTION ORD225/25

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

1. THAT the report entitled Nomination to the Northern Territory Place Names Committee be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the nomination of Councillor Mirella Fejo to LGANT as the representative on the Northern Territory Place Names Committee.

**CARRIED 11/0**

### 14.2 NOMINATION TO THE NORTHERN TERRITORY SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

#### RESOLUTION ORD226/25

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Mirella Fejo

1. THAT the report entitled Nomination to the Northern Territory Subdivision Development Guidelines Management Committee be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the nomination of Alice Percy to LGANT as the representative on the Northern Territory Subdivision Development Guidelines Management Committee.

**CARRIED 11/0**

### 14.3 PERCENTAGE FOR ARTS POLICY

#### RESOLUTION ORD227/25

Moved: Councillor Morgan Rickard

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

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

**CARRIED 11/0**

*Councillor Sam Weston departed the meeting at 5:56 pm due to a declared conflict of interest.*

**14.4 DARWIN RSL SUB BRANCH PLAQUE PROPOSAL AT THE ETERNAL FLAME****RESOLUTION ORD228/25**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

1. THAT the report entitled Darwin RSL Sub Branch Plaque Proposal at the Eternal Flame be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve the installation of a plaque at the Eternal Flame.
3. THAT Council note that Darwin RSL Sub Branch will be responsible for the costs of production and installation of the plaque.

**CARRIED 9/1**

*Councillor Sam Weston re-joined the meeting at 5:59 pm.*

**14.5 REVIEW OF FEES AND CHARGES POLICY****RESOLUTION ORD229/25**

Moved: Councillor Mirella Fejo

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Fees and Charges Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopts the revised Fees and Charges Policy No. 0019.100.E.R at **Attachment 2**.

**CARRIED 11/0**

**14.6 CONCURRENT PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT - MURRABIBBI STREET AND LEANYER DRIVE, LEANYER****RESOLUTION ORD230/25**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

1. THAT the report entitled Concurrent Planning Scheme Amendment - Murrabibbi Street and Leanyer Drive, Leanyer be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the submission to Lands Planning provided at **Attachment 1**.

**CARRIED 11/0**

**15 RECEIVE & NOTE REPORTS****15.1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - APRIL 2025****RESOLUTION ORD231/25**

Moved: Councillor Morgan Rickard

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT the report entitled Monthly Financial Report – April 2025 be received and noted.

**CARRIED 11/0**

*Councillor Kim Farrar departed the meeting at 6:13 pm.*

*Councillor Kim Farrar re-joined the meeting at 6:14 pm.*

**15.2 ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES - PARAP POOL TRAINING FACILITY PROPOSAL****RESOLUTION ORD232/25**

Moved: Councillor Morgan Rickard

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT the report entitled Engagement Outcomes - Parap Pool Training Facility Proposal be received and noted.

**CARRIED 11/0**

**15.3 POLICY MANAGEMENT - 23RD COUNCIL POLICY REVIEW SCHEDULE****RESOLUTION ORD233/25**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

1. THAT the report entitled Policy Management - 23rd Council Policy Review Schedule be received and noted.
2. THAT Council note the list of policies contained within the report which are scheduled for review and adoption at nominated meeting dates prior to 31 July 2025.

**CARRIED 11/0**

**15.4 ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND RISK MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT COMMITTEE OPEN MEETING MINUTES****RESOLUTION ORD234/25**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

THAT the report entitled Advisory Committees and Risk Management and Audit Committee Open Meeting Minutes be received and noted.

**CARRIED 11/0**

**16 CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil

**17 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES****RESOLUTION ORD235/25**

Moved: Councillor Mirella Fejo

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT the following Reports of Representatives be received and noted.

**17.1**

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris reported attending several community events over the past month, including the launch of the 2025 Darwin Festival Hospitality Packages on 1 May, a democracy sausage sizzle at Sanderson Middle School over the election weekend, the Anula Park Native Plant Giveaway, and the Mother's Day Heart Foundation Breakfast walk at Anula Playground.

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris attended a community forum at Wagaman Oval with MLA Jinson Charls and the blessing of the new St Savvas of Kalymnos Greek Orthodox Parish NT performed by His Eminence Archbishop Makarios of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia, followed by a welcome dinner hosted by Greek Honorary Consulate General Mr John Christopher Anictomatis.

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris attended Darwin Fusion events, including the Business Networking Dinner and the Garramilla International Food Fair held from the 22 to 23 May. Furthermore, represented City of Darwin at the 23rd anniversary of Timor-Leste's Restoration of Independence, attended the 84th anniversary wreath-laying for the Battle of Crete with Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris, and the breakfast launch of the Red Shield Appeal.

**17.2**

Councillor Ed Smelt attended the Jingili Water Festival on 17 May 2025, alongside Councillors, Peter Pangquee, Mirella Fejo, Sam Weston, Amye Un and the Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis. The event drew over 4,000 attendees and regarded as a great success. The strong turnout is a testament to community interest in free, family-friendly events. Councillor Ed Smelt expressed support for making the festival an annual event and expanding it beyond the Chan Ward to other areas of the municipality. Thanks to officers for organising and supporting the event

**17.3**

Councillor Amye Un attended the Launch of the Darwin Fringe Festival at Browns Mart theatre alongside, Councillor Kim Farrar.

**17.4**

Councillor Mirella Fejo represented the Lord Mayor at the International Delegate Saltwater Welcome Ceremony on the 21 May 2025, as part of the Darwin Fusion program. The ceremony was performed by representatives of Larrakia Nation. Councillor Mirella Fejo also attended Darwin Fusions closing event, the Garramilla International Food Festival held at Bicentennial Park, which was well attended and featured excellent food and performances.

**17.5**

Councillor Peter Pangquee attended the Jingili Water Festival at the Jingili Water Gardens on Saturday 17 May 2025, also thanking officers for their fantastic work.



**17.6**

Councillor Morgan Rickard attended the 20th anniversary of the Nightcliff Seabreeze Festival, held from 9 to 11 May along the Nightcliff foreshore. Councillor Morgan Rickard encouraged Elected Members to visit the Tais, Culture & Resilience exhibition by East Timor Women Australia (ETWA), on display at Tactile Arts NT.

Councillor Morgan Rickard also attended the official launch of Saltwater Radio on 16 May, a visit to the OFFCUTS art exhibition by Don Whyte, and the launch of the Queer Community Exhibition at the Northern Centre for Contemporary Art, celebrating queer contemporary art in the Northern Territory.

**17.7**

Councillor Kim Farrar thanked officers involved in the recent run of events, noting the high level of organisation and the consistent friendliness and helpfulness. Furthermore, shared positive feedback received from attendees of both the Jingili Water Festival and the Native Plant Giveaway in Anula.

Councillor Kim Farrar also informed together with Councillors Sylvia Klonaris and Mirella Fejo, they will be hosting a coffee van pop-up in support of the Karama Community Gardens plant sale fundraiser.

**17.8**

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris thanked the Northern Territory Government for its continued support of the annual Bass in the Grass Music Festival, recently held at Mindil Beach, noting the event's strong interstate appeal and positive impact on tourism.

Furthermore, attended several events as part of the 2025 Darwin Fusion program. It was an honour to host so many international delegations. Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris spoke of discussions with sister city representatives, many visiting Darwin for the first time, which provided a key opportunity to showcase and strengthen economic ties. Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris particularly thanked the Lord Mayor of Hobart, Anne Reynolds for her attendance at Darwin Fusion. Lastly, thanking officers for their outstanding efforts in delivering these events and hopes to see a bigger and better Darwin Fusion in 2026.

**CARRIED 11/0****18 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS****18.1 STORMWATER SYSTEMS****RESOLUTION ORD236/25**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

**Questions**

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris advised officers of alleged vermin infestation in the stormwater drains surrounding the Anula Greenbelt, local residents have raised concerns due to the potential health risks. Additionally, concerns were raised about local wildlife deaths possibly linked to ingesting rat bait. Further inquired whether officers had received notification on issue and asked if an inspection could be conducted and queried processes for monitoring of vermin in the stormwater systems.

**Response**

General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy advised officers are aware of the reports and camera footage from the stormwater has been reviewed. There is no evidence of vermin in the stormwater or area, suggesting the issue is likely occurring on private property. Furthermore, advising to contact the Department of Health or arrange private pest control.

Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders confirmed pest control in public areas falls under the responsibility of the Northern Territory Government, and advised Cr Klonaris to report any suspected wildlife baiting to the Department of Health.

**CARRIED 11/0****18.2 FOOTPATHS IN COMMERCIAL ESTATES****RESOLUTION ORD237/25**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

**Question**

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris inquired whether City of Darwin has a footpath policy, citing safety concerns from residents in the Berrimah and Winnellie commercial area, particular Bowen Street, Coonawarra Road and Bennison Road. Further, does City of Darwin have any plans to develop footpath or cycling paths in the area to better improve connectivity.

**Response**

General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr confirming when City of Darwin assumes responsibility for new areas, it considers subdevelopment guidelines to determine the necessary footpaths and access pathways. These guidelines help decide the appropriate types of footpaths for different development zones

General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr took the question relating to any future plans to develop footpaths or access pathways on notice.

**CARRIED 11/0****18.3 SOLAR MOVEMENT SOLUTIONS POLE****RESOLUTION ORD238/25**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

**Question**

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris reported receiving an email from a member of the public, expressing concerns about City of Darwin's solar movement solutions poles and their potential to collect data from mobile devices. The email sought clarification on the types of data collected, how data is used, what privacy protections are in place in the event of a data breach, and whether City of Darwin would consider updating its website to outline data collection practices.

**Response**

General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy confirmed that QR codes are available on the solar movement solution poles, directing users to a website that provides information on privacy. General Manager Innovation reiterated that the poles only measure pedestrian movement and

counts, they do not collect images of the public, or gather data from mobile devices.

**CARRIED 11/0**

#### **18.4 SEE CLICK FIX REQUESTS**

##### **RESOLUTION ORD239/25**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

##### **Question**

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris advised community members that reported their requests submitted via the former See Click Fix app have not been actioned since the transition to Snap Send Solve, and queried the status of those outstanding requests.

##### **Response**

General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy confirmed that all pending See Click Fix requests were transferred to City of Darwin's records and task management system, and tasked to the appropriate officers for action. Furthermore, requesting any outstanding issues to be forwarded to Councillor Support for follow-up and action.

**CARRIED 11/0**

#### **18.5 SMITH STREET STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENT WORKS**

##### **RESOLUTION ORD240/25**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

##### **Question**

Councillor Sam Weston inquired on the completion date for Smith Street streetscape improvement works.

##### **Response**

Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders confirmed the Smith Street streetscape improvement project will be carried out in stages. Phases one and two are scheduled to be completed by 20 June 2025, while phases three through seven are currently scheduled for completion by August 2025. Full schedule of works, has been provided to all impacted businesses.

**CARRIED 11/0**

#### **18.6 COCONUT GROVE REGULATORY ISSUES**

##### **RESOLUTION ORD241/25**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

##### **Question**

Councillor Amye Un inquired whether City of Darwin has established procedures for handling residential noise complaints. Secondly, reporting that residents of Nation Crescent, Coconut Grove

have raised concerns regarding loitering and littering in Nation Crescent Park. Lastly, noting reports of two dogs found loose and wandering near Rapid Creek Bridge and requesting rangers inspect the area.

**Response**

General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr informing noise complaints need to be reported to police and are outside the jurisdiction of City of Darwin. Regarding the issues reported in Nation Crescent, the General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr advising the member to encourage residents to report instances of littering or loitering directly to City of Darwin by email or phone, so that rangers can arrange a patrol of the area. Similarly, if dogs are seen loose and wandering, residents are strongly encouraged to report sightings directly to City of Darwin.

**CARRIED 11/0****18.7 ANNUAL REPORT****RESOLUTION ORD242/25**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

**Question**

Councillor Amye Un requested an update on the current legal costs expended by City of Darwin.

**Response**

Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders advised that all legal costs expended by City of Darwin are detailed in the Annual Report, which will be published later this year, with previous Annual Reports available on City of Darwin's website for transparency.

**CARRIED 11/0****18.8 IRRIGATION SCHEDULE****RESOLUTION ORD243/25**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

**Question**

Councillor Kim Farrar inquired what the dry season watering schedule is for public parks and greenbelts.

**Response**

General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr advised public parks and greenbelts are watered year-round. Regarding the schedule for recently installed irrigation systems, General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr took the question on notice.

**CARRIED 11/0**

**18.9 CASUARINA AQUATIC AND LEISURE CENTRE****RESOLUTION ORD244/25**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

**Question**

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris requested an update on the recent expression of interest process for the Casuarina Aquatic Leisure Centre cafe space. Also inquiring whether Elected Members can share the expression of interest with the public.

**Response**

General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy advised that the expression of interest documentation has been finalised and will be advertised on City of Darwin's website and TenderLink later this week. A link will be provided to Elected Members via Councillor support for reference.

**CARRIED 11/0****19 GENERAL BUSINESS****19.1 DISABILITY PARKING SMITH STREET****RESOLUTION ORD245/25**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer raised concerns about inadequate signage at a designated disability parking bay on Smith Street established during the Federal election voting. Noting the existing signage was not clearly visible, potentially leading to members of the public receiving fines.

**CARRIED 11/0****20 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING****RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 24 June 2025, at 5:30pm (Open Section followed by the Confidential Section), Council Chambers Darrandirra, Level 1, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin.

**21 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC****RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT pursuant to Section 99 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and Regulation 8 of the Local Government 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 2019*:

**28.1 Draft Access Strategy 2025-2030**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(e) 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(3) – information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.

**28.2 Draft Place and Liveability Plan**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(e) 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(3) – information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.

**28.3 Parap Pool Training Facility**

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.

**28.4 2025/26 Out of Round Sponsorship Application**

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.

**28.5 Proposal for Land**

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.

**28.6 Naming of a Place or Feature**

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.

**28.7 Community Grants Round 1 and NAIDOC 2025 Reconciliation Week 2026 Program Recommendations 2025/26**

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.

**29.1 Advisory Committees and Risk Management and Audit Committee Confidential Meeting Minutes**

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.

## **29.2 Engagement Outcomes - Draft Municipal Plan 2025/26**

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.

Unconfirmed

## **22      ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON**

### **RESOLUTION ORD246/25**

Moved:      Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer

THAT the open section of the meeting be adjourned at 6:56 pm.

**CARRIED 11/0**

THAT the open section of the meeting be resumed at 9:58 pm.

THAT the chair declared the meeting closed at 9:58 pm.

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 24 June 2025.**

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**CHAIR**