



# **AGENDA**

## **Ordinary Council Meeting Tuesday, 25 July 2023**

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

**Date: Tuesday, 25 July 2023**

**Time: 5:30pm**

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

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<b>Authoriser:</b>	<b>General Manager Innovation</b>
<b>Attachments:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Existing Signs Code 2019 <a href="#">↓</a></li><li>2. Outdoor Advertising Signs Code with Tracked Changes <a href="#">↓</a></li><li>3. Final Draft Outdoor Advertising Signs Code for Adoption <a href="#">↓</a></li><li>4. City of Darwin Election Signs 2020 <a href="#">↓</a></li></ol>

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report entitled Outdoor Advertising Signs Code – Policy 042 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the revised Outdoor Advertising Signs Code at **Attachment 3**.

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval of the revised Outdoor Advertising Signs Code.

#### KEY ISSUES

- The City of Darwin Outdoor Advertising Signs Code Policy No. 42 (Signs Code) regulates advertising signage within the Darwin municipality.
- The current Signs Code was last revised in 2019.
- Since the last Signs Code review in 2019, there have been a number of factors affecting the Signs Code, including:
  - The introduction of the Planning Scheme 2020 and changes to zoning.
  - Changes to the way in which election signs are managed.
  - The implementation of the Advertising and Activities in Road Reserves Guidelines by the Northern Territory Government (NTG).
  - New animated advertising sign on Commonwealth land adjacent McMillans Road - airport billboard.
  - A growing demand for billboard type advertising.
- Attached to this report is the current Signs Code (**Attachment 1**), track change version of the Signs Code (**Attachment 2**), and proposed Signs Code for Councils consideration and adoption (**Attachment 3**).

## DISCUSSION

### **Background**

City of Darwin's Outdoor Advertising Signs Code (Signs Code) endeavours to moderate the conflict between commercial viability, business identification, visual amenity, individual opinions and public safety, by providing clear pedestrian paths and reduced driver distraction and by ensuring signage located on or over Council land is covered by public liability insurance.

City of Darwin is the responsible authority for the administration of advertising signs in the Darwin municipality, particularly in relation to the erection, maintenance and enforcement of advertising signs located on, over Council land, or viewable from either a Northern Territory Government (NTG) or City of Darwin road reserve.

The current Signs Code, Policy No: 042, was endorsed by Council in February 2019 and is provided at **Attachment 1**. The review involved considerable consultation with Elected Members, local business and the community.

### **2023 Review**

Since the implementation of the Signs Code in 2019, the following factors affecting the Signs Code have occurred, warranting updates to the Signs Code:

- The Northern Territory Planning Scheme (NTPS) 2007 was replaced with NTPS 2020, which included changes to zoning names and other controls.
- Changes to the way in which Election Advertising Signs are managed.
- The implementation of the Advertising and Activities in Road Reserves Guidelines by the NTG.
- New animated advertising sign on Commonwealth land adjacent McMillans Road - airport billboard.
- Councils across Australia are embracing billboards as a method to advertise community events, services, products and promotions.

Each of these points are discussed in further detail below and have led to the proposed changes incorporated in a track change version of the Signs Code at **Attachment 2** and clean version of the proposed Signs Code recommended for adoption in **Attachment 3**.

### **Planning Scheme 2020 Amendments**

Amongst other changes, NTPS 2020 introduced new zones and changes to the names of existing zones. The Signs Code controls are applied on a land use zone basis. Any changes to the land use zone names under the Northern Territory Planning Scheme (NTPS) result in the need to update the Signs Code. The main recent changes to zoning names were related to the Single Dwelling Residential (SD) and Multiple Dwelling Residential (MD) zones. They were renamed to Low Density Residential (LR) and Low Medium Density Residential (LMR) respectively.

### **Election Advertising Signs**

Election advertising means advertising erected in association with the holding of a Local Government, Northern Territory Government or Commonwealth Government election.

During the election held in early 2020, City of Darwin carried out investigations after a candidate contested City of Darwin enforcement actions in removing an election sign. Investigations revealed that generally legal courts concluded that the democratic process outweighed any concerns about amenity, at least for the duration of the election campaign.

At a Council Briefing in June 2020, this information was provided to Council with updated controls which were then implemented. The revised control can be reviewed at **Attachment 4**.

City of Darwin have operated with the revised election sign controls for the past three elections and minor adjustments are required to be considered and then the Signs Code requires to be updated to include the revised controls.

### **NTG Advertising and Activities in Road Reserves Guidelines**

The Advertising and Activities in Road Reserves Management Guidelines - Northern Territory Government was introduced in February 2019, providing guidance for activities and signs on Northern Territory owned and managed road reserves.

The proposed changes to the Signs Code, remove references to advertising signs on NTG road reserves.

### **Advertising Signs Located on Commonwealth Land**

The Darwin International Airport (DIA) is located on Commonwealth land and controlled by Commonwealth Legislation. Northern Territory Legislation and the NTPS, do not apply to airport land. As a result, the DIA installed an illuminated advertising sign facing McMillians Road, Eaton. The billboard advertises a range of products and services for sale on airport land as well as third party advertising.

Installation of this sign has attracted renewed interest for similar billboard style advertising across the municipality. A framework will be developed to guide the use of billboards across the Darwin municipality.

### **Signs Code Review**

The changes identified in this report are required to ensure the Signs Code remains up to date with other legislation and other recent factors that affect advertising signs in the Darwin municipality.

## **PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

At The Council Meeting in February 2019, Council resolved to amend the Signs Code as detailed in the following decision:

### **RESOLUTION ORD001/19**

- B. That Council largely retains the Outdoor Advertising Signs Code in its current form and endorses the following changes to the Signs Code:
- a. Movable signs located on private property to be considered complying signage,
  - b. Sign sizes increased to align with the sizes detailed in the Northern Territory Planning Scheme, and
  - c. Sign controls for Zone SU be removed and replaced with a general statement, which will permit signage to be displayed, provided the signage is consistent with the specific land use as detailed in the Northern Territory Planning Scheme and Signs Code controls for that land use.
- C. THAT Council continues to enforce the Outdoor Advertising Signs Code based on complaint, public safety or unacceptable risk considerations.

The 2019 endorsed Signs Code is provided at **Attachment 2**.

<b>STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT</b>	6 Governance Framework 6.3 Decision Making and Management
<b>BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	<b>Budget/Funding:</b> N/A
<b>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</b>	<b>Legislation:</b> Darwin City Council By-Laws <b>Policy:</b> Policy 42 – Outdoor Advertising Signs Code
<b>CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT &amp; COMMUNICATION</b>	<b>Engagement Level:</b> Inform <b>Tactics:</b> Under the Darwin City Council By-Laws, after the council amends or replaces the Code, the council must publish in a newspaper circulating in the municipality a notice stating that the amendment or replacement has been made and including a description of the effect of the amendment. <b>Internal:</b> Regulatory Services <b>External:</b> Newspaper article for the community
<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).





## OUTDOOR ADVERTISING SIGNS CODE

### 1 Purpose

This determination by Council may be cited as the City of Darwin Outdoor Advertising Signs Code ("The Code") and is made pursuant to the Darwin City Council By-Laws.

Unless an advertising sign is exempt under Clause 6 of this Code or is a complying sign under Clause 7 of this Code, a permit is required for an advertiser to exhibit an advertising sign on or in a public area, or on or in premises in view of a public area within the municipality of Darwin.

#### Scope

### 2 The main objective of The Code is to ensure that, as far as practicable, advertising signs exhibited within the municipality:

- are compatible with the design and character of the premises, streetscape and locality to which they are related;
- do not cause a loss of amenity or adversely affect the natural or built environment;
- do not adversely affect the safety or efficiency of a roadway or footpath;
- do not cause visual clutter and disorder by the proliferation of signs in any one location and by one sign obscuring another; and
- do not cause offence to the general public by virtue of their design, location or message.

#### Policy Statement

Whilst land use planning in the Northern Territory falls within the jurisdiction of the NT Government control of advertising signs and hoardings is a local government responsibility. City of Darwin regulates signs for a number of reasons – primarily amenity and safety.

Refer Attachment A - City of Darwin Outdoor Advertising Signs Code.

### 3 legislative References

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### 4 Procedures / Related Documents

Darwin City Council By-Laws





## OUTDOOR ADVERTISING SIGNS CODE

### 5 Responsibility / Application

The General Manager Innovation is responsible for managing implementation of this policy.

This policy should be reviewed at least once in the term of each Council or as required.

### 6 Document Control

Council Policy			Responsible Officer: General Manager Innovation, Growth and Development	
Version	Decision Number	Adoption Date	History	Next Review Date
1	20/2501	23/02/10	Adopted	23/02/2014
2	ORD061/19	30/04/19	Adopted Revised Policy	30/04/2023
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### Attachment A

## City of Darwin Outdoor Advertising Signs Code





## OUTDOOR ADVERTISING SIGNS CODE

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## OUTDOOR ADVERTISING SIGNS CODE

### 1 INTRODUCTION

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#### 1.1 Citation of Code

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#### 1.2 Objectives

The main objective of The Code is to ensure that, as far as practicable, advertising signs exhibited within the municipality:

- a. are compatible with the design and character of the premises, streetscape and locality to which they are related;
- b. do not cause a loss of amenity or adversely affect the natural or built environment;
- c. do not adversely affect the safety or efficiency of a roadway or footpath;
- d. do not cause visual clutter and disorder by the proliferation of signs in any one location and by one sign obscuring another; and
- e. do not cause offence to the general public by virtue of their design, location or message.

#### 1.3 Requirement for a Permit

Unless an advertising sign is exempt under Clause 6 of this Code, or is a complying sign under Clause 7 of this Code, a permit is required for an advertiser to exhibit an advertising sign on or in a public area, or on or in premises in view of a public area within the municipality of Darwin.

#### 1.4 Requirement for Other Permits

Where an advertising sign requires planning, building or structural certification under the provisions of other legislation, the onus for obtaining the necessary permits is on the applicant.

#### 1.5 Interpretation of The Code

For the purpose of interpretation, The Code is to be read together with the Darwin City Council By-Laws.





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### 2 USING THIS CODE

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The following should be used as a guide to using this Code:

- a. Decide what type (structure) of sign you are proposing to erect by reference to the definitions and diagram provided in Clause 4.
- b. Decide what type of advertising you are proposing to display by reference to the definitions provided in Clause 5.
- c. Determine which NT Planning Scheme zone or special precinct the sign is to be exhibited in. Then refer to Clause 6 (exempt signs) and the advertising sign tables in this code to determine whether a permit is needed before the advertising sign can be exhibited.
- d. Check to determine that the advertising sign will comply with the provisions in Clause 8 (specific provisions and policies for each sign type), Clause 9 (general Council policy relating to signs on or over a public area) and the Assessment Criteria.
- e. Where a permit is required, make an application to Council.

Council encourages the inclusion of information about proposed advertising signage as part of a development application to the Development Consent Authority in order to ensure signage is integrated into the design of the premises.





## OUTDOOR ADVERTISING SIGNS CODE

### 3 DEFINITIONS - GENERAL

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In this Code, unless the contrary intention appears:

**Advertising sign** means any form of advertising using words, letters, images, pictures, symbols, objects or illumination, which is exhibited or displayed on or in a public area or on a building or structure that is in view of a public area, for the attention of the public, and includes any structure or material used to display the advertising.

**Advertiser** means a person:

- a. who holds a valid permit in respect of the advertising sign issued pursuant to these By-Laws; or
- b. who authorises or causes an advertising sign to be exhibited; or
- c. whose business or place of business is advertised by the advertising sign;

and includes a person who manages and controls, or has power to manage or control, the place in which the advertising sign is exhibited.

**By-Laws** means the Darwin City Council By-Laws.

**Code** means the City of Darwin Outdoor Advertising Signs Code.

**Commercial zone** refers to the zones CB, C, SC, TC and CV as defined in the NT Planning Scheme.

**Community Zone** refers to the zones CP, PS, CN, HT and OR as defined in the NT Planning Scheme.

**Council** means the City of Darwin.

**Carriageway** means a portion of a road improved, designed or ordinarily used for vehicular traffic and includes the shoulders and areas at the sides or centre of the carriageway used for the standing or parking of vehicles (including parking bays), and, where a road has two or more portions divided by a reservation, means each portion separately.

**Exempt**, in relation to an advertising sign, means exempt from the requirements of obtaining a permit under this Code.

**Exhibit** means to erect, install, place, paint, leave or construct an advertising sign on or in a public area or on or in premises in view of a public area.

**Industrial Zone** refers to the zones LI, GI and DV as defined in the NT Planning Scheme.

**Infrastructure Zone** refers to the zones T, M, PM, RW and U





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**Premises** means the land or building that is owned or occupied by the business, community group or individual proposing to advertise.

**Public Area** means any place within the municipality of Darwin which is a road reserve or land owned, controlled or maintained by City of Darwin or the Northern Territory Government.

**Residential Zone** refers to the zones SD, MD, MR, HR, RR and CL as defined in the NT Planning Scheme.

**Rural Zone** refers to the zones A, RL, R, RD, H and FD as defined in the NT Planning Scheme.

**Sign** refers to a publicly displayed board or notice inscribed with words or designs for the purposes of information, advertisement or warning.

**Specific Use Zone** refers to the zone SU as defined in the NT Planning Scheme.

**Territory Road** means a road under the Control of the Northern Territory Government.

**Traffic Control Device** means a traffic control signal or a light, sign, mark, structure or item placed, erected or displayed for the purpose of regulating, warning or guiding traffic, or a device using a word, symbol, coloured light or a combination of them, by means of which traffic may be controlled or regulated.

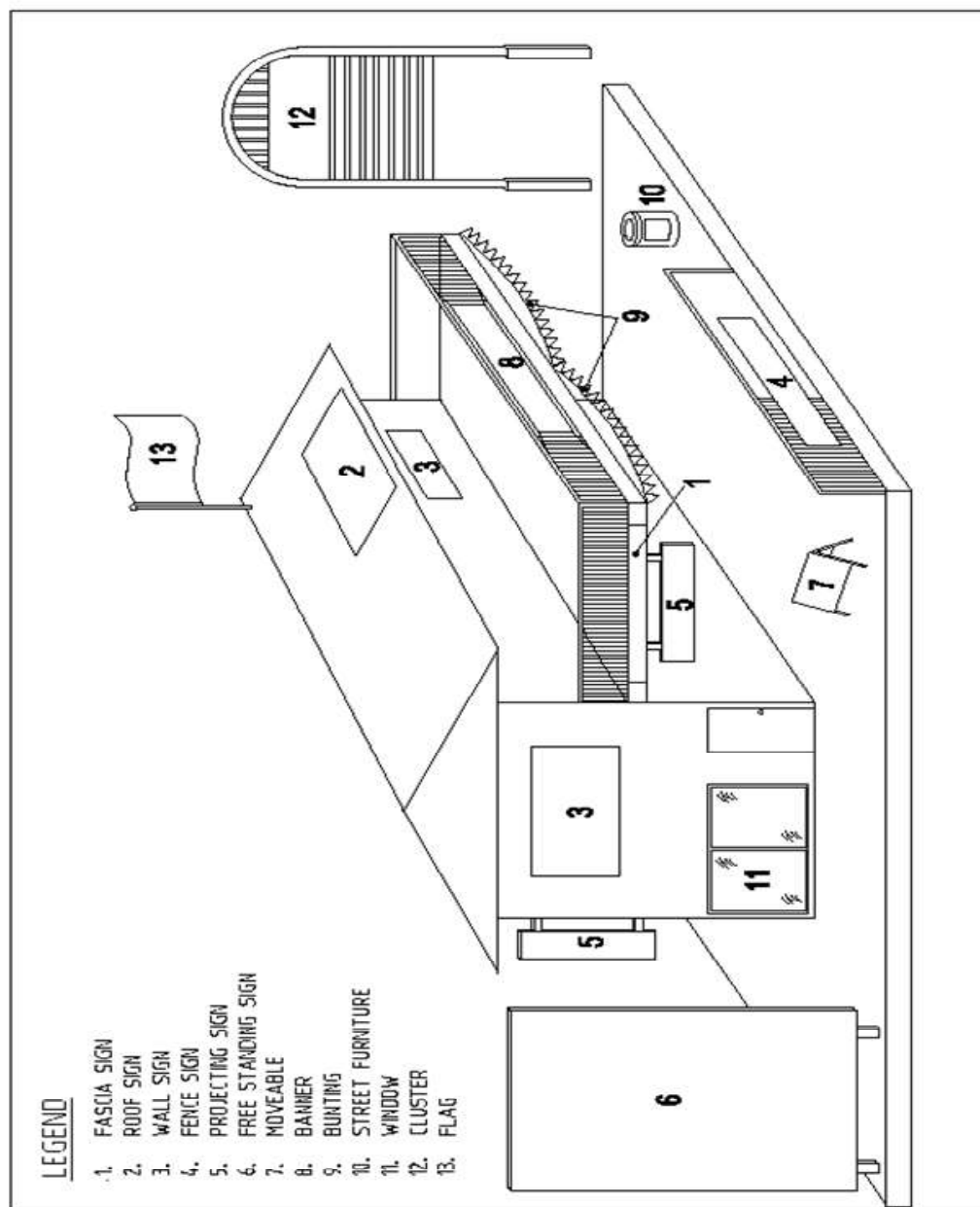
**Zone** refers to the land use zone as defined in the NT Planning Scheme and applicable to the land on which a sign is proposed.





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### 4 DEFINITIONS - SIGN STRUCTURE TYPES





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In this Code, unless the contrary intention appears, the following types of advertising signs have the corresponding meaning:

**Aerial sign** means an advertising sign made of inflatable devices or devices that require wind to stay aloft, being devices that are tethered to the ground or a structure and includes balloons, blimps and kites.

**A-frame sign** refer **Moveable sign**

**Animated sign** means an advertising sign that is designed to move, flash, change its message, intensity or pattern, or which contains moving parts, whether or not any part of the sign is also **illuminated**.

**Awning sign** refer **Wall or Fascia sign**

**Banner** means an advertising sign intended for temporary display made of light non-rigid material, and which is attached to a building or structure.

**Blue Finger sign** means an advertising sign attached to a pole or street sign and that predominantly gives directional information.

**Bunting** means a device which is attached to ropes or wires suspended above the ground and which is designed to draw attention by the nature of its construction, colour, movement or noise and includes streamers, pennants and wind-vanes.

**Cluster sign** means an advertising sign structure that contains more than one sign.

**Fence sign** means an advertising sign affixed to a fence.

**Flag sign** means an advertising sign displayed on cloth, canvas or synthetic material, which is hung from a vertical pole.

**Free-standing sign** means an advertising sign that:

- a. is self-supporting and not attached to the sides of a building, wall or fascia;
- b. is fixed to the ground;
- c. may be erected on a pole or poles or a pylon which is not on or part of a building or other structure; and
- d. does not include a Moveable sign.

**Illuminated sign** means:

- a. an advertising sign illuminated by internal and/or external lights; and
- b. an advertising sign composed of light devices that do not flash, or change intensity or pattern.





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**Monument sign** refer **Free-standing sign**

**Moveable sign** means an advertising sign intended for temporary display which is free-standing and self-supporting and includes **A-frame signs** and **Sandwich boards** and does not include a **Free-standing sign** or a **Real Estate sign**.

**Permanent sign** means a sign that is lasting or intended to last indefinitely, and which is displayed or intended to be displayed indefinitely.

**Pole sign** refer **Free-standing sign**

**Projecting sign** means an advertising sign attached to and protruding from a building or structure and includes:

- a. signs attached to and supported below an awning or below a ceiling at the entrance to an internal pedestrian area; and
- b. signs which extend beyond or above the horizontal walls, parapet or roof of the building or structure.

**Pylon sign** refer **Free-standing sign**

**Roof sign** means an advertising sign attached to or painted on a roof of a building and which does not project or extend beyond the edge or face of the roof.

**Sandwich board** refer **Moveable sign**

**Street furniture sign** means an advertising sign attached to such items as public seating, plant boxes and other functional structures in public areas.

**Temporary sign** means a sign that lasts, exists, serves or is effective for a limited time only and/or which is intended to be displayed for a limited time only.

**Under-awning sign** refer **Projecting sign**

**Vehicle or Trailer sign** means a vehicle or trailer adapted for and used as an advertising sign, and does not include any sign on a registered commercial passenger vehicle, or a sign on a trailer which is in transit and is not stationary in any public area.

**Wall or Fascia sign** means an advertising sign attached to or painted on a wall or fascia of a building or awning (including structures attached to a building or awning) or on a structure that protrudes no more than 50 millimetres from the face of a building or structure, and which does not extend beyond the edge of the building or awning.

**Window sign** means an advertising sign attached to the inside or outside of a window without significantly affecting the purpose of the window.





## OUTDOOR ADVERTISING SIGNS CODE

### 5 DEFINITIONS - ADVERTISING TYPES

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Advertising types refer to the nature and purpose of the advertising on the sign, rather than the sign structure.

**Business advertising** means advertising restricted to the name, and/or logo, and occupation and/or activity of the person occupying the premises in relation to which the advertising sign is erected, and, where a number of persons are carrying on different businesses in a premises, includes a sign identifying the premises.

**Community and Sporting Event advertising** means advertising that provides information relating to community and sporting events, and which may incorporate **sponsorship advertising** not exceeding 25% of the total area of the sign. Community events are usually free events (although this may not be the case in all events), open to all members of the public and hosted by a “not for profit” organisation (able to demonstrate a Certificate of Incorporated Association).

**Election advertising** means advertising erected in association with the holding of a local government, Northern Territory or Commonwealth election.

**Precinct advertising** means advertising that provides information about the businesses, organisations and activities occurring within an identifiable physical area.

**Promotion advertising** means advertising that provides information about the services or goods produced, provided or sold as a major activity on the premises, or information about events or activities substantially carried out on the premises.

**Real estate advertising** means advertising used to indicate or display real property that is available for rent, lease, sale, auction or inspection.

**Security advertising** means advertising that provides information about security services protecting a premise and is displayed either on a building or on a fence.

**Special Event advertising** means advertising that provides information about a significant event or activity (including occasional sporting and other events) as determined by the General Manager Infrastructure, City of Darwin, that is generally a one-off event or occurs no more than once a year, and which may incorporate **sponsorship advertising** not exceeding 25% of the total area of the sign, and is not **Community and Sporting Event advertising** or **Election advertising**.

**Sponsorship advertising** means advertising identifying the name and or logo of a person, company or organisation providing sponsorship of a **Community and Sporting Event** or activity, or a **Special Event** or activity.

**Sporting Field Name Signs** means advertising identifying the name and logo of the sports ground official name. Applicable to the Marrara Sporting Precinct only.





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**Sporting Sponsorship Signage** means advertising identifying the name and/or logo of a person, company or organisation providing sponsorship to a sporting club. Applicable to the Marrara Sporting Precinct only.

**Third party advertising** means advertising that provides information about:

- a. services and goods that are not produced, provided or sold on the premises;
- b. or businesses, events or activities not carried out or associated with the premises.

It does not include:

- a. sponsorship advertising; or
- b. advertising on vehicles or trailers which are predominantly utilised as a mode of transport and with signage indicating services or goods produced, provided or sold as a major activity of the company or person to which or whom the vehicle is registered; or the business, events or activities substantially carried out by the company or person to which or whom the vehicle is registered.

An advertiser proposing to exhibit an advertising sign which does not appear to come within the scope of the definitions, and which is not prohibited under this code, may apply to Council for the approval or rejection of the advertising sign on its merits and in accordance with the approval criteria set out in The Code and with general Council policy expressed in relation to the relevant zone where the proposed advertising sign will be exhibited.





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### 6 SIGN APPROVAL CLASSIFICATIONS

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Under this Code, a proposed advertising sign will be assessed under one of the following classifications:

#### 6.1 Exempt Signs (No Permit Required)

Where a sign is defined under this clause the sign will be exempt from the requirements of this Code.

The following signs do not require a permit:

- a. regulatory signage located within the road reserve of Territory roads;
- b. a traffic control device or similar device displayed by reason of a statutory obligation imposed by a law in force in the Northern Territory;
- c. a sign displayed by reason of a statutory obligation imposed by a law in force in the Northern Territory, including signs required to be displayed under the *Planning Act 1999* and the *Liquor Act*;
- d. a sign displayed by a service authority responsible for an activity, including maintenance, within a road reserve and displayed for the purposes of warning or information to the public, including NT Government Tourist Information bays within the road reserve;
- e. a sign on enclosed land (including a sporting field) or within a building which is not readily visible from a public area outside the enclosure or building;
- f. a sign displayed on or inside a vehicle, other than a vehicle which is adapted and exhibited primarily as an advertising sign;
- g. a **Security advertising sign** not exceeding 0.015 m<sup>2</sup> if displayed in a residential, community, specific use, or recreation zone; and not exceeding 0.2 m<sup>2</sup> if displayed in a business or industrial zone;
- h. a sign previously approved by the Development Consent Authority, the NT Government or the Council and which has a valid permit;
- i. a sign in place before the commencement of this Code that was exempt or did not require a permit under the Signs Code repealed by this Code at the time it was put in place;
- j. signs on land on which building work is lawfully being undertaken, provided that:
  - i. the information on the sign relates to the building works being undertaken on the land;
  - ii. the sign is erected and displayed only during the period of such works; and
  - iii. no sign is more than 4 m<sup>2</sup> in area;
- k. advisory or information signs such as 'weigh in', 'goods entrance', 'beware of the dog' or 'visitor parking' signs provided such signs do not include any advertising material and do not exceed 0.3 m<sup>2</sup> in area;
- l. the hoisting of the flag of any nation, state or municipality, culture or people;
- m. election advertising signs provided they:
  - i. are only erected on a temporary basis not more than 6 weeks prior to an election and removed within 1 day after it, subject to any law relating to election advertising;





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- ii. are at no time placed on public land (other than a designated polling place) including Council land, Northern Territory Government land and Commonwealth land;
- iii. are not placed so as to obscure the view of vehicular and pedestrian traffic;
- iv. have an area no greater than 1.5 m<sup>2</sup>; and
- v. are not illuminated or animated;
- n. signs directing people to designated polling places for the purpose of an election provided the signs:
  - i. are erected on a temporary basis not more than 1 day prior to an election and removed within 1 day after it, subject to any law relating to election advertising;
  - ii. are at no time placed so as to obscure the view of vehicular and/or pedestrian traffic; and
  - iii. do not include any advertising;
- o. window signs provided the signs refer to goods or services sold on the premises where the sign is located, unless the sign is likely to cause offence to members of the public.

### 6.2 Complying Signs (No Permit Required)

A complying sign refers to an advertising sign that is listed as “complying” in the advertising sign table, which complies with the relevant definition in Clauses 4 and 5, that meets the provisions set out in Clause 8 for that particular type of advertising sign and that complies with the Assessment Criteria in this code.

### 6.3 Discretionary Signs (Permit Required)

A Discretionary sign refers to any sign that is not listed as exempt, complying or prohibited in the advertising sign tables in this Code, or that is not defined under this Code. Council may, in its sole discretion, issue a permit to exhibit an advertising sign that is classed as a discretionary sign.

A discretionary advertising sign is subject to:

- a. an application being made;
- b. payment of fees;
- c. consideration by Council; and, if approved,
- d. the issue of a permit.

A permit for a Discretionary Advertising Sign may be approved by Council with such conditions as are necessary for the proposed advertising sign to satisfy the objectives, criteria and considerations of this Code. Where in the opinion of Council any conditions that could be imposed on the permit for the proposed advertising sign would not be sufficient to ensure that the advertising sign would satisfy the objectives, criteria and considerations of The Code, the application for an advertising sign permit will be refused.

### 6.4 Prohibited Signs





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Signs and advertising identified as prohibited in this Code are not permitted to be displayed.

An application for a permit for an advertising sign that is prohibited will not be accepted or considered by Council.

### **6.5 Transferability of Sign Permits**

Sign Permits issued under this Code shall not be transferable with a change of ownership.

### **6.6 Measurement of Signs**

Where the extents of a sign are not clear for the purpose of measurement, the following shall be adopted:

Length – 500 millimetres plus the distance between the commencement of the lettering or symbol and the termination of the lettering or symbol

Width – 500 millimetres plus the distance from the lowest point of the lettering or symbol to the highest point of the lettering or symbol

Area (m<sup>2</sup>) – length (m) x width (m)

### **6.7 Changes to Existing Signs**

Any changes to an existing sign shall be subject to the provisions of this Code.







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### 7 SIGN CONTROLS

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#### 7.1 Residential Zones: SD, MD, MR, HR, RR and CL

Advertising signs within residential zones should be discreet and of small scale in order to be sympathetic to the residential character of the area. Advertising signs should be directed towards the street, rather than towards adjacent residential properties.

**Refer to the controls in the following table.**





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**Residential Zones: SD, MD, MR, HR, RR and CL**

<b>ADVERTISING AND SIGN TYPES</b>	<b>CONTROLS</b>
<b>Exempt (No Permit Required)</b>	
Any sign listed as "exempt" in Clause 6.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All relevant controls listed in Clause 6.</li> </ul>
<b>Complying (No Permit Required)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Business advertising</li> <li>Fence sign</li> <li>Free Standing sign</li> <li>Wall or Fascia sign</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No sign is to exceed an area of 0.5m<sup>2</sup> in residential Zones (excluding Zone CL)</li> <li>No sign is to exceed an area of 2m<sup>2</sup> in Zone CL (Community Living)</li> <li>No part of any sign to exceed a height of 3m above ground level</li> <li>No more than one Permanent Advertising sign per premises</li> <li>No part of any sign is to be on or over public land</li> </ul>
<b>Discretionary (Permit Required)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any sign listed as "complying" and which exceeds the maximum size in this table or which does not comply with the specific requirements for that type of sign in Clauses 8 and 9 of this Code; or</li> <li>Any sign not defined as either complying or prohibited in this table; or</li> <li>Any sign not defined as exempt in this Code; or</li> <li>Any sign not defined in this Code.</li> </ul>	
<b>Prohibited</b>	
Aerial Sign Animated Sign Illuminated Sign Moveable Sign Precinct Cluster Sign Roof Sign Street Furniture Advertising Third Party Advertising Vehicle or Trailer Sign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No sign permit will be issued for any sign or advertising within this category</li> </ul>

**Note:**

1. *Where a sign falls into two or more categories, the controls of the more stringent classification apply.*
2. *Where a sign is proposed to be constructed on or over public land, the provisions of Clause 9 apply.*





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7.2 Commercial Zones: CB, C, SC, TC and CV

Identification of the business should be the prime objective for signage, rather than promotional advertising. Where there is more than one business per building, a single sign that identifies the building and the various tenancies is preferred to multiple signs.

Refer to the controls in the following table.





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**Commercial Zones: CB, C, SC, TC and CV**

<b>ADVERTISING AND SIGN TYPES</b>	<b>CONTROLS</b>
<b>Exempt (No Permit Required)</b>	
Any sign listed as "exempt" in Clause 6.	All relevant controls listed in Clause 6.
<b>Complying (No Permit Required)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business advertising</li> <li>• Fence sign</li> <li>• Free-standing sign</li> <li>• Illuminated sign</li> <li>• Projecting sign</li> <li>• Promotion advertising</li> <li>• Wall or Fascia sign</li> <li>• Moveable sign</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No sign is to exceed an area of 20m<sup>2</sup>, or 25% of any one façade, whichever is the lesser</li> <li>• No more than 3m<sup>2</sup> of illuminated signage per premises</li> <li>• Illuminated signs are not to be directed towards residential premises</li> <li>• No part of any sign is to exceed a height of 8.5m above ground level</li> <li>• No part of any sign is to be on or over public land</li> </ul>
<b>Discretionary (Permit Required)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any sign listed as "complying" and which exceeds the maximum size in this table or which does not comply with the specific requirements for that type of sign in Clauses 8 and 9 of this Code; or</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any illuminated sign directed towards a residential premise; or</li> <li>• Any sign not defined as either complying or prohibited in this table; or</li> <li>• Any sign not defined as exempt in this Code; or</li> <li>• Any sign not defined in this Code.</li> </ul>	
<b>Prohibited</b>	
Third Party Advertising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No sign permit will be issued for any sign or advertising within this category</li> </ul>
Moveable Signs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No sign permit will be issued within The Mall for businesses that do not have direct frontage at ground level</li> </ul>
Vehicle or Trailer Sign	

**Note:**

1. *Where a sign falls into two or more categories, the controls of the more stringent classification apply.*
2. *Where a sign is proposed to be constructed on or over public land, the provisions of Clause 9 apply.*





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### 7.3 Industrial Zones: LI, GI and DV

Identification of the business should be the prime objective for signage, rather than promotional advertising. In the case of an industrial village or where there is more than one business per premises, a single sign that identifies the complex and the various tenancies is preferred to multiple signs.

Where premises front an arterial road, the number of advertising signs should be minimised to reduce visual confusion when viewed from the road.

**Refer to the controls in the following table.**





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### Industrial Zones: LI, GI and DV

ADVERTISING AND SIGN TYPES	CONTROLS
<b>Exempt (No Permit Required)</b>	
Any sign listed as "exempt" in Clause 6.	All relevant controls listed in Clause 6.
<b>Complying (No Permit Required)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Business advertising</li> <li>Fence sign</li> <li>Illuminated sign</li> <li>Free-standing sign</li> <li>Projecting sign</li> <li>Promotion advertising</li> <li>Wall or Fascia sign</li> <li>Moveable sign</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No sign is to exceed an area of 30m<sup>2</sup>, or 25% of any one façade, whichever is the lesser</li> <li>No more than 5m<sup>2</sup> of illuminated signage per premises</li> <li>Illuminated signs are not to be directed towards residential premise</li> <li>No part of any sign is to exceed a height of 8.5m above ground level</li> <li>No part of any sign is to be on or over public land</li> </ul>
<b>Discretionary (Permit Required)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any sign listed as "complying" and which exceeds the maximum size in this table or which does not comply with the specific requirements for that type of sign in Clauses 8 and 9 of this Code; or</li> <li>Any illuminated sign directed towards a residential premise; or</li> <li>Any sign not defined as either complying or prohibited in this table; or</li> <li>Any sign not defined as exempt in this Code; or</li> <li>Any sign not defined in this Code.</li> </ul>	
<b>Prohibited</b>	
Third Party Advertising Vehicle or Trailer sign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No sign permit will be issued for any sign or advertising within this category</li> </ul>

**Note:**

1. Where a sign falls into two or more categories, the controls of the more stringent classification apply.
2. Where a sign is proposed to be constructed on or over public land, the provisions of Clause 9 apply.





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### 7.4 Community Zones: CP, PS, CN, HT and OR

Advertising signs in community zones should be limited to those necessary to identify the use of the land and be sited so as to minimise their impact on the locality.

**Refer to the controls in the following table.**





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Community Zones: CP, PS, CN, HT and OR

ADVERTISING AND SIGN TYPES	CONTROLS
<b>Exempt (No Permit Required)</b>	
Any sign listed as "exempt" in Clause 6.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All relevant controls listed in Clause 6.</li> </ul>
<b>Complying (No Permit Required)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Business advertising</li> <li>Community and Sporting Event advertising (Applicable to CP &amp; OR Zones only)</li> <li>Fence sign</li> <li>Free-standing sign</li> <li>Projecting sign</li> <li>Promotion advertising</li> <li>Wall or Fascia sign</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No sign is to exceed an area of 5m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>No part of any advertising sign is to exceed a height of 8.5m above ground level</li> <li>No part of any advertising sign is to be on or over public land</li> </ul>
<b>Discretionary (Permit Required)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any sign listed as "complying" and which exceeds the maximum size in this table or which does not comply with the specific requirements for that type of sign in Clauses 8 and 9 of this Code; or</li> <li>Any sign not defined as either complying or prohibited in this table; or</li> <li>Any sign not defined as exempt in this Code; or</li> <li>Any Sign not defined in this Code.</li> </ul>	
<b>Prohibited</b>	
Aerial Sign Animated Sign Moveable Sign Third Party Advertising Vehicle or Trailer Sign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No sign permit will be issued for any sign or advertising within this category</li> </ul>

**Note:**

- Where a sign falls into two or more categories, the controls of the more stringent classification apply.
- Where a sign is proposed to be constructed on or over public land, the provisions of Clause 9 apply.







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### 7.5 Rural Zones: A, RL, R, RD, H and FD

With in Rural zones advertising signs should be limited to that necessary to identify the use of the land and be sited to minimise their impact on the locality.

**Refer to the controls in the following table.**





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ADVERTISING AND SIGN TYPES	CONTROLS
<b>Exempt (No Permit Required)</b>	
Any sign listed as "exempt" in Clause 6.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All relevant controls listed in Clause 6.</li> </ul>
<b>Complying (No Permit Required)</b>	
Business advertising Fence sign Free-standing sign Projecting sign Promotion advertising Wall or Fascia sign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Business Advertising sign to exceed an area of 4m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>No Promotion Advertising sign to exceed an area of 2m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>No more than one Permanent Advertising sign per premises</li> <li>No more than one Temporary Advertising sign per premises</li> <li>No part of any sign to exceed a height of 3 m above ground level</li> <li>No part of any sign to be on or over public land</li> </ul>
<b>Discretionary (Permit Required)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any sign listed as "complying" and which exceeds the maximum size in this table or which does not comply with the specific requirements for that type of sign in Clauses 8 and 9 of this Code; or</li> <li>Any sign not defined as either complying or prohibited in this table; or</li> <li>Any sign not defined as exempt in this Code; or</li> <li>Any sign not defined in this Code.</li> </ul>	
<b>Prohibited</b>	
Aerial Sign Animated Sign Moveable Sign Street Furniture Advertising Third Party Advertising Vehicle or Trailer Sign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No sign permit will be issued for any sign or advertising within this category.</li> </ul>

**Note:**

1. *Where a sign falls into two or more categories, the controls of the more stringent classification apply.*
2. *Where the sign is proposed to be constructed on or over public land, the provisions of Clause 9 apply.*





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7.6 Infrastructure Zones: T, M, PM, RW and U

Within Infrastructure zones advertising signs should be limited to that necessary to identify the use of the land and be sited to minimise their impact on the locality.

Refer to the controls in the following table.





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ADVERTISING AND SIGN TYPES	CONTROLS
<b>Exempt (No Permit Required)</b>	
Any sign listed as "exempt" in Clause 6.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All relevant controls listed in Clause 6.</li> </ul>
<b>Complying (No Permit Required)</b>	
Business advertising Fence sign Free-standing sign Projecting sign Promotion advertising Wall or Fascia sign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Business Advertising sign to exceed an area of 2m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>No Promotion Advertising sign to exceed an area of 1m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>No more than one Permanent Advertising sign per premises</li> <li>No more than one Temporary Advertising sign per premises</li> <li>No part of any sign to exceed a height of 3 m above ground level</li> <li>No part of any sign to be on or over public land</li> </ul>
<b>Discretionary (Permit Required)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any sign listed as "complying" and which exceeds the maximum size in this table or which does not comply with the specific requirements for that type of sign in Clauses 8 and 9 of this Code; or</li> <li>Any sign not defined as either complying or prohibited in this table; or</li> <li>Any sign not defined as exempt in this Code; or</li> <li>Any sign not defined in this Code.</li> </ul>	
<b>Prohibited</b>	
Aerial Sign Animated Sign Moveable Sign Street Furniture Advertising Third Party Advertising Vehicle or Trailer Sign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No sign permit will be issued for any sign or advertising within this category.</li> </ul>

**Note:**

- Where a sign falls into two or more categories, the controls of the more stringent classification apply.
- Where the sign is proposed to be constructed on or over public land, the provisions of Clause 9 apply.





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### 7.7 Specific Use Zone: SU

Specific Use Zones accommodate specific developments, which may not be permissible or adequately catered for in other zones. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Residential suburbs that provide for housing choice through a range of lot sizes and housing types;
- Commercial, industrial purposes responding to local constraints; and
- Mixed Uses - combining uses such as commercial, residential and community uses either within a multistorey building or in a single Lot.

#### **Residential suburbs, commercial, or industrial areas**

Advertising signs should be consistent with the specific land use as detailed in the Outdoor Advertising Signs Code and are to be designed and sited to minimise their impact on adjoining areas.

#### **Mixed use developments which include residential dwellings**

Residential developments expect a high level of amenity and privacy, without visual intrusion from advertising signs or illumination.

Advertising signs in these areas therefore should be:

- Designed to be compatible with the surrounding residential development;
- Minimised so not to detract from, or adversely impact the residential amenity of the area;
- Illuminated signage is to be limited to small scale business and/or building identification signs at ground level, where commercial development is permitted. Signs shall be designed so they do not cause light spill resulting in the loss of amenity to the adjoining residential dwellings; and
- No other illuminated signs will be permitted on the site.

### 7.8 Marrara Sporting Precinct

The following controls (Clause 7.6.1 to 7.6.3) are specific to the Marrara Sporting Precinct and override any other specific or implied controls stated in this code. All other controls contained within The Code are applicable.

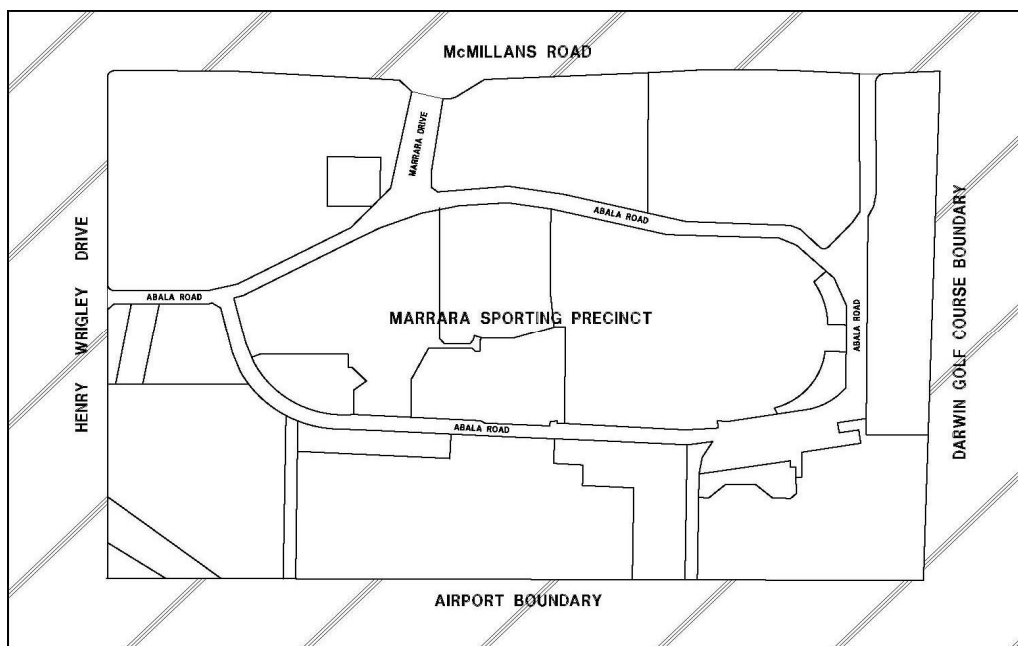
#### **7.8.1 Precinct Definitions**

The Marrara Sporting Precinct consists of the sporting fields bounded by McMillans Road, Henry Wrigley Drive, the Darwin Airport northern boundary and the eastern boundary of the Darwin Golf Club's premises.





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### 7.8.2 Specific Sign Controls

#### **Sporting sponsorship signs facing a public area**

- a. no sporting sponsorship sign shall exceed an area of 9 m<sup>2</sup>;
- b. no sporting sponsorship sign shall be illuminated; and
- c. it is prohibited to place a sporting sponsorship sign on or over a public area.

#### **Free-standing sporting sponsorship signs shall:**

- a. be double-sided with the same sponsor displayed on each side of the sign;
- b. display only one sponsor per sign;
- c. be no higher than 3.5 metres from finished ground level;
- d. be displayed at a rate not greater than one sign per 50 metres of road frontage, with no specific spacing between the signs; and
- e. be no closer than 10 metres from the sporting organisation's property boundary.

#### **General sporting sponsorship signs shall:**

- a. be no higher than 7 metres from finished ground level; and
- b. display only one sponsor per sign.

#### **Sporting sponsorship signs not facing a public area**





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- a. For sporting sponsorship signs facing away from a public area there is no limit on the number or size of sporting sponsorship signs provided they generally face inwards towards the sporting ground and are not readily viewable from the surrounding public area; and
- b. All sporting sponsorship signs facing away from a public area shall have an attractive backing that does not detract from the amenity of the area.

### 7.8.3 Sporting Field name signs

#### **Advertising identifying the name and logo of the sports ground official name:**

- a. Sporting field name signs shall not exceed an area of 20 m<sup>2</sup>;
- b. sporting field name signs shall not be illuminated;
- c. sporting field name signs shall not contain any other type of advertising; and
- d. there shall be no more than one sporting field name sign at each road frontage.

#### **Council Signs Permit**

A Council signs permit is not required for complying signs.

Non-complying signage may be considered by Council following the receipt of a completed sign application, submitted by the sporting club.





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### 8 SPECIFIC PROVISIONS: TEMPORARY SIGNS

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Unless stated elsewhere in this Code, a temporary sign will not be permitted to be displayed for longer than six weeks at a time and for no more than four times per year.

#### 8.1 Aerial Signs

Aerial signs, including balloons, blimps and kites may only be displayed for promotional reasons on a temporary basis.

The maximum duration for the display of an aerial sign is two weeks, and no more than four permits a year for a display from any one premise will be granted.

#### 8.2 Animated Signs

Flashing lights in an animated sign are prohibited if they are likely to cause a distraction to drivers.

Chasing lights, where lights follow in a repetitious pattern, may be permitted within commercial zones, but are prohibited if they are likely to cause a distraction or nuisance to drivers, the general public or residents.

Bright lights are prohibited if they are likely to cause a distraction to drivers and may be confused with traffic control devices. Bright lights will not be permitted within, or adjacent to, residential zones.

#### 8.3 Banners

Banners may only be displayed for promotional reasons on a temporary basis.

The maximum duration for the display of a banner is two weeks, and no more than four permits a year for a display from any one premise will be granted.

#### 8.4 Bunting

Permanent bunting is prohibited within close proximity to a residential zone. Temporary bunting may be permitted in residential zones for special promotions (such as new housing and land developments).

Bunting may be permitted within business and industrial zones where the premises maintain an open appearance.

Bunting is prohibited under awnings that extend over Council controlled roads or reserves.

#### 8.5 Flag Signs

A flag sign may not exceed a total area of 2 m<sup>2</sup>.

No more than three flag signs per premises may be displayed without consent.

#### 8.6 Free-standing Sign

Only one temporary free-standing advertising sign per premises will be permitted.







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Where there are multiple tenants on a site, i.e. a shop or business is located within an arcade or within an industrial park, then one sign should advertise all tenants.

### **8.7 Moveable Signs**

All moveable signs on public land require a permit.

Only one moveable sign per business premises will be permitted.

When displayed in a commercial zone, the height of a moveable sign should not exceed 1.2 metres above ground level (including supporting legs), and should not be wider than 0.8 metres and should not exceed 1 m<sup>2</sup> in area.

When displayed in industrial zones, the height of a moveable sign should not exceed 1.8 metres above ground level (including supporting legs), and should not be wider than 1.2 metres.

Moveable signs must be placed so as not to cause a hazard to pedestrians or vehicles. A clear pedestrian path with a minimum width of 2 metres must be able to be maintained adjacent to any moveable sign to ensure pedestrian safety.

The sign is to be displayed during business hours only and is not to be used for the display of merchandise.

### **8.8 Special Event Advertising**

Signs are to be displayed no more than two weeks prior to the event and to be removed within one day after the event concludes.

### **8.9 Vehicle and Trailer Signs**

Vehicle and Trailer signs are prohibited in all zones.





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### 9 SPECIFIC PROVISIONS: SIGNS ON OR OVER A PUBLIC AREA

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A permit to exhibit an advertising sign on, in or over a public area will not be issued until the applicant has agreed in writing to indemnify the Council for any loss or damage caused by the sign.

The Council will not issue a permit to exhibit a permanent advertising sign on a Northern Territory Road unless it is in possession of written consent from the Northern Territory Government authorising the applicant to exhibit the advertising sign.

Star pickets are prohibited on all Council and Northern Territory Government roads.

#### 9.1 Blue Finger Signs

No more than two Blue Finger signs will be permitted per street pole and no more than two signs will be permitted to direct motorists to the site in question.

A Blue Finger sign may not exceed an area of 0.15 m<sup>2</sup>.

A Blue Finger sign may be displayed to:

- a. advertise community facilities such as pools or libraries;
- b. direct motorists to activities which may occur along the foreshore; or
- c. direct motorists to sporting fields/sporting venues/entertainment venues or other community facilities, major shopping centres, industrial, commercial or business centres, particularly when their location is off a main road.

A Blue Finger sign must be designed and constructed in accordance with the relevant Australian Standards.

#### 9.2 Moveable Signs on Public Land

Moveable signs will only be permitted on public land in business and industrial zones and only for temporary display.

Moveable signs are prohibited within The Mall for businesses that do not have direct frontage at ground level.

The sign must be located directly outside the premises in question and not across the road or on a median strip or in any other position so as to obstruct, clutter or detract from street landscaping, furniture or artwork.

Moveable signs must be placed so as not to cause a hazard to pedestrians or vehicles. A clear pedestrian path with a minimum width of 2 metres must be able to be maintained adjacent to any moveable sign to ensure pedestrian safety.

The sign is to be displayed during business hours only and is not to be used for the display of merchandise.

Refer to Clause 8.7 for further controls on moveable signs.

#### 9.3 Permanent Signs on Public Land





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Permanent signs on public land (other than a carriageway) will only be approved under special circumstances in business and industrial zones.

Refer to the provisions of Clause 8 and Clause 10 for further controls on permanent signs.

No permanent signs will be permitted in Territory Road reserves, with the exception of Precinct Cluster Signs.

### 9.4 Precinct Cluster Signs on Public Land

Precinct advertising is supported where it is proposed to replace numerous individual business and promotion signs with a single cluster sign.

Precinct advertising will be approved only in circumstances where the businesses, organisations or activities that are to be advertised are not readily visible from the road.

Precinct cluster signs will only be approved where there is an identified need for a unified approach to advertising for a particular precinct.

Information displayed on a precinct cluster sign shall be limited to the name and activities of premises within the designated precinct.

The sign shall be of a scale and size appropriate to the location.

Wording on the sign shall be of a size suitable to be easily viewed by passing traffic without requiring vehicles to slow down to read the message.

The sign shall not interfere with the general function of the road or cause impediment to sight distances for motorists. Appropriate setbacks from the kerb will be determined after a site inspection by Council officers.

Precinct cluster signs are prohibited in residential zones.

### 9.5 Projecting Signs

A projecting sign that overhangs a road is prohibited in a residential zone.

Projecting signs overhanging public land must have a minimum clearance of 2.7 metres above ground level (or a footpath).

### 9.6 Real Estate Signs

Temporary auction/open for inspection signs will be permitted on roads if:

- a. they are displayed only during the times the premises are open for inspection or in the case of an auction sign, only during the auction;
- b. they are not placed on median strips in the middle of the road or the carriageway;
- c. they are not placed so as to impede pedestrian or traffic flow; and
- d. they are not placed so as to obscure a driver's view.

Real Estate signs will be permitted on fence lines if:

- a. the sign does not exceed 2.5 m<sup>2</sup> per residential premises;





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- b. the sign does not exceed 4.5 m<sup>2</sup> for a new residential development comprising four or more units, advertising the sale of all the units;
- c. the sign does not exceed 4.5 m<sup>2</sup> in industrial and commercial zones;
- d. there is only one sign per business per street frontage; and
- e. the sign/s are removed within one day after the sale (settlement) or lease of the property.

### 9.7 Street Furniture Advertising

Advertising on street furniture such as seating, planter boxes, traffic control cabinets and the like will only be considered within business and industrial zones.

An application for street furniture advertising will be considered by Council, having regard to:

- a. the quality and size of the proposed sign;
- b. the compatibility with other signage in the locality; and
- c. the proximity to the business in question.

It is unlikely Council will issue a permit for a sign of this type when a valid permit already exists allowing a moveable sign to advertise the same business in the general area.





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### 10 ASSESSMENT CRITERIA: SPECIFIC SIGN TYPES

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#### 10.1 When considering an application for a permit to exhibit an advertising sign under this Code, Council shall have regard to all of the following:

- i. the relevant zoning in the Northern Territory Planning Scheme;
- ii. the public interest; and
- iii. the provisions of this Code.

#### 10.2 Detailed assessment Criteria

Council will only issue a permit for an advertising sign if:

- a. the advertising sign causes no significant obstruction of, or distraction to, vehicular or pedestrian traffic; and
- b. an advertising sign does not obscure a pedestrian's view of traffic, or a motorist's or cyclist's view of pedestrians and other traffic, or the road ahead; and
- c. an advertising sign is not distracting to drivers in close proximity to intersections, traffic signals, vehicle merging and weaving situations; and
- d. advertising signs are not designed so as to be confused with a traffic control device; and
- e. where there are a number of tenants of premises involved, advertising signs are co-ordinated and complimentary to one another; and
- f. the dimensions of the advertising sign bear a reasonable relationship to the dimensions of surrounding buildings and allotments so that:
  - i. its presence is not unduly dominating or oppressive, and
  - ii. it does not unreasonably obstruct existing views;
- g. the advertising sign is consistent in colour and appearance with buildings and natural features of the environment in which it is to be situated; and
- h. the number of advertising signs per premises is minimised to avoid visual clutter and to avoid one sign obscuring another; and
- i. the advertising sign is in other respects consistent with the character and values of the environment in which it is to be situated; and
- j. the advertising sign will be constructed of durable materials and maintained in good condition at all times; and
- k. the advertising sign is designed so that structural supports are either concealed from public view or are of minimal visual impact; and
- l. the advertising signs do not cause offence to the general public by virtue of the design, message or location; and
- m. the approval is consistent with this Code and the By-Laws.

#### 10.3 Animated and Illuminated Signs within and/or visible from NT Government Road Reserves

Placement of animated advertising signs (including variable message boards) will not be permitted either within view of or in NT Government road reserves except for traffic control measures or road safety messages.





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### 10.4 Cluster Signs

No more than one cluster sign will be permitted per premises.

### 10.5 Free-Standing Signs

No more than one Free-standing sign will be permitted per premises.

Free-standing signs shall not exceed a height of 7 metres.

### 10.6 Illuminated Signs

No more than one permanent illuminated sign per premises within business, industrial and organised recreation zones will be permitted without consent.

Illuminated signs are to be no closer than 30 metres to any residential zone.

Illumination from or upon any sign shall be shaded, shielded, directed or reduced, so as to avoid undue brightness or detrimental impact on traffic, the general public and residents, and to prevent glare or reflection of light on private or public property in the surrounding area. Undue brightness is illumination in excess of that which is reasonably necessary to make the sign visible to the average person on an adjacent street.

### 10.7 Projecting Signs

Not more than one permanent projecting sign will be permitted per premises.

Projecting signs shall:

- a. have a clearance of at least 2.7 metres from ground level;
- b. not exceed a height of 7 metres above ground level; and
- c. not extend past the edge of any awning adjacent to a road.

A projecting sign must be positioned and designed in such a manner that is compatible with the architecture of the building to which it is attached.

### 10.8 Wall or Fascia Signs

No more than one wall or fascia sign will be permitted per premises within residential and rural zones.

Wall or fascia signs should be limited to one facade of a building, except where the building has dual street frontage.

No Wall or Fascia sign will be permitted to exceed 25% of the area of the wall or fascia upon which it is displayed without consent.





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### 1 Purpose

This determination by Council may be cited as the City of Darwin Outdoor Advertising Signs Code ("The Code") and is made pursuant to the Darwin City Council By-Laws.

Unless an advertising sign is exempt under Clause 6 of this Code or is a complying sign under Clause 7 of this Code, a permit is required for an advertiser to exhibit an advertising sign on or in a public area, or on or in premises in view of a public area within the municipality of Darwin.

### 2 Scope

This policy applies to advertising signage on or in a public area, or on or in premises in view of a public area within the municipality of Darwin.

This policy does not apply to advertising signage located with Northern Territory (NT) Government roads.

Whilst land use planning in the NT falls within the jurisdiction of the NT Government, control of advertising signs and hoardings is a local government responsibility. City of Darwin regulates signs for a number of reasons - primarily amenity and safety.

### 23 Policy Statement

**3** The main objective of The Code is to ensure that, as far as practicable, advertising signs exhibited within the municipality:

- are compatible with the design and character of the premises, streetscape and locality to which they are related;
- do not cause a loss of amenity or adversely affect the natural or built environment;
- do not adversely affect the safety or efficiency of a roadway or footpath;
- do not cause visual clutter and disorder by the proliferation of signs in any one location and by one sign obscuring another; and
- do not cause offence to the general public by virtue of their design, location or message.

### 4 Definitions

Refer Attachment A - City of Darwin Outdoor Advertising Signs Code

### 5 Legislative References

Local Government Act 2019

NT Planning Act 1999

NT Planning Scheme 2020

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Refer Attachment A—City of Darwin Outdoor Advertising Signs Code.

### 5 LEGISLATIVE REFERENCES

~~This determination by Council may be cited as the City of Darwin Outdoor Advertising Signs Code ("The Code") and is made pursuant to the Darwin City Council By-Laws. The Code should be read in conjunction with the By-laws.~~

## 6 Procedures / Related Documents

~~Darwin City Council By-Laws~~

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## 7 Responsibility / Application

The General Manager Innovation is responsible for managing implementation of this policy.

This policy should be reviewed at least once in the term of each Council or as required.

## 8 Document Control

Council Policy			Responsible Officer: General Manager Innovation, Growth and Development	
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### 1 INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Citation of Code

This determination by Council may be cited as the City of Darwin Outdoor Advertising Signs Code ("The Code") and is made pursuant to the Darwin City Council By-Laws.

#### 1.2 Objectives

The main objective of The Code is to ensure that, as far as practicable, advertising signs exhibited within the municipality:

- a. are compatible with the design and character of the premises, streetscape and locality to which they are related;
- b. do not cause a loss of amenity or adversely affect the natural or built environment;
- c. do not adversely affect the safety or efficiency of a roadway or footpath;
- d. do not cause visual clutter and disorder by the proliferation of signs in any one location and by one sign obscuring another; and
- e. do not cause offence to the general public by virtue of their design, location or message.

#### 1.3 Requirement for a Permit

Where an advertising sign is exempt under Clause 6.1 of this Code or is a complying sign under the applicable Zone Table within Clause 7 of this Code, no permit is required for an advertiser to exhibit an advertising sign where located in accordance with this Code.

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Where an advertising sign is prohibited under the applicable Zone Table within Clause 7 of this Code, no application for a permit will be accepted.

All other advertising signage on or in a public area, or on or in premises in view of a public area within the municipality of Darwin requires a permit.

Unless an advertising sign is exempt under Clause 6 of this Code, or is a complying sign under Clause 7 of this Code, a permit is required for an advertiser to exhibit an advertising sign on or in a public area, or on or in premises in view of a public area within the municipality of Darwin.

#### 1.4 Requirement for Other Permits

Where an advertising sign requires planning, building or structural certification under the provisions of other legislation, the onus for obtaining the necessary permits is on the applicant.

#### 1.5 Interpretation of The Code

For the purpose of interpretation, The Code is to be read together with the Darwin City Council By-Laws.





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### 2 USING THIS CODE

The following should be used as a guide to using this Code:

- a. Determine what type (structure) of sign you are proposing to erect by reference to the definitions and indicative diagram provided in Clause 4.
- b. Determine what type (nature) of advertising you are proposing to display by reference to the definitions provided in Clause 5.
- c. Determine which NT Planning Scheme zone or special precinct the sign is to be exhibited in. Then refer to Clause 6.1 (Exempt Signs) and the Zone-Specific advertising sign tables in Clause 7 of this code to determine whether a permit is needed before the advertising sign can be exhibited.
- d. Check to determine that the advertising sign will comply with the provisions in Clause 8 (specific provisions and policies for each sign type), Clause 9 (general Council policy relating to signs on or over a public area) and the Assessment Criteria within Clause 10.
- e. Where a permit is required, make an application to Council.

Council encourages the early inclusion of information about proposed advertising signage as part of any development application to the Development Consent Authority (where required) in order to ensure signage is integrated into the design of the premises.

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- b. Decide what type of advertising you are proposing to display by reference to the definitions provided in Clause 5.
- c. Determine which NT Planning Scheme zone or special precinct the sign is to be exhibited in. Then refer to Clause 6 (exempt signs) and the advertising sign tables in this code to determine whether a permit is needed before the advertising sign can be exhibited.
- d. Check to determine that the advertising sign will comply with the provisions in Clause 8 (specific provisions and policies for each sign type), Clause 9 (general Council policy relating to signs on or over a public area) and the Assessment Criteria.
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### 3 DEFINITIONS - GENERAL

In this Code, unless the contrary intention appears:

**Advertising sign** means any form of advertising using words, letters, images, pictures, symbols, objects or illumination, which is exhibited or displayed on or in a public area or on a building or structure that is in view of a public area, for the attention of the public, and includes any structure or material used to display the advertising.

**Advertiser** means a person:

- a. who holds a valid permit in respect of the advertising sign issued pursuant to these By-Laws; or
- b. who authorises or causes an advertising sign to be exhibited; or
- c. whose business or place of business is advertised by the advertising sign;

and includes a person who manages and controls, or has power to manage or control, the place in which the advertising sign is exhibited.

**By-Laws** means the Darwin City Council By-Laws.

**Code** means the City of Darwin Outdoor Advertising Signs Code.

**Commercial Zone** refers to the zones CB, C, SC, TC and CV as defined in the NT Planning Scheme [2020](#).

**Community Zone** refers to the zones CP, PS, CN, HT and OR as defined in the NT Planning Scheme [2020](#).

**Council** means the City of Darwin.

**Carriageway** means a portion of a road improved, designed or ordinarily used for vehicular traffic and includes the shoulders and areas at the sides or centre of the carriageway used for the standing or parking of vehicles (including parking bays), and, where a road has two or more portions divided by a reservation, means each portion separately.

**Exempt**, in relation to an advertising sign, means exempt from the requirements of obtaining a permit under this Code.

**Exhibit** means to erect, install, place, paint, leave or construct an advertising sign on or in a public area or on or in premises in view of a public area.

**Industrial Zone** refers to the zones LI, GI and DV as defined in the NT Planning Scheme [2020](#).





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**Infrastructure Zone** refers to the zones T, M, PM, RW and U as defined in the NT Planning Scheme 2020.

**Organised Recreation Zone** refers to the zone OR as defined in the NT Planning Scheme 2020.

**Premises** means the land or building that is owned or occupied by the business, community group or individual proposing to advertise.

**Public Area** means any place within the municipality of Darwin which is a road reserve or land owned, controlled or maintained by City of Darwin or the Northern Territory Government.

**Residential Zone** refers to the zones SD, MDLR, LMR, MR, HR, RR and CL as defined in the NT Planning Scheme 2020.

**Rural Zone** refers to the zones A, RL, R, RD, H and FD as defined in the NT Planning Scheme 2020.

Road reserve refers to the area of land between the boundary of private or business properties, and within which roads, footpaths and associated features may be constructed for public travel.

**Sign** refers to a publicly displayed board or notice inscribed with words or designs for the purposes of information, advertisement or warning.

**Specific Use Zone** refers to the zone SU as defined in the NT Planning Scheme 2007.

**Territory Road** means a road under the Control of the Northern Territory Government.

**Traffic Control Device** means a traffic control signal or a light, sign, mark, structure or item placed, erected or displayed for the purpose of regulating, warning or guiding traffic, or a device using a word, symbol, coloured light or a combination of them, by means of which traffic may be controlled or regulated.

**Zone** refers to the land use zone as defined in the NT Planning Scheme 2020. and applicable to the land on which a sign is proposed.

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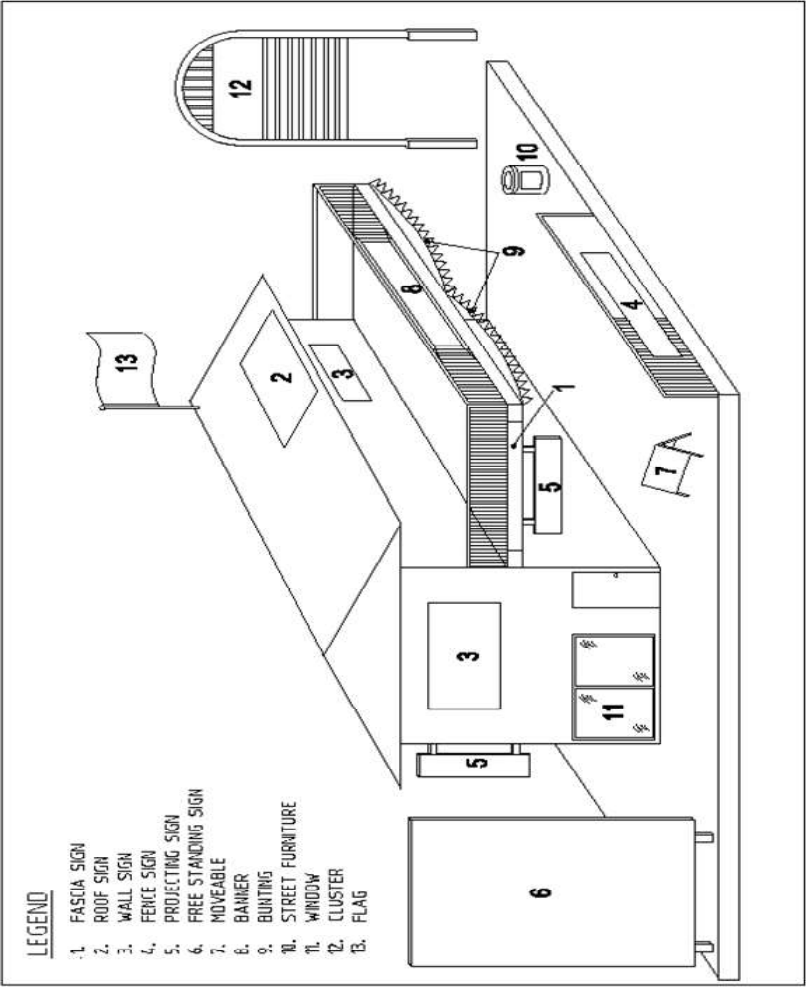




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4 DEFINITIONS - SIGNAGE STRUCTURE TYPES

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In this Code, unless the contrary intention appears, the following types of advertising signs have the corresponding meaning:

**Aerial sign** means an advertising sign made of inflatable devices or devices that require wind to stay aloft, being devices that are tethered to the ground or a structure and includes balloons, blimps and kites.

**A-frame sign** refer **Moveable sign**

**Animated sign** means an advertising sign that is designed to move, flash, change its message, intensity or pattern, or which contains moving parts, whether or not any part of the sign is also **illuminated**.

**Awning sign** refer **Wall or Fascia sign**

**Banner** means an advertising sign intended for temporary display made of light non-rigid material, and which is attached to a building, fence or structure.

**Billboard sign** means a large-scale digital or print advertising structure, for the sale of advertising space to promote company, brand, products, service or marketing campaign.

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**Blue Finger sign** means an advertising sign attached to a pole or street sign and that predominantly gives directional information.

**Bunting** means a device which is attached to ropes or wires suspended above the ground and which is designed to draw attention by the nature of its construction, colour, movement or noise and includes streamers, pennants and wind-vanes / weather vanes.

**Cluster sign** means an advertising sign structure that contains more than one sign.

**Fence sign** means an advertising sign affixed to a fence.

**Flag sign** means an advertising sign displayed on cloth, canvas or synthetic material, which is hung from a vertical pole.

**Free-standing sign** means an advertising sign that:

- a. is self-supporting and not attached to the sides of a building, wall or fascia;
- b. is fixed to the ground;
- c. may be erected on a pole or poles or a pylon which is not on or part of a building or other structure; and
- d. does not include a Moveable sign.

**Illuminated sign** means:

- a. an advertising sign illuminated by internal and/or external lights; and





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- b. an advertising sign composed of light devices that do not flash, or change intensity or pattern.





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**Monument sign** refer **Free-standing sign**

**Moveable sign** means an advertising sign intended for temporary display which is free-standing and self-supporting and includes **A-frame signs** and **Sandwich boards** and does not include a **Free-standing sign** or a **Real Estate sign**.

**Permanent sign** means a sign that is lasting or intended to last indefinitely, and which is displayed or intended to be displayed indefinitely.

**Pole sign** refer **Free-standing sign**

**Projecting sign** means an advertising sign attached to and protruding from a building or structure and includes:

- a. signs attached to and supported below an awning or below a ceiling at the entrance to an internal pedestrian area; and
- b. signs which extend beyond or above the horizontal walls, parapet or roof of the building or structure.

**Pylon sign** refer **Free-standing sign**

**Regulatory Signage** used to indicate or reinforce traffic laws, regulations or requirements which apply either at all times or at specified times or places.

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**Roof sign** means an advertising sign attached to or painted on a roof of a building and which does not project or extend beyond the edge or face of the roof.

**Sandwich board** refer **Moveable sign**

**Street furniture sign** means an advertising sign attached to such items as public seating, plant boxes and other functional structures in public areas.

**Temporary sign** means a sign that lasts, exists, serves or is effective for a limited time only and/or which is intended to be displayed for a limited time only.

**Under-awning sign** refer **Projecting sign**

**Vehicle or Trailer sign** means a vehicle or trailer adapted for and used as an advertising sign, and does not include any sign on a registered commercial passenger vehicle, or a sign on a trailer which is in transit and is not stationary in any public area.

**Wall or Fascia sign** means an advertising sign attached to or painted on a wall or fascia of a building or awning (including structures attached to a building or awning) or on a structure that protrudes no more than 50 millimetres from the face of a building or structure, and which does not extend beyond the edge of the building or awning.

**Window sign** means an advertising sign attached to the inside or outside of a window without significantly affecting the purpose of the window.





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### 5 DEFINITIONS - ADVERTISING TYPES

Advertising types refer to the nature and purpose of the advertising on the sign, rather than the sign structure [or location](#).

**Business advertising** means advertising restricted to the name, and/or logo, and occupation and/or activity of the person occupying the premises in relation to which the advertising sign is erected, and, where a number of persons are carrying on different businesses in a premises, includes a sign identifying the premises.

**Community and Sporting Event advertising** means advertising that provides information relating to community and sporting events, and which may incorporate **sponsorship advertising** not exceeding 25% of the total area of the sign. Community events are usually free events (although this may not be the case in all events), open to all members of the public and hosted by a "not for profit" organisation (able to demonstrate a Certificate of Incorporated Association).

**Election advertising** means advertising erected in association with the holding of a local government, Northern Territory or Commonwealth election.

**Precinct advertising** means advertising that provides information about the businesses, organisations and activities occurring within an identifiable physical area.

**Promotion advertising** means advertising that provides information about the services or goods produced, provided or sold as a major activity on the premises, or information about events or activities substantially carried out on the premises.

**Real estate advertising** means advertising used to indicate or display real property that is available for rent, lease, sale, auction or inspection.

**Security advertising** means advertising that provides information about security services protecting a premise and is displayed either on a building or on a fence.

**Special Event advertising** means advertising that provides information about a significant event or activity (including occasional sporting and other events) as determined by the General Manager Infrastructure, City of Darwin, that is generally a one-off event or occurs no more than once a year, and which may incorporate **sponsorship advertising** not exceeding 25% of the total area of the sign, and is not **Community and Sporting Event advertising** or **Election advertising**.

**Sponsorship advertising** means advertising identifying the name and or logo of a person, company or organisation providing sponsorship of a **Community and Sporting Event** or activity, or a **Special Event** or activity.

**Sporting Field Name Signs** means advertising identifying the name and logo of the sports ground official name. Applicable to the Marrara Sporting Precinct only.





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**Sporting Sponsorship Signage** means advertising identifying the name and/or logo of a person, company or organisation providing sponsorship to a sporting club. Applicable to the Marrara Sporting Precinct only.

**Third party advertising** means advertising that provides information about:

- a. services and goods that are not produced, provided or sold on the premises;
- b. or businesses, events or activities not carried out or associated with the premises.

It does not include:

- a. any advertising on a Billboard approved by the Darwin Council which is located within a City of Darwin managed road reserve; or
- ~~a-b.~~ sponsorship advertising; or
- ~~b-c.~~ advertising on vehicles or trailers which are predominantly utilised as a mode of transport and with signage indicating services or goods produced, provided or sold as a major activity of the company or person to which or whom the vehicle is registered; or the business, events or activities substantially carried out by the company or person to which or whom the vehicle is registered.

An advertiser proposing to exhibit an advertising sign which does not appear to meet any existing definitions, and which is not specifically prohibited under this code, may apply to Council for the approval or rejection of the advertising sign on its merits. Signage of this nature will be assessed in accordance with the approval criteria set out in the Code and with general Council policy expressed in relation to the relevant zone where the proposed advertising sign will be exhibited.

~~An advertiser proposing to exhibit an advertising sign which does not appear to come within the scope of the definitions, and which is not prohibited under this code, may apply to Council for the approval or rejection of the advertising sign on its merits and in accordance with the approval criteria set out in The Code and with general Council policy expressed in relation to the relevant zone where the proposed advertising sign will be exhibited.~~

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### 6 SIGN APPROVAL CLASSIFICATIONS

Under this Code, a proposed advertising sign will be assessed under one of the following classifications:

#### 6.1 Exempt Signs (No Permit Required)

Where a sign is defined under this clause the sign will be exempt from the requirements of this Code.

The following signs do not require a permit:

- a. regulatory signage located within the road reserve of Territory Roads;
- b. a traffic control device or similar device displayed by reason of a statutory obligation imposed by a law in force in the Northern Territory;
- c. a sign displayed by reason of a statutory obligation imposed by a law in force in the Northern Territory, including signs required to be displayed under the *Planning Act 1999* and the *Liquor Act*;
- d. a sign displayed by a service authority responsible for an activity, including maintenance, within a road reserve and displayed for the purposes of warning or information to the public, including NT Government Tourist Information bays within the road reserve;
- e. a sign on enclosed land (including a sporting field) or within a building which is not readily visible from a public area outside the enclosure or building;
- f. a sign displayed on or inside a vehicle, other than a vehicle which is adapted and exhibited primarily as an advertising sign;
- g. a **Security advertising sign** not exceeding 0.015 m<sup>2</sup> if displayed in a residential, community, specific use, or recreation zone; and not exceeding 0.2 m<sup>2</sup> if displayed in a business or industrial zone;
- h. a sign previously approved by the Development Consent Authority, the NT Government or the Council ~~and which has a valid permit~~;
- i. a sign in place before the commencement of this Code that was exempt or did not require a permit under the Signs Code repealed by this Code at the time it was put in place;
- j. signs on land on which building work is lawfully being undertaken, provided that:
  - i. the information on the sign relates to the building works being undertaken on the land;
  - ii. the sign is erected and displayed only during the period of such works; and
  - iii. no sign is more than 4 m<sup>2</sup> in area;
- k. advisory or information signs such as 'weigh in', 'goods entrance', 'beware of the dog' or 'visitor parking' signs provided such signs do not include any advertising material and do not exceed 0.3 m<sup>2</sup> in area;
- l. the hoisting of the flag of any nation, state or municipality, culture or people;
- m. election advertising signs on private property:  
An election sign may be placed on private property provided they:  
a. are only erected within 6 weeks of an election and removed 1 day after it,  
subject to any requirements under the Electoral Act;

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- b. are not placed in a way that obscures the view of vehicular and pedestrian traffic;
- c. have an area no greater than 1.5m<sup>2</sup>; and
- d. are not illuminated or animated.
- n. election signage placed on City of Darwin road reserve:
  - election signs may be temporarily placed on City of Darwin road reserves adjacent to a road, however they:
    - a. must not be attached to Council trees or vegetation;
    - b. must not be affixed to Council assets including buildings or fencing;
    - c. must not be affixed to traffic signs, signals, poles etc;
    - d. must not be placed in a way that damages Council infrastructure such as irrigation systems;
    - e. must not obstruct the view or flow of traffic and pedestrians (including being placed in bus stops or on roundabouts); and
    - f. signage must be safe and secure, and positioned in a manner that does not pose a risk or danger to persons or property and be under effective control; and
    - g. in residential zones, candidates should consider adjacent land owner views when placing election signs on verges maintained by the landowner. City of Darwin may organise the removal of election signs from the verge on receipt of complaint from the adjoining landowner.
- m. provided they:
  - i. are only erected on a temporary basis not more than 6 weeks prior to an election and removed within 1 day after it, subject to any law relating to election advertising;
  - ii. are at no time placed on public land (other than a designated polling place) including Council land, Northern Territory Government land and Commonwealth land;
  - iii. are not placed so as to obscure the view of vehicular and pedestrian traffic;
  - iv. have an area no greater than 1.5 m<sup>2</sup>; and
  - v. are not illuminated or animated;
- n-o. signs directing people to designated polling places for the purpose of an election provided the signs:
  - i. are erected on a temporary basis not more than 1 day prior to an election and removed within 1 day after it, subject to any law relating to election advertising;
  - ii. are at no time placed so as to obscure the view of vehicular and/or pedestrian traffic; and
  - iii. do not include any advertising;
- o-p. window signs provided the signs refer to goods or services sold on the premises where the sign is located, unless the sign is likely to cause offence to members of the public.

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### 6.2 Complying Signs (No Permit Required where all provisions are met)

A complying sign refers to an advertising sign that is listed as "complying" in the advertising sign tables within Clause 7, which complies with the relevant definition in Clauses 4 and 5, that meets the provisions set out in Clause 8 for that particular type





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of advertising sign and that complies with the Assessment Criteria [set out in Clause 10](#) in this code.

### 6.3 Discretionary Signs (Permit Required)

A Discretionary sign refers to any sign that is not listed as exempt, complying or prohibited in the advertising sign tables in this Code, or that is not defined under this Code. Council may, in its sole discretion, issue a permit to exhibit an advertising sign that is classed as a discretionary sign.

A discretionary advertising sign is subject to:

- a. an application being made;
- b. payment of fees;
- c. consideration by Council; and, ~~if approved,~~
- d. [if approved,](#) the issue of a permit.

A permit for a Discretionary Advertising Sign may be approved by Council with such conditions as are necessary for the proposed advertising sign to satisfy the objectives, criteria and considerations of this Code. Where in the opinion of Council any conditions that could be imposed on the permit for the proposed advertising sign would not be sufficient to ensure that the advertising sign would satisfy the objectives, criteria and considerations of The Code, the application for an advertising sign permit will be refused.

### 6.4 Prohibited Signs

Signs and advertising identified as prohibited in this Code are not permitted to be displayed.

An application for a permit for an advertising sign that is prohibited will not be accepted or considered by Council.

### 6.5 Transferability of Sign Permits

Sign Permits issued under this Code shall not be transferable with a change of ownership.

### 6.6 Measurement of Signs

Where the extents of a sign are not clear for the purpose of measurement, the following shall be adopted:

Length – 500 millimetres plus the distance between the commencement of the lettering or symbol and the termination of the lettering or symbol

Width – 500 millimetres plus the distance from the lowest point of the lettering or symbol to the highest point of the lettering or symbol

Area (m<sup>2</sup>) – length (m) x width (m)

### 6.7 Changes to Existing Signs

Any changes to an existing sign shall be subject to the provisions of this Code.







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### 7 SIGN CONTROLS – ZONE PERMISSIBILITY'S

#### 7.1 Residential Zones: SD, MDLR, LMR, MR, HR, RR and CL

Advertising signs within residential zones should be discreet and of small scale in order to be sympathetic to the residential character of the area. Advertising signs should be directed towards the street, rather than towards adjacent residential properties.

**Refer to the controls in the following table.**





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Residential Zones: [SD](#), [MDLR](#), [LMR](#), MR, HR, RR and CL

ADVERTISING AND SIGN TYPES	CONTROLS
<b>Exempt (No Permit Required)</b>	
Any sign listed as "exempt" in Clause 6.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All relevant controls listed in Clause 6.</li> </ul>
<b>Complying (No Permit Required)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Business advertising</li> <li>Fence sign</li> <li>Free Standing sign</li> <li>Wall or Fascia sign</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No sign is to exceed an area of 0.5m<sup>2</sup> in residential Zones (excluding Zone CL)</li> <li>No sign is to exceed an area of 2m<sup>2</sup> in Zone CL (Community Living)</li> <li>No part of any sign to exceed a height of 3m above ground level</li> <li>No more than one Permanent Advertising sign per premises</li> <li>No part of any sign is to be on or over public land</li> </ul>
<b>Discretionary (Permit Required)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any sign listed as "complying" and which exceeds the maximum size in this table or which does not comply with the specific requirements for that type of sign in Clauses 8 and 9 of this Code; or</li> <li>Any sign not defined as either complying or prohibited in this table; or</li> <li>Any sign not defined as exempt in this Code; or</li> <li>Any sign not defined in this Code.</li> </ul>	
<b>Prohibited</b>	
Aerial Sign Animated Sign <a href="#">Billboard Sign</a> Illuminated Sign Moveable Sign Precinct Cluster Sign Roof Sign Street Furniture Advertising Third Party Advertising Vehicle or Trailer Sign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No sign permit will be issued for any sign or advertising within this category</li> </ul>

**Note:**

- Where a sign falls into two or more categories, the controls of the more stringent classification apply.
- Where a sign is proposed to be constructed on or over public land, the provisions of Clause 9 apply.





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7.2 Commercial Zones: CB, C, SC, TC and CV

Identification of the business should be the prime objective for signage, rather than promotional advertising. Where there is more than one business per building, a single sign that identifies the building and the various tenancies is preferred to multiple signs.

Refer to the controls in the following table.





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Commercial Zones: CB, C, SC, TC and CV

ADVERTISING AND SIGN TYPES	CONTROLS
<b>Exempt (No Permit Required)</b>	
Any sign listed as "exempt" in Clause 6.1.	All relevant controls listed in Clause 6.
<b>Complying (No Permit Required)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Business advertising</li> <li>Fence sign</li> <li>Free-standing sign</li> <li>Illuminated sign</li> <li>Projecting sign</li> <li>Promotion advertising</li> <li>Wall or Fascia sign</li> <li>Moveable sign</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No sign is to exceed an area of 20m<sup>2</sup>, or 25% of any one façade, whichever is the lesser</li> <li>No more than 3m<sup>2</sup> of illuminated signage per premises</li> <li>Illuminated signs are not to be directed towards residential premises</li> <li>No part of any sign is to exceed a height of 8.5m above ground level</li> <li>No part of any sign is to be on or over public land</li> </ul>
<b>Discretionary (Permit Required)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any sign listed as "complying" and which exceeds the maximum size in this table or which does not comply with the specific requirements for that type of sign in Clauses 8 and 9 of this Code; or</li> <li>Any illuminated sign directed towards a residential premise; or</li> <li><a href="#">A Billboard sign within a City of Darwin managed road reserve; or</a></li> <li>Any sign not defined as either complying or prohibited in this table; or</li> <li>Any sign not defined as exempt in this Code; or</li> <li>Any sign not defined in this Code.</li> </ul>	
<b>Prohibited</b>	
Third Party Advertising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No sign permit will be issued for any sign or advertising within this category</li> </ul>
Moveable Signs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No sign permit will be issued within The Mall for businesses that do not have direct frontage at ground level</li> </ul>
Vehicle or Trailer Sign	

**Note:**

- Where a sign falls into two or more categories, the controls of the more stringent classification apply.
- Where a sign is proposed to be constructed on or over public land, the provisions of Clause 9 apply.





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7.3 Industrial Zones: LI, GI and DV

Identification of the business should be the prime objective for signage, rather than promotional advertising. In the case of an industrial village or where there is more than one business per premises, a single [consolidated](#) sign that identifies the complex and the various tenancies is preferred to multiple [individual](#) signs.

Where premises front an arterial road, the number of advertising signs should be minimised to reduce visual confusion when viewed from the road.

Refer to the controls in the following table.





## OUTDOOR ADVERTISING SIGNS CODE

Industrial Zones: LI, GI and DV

ADVERTISING AND SIGN TYPES	CONTROLS
<b>Exempt (No Permit Required)</b>	
Any sign listed as "exempt" in Clause 6.1. All relevant controls listed in Clause 6.	
<b>Complying (No Permit Required)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business advertising</li> <li>• Fence sign</li> <li>• Illuminated sign</li> <li>• Free-standing sign</li> <li>• Projecting sign</li> <li>• Promotion advertising</li> <li>• Wall or Fascia sign</li> <li>• Moveable sign</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No sign is to exceed an area of 30m<sup>2</sup>, or 25% of any one façade, whichever is the lesser</li> <li>• No more than 5m<sup>2</sup> of illuminated signage per premises</li> <li>• Illuminated signs are not to be directed towards residential premise</li> <li>• No part of any sign is to exceed a height of 8.5m above ground level</li> <li>• No part of any sign is to be on or over public land</li> </ul>
<b>Discretionary (Permit Required)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any sign listed as "complying" and which exceeds the maximum size in this table or which does not comply with the specific requirements for that type of sign in Clauses 8 and 9 of this Code; or</li> <li>• Any illuminated sign directed towards a residential premise; or</li> <li>• A Billboard sign within a City of Darwin managed road reserve; or</li> <li>• Any sign not defined as either complying or prohibited in this table; or</li> <li>• Any sign not defined as exempt in this Code; or</li> <li>• Any sign not defined in this Code.</li> </ul>	
<b>Prohibited</b>	
Third Party Advertising Vehicle or Trailer sign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No sign permit will be issued for any sign or advertising within this category</li> </ul>

**Note:**

1. Where a sign falls into two or more categories, the controls of the more stringent classification apply.
2. Where a sign is proposed to be constructed on or over public land, the provisions of Clause 9 apply.





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7.4 Community Zones: CP, PS, CN, HT and OR

Advertising signs in community zones should be limited to those necessary to identify the use of the land and be sited so as to minimise their impact on the locality.

Refer to the controls in the following table.





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Community Zones: CP, PS, CN, HT and OR

ADVERTISING AND SIGN TYPES	CONTROLS
<b>Exempt (No Permit Required)</b>	
Any sign listed as "exempt" in Clause 6.1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All relevant controls listed in Clause 6.</li> </ul>
<b>Complying (No Permit Required)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Business advertising</li> <li>Community and Sporting Event advertising (Applicable to CP &amp; OR Zones only)</li> <li>Fence sign</li> <li>Free-standing sign</li> <li>Projecting sign</li> <li>Promotion advertising</li> <li>Wall or Fascia sign</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No sign is to exceed an area of 5m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>No part of any advertising sign is to exceed a height of 8.5m above ground level</li> <li>No part of any advertising sign is to be on or over public land</li> </ul>
<b>Discretionary (Permit Required)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any sign listed as "complying" and which exceeds the maximum size in this table or which does not comply with the specific requirements for that type of sign in Clauses 8 and 9 of this Code; or</li> <li>A Billboard sign within a City of Darwin managed road reserve; or</li> <li>Any sign not defined as either complying or prohibited in this table; or</li> <li>Any sign not defined as exempt in this Code; or</li> <li>Any Sign not defined in this Code.</li> </ul>	
<b>Prohibited</b>	
Aerial Sign Animated Sign Moveable Sign Third Party Advertising Vehicle or Trailer Sign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No sign permit will be issued for any sign or advertising within this category</li> </ul>

**Note:**

- Where a sign falls into two or more categories, the controls of the more stringent classification apply.
- Where a sign is proposed to be constructed on or over public land, the provisions of Clause 9 apply.





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7.5 Rural Zones: A, RL, R, RD, H and FD

With in Rural zones advertising signs should be limited to that necessary to identify the use of the land and be sited to minimise their impact on the locality.

Refer to the controls in the following table.





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ADVERTISING AND SIGN TYPES	CONTROLS
<b>Exempt (No Permit Required)</b>	
Any sign listed as "exempt" in Clause 6.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All relevant controls listed in Clause 6.</li> </ul>
<b>Complying (No Permit Required)</b>	
Business advertising Fence sign Free-standing sign Projecting sign Promotion advertising Wall or Fascia sign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Business Advertising sign to exceed an area of 4m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>No Promotion Advertising sign to exceed an area of 2m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>No more than one Permanent Advertising sign per premises</li> <li>No more than one Temporary Advertising sign per premises</li> <li>No part of any sign to exceed a height of 3 m above ground level</li> <li>No part of any sign to be on or over public land</li> </ul>
<b>Discretionary (Permit Required)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any sign listed as "complying" and which exceeds the maximum size in this table or which does not comply with the specific requirements for that type of sign in Clauses 8 and 9 of this Code; or</li> <li>Any sign not defined as either complying or prohibited in this table; or</li> <li>Any sign not defined as exempt in this Code; or</li> <li>Any sign not defined in this Code.</li> </ul>	
<b>Prohibited</b>	
Aerial Sign Animated Sign <a href="#">Billboard Sign</a> Moveable Sign Street Furniture Advertising Third Party Advertising Vehicle or Trailer Sign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No sign permit will be issued for any sign or advertising within this category.</li> </ul>

**Note:**

- Where a sign falls into two or more categories, the controls of the more stringent classification apply.
- Where the sign is proposed to be constructed on or over public land, the provisions of Clause 9 apply.





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7.6 Infrastructure Zones: T, M, PM, RW and U

Within Infrastructure zones advertising signs should be limited to that necessary to identify the use of the land and be sited to minimise their impact on the locality.

Refer to the controls in the following table.





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<b>Exempt (No Permit Required)</b>	
Any sign listed as "exempt" in Clause 6.1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All relevant controls listed in Clause 6.</li> </ul>
<b>Complying (No Permit Required)</b>	
Business advertising Fence sign Free-standing sign Projecting sign Promotion advertising Wall or Fascia sign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Business Advertising sign to exceed an area of 2m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>No Promotion Advertising sign to exceed an area of 1m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>No more than one Permanent Advertising sign per premises</li> <li>No more than one Temporary Advertising sign per premises</li> <li>No part of any sign to exceed a height of 3 m above ground level</li> <li>No part of any sign to be on or over public land</li> </ul>
<b>Discretionary (Permit Required)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any sign listed as "complying" and which exceeds the maximum size in this table or which does not comply with the specific requirements for that type of sign in Clauses 8 and 9 of this Code; or</li> <li>Any sign not defined as either complying or prohibited in this table; or</li> <li>Any sign not defined as exempt in this Code; or</li> <li>Any sign not defined in this Code.</li> </ul>	
<b>Prohibited</b>	
Aerial Sign Animated Sign Moveable Sign Street Furniture Advertising Third Party Advertising Vehicle or Trailer Sign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No sign permit will be issued for any sign or advertising within this category.</li> </ul>

**Note:**

- Where a sign falls into two or more categories, the controls of the more stringent classification apply.
- Where the sign is proposed to be constructed on or over public land, the provisions of Clause 9 apply.





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### 7.7 Specific Use Zone: SU

Specific Use Zones accommodate specific developments, which may not be permissible or adequately catered for in other zones. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Residential suburbs that provide for housing choice through a range of lot sizes and housing types;
- Commercial, industrial purposes responding to local constraints; and
- Mixed Uses - combining uses such as commercial, residential and community uses either within a multistorey building or in a single Lot.

#### **Residential suburbs, commercial, or industrial areas**

Advertising signs should be consistent with the specific land use as detailed in the Outdoor Advertising Signs Code and are to be designed and sited to minimise their impact on adjoining areas.

#### **Mixed use developments which include residential dwellings**

Residential developments expect a high level of amenity and privacy, without visual intrusion from advertising signs or illumination.

Advertising signs in these areas therefore should be:

- Designed to be compatible with the surrounding residential development;
- Minimised so not to detract from, or adversely impact the residential amenity of the area;
- Illuminated signage is to be limited to small scale business and/or building identification signs at ground level, where commercial development is permitted. Signs shall be designed so they do not cause light spill resulting in the loss of amenity to the adjoining residential dwellings; and
- No other illuminated signs will be permitted on the site.

### 7.8 Marrara Sporting Precinct

The following controls (Clause 7.6.1 to 7.6.3) are specific to the Marrara Sporting Precinct and override any other specific or implied controls stated in this code. All other controls contained within The Code are applicable.

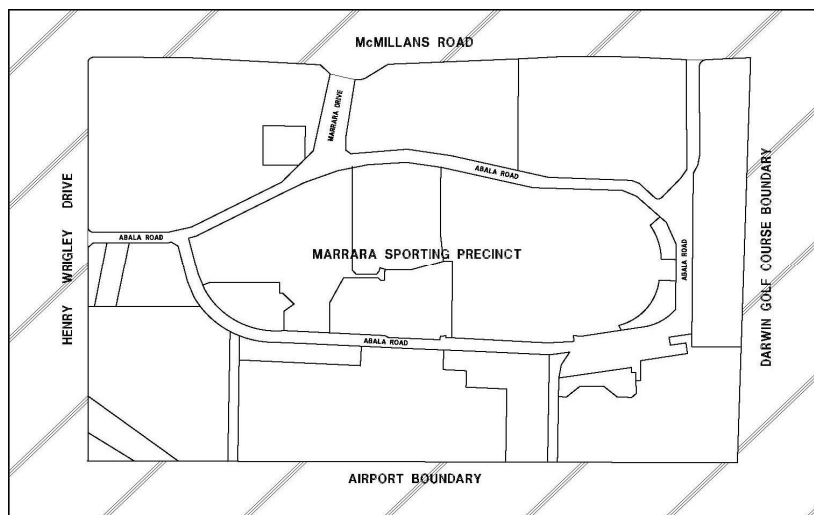
#### **7.8.1 Precinct Definitions**

The Marrara Sporting Precinct consists of the sporting fields bounded by McMillans Road, Henry Wrigley Drive, the Darwin Airport northern boundary and the eastern boundary of the Darwin Golf Club's premises.





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### 7.8.2 Specific Sign Controls

#### Sporting sponsorship signs facing a public area

- no sporting sponsorship sign shall exceed an area of 9 m<sup>2</sup>;
- no sporting sponsorship sign shall be illuminated; and
- it is prohibited to place a sporting sponsorship sign on or over a public area.

#### Free-standing sporting sponsorship signs shall:

- be double-sided with the same sponsor displayed on each side of the sign;
- display only one sponsor per sign;
- be no higher than 3.5 metres from finished ground level;
- be displayed at a rate not greater than one sign per 50 metres of road frontage, with no specific spacing between the signs; and
- be no closer than 10 metres from the sporting organisation's property boundary.

#### General sporting sponsorship signs shall:

- be no higher than 7 metres from finished ground level; and
- display only one sponsor per sign.

#### Sporting sponsorship signs not facing a public area





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- a. For sporting sponsorship signs facing away from a public area there is no limit on the number or size of sporting sponsorship signs provided they generally face inwards towards the sporting ground and are not readily viewable from the surrounding public area; and
- b. All sporting sponsorship signs facing away from a public area shall have an attractive backing that does not detract from the amenity of the area.

### 7.8.3 Sporting Field name signs

#### **Advertising identifying the name and logo of the sports ground official name:**

- a. Sporting field name signs shall not exceed an area of 20 m<sup>2</sup>;
- b. sporting field name signs shall not be illuminated;
- c. sporting field name signs shall not contain any other type of advertising; and
- d. there shall be no more than one sporting field name sign at each road frontage.

#### **Council Signs Permit**

A Council signs permit is not required for complying signs.

Non-complying signage may be considered by Council following the receipt of a completed sign application, submitted by the sporting club.





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### 8 SPECIFIC PROVISIONS: ~~TEMPORARY SIGNS~~Signage Limitations

Unless stated elsewhere in this Code, a temporary sign will not be permitted to be displayed for longer than six weeks at a time and for no more than four times per year.

#### 8.1 Aerial Signs

Aerial signs, including balloons, blimps and kites may only be displayed for promotional reasons on a temporary basis.

The maximum duration for the display of an aerial sign is two weeks, and no more than four permits a year for a display from any one premise will be granted.

#### 8.2 Animated Signs

Flashing lights in an animated sign are prohibited if they are likely to cause a distraction to drivers.

Chasing lights, where lights follow in a repetitious pattern, may be permitted within commercial zones, but are prohibited if they are likely to cause a distraction or nuisance to drivers, the general public or residents.

Bright lights are prohibited if they are likely to cause a distraction to drivers and may be confused with traffic control devices. Bright lights will not be permitted within, or adjacent to, residential zones.

#### 8.3 Banners

Banners may only be displayed for promotional reasons on a temporary basis.

The maximum duration for the display of a banner is two weeks, and no more than four permits a year for a display from any one premise will be granted.

#### 8.4 Bunting

Permanent bunting is prohibited within close proximity to a residential zone.

Temporary bunting may be permitted in residential zones for special promotions (such as new housing and land developments).

Bunting may be permitted within business and industrial zones where the premises maintain an open appearance.

Bunting is prohibited under awnings that extend over Council controlled roads or reserves.

#### 8.5 Flag Signs

A flag sign may not exceed a total area of 2 m<sup>2</sup>.

No more than three flag signs per premises may be displayed without consent.

#### 8.6 Free-standing Sign

Only one temporary free-standing advertising sign per premises will be permitted.







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Where there are multiple tenants on a site, i.e. a shop or business is located within an arcade or within an industrial park, then one sign should advertise all tenants.

### 8.7 Moveable Signs

All moveable signs on public land require a permit.

Only one moveable sign per business premises will be permitted.

When displayed in a commercial zone, the height of a moveable sign should not exceed 1.2 metres above ground level (including supporting legs), and should not be wider than 0.8 metres and should not exceed 1 m<sup>2</sup> in area.

When displayed in industrial zones, the height of a moveable sign should not exceed 1.8 metres above ground level (including supporting legs), and should not be wider than 1.2 metres.

Moveable signs must be placed so as not to cause a hazard to pedestrians or vehicles. A clear pedestrian path with a minimum width of 2 metres must be able to be maintained adjacent to any moveable sign to ensure pedestrian safety.

The sign is to be displayed during business hours only and is not to be used for the display of merchandise.

### 8.8 Special Event Advertising

Signs are to be displayed no more than two weeks prior to the event and to be removed within one day after the event concludes.

### 8.9 Vehicle and Trailer Signs

Vehicle and Trailer signs are prohibited in all zones.





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### 9 SPECIFIC PROVISIONS: SIGNS ON OR OVER A PUBLIC AREA

A permit to exhibit an advertising sign on, in or over a public area will not be issued until the applicant has agreed in writing to indemnify the Council for any loss or damage caused by the sign.

The Advertising and Activities in Road Reserves Management Guidelines, administered by the Northern Territory Government, is required to be reviewed for any advertising proposals for signage to be located within a NTG road reserve.

The Council will not issue a permit to exhibit a permanent advertising sign on a Northern Territory Road unless it is in possession of written consent from the Northern Territory Government authorising the applicant to exhibit the advertising sign.

Star pickets are prohibited on all Council ~~and Northern Territory Government~~ roads.

#### 9.1 Blue Finger Signs

No more than two Blue Finger signs will be permitted per street pole and no more than two signs will be permitted to direct motorists to the site in question.

A Blue Finger sign may not exceed an area of 0.15 m<sup>2</sup>.

A Blue Finger sign may be displayed to:

- a. advertise community facilities such as pools or libraries;
- b. direct motorists to activities which may occur along the foreshore; or
- c. direct motorists to sporting fields/sporting venues/entertainment venues or other community facilities, major shopping centres, industrial, commercial or business centres, particularly when their location is off a main road.

A Blue Finger sign must be designed and constructed in accordance with the relevant Australian Standards.

#### 9.2 Moveable Signs on Public Land

Moveable signs will only be permitted on public land in business and industrial zones and only for temporary display.

Moveable signs are prohibited within The Mall for businesses that do not have direct frontage at ground level.

The sign must be located directly outside the premises in question and not across the road or on a median strip or in any other position so as to obstruct, clutter or detract from street landscaping, furniture or artwork.

Moveable signs must be placed so as not to cause a hazard to pedestrians or vehicles. A clear pedestrian path with a minimum width of 2 metres must be able to be maintained adjacent to any moveable sign to ensure pedestrian safety.

The sign is to be displayed during business hours only and is not to be used for the display of merchandise.

Refer to Clause 8.7 for further controls on moveable signs.





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### 9.3 Permanent Signs on Public Land

~~Subject to the exercise of discretion by Council, P~~permanent signs on public land (other than a carriageway) will only be approved under special circumstances in business and industrial zones.

Refer to the provisions of Clause 8 and Clause 10 for further controls on permanent signs.

~~No permanent signs will be permitted in Territory Road reserves, with the exception of Precinct Cluster Signs.~~

### 9.4 Precinct Cluster Signs on Public Land

Precinct advertising is supported where it is proposed to replace numerous individual business and promotion signs with a single cluster sign.

Precinct advertising will be approved only in circumstances where the businesses, organisations or activities that are to be advertised are not readily visible from the road.

Precinct cluster signs will only be approved where there is an identified need for a unified approach to advertising for a particular precinct.

Information displayed on a precinct cluster sign shall be limited to the name and activities of premises within the designated precinct.

The sign shall be of a scale and size appropriate to the location.

Wording on the sign shall be of a size suitable to be easily viewed by passing traffic without requiring vehicles to slow down to read the message.

The sign shall not interfere with the general function of the road or cause impediment to sight distances for motorists. Appropriate setbacks from the kerb will be determined after a site inspection by Council officers.

Precinct cluster signs are prohibited in residential zones.

### 9.5 Projecting Signs

A projecting sign that overhangs a road is prohibited in a residential zone.

Projecting signs overhanging public land must have a minimum clearance of 2.7 metres above ground level (or a footpath).

### 9.6 Real Estate Signs

Temporary auction/open for inspection signs will be permitted on roads if:

- a. they are displayed only during the times the premises are open for inspection or in the case of an auction sign, only during the auction;
- b. they are not placed on median strips in the middle of the road or the carriageway;
- c. they are not placed so as to impede pedestrian or traffic flow; and
- d. they are not placed so as to obscure a driver's view.





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Real Estate signs will be permitted on fence lines if:

- a. the sign does not exceed 2.5 m<sup>2</sup> per residential premises;
- b. the sign does not exceed 4.5 m<sup>2</sup> for a new residential development comprising four or more units, advertising the sale of all the units;
- c. the sign does not exceed 4.5 m<sup>2</sup> in industrial and commercial zones;
- d. there is only one sign per business per street frontage; and
- e. the sign/s are removed within one day after the sale (settlement) or lease of the property.

### 9.7 Street Furniture Advertising

Advertising on street furniture such as seating, planter boxes, traffic control cabinets and the like will only be considered within business and industrial zones.

An application for street furniture advertising will be considered by Council, having regard to:

- a. the quality and size of the proposed sign;
- b. the compatibility with other signage in the locality; and
- c. the proximity to the business in question.

It is unlikely Council will issue a permit for a sign of this type when a valid permit already exists allowing a moveable sign to advertise the same business in the general area.





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### 10 ASSESSMENT CRITERIA: SPECIFIC SIGN TYPES

#### 10.1 When considering an application for a permit to exhibit an advertising sign under this Code, Council shall have regard to all of the following:

- i. the relevant zoning in the Northern Territory Planning Scheme [2020](#);
- ii. the public interest; and
- iii. the provisions of this Code.

#### 10.2 Detailed assessment Criteria

Council will only issue a permit for an advertising sign if:

- a. the advertising sign causes no significant obstruction of, or distraction to, vehicular or pedestrian traffic; and
- b. an advertising sign does not obscure a pedestrian's view of traffic, or a motorist's or cyclist's view of pedestrians and other traffic, or the road ahead; and
- c. an advertising sign is not distracting to drivers in close proximity to intersections, traffic signals, vehicle merging and weaving situations; and
- d. advertising signs are not designed so as to be confused with a traffic control device; and
- e. where there are a number of tenants of premises involved, advertising signs are co-ordinated and complimentary to one another; and
- f. the dimensions of the advertising sign bear a reasonable relationship to the dimensions of surrounding buildings and allotments so that:
  - i. its presence is not unduly dominating or oppressive, and
  - ii. it does not unreasonably obstruct existing views;
- g. the advertising sign is consistent in colour and appearance with buildings and natural features of the environment in which it is to be situated; and
- h. the number of advertising signs per premises is minimised to avoid visual clutter and to avoid one sign obscuring another; and
- i. the advertising sign is in other respects consistent with the character and values of the environment in which it is to be situated; and
- j. the advertising sign will be constructed of durable materials and maintained in good condition at all times; and
- k. the advertising sign is designed so that structural supports are either concealed from public view or are of minimal visual impact; and
- l. the advertising signs do not cause offence to the general public by virtue of the design, message or location; and
- m. the approval is consistent with this Code and the By-Laws.

#### 10.3 ~~Animated and Illuminated Signs within and/or visible from NT Government Road Reserves~~

~~Placement of animated advertising signs (including variable message boards) will not be permitted either within view of or in NT Government road reserves except for traffic control measures or road safety messages.~~

**Commented [BS2]:** As we already manage signs viewable from the NTG road reserve, and as animated signs have already been approved adjacent NTG roads, this clause is outdated and should be deleted.





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### **10.410.3 Cluster Signs**

No more than one cluster sign will be permitted per premises.

### **10.510.4 Free-Standing Signs**

No more than one Free-standing sign will be permitted per premises.

Free-standing signs shall not exceed a height of 7 metres.

### **10.610.5 Illuminated Signs**

No more than one permanent illuminated sign per premises within business, industrial and organised recreation zones will be permitted without consent.

Illuminated signs are to be no closer than 30 metres to any residential zone.

Illumination from or upon any sign shall be shaded, shielded, directed or reduced, so as to avoid undue brightness or detrimental impact on traffic, the general public and residents, and to prevent glare or reflection of light on private or public property in the surrounding area. Undue brightness is illumination in excess of that which is reasonably necessary to make the sign visible to the average person on an adjacent street.

Illuminated animated signs, including Billboards, may be located within Council-managed road reserves where discretionally approved by Council.

### **10.710.6 Projecting Signs**

Not more than one permanent projecting sign will be permitted per premises.

Projecting signs shall:

- a. have a clearance of at least 2.7 metres from ground level;
- b. not exceed a height of 7 metres above ground level; and
- c. not extend past the edge of any awning adjacent to a road.

A projecting sign must be positioned and designed in such a manner that is compatible with the architecture of the building to which it is attached.

### **10.810.7 Wall or Fascia Signs**

No more than one wall or fascia sign will be permitted per premises within residential and rural zones.

Wall or fascia signs should be limited to one facade of a building, except where the building has dual street frontage.

No Wall or Fascia sign will be permitted to exceed 25% of the area of the wall or fascia upon which it is displayed without consent.





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## Policy No. 042

### 1 Purpose

This determination by Council may be cited as the City of Darwin Outdoor Advertising Signs Code ("The Code") and is made pursuant to the Darwin City Council By-Laws.

Unless an advertising sign is exempt under Clause 6 of this Code or is complying sign under Clause 7 of this Code, a permit is required for an advertiser to exhibit an advertising sign on or in a public area, on or in premises in view of a public area within the municipality of Darwin.

### 2 Scope

This policy applies to advertising signage on or in a public area, or on or in premises in view of a public area within the municipality of Darwin.

This policy does not apply to advertising signage located with Northern Territory (NT) Government roads.

Whilst land use planning in the NT falls within the jurisdiction of the NT Government, control of advertising signs and hoardings is a local government responsibility. City of Darwin regulates signs for a number of reasons - primarily amenity and safety.

### 3 Policy Statement

The main objective of The Code is to ensure that, as far as practicable, advertising signs exhibited within the municipality:

- are compatible with the design and character of the premises, streetscape and locality to which they are related,
- do not cause a loss of amenity or adversely affect the natural or built environment,
- do not adversely affect the safety or efficiency of a roadway or footpath,
- do not cause visual clutter and disorder by the proliferation of signs in any one location and by one sign obscuring another, and
- do not cause offence to the general public by virtue of their design, location or message.

### 4 Definitions

Refer Attachment A - City of Darwin Outdoor Advertising Signs Code

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## 5 Legislative References

Local Government Act 2019

NT Planning Act 1999

NT Planning Scheme 2020

## 6 Procedures / Related Documents

This determination by Council may be cited as the City of Darwin Outdoor Advertising Signs Code ("The Code") and is made pursuant to the Darwin City Council By-Laws. The Code should be read in conjunction with the By-laws.

## 7 Responsibility / Application

The General Manager Innovation is responsible for managing the implementation of this policy.

This policy should be reviewed at least once in the term of each Council or as required.

## 8 Document Control

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Attachment A

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Citation of Code

This determination by Council may be cited as the City of Darwin Outdoor Advertising Signs Code ("The Code") and is made pursuant to the Darwin City Council By-Laws.

### 1.2 Objectives

The main objective of The Code is to ensure that, as far as practicable, advertising signs exhibited within the municipality:

- a. are compatible with the design and character of the premises, streetscape and locality to which they are related,
- b. do not cause a loss of amenity or adversely affect the natural or built environment,
- c. do not adversely affect the safety or efficiency of a roadway or footpath,
- d. do not cause visual clutter and disorder by the proliferation of signs in any one location and by one sign obscuring another, and
- e. do not cause offence to the general public by virtue of their design, location or message.

### 1.3 Requirement for a Permit

Where an advertising sign is exempt under Clause 6.1 of this Code or is a complying sign under the applicable Zone Table within Clause 7 of this Code, no permit is required for an advertiser to exhibit an advertising sign where located in accordance with this Code.

Where an advertising sign is prohibited under the applicable Zone Table within Clause 7 of this Code, no application for a permit will be accepted.

All other advertising signage on or in a public area, or on or in premises in view of a public area within the municipality of Darwin requires a permit.

### 1.4 Requirement for Other Permits

Where an advertising sign requires planning, building or structural certification under the provisions of other legislation, the onus for obtaining the necessary permits is on the applicant.

### 1.5 Interpretation of the Code

For the purpose of interpretation, The Code is to be read together with the Darwin City Council By-Laws.

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## 2 USING THIS CODE

The following should be used as a guide to this Code:

- a. determine what type (structure) of sign you are proposing to erect by reference to the definitions and indicative diagram provided in Clause 4,
- b. determine what type (nature) of advertising you are proposing to display by reference to the definitions provided in Clause 5,
- c. determine which NT Planning Scheme zone or special precinct the sign is to be exhibited in. Then refer to Clause 6.1 (Exempt Signs) and the Zone-Specific advertising sign tables in Clause 7 of this code to determine whether a permit is needed before the advertising sign can be exhibited,
- d. check to determine that the advertising sign will comply with the provisions in Clause 8 (specific provisions and policies for each sign type), Clause 9 (general Council policy relating to signs on or over a public area) and the Assessment Criteria within Clause 10, and
- e. where a permit is required, make an application to Council.

Council encourages the early inclusion of information about proposed advertising signage as part of any development application to the Development Consent Authority (where required) in order to ensure signage is integrated into the design of the premises.

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### 3 DEFINITIONS – GENERAL

In this Code, unless the contrary intention appears:

**Advertising sign** means any form of advertising using words, letters, images, pictures, symbols, objects or illumination, which is exhibited or displayed on or in a public area or on a building or structure that is in view of a public area, for the attention of the public, and includes any structure or material used to display the advertising.

**Advertiser** means a person:

- a. who holds a valid permit in respect of the advertising sign issued pursuant to these By-Laws, or
- b. who authorises or causes an advertising sign to be exhibited, or
- c. whose business or place of business is advertised by the advertising sign, and
- d. includes a person who manages and controls, or has power to manage or control, the place in which the advertising sign is exhibited.

**By-Laws** means the Darwin City Council By-Laws.

**Code** means the City of Darwin Outdoor Advertising Signs Code.

**Commercial Zone** refers to the zones CB, C, SC, TC and CV as defined in the NT Planning Scheme 2020.

**Community Zone** refers to the zones CP, PS, CN, HT and OR as defined in the NT Planning Scheme 2020.

**Council** means the City of Darwin.

**Carriageway** means a portion of a road improved, designed or ordinarily used for vehicular traffic and includes the shoulders and areas at the sides or centre of the carriageway used for the standing or parking of vehicles (including parking bays), and, where a road has two or more portions divided by a reservation, means each portion separately.

**Exempt**, in relation to an advertising sign, means exempt from the requirements of obtaining a permit under this Code.

**Exhibit** means to erect, install, place, paint, leave or construct an advertising sign on or in a public area or on or in premises in view of a public area.

**Industrial Zone** refers to the zones LI, GI and DV as defined in the NT Planning Scheme 2020.

**Infrastructure Zone** refers to the zones T, M, PM, RW and U as defined in the NT Planning Scheme 2020.

**Organised Recreation Zone** refers to the zone OR as defined in the NT Planning Scheme 2020.

**Premises** means the land or building that is owned or occupied by the business, community group or individual proposing to advertise.

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**Public Area** means any place within the municipality of Darwin which is a road reserve or land owned, controlled or maintained by City of Darwin or the Northern Territory Government.

**Road reserve** refers to the area of land between the boundary of private or business properties, and within which roads, footpaths and associated features may be constructed for public travel.

**Residential Zone** refers to the zones LR, LMR, MR, HR, RR and CL as defined in the NT Planning Scheme 2020.

**Rural Zone** refers to the zones A, RL, R, RD, H and FD as defined in the NT Planning Scheme 2020.

**Sign** refers to a publicly displayed board or notice inscribed with words or designs for the purposes of information, advertisement or warning.

**Specific Use Zone** refers to the zone SU as defined in the NT Planning Scheme 2007.

**Territory Road** means a road under the Control of the Northern Territory Government.

**Traffic Control Device** means a traffic control signal or a light, sign, mark, structure or item placed, erected or displayed for the purpose of regulating, warning or guiding traffic, or a device using a word, symbol, coloured light or a combination of them, by means of which traffic may be controlled or regulated.

**Zone** refers to the land use zone as defined in the NT Planning Scheme 2020, and applicable to the land on which a sign is proposed.

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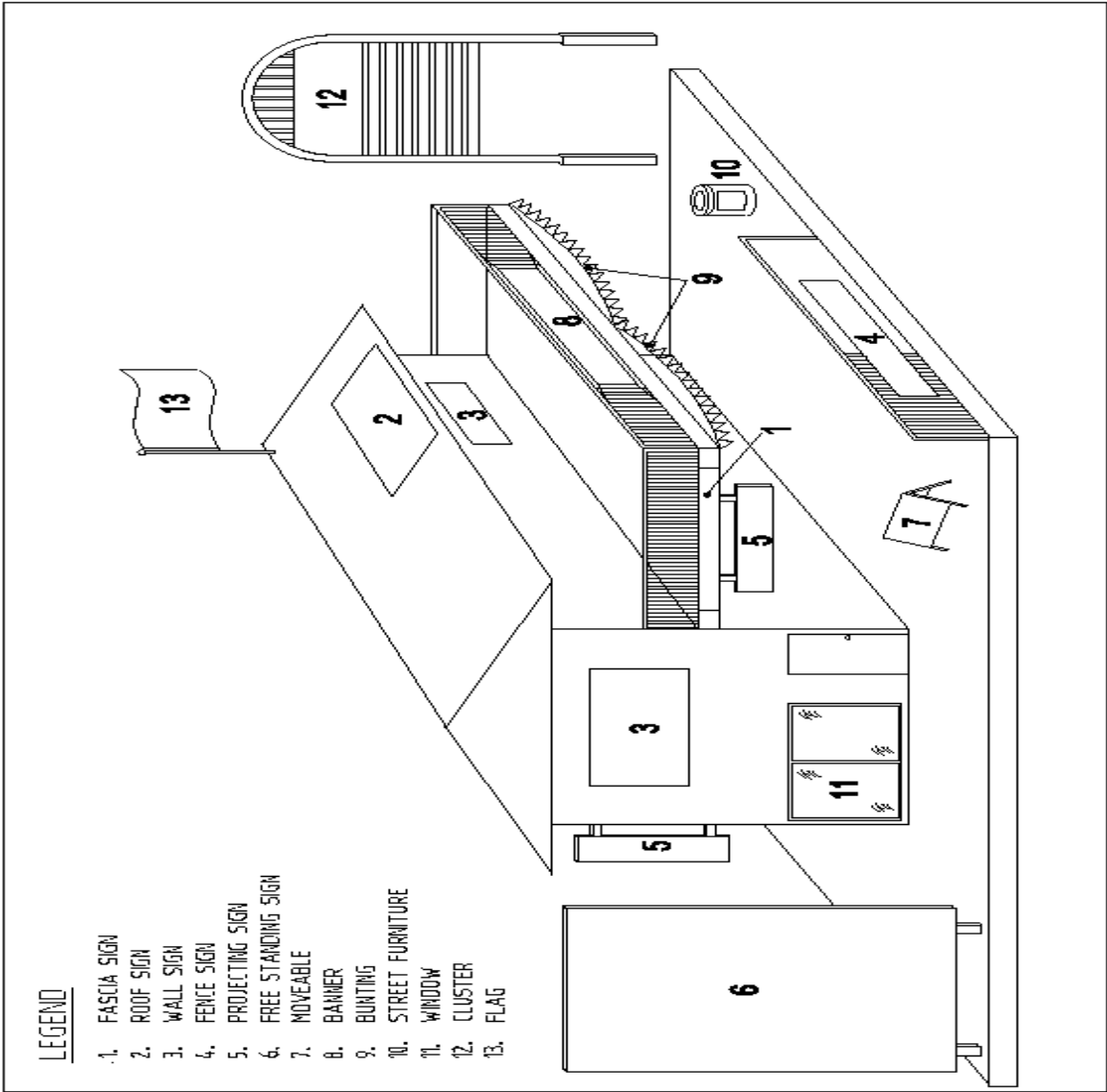
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4      DEFINITIONS – SIGNAGE STRUCTURE TYPES

NOTE: The diagram below is for information purposes only and does not include all signage typologies referenced in this Code.



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In this Code, unless the contrary intention appears, the following types of advertising signs have the corresponding meaning:

**Aerial sign** means an advertising sign made of inflatable devices or devices that require wind to stay aloft, being devices that are tethered to the ground or a structure and includes balloons, blimps and kites.

**A-frame sign** refer **Moveable sign**

**Animated sign** means an advertising sign that is designed to move, flash, change its message, intensity or pattern, or which contains moving parts, whether or not any part of the sign is also **illuminated**.

**Awning sign** refer **Wall or Fascia sign**

**Banner** means an advertising sign intended for temporary display made of light non-rigid material, and which is attached to a building, fence or structure.

**Billboard** sign means a large-scale digital or print advertising structure, for the sale of advertising space to promote company, brand, products, service, or marketing campaign.

**Blue Finger sign** means an advertising sign attached to a pole or street sign and that predominantly gives directional information.

**Bunting** means a device which is attached to ropes or wires suspended above the ground and which is designed to draw attention by the nature of its construction, colour, movement or noise and includes streamers, pennants and wind vanes / weather vanes.

**Cluster sign** means an advertising sign structure that contains more than one sign.

**Fence sign** means an advertising sign affixed to a fence.

**Flag sign** means an advertising sign displayed on cloth, canvas or synthetic material, which is hung from a vertical pole.

**Free-standing** sign means an advertising sign that:

- a. is self-supporting and not attached to the sides of a building, wall or fascia,
- b. is fixed to the ground,
- c. may be erected on a pole or poles or a pylon which is not on or part of a building or other structure, and
- d. does not include a Moveable sign.

**Illuminated sign** means:

- a. an advertising sign illuminated by internal and/or external lights, and
- b. an advertising sign composed of light devices that do not flash or change intensity or pattern.

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**Monument sign** refer **Free-standing sign**

**Moveable sign** means an advertising sign intended for temporary display which is free-standing and self-supporting and includes **A-frame signs** and **Sandwich boards** and does not include a **Free-standing sign** or a **Real Estate sign**.

**Permanent sign** means a sign that is lasting or intended to last indefinitely, and which is displayed or intended to be displayed indefinitely.

**Pole sign** refer **Free-standing sign**

**Projecting sign** means an advertising sign attached to and protruding from a building or structure and includes:

- a. signs attached to and supported below an awning or below a ceiling at the entrance to an internal pedestrian area, and
- b. signs which extend beyond or above the horizontal walls, parapet or roof of the building or structure.

**Pylon sign** refer **Free-standing sign**

**Regulatory Signage** used to indicate or reinforce traffic laws, regulations or requirements which apply either at all times or at specified times or places.

**Roof sign** means an advertising sign attached to or painted on a roof of a building and which does not project or extend beyond the edge or face of the roof.

**Sandwich board** refer **Moveable sign**

**Street furniture sign** means an advertising sign attached to such items as public seating, plant boxes and other functional structures in public areas.

**Temporary sign** means a sign that lasts, exists, serves or is effective for a limited time only and/or which is intended to be displayed for a limited time only.

**Under-awning sign** refer **Projecting sign**

**Vehicle or Trailer sign** means a vehicle or trailer adapted for and used as an advertising sign, and does not include any sign on a registered commercial passenger vehicle, or a sign on a trailer which is in transit and is not stationary in any public area.

**Wall or Fascia sign** means an advertising sign attached to or painted on a wall or fascia of a building or awning (including structures attached to a building or awning) or on a structure that protrudes no more than 50 millimetres from the face of a building or structure, and which does not extend beyond the edge of the building or awning.

**Window sign** means an advertising sign attached to the inside or outside of a window without significantly affecting the purpose of the window.

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## 5 DEFINITIONS - ADVERTISING TYPES

Advertising types refer to the nature and purpose of the advertising on the sign, rather than the sign structure or location.

**Business advertising** means advertising restricted to the name, and/or logo, and occupation and/or activity of the person occupying the premises in relation to which the advertising sign is erected, and, where a number of persons are carrying on different businesses in a premises, includes a sign identifying the premises.

**Community and Sporting Event advertising** means advertising that provides information relating to community and sporting events, and which may incorporate **sponsorship advertising** not exceeding 25% of the total area of the sign. Community events are usually free events (although this may not be the case in all events), open to all members of the public and hosted by a “not for profit” organisation (able to demonstrate a Certificate of Incorporated Association).

**Election advertising** means advertising erected in association with the holding of a local government, Northern Territory or Commonwealth election.

**Precinct advertising** means advertising that provides information about the businesses, organisations and activities occurring within an identifiable physical area.

**Promotion advertising** means advertising that provides information about the services or goods produced, provided or sold as a major activity on the premises, or information about events or activities substantially carried out on the premises.

**Real estate advertising** means advertising used to indicate or display real property that is available for rent, lease, sale, auction or inspection.

**Security advertising** means advertising that provides information about security services protecting a premise and is displayed either on a building or on a fence.

**Special Event advertising** means advertising that provides information about a significant event or activity (including occasional sporting and other events) as determined by the General Manager Infrastructure, City of Darwin, that is generally a one-off event or occurs no more than once a year, and which may incorporate **sponsorship advertising** not exceeding 25% of the total area of the sign, and is not **Community and Sporting Event advertising** or **Election advertising**.

**Sponsorship advertising** means advertising identifying the name and or logo of a person, company or organisation providing sponsorship of a **Community and Sporting Event** or activity, or a **Special Event** or activity.

**Sporting Field Name Signs** means advertising identifying the name and logo of the sports ground official name. Applicable to the Marrara Sporting Precinct only.

**Sporting Sponsorship Signage** means advertising identifying the name and/or logo of a person, company or organisation providing sponsorship to a sporting club. Applicable to the Marrara Sporting Precinct only.

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**Third party advertising** means advertising that provides information about:

- a. services and goods that are not produced, provided or sold on the premises, or
- b. businesses, events or activities not carried out or associated with the premises.

It does not include:

- a. any advertising on a Billboard approved by the Darwin Council which is located within a City of Darwin managed road reserve, or
- b. sponsorship advertising, or
- c. advertising on vehicles or trailers which are predominantly utilised as a mode of transport and with signage indicating services or goods produced, provided or sold as a major activity of the company or person to which or whom the vehicle is registered; or the business, events or activities substantially carried out by the company or person to which or whom the vehicle is registered.

An advertiser proposing to exhibit an advertising sign which does not appear to meet any existing definitions, and which is not specifically prohibited under this code, may apply to Council for the approval or rejection of the advertising sign on its merits. Signage of this nature will be assessed in accordance with the approval criteria set out in the Code and with general Council policy expressed in relation to the relevant zone where the proposed advertising sign will be exhibited.

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## 6 SIGN APPROVAL CLASSIFICATIONS

Under this Code, a proposed advertising sign will be assessed under one of the following classifications:

### 6.1 Exempt Signs (No Permit Required)

Where a sign is defined under this clause the sign will be exempt from the requirements of this Code.

The following signs do not require a permit:

- a. regulatory signage located within the road reserve of Territory Roads,
- b. a traffic control device or similar device displayed by reason of a statutory obligation imposed by a law in force in the Northern Territory,
- c. a sign displayed by reason of a statutory obligation imposed by a law in force in the Northern Territory, including signs required to be displayed under the *Planning Act 1999* and the *Liquor Act*,
- d. a sign displayed by a service authority responsible for an activity, including maintenance, within a road reserve and displayed for the purposes of warning or information to the public, including NT Government Tourist Information bays within the road reserve,
- e. a sign on enclosed land (including a sporting field) or within a building which is not readily visible from a public area outside the enclosure or building,
- f. a sign displayed on or inside a vehicle, other than a vehicle which is adapted and exhibited primarily as an advertising sign,
- g. a **Security advertising sign** not exceeding 0.015 m<sup>2</sup> if displayed in a residential, community, specific use, or recreation zone; and not exceeding 0.2 m<sup>2</sup> if displayed in a business or industrial zone,
- h. a sign previously approved by the Development Consent Authority, the NT Government or the Council,
- i. a sign in place before the commencement of this Code that was exempt or did not require a permit under the Signs Code repealed by this Code at the time it was put in place,
- j. signs on land on which building work is lawfully being undertaken, provided that:
  - i. the information on the sign relates to the building works being undertaken on the land,
  - ii. the sign is erected and displayed only during the period of such works, and
  - iii. no sign is more than 4 m<sup>2</sup> in area.
- k. advisory or information signs such as 'weigh in', 'goods entrance', 'beware of the dog' or 'visitor parking' signs provided such signs do not include any advertising material and do not exceed 0.3 m<sup>2</sup> in area,
- l. the hoisting of the flag of any nation, state or municipality, culture or people,

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m. election advertising signs on private property:

An election sign may be placed on private property provided they:

- i. are only erected within six (6) weeks of an election and removed one (1) day after, subject to any requirements under the Electoral Act,
- ii. are not placed in a way that obscures the view of vehicular and pedestrian traffic,
- iii. have an area no greater than 1.5m<sup>2</sup>., and
- iv. are not illuminated or animated.

n. election signage placed on City of Darwin road reserve:

election signs may be temporarily placed on City of Darwin road reserves adjacent to a road, however they:

- i. must not be attached to Council trees or vegetation,
- ii. must not be affixed to Council assets including buildings or fencing,
- iii. must not be affixed to traffic signs, signals, poles, or any other similar structure,
- iv. must not be placed in a way that damages Council infrastructure such as irrigation systems,
- v. must not obstruct the view or flow of traffic and pedestrians (including being placed in bus stops or on roundabouts),
- vi. signage must be safe and secure, and positioned in a manner that does not pose a risk or danger to persons or property and be under effective control, and
- vii. in residential zones, candidates should consider adjacent land owner views when placing election signs on verges maintained by the landowner. City of Darwin may organise the removal of election signs from the verge on receipt of complaint from the adjoining landowner.

o. signs directing people to designated polling places for the purpose of an election provided the signs:

- i. are erected on a temporary basis not more than 1 day prior to an election and removed within 1 day after it, subject to any law relating to election advertising,
- ii. are at no time placed so as to obscure the view of vehicular and/or pedestrian traffic, and
- iii. do not include any advertising.

p. window signs provided the signs refer to goods or services sold on the premises where the sign is located unless the sign is likely to cause offence to members of the public.

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## 6.2 Complying Signs (No Permit required where all provisions are met)

A complying sign refers to an advertising sign that is listed as “complying” in the advertising sign tables within Clause 7, which complies with the relevant definition in Clauses 4 and 5, that meets the provisions set out in Clause 8 for that particular type of advertising sign and that complies with the Assessment Criteria set out in Clause 10 in this code.

## 6.3 Discretionary Signs (Permit Required)

A discretionary sign refers to any sign that is not listed as exempt, complying or prohibited in the advertising sign tables in this Code, or that is not defined under this Code. Council may, in its sole discretion, issue a permit to exhibit an advertising sign that is classed as a discretionary sign.

A discretionary advertising sign is subject to:

- a. an application being made,
- b. payment of fees,
- c. consideration by Council, and
- d. if approved, the issue of a permit.

A permit for a Discretionary Advertising Sign may be approved by Council with such conditions as are necessary for the proposed advertising sign to satisfy the objectives, criteria and considerations of this Code.

Where in the opinion of Council any conditions that could be imposed on the permit for the proposed advertising sign would not be sufficient to ensure that the advertising sign would satisfy the objectives, criteria and considerations of The Code, the application for an advertising sign permit will be refused.

## 6.4 Prohibited Signs

Signs and advertising identified as prohibited in this Code are not permitted to be displayed.

An application for a permit for an advertising sign that is prohibited will not be accepted or considered by Council.

## 6.5 Transferability of Sign Permits

Sign Permits issued under this Code shall not be transferable with a change of ownership.

## 6.6 Measurement of Signs

Where the extents of a sign are not clear for the purpose of measurement, the following shall be adopted:

Length – 500 millimetres plus the distance between the commencement of the lettering or symbol and the termination of the lettering or symbol

Width – 500 millimetres plus the distance from the lowest point of the lettering or symbol to the highest point of the lettering or symbol

Area (m<sup>2</sup>) – length (m) x width (m)

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**6.7 Changes to Existing Signs**

Any changes to an existing sign shall be subject to the provisions of this Code.

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## 7 SIGN CONTROLS – ZONE PERMISSIBILITY

### 7.1 Residential Zones: LR, LMR, MR, HR, RR and CL

Advertising signs within residential zones should be discreet and of small scale in order to be sympathetic to the residential character of the area.

Advertising signs should be directed towards the street, rather than towards adjacent residential properties.

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## Residential Zones: LR, LMR, MR, HR, RR and CL

ADVERTISING AND SIGN TYPES	CONTROLS
<b>Exempt (No Permit Required)</b>	
Any sign listed as "exempt" in Clause 6.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All relevant controls listed in Clause 6.</li> </ul>
<b>Complying (No Permit Required)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Business advertising</li> <li>Fence sign</li> <li>Free Standing sign</li> <li>Wall or Fascia sign</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No sign is to exceed an area of 0.5m<sup>2</sup> in residential Zones (excluding Zone CL)</li> <li>No sign is to exceed an area of 2m<sup>2</sup> in Zone CL (Community Living)</li> <li>No part of any sign to exceed a height of 3m above ground level</li> <li>No more than one Permanent Advertising sign per premises</li> <li>No part of any sign is to be on or over public land</li> </ul>
<b>Discretionary (Permit Required)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any sign listed as "complying" and which exceeds the maximum size in this table or which does not comply with the specific requirements for that type of sign in Clauses 8 and 9 of this Code; or</li> <li>Any sign not defined as either complying or prohibited in this table; or</li> <li>Any sign not defined as exempt in this Code; or</li> <li>Any sign not defined in this Code.</li> </ul>	
<b>Prohibited</b>	
Aerial Sign Animated Sign Billboard Sign Illuminated Sign Moveable Sign Precinct Cluster Sign Roof Sign Street Furniture Advertising Third Party Advertising Vehicle or Trailer Sign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No sign permit will be issued for any sign or advertising within this category</li> </ul>

**Note:**

- Where a sign falls into two or more categories, the controls of the more stringent classification apply.
- Where a sign is proposed to be constructed on or over public land, the provisions of Clause 9 apply.

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**7.2 Commercial Zones: CB,C, SC, TC, and CV**

Identification of the business should be the prime objective for signage, rather than promotional advertising. Where there is more than one business per building, a single sign that identifies the building and the various tenancies is preferred to multiple signs.

**Refer to the controls in the following table.**

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**Commercial Zones: CB, C, SC, TC and CV**

<b>ADVERTISING AND SIGN TYPES</b>	<b>CONTROLS</b>
<b>Exempt (No Permit Required)</b>	
Any sign listed as "exempt" in Clause 6.1.	All relevant controls listed in Clause 6.
<b>Complying (No Permit Required)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business advertising</li> <li>• Fence sign</li> <li>• Free-standing sign</li> <li>• Illuminated sign</li> <li>• Projecting sign</li> <li>• Promotion advertising</li> <li>• Wall or Fascia sign</li> <li>• Moveable sign</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No sign is to exceed an area of 20m<sup>2</sup>, or 25% of any one façade, whichever is the lesser</li> <li>• No more than 3m<sup>2</sup> of illuminated signage per premises</li> <li>• Illuminated signs are not to be directed towards residential premises</li> <li>• No part of any sign is to exceed a height of 8.5m above ground level</li> <li>• No part of any sign is to be on or over public land</li> </ul>
<b>Discretionary (Permit Required)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any sign listed as "complying" and which exceeds the maximum size in this table or which does not comply with the specific requirements for that type of sign in Clauses 8 and 9 of this Code; or</li> <li>• Any illuminated sign directed towards a residential premise; or</li> <li>• A Billboard sign within a City of Darwin managed road reserve; or</li> <li>• Any sign not defined as either complying or prohibited in this table; or</li> <li>• Any sign not defined as exempt in this Code; or</li> <li>• Any sign not defined in this Code.</li> </ul>	
<b>Prohibited</b>	
Third Party Advertising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No sign permit will be issued for any sign or advertising within this category</li> </ul>
Moveable Signs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No sign permit will be issued within The Mall for businesses that do not have direct frontage at ground level</li> </ul>
Vehicle or Trailer Sign	

**Note:**

1. Where a sign falls into two or more categories, the controls of the more stringent classification apply.
2. Where a sign is proposed to be constructed on or over public land, the provisions of Clause 9 apply.

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### 7.3 Industrial Zones: LI, GI, and DV

Identification of the business should be the prime objective for signage, rather than promotional advertising. In the case of an industrial village or where there is more than one business per premises, a single consolidated sign that identifies the complex and the various tenancies is preferred to multiple individual signs.

Where premises front an arterial road, the number of advertising signs should be minimised to reduce visual confusion when viewed from the road.

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**Industrial Zones: LI, GI and DV**

ADVERTISING AND SIGN TYPES		CONTROLS	
Exempt (No Permit Required)			
Any sign listed as "exempt" in Clause 6.1.		All relevant controls listed in Clause 6.	
Complying (No Permit Required)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Business advertising</li><li>• Fence sign</li><li>• Illuminated sign</li><li>• Free-standing sign</li><li>• Projecting sign</li><li>• Promotion advertising</li><li>• Wall or Fascia sign</li><li>• Moveable sign</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No sign is to exceed an area of 30m<sup>2</sup>, or 25% of any one façade, whichever is the lesser</li><li>• No more than 5m<sup>2</sup> of illuminated signage per premises</li><li>• Illuminated signs are not to be directed towards residential premise</li><li>• No part of any sign is to exceed a height of 8.5m above ground level</li><li>• No part of any sign is to be on or over public land</li></ul>	
Discretionary (Permit Required)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Any sign listed as "complying" and which exceeds the maximum size in this table or which does not comply with the specific requirements for that type of sign in Clauses 8 and 9 of this Code; or</li><li>• Any illuminated sign directed towards a residential premise; or</li><li>• A Billboard sign within a City of Darwin managed road reserve; or</li><li>• Any sign not defined as either complying or prohibited in this table; or</li><li>• Any sign not defined as exempt in this Code; or</li><li>• Any sign not defined in this Code.</li></ul>			
Prohibited			
Third Party Advertising Vehicle or Trailer sign		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No sign permit will be issued for any sign or advertising within this category</li></ul>	

**Note:**

1. Where a sign falls into two or more categories, the controls of the more stringent classification apply.
2. Where a sign is proposed to be constructed on or over public land, the provisions of Clause 9 apply.

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**7.4 Community Zones: CP, PS, CNB, HT, and OR**

Advertising signs in community zones should be limited to those necessary to identify the use of the land and be sited so as to minimise their impact on the locality.

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## Community Zones: CP, PS, CN, HT and OR

ADVERTISING AND SIGN TYPES	CONTROLS
<b>Exempt (No Permit Required)</b>	
Any sign listed as "exempt" in Clause 6.1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All relevant controls listed in Clause 6.</li> </ul>
<b>Complying (No Permit Required)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Business advertising</li> <li>Community and Sporting Event advertising (Applicable to CP &amp; OR Zones only)</li> <li>Fence sign</li> <li>Free-standing sign</li> <li>Projecting sign</li> <li>Promotion advertising</li> <li>Wall or Fascia sign</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No sign is to exceed an area of 5m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>No part of any advertising sign is to exceed a height of 8.5m above ground level</li> <li>No part of any advertising sign is to be on or over public land</li> </ul>
<b>Discretionary (Permit Required)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any sign listed as "complying" and which exceeds the maximum size in this table or which does not comply with the specific requirements for that type of sign in Clauses 8 and 9 of this Code; or</li> <li>A Billboard sign within a City of Darwin managed road reserve; or</li> <li>Any sign not defined as either complying or prohibited in this table; or</li> <li>Any sign not defined as exempt in this Code; or</li> <li>Any Sign not defined in this Code.</li> </ul>	
<b>Prohibited</b>	
Aerial Sign Animated Sign Moveable Sign Third Party Advertising Vehicle or Trailer Sign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No sign permit will be issued for any sign or advertising within this category</li> </ul>

**Note:**

- Where a sign falls into two or more categories, the controls of the more stringent classification apply.
- Where a sign is proposed to be constructed on or over public land, the provisions of Clause 9 apply.

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**7.5 Rural Zones: A, RL, R, RD, H, and FD**

Within Rural zones, advertising signs should be limited to that necessary to identify the use of the land and be sited to minimise their impact on the locality.

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## Rural Zones: A, RL, R, RD, H and FD

ADVERTISING AND SIGN TYPES	CONTROLS
<b>Exempt (No Permit Required)</b>	
Any sign listed as "exempt" in Clause 6.1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All relevant controls listed in Clause 6.</li> </ul>
<b>Complying (No Permit Required)</b>	
Business advertising Fence sign Free-standing sign Projecting sign Promotion advertising Wall or Fascia sign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Business Advertising sign to exceed an area of 4m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>No Promotion Advertising sign to exceed an area of 2m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>No more than one Permanent Advertising sign per premises</li> <li>No more than one Temporary Advertising sign per premises</li> <li>No part of any sign to exceed a height of 3 m above ground level</li> <li>No part of any sign to be on or over public land</li> </ul>
<b>Discretionary (Permit Required)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any sign listed as "complying" and which exceeds the maximum size in this table or which does not comply with the specific requirements for that type of sign in Clauses 8 and 9 of this Code; or</li> <li>Any sign not defined as either complying or prohibited in this table; or</li> <li>Any sign not defined as exempt in this Code; or</li> <li>Any sign not defined in this Code.</li> </ul>	
<b>Prohibited</b>	
Aerial Sign Animated Sign Billboard Sign Moveable Sign Street Furniture Advertising Third Party Advertising Vehicle or Trailer Sign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No sign permit will be issued for any sign or advertising within this category.</li> </ul>

**Note:**

- Where a sign falls into two or more categories, the controls of the more stringent classification apply.
- Where the sign is proposed to be constructed on or over public land, the provisions of Clause 9 apply.

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**7.6 Infrastructure Zones: T, M, PM, RW, and U**

Within Infrastructure zones advertising signs should be limited to that necessary to identify the use of the land and be sited to minimise their impact on the locality.

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## Infrastructure Zones: T, M, PM, RW, and U

ADVERTISING AND SIGN TYPES	CONTROLS
<b>Exempt (No Permit Required)</b>	
Any sign listed as "exempt" in Clause 6.1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All relevant controls listed in Clause 6.</li> </ul>
<b>Complying (No Permit Required)</b>	
Business advertising Fence sign Free-standing sign Projecting sign Promotion advertising Wall or Fascia sign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Business Advertising sign to exceed an area of 2m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>No Promotion Advertising sign to exceed an area of 1m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>No more than one Permanent Advertising sign per premises</li> <li>No more than one Temporary Advertising sign per premises</li> <li>No part of any sign to exceed a height of 3 m above ground level</li> <li>No part of any sign to be on or over public land</li> </ul>
<b>Discretionary (Permit Required)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any sign listed as "complying" and which exceeds the maximum size in this table or which does not comply with the specific requirements for that type of sign in Clauses 8 and 9 of this Code; or</li> <li>Any sign not defined as either complying or prohibited in this table; or</li> <li>Any sign not defined as exempt in this Code; or</li> <li>Any sign not defined in this Code.</li> </ul>	
<b>Prohibited</b>	
Aerial Sign Animated Sign Moveable Sign Street Furniture Advertising Third Party Advertising Vehicle or Trailer Sign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No sign permit will be issued for any sign or advertising within this category.</li> </ul>

**Note:**

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## 7.7 Specific use Zone: SU

Specific Use Zones accommodate specific developments, which may not be permissible or adequately catered for in other zones. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- residential suburbs that provide for housing choice through a range of lot sizes and housing types,
- commercial, industrial purposes responding to local constraints, and
- mixed uses - combining uses such as commercial, residential and community uses either within a multistorey building or in a single Lot.

### 7.7.1 Residential Suburbs, Commercial, or Industrial Areas

Advertising signs should be consistent with the specific land use as detailed in the Outdoor Advertising Signs Code and are to be designed and sited to minimise their impact on adjoining areas.

### 7.7.2 Mixed use Developments which include Residential Dwellings

Residential developments expect a high level of amenity and privacy, without visual intrusion from advertising signs or illumination.

Advertising signs in these areas therefore should be:

- designed to be compatible with the surrounding residential development;
- minimised so not to detract from, or adversely impact the residential amenity of the area,
- illuminated signage is to be limited to small scale business and/or building identification signs at ground level, where commercial development is permitted. Signs shall be designed so they do not cause light spill resulting in the loss of amenity to the adjoining residential dwellings, and
- no other illuminated signs will be permitted on the site.

## 7.8 Marrara Sporting Precinct

The following controls (Clause 7.6.1 to 7.6.3) are specific to the Marrara Sporting Precinct and override any other specific or implied controls stated in this code. All other controls contained within The Code are applicable.

### 7.8.1 Precinct Definitions

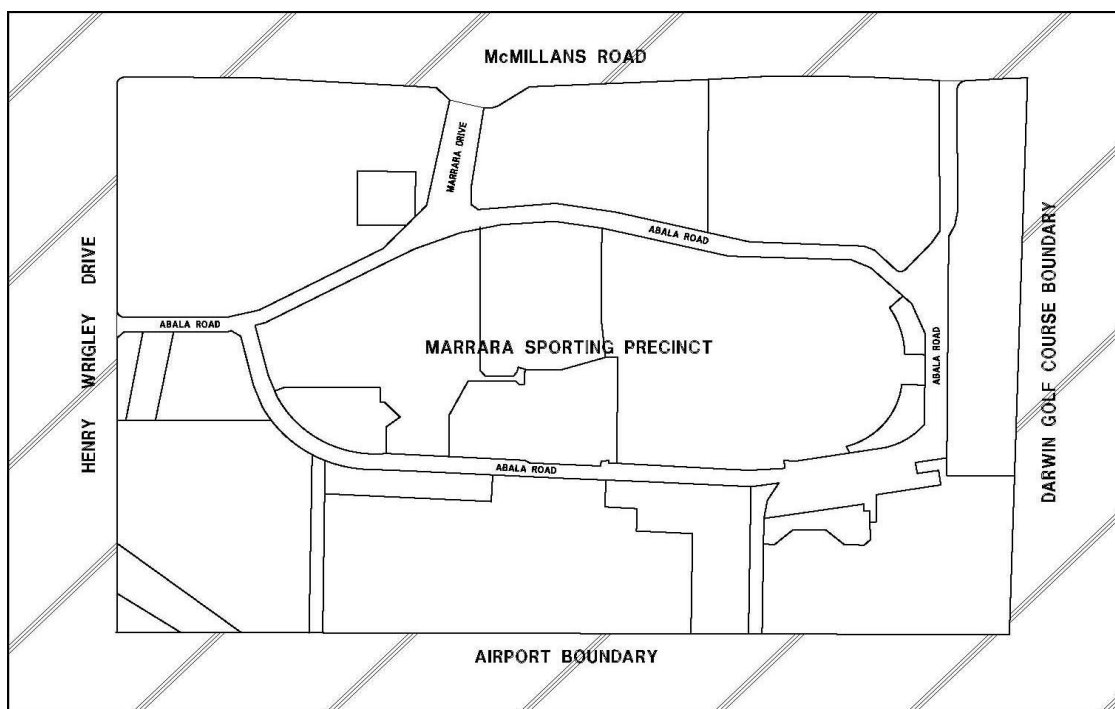
The Marrara Sporting Precinct consists of the sporting fields bounded by McMillans Road, Henry Wrigley Drive, the Darwin Airport northern boundary and the eastern boundary of the Darwin Golf Club's premises.

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### 7.8.2 Specific Sign Controls

#### Sporting sponsorship signs facing a public area shall have:

- no sporting sponsorship sign shall exceed an area of 9 m<sup>2</sup>,
- no sporting sponsorship sign shall be illuminated, and
- it is prohibited to place a sporting sponsorship sign on or over a public area.

#### Free-standing sporting sponsorship signs shall:

- be double-sided with the same sponsor displayed on each side of the sign,
- display only one sponsor per sign,
- be no higher than 3.5 metres from finished ground level,
- be displayed at a rate not greater than one sign per 50 metres of road frontage, with no specific spacing between the signs, and
- be no closer than 10 metres from the sporting organisation's property boundary.

#### General sporting sponsorship signs shall:

- be no higher than 7 metres from finished ground level, and
- display only one sponsor per sign.

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#### **Sporting sponsorship signs not facing a public area:**

- a. for sporting sponsorship signs facing away from a public area there is no limit on the number or size of sporting sponsorship signs provided they generally face inwards towards the sporting ground and are not readily viewable from the surrounding public area, and
- b. all sporting sponsorship signs facing away from a public area shall have an attractive backing that does not detract from the amenity of the area.

#### **7.8.3 Sporting Field Name Signs**

##### **Advertising identifying the name and logo of the sports ground official name:**

- a. sporting field name signs shall not exceed an area of 20 m<sup>2</sup>,
- b. sporting field name signs shall not be illuminated,
- c. sporting field name signs shall not contain any other type of advertising, and
- d. there shall be no more than one sporting field name sign at each road frontage.

##### **Council Signs Permit**

A Council signs permit is not required for complying signs.

Non-complying signage may be considered by Council following the receipt of a completed sign application, submitted by the sporting club.

## **8 SPECIFIC PROVISIONS: SIGNAGE LIMITATIONS**

Unless stated elsewhere in this Code, a temporary sign will not be permitted to be displayed for longer than six weeks at a time and for no more than four times per year.

### **8.1 Aerial Signs**

Aerial signs, including balloons, blimps and kites may only be displayed for promotional reasons on a temporary basis.

The maximum duration for the display of an aerial sign is two weeks, and no more than four (4) permits a year for a display from any one premise will be granted.

### **8.2 Animated Signs**

Flashing lights in an animated sign are prohibited if they are likely to cause a distraction to drivers.

Chasing lights, where lights follow in a repetitious pattern, may be permitted within commercial zones, but are prohibited if they are likely to cause a distraction or nuisance to drivers, the general public or residents.

Bright lights are prohibited if they are likely to cause a distraction to drivers and may be confused with traffic control devices. Bright lights will not be permitted within, or adjacent to, residential zones.

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### 8.3 Banners

Banners may only be displayed for promotional reasons on a temporary basis.

The maximum duration for the display of a banner is two weeks, and no more than four permits a year for a display from any one premise will be granted.

### 8.4 Bunting

Permanent bunting is prohibited within close proximity to a residential zone. Temporary bunting may be permitted in residential zones for special promotions (such as new housing and land developments).

Bunting may be permitted within business and industrial zones where the premises maintain an open appearance.

Bunting is prohibited under awnings that extend over Council controlled roads or reserves.

### 8.5 Flag Signs

A flag sign may not exceed a total area of 2 m<sup>2</sup>.

No more than three flag signs per premises may be displayed without consent.

### 8.6 Free-Standing Signs

Only one temporary free-standing advertising sign per premises will be permitted.

Where there are multiple tenants on a site, i.e. a shop or business is located within an arcade or within an industrial park, then one sign should advertise all tenants.

### 8.7 Moveable Signs

All moveable signs on public land require a permit.

Only one moveable sign per business premises will be permitted.

When displayed in a commercial zone, the height of a moveable sign should not exceed 1.2 metres above ground level (including supporting legs) and should not be wider than 0.8 metres and should not exceed 1 m<sup>2</sup> in area.

When displayed in industrial zones, the height of a moveable sign should not exceed 1.8 metres above ground level (including supporting legs) and should not be wider than 1.2 metres.

Moveable signs must be placed so as not to cause a hazard to pedestrians or vehicles. A clear pedestrian path with a minimum width of 2 metres must be able to be maintained adjacent to any moveable sign to ensure pedestrian safety.

The sign is to be displayed during business hours only and is not to be used for the display of merchandise.

### 8.8 Special Event Advertising

Signs are to be displayed no more than two weeks prior to the event and to be removed within one day after the event concludes.

### 8.9 Vehicle and Trailer Signs

Vehicle and Trailer signs are prohibited in all zones.

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## 9 SPECIFIC PROVISIONS: SIGNS ON OR OVER A PUBLIC AREA

A permit to exhibit an advertising sign on, in or over a public area will not be issued until the applicant has agreed in writing to indemnify the Council for any loss or damage caused by the sign.

The Advertising and Activities in Road Reserves Management Guidelines, administered by the Northern Territory Government, is required to be reviewed for any advertising proposals for signage to be located within a NTG road reserve.

Star pickets are prohibited on all Council roads.

### 9.1 Blue Finger Signs

No more than two Blue Finger signs will be permitted per street pole and no more than two signs will be permitted to direct motorists to the site in question.

A Blue Finger sign may not exceed an area of 0.15 m<sup>2</sup>.

A Blue Finger sign may be displayed to:

- a. advertise community facilities such as pools or libraries,
- b. direct motorists to activities which may occur along the foreshore, or
- c. direct motorists to sporting fields/sporting venues/entertainment venues or other community facilities, major shopping centres, industrial, commercial or business centres, particularly when their location is off a main road.

A Blue Finger sign must be designed and constructed in accordance with the relevant Australian Standards.

### 9.2 Moveable Signs in Public Land

Moveable signs will only be permitted on public land in business and industrial zones and only for temporary display.

Moveable signs are prohibited within The Mall for businesses that do not have direct frontage at ground level.

The sign must be located directly outside the premises in question and not across the road or on a median strip or in any other position so as to obstruct, clutter or detract from street landscaping, furniture or artwork.

Moveable signs must be placed so as not to cause a hazard to pedestrians or vehicles. A clear pedestrian path with a minimum width of 2 metres must be able to be maintained adjacent to any moveable sign to ensure pedestrian safety.

The sign is to be displayed during business hours only and is not to be used for the display of merchandise.

Refer to Clause 8.7 for further controls on moveable signs.

### 9.3 Permanent Signs on Public land

Subject to the exercise of discretion by Council, permanent signs on public land (other than a carriageway) will only be approved under special circumstances in business and industrial zones.

Refer to the provisions of Clause 8 and Clause 10 for further controls on permanent signs.

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#### 9.4 Precinct Cluster Signs on Public land

Precinct advertising is supported where it is proposed to replace numerous individual business and promotion signs with a single cluster sign.

Precinct advertising will be approved only in circumstances where the businesses, organisations or activities that are to be advertised are not readily visible from the road.

Precinct cluster signs will only be approved where there is an identified need for a unified approach to advertising for a particular precinct.

Information displayed on a precinct cluster sign shall be limited to the name and activities of premises within the designated precinct.

The sign shall be of a scale and size appropriate to the location.

Wording on the sign shall be of a size suitable to be easily viewed by passing traffic without requiring vehicles to slow down to read the message.

The sign shall not interfere with the general function of the road or cause impediment to sight distances for motorists. Appropriate setbacks from the kerb will be determined after a site inspection by Council officers.

Precinct cluster signs are prohibited in residential zones.

#### 9.5 Projecting Signs

A projecting sign that overhangs a road is prohibited in a residential zone.

Projecting signs overhanging public land must have a minimum clearance of 2.7 metres above ground level (or a footpath).

#### 9.6 Real Estate Signs

Temporary auction/open for inspection signs will be permitted on roads if:

- they are displayed only during the times the premises are open for inspection or in the case of an auction sign, only during the auction,
- they are not placed on median strips in the middle of the road or the carriageway,
- they are not placed so as to impede pedestrian or traffic flow, and
- they are not placed so as to obscure a driver's view.

Real Estate signs will be permitted on fence lines if:

- the sign does not exceed 2.5 m<sup>2</sup> per residential premises,
- the sign does not exceed 4.5 m<sup>2</sup> for a new residential development comprising four or more units, advertising the sale of all the units,
- the sign does not exceed 4.5 m<sup>2</sup> in industrial and commercial zones,
- there is only one sign per business per street frontage, and
- the sign/s are removed within one day after the sale (settlement) or lease of the property.

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### 9.7 Street Furniture Advertising

Advertising on street furniture such as seating, planter boxes, traffic control cabinets and the like will only be considered within business and industrial zones.

An application for street furniture advertising will be considered by Council, having regard to:

- a. the quality and size of the proposed sign,
- b. the compatibility with other signage in the locality, and
- c. the proximity to the business in question.

It is unlikely Council will issue a permit for a sign of this type when a valid permit already exists allowing a moveable sign to advertise the same business in the general area.

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## 10 ASSESSMENT CRITERIA: SPECIFIC SIGN TYPES

### 10.1 When considering an application for a permit to exhibit an advertising sign under this Code, Council shall have regard to all of the following:

- a. the relevant zoning in the Northern Territory Planning Scheme 2020,
- b. the public interest, and
- c. the provisions of this Code.

### 10.2 Detailed Assessment Criteria

Council will only issue a permit for an advertising sign if:

- a. the advertising sign causes no significant obstruction of, or distraction to, vehicular or pedestrian traffic, and
- b. an advertising sign does not obscure a pedestrian's view of traffic, or a motorist's or cyclist's view of pedestrians and other traffic, or the road ahead, and
- c. an advertising sign is not distracting to drivers in close proximity to intersections, traffic signals, vehicle merging and weaving situations, and
- d. advertising signs are not designed so as to be confused with a traffic control device; and
- e. where there are a number of tenants of premises involved, advertising signs are co-ordinated and complimentary to one another, and
- f. the dimensions of the advertising sign bear a reasonable relationship to the dimensions of surrounding buildings and allotments so that:
  - i. its presence is not unduly dominating or oppressive, and
  - ii. it does not unreasonably obstruct existing views.
- g. the advertising sign is consistent in colour and appearance with buildings and natural features of the environment in which it is to be situated, and
- h. the number of advertising signs per premises is minimised to avoid visual clutter and to avoid one sign obscuring another, and
- i. the advertising sign is in other respects consistent with the character and values of the environment in which it is to be situated, and
- j. the advertising sign will be constructed of durable materials and maintained in good condition at all times, and
- k. the advertising sign is designed so that structural supports are either concealed from public view or are of minimal visual impact, and
- l. the advertising signs do not cause offence to the general public by virtue of the design, message or location, and
- m. the approval is consistent with this Code and the By-Laws.

### 10.3 Cluster Signs

No more than one cluster sign will be permitted per premises.

### 10.4 Free-Standing Signs

No more than one Free-standing sign will be permitted per premises.

Free-standing signs shall not exceed a height of 7 metres.

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### 10.5 Illuminated Signs

No more than one permanent illuminated sign per premises within business, industrial and organised recreation zones will be permitted without consent.

Illuminated signs are to be no closer than 30 metres to any residential zone.

Illumination from or upon any sign shall be shaded, shielded, directed or reduced, so as to avoid undue brightness or detrimental impact on traffic, the general public and residents, and to prevent glare or reflection of light on private or public property in the surrounding area. Undue brightness is illumination in excess of that which is reasonably necessary to make the sign visible to the average person on an adjacent street.

Illuminated animated signs, including Billboards, may be located within Council-managed road reserves where discretionally approved by Council.

### 10.6 Projecting Signs

Not more than one permanent projecting sign will be permitted per premises.

Projecting signs shall:

- a. have a clearance of at least 2.7 metres from ground level,
- b. not exceed a height of 7 metres above ground level, and
- c. not extend past the edge of any awning adjacent to a road.

A projecting sign must be positioned and designed in such a manner that is compatible with the architecture of the building to which it is attached.

### 10.7 Wall or Fascia Signs

No more than one wall or fascia sign will be permitted per premises within residential and rural zones.

Wall or fascia signs should be limited to one facade of a building, except where the building has dual street frontage.

No Wall or Fascia sign will be permitted to exceed 25% of the area of the wall or fascia upon which it is displayed without consent.

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## Election Signs

Council encourages everyone in our community to participate fully in the political process, including ensuring that people can engage with their candidates. However, to ensure public safety and amenity, Council has guidelines about the placement of election signage and election activity in the Darwin municipality.

### **Election Signage on Private Property**

An election sign may be placed on private property provided they:

- are only erected within 6 weeks of an election and removed 1 day after it, subject to any requirements under the Electoral Act;
- are not placed in a way that obscures the view of vehicular and pedestrian traffic;
- have an area no greater than 1.5m<sup>2</sup>; and
- are not illuminated or animated.

### **Election Signage on Verges**

Election signs may be temporarily placed on the verge adjacent to a road, however they:

- must not be attached to Council trees or vegetation;
- must not be affixed to Council assets including buildings or fencing;
- must not be affixed to traffic signs, signals, poles etc;
- must not be placed in a way that damages Council infrastructure such as irrigation systems;
- must not obstruct the view or flow of traffic and pedestrians (including being placed in bus stops or on roundabouts); and
- signage must be safe and secure, and positioned in a manner that does not pose a risk or danger to persons or property and be under effective control.

Failure to adhere to requirements for placing signs on private and public property may result in signage being confiscated and warnings from Council Officers.

Repeated offences or actions that risk public safety will result in penalties being issued or NT Police being asked to attend and resolve.

### **NTG Controlled Roads**

Not all roads in Darwin are controlled by Council. Where a road is controlled by the Northern Territory Government and a complaint is made, it will be passed on to the Northern Territory Government to be dealt with.

### **Use of Council Facilities**

Council provides community centres and parks for community use, including political gatherings, however, to ensure availability and compliance with Council requirements, booking and/or permits may be required. Please visit [www.darwin.nt.gov.au](http://www.darwin.nt.gov.au) or call 8930 0300 for more information on facilities available and requirements. Please note that deposits and/or charges may apply for use of Council facilities.



**14.2 LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN**

**Author:** General Manager Corporate

**Authoriser:** General Manager Corporate

**Attachments:** 1. Long Term Financial Plan - July 2023 [↓](#)

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. THAT the report entitled Long Term Financial Plan be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the 2023 Long Term Financial Plan contained in **Attachment 1**.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is for Elected members to receive and adopt the 2023 Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP), which extends for ten (10) years FY24 to FY33.

**KEY ISSUES**

- The LTFP collects a range of data and measures from various internal and external stakeholders and aims to provide a best estimate of expected financial and economic performance over a ten year period.
- The nature of the LTFP means that even with the best information available at the time of preparation, even the smallest changes to the economic health of the municipality, region, and country can impact on the forecasts, especially in the outer years.



**DISCUSSION**

The current LTFP was adopted by Council on 27 October 2020 [Resolution No. ORD248/20]

The methodology for creating the Plan and the initial underlying assumptions contained within the LTFP are summarised below.

The LTFP, its primary inputs and drivers, and then final resultant reports, eg. profit & loss, balance sheet, assets, cash holdings and capex, can vary significantly in changing environments, especially when attempting to model so far into the future.

The accuracy of the starting data set within the plan is an essential baseline requirement. The baseline for this update of the LTFP has been based on the recently adopted 23/24 budget and Municipal Plan.

The LTFP applies a prudent approach to the inclusion of capital grants and the associated strategic capital projects that are funded by these grants. This prudent approach aligns with other benchmarked LTFPs. Hence, the only Capital Projects listed in the LTFP are those which have secured or have probable funding agreements, (ie. from restricted/unrestricted reserves, debt funding capital grants). Where funding has not been identified, or projects are nominally funded by grants and will be removed if grant funding or an alternative funding source is not forthcoming.

The primary growth assumptions applied within the LTFP are listed below and the assumptions used broadly comply with the Reserve Bank's targeted inflation. A conservative approach has been used to apply an adaptive year-on-year approach over the duration of the Plan.

With reference to the setting of annual Rates, CoD needs to ensure that the organisation is financially responsible and has adequate provisioning to sustain the condition of the assets under management whilst pursuing strategic initiatives promised in their Darwin 2030 Strategic Plan. Within the LTFP, CoD acknowledges the challenging economic conditions the community face and set the rates growth rate in the LTFP in line with CPI increases. Rate increases of 5% have been applied in 23/24 with assumptions of marginal reduction over the life of the plan, largely in line with expected CPI.

The LTFP contains various key ratios (KPIs) and benchmarking that CoD would use to assist in financial planning, performance measurement and reporting. These indicators will also assist in identifying potential risks in a timely manner and choosing mitigation strategies or changing strategy as required.

The table below summarises the key assumptions applied across the various income and expense lines, across the 10 year period of the plan.

Key Assumptions	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31	FY32	FY33
CPI	6.0%	6.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
Rates CPI	5.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
Dwellings Growth	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%
Wage Price Index	2.5%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%
Interest on Investments	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
Interest on New Borrowings	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%

Revenue										
Income - Interest		4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
Income - Rates	5.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
Income - Statutory Charges	5.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
Income - User Fees & Charges	5.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
Shoal Bay - Commercial Charges		15.0%	15.0%	15.0%	10.0%	10.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%
Expenses										
Council Committee Allowances		2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%
Elected Members - Allowances		2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%
Elected Members - Expenses		2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%
Employee Costs (Net)	2.5%	2.5%	3.0%	3.0%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%
Superannuation	11.0%	11.5%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%
Expense - Interest New Borrowings		5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%
Expense - Materials & Contracts	6.0%	6.0%	5.0%	5.5%	5.5%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

At the 27 October 2020 meeting Council resolved:

**14.7 ADOPTION CITY OF DARWIN LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN**

<p><b>RESOLUTION ORD248/20</b></p> <p>Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis Seconded: Alderman Gary Haslett</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. THAT Council receive and note the report entitled Adoption of City of Darwin Long Term Financial Plan.</li> <li>2. THAT Council adopt the new Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) contained in <b>Attachment 1.</b></li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED 13/0</b></p>	
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<b>STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT</b>	6 Governance Framework 6.4 Accountability
<b>BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	<p><b>Budget/Funding:</b></p> <p><b>Is Funding identified:</b></p> <p>Funding for initiatives has been secured in the 23/24 Municipal Plan for the Base year. Future initiatives and operational costs contained within the LTFP will be subject to usual Council annual budget planning and adoption processes.</p>

<b>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</b>	<p><b>Legislation:</b></p> <p>Part 10.4 of the Local Government Act 2019 requires that a Long Term Financial Plan is prepared, current and presented to Council.</p> <p>Part 10.4:</p> <p>200 Long term financial plan</p> <p>1) A Council must prepare and keep up-to-date a long term financial plan.</p> <p>2) A long term financial plan must relate to a period of at least 4 financial years.</p> <p>3) A long term financial plan must contain: a) a statement of the major initiatives the council proposes to undertake during the period to which the plan relates; and</p> <p>b) the projected statement of income and expenditure for each financial year of the period to which the plan relates; and</p> <p>c) Any other matters prescribed by regulation</p> <p>4) The council must provide the Agency with a copy of its long term financial plan by 30 June in the year preceding the first financial year to which the plan relates.</p>
<b>CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT &amp; COMMUNICATION</b>	<p><b>Engagement Level:</b> Inform</p> <p><b>Tactics:</b></p> <p><b>Internal:</b></p> <p><b>External:</b></p> <p>A communications plan will be required upon adoption.</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>

# City of Darwin

## Long Term Financial Plan

July 2023

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## 1.1 Executive Summary

The Long Term Financial Plan ("LTFP") is an important strategic document which forecasts and aligns long term financial viability against the targets and objectives set by City of Darwin ("Council"). This document informs the City of Darwin's Strategic Planning Framework and helps ensure Council responsibly fund day-to-day operations as well as strategic projects. In many instances this document can identify the strategic role (i.e. provider, funder, regulator, partner, facilitator or advocate) that Council should play to further its strategic objectives.

The LTFP provides a ten-year overview of the City of Darwin's projected income, expenses and capital works programs. Only projects with reasonably assured funding or projects firmly committed to are included in the capital works programs. This prudent design approach ensures the Council communicate to stakeholders only the projects that can be delivered with reasonable certainty over the forecast period.

The 2023 LTFP has been developed using a similar approach to the 2020 plan. A review of the current model was undertaken and then further detailed analysis of the current and forecast financial position was applied using the underlying principles from previous plans.

The LTFP illustrates that the Council are able, on average, to sustain \$28M+ of capital expenditure per annum over the ten (10) year model period, with Rates increases of 5% in 2023/24 reducing over the 10 year period to 4%, and dwellings growth of 1.5%. Except for the FY25 and FY27 years, capital projects are anticipated, on average, at circa \$20M per year, with a focus on asset replacement with some capital investments. Council Cash Reserves are generally depleting throughout the period of the model.

In view of City of Darwin's \$1B (Billion) of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment, a prudent long term cash reserve is considered reasonable to ensure that Council is able to activate strategic projects or address unforeseen challenges.

The City of Darwin Municipal Plan FY24, includes \$19.02M of capital works programs, which includes the current year funding commitments of highlight community projects, being the redevelopment of the Casuarina Pool at \$25M and further investment in the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility.

## 1.2 Long Term Financial Plan Introduction

### Long Term Financial Plan

Pursuant to Part 10.4 of the Local Government Act 2019 Council are required to prepare and keep up to date a Long Term Financial Plan. The Long Term Financial Plan ("LTFP") must relate to at least a period of four years, and contain:

- a. a statement of the major initiatives the council proposes to undertake during the period to which the plan relates; and
- b. projections of income and expenditure for each financial year of the period to which the plan relates;

This plan extends over a ten (10) year period to ensure that City of Darwin are positioned effectively to realise the objectives of their overarching strategic plan. The LTFP is a key strategic planning document used to support and guide internal decision-making and ensure that planned capital program is financially viable without risking the long term sustainability of the organisation.

Given the changing nature of many of the assumptions, the LTFP is reviewed on a periodic basis and updated as required, to ensure it remains fit for purpose and current. 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 financial plans.

### Long Term Financial Plan Objectives

The financial objectives of the LTFP are summarised below:

- Develop an adaptable forward looking financial model to provide an indication of the sustainability of Council's proposed actions, enabling the business to respond to the changing needs of the community
- Ensure that strategic decisions are made within the agreed Council parameters and benchmarks
- Enhance the transparency and accountability of the Council to the community
- Support continuous financial improvement aspirations, encouraging cost control to maximise available capital funding for the community and the early identification of financial challenges to encourage Council to consider alternative funding models.

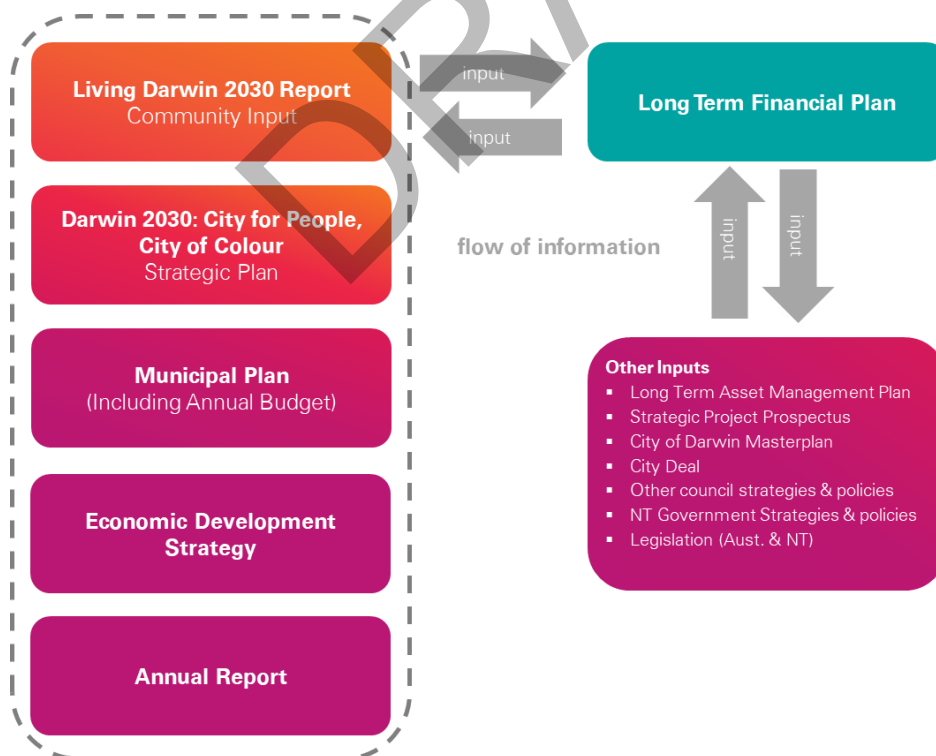
## 1.3 Corporate Direction and Future Vision

### City of Darwin Future Direction

The City of Darwin has a strategic and facilitative role in delivering on the needs, interests and aspirations of its communities and is at the forefront of various major strategic, infrastructure and economic development and investment initiatives.

The purpose of the LTFP process is to identify if the strategic intent of the various documents prepared as part of the City's Strategic Planning Framework are affordable without risking the long term sustainability of its operations.

City of Darwin is guided by its well-developed strategic planning framework, which outlines the City's vision and how it will deliver on its priorities over the short, medium and long-term. The LTFP is influenced via various inputs and reports, and similarly the LTFP influences a number of these reports, shown below.



## Our Vision for Darwin

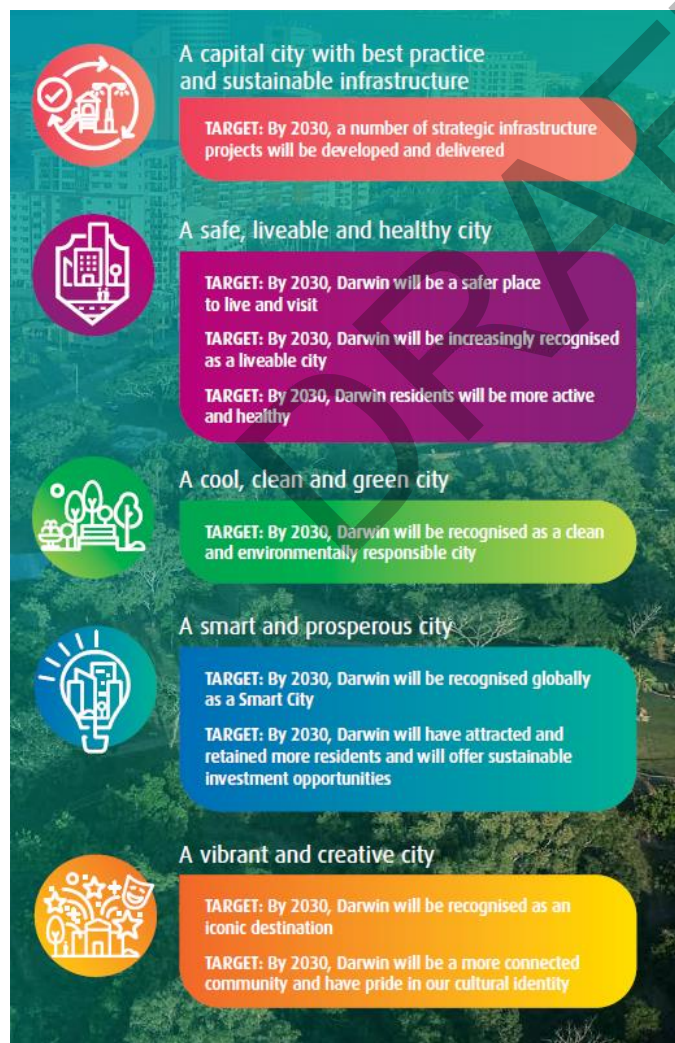
Our vision for Darwin is:  
**Darwin 2030 - City for People. City of Colour.**

### MISSION

We will work with the community and partners, provide leadership, and deliver services that create opportunities to enhance the economic, cultural and environmental sustainability of Darwin.

The City's future direction has been developed in consultation with the community and has been formally unveiled to the public as *Darwin 2030: City for People, City of Colour*. The phrase "City for People" emphasises Darwin's connection with the diverse cultures of the 400 million people within four hours of our City making Darwin the most culturally diverse and inclusive city in Australia. The phrase "City of Colour" recognises our vibrant event season and significant landscape across the municipality.

The LTFP is built upon five key strategic directions that will guide Council's investment decision making processes over the next ten years.





### City of Darwin Strategy Role

To achieve the vision, the LTFP acknowledges the broader role that Council must play to deliver meaningful change and progress toward the objectives of the Strategic Plan. Capital constraints restrict the ability to responsibly fund or provide several strategic initiatives or projects. By allocating strategic projects into more practical roles or subcategories, the Council can pursue additional and more impactful projects for the community. These roles make more efficient use of City of Darwin's available capital. The various roles that City of Darwin will play over the next ten years include:

1. **Provider:** directly delivering services
2. **Funder:** funding other organisations to deliver services
3. **Regulator:** regulating some public activities through legislation
4. **Partner:** forming partnerships and strategic alliances with others in the interests of the community
5. **Facilitator:** assisting others to be involved in activities by bringing groups and interested parties together
6. **Advocate:** promoting the interests of the community to others (decision makers and influencers).

### Municipal Plan (Annual Plan)

Implementing the 10-year Strategic Plan means delivering year-on-year. The City of Darwin's Municipal Plan includes an Annual Budget and sets the strategic direction for each financial year. It is a one year plan that details the key actions and services that support the delivery of the *Darwin 2030: City for People. City of Colour* Strategic Plan, external funding requirements and other key priorities such as the Reconciliation Action Plan, Greening Strategy, Climate Emergency Strategy, Movement Strategy, Play Space Strategy, Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy and associated initiatives.

The Municipal Plan also outlines the key actions and deliverables for City of Darwin and an overview of the services that Council provides.

The City of Darwin Municipal Plan FY24 includes a coordinated response designed for short, medium and longer term stimulus and includes tourism and events programs, infrastructure delivery, business development, minor works (streetscape beautification and tree planting), short term employment initiatives, specific grants, innovation and digital solutions to directly affect the economic success and prosperity of City of Darwin.

Some major projects for 2023-24 include:

1. Completion of the Casuarina Pool Redevelopment (\$1.3M)
2. Roads and Pathways (\$7.1M)
3. Stormwater Upgrades and Reconstruction (\$1.75M)
4. Enterprise IT upgrades (\$3.1M)
5. Plant and Equipment (replacement) (\$3.2m)

All **quantifiable projects** identified to-date to realise the objectives of the *Darwin 2030: City for People, City of Colour* Strategic Plan are incorporated into this LTFP.

## 1.4 Current Financial Position Overview

The City of Darwin continues to deliver high-quality essential services alongside an ambitious capital program. The longer term financial and economic impact of the pandemic recovery has seen a worldwide impact on inflationary pressure due to workforce mobility and supply and accessibility of goods, services and materials.

### Financial Data for 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023

**Cash and Investments**      \$ 127.9M

**Total Debt**                      \$ 63.2M

#### Financial Data FY23

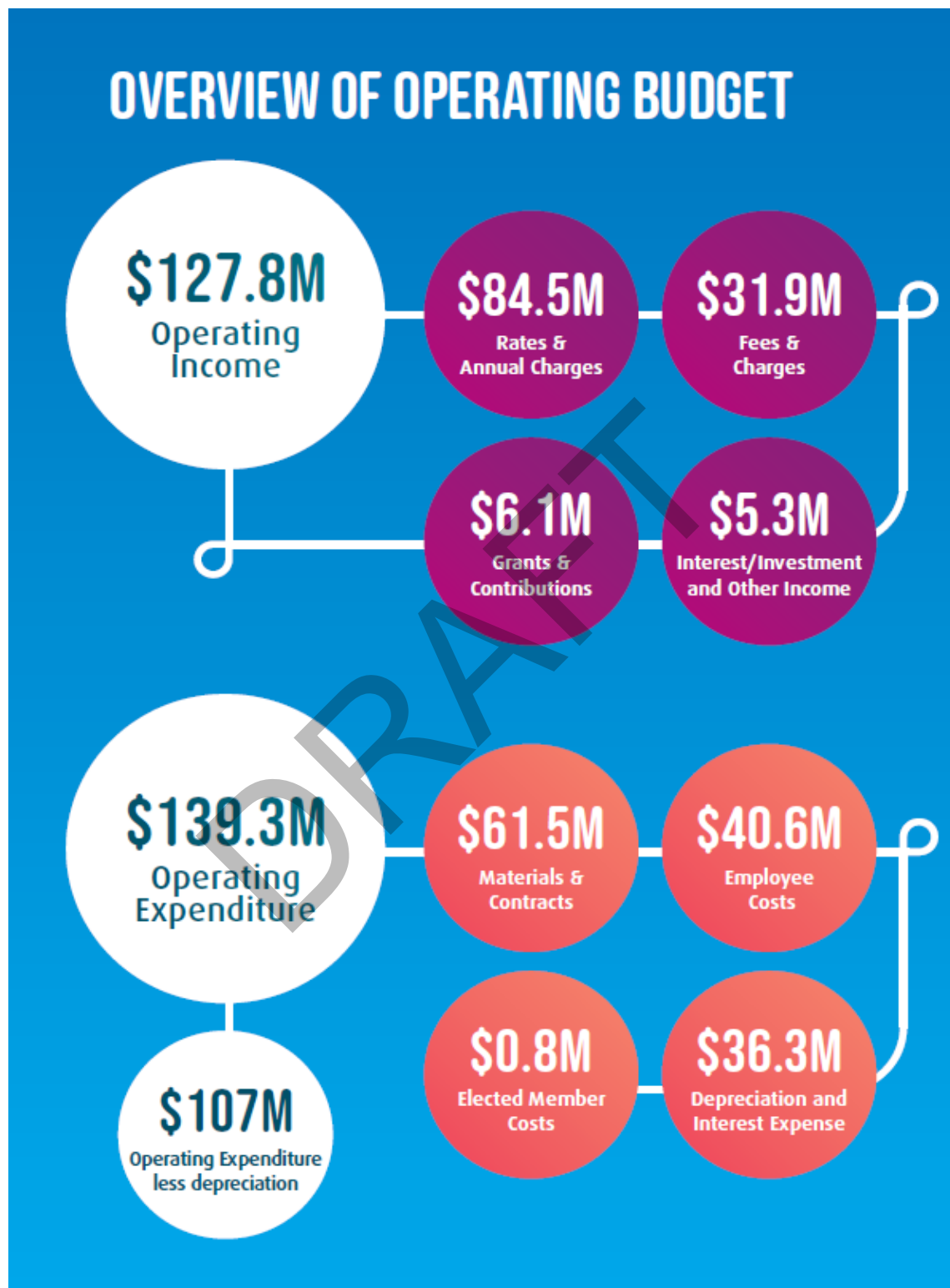
**Operating Deficit YTD (May) FY23**      \$ 10.1M

**Operating Deficit Budget FY23**      \$ 17.4M

(includes depreciation)

	LTFP Target	LTFP FY24 (Budget)	MP FY24 (Budget)
<b>Operating Surplus before Depreciation</b>	<b>\$25M - \$35M</b>	<b>\$ 20.9M</b>	<b>\$ 20.9M</b>
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.			
<b>Asset Sustainability Ratio</b>	<b>&gt;50%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>33%</b>
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. Capital for replacement and renewal only is divided by anticipated depreciation for the year. Depreciation is an annual estimated consumption that does not necessarily reflect the renewal spend required each year.			
<b>Liquidity Ratio (unrestricted)</b>	<b>Greater than 1.0</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.2</b>
This indicator is designed to measure whether Council can pay its debts as they fall due expressed as a factor of one. Current assets less restricted reserves / current liabilities.			

Operating Budget FY 2023-24 (extract from the Municipal Plan)



## 1.5 Model Assumptions

### Approach

The LTFP is a comprehensive ten (10) year three-way financial model. The model is customisable and incorporates functionality that enables the model to be progressively updated and used as a progressive strategic tool.

The model starting point is FY24 and this reflects with Municipal Plan (MP) projections. Thereafter the model is then extrapolated using various market driven and internal assumptions to project revenue and expenditure outlooks over the remaining financial years to 2033.

The FY24 budget has been developed from a detailed historical review of all 39 service centres across Council's four core hubs:

1. Office of the CE and Lord Mayor
2. Corporate
3. Community
4. Innovation

The model has been established based on the development of the 2023/24 Budget.

The consolidated assumptions are benchmarked against City of Darwin targets and refined where required. The growth rates applied to the longer term financial years are derived from prudent market driven assumptions which then influence strategic growth rates adopted throughout such as required rates growth.

### Key Growth Rates and Sensitivities

The primary growth assumptions applied throughout this model are listed below and broadly comply with the Reserve Bank's targeted inflation rates. Outer year assumptions are estimated based on historical performance and will be updated annually to ensure that most accurate assumptions are applied to the model.

**Table 1 – Key Assumptions**

	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31	FY32	FY33
Rates CPI	5.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
CPI	6.0%	6.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
Wage Price Index	2.5%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%
Dwelling Growth Rate	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%
Interest on Investments	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
Interest on New Borrowings	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%

## Revenue Assumptions

**Table 2 – Summary Revenue Forecast**

Income Statement - Projected	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31	FY32	FY33
Income from Continuing Operations	\$ ('000)	\$ ('000)	\$ ('000)	\$ ('000)	\$ ('000)	\$ ('000)	\$ ('000)	\$ ('000)	\$ ('000)	\$ ('000)
Income - Capital Grants & Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Income - Interest	3,104	3,130	2,342	2,711	2,891	3,465	4,034	5,101	5,683	6,704
Income - Operating Grant	6,116	6,116	6,116	6,116	6,116	6,116	6,116	6,116	6,116	6,116
Income - Other	1,767	1,767	1,767	1,767	1,767	1,767	1,767	1,767	1,767	1,767
Income - Other - Reimbursements	384	2,739	1,132	1,007	665	537	329	257	-	-
Income - Rates	84,524	87,905	92,300	95,992	99,832	103,825	107,978	112,298	116,790	121,461
Income - Statutory Charges	2,338	2,431	2,528	2,629	2,735	2,844	2,958	3,076	3,199	3,327
Income - User Fees & Charges	29,532	33,353	37,723	42,723	46,622	50,896	53,374	55,972	58,698	61,557
<b>Total Income from Continuing Operations</b>	<b>127,765</b>	<b>137,441</b>	<b>143,909</b>	<b>152,946</b>	<b>160,628</b>	<b>169,452</b>	<b>176,556</b>	<b>184,587</b>	<b>192,253</b>	<b>200,933</b>

**Table 3 – Revenue Assumptions**

Revenue	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31	FY32	FY33
Income - Interest		4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
Income - Rates	5.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
Income - Statutory Charges	5.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
Income - User Fees & Charges	5.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
Shoal Bay - Commercial Charges		15.0%	15.0%	15.0%	10.0%	10.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%

### Rates and Annual Charges

Rates and Annual Charges include general rates and domestic waste management fees. Rates and Annual charges are the principal source of revenue for City of Darwin, representing more than 65% of the total revenue before capital grants. Around 60% of rates revenue comes from residential ratepayers and the balance from commercial ratepayers.

There was a 5% increase in rates generally for City of Darwin property owners in 2023-24; mainly due to the escalating cost of inflation and the need to maintain core levels of services and performance. It is expected that similar levels of rate increase will be maintained over the life of the LTFP but will be dependent on wider economic factors.

### Statutory and User Charges

The Fees and Charges register has been rationalised and simplified somewhat from previous years, with further improvements planned in future years. On average, Fees and Charges were increased in line with the 5% Rates increase. A significant change was to the Commercial Charges for Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility, which removed and combined a number of items.

### User Charges

User Charges are the second largest source of revenue for City of Darwin, representing around 20% of the total revenue before capital grants. User charges include commercial lease income, parking fees, and commercial waste fees.

The revenue model assumes a continuation of increased Commercial Charges, primarily to support increased contributions to the Waste Remediation Reserve, and to provide future funding for the additional investments at Shoal Bay.

Parking revenue is steady year on year and is generated from city car park locations. On-street parking fees have been increased and off-street parking fees have been reduced, attempting to modify driver behaviour towards better utilisation of off-street carparking, thereby reducing CBD on-street congestion.

#### Operational Grants, Subsidies and Contributions

City of Darwin historically receives around 4% of its operating revenue from various operational grants. These operational grants are for the provision of services including libraries, parks and roads maintenance and some special purpose projects.

#### Investment Income

In accordance with the Council's investment policy and risk management strategy, City of Darwin invests funds that are surplus to its current needs. Within the LTFP it is presumed surplus funds will be invested in a diversified portfolio of term deposits and securities.

Investment income has been offset against interest expenses, where loans have been secured for large capital investments.

#### Reimbursements & Other Revenue

City of Darwin receive minor "Other Revenue" from multiple sources including photocopier charges, street food permits and city decorations. In addition to these minor recurring revenue sources, historical insurance recoveries are also captured here. The LTFP does not speculate on insurance recoveries noting that recoveries would be offset by commensurate expenses, resulting in no net financial impact. Other Revenue assumptions are programmed to increase at CPI over the duration of the LTFP.

#### Capital Grants & Contributions

City of Darwin are provided with regular Capital Grants to fund or subsidise strategic capital projects. These Capital Grants are uneven regarding amount, timing and frequency over past periods. The Long Term Capital Plan used to populate the capital expenditure assumptions of the LTFP, only list projects which have secured or probable funding agreements (i.e. access restricted reserves, unrestricted reserves, debt funding or capital grants). Council consider this approach to be a prudent way to develop a LTFP for asset sustainability.

Council also highlight that they are in pursuit of a number of Capital Grants to help fund some significant new strategic infrastructure projects. As these funding agreements are secured the LTFP will be updated however in principle it is assumed that cash receipts for new Capital Grants would be offset with a capital outlay on the project. Operationally the impact will be a longer term increase in depreciation which will result in additional operational surplus requirements to continue to maintain the asset base and comply with Council's asset sustainability KPI.

#### Expense Assumptions

**Table 4 Expense Assumptions**

	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31	FY32	FY33
Employee Costs	\$40.6M	2.5%	3.0%	3.0%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%
Materials, Contractors & Other Expenses	\$61.4M	6.0%	5.0%	5.5%	5.5%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%
Finance Costs/ Interest Rate	\$3.9M	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%

#### Employee Costs

Employee costs include payment of salary and wages, leave entitlements, superannuation, training and workers compensation expenditures. Employee costs are the City of Darwin's most significant fixed expense representing around 29% of the annual operating expenses.

The LTFP projection for employee costs have been linked to wage price index statistics published by Department of Treasury and Finance. Employee Costs are expected to vary in line with inflation over the



plan period. City of Darwin is committed to maintain all the existing service lines and no material change is expected in current workforce and employee working hours. Notwithstanding, annual review of labour capacity requirements and wages growth rate will be undertaken, and adjustments will be made accordingly to the employee assumptions. A small adjustment has been provided for potential EB cost impacts for the next negotiation round.

#### Materials Contractors & Other Expenses

Material, Contractors and other expenses comprises of all the principal expenditures incurred to deliver City of Darwin's services to the community. It includes all the direct and indirect expenses that are not included elsewhere, such as domestic waste treatment cost to operational expenses, insurance, consultants and marketing costs.

The growth rate for this expenditure is set at 6% for FY25 based on current CPI and reduces to 5% from FY26 onwards. City of Darwin service lines and operational capacity are forecast to remain consistent over the future years.

#### Finance Costs

The two components underpinning the finance cost charges include estimated interest rate and projected borrowing requirements.

Budgeted borrowings for FY24 are \$9.8M and are expected to be repaid over seven year terms. In accordance with Council's current borrowing policy, new borrowings are forecast to be borne at an interest rate of 6.0% per annum with an associated loan term to be no longer than the estimated useful life of the related asset or a maximum of 20 years.

One of the main goals of Council is to keep the external borrowing level at minimum level, whilst not compromising on the funding requirement of strategic capital projects planned for each financial year.

#### Depreciation

Depreciation is the provision representing the annual consumption or decrease in the value of all the non-current assets held by the City of Darwin. For the purposes of the LFTP model, depreciation expense is varied based on the capital expenditure levels and acquisition of new assets over future periods. Estimates related to the new additions to assets have been identified within the proposed Capital Works Program.

The depreciation rate included in the model is as per Council's Asset Capitalisation Framework and consistent to the General Purpose Financial Statements. The table below shows the details of the City of Darwin's asset classes and useful lives applied to each of them;

Assets Group	2023-24 Depreciation \$(m)	Useful Life (years)
Land	-	-
Buildings	3.6	40
Transport Infrastructure	9.5	60
Pathways Infrastructure	2.6	50
Stormwater & Drainage Infrastructure	4.4	80
Public Lighting Infrastructure	2.4	80
Waste Management & Remediation	3.8	15
Plant & Equipment	3.2	15
Park & Reserves Infrastructure	1.6	25
Other Assets	1.3	40
<b>Total</b>	<b>32.4</b>	

#### Fair value adjustments

City of Darwin holds some non-current assets held at fair value and annual review of these valuations are undertaken to appropriately account for all the adjustments. LTFP did not include any projections related to fair value adjustments to avoid an inaccurate representation of the City of Darwin's asset base.

## 1.6 Capital Assumptions

### Capital Works and Infrastructure

City of Darwin has developed a ten (10) year Capital Works Plan (CWP) which considers proposed expenditure requirements for new infrastructure assets, asset management and maintenance programs and replacement of assets. This 10 year plan is not formally approved by Council and is considered an indicative estimate of capital works requirements into the future. The cost and timing estimates and assumptions used to support the CWP are made by relevant stakeholders on the most recent and accurate available information.

The current year FY24 approved CWP includes the initiatives as set out in the Municipal Plan totalling \$19.02M, adjusted for projects that vary within this financial year due to funding or other changes as noted below.

The projects and highlights are detailed below:

Project Highlights – FY24 Capital Program	MP FY24 (Budget) \$ (m)
IT infrastructure and Enterprise upgrades	3.54
Completion of Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre	1.30
Roads and Paths	5.02
Plant and Equipment Replacement	3.20
Stormwater	1.75
Other	4.21
<b>Total</b>	<b>19.02</b>

The 10 year CWP includes various road, path, waste, recreational and stormwater initiatives with an average spend exceeding \$21M per annum. FY25 includes an allocation for the redevelopment of the Civic Centre precinct, surrounding site area, library carpark and other public facilities.

The projects and highlights are detailed below:

**Table 5 – Project Capital Works Expenditure by Category.**

	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31	FY32	FY33
Asset Category	\$(m)	\$(m)	\$(m)	\$(m)	\$(m)	\$(m)	\$(m)	\$(m)	\$(m)	\$(m)
Roads & Pathways	5.71	11.06	5.27	5.46	5.66	11.81	5.97	6.08	6.19	6.31
Stormwater	1.75	1.84	1.92	2.00	2.08	2.14	1.38	1.40	1.43	1.46
Street Lighting	0.80	0.84	0.88	0.91	0.95	0.98	1.01	1.03	1.05	1.07
Buildings	0.72	14.70	3.61	0.64	0.67	0.69	0.71	3.72	0.73	0.75
Recreational	2.79	1.49	1.55	2.61	4.27	1.71	1.76	1.79	1.83	1.86
Parking	0.00	28.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.00	0.00
Environmental	0.14	0.35	0.35	0.36	0.37	0.37	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.39
Waste	0.28	0.92	6.72	46.71	0.32	3.15	8.21	8.42	0.00	0.00
Public Art	0.16	0.17	0.18	0.18	0.19	0.20	0.20	0.21	0.21	0.21
Plant and Equipment	6.68	2.34	2.35	2.37	2.38	2.39	2.40	2.41	2.42	2.43
<b>Total</b>	<b>19.02</b>	<b>62.00</b>	<b>22.83</b>	<b>61.24</b>	<b>16.87</b>	<b>23.44</b>	<b>22.01</b>	<b>25.44</b>	<b>17.24</b>	<b>14.47</b>



## Reserves

In accordance with the Council adopted Financial Reserves Policy the LTFP considers the alignment of Council's financial strategy to allow for an equitable distribution of the costs of establishing and maintaining assets and services between current and future rate payers. Cash back reserves have been calculated with the net increase or decrease shown as a transfer to or from reserves. The result from the statement of cashflows must be sufficient to cover any net transfer from cash backed reserves during the year. Reserves are also subject to external legislative restrictions and other reserves are "internally restricted" and created for a particular purpose by resolution of Council.

## 1.7 Forecast Key Financial Statements

The LTFP and the assumptions and projections used within are supported by a resulting suite of financial statements covering the 10 year period FY24 to FY33.

The financial suite of documents used to support the LTFP includes

### (a) Forecast Statement of Comprehensive Income FY2024-FY2033 (Profit and Loss)

This statement outlines all Council's sources of income, including capital grants and contributions and all operating expenses, including depreciation. This statement does not include capital expenditure.

The net operating result for each year is calculated as total operating income less total operating expenses. The result is then shown as a surplus or a (deficit) and is a measure of Council's performance.

### (b) Forecast Funding Summary FY2024-FY2033

This is a forecast summary starting with the operating surplus or (deficit) from each year and adding back depreciation being a non-cash item. The summary considers other funding inflows and outflows to display a net cash result which is then managed via the reserves to ensure that Council maintains appropriate funding levels to support activities.

### (c) Forecast Statement of Financial Position FY2024-FY2033 (Balance Sheet)

The Statement of Financial Position details what Council owns (assets) and what it owes (liabilities) at a given point in time. Council's net worth is determined by deducting total liabilities from total assets, which results in Equity.

### (d) Forecast Statement of Reserves FY2024-FY2033 (Reserves)

The Statement of Reserves details Council's reserve balances at the start of each year and the end of each year. Reserves are cash backed assets and investments and the statement indicates which reserves are classified as internally or externally restricted. Reserves are generally held to provide for future upgrade or provision of new infrastructure and assets.

## (a) Forecast Statement of Comprehensive Income (Profit and Loss FY2024-FY2033)

<div> <div>Profit &amp; Loss</div> <div>July 2023 - June 2033</div> <div>CITY OF DARWIN</div> </div>										
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10 Year Financial Plan: 2023-2033	Budget	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast
Income Statement - Projected	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31	FY32	FY33
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Income from Continuing Operations</b>										
Capital Grants & Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest - Income	3,104	3,130	2,342	2,711	2,891	3,465	4,034	5,101	5,683	6,704
Operating Grant	6,116	6,116	6,116	6,116	6,116	6,116	6,116	6,116	6,116	6,116
Other Income	1,767	1,767	1,767	1,767	1,767	1,767	1,767	1,767	1,767	1,767
Other - Reimbursements	384	2,739	1,132	1,007	665	537	329	257	-	-
Rates	84,524	87,905	92,300	95,992	99,832	103,825	107,978	112,298	116,790	121,461
Statutory Charges	2,338	2,431	2,528	2,629	2,735	2,844	2,958	3,076	3,199	3,327
User Fees & Charges	29,532	33,353	37,723	42,723	46,622	50,896	53,374	55,972	58,698	61,557
UFC - Other	5,532	5,753	5,983	6,222	6,471	6,730	6,999	7,279	7,570	7,873
UFC - Shoal Bay Commercial Charges	24,000	27,600	31,740	36,501	40,151	44,166	46,375	48,693	51,128	53,684
<b>Total Income from Continuing Operations</b>	<b>127,765</b>	<b>137,441</b>	<b>143,909</b>	<b>152,946</b>	<b>160,628</b>	<b>169,452</b>	<b>176,556</b>	<b>184,587</b>	<b>192,253</b>	<b>200,933</b>
<b>Expenses from Continuing Operations</b>										
Council Committee Allowances	10	10	11	11	11	11	12	12	12	12
Elected Members - Allowances	795	815	835	856	878	899	922	945	969	993
Elected Members - Expenses	64	66	67	69	71	73	74	76	78	80
Employee Costs (Net)	40,560	41,574	42,821	44,106	45,209	46,339	47,497	48,685	49,902	51,150
Expense - Borrowing Costs	3,948	3,020	2,899	3,830	3,446	3,073	3,153	2,768	2,375	1,988
Expense - Depreciation, Amort & Impairment	32,425	32,799	34,392	35,296	38,840	39,366	40,083	41,035	42,081	42,571
Expense - Materials & Contracts	61,477	65,087	68,341	72,100	76,065	79,869	83,862	88,055	92,458	97,081
<b>Total Expenses from Continuing Operations</b>	<b>139,279</b>	<b>143,371</b>	<b>149,367</b>	<b>156,268</b>	<b>164,519</b>	<b>169,630</b>	<b>175,604</b>	<b>181,576</b>	<b>187,875</b>	<b>193,875</b>
<b>Operating Result from Continuing Operations</b>	<b>(11,514)</b>	<b>(5,930)</b>	<b>(5,458)</b>	<b>(3,321)</b>	<b>(3,891)</b>	<b>(178)</b>	<b>952</b>	<b>3,011</b>	<b>4,378</b>	<b>7,058</b>
<b>Reserve Movements</b>										
Transfers between reserves	1,367	37,030	(7,501)	(3,033)	(12,407)	(16,006)	(21,743)	(13,168)	(24,041)	(29,665)
<b>Total Reserve Movements</b>	<b>1,367</b>	<b>37,030</b>	<b>(7,501)</b>	<b>(3,033)</b>	<b>(12,407)</b>	<b>(16,006)</b>	<b>(21,743)</b>	<b>(13,168)</b>	<b>(24,041)</b>	<b>(29,665)</b>
Grants	952	6,000		17,100			6,000			
<b>Ending Accumulated Funds</b>	<b>294,209</b>	<b>331,308</b>	<b>318,349</b>	<b>329,094</b>	<b>312,796</b>	<b>296,612</b>	<b>281,821</b>	<b>271,664</b>	<b>252,001</b>	<b>229,394</b>

(b) Forecast Funding Summary FY2024-FY2033

<div>Forecast Funding Summary</div> <div>July 2023 - June 2033</div> <div>CITY OF DARWIN</div>										
City of Darwin	Budget	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast
Funding Statement - Projected	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31	FY32	FY33
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Operating Result from Continuing Operations	(11,514)	(5,930)	(5,458)	(3,321)	(3,891)	(178)	952	3,011	4,378	7,058
Add back Depreciation & Amortisation	32,425	32,799	34,392	35,296	38,840	39,366	40,083	41,035	42,081	42,571
Add back Other Non Cash Movement	904	958	1,006	1,061	1,120	1,176	1,235	1,296	1,361	1,429,272
Operating Result from Continuing Operations (without Depreciation & Amortisation)	21,815	27,828	29,940	33,036	36,069	40,363	42,270	45,343	47,820	51,058
Capital - Balance Sheet Adjustments										
Purchase of Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment	(19,020)	(62,004)	(22,830)	(61,236)	(16,873)	(23,439)	(22,011)	(25,436)	(17,243)	(14,471)
Sale of Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500
Loan Repayments	(5,614)	(9,353)	(6,108)	(8,217)	(7,289)	(7,418)	(7,166)	(7,239)	(7,035)	(7,422)
New Loan Borrowings	-	-	6,000	21,850	-	-	8,150	-	-	-
Capital Income	952	6,000	-	17,100	-	6,000	-	-	-	-
	(23,182)	(64,857)	(22,438)	(30,003)	(23,662)	(24,357)	(20,527)	(32,175)	(23,778)	(21,393)
Cash Budget Surplus or (Deficit), before reserve transfers	(1,367)	(37,029)	7,502	3,033	12,407	16,007	21,743	13,167	24,042	29,665
Movement in Reserves Transfer from (-to)	1,367	37,030	(7,501)	(3,033)	(12,407)	(16,006)	(21,743)	(13,167)	(24,041)	(29,665)
Cash Budget Surplus or (Deficit), after reserve transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## (c) Forecast Statement of Financial Position FY2024-FY2033 (Balance Sheet)

<div> <div>Balance Sheet</div> <div>July 2023 - June 2033</div> <div>CITY OF DARWIN</div> </div>										
City of Darwin										
10 Year Financial Plan: 2023-2033	Budget	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast
Balance Sheet - Projected	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31	FY32	FY33
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>ASSETS</b>										
<b>Current Assets</b>										
Cash & Cash Equivalents	18,811	11,552	12,705	13,673	14,981	13,787	17,080	17,996	18,990	20,007
Trade & Other Receivables	11,759	8,933	8,782	9,250	9,034	9,248	9,403	9,604	9,715	9,879
Other Financial Assets (Term Deposits)	78,252	58,550	67,781	72,267	86,635	100,851	127,534	142,074	167,607	198,798
Inventories	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>109,122</b>	<b>79,335</b>	<b>89,568</b>	<b>95,490</b>	<b>110,950</b>	<b>124,187</b>	<b>154,316</b>	<b>169,974</b>	<b>196,612</b>	<b>228,984</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>										
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	1,267,733	1,296,937	1,285,375	1,311,315	1,289,348	1,273,421	1,255,349	1,239,750	1,214,912	1,186,813
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>	<b>1,267,733</b>	<b>1,296,937</b>	<b>1,285,375</b>	<b>1,311,315</b>	<b>1,289,348</b>	<b>1,273,421</b>	<b>1,255,349</b>	<b>1,239,750</b>	<b>1,214,912</b>	<b>1,186,813</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,376,855</b>	<b>1,376,272</b>	<b>1,374,944</b>	<b>1,406,805</b>	<b>1,400,298</b>	<b>1,397,608</b>	<b>1,409,665</b>	<b>1,409,723</b>	<b>1,411,524</b>	<b>1,415,797</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>										
<b>Current Liabilities</b>										
Trade & Other Payables	18,286	19,383	20,352	21,370	22,438	23,560	24,503	25,483	26,502	27,562
Borrowings	5,451	6,108	8,217	7,289	7,418	7,166	7,239	7,035	7,422	6,379
Provisions	7,689	8,150	8,558	8,986	9,435	9,907	10,303	10,715	11,144	11,590
Lease Liabilities	888	888	888	888	888	888	888	888	888	888
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>32,314</b>	<b>34,529</b>	<b>38,016</b>	<b>38,533</b>	<b>40,179</b>	<b>41,521</b>	<b>42,933</b>	<b>44,121</b>	<b>45,956</b>	<b>46,419</b>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>										
Borrowings	55,960	49,852	47,635	62,195	54,778	47,612	48,523	41,488	34,066	27,687
Provisions	52,738	55,902	58,697	61,632	64,714	67,950	70,668	73,494	76,434	79,491
Lease Liabilities	1,254	1,329	1,396	1,465	1,539	1,616	1,680	1,748	1,817	1,890
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>	<b>109,952</b>	<b>107,084</b>	<b>107,728</b>	<b>125,293</b>	<b>121,031</b>	<b>117,178</b>	<b>120,871</b>	<b>116,730</b>	<b>112,317</b>	<b>109,068</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>142,266</b>	<b>141,613</b>	<b>145,743</b>	<b>163,826</b>	<b>161,210</b>	<b>158,698</b>	<b>163,804</b>	<b>160,851</b>	<b>158,273</b>	<b>155,487</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>1,234,589</b>	<b>1,234,659</b>	<b>1,229,200</b>	<b>1,242,979</b>	<b>1,239,088</b>	<b>1,238,910</b>	<b>1,245,861</b>	<b>1,248,873</b>	<b>1,253,251</b>	<b>1,260,310</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>										
Retained Earnings/ Accumulated Funds	294,209	331,308	318,348	329,094	312,796	296,612	281,820	271,664	252,001	229,395
Asset Revaluation Surplus	862,128	862,128	862,128	862,128	862,128	862,128	862,128	862,128	862,128	862,128
Other Reserves	78,252	41,223	48,724	51,757	64,164	80,170	101,913	115,081	139,122	168,787
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>1,234,589</b>	<b>1,234,659</b>	<b>1,229,200</b>	<b>1,242,979</b>	<b>1,239,088</b>	<b>1,238,910</b>	<b>1,245,861</b>	<b>1,248,873</b>	<b>1,253,251</b>	<b>1,260,310</b>

## (d) Forecast Statement of Reserves FY2024-FY2033 (Reserves)

Reserves										
July 2023 - June 2033										
City of Darwin										
10 Year Financial Plan for the Years ending 30 June 2033	Budget	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast
Reserves Excluding Asset Revaluation Reserve	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31	FY32	FY33
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>EXTERNALLY RESTRICTED RESERVES</b>										
CBD Carparking Shortfall-Developer Contribution	13,862	2,416	2,513	2,613	2,718	2,826	2,939	3,057	3,179	3,306
CBD Carparking Shortfall - Rate Levy	17,038	1,958	3,286	4,717	6,257	7,913	9,692	11,600	10,525	12,591
Highway/Commercial Carparking Shortfall	54	56	58	61	63	65	68	71	74	77
Market Site Development	578	640	704	771	841	913	988	1,066	1,148	1,232
Other Carparking Shortfall	393	408	425	442	459	478	497	517	537	559
Developer Contributions	1,869	1,944	2,022	2,103	2,187	2,274	2,365	2,460	2,558	2,661
Waste Management	950	3,692	9,168	13,202	19,868	27,997	36,147	45,356	55,533	66,737
Specific Purpose Unexpended Grants	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17
Waste Remediation Reserve	4,319	5,518	6,964	3,765	8,325	11,408	17,583	15,463	21,824	28,254
<b>Total Externally Restrcted Reserve</b>	<b>39,080</b>	<b>16,649</b>	<b>25,157</b>	<b>27,691</b>	<b>40,735</b>	<b>53,893</b>	<b>70,296</b>	<b>79,607</b>	<b>95,395</b>	<b>115,433</b>
<b>INTERNALLY RESTRICTED RESERVES</b>										
Asset Replacement & Refurbishment	2,852	2,494	1,760	2,663	1,460	3,537	7,880	10,495	17,247	25,094
Carry Forward Works	12,913	12,913	12,913	12,913	12,913	12,913	12,913	12,913	12,913	12,913
Disaster Contingency	2,204	2,337	2,454	2,588	2,731	2,867	3,011	3,161	3,319	3,485
Election Expense	260	390	520	670	820	970	1,120	1,270	1,420	1,570
Environmental	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36
IT Strategy	1,206	1,206	1,206	1,206	1,206	1,206	1,206	1,206	1,206	1,206
Nightcliff Community Hall	117	134	151	169	188	207	228	249	271	293
Off & On Street Parking	1,671	1,412	934	163	305	530	840	1,246	1,755	2,379
Plant & Vehicle Replacement	3,680	3,519	3,461	3,524	3,638	3,878	4,251	4,765	5,427	6,246
Public Art	132	132	132	132	132	132	132	132	132	132
Sale of Land	14,100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Internally Restricted Reserve</b>	<b>39,173</b>	<b>24,574</b>	<b>23,567</b>	<b>24,066</b>	<b>23,429</b>	<b>26,277</b>	<b>31,617</b>	<b>35,474</b>	<b>43,727</b>	<b>53,355</b>
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>78,252</b>	<b>41,223</b>	<b>48,724</b>	<b>51,757</b>	<b>64,164</b>	<b>80,170</b>	<b>101,913</b>	<b>115,081</b>	<b>139,122</b>	<b>168,787</b>

## 1.8 Key Ratios and Benchmarking

City of Darwin has a strategy in place to have a robust financial planning, performance measuring and reporting framework to identify potential risks in timely manner, choose appropriate risk mitigation plans and to keep track of all the adopted strategies.

This approach helps to ensure the long term financial sustainability of Council and provide performance measuring framework that meets our five strategic directions. There are number of key performance indicators used to measure financial sustainability.

The key performance measures and benchmark adopted for the purposes of LTFP are based on City of Darwin long-term strategic goals and in line with Local Government Sustainability Objectives and industry trends. Council aims to reports its performance against these indicators in future Annual Reports, and has adopted the following measures as the principle indicators of financial sustainability:

- Operating Surplus or Deficit (Net Profit)
- Operating Surplus before Depreciation
- Rates Ratio / Own Source Operating Revenue Ratio
- Percentage of Rate Debtors Outstanding
- Liquidity Ratio – Unrestricted
- Asset Sustainability Ratio

Table below provides the definition and the adopted benchmarks for each respective KPI used to measure Council financial sustainability over the life of LTFP. The first three KPIs are measure of profitability and effectiveness of operations, the next two measures Council liquidity and indebtedness position and last one is measure of Council asset management performance.

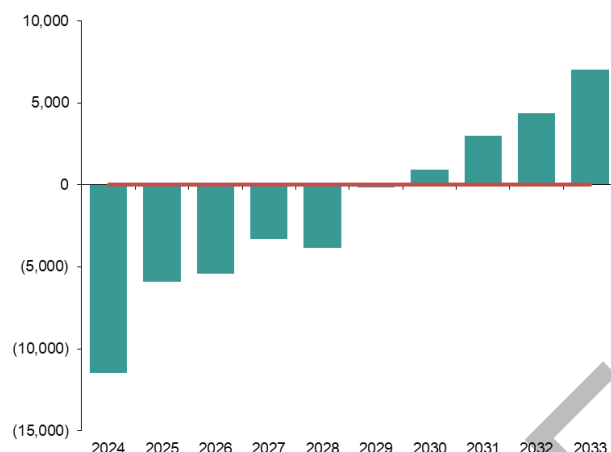
Key Performance Indicator	Definition	Benchmark
Operating Surplus or Deficit (net Profit)	Total operating revenue less the operational expenses of Council for the financial year.	Breakeven
Operating Surplus before Depreciation	The amount of operating income less the operating expenses (excluding depreciation) that is available to fund capital expenditure.	Between \$25 to \$35m
Rates Ratio / Own Source Revenue Ratio	Total rates revenue / operating expenses, including depreciation	Benchmark 60%-70%
Percentage of Rate Debtors Outstanding	Outstanding Rates Balance at year end / Total Rates Revenue in the financial year.	Less than 5%
Liquidity Ratio – Unrestricted	Current assets less externally restricted reserves / Current liabilities.	Equal to or greater than 1.5
Asset Sustainability Ratio	Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement plant and equipment and infrastructure assets / Annual Depreciation in that financial year.	100.00%

## (a) Profitability

### Operating Surplus or Deficit

A broadly used core key performance measure of financial sustainability in the sector, this ratio essentially measures a council's operating result in monetary terms.

#### **Operating Surplus or Deficit**



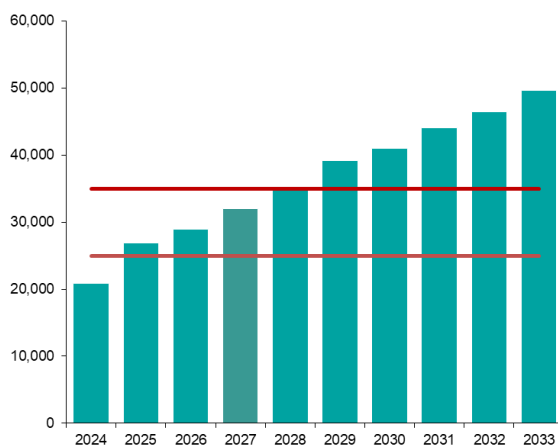
The first half of the plan LTFP forecasts operating deficits, which is broadly in line with the forecast from the previous LTFP. These deficits are offset by the use of reserves, funding essential activity delivery.

Annual surplus forecasts return and continue from FY29 to the end of the plan period. This indicator should be considered in conjunction with the next KPI which provides a summary of Council performance from an operational point of view.

### Operating Surplus or Deficit before Depreciation

Operating surplus excluding depreciation provides true reflection of the City of Darwin effectiveness in sustaining enough operating surplus to meet projected capital expenditure and asset acquisition programs and the focus on improving the balance of the Waste Remediation Reserve.

#### **Operating Surplus before Depreciation**

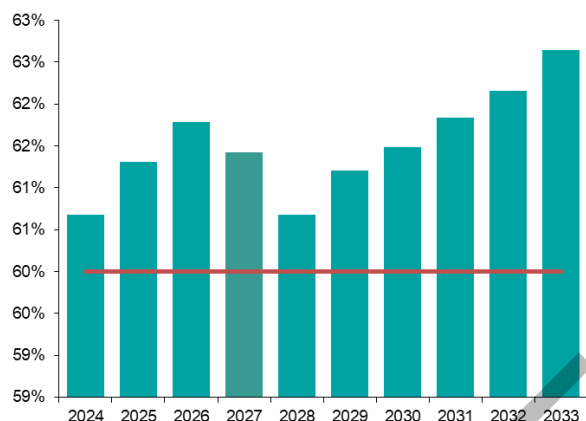


It is noted that the start year operates below the benchmark, but from 2028 surpluses exceed the benchmark, partly due to the continuing focus on sustaining the Waste Remediation Reserve.

#### Rates Ratio / Own Source Revenue Ratio

This KPI measure degree of City of Darwin reliance on external funding sources such as operating grants and contributions. Own Source Revenue refers to Council's ability to cover its day to day expenses through revenue derived from Rates and other charges.

#### **Own Source Operating Revenue Ratio**



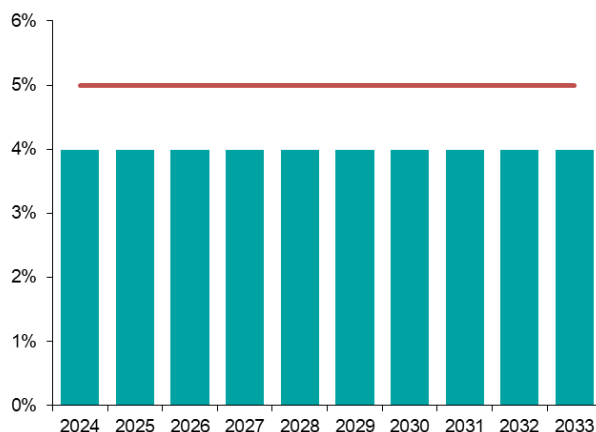
The City of Darwin will continue to focus on strategy to reduce reliance on external sources of funding and strengthen its own recurring revenue base to able to make sound capital investments in line with Council's strategic pillars. The ratio may be impacted by contingent capital receipts which are not included in the model due to uncertainty evolving around timing and amount of funding.

### **(b) Liquidity and Debt Position**

#### Percentage of Rate Debtors Outstanding

This ratio helps to assess the Council competency and recovery efforts in relation to debts legally owed to it. Council aims to maintain outstanding debt at the end of each financial period below 5% to minimise the impact of uncollected Rates on liquidity.

#### **Percentage of Rate Debtors Outstanding**



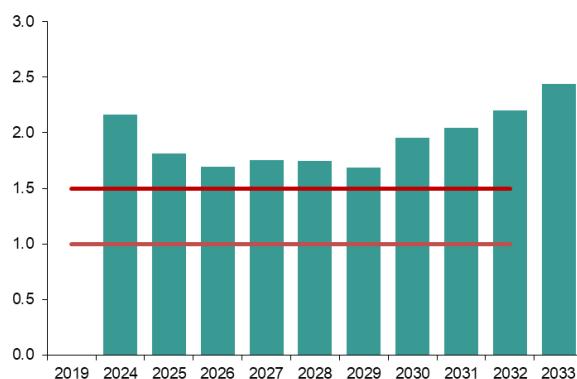


Outstanding Rates are expected to remain well under the 5% benchmark for the FY24 to FY33 period. This trend correlates to historical Council performance and considers the robust internal controls that exist for rates recovery.

#### Liquidity Ratio – Unrestricted

Liquidity Ratio – Unrestricted ratio is predominantly used by local government organisations to assess the sustainability of working capital and measure Council's ability to meet its short term financial obligations as they fall due.

#### **Liquidity Ratio – Unrestricted**



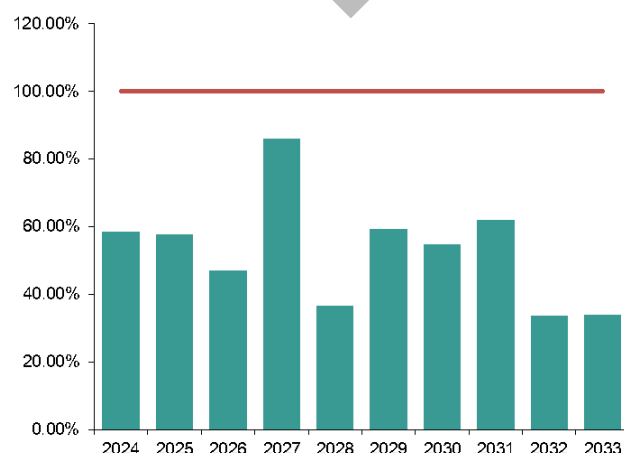
Council's unrestricted liquidity ratio is expected to remain considerably strong throughout the LTFP period. This reflects the maintenance of cash reserves to meet forecast demand for strategic projects and navigate uncertain economic challenges. The Council ensures in its' planning process that all excess cash reserves are invested within diversified short to longer term deposits and securities, which generates interest income, whilst meeting all legislative requirements.

### **(c) Asset Performance**

#### Asset Sustainability Ratio

Asset sustainability ratio is one of the most used performance measurement tools to assess Council efforts in renewal and maintenance of its infrastructure and non-current assets.

#### **Asset Sustainability Ratio**



The adopted benchmark for this ratio is 100% which indicates a level of capital replenishment equal to the depreciation amount which represents Council's consumption of non-current assets. The sustainability ratio remains below the benchmark level in the LTFP in most years, however Council continually reviews its Capital Works program and formally adopts initiatives on an annual basis via the budgetary process. Council's focus continues to ensure that adequate investment is made in strategic projects and capital programs to meet existing maintenance requirements and to achieve sustainable growth in the overall asset base.

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**15 RECEIVE & NOTE REPORTS****15.1 INTERIM MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - JUNE 2023**

**Author:** Senior Accountant  
Executive Manager Finance

**Authoriser:** General Manager Corporate

**Attachments:** 1. Interim Monthly Financial Report June 2023 [↓](#)

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT the report entitled Interim Monthly Financial Report – June 2023 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 30 June 2023.

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:

- Provisional 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.
- Provisional Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet), which outlines what Council owns (assets) and what it owes (liabilities) at a point in time.
- Provisional 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.
- Investments, which provides details of treasury activities, investments as at 30 June 2023.
- Rates and Receivables Report which provides a summary of outstanding rates and debtors.
- Procurement Reporting, which is a summary of contract variations and exempt procurement.
- Provisional Capital Expenditure and Funding, which compares YTD capital expenditure and funding against YTD budget.
- Provisional Planned Major Projects Capital Works, provides a high-level financial overview of our major projects at a point in time.

**DISCUSSION****June 2023 – Year to Date Result**

The year-to-date operating result until 30 June 2023 is a **deficit of (\$2.3M)** compared to a **Budgeted deficit of (\$18.6M)** as highlighted in the table below.

After including capital income, the **Net Surplus is \$2.4M** against the budgeted **deficit of (\$5.5M)**. This has resulted in a favourable **\$7.8M** variance overall (as shown in the income statement).

	<b>Actual \$'000</b>	<b>Budget \$'000</b>	<b>Variance \$'000</b>
<b>Net Operating Surplus/ (Deficit)</b>	<b>(2,314)</b>	<b>(18,578)</b>	<b>16,264 Favourable</b>

***Commentary***

This financial report is a preliminary report, as June is the end of the 2022/23 financial year. There are several year-end adjustments including; expense accruals, provisions, and grant funds received in advance, still to take place which will impact the final result for the year.

The Net Operating Position has a favourable variance to the amended budget of \$16.3M. The variance results from both higher than budgeted income and lower than budgeted expenses.

Please find below additional commentary for the material variances:

Please also note that end of year adjustments in accordance with AASB are still pending and will alter the actuals presented for June 2023.

**Income**

Total Operating Income is tracking above budget by \$4.4M.

**User Fees & Charges**

The unfavourable variance is \$0.7M. This is mainly due to Waste Fees & Charges being under YTD expectations and is partially offset by a decrease in waste related expenditure.

**Operating Grants and Subsidies**

The favourable variance of grants received is related to the early receipt of \$4.5M, which is the full allocation of the 2023/24 FAA grant.

**Interest / Investment Income**

The favourable variance relates to the increase in returns received on investments due to the increasing RBA cash rate.

**Capital Grants & Contributions**

Capital grants are under budget by \$8.5M. Most of the unfavourable variance relates to the \$7.5M CAALC grant that has not been received yet.

**Expenditure**

Total Expenses are under budget by \$11.8M. This is due to underspends in Employee Expenses of \$1.4M, Materials & Contracts \$8.0M and Depreciation being under budget by \$1.3M.

**Employee Expenses**

Employee costs report a positive variance to budget of \$1.4M, this relates to timing of employee leave and employee vacancies. The end of year employee entitlement adjustments are still to be processed.

**Materials & Contracts**

Materials and Contracts expenses has an annual budget of \$57.1M and this incorporates various expenditure types. Combined, this budget line is under budget with a variance of \$7.8M. The Materials and Contracts expense to 30 June 2023 is 86% of total budget expectations. Please note that estimated invoices still pending for June are between \$3M - \$5M and considered substantially on track at this stage.

**Depreciation and Amortisation**

Depreciation is a non-cash expense. The Depreciation, Amortisation, and Impairment expenses for the 2023 financial year will change from the amount included in the provisional income statement. This adjustment will be due the finalisation of depreciation for the month of June. There are several significant assets that are in the process of being capitalised.

**Statement of Fund Flows**

The variances are related to a mismatch in the timing of projects and expenses across financial years, and the reasons described above under operating statement commentary.

**Cash and Investments Note A**

City of Darwin has achieved 4.39% on weighted average interest rate on its June cash and investment portfolio of \$91.29M (excluding loan offset \$34.3M). 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**

The RBA met on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023 and there was no change in the cash rate target. Australia's inflation rate remains high however it has passed its peak. The RBA board said it expects some further tightening of monetary policy and may be required to ensure that inflation returns to target in a reasonable timeframe, but that will depend upon how the economy and inflation evolve. Any increases by the RBA will increase City of Darwin's interest (borrowing) expenses and increase interest income.

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

This section considers the receipt timing of Rates collection and any general Debtors outstanding. The report also includes information on aged debtors including general debtors, infringements, and Rates arrears.

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

Accounts Payable owing at 30 June 2023 was \$5.6M at the time of reporting. City of Darwin recognises the liability of invoices once goods are receipted.

**Other notes to the financial reports**

The Council has met its payment and reporting obligations for GST, Fringe Benefits Tax, PAYG withholding tax, superannuation, and insurance for the month of June 2023.

Our internal accounting conventions for monthly reporting currently recognise the Council Rates that are attributable to that month and then progressively throughout the year.

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.

**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**

There were nil reportable contract variations for June 2023.

**Exempt Procurement**

Vendor	Supply	Cost	Applicable Exemption
NS Constructions	Casuarina Library Courtyard Upgrades	\$118,200	Reg 38(1)(h) Only one supplier
Katherine Tree Maintenance Pty Ltd	Tyre shredding	\$263,000.03	Reg 38(1)(h) Only one supplier

**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.



CEO Signed

20 July 2023

**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 authors do 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 30 June 2023	2022/23						
	2023 Actual		2023 3rd Revised Budget		Variance	FY 3rd Revised Budget	FY Original Budget
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b><u>Operating Income</u></b>							
Rates	80,283	68%	80,215	70%	68	80,215	80,215
Charges	2,451	2%	2,282	2%	169	2,282	2,282
Fees and Charges	20,946	18%	21,631	19%	(685)	21,631	24,521
Operating Grants and Subsidies	7,919	7%	3,368	3%	4,551	3,368	5,760
Interest / Investment Income	4,013	3%	3,833	3%	180	3,833	1,633
Other Income	2,707	2%	2,560	2%	147	2,560	1,763
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>118,319</b>		<b>113,889</b>		<b>4,430</b>	<b>113,889</b>	<b>116,174</b>
<b><u>Operating Expenses</u></b>							
Employee Expenses	37,401	31%	38,794	29%	1,393	38,794	38,893
Materials and Contracts	49,092	41%	57,116	43%	8,024	57,116	57,563
Elected Member Allowances	660	1%	693	1%	32	693	733
Elected Member Expenses	4	0%	24	0%	20	24	64
Council Committee & LA Allowances	7	0%	40	0%	33	40	40
Council Committee & LA Expenses	0	0%	0	0%	-	0	0
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	31,226	26%	32,571	25%	1,345	32,571	33,971
Interest Expenses	983	1%	1,969	1%	986	1,969	2,354
Other Expenses	1,260	1%	1,260	1%	0	1,260	0
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>120,633</b>		<b>132,467</b>		<b>11,834</b>	<b>132,467</b>	<b>133,618</b>
<b>Budgeted Operating Surplus/ (Deficit)</b>	<b>(2,314)</b>		<b>(18,578)</b>		<b>16,264</b>	<b>(18,578)</b>	<b>(17,444)</b>
Capital Grants Income	4,666		13,121		(8,455)	13,121	9,360
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>2,352</b>		<b>(5,457)</b>		<b>7,809</b>	<b>(5,457)</b>	<b>(8,084)</b>



Statement of Fund Flows  Monthly Operating Position For the Period Ended 30 June 2023	2022/23				
	June 2023 Actual \$'000	3rd Revised Budget \$'000	Variance \$'000	FY 3rd Revised Budget \$'000	FY Original Budget \$'000
<b><u>Funds From Operating Activities</u></b>					
Net Operating Result from Income Statement	(2,314)	(18,578)	16,264	(18,578)	(17,444)
Add back depreciation (not cash)	31,226	32,571	(1,345)	32,571	33,971
Add back Other Non Cash Items	0	708	(708)	708	708
<b>Net Funds Provided (or used in) Operating Activities</b>	<b>28,912</b>	<b>14,701</b>	<b>14,211</b>	<b>14,701</b>	<b>17,235</b>
<b><u>Less Additional Outflows</u></b>					
Repayment of borrowings & advances	(2,808)	(4,203)	1,395	(4,203)	(5,248)
Purchase of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	(40,801)	(56,540)	15,739	(56,540)	(60,499)
<b>Total Additional Outflows</b>	<b>(43,609)</b>	<b>(60,743)</b>	<b>17,134</b>	<b>(60,743)</b>	<b>(65,747)</b>
<b><u>Add Additional Inflows</u></b>					
Add Capital Grants	4,666	13,121	(8,455)	13,121	9,360
Sale of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	495	736	(242)	736	736
Proceeds from borrowings & advances	31,000	24,000	7,000	24,000	35,500
Transfers from Reserves	1,175	8,185	(7,010)	8,186	2,916
<b>Total Additional Inflows</b>	<b>37,336</b>	<b>46,041</b>	<b>(8,706)</b>	<b>46,043</b>	<b>48,512</b>
<b>Net Increase (-Decrease) in Funds</b>	<b>22,639</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22,639</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

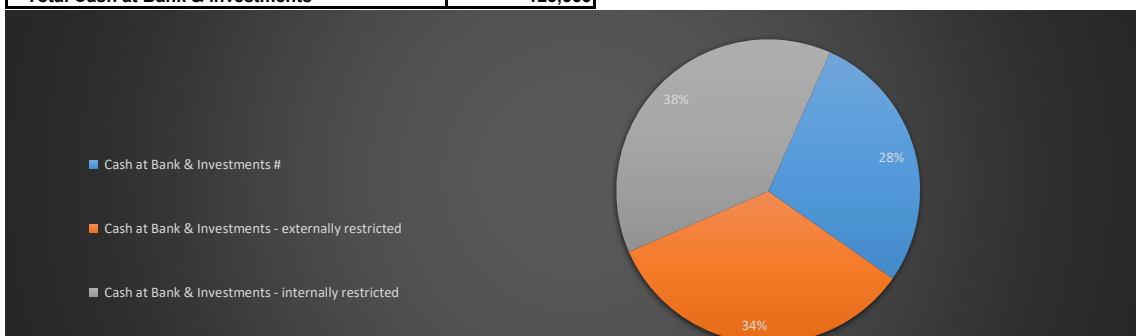
Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2023	2022/23				2021/22
	June 2023	Note	FY	FY	FY
	Actual \$'000		3rd Revised Budget \$'000	Original Budget \$'000	Audited \$'000
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Cash at Bank & Investments	35,311	A	12,073	28,312	19,965
Cash at Bank & Investments - externally restricted	42,332	A	36,119	38,266	43,752
Cash at Bank & Investments - internally restricted	48,023	A	46,939	30,122	47,778
Trade & Other Receivables	7,199	B	11,646	11,646	12,089
Rates & Charges Receivables	3,301	B	0	0	0
Inventories	237		400	400	304
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>136,403</b>		<b>107,178</b>	<b>108,746</b>	<b>123,888</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>					
Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment	1,258,459		1,221,983	1,224,542	1,249,378
Lease Right of Use Assets	3,682		0	0	3,682
<b>Total Non Current Assets</b>	<b>1,262,141</b>		<b>1,221,983</b>	<b>1,224,542</b>	<b>1,253,060</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1,398,544</b>		<b>1,329,161</b>	<b>1,333,288</b>	<b>1,376,948</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>					
Trade Payables & Other Payables	5,600	C	22,069	22,069	20,254
Accruals	1,286		0	0	0
ATO & Payroll Liabilities	520	D	0	0	0
Other Current Liabilities / Payables	3,976		0	0	0
Borrowings	4,732		6,438	5,392	2,770
Provisions	7,720		6,086	6,086	12,182
Lease Liabilities	837		862	862	837
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>24,671</b>		<b>35,455</b>	<b>34,409</b>	<b>36,043</b>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>					
Trade & Other Payables	14		0	0	14
Borrowings	58,475		48,384	59,884	32,244
Provisions	55,436		28,195	28,195	51,048
Lease Liabilities	3,004		2,458	2,458	3,004
<b>Total Non Current Liabilities</b>	<b>116,929</b>		<b>79,037</b>	<b>90,537</b>	<b>86,310</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>141,600</b>		<b>114,492</b>	<b>124,946</b>	<b>122,353</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>1,256,944</b>		<b>1,214,669</b>	<b>1,208,342</b>	<b>1,254,595</b>
<b>Equity</b>					
Accumulated Surplus	304,463		307,681	316,025	300,937
Asset Revaluation Reserve	862,128		823,929	823,929	862,128
Other Reserves	90,354		83,059	68,388	91,530
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>1,256,944</b>		<b>1,214,669</b>	<b>1,208,342</b>	<b>1,254,595</b>

### Monthly Balance Sheet Report (Notes to the Balance Sheet) as at 30 June 2023

#### 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 3.05% on weighted average interest rate on its June 2023 cash and investment portfolio of \$126M (including \$34.3M 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 #	35,311
Cash at Bank & Investments - externally restricted	42,332
Cash at Bank & Investments - internally restricted	48,023
<b>Total Cash at Bank &amp; Investments</b>	<b>125,666</b>



# Cash at Bank & Investments includes Cash on Call of \$34.3M

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 *
<b>Rates &amp; Charges Debtors</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,300,930	\$3,300,930
<b>Other Trade Receivables and Other Receivables</b>	\$1,820,928	\$1,052,424	\$425,655	\$3,900,362	\$7,199,369
<b>Total Trade and Other Receivables</b>	<b>\$1,820,928</b>	<b>\$1,052,424</b>	<b>\$425,655</b>	<b>\$7,201,292</b>	<b>\$10,500,299</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*
<b>General Trade Creditors</b>	-\$3,566,328	-\$2,027,471	\$0	-\$6,117	-\$5,599,917
<b>Other Trade Payables &amp; Other Payables</b>	-\$519,705	\$0	\$0	\$0	-\$519,705
<b>Total Trade and Other Payables</b>	<b>-\$4,086,033</b>	<b>-\$2,027,471</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>-\$6,117</b>	<b>-\$6,119,621</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 of June 2023.

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**INVESTMENTS REPORT TO COUNCIL**  
**AS AT**  
**30 June 2023**

**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 June 2023

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	53%		
Business Online Saver Accounts	2%		
Floating Rate Notes	2%		
General Surplus on Variable Loans	30%		
Bonds	0%		
<b>Less than 1 Year Total</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Greater than 1 Year less than 3 Years</b>			
Term Deposits	2%		
Business Online Saver Accounts	0%		
Floating Rate Notes	8%		
Bonds	3%		
<b>Greater than 1 Year less than 3 Years Total</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Greater than 3 Years</b>			
Term Deposits	0%		
Business Online Saver Accounts	0%		
Floating Rate Notes	0%		
Bonds	0%		
<b>Greater than 3 Years Total</b>	<b>0%</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 Total</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 June 2023

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	28%	50%
	National Australia Bank Ltd	National Australia Bank Ltd	24%	50%
	Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	34%	50%
	Northern Territory Treasury Corporation	Northern Territory Treasury Corporation	2%	50%
<b>A+</b>	Macquarie Bank	Macquarie Bank	1%	30%
	Suncorp Metway Limited	Suncorp Bank	3%	30%
<b>BBB+</b>	Bank of Queensland Ltd	Bank of Queensland Ltd	3%	10%
	Members Banking Group Limited t/as RACQ Bank	Members Banking Group Limited t/as RACQ Bank	1%	10%
<b>BBB</b>	AMP Bank Ltd	AMP Bank Ltd	2%	10%
	Bank Australia Limited	Bank Australia Limited	2%	10%
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>100%</b>	

Credit Rating - Maximum Portfolio Limit	% of Total	Policy Limit
<b>AAA to AA-</b>	88%	100%
<b>A+ to A-</b>	4%	45%
<b>BBB+ to BBB</b>	8%	30%
<b>BBB-</b>	0%	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	

**INVESTMENT AND CASH AT CALL/OFFSET REPORT TO COUNCIL  
AS AT  
30 June 2023**

Instrument	Institution Category	Counterparty	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Credit Rating (LT)	Credit Rating (ST)	Inv Type	FRN ONLY (Maturity Date - last pmt)	Principal \$	% Portfolio
INVESTMENT	MAJOR BANK	ANZ Banking Group Ltd	29 September 2023	5.36%	AA-	A1+	FRN	31 March 2028	\$500,000	0.44%
		ANZ Banking Group Ltd Total							\$500,000	0.44%
		Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd	11 July 2023	4.78%	AA-	A1+	FRN	11 January 2024	\$1,000,000	0.89%
			28 November 2023	4.46%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,012,949	0.90%
			18 August 2023	4.24%	AA-	A1+	BOND	18 August 2025	\$1,000,000	0.89%
			18 August 2023	4.72%	AA-	A1+	FRN	18 August 2025	\$1,000,000	0.89%
			27 February 2024	5.02%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,500,000	1.33%
			22 August 2023	4.31%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,525,381	1.35%
			5 September 2023	4.25%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,026,528	0.91%
			12 September 2023	4.30%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$3,566,891	3.16%
			13 July 2023	4.54%	AA-	A1+	FRN	13 January 2026	\$2,000,000	1.77%
			30 April 2024	4.69%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$3,071,360	2.72%
			21 May 2024	5.41%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$3,122,364	2.77%
			10 July 2023	3.95%	AA-	A1+	BOS		\$2,168,459	1.92%
		Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd Total							\$21,993,931	19.48%
		National Australia Bank Ltd	25 July 2023	3.93%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,545,616	1.37%
			26 July 2023	4.26%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,529,182	1.35%
			1 August 2023	4.18%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$4,000,000	3.25%
			27 February 2024	4.96%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,014,520	0.90%
			5 September 2023	4.39%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,530,581	1.36%
			30 April 2024	4.54%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,518,333	1.35%
			25 June 2024	5.34%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$2,000,000	1.77%
			25 June 2024	5.50%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$3,142,715	2.86%
		National Australia Bank Ltd Total							\$16,280,947	14.21%
		Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	5 December 2023	1.22%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$2,000,000	1.77%
			3 December 2024	1.62%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$2,000,000	1.77%
			23 January 2024	1.40%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,500,000	1.33%
			25 July 2023	4.11%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$2,000,000	1.77%
			26 September 2023	4.68%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$2,000,000	1.77%
			14 November 2023						\$3,000,000	2.56%
			23 April 2024	4.85%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$2,000,000	1.77%
			27 February 2024	5.00%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,014,600	0.90%
			27 February 2024	4.61%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$2,000,000	1.77%
			26 March 2024	5.10%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$4,000,000	3.54%
			24 July 2023	4.82%	AA-	A1+	FRN	24 April 2024	\$1,000,000	0.89%
			11 June 2024	5.03%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$2,000,000	1.77%
		Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd Total							\$24,514,600	21.72%
		Northern Territory Treasury Corporation (NTTC)	15 December 2024	1.30%	AA-	A1+	BOND		\$2,000,000	1.77%
		Northern Territory Treasury Corporation (NTTC) Total							\$2,000,000	1.77%
	MAJOR BANK Total								\$65,289,479	57.62%
	OTHER	AMP Bank Ltd	3 October 2023	2.30%	BBB	A2	TD		\$1,000,000	0.89%
			25 July 2023	4.45%	BBB	A2	TD		\$1,000,000	0.89%
		AMP Bank Ltd Total							\$2,000,000	1.77%
		Bank of Queensland Ltd	14 November 2023						\$1,536,529	1.36%
			12 March 2024	5.05%	BBB+	A2	TD		\$1,561,169	1.38%
		Bank of Queensland Ltd Total							\$3,097,698	2.74%
		Macquarie Bank	14 August 2023	4.73%	A+	A1	FRN	12 February 2025	\$1,000,000	0.89%
		Macquarie Bank Total							\$1,000,000	0.89%
		Suncorp Bank	5 December 2023	4.96%	A+	A1	TD		\$1,028,463	0.91%
			17 July 2023	4.54%	A+	A1	FRN	17 October 2025	\$1,000,000	0.89%
			9 April 2024	5.52%	A+	A1	TD		\$1,562,827	1.38%
		Suncorp Bank Total							\$3,591,310	3.18%
		Bank Australia Limited	24 August 2023	5.52%	BBB	A-2	FRN	24 November 2025	\$2,000,000	1.77%
		Bank Australia Limited Total							\$2,000,000	1.77%
		Members Banking Group Limited t/as RACQ Bank	24 August 2023	5.42%	BBB+	A2	FRN	24 February 2026	\$1,600,000	1.42%
		Members Banking Group Limited t/as RACQ Bank Total							\$1,600,000	1.42%
	OTHER Total								\$13,289,008	11.77%
INVESTMENT Total									\$78,578,486	69.40%
VARIABLE LOAN SURPLUS	MAJOR BANK	Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd	10 July 2023	0.00%	AA-	A1+	General Surplus - I		\$10,000,000	8.86%
		Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd Total							\$10,000,000	8.86%
		National Australia Bank Ltd	10 July 2023	0.00%	AA-	A1+	General Surplus - I		\$11,000,000	9.74%
		National Australia Bank Ltd Total							\$11,000,000	9.74%
		Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	10 July 2023	0.00%	AA-	A1+	General Surplus - I		\$13,300,000	11.78%
		Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd Total							\$13,300,000	11.78%
MAJOR BANK Total									\$34,300,000	30.39%
VARIABLE LOAN SURPLUS Total									\$34,300,000	30.39%
Grand Total									\$112,878,486	100%

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	\$11,132,564
NAB General Bank Funds	\$1,220,162
WBC General Bank Funds	\$362,750
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$125,593,963</b>
Less Variable Loans Offset (Cash on Call)	-\$34,300,000
<b>Total Investment &amp; Cash (less offset)</b>	<b>\$91,293,963</b>
 Total Budgeted Investment Earnings	 \$2,992,937
Year to Date Investment Earnings	\$3,126,751
 Weighted Ave Rate	 3.05%
Weighted Ave Rate (excluding Cash on Call)	4.39%
BBSW 90 Day Rate	4.35%
Bloomberg AusBond (Bank Bill Index)	3.26%

Trust Bank Account	\$456,989
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Capital Expenditure For The Period Ended 30 June 2023	2022/23			
	YTD	YTD	YTD	FY
	Actuals	Revised Budget	Variance	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	9,523,888	16,862,382	7,338,494	16,862,382
<b>Infrastructure:</b>				
Stormwater Drainage	1,234,400	1,989,876	755,476	1,989,876
Transport	4,273,517	7,565,732	3,292,215	7,565,732
Pathways	1,688,532	1,791,975	103,443	1,791,975
Public Lighting	1,643,533	2,144,681	501,148	2,144,681
Waste Management Infrastructure	15,988,462	17,954,748	1,966,286	17,954,748
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>	2,252,534	2,631,019	378,485	2,631,019
<b>Parks &amp; Reserves Infrastructure</b>	3,941,112	5,274,157	1,333,045	5,274,157
<b>Other Assets</b>	255,358	325,687	70,330	325,687
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>40,801,336</b>	<b>56,540,257</b>	<b>15,738,921</b>	<b>56,540,257</b>
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUNDED BY*:</b>				
Operating Income	14,632,032	14,632,032	0	14,632,032
Capital Grants	14,504,419	14,504,419	0	14,504,419
Transfer from Reserves	8,598,062	8,598,062	0	8,598,062
Borrowings	18,805,744	18,805,744	0	18,805,744
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUNDING</b>	<b>56,540,257</b>	<b>56,540,257</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>56,540,257</b>

\*Funding of expenditure is assumed to be consumed in line with YTD Revised Budget  
Revised Budget is the Original Budget plus adopted Carryforwards and Budget Variations

**Report on Planned Major Capital Works  
For The Period Ended 30 June 2023**

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	Casuarina Aquatic & Leisure Centre	478,400	8,729,071	9,207,471	27,233,111	18,025,640	30/06/2024
Waste Management Infrastructure	Shoal Bay - Stage 2 Expansion	0	23,796	23,796	12,000,000	11,976,204	30/06/2024
Waste Management Infrastructure	Leachate Irrigation System - Shoal Bay (CF)	13,150,746	2,637,654	15,788,400	16,142,591	354,191	30/06/2023
Waste Management Infrastructure	SBWMF - Stage 3 & 4 Final Cap Design & Construction (CF)	8,754,737	6,215,693	14,970,430	15,107,000	136,570	30/06/2023
Waste Management Infrastructure	Shoal Bay - Leachate Ponds	0	6,679,459	6,679,459	7,500,000	820,541	30/06/2023
Waste Management Infrastructure	Leachate Storage Tanks & Infrastructure	5,624,943	56,305	5,681,249	5,752,400	71,151	Completed
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>28,008,826</b>	<b>24,341,978</b>	<b>52,350,804</b>	<b>83,735,102</b>	<b>31,384,298</b>	

**Table 4. Member and CEO Council Credit Card Transactions for the Month  
For the Month Ended 30 June 2023**

Cardholder Name: CEO

Transaction Date	Amount \$	Supplier's Name	Reason for the Transaction
19-Jun-23	14.69	Uber	NGA - ALGA Meeting - Canberra - Uber
19-Jun-23	12.75	Uber	NGA - ALGA Meeting - Canberra - Uber
19-Jun-23	5.00	Crowne Plaza Hotel	NGA - ALGA Meeting - Canberra - Travel Expenses
19-Jun-23	19.58	Uber	NGA - ALGA Meeting - Canberra - Uber
16-Jun-23	9.34	Uber	NGA - ALGA Meeting - Canberra - Uber
15-Jun-23	11.00	Sushi Daily	Travel Expenses
15-Jun-23	9.33	Uber	NGA - ALGA Meeting - Canberra - Taxi
13-Jun-23	32.08	Cabs	NGA - ALGA Meeting - Canberra - Airport to Hotel
7-Jun-23	17.89	Café 21	Meeting - Expenses
6-Jun-23	15.00	Paystay	Car Parking Fees
1-Jun-23	11.80	Roma Bar	Meeting Expenses
29-May-23	22.16	Independent	PIA Conference - Adelaide - Taxi
29-May-23	74.10	Intercontinental Adelaide	Travel Expenses
<b>Total</b>	<b>254.72</b>		

Cardholder Name: Lord Mayor

Transaction Date	Amount \$	Supplier's Name	Reason for the Transaction
26-Jun-23	20.00	Paystay	Car Parking Fee account top up
21-Jun-23	20.00	Paystay	Car Parking Fee account top up
13-Jun-23	4.00	BGHotels	Fraudulent fee
9-Jun-23	20.00	Paystay	Car Parking Fee account top up
7-Jun-23	2.00	BGHotels	Fraudulent fee
31-May-23	20.00	Paystay	Car Parking Fee account top up
<b>Total</b>	<b>86.00</b>		



**15.2 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Author:** Councillor and Committees Support Officer

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

**Attachments:**

1. International Relations Advisory Committee Unconfirmed Minutes 31 May 2023 [↓](#)
2. Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Unconfirmed Minutes 1 June 2023 [↓](#)

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to present the minutes of the committee meetings in May and June 2023 to Council.

**KEY ISSUES**

- The International Relations Advisory Committee unconfirmed minutes of 31 May 2023 are presented at **Attachment 1**.
- The Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee unconfirmed minutes of 1 June 2023 are presented at **Attachment 2**.

**DISCUSSION**

This report provides the minutes for the following committees:

- International Relations Advisory Committee
- Access and Inclusion 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 June 2023 meeting Council resolved:

**RESOLUTION ORD343/23**

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

<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> Policy 043 Meetings Policy 093 Advisory and Other Committees
<b>CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT &amp; COMMUNICATION</b>	Nil
<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).



# **MINUTES**

## **International Relations Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday, 31 May 2023**

**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN  
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS DARRANDIRRA, LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE, HARRY  
CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN  
ON WEDNESDAY, 31 MAY 2023 AT 11:00 AM**

**PRESENT:** Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis  
Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris  
Charles Darwin University, Vice-President Global and External Shannon Holborn  
City of Darwin, General Manager Innovation Alice Percy  
Darwin Convention Centre, General Manager Peter Savoff  
Sister City Advisory Committee Chairperson Kate Heelan  
Top End Tourism Board Member Sam Bennet  
Port of Darwin, Chief Executive Officer Peter Dummett

**OFFICERS:** Cherry Cai (Manager of Economic Development and International Relations)

**APOLOGY:** Austrade, Territory Liaison Advisor Daniel Hall  
Chamber of Commerce NT, Chief Executive Officer Greg Ireland  
Darwin International Airport, Chief Executive Officer Tony Edmondstone  
Department of Tourism, Industry and Trade, General Manager Louis Da Rocha  
Larrakia Nation, Chief Executive Officer Michael Rotumah  
Department of Foreign Affairs Donald Mortimore

**GUESTS:** Alternate Councillor Brian O'Gallagher  
Councillor Ed Smelt

## International Relations Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

31 May 2023

**Order Of Business**

<b>1</b>	<b>Meeting Declared Open .....</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Acknowledgement of Country .....</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Apologies &amp; Leave Of Absence .....</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Electronic Attendance .....</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Declaration of Interest of Members and Staff .....</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Confirmation of Previous Minutes .....</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Actions Arising from Previous Minutes .....</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Presentations .....</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Officer Reports .....</b>	<b>5</b>
9.1	Darwin Sister Cities Action Plan 2023-24 .....	5
9.2	Update on the Friendship City proposal with City of Kupang and City of Bacolod .....	5
9.3	Establishment of New Friendship City with Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam .....	5
<b>10</b>	<b>Member Reports .....</b>	<b>6</b>
10.1	Committee Members Verbal Updates .....	6
<b>11</b>	<b>General Business .....</b>	<b>7</b>
	Nil	
<b>12</b>	<b>Next Meeting .....</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Closure of meeting .....</b>	<b>7</b>

**1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN**

The Chair declared the meeting open at 11:00am.

**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****3.2 Leave of Absence**

Austrade, Territory Liaison Advisor Daniel Hall, Chamber of Commerce NT, Chief Executive Officer Greg Ireland, Darwin International Airport, Chief Executive Officer Tony Edmondstone, Department of Tourism, Industry, and Trade, General Manager Louis Da Rocha, Larrakia Nation, Chief Executive Officer Michael Rotumah, Department of Foreign Affairs Donald Mortimore.

**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****5.2 Declaration of Interest by Staff****6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC010/23**

Moved: Darwin Convention Centre, General Manager Peter Savoff

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

That the minutes of the International Relations Advisory Committee held on 10 March 2023 be confirmed.

**CARRIED 9/0**

**7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Nil

**8 PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

**9 OFFICER REPORTS****9.1 DARWIN SISTER CITIES ACTION PLAN 2023-24****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC011/23**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Top End Tourism Board Member Sam Bennet

That the report be received and noted.

**CARRIED 9/0****9.2 UPDATE ON THE FRIENDSHIP CITY PROPOSAL WITH CITY OF KUPANG AND CITY OF BACOLOD****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC012/23**

Moved: Sister City Advisory Committee Chairperson Kate Heelan

Seconded: Top End Tourism Board Member Sam Bennet

That the report be received and noted.

**CARRIED 9/0****9.3 ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW FRIENDSHIP CITY WITH HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC013/23**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Darwin Convention Centre, General Manager Peter Savoff

Council Officers plan to recommend the following at a subsequent Council meeting:

1. THAT the report entitled Establishment of a New Friendship City with Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam be received and noted.
2. THAT City of Darwin begin exploring the opportunity to establish a new friendship city with Ho Chi Minh City.

**CARRIED 9/0**

**10 MEMBER REPORTS****10.1 COMMITTEE MEMBERS VERBAL UPDATES****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC014/23**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Top End Tourism Board Member Sam Bennet

THAT the report entitled Committee Members Verbal Updates be received and noted.

Port of Darwin, Chief Executive Officer Peter Dummett: Update on export trade including the cattle export to Vietnam market and the commodities export.

Top End Tourism Board Member Sam Bennet: Tourism Top End is supporting the workforce program from Denpasar.

Charles Darwin University, Vice-President Global and Externa Shannon Holborn: Charles Darwin University is planning a trip to China in September.

Chair of Sister City Advisory Committee Kate Heelan: The Sister City Advisory Committee members have put forward proposals that have formed the Sister City Action Plan. Thanks to the Committees for supporting the Plan and it is now being implemented.

Alice Percy: Thank you to Cherry Cai and Emma Struys for the planning and management of the Darwin International Dragon Boat Festival 2023.

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris: Update on the Discover Darwin website and seeking feedback from the International Relations Advisory Committee on the Discover Darwin website, and potential co-funding opportunity for the Discover Darwin website.

GM of Darwin Convention Centre Peter Savoff: The Darwin Convention Centre has well and truly established itself as one of Australia's premier business event venues and is on track to achieve a record-breaking year.

Hosting over 120 events annually, the Centre is the preferred destination for five major global conferences in 2023, including:

- World Aquaculture (held in May and attracted over 1,500 delegates)
- 21st Symposium on Health-Related Water Microbiology
- World Community Development Conference
- Ninth Congress of the International Society for the Study of Iron in Biology and Medicine
- Joint Australian and New Zealand Intensive Care Society Safety & Quality/International Society Rapid Response Systems Conference

These prestigious events bring together some of the best scientists, researchers, doctors and practitioners, as well as business and government leaders, to discuss the most pressing issues and challenges facing the world today. Hosting these events in Darwin also ensures the Territory has the latest access to data and information from world-leading experts.

It is also an opportunity to promote the Northern Territory's iconic landscapes, nature-based experiences and enriching culture to an international audience and showcase why we are one of the most competitive, distinctive and meaningful destinations in the world for business events.

Delegate contribution to the local economy is estimated to be \$60 million for the 2023 financial year, setting a new record for the Darwin Convention Centre. Next year is expected to be even better, with approximately 20,000 national and international delegates anticipated.

**CARRIED 9/0**



**11 GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil

**12 NEXT MEETING**

16 August 2023, 11:00am – 12:00pm.

**13 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 11:35am.

Unconfirmed



# **MINUTES**

## **Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Meeting Thursday, 1 June 2023**

**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN  
ACCESS AND INCLUSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE MEETING ROOM GUYUGWA (CASUARINA LIBRARY MEETING ROOM), 17  
BRADSHAW TERRACE, CASUARINA  
ON THURSDAY, 1 JUNE 2023 AT 1:30 PM**

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Stephanie Ransome,  
Councillor Amye Un,  
Building Advisory Services Alison Warwick,  
Council on the Ageing NT Cecilia Chiolo,  
Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistic Jenny Ferguson,  
National Disability Services NT Mick Fallon,  
Community Member Martin Blakemore,  
Community Member Debbie Reeves,  
Community Member Sarah Skopellos,  
Community Member Lynne Strathie,  
Community Member Rajeev Thayil,

**OFFICERS:** Tony Yiannakos (Senior Coordinator Infrastructure (Project Delivery),  
Shelley Cook (Events Coordinator),  
Jenelle Saunders (Arts and Cultural Development Officer),  
Heather Docker (Community Development Officer)

**APOLOGY:** Community Member Kim Caudwell

**GUESTS:** Alternate Councillor Sylvia Klonaris  
Tim O'Neill (Acting Project Director Design, Department of Infrastructure  
Planning and Logistics NTG)

## Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

1 June 2023

**Order Of Business**

<b>1</b>	<b>Meeting Declared Open .....</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Acknowledgement of Country .....</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Apologies &amp; Leave Of Absence .....</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Electronic Attendance .....</b>	<b>4</b>
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<b>9</b>	<b>Officer Reports .....</b>	<b>5</b>
9.1	Disability Access Capital Projects .....	5
9.2	Accessibility and Events on City of Darwin Land .....	6
<b>10</b>	<b>Member Reports .....</b>	<b>7</b>
	<b>Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistic Jenny Ferguson</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Passenger transport will conduct an access audit of bus stops across Darwin in order to bring them to standard.</li> <li>Taxi ballot is next week providing 10 licenses for wheelchair taxis.</li> </ul>	
	<b>Council on the Ageing NT Cecilia Chiolero</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letters advising of Seniors Month grants will be sent the week beginning 5 June. Seniors Month in the NT is every August.</li> <li>Seniors expo on 27 May had great numbers, COTA NT are now reviewing the event for planning next year's. Will include more parking options in the future.</li> </ul>	
	<b>National Disability Services NT Mick Fallon</b>	
	National Disability Services are launching national awards. Nominations will open soon. Committee members are encouraged to all nominate someone for an award.	
	<b>Community Member Sarah Skopellos</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integrated disability action are holding two inclusive workshops for people of all abilities</li> <li>Grant Application Writing Flyer</li> <li>NDIS Information Training</li> </ul>	
	<b>City of Darwin Heather Docker (Community Development Officer)</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thanked the Committee for the feedback on the parklet design. The comments forwarded to Senior Coordinator Design resulted in an access consultant being engaged to make the parklet accessible.</li> </ul>	
<b>11</b>	<b>General Business .....</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Next Meeting .....</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>MEETING CLOSED .....</b>	<b>7</b>

**1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN**

The Chair declared the meeting open at 1:31pm.

**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**

Community Member Kim Caudwell

**3.2 Leave of Absence**

Nil

**3.3 Leave of Absence Notified**

Nil

**4 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE**

Nil

**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 AAIAC007/23**

Moved: Community Member Debbie Reeves

Seconded: National Disability Services NT Mick Fallon

That the minutes of the Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Meeting held on 6 April 2023 be confirmed.

**CARRIED 10/0**

*Council on the Ageing NT Cecilia Chiolero arrived at the meeting at 1:35 pm.*

## 7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

**Action:** Community Development Officer to meet with Marketing and Communications to confirm accessibility details are included in promotion of events to inform community of accessibility in preparation for attending. Maps are recommended as an access tool.

**Completed:** Community Development Officer met with Marketing and Communications who advised following recent training they are taking an image lead approach with City of Darwin promotional items.

**Action:** Community Development Officer to meet with Event Coordinator, Senior Design Officer and Traffic Management Officer regarding accessible parking at events on City of Darwin land. Focusing on if/when accessible parks are removed for an event that these are provided in a nearby location.

**Completed:** Community Development Officer met with Event Coordinator and Traffic Management Officer to discuss accessible parking at events on City of Darwin land. Event Coordinator is at this meeting today to discuss further.

## 8 PRESENTATIONS

## 9 OFFICER REPORTS

### 9.1 DISABILITY ACCESS CAPITAL PROJECTS

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AAIAC008/23

Moved: Councillor Amye Un

Seconded: Community Member Debbie Reeves

That the report be received and noted.

**CARRIED 11/0**

#### Notes:

- Projects carried forward from 2021/2022 and those ranked 1 to 3 in 2022/2023 fully expend the Disability Access Capital Projects budget for those years and will be delivered in the next six weeks.

**9.2 ACCESSIBILITY AND EVENTS ON CITY OF DARWIN LAND****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AAIAC009/23**

Moved: Community Member Sarah Skopellos  
Seconded: Council on the Ageing NT Cecilia Chiolero  
That the report be received and noted.

**CARRIED 10/0****Notes:**

City of Darwin Event Coordinator discussed review of the event access guide with the committee. The following considerations were brought forward:

- Events to include safe drop off and pick up areas for vehicles,
- Publicity of event should provide information on accessibility and this information should go out early, people with disability will seek information on how they can access an event when they are deciding if they will go,
- Traffic Guidance Scheme/Plan should include additional accessible parking options for an increase in population at events. Applications could advise how people get to the event from the accessible parking and provide maps (i.e. Park and ride),
- Event staff to be familiar with event plans and have maps to assist attendees with access needs such as seating, toilets and parking,
- Community events that do not include accessibility planning make people with disability feel excluded,
- Expert advice from an access consultants should be used for events and guides by City of Darwin,
- A directory is needed to assist event organisers to find companies/ services/ access support,
- Encourage others to promote their event in an inclusive way and include clear directional signage at events,
- Support the inclusion of people with disability on event committees and employment in event roles to give the perspective from lived experience,
- Direction for car park requirements needs to be prescriptive (i.e number of access parks per head at events etc),
- Consider a registration process at purchase point (i.e when booking tickets ask if the individual has accessibility needs and provided the relevant information for that person to access the event) ,
- If accessible parking is to be removed for an extended period for a public event, allocate accessible parking elsewhere and advertise this, and
- Targeted employment of a person with disability to the events department at City of Darwin to provide a lived experience perspective,

**Action:** Committee members to send comment on current event access guide to Community Development Officer by Monday 19 June

**Action:** Event Coordinator to bring the draft of the updated Accessible Event Guide to the committee for comment.

*Community Member Rajeev Thayil departed the meeting at 2:25 pm.*

## 10 MEMBER REPORTS

### Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistic Jenny Ferguson

- Passenger transport will conduct an access audit of bus stops across Darwin in order to bring them to standard.
- Working on reforms to disability standards for accessible, public transport
- Taxi ballot is next week providing 10 licenses for wheelchair taxis.

### Council on the Ageing NT Cecilia Chiolero

- Letters advising of Seniors Month grants will be sent the week beginning 5 June. Seniors Month in the NT is every August.
- Seniors expo on 27 May had great numbers, COTA NT are now reviewing the event for planning next year's. Will include more parking options in the future.

### National Disability Services NT Mick Fallon

National Disability Services are launching national awards. Nominations will open soon. Committee members are encouraged to all nominate someone for an award.

### Community Member Sarah Skopellos

- Integrated disability action are holding two inclusive workshops for people of all abilities
  - Grant Application Writing Flyer
  - NDIS Information Training

### City of Darwin Heather Docker (Community Development Officer)

- Thanked the Committee for the feedback on the parklet design. The comments forwarded to Senior Coordinator Design resulted in an access consultant being engaged to make the parklet accessible.

## 11 GENERAL BUSINESS

Community Member Sarah Skopellos was awarded an Australian Institute of Company Directors Disability Leadership Scholarship.

## 12 NEXT MEETING

3 August 2023

## 13 MEETING CLOSED

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 2:55 pm



**15.3 QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT - APRIL TO JUNE 2023 (Q4)**

**Author:** Planning and Performance Officer

**Authoriser:** General Manager Corporate

**Attachments:**

1. Q4 - 2030 Strategic Plan Action Summary [↓](#)
2. Q4 - 2022-2023 Municipal Plan Action Summary [↓](#)

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT the report entitled Quarterly Performance Report - April to June 2023 (Q4) be received and noted.

**PURPOSE**

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

**KEY ISSUES**

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

**DISCUSSION**

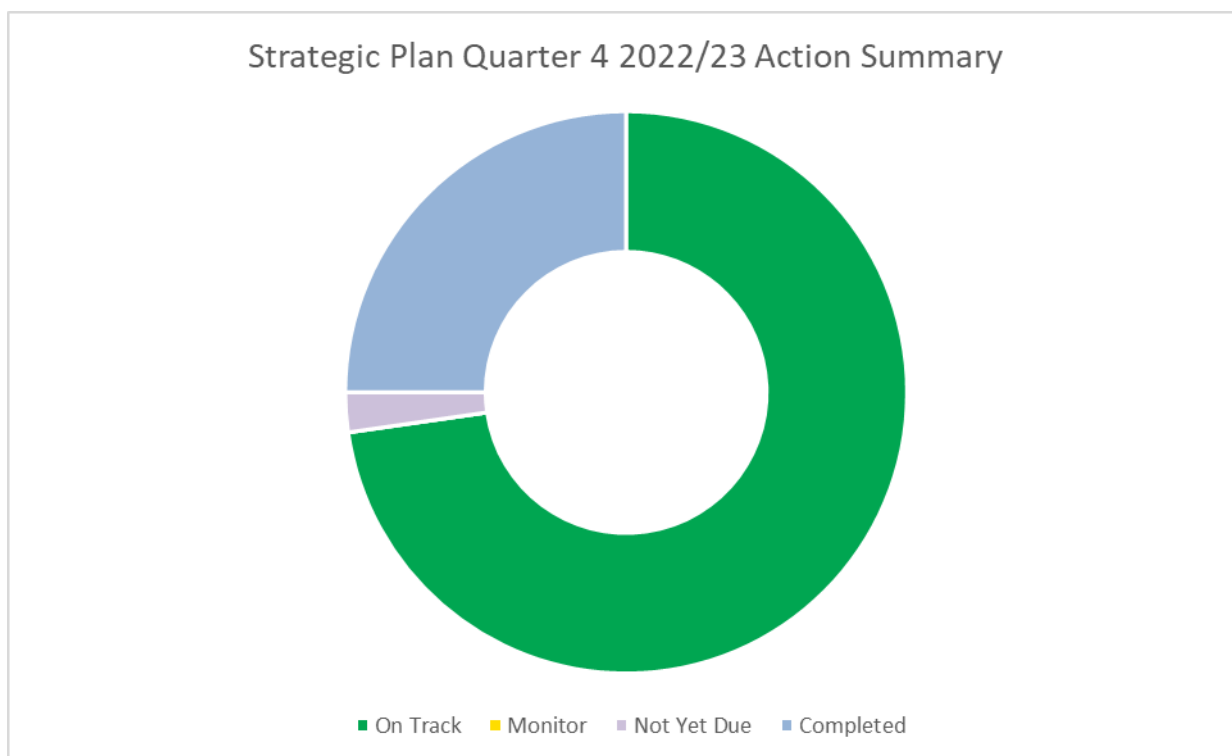
City of Darwin has been implementing its strategic planning and performance reporting framework since the adoption of the Darwin 2030 – *City for People. City of Colour.* Strategic Plan in July 2019.

There are 56 actions within the Strategic Plan, however during 2021/22, 12 actions were marked as Complete, leaving 44 actions to be reported on in 2022/23.

**Quarter 4 Highlights – Strategic Plan:**

There are 44 actions for 2022/23; of which 9 are Complete, 34 are On Track, 0 are Monitor and 1 is Not Yet Due.

The 9 actions which are complete will not be reported on in future years.



- City of Darwin hosted the Darwin International Dragon Boat Festival and Tradeshow in June 2023.
- A total of 60 stalls were present at the Tradeshow, representing Darwin and Darwin's Sister and Friendship Cities, providing opportunity for them to network together and foster collaboration.
- An electric vehicle charging station has been installed at the carpark at 96 Mitchell Street and is being utilised by the Darwin community.
- The Action for Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) has been completed. These principles form part of any new design work and is being applied on an on-going basis.
- The Nightcliff Sea Breeze Festival was held during the quarter with sponsorship and support from the City of Darwin.

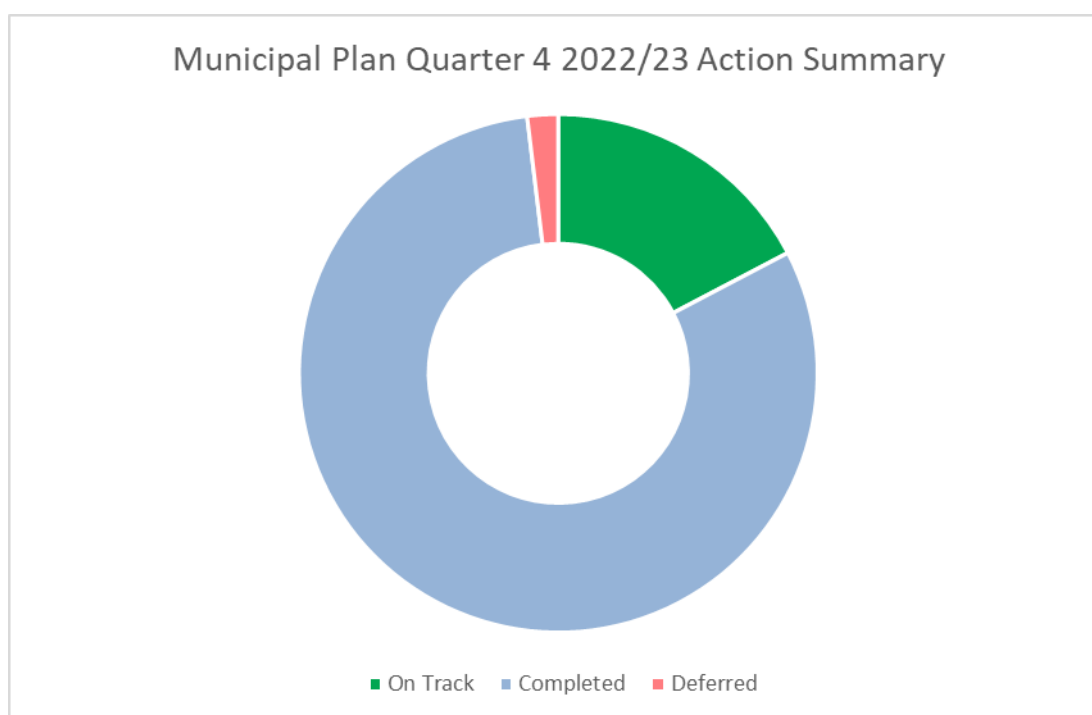
**Quarter 4 Highlights – Municipal Plan:**

Within the Municipal Plan for the 2022/23 year there are 52 actions, including 14 actions which fall under the Governance Framework section.

Of the 52 actions, 42 have been completed during the year, 1 has been deferred to start in 2023/24 and the remaining 9 are on track to be delivered within their upcoming due dates.

Of the 52 Actions, 10 are scheduled to be delivered after 30 June 2023, hence, 100% of due items are completed.

The deferred action refers to the implementation of a Learning Management System which will be undertaken as part of the ICT Roadmap and reported against in 2023/24.



- Council endorsed the Play Space Strategy on 11 July 2023 designed for the management of playgrounds and recreation spaces.
- Approximately 14,500 native plants were given away under the giveaway program and 147 customer request trees were planted.
- During the Darwin International Dragon Boat Festival, Darwin hosted the Mayor of Denpasar delegation, Mayor of Dili delegation, Guangzhou Municipal Government delegation, Qingdao Municipal Government delegation and Kalymnos Municipal Government Representative as well as five Dragon Boat race teams from local, interstate and international cities.
- Anzac Day was delivered by RSL with City of Darwin's support.
- All sponsorship budget was expended for the financial year with \$405,000 in sponsorship awarded.

<b>PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION</b>	
Not applicable. Each quarterly report is considered on its own merit.	
<b>STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT</b>	6 Governance Framework 6.4 Accountability
<b>BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	<p><b>Budget/Funding:</b> Nil</p> <p><b>Is Funding identified:</b> Nil</p> <p>Corporate Services Hub is responsible for coordinating the City of Darwin Performance Reporting.</p>
<b>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</b>	<p><b>Legislation:</b> <i>Local Government Act 2019</i></p> <p>Section 34 – Contents of municipal, regional or shire plan</p> <p>(1)(d) Municipal Plan must define indicators for judging the standard of the Council's performance</p> <p><b>Policy:</b> Darwin 2030 – <i>City for People. City of Colour.</i> Strategic Plan, Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework.</p>
<b>CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT &amp; COMMUNICATION</b>	<p><b>Engagement Level:</b> Inform</p> <p><b>Internal:</b></p> <p>The Actions contained within the Strategic Plan and 2022/23 Municipal Plan have been reviewed and Quarter 4 (Q4) updates are provided by responsible Executive Managers and Managers.</p> <p>Hub General Managers approve performance and status updates for responsible actions as part of this reporting framework.</p> <p><b>External:</b></p> <p>Quarterly Performance Report: April - June 2023 (Q4) will inform the City of Darwin 2022/23 Annual Report and reporting is part of the open session of Council, so public at the time meeting agendas are issued for an Ordinary Meeting.</p>
<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>

STRATEGIC PLAN 2022/23 ACTION SUMMARY							
Strategic Direction (SD)	Target	Action	Responsible Executive Manager (EM)	Progress Comment	Action Status	Original Start Date	Expected End Date
Target: By 2030, a number of strategic infrastructure projects will be developed and delivered							
SD1	TAR1	Implement Council's City Deal infrastructure projects	EM - Infrastructure	Q4 - 2022/23 Municipal Plan does not contain any city deal projects	Completed	1/07/20	31/01/23
SD1	TAR1	Develop a Priority Infrastructure Plan	EM - Technical Services	Q4 - Awaiting completion of asset surveys prior to drafting a draft Priority Infrastructure Plan (PIP) in collaboration with Infrastructure.	On Track	1/07/20	30/06/25
SD1	TAR1	Implement City of Darwin's Asset Management Framework	EM - Infrastructure	Q4 - Assetic implementation milestones delayed due to recruitment for Asset Coordinators position. Stormwater condition surveys and data collection ongoing.	On Track	1/07/20	30/06/25
SD1	TAR1	Undertake a review and develop a strategy for Council's landholdings to ensure their commercial value and advantage achieve best public value	EM - Growth and Development Services	Q4 - Strategic property review finished and actions built into a strategic property plan.	Completed	1/07/20	30/06/23
SD1	TAR1	Maintain existing Council assets to ensure best value for money and utilisation is achieved	EM - Operations	Q4 - Routine maintenance and asset renewal programs continue to be delivered in accordance with adopted asset management plans and approved budget	On Track	1/07/20	30/06/30
SD1	TAR1	Increase utilisation of the City of Darwin's land and community assets	EM - Growth and Development Services	Q4 - there were 60 public events booked to occur on council land in the quarter (1 April - 30 June period). The Street food program is gaining momentum with more vendors operating in previously underutilised locations. The Malak markets tender has been awarded and markets flagged to begin in September under new management. New tenants have been secured for the Lyons Community Centre set to be anchor tenants for the facility. Electric vehicle charge station installed for carpark at 96 Mitchell Street and being utilised by the Darwin community.	On Track	1/07/20	30/06/30
Target: By 2030, Darwin will be a safer place to live and visit							
SD2	TAR1	Work with all stakeholders, including NT Government, Larrakia Nation, businesses and the community to improve community safety and amenity	EM - Community and Cultural Services	Q4 - Assertive Outreach staff working relationships remain critical to positive relationships and action across the sector.	Completed	1/07/20	30/09/22
SD2	TAR1	Utilise place-making and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) methodologies when planning and maintaining public spaces	EM - Technical Services	Q4 - The process of incorporating CPTED principles into new designs is ongoing. The doctrine is embedded within our design philosophy. Specific CEPTED assessments for particular locations and/or as part of part of particular projects, are undertaken within various Hubs on an as-required basis. As this doctrine is already in place and is applied on an on-going basis and as-required basis, it is considered that this action is completed.	Completed	1/07/20	30/06/30
SD2	TAR1	Expand CCTV networks across the municipality as part of the #SmartDarwin Strategy	GM Innovation	Q4 - CCTV networks for City of Darwin have been reviewed. Some networks have been disconnected to allow for cameras that provide greater movement insights.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2025
SD2	TAR1	Implement City of Darwin Business Continuity Plans to enable appropriate responses to disaster and man-made events that could impact on the safety of the community, Council staff and Council assets	EM - Corporate and Customer Service	Q4 - Development of document has progressed with key focus on waste management. Focus of Emergency Management function has been on emergent security matters.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/09/2023
Target: By 2030, Darwin will be increasingly recognised as a liveable city							

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Strategic Direction (SD)	Target	Action	Responsible Executive Manager (EM)	Progress Comment	Action Status	Original Start Date	Expected End Date	
SD2	TAR2	Work with government, property owners and retail businesses to reinvigorate the city centre through membership of the Activate Darwin Advisory Board	Office of the Lord Mayor and CEO	Q4 - City of Darwin participation with the Activate Darwin Board continued throughout the quarter	Completed	1/07/2020	31/01/2023	
SD2	TAR2	Partner with the Australian Government and Territory Government to deliver on the Darwin City Deal	Office of the Lord Mayor and CEO	Q4 - City of Darwin participation with the Darwin City Deal continued with CEO representation at scheduled meetings.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2025	
SD2	TAR2	Promote Darwin as a more attractive place to live and work	EM - Growth and Development Services	Q4 - City of Darwin hosted the International Dragon Boat Festival meeting with many delegations that joined us here in Darwin including Mayor of Denpasar delegation, Mayor of Dili delegation, Guangzhou Municipal Government delegation, Qingdao Municipal Government delegation and Kalymnos Municipal Government Representative as well as five Dragon Boat race teams from local, interstate and international cities. A Memorandum Of Understanding was signed during the Tradeshow on the 5th June, between ACBC NT and Qingdao Chamber of Commerce to facilitate cooperation and economic connections.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2030	
SD2	TAR2	Work with the NT Government on a long term plan for Council to take on an increased role in planning decisions within the municipality	EM - Growth and Development Services	Q4 - Continued discussions with DIPL in regards to the subdivision planning guidelines and bringing land to market items. Facilitated discussion on 23/6/23 around Landscaping Guidelines with Northern Territory Government and how City of Darwin can help shape the planning project.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2030	
SD2	TAR2	Increase utilisation of Darwin's beaches and foreshores	EM - Growth and Development Services	Q4 - Sea breeze festival was a success with sponsorship and support in establishing the event permit. The event also promoted recycling and limited any single use plastics. Street foods are gaining momentum with more vendors operating in previous underutilised locations with total of 24 vendors operating across the municipality. There were nine major events over Mindil Beach and Nightcliff foreshore, and two at East Point reserve held in this quarter. New events planned for the next quarter.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2030	
SD2	TAR2	Develop a Social Infrastructure Plan that outlines Council facilities and services that meet the long term social needs of the city	EM - Growth and Development Services	Q4 - To be included in broader infrastructure and contributions planning for City of Darwin.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2025	

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Target: By 2030, Darwin residents will be more active and healthy							
SD2	TAR3	Increase the total kilometres of walking and cycling paths, including shaded pathways, to improve community connectivity and mobility	EM - Infrastructure	Q4 - To be delivered in line with Movement Strategy actions, total increase to network calculated at end of financial year.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2025
SD2	TAR3	Provide an accessible network of Council parks and recreation facilities that encourage active living for all ages and abilities	EM - Community and Cultural Services	Q4 - Council received and endorsed the Play Space Strategy on 11 July 2023. A key priority against this Strategy is accessibility.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2030
SD2	TAR3	Further develop Council-owned sport and recreation assets to support Darwin being recognised as an inclusive and leading regional sports and recreation hub	EM - Community and Cultural Services	Q4 - Play space consultations report tabled to Council in Q2 2022/23.	Completed	1/07/2020	31/03/2023
SD2	TAR3	Deliver the Healthy Darwin program	EM - Community and Cultural Services	Q4 - Healthy Darwin program continues and receives consistently positive feed back for variety of activities across the municipality.	Completed	1/07/2020	30/06/2023
Target: By 2030, Darwin will be recognised as a clean and environmentally responsible city							
SD3	TAR1	Develop a best practice Environmental Management Plan	EM - Environment, Climate and Waste Services	Q4 - Management plans are complete and the EMS framework is being developed, where there is an annual review of the EMP.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2023
SD3	TAR1	Council will have zero net emissions from operations by 2030	EM - Environment, Climate and Waste Services	Q4 - Finalised review of Council's organisational emissions profile to provide assurance for Council's emissions baseline. Carbon management plan gap analysis has been developed and is under review. In addition, a consultant has been engaged to undertake energy efficiency audits of key City of Darwin assets. City of Darwin have obtained two new electric vehicles for Council's fleet. An Electric Vehicle fast charging station is currently being installed at Mitchell Street Car Park.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2030
SD3	TAR1	Deliver projects that will cool the Darwin City Centre	EM - Environment, Climate and Waste Services	Q4 - Upcoming landscaping and greening projects are planned for both Cavenagh and Mitchell Streets. A school excursion was undertaken in collaboration with CSIRO to educate students on cooling initiatives in the city. Environmental sensors have been selected to monitor cooling across the municipality as part of the Digital Twin Project.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2030
SD3	TAR1	Ensure Council open spaces contribute to the city's biodiversity	EM - Environment, Climate and Waste Services	Q4 - A Biodiversity Management Plan has been developed for Rapid Creek, as well as a Cane Toad Management Plan for East Point. Land acquisitions are also progressing for East Point and Rapid Creek that support biodiversity.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2030
SD3	TAR1	Contribute to Northern Territory Government's 50% renewable energy target by 2030	EM - Environment, Climate and Waste Services	Q4 - The increase in landfill gas generation after the capping of Stage 3 and 4 will contribute to this renewable energy target. The installation of two electric vehicle fast chargers at the Mitchell Street Car Park will also support the uptake of electric vehicles in the Northern Territory. City of Darwin is also encouraging active and micro mobility transport through the Movement Strategy.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2030
SD3	TAR1	Facilitate forums for environmental service providers to share information and develop relationships within the sector and with other industries	EM - Environment, Climate and Waste Services	Q4 - Participation in forums including the Australasian Land and Groundwater Association Conference and the International Trade Show Circular Economy Forum.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2030
Target: By 2030, Darwin will be recognised globally as a smart city							

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Strategic Direction (SD)	Target	Action	Responsible Executive Manager (EM)	Progress Comment	Action Status	Original Start Date	Expected End Date	
SD4	TAR1	Expand the #SmartDarwin Strategy	GM Innovation	Q4 - Manager Digital Innovation is working with external contractors to review the Strategy and evolve with the 2030 Strategic Directions.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2024	
SD4	TAR1	Lead innovation for the city and facilitate relevant activities to support these initiatives	GM Innovation	Q4 - Innovation activities continue at City of Darwin with a successful leachate treatment plant at Shoal Bay, working with Charles Darwin University students to review user experience of Discover Darwin and an upgrade of YourDarwin to align with Strategic Direction, development of Insights Dashboards, draft of a Smart City Action Plan, and delivery of a number of placemaking activities across Darwin.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2030	
SD4	TAR1	Support the development of business centres that foster industry engagement, collaboration and innovation across all markets	EM - Growth and Development Services	Q4 - City of Darwin attended the Urban Development Institute of Australia State of the Market event May 2023 providing insights into the changes occurring in the economic markets. Attended the GTNT training awards night May 2023. City of Darwin hosted the Darwin International Dragon Boat Festival and Tradeshow 4/5 June 2023 with 60 stalls representing businesses from Darwin and Darwin's Sister and Friendship Cities, providing opportunity for them to network together and foster collaboration. A tender was released in early June 2023 for new contract with a scooter provider for Darwin City for a two year period.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2030	
SD4	TAR1	Develop innovation hubs for our community and future generations	GM Innovation	Q4 - An innovation toolkit to be finalised in 2023/24 for City of Darwin staff.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2030	
SD4	TAR1	Support life-long learning opportunities through the provision of STEAM programs	EM - Library and Family Services	Q4 - STEAM programs continue to have a high level of engagement across the four libraries; this includes regular programs as well as school holiday and one-off events. The demand for 3D printing continues to grow. Two new 3D printers have been purchased so that each library now has one onsite.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2030	



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Target: By 2030, Darwin will have attracted and retained more residents and will offer sustainable investment opportunities								
SD4	TAR2	Implement an Economic Development Plan for the city	EM - Growth and Development Services	Q4 - Began implementing the Strategic Property Plan 2030 through the establishment of a Manager Property Portfolio, reviewing all leasing and licencing agreements held at City of Darwin, developing new templates for key documents along with policy and guideline work to support processes and service delivery. Lyons Community Centre lead tenant and Malak Market operators have been secured and under agreement negotiations. Discover Darwin undergoing revitalisation with Charles Darwin University students reviewing and redesigning to improve user experience for target audiences .The Discover Darwin website will continue to be implemented in the next Economic Development Plan for Darwin July 2023-25.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2030	
SD4	TAR2	Support initiatives to increase the population of Darwin through engagement with business and industry, and all levels of Government	EM - Growth and Development Services	Q4 - Under the Sister City agreement with Denpasar, Darwin has seen a number of agreements formed aiming to attract workers to work in the hospitality and tourism sector. GTNT and KOPITU MOU was the start with the first three of 25 students to arrive in Darwin as part of the Denpasar hospitality program in June 2023. Continue participating in the Land Development Committee with Northern Territory Government around improving development processes to facilitate housing provision as well as working with industry groups such as the Urban Development Institute of Australia to understand pressures the industry are facing in Darwin.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2030	
SD4	TAR2	Promote Darwin as a great destination to live, work, study and invest	EM - Growth and Development Services	Q4 - Discover Darwin business register has been updated and 169 businesses are now included in the directory. The Discover Darwin website is undergoing a revitalisation to re-align the content and usability of the site with target user groups. City of Darwin officers are working with Charles Darwin University students on the revitalisation. Salty Plum Stories of Darwin - latest podcasts representing multicultural Darwin set to be released in July. The podcast will be accessible via Discover Darwin and via other podcast providers. City of Darwin delivered the International Dragon Boat Festival and Trade Show on 4 -5 June with 120 international guests welcomed to Darwin. Darwin was on show to our Sister and Friendship Cities as well as other interested guests who came together to network and celebrate the multiculturalism of Darwin. On 26 April 2023, City of Darwin also adopted the Sister Cities Action Plan to guide the next two years of projects run through the Sister City Advisory Committee and International Relations.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2030	
SD4	TAR2	Support initiatives to grow the economy and retain people and jobs in Darwin	EM - Growth and Development Services	Q4 - GTNT and KOPITU MOU saw the first three of 25 students arrive in Darwin as part of the Denpasar hospitality program. Continued participating in the Land Development Committee with Northern Territory Government. The International Trade Show, welcomed 60 businesses from Darwin and Darwin's Sister and Friendship Cities to connect with other businesses and organisations to network and strengthen relationships.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2023	

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Strategic Direction (SD)	Target	Action	Responsible Executive Manager (EM)	Progress Comment	Action Status	Original Start Date	Expected End Date
SD4	TAR2	Develop an International Relations Program	EM - Growth and Development Services	Q4 - City of Darwin adopted and commenced delivery of the two year Sister Cities Action Plan. Completed the delivery of the International Dragon Boat Festival and Trade Show to high acclaim with 4,700 guests to the race day. The Trade Show hosted 60 businesses and many visitors including online streaming of presentations. Held the Sister Cities Advisory Committee and the International Relations Advisory Committee meetings in May and both committees supported a proposal for a Friendship City relationship with Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam. Progress made towards establishing a new Friendship City with Joetsu, Japan with Mayor of Joetsu's delegation visiting Darwin in August 2023.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2030
Target: By 2030, Darwin will be recognised as an iconic destination							
SD5	TAR1	Partner with other stakeholders to grow the visitor economy of Darwin	EM - Growth and Development Services	Q4 - Larrakia Development Corporation to deliver the Tourism Incubator Program, this project is to finish 30 June with final report to be submitted and presented to Council early in the new financial year. City of Darwin officers with the Northern Territory Indigenous Business Network in early June 2023 to discuss future opportunities to work together to build and support local First Nations businesses with tourism focus.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2030
SD5	TAR1	Deliver a City of Darwin events program and events management practices with a focus on developing and marketing of Council owned facilities for events	EM - Growth and Development Services	Q4 - Anzac Day was delivered by RSL with City of Darwin's support. Dragon Boat Festival series of events were delivered as a first for Darwin receiving 120 delegates from Sister and Friendship Cities. Working group well underway to begin activities to support early Christmas Pageant activities. Cyclone Tracy 50th Advisory Committee established to provide guidance on planning for commemorative activities.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2030
SD5	TAR1	Support the promotion of Darwin as a cruise ship and yachting destination and as a home port for expedition ships	EM - Growth and Development Services	Q4 - Sister City Advisory Committee are supporting the Darwin to Ambon Yacht Race and the Dili to Darwin Yacht Race as part of the two-year Action plan. The Ambon Yacht Race is planned for early August. Support and work with members of the cruise ship working group, lead by Tourism NT. Considering options for a Webkiosk and sensors near the Darwin port to capture data for informed decision making.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2030
Target: By 2030, Darwin will be a more connected community and have pride in our cultural history							
SD5	TAR2	Implement a City of Darwin Reconciliation Action Plan	EM - Community and Cultural Services	Q4 - Reconciliation Action Plan 2023/2025 was endorsed by Council at the June 27 Ordinary Meeting for submission to Reconciliation Australia	Completed	1/07/2020	30/06/2023
SD5	TAR2	Develop a City of Darwin Multicultural Framework	EM - Community and Cultural Services	Q4 - Multicultural Framework to be delivered in future years.	Not Yet Due	1/07/2025	30/06/2027
SD5	TAR2	Promote Darwin as a destination known for its Aboriginal cultures and landmarks	EM - Growth and Development Services	Q4 - Arrangements are being made to present the Larrakia Podcast series during the Darwin Festival in August. The Saltwater Stories Larrakia podcasts have been submitted for consideration into the Australian Podcast awards early June 2023. Larrakia art in Darwin continues to grow with the installation of new planter boxes, wayfinding signs, and parklet to be installed 30 June 2023, all enhanced with unique Larrakia designs. General Manager Innovation and Executive Manager Growth and Economic Development met with NTIBN to discuss future opportunities to work together to build local businesses with tourism focus.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2030

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SD5	TAR2	Deliver events and activities that recognise Darwin's rich and multi-faceted history	EM - Community and Cultural Services	Q4 - All community events are carried out in accordance with an event plan.	Completed	1/07/2020	31/03/2023
SD5	TAR2	Fund the Darwin Entertainment Centre to deliver programs and services that create a cohesive, connected and culturally enriched community	General Manager Community & Regulatory Services	Q4 - City of Darwin continues to contribute to funds for Darwin Entertainment Centre	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2030

MUNICIPAL PLAN 2022/23 ACTION SUMMARY							
Strategic Direction (SD)	Target	Action	Responsible Executive Manager (EM)	Progress Comment	Action Status	Start Date	End Date
Target: By 2030, a number of strategic infrastructure projects will be developed and delivered							
SD1	TAR1	Deliver Council's 2022/23 Capital Works Program	EM - Infrastructure	Q4 - Capital Program projects overall scoping, documentation, construction and close out was 92% complete with projects in various stages depending on program line and status.	On Track	1/07/2022	30/09/2023
SD1	TAR1	Deliver 2022/23 Better Suburbs and Enhancement Projects	EM - Infrastructure	Q4 - Identified projects in various stages of design, documentation and construction across the four wards.	On Track	1/07/2022	30/09/2023
SD1	TAR1	Implement Council's Asset Management Information System	EM - Infrastructure	Q4 - Assetic implementation milestones delayed due to recruitment for Asset Coordinators position. Stormwater condition surveys and data collection ongoing.	On Track	1/07/2020	30/06/2025
SD1	TAR1	Continue asset condition assessments for Council's stormwater infrastructure	EM - Infrastructure	Q4 - Asset condition surveys and cleaning of surveyed storm water pipes underway, completion of 2022/23 program achieved May 2023.	Completed	1/07/2022	30/06/2023
SD1	TAR1	Deliver 2022/23 Priority Infrastructure Program	EM - Technical Services	Q4 - Awaiting completion of asset surveys prior to drafting a draft Priority Infrastructure Plan (PIP) in collaboration with Infrastructure.	On Track	1/07/2022	30/06/2025
SD1	TAR1	Deliver the Lee Point Road Project	EM - Infrastructure	Q4 - Telecommunication service relocation underway for NBN, road reconstruction activities to commence August 2023.	On Track	1/07/2022	31/10/2024
Target: By 2030, Darwin will be a safer place to live and visit							
SD2	Tar1	Deliver the Making Mindil Safe Project, an Australian Government Safer Community Fund (Round 5) initiative	EM - Infrastructure	Q4 - Project complete with acquittal of grant underway	Completed	1/07/2021	30/06/2023
SD2	Tar1	Deliver 2022/23 animal management programs and services	EM - Regulatory Services	Q4 - Regulatory Services has continued to deliver animal management programs and other services to the community. This includes animal education initiatives and a subsidised de-sexing and microchipping program for dogs and cats. Animal Management is developing and trialling an electronic impounding system which will produce greater efficiencies and faster uploading of impounded animals onto Council website.	Completed	1/07/2022	30/06/2023
SD2	Tar1	Expand CCTV networks across the municipality as part of the #SmartDarwin Strategy	GM - Innovation	Q4 - CCTV networks for City of Darwin have been reviewed. Some networks have been disconnected to allow for cameras that provide greater movement insights.	On Track	1/07/2022	30/06/2025
		Deliver initiatives designed to improve public safety including Assertive Outreach and Public Places Patrols	EM - Community and Cultural Services	Q4 - Assertive Outreach and Public Places continue to liaise as appropriate with sector and stakeholders including joint patrols, information sharing and collaborations. Increased services delivered through additional Public Places weekend patrols. Budget commitment made to continue support of NTG City Safe Patrol.	Completed	1/07/2022	30/06/2023
SD2	Tar1	Continue to partner with the Northern Territory Government to deliver City Safe Security Patrol Services in the city	EM - Community and Cultural Services	Q4 - Quarterly reporting on NTG City Safe Security Patrols delivered to Council. Budget commitment made to continue support for NTG City Safe Security Patrols.	Completed	1/07/2022	30/06/2023
Target: By 2030, Darwin will be increasingly recognised as a liveable city							

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Strategic Direction (SD)	Target	Action	Responsible Executive Manager (EM)	Progress Comment	Action Status	Start Date	End Date
SD2	TAR2	Work with the Northern Territory Government to deliver priority components of the Laneways and Small Streets Activation Strategy	EM - Growth and Development Services	Q4 - Laneway and Small Streets Activation Guide has been drafted and will be added to the City of Darwin website in the next couple of months. City of Darwin had Larrakia artist contribution to the design of wayfinding signage with 5 signs to be installed in July 2023. Larrakia artwork is also to be incorporated in City of Darwin's first Parklet. The Parklet's has been installed in Mitchell Street. Working in collaboration with Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics in regard to laneway activation projects.	Completed	1/07/2022	30/06/2023
SD2	TAR2	Implement funded components of the City of Darwin Movement Strategy	EM - Growth and Development Services	Q4 - A draft Active Transport Review Report has been provided and is being reviewed internally. Exhibition for reducing speeds in the Darwin CBD has closed and a report is to be considered by Council. A draft Car Parking Audit report has been provided and reviewed internally. Draft Local Area Traffic Management and Pedestrian Guidelines have been prepared and reviewed internally. A comparative matrix of the 2030 Strategies has been prepared. A review of City of Darwin policies against strategies goals supporting movement and place has begun.	Completed	1/07/2022	30/06/2023
SD2	TAR2	Develop a Play Space Strategy for the management of playgrounds and recreation spaces	EM - Community and Cultural Services	Q4 - Council received and endorsed the Play Space Strategy on 11 July 2023. A key priority against this Strategy is accessibility.	Completed	1/07/2022	30/06/2023
Target: By 2030, Darwin residents will be more active and healthy							
SD2	TAR3	Progress the Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre Redevelopment Project	EM - Infrastructure	Q4 - Construction underway.	Completed	1/07/2022	30/06/2023
SD2	TAR3	Deliver the Darwin Velodrome Upgrade Project including the masterplan for Bagot Park	EM - Community and Cultural Services	Q4 - Completed.	Completed	01/07/21	27/09/2022
SD2	TAR3	Deliver the Healthy Darwin program across the municipality	EM - Community and Cultural Services	Q4 - Healthy Darwin program continues and receives consistently positive feedback for variety of activity across municipality.	Completed	1/07/2022	30/06/2023
Target: By 2030, Darwin will be recognised as a clean and environmentally responsible city							
SD3	TAR1	Continue to implement the Tree Establishment Program across the municipality	EM - Operations	Q4 - Approximately 14,500 native plants given away under the giveaway program and 147 customer request trees planted.	Completed	1/07/2022	30/06/2023
SD3	TAR1	Deliver 2022/23 Greening Darwin Strategy annual funded programs	EM - Operations	Q4 - Landscaping/greening projects at Bagot Park and Goyder Road are nearing completion, with additional work planned for the corners of Gilruth and East Point Avenues, and sections of Cavenagh and Mitchell Streets in the CBD. Continued delivery of native plant giveaways and Gardens for Wildlife program with ten native plant giveaways and sixteen garden assessments completed thus far for FY22/23. Continuation of the Tree Advisory Committee to review the Greening Strategy and preferred trees list for Darwin's environment. Continued tree planting and maintenance activities across municipality parks and roadside verges.	Completed	1/07/2022	30/06/2023

MUNICIPAL PLAN 2022/23 ACTION SUMMARY								
Strategic Direction (SD)	Target	Action	Responsible Executive Manager (EM)	Progress Comment	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	
SD3	TAR1	Deliver 2022/23 Climate Strategy annual funded programs	EM - Environment, Climate and Waste Services	Q4 – CSIRO provided recommendations on the environmental sensor network and partnered with City of Darwin to deliver a school excursion on heat mitigation initiatives within the CBD. High quality Environment and Climate Change Grant submissions have been received and will be assessed and awarded in July 2023. Shoal Bay landfill gas emissions review has been undertaken.	Completed	1/07/2022	30/06/2023	
SD3	TAR1	Deliver 2022/23 Waste Management annual funded programs	EM - Environment, Climate and Waste Services	Q4 - Waste education and community engagement included supporting reuse initiatives such as the Too Much Stuff event and attending the Sea Breeze Festival, promoting and distributing reuseable cutlery. KESAB have completed Phase 2 of the education review which will be resourced and implemented in 2023/24.	Completed	1/07/2022	30/06/2023	
SD3	TAR1	Develop and implement an Environmental Management System for Council operations	EM - Environment, Climate and Waste Services	Q4 – A draft Environmental Management System Manual has been developed as a framework for environmental management across City of Darwin. The manual is in alignment with Environmental Management System standards ISO 14001 and will support the annual audit process.	Completed	1/07/2022	30/06/2023	
SD3	TAR1	Working with the Darwin Living Lab, finalise the Digital Twin project for the Darwin City Deal	EM - Growth and Development Services	Q4 - City of Darwin are collaborating with CSIRO, ongoing monitoring of the Digital Twin project through the Darwin Living Lab.	Completed	1/07/2022	30/06/2023	
Target: By 2030, Darwin will be recognised globally as a smart city								
SD4	TAR1	Deliver priority components of the #SmartDarwin Strategy	GM - Innovation	Q4 - CCTV networks for City of Darwin have been reviewed. Some networks have been disconnected to allow for cameras that provide greater movement insights.	Completed	1/07/2022	30/06/2023	
SD4	TAR1	Deliver a Destination Program	EM - Growth and Development Services	Q4 - City of Darwin supported Tourism Top End to welcome cruise ship arrivals through April and May to finish up the cruise season with the last cruise ship arrival on 24 May with a permit issued to support visitors arriving into the city. Larrakia Development Corporation are working on their final report presenting the progress of the pilot projects. The program is due to finish in June 2023.	Completed	1/07/2022	30/06/2023	
SD4	TAR1	Implement Customer Service Strategy annual actions	EM - Corporate & Customer Services	Q4 - Implementation of strategy is progressing per Tier 2 reporting. Next tranche of outcomes will be delivered as part of the CRM project. Will be closed out to form BAU for everything other than CRM which will be achieved through project.	Completed	1/07/2022	30/06/2023	
SD4	TAR1	Implement the City of Darwin Library Strategy 2020/2024 annual actions	EM - Library and Family Services	Q4 - 44 actions (94%) from the City of Darwin Library Strategy 2020-2024 have been completed to date. 1 Action is in progress and 2 are not yet due to commence.	Completed	1/07/2022	30/06/2023	
Target: By 2030, Darwin will have attracted and retained more residents and will offer sustainable investment opportunities								

MUNICIPAL PLAN 2022/23 ACTION SUMMARY								
Strategic Direction (SD)	Target	Action	Responsible Executive Manager (EM)	Progress Comment	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	
SD4	TAR2	Implement the Darwin Economic Development Strategy 2030 annual actions	EM - Growth and Development Services	Q4 - Began implementing the Strategic Property Plan 2030 by established a Manager Property Portfolio, reviewing all leasing and licencing agreements held at City of Darwin, developing new templates for key documents along with policy and guideline work to support processes and service delivery. Lyons Community Centre lead tenant and Malak Market operators have been secured and under agreement negotiations. Discover Darwin undergoing revitalisation with Charles Darwin University students reviewing and redesigning to improve user experience for target audiences .The Discover Darwin website will continue to be implemented in the next Economic Development Plan for Darwin July 2023-25.	Completed	1/07/2022	30/06/2023	
SD4	TAR2	Consolidate across City of Darwin operations to establish an integrated Learning Management System to support a skilled, qualified workforce for the delivery of innovative practices	EM - Human Resources and Safety	Q4 - further activities deferred until FY 2023/24 as the project is contingent on the implementation of the ICT PMO.	Deferred	1/10/2023	30/06/2024	
SD4	TAR2	Develop City of Darwin Revenue Strategy	EM - Finance	Q4 - Draft Revenue Strategy will be presented to Council after the Long Term Financial Plan has been endorsed.	On Track	1/07/2022	30/06/2024	
SD4	TAR2	Promote Darwin as a great destination to live, work, study, visit and invest	EM - Growth and Development Services	Q4 - City of Darwin hosted the International Dragon Boat Festival meeting with many delegations that joined us here in Darwin including Mayor of Denpasar delegation, Mayor of Dili delegation, Guangzhou Municipal Government delegation, Qingdao Municipal Government delegation and Kalygnos Municipal Government Representative as well as five Dragon Boat race teams from local, interstate and international cities. Memorandum Of Understanding was signed during the Tradeshow on the 5th June, between ACBC NT and Qingdao Chamber of Commerce to facilitate cooperation and economic connections.	Completed	1/07/2022	30/06/2023	
Target: By 2030, Darwin will be recognised as an iconic destination								
SD5	TAR1	Deliver City of Darwin events program and events management with a focus on developing and marketing of Council owned facilities for events	EM - Growth and Development Services	Q4 - Anzac Day was delivered by RSL with City of Darwin's support. Dragon Boat Festival series of events were delivered as a first for Darwin receiving 120 delegates from Sister and Friendship Cities. Working group well underway to begin activities to support early Christmas Pageant activities. Cyclone Tracy 50th Advisory Committee established to provide guidance on planning for commemorative activities.	Completed	1/07/2022	30/06/2023	
Target: By 2030, Darwin will be a more connected community and have pride in our cultural identity								
SD5	TAR2	Implement the City of Darwin Innovation Reconciliation Action Plan	EM - Community and Cultural Services	Q4 - Reconciliation Action Plan 2023/2025 was endorsed by Council at the June 27 Ordinary Meeting for submission to Reconciliation Australia	Completed	1/07/2022	30/06/2023	
SD5	TAR2	Deliver the City of Darwin Community Grants Program to support and enable community events and programs including those celebrating culture, arts and diversity	EM - Community and Cultural Services	Q4 - Community Grants round delivered. This program continues to receive positive feedback and strong community engagement and results.	Completed	1/07/2022	30/06/2023	
SD5	TAR2	Implement the Youth Strategy 2022-2026	EM - Community and Cultural Services	Q4 - Youth Strategy delivery continues.	Completed	1/07/2022	30/06/2023	
SD5	TAR2	Implement the City of Darwin Access and Inclusion Plan 2019-2022	EM - Community and Cultural Services	Q4 - Budget allocated to new financial year for development of the next Access and Inclusion Strategy.	Completed	1/07/2022	30/06/2023	

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Strategic Direction (SD)	Target	Action	Responsible Executive Manager (EM)	Progress Comment	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	
SD5	TAR2	Develop a Creative Strategy	EM - Community and Cultural Services	Q4 - Draft Creative Strategy progressing is in development, draft version to go to Council in Q2 23/24.	On Track	1/07/2022	30/06/2024	
SD5	TAR2	Financially contribute to the Darwin Entertainment Centre to deliver programs and services that create a cohesive, connected and culturally enriched community	EM - Community and Cultural Services	Q4 - City of Darwin continues to co contribute to funds for Darwin Entertainment Centre	Completed	1/07/2022	30/06/2023	
Target: Vision and Culture								
GOV	TAR1	Continue to Implement Council's Integrated Strategic Planning Framework	EM - Corporate and Customer Service	Q4 - Regular reporting developed. Additional resources redeployed to finalise CAMMS implementation. Annual report preparation integrated with CAMMS reporting cycles.	Completed	1/07/2022	30/06/2023	
GOV	TAR1	Implement initiatives to support the enhancement of proactive risk-based approaches to operations and safety	EM - Human Resources and Safety	Q4 - CAMMS Incident module roll out will continued in FY 2023/24	Completed	1/07/2022	30/06/2023	
Target: Roles and Relationships								
GOV	TAR2	Provide Operating Subsidies in line with City of Darwin's Funding Guidelines	EM - Growth and Development Services	Q4 - All sponsorship budget was expended for the financial year with \$405,000 in sponsorship awarded. City of Darwin completed a review and revision of the Sponsorship policy and a new In-kind Support policy to be introduced in the new financial year.	Completed	1/07/2022	30/06/2023	
GOV	TAR2	Facilitate Council's position at the national and local levels for impacting environment, waste and climate policy and targets	EM - Environment, Climate and Waste Services	Q4 - Submissions have been made to Northern Territory Government regarding the Single Use Plastics Discussion Paper and the Container Deposit Scheme Discussion Paper. Contributions were made to the Council of Capital City Lord Mayors submission on Fuel Efficiency Standards and continued attendance at the Climate Action Working Group meetings. Meetings have also been held with NTG Circular Economy Team and Local Government Association Northern Territory to progress circular economy within the Territory.	Completed	1/07/2022	30/06/2023	
GOV	TAR2	Establish and maintain productive and positive relationships with Larrakia, First Nations, and Government stakeholders to work in collaboration to address public safety	EM - Community and Cultural Services	Q4 - Relationship building continues through Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation, Gwalwa Daraniki Association and other First Nations organisations	Completed	1/07/2022	30/06/2023	
Target: Decision Making and Management								
GOV	TAR3	Implement the pillars of Integrated Quality Management System	EM - Corporate & Customer Services	Q4 - Elements of IQMS being progressively implemented. Revert to BAU in 23/24.	Completed	1/07/2022	30/06/2023	
GOV	TAR3	Review and refine Workplace Health and Safety Management Framework and document suite	EM - Human Resources and Safety	Q4 - Key Priority 1 documents in place; implementation to continue in FY 2023/24	Completed	1/07/2022	30/06/2023	
GOV	TAR3	Implement new City of Darwin By-Laws in compliance with legislative requirements	GM - Community	2022/23 Q4 - The Council endorsed By-Laws have been signed by the CEO and are currently with the Parliamentary Council.add council meeting info	Completed	1/07/2022	30/06/2023	
GOV	TAR3	Implement Council's Privacy Management Framework and annual actions	EM - Corporate & Customer Services	Q4 - Current PMP closed. Outstanding tasks to be reviewed and rolled into new PMP being developed as appropriate.	Completed	1/07/2022	30/06/2023	



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Strategic Direction (SD)	Target	Action	Responsible Executive Manager (EM)	Progress Comment	Action Status	Start Date	End Date
GOV	TAR3	Implement the Joint Planning Framework between City of Darwin and NTG for youth across the municipality	EM - Cultural & Community Services	Q4 - Quarterly meetings continue as part of the Joint Youth Planning Framework, parties in discussion regarding collaborative funding for outreach work.	Completed	1/07/2022	30/06/2023
GOV	TAR3	Upgrade City of Darwin's electronic records management system	GM - Innovation	Q4 - Kick off meeting for upgrade of records management system to commence in July. Upgrade to be completed by December 2023.	On Track	1/07/2022	30/06/2024
Target: Accountability							
GOV	TAR4	Deliver Annual Internal Audit Program	EM - Corporate and Customer Service	Q4 - Program completed and developed for 23/24.	Completed	1/07/2022	30/06/2023
GOV	TAR4	Implement new automated Financial System upgrades	EM - Finance	Q4 - Additional BIS reporting modules have been implemented for AP, PU, AR. Training material has been rolled out. System enhancements will be ongoing in line with the PMO framework.	Completed	1/07/2022	30/06/2023
GOV	TAR4	Deliver Unqualified 2021/22 City of Darwin Audited Financial Statements	EM - Finance	Q4 - Unqualified Financial Statements adopted by Council 08 November 2022.	Completed	1/07/2022	8/11/2022

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

Nil

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

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 15 August 2023, at 5:30pm (Open Section followed by the Confidential Section), Council Chambers Darrandirra, Level 1, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin.

## 20 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

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

### RECOMMENDATIONS

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

#### **26.1 2023 Cyclone Tracy Commemoration Advisory Committee Appointments**

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

#### **26.2 Telecommunication Facility - Lot 5775 Town of Darwin**

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

#### **26.3 City of Darwin Meeting Schedule**

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

#### **27.1 Corporate Services Quarterly Report - April to June 2023**

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

#### **27.2 City Safe Patrols Quarterly Report - April to June 2023**

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

**21      ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON**



# **MINUTES**

**Ordinary Council Meeting  
Tuesday, 11 July 2023**

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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, 11 JULY 2023 AT 5:30PM**

**PRESENT:**

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

**OFFICERS:**

Simone Saunders (Chief Executive Officer)  
Matt Grassmayr (General Manager Community)  
Steve Thacker (General Manager Corporate)  
Alice Percy (General Manager Innovation)

**APOLOGY:**

Councillor Morgan Rickard, Councillor Vim Sharma

**GUESTS:**

Nil

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Unconfirmed



## 1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

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

We support emerging Larrakia leaders now and into the future.

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

## 2 THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

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

Amen

*Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe was not present at the commencement of the meeting at 5.32pm.*

## 3 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

### RESOLUTION ORD374/23

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5.32pm.

**CARRIED 9/0**

## 4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

### 4.1 APOLOGIES

#### RESOLUTION ORD375/23

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

THAT the apology from Councillor Morgan Rickard and Councillor Vim Sharma, be received.

**CARRIED 9/0**

### 4.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

Nil

#### 4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED

**RESOLUTION ORD376/23**

Moved: Councillor Amye Un

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

1. THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for Councillor Brian O’Gallagher for 25 July 2023.
2. THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for Councillor Mick Palmer for 25 July 2023.

**CARRIED 9/0**

#### 5 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

##### 5.1 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE GRANTED

Nil

##### 5.2 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE REQUESTED

**RESOLUTION ORD377/23**

Moved: Councillor Amye Un

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

THAT Council note that the following members request Electronic Meeting Attendance:

- Councillor Brian O’Gallagher for the 25 July 2023.

**CARRIED 9/0**

#### 6 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

##### 6.1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

Nil

##### 6.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY STAFF

Nil

*Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe joined the meeting at 5:33pm.*

**7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES****RESOLUTION ORD378/23**

Moved: Councillor Amye Un

Seconded: Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 June 2023 be confirmed.

**CARRIED 10/0****8 MOVING OF ITEMS****8.1 MOVING OF OPEN ITEMS INTO CONFIDENTIAL**

Nil

**8.2 MOVING OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS INTO OPEN**

Nil

**8.3 MOVING CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS TO OPEN AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING****26.1 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE GRANTS 2023/24****RESOLUTION ORD396/23**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

1. THAT the report entitled Environment & Climate Change Grants 2023/24 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve the following projects for funding under the Environment & Climate Change Grants 2023/24:

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount Recommended</b>
Stuart Park Childcare	\$21,000
Childbirth Education Australia	\$7,475
Biodiversity Watch	\$9,020
Landcare NT	\$10,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$47,495</b>

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 9/0**

**26.2 UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL - ADVERTISING****MOTION**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

1. THAT the report entitled Unsolicited Proposal – Advertising be received and noted.
2. THAT Council note that City of Darwin officers have completed an initial review of the unsolicited proposal received at **Attachment 1**.
3. THAT Council do not endorse the unsolicited proposal as the proposal does not comply with the Unsolicited Proposal Policy 0088.100.E.R.
4. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
5. THAT the documents remain confidential, and that these decisions be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

**AMENDMENT****RESOLUTION ORD397/23**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

1. THAT the report entitled Unsolicited Proposal – Advertising be received and noted.
2. THAT Council note that City of Darwin officers have completed an initial review of the unsolicited proposal received at **Attachment 1**.
3. THAT Council do not endorse the unsolicited proposal as the proposal does not comply with the Outdoor Advertising Signs Code Policy.
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 these decisions be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

**CARRIED 7/2**

**26.3 REVIEW OF CONFIDENTIAL DECISIONS****RESOLUTION ORD398/23**

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Ed Smelt

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Confidential Decisions be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve to move certain decisions at **Attachment 1**, made between 1 October 2022 to 31 December 2022 from Confidential to Open.
3. THAT Council approve to move certain decisions at **Attachment 2**, made between 1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023 from Confidential to Open.
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 9/0**

**27.1 UNCONFIRMED CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES - RISK MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT COMMITTEE (RMAC) - 23 JUNE 2023****RESOLUTION ORD399/23**

Moved: Councillor Kim Farrar

Seconded: Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

1. THAT the report entitled Unconfirmed Confidential Minutes – Risk Management and Audit Committee (RMAC) – 23 June 2023, 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 9/0**

**27.2 CASUARINA AQUATIC AND LEISURE CENTRE 100% DESIGN PRESENTATION AND PROJECT UPDATE****RESOLUTION ORD400/23**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Amye Un

1. THAT the report entitled Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre 100% Design Presentation and Project Update 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, attached documents and this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

**CARRIED 9/0**

**27.3 UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING LEGAL MATTER****RESOLUTION ORD401/23**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

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

**CARRIED 9/0****28.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE - MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANNING AND LOGISTICS****RESOLUTION ORD402/23**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

1. THAT the report entitled Incoming Correspondence - Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics 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 9/0****9 MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE / LORD MAYORAL MINUTE**

Nil

**10 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Nil

**11 PETITIONS**

Nil

**12 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS**

Nil

**13 NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

**14 ACTION REPORTS****14.1 PLAY SPACE STRATEGY 2023-2030****RESOLUTION ORD379/23**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

1. THAT the report entitled Play Space Strategy 2023-2030 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the Play Space Strategy 2023-2030.

**CARRIED 10/0****14.2 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION OUTCOME - WALKWAY 29 - LEE POINT ROAD TO KAILIS STREET WANGURI****RESOLUTION ORD380/23**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

1. THAT the report entitled Community Consultation Outcome – Walkway 29 Lee Point Road to Kailis Street Wanguri be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve the night-time closure of Walkway 29 from 9:30pm to 5:30am, seven days per week.

**CARRIED 10/0****14.3 REVIEW OF RISK MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE****RESOLUTION ORD381/23**

Moved: Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Risk Management and Audit Committee (RMAC) Terms of Reference be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopts the reviewed RMAC Terms of Reference at **Attachment 2**.

**CARRIED 10/0**

#### 14.4 CBD SPEED LIMIT REVIEW

##### MOTION

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Amye Un

1. THAT the report entitled CBD Speed Limit Review be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the reduction of Central Business District speed to 40km/hr in zone blue in **Attachment 1**.
3. THAT Council endorse the reduction of Central Business District speed to 40km/hr in zone yellow in **Attachment 1**.
4. THAT Council endorse the reduction of Central Business District speed to 40km/hr on the Bennett Street section of zone orange in **Attachment 1**.
5. THAT Council endorse the reduction of Central Business District speed to 40km/hr on The Esplanade section of zone orange in **Attachment 1**.
6. THAT Council endorse for City of Darwin officers to seek a review of the speed limit along Garramilla Boulevard between Cavenagh Street and McMinn Street from the Northern Territory Government
7. THAT Council provide in principle support to defer any decision to change the speed limits on Daly Street and McMinn Street, until further analysis and discussions are undertaken by Officers.
8. THAT Council note that the recommendation to reduce the speed limit is due to predicted economic, social, and environmental benefits, the measured operating speeds being near or below 40km/hr, and community feedback, and that any changes will commence on the 1 November 2023.

##### AMENDMENT

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Ed Smelt

1. THAT the report entitled CBD Speed Limit Review be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the reduction of Central Business District speed to 40km/hr in zone blue in **Attachment 1**.
3. THAT Council endorse the reduction of Central Business District speed to 40km/hr in zone yellow in **Attachment 1**.
4. THAT Council endorse the reduction of Central Business District speed to 40km/hr on the Bennett Street and Herbert Street section of zone orange in **Attachment 1**.
5. THAT Council endorse the reduction of Central Business District speed to 40km/hr on The Esplanade section of zone orange in **Attachment 1**.
6. THAT Council endorse for City of Darwin officers to seek a review of the speed limit along Garramilla Boulevard between Cavenagh Street and McMinn Street from the Northern Territory Government
7. THAT Council provide in principle support to defer any decision to change the speed limits on Daly Street and McMinn Street, until further analysis and discussions are undertaken by Officers.



8. THAT Council note that the recommendation to reduce the speed limit is due to predicted economic, social, and environmental benefits, the measured operating speeds being near or below 40km/hr, and community feedback, and that any changes will commence on the 1 November 2023.

## AMENDMENT

### RESOLUTION ORD382/23

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

1. THAT the report entitled CBD Speed Limit Review be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the reduction of Central Business District speed to 40km/hr in zone blue in **Attachment 1**.
3. THAT Council endorse the reduction of Central Business District speed to 40km/hr in zone yellow in **Attachment 1**.
4. THAT Council endorse the reduction of Central Business District speed to 40km/hr on the Bennett Street and Herbert Street section of zone orange in **Attachment 1**.
5. THAT Council endorse for City of Darwin officers to seek a review of the speed limit along Garramilla Boulevard between Cavenagh Street and McMinn Street from the Northern Territory Government
6. THAT Council provide in principle support to defer any decision to change the speed limits on Daly Street and McMinn Street, until further analysis and discussions are undertaken by Officers.
7. THAT Council provide in principle support to defer any decision to change the speed limits on The Esplanade, until further analysis and discussions are undertaken by Officers.
8. THAT Council note that the recommendation to reduce the speed limit is due to predicted economic, social, and environmental benefits, the measured operating speeds being near or below 40km/hr, and community feedback, and that any changes will commence on the 1 November 2023.

In Favour: Members Kim Farrar, Brian O'Gallagher, Peter Pangquee, Ed Smelt, Amye Un, Kon Vatskalis and Rebecca Want de Rowe

Against: Members Jimmy Bouhoris, Sylvia Klonaris and Mick Palmer

**CARRIED 7/3**

**14.5 REVIEW OF ELECTED MEMBERS EXPENSES, FACILITIES AND SUPPORT POLICY****RESOLUTION ORD383/23**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Elected Members Expenses, Facilities and Support Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the revised Elected Members Expenses, Facilities and Support Policy 0017.100.E.R. which aligns to the *Local Government Act 2019* and associated Ministerial determinations related to Elected Member allowances.

**CARRIED 10/0**

**15 RECEIVE & NOTE REPORTS****15.1 UNCONFIRMED OPEN MINUTES - RISK MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT COMMITTEE (RMAC) - 23 JUNE 2023****RESOLUTION ORD384/23**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

THAT the report entitled Unconfirmed Open Minutes - Risk Management & Audit Committee (RMAC) – 23 June 2023 be received and noted.

**CARRIED 10/0**

## 16 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

### RESOLUTION ORD385/23

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

THAT the following Reports of Representatives be received and noted.

#### 16.1

Councillor Ed Smelt reported on attending the NAIDOC march on Friday and the NAIDOC ball on Saturday night. It was a great opportunity for celebration, but also for reflection on what needs to come next in supporting our First Nations people towards self-determination. Thank you to the Executive Manager of Community and Cultural Services, Angela O'Donnell and staff for organising Elected Member attendance at the NAIDOC ball.

#### 16.2

Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis would like to thank City of Darwin staff for organising all these events, it is great that the City of Darwin has a presence in these activities during the dry season. The Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis also attended the Irish Music Festival, it was a great event and they thanked the City of Darwin for our support.

#### 16.3

Councillor Peter Pangquee reported on attending the Reconciliation Advisory Committee Meeting with the Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders. The committee are looking for new members externally, so there will be recruitment in the next month. Councillor Peter Pangquee also attended the NAIDOC ball, City of Darwin sponsored the 'Lifetime Achievement Award', with Regina Bennett being the recipient, who was responsible for initially setting up the first alcohol rehabilitation centres in Darwin for Aboriginal people.

**CARRIED 10/0**

## 17 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

### 17.1 MALAK GREENBELT

#### RESOLUTION ORD386/23

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

#### Question:

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris reported on the greenbelt in Malak and a request from a resident in the community for kangaroo sprinklers to be established in these locations, with the concern of increased activity due to the implementation of the Ninja Warrior park.

#### Answer:

The General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr took the question on notice, and advised that there is irrigation going into the Malak greenbelt, with the priority and focus on playspaces.

**CARRIED 10/0**

**17.2 REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE TO RESPOND TO EMAIL****RESOLUTION ORD387/23**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

**Question:**

Councillor Amye Un received an email from a resident and would like to thank the Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders for responding to the email. Councillor Amye Un has now received a second email.

**Answer:**

The Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis advised Councillor Amye Un to forward the email to the Chief Executive Officer for response.

**CARRIED 10/0****18 GENERAL BUSINESS****18.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE - MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANNING AND LOGISTICS - DEFENCE ACCOMMODATION PRECINCT****RESOLUTION ORD388/23**

Moved: Councillor Amye Un

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

THAT the report entitled Incoming Correspondence - Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics - Defence Accommodation Precinct be received and noted.

**CARRIED 10/0****18.2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SERVICES | TONY MIAOUDIS****RESOLUTION ORD389/23**

Moved: Councillor Amye Un

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris enquired about how to put forward a request for the City of Darwin to recognise and acknowledge one of our longest serving advisory committee members for our Sister City Committee, Tony Miaoudis.

The Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis advised that the City of Darwin could provide a letter with recognition and acknowledgement of his services, with promotion and article on the City of Darwin website.

**CARRIED 10/0**

**18.3 JINGILI CEMETERY | WALL MEMORIAL****RESOLUTION ORD390/23**

Moved: Councillor Amye Un

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Councillor Kim Farrar would like to provide positive feedback to the General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr and the team for the email received from a resident, who reported that they could now put flowers on the memorial wall at Jingili Cemetery with the vases provided by the team.

**CARRIED 10/0**

**18.4 FANNIE BAY PLAYGROUND****RESOLUTION ORD391/23**

Moved: Councillor Amye Un

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Councillor Amye Un received an email from a resident regarding the removal of a Fannie Bay playground and how they were very disappointed and requested for the Council to put in another playground in the area.

**CARRIED 10/0**

**18.5 WOOLWONGA COURT, ANULA | FOOTPATHS****RESOLUTION ORD392/23**

Moved: Councillor Amye Un

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Councillor Brian O'Gallagher would like to thank the Executive Manager Program Management, Nik Kleine and his team for their work at Woolwonga Court, Anula for the footpaths. Residents were impressed with the consultation, construction and the speed for delivering the footpaths.

**CARRIED 10/0**

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

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 25 July 2023, at 5:30pm (Open Section followed by the Confidential Section), Council Chambers Darrandirra, Level 1, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin.

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

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

Unconfirmed

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

**26.1 Environment and Climate Change Grants 2023/24**

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

**26.2 Unsolicited Proposal - Advertising**

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

**26.3 Review of Confidential Decisions**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(i), 51(c)(ii) and 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 cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person, information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law and information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff.

**27.1 Unconfirmed Confidential Minutes - Risk Management and Audit Committee (RMAC) - 23 June 2023**

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

**27.2 Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre 100% Design Presentation and Project Update**

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

**27.3 Update on Outstanding Legal Matter**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(d) 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 subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

**28.1 Incoming Correspondence - Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics**

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.

Unconfirmed



## **21 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON**

### **21.1 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON**

#### **RESOLUTION ORD393/23**

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

THAT the open section of the meeting be adjourned at 6.25pm

**CARRIED 10/0**

THAT the open section of the meeting be resumed at 7.53pm

THAT the chair declared the meeting closed at 7.53pm

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 July 2023.**

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**CHAIR**