

Agenda

Ordinary Council Meeting

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

- Date:** Tuesday, 26 May 2026
- Time:** 5:30 pm
- Location:** Council Chambers Darrandirra
Level 1, Civic Centre
Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin
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Simone Saunders

Chief Executive Officer



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13.1 ROAD VERGE PLANTING POLICY

Author: Executive Manager Operations

Authoriser: General Manager Community

Attachments:

1. Draft Road Verge Planting Policy [↓](#)
2. Draft Road Verge Planting Requirements Application Form [↓](#)
3. Verges Policy [↓](#)
4. Trees on Verges - Conservation Policy [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report entitled Road Verge Planting Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the Road Verge Planting Policy at **Attachment 1**.
3. THAT Council receive and note the Road Verge Planting Requirements Application Form at **Attachment 2**.
4. THAT Council rescind the Verges Policy at **Attachment 3**.
5. THAT Council rescind the Trees on Verges – Conservation Policy at **Attachment 4**.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek endorsement of the draft Road Verge Planting Policy and receive and note the associated Road Verge Planting Requirements Application Form.

KEY ISSUES

- Council has a legal responsibility for managing the safety of public land, including verges to ensure they are safe and accessible.
- Any planting on council-controlled road verges must be authorised as required under By-Law 102(2) of the *City of Darwin By-Laws 2023*.
- To facilitate planting on road verges by property owners / occupiers, Council adopted the existing Verges Policy and supporting guidelines on 15 June 2021. These documents set out the responsibilities of the community and council in relation to the development and maintenance of verges on council-controlled road reserve.
- The existing policy and guidelines are a mix of planting on verges, development on verges and bylaw requirements in relation to managing vegetation on private property.
- The current process of applying for authorisation to undertake planting on the road verge is a seven-step process and involves the issuing of a permit, which attracts a fee.
- Four applications for road verge planting were received in 2024/25. From the 1 July 2025 to 30 April 2026 11 applications were received. With the impacts of Tropical Cyclone Fina more people have approached the City of Darwin seeking advice on how sustainably plant their verge.
- The proposed draft Road Verge Planting Policy and supporting Road Verge Planting Requirements Application form streamlines the authorisation process while providing enhanced guidance to property owners / occupiers. The intent is to encourage more planting on verges by property owners / occupiers, in a sustainable manner.

- The planting requirements outlined in the draft policy and application form were developed using a risk management approach and to ensure compliance with the Australian Standards, Austroad Guidelines, NT Government Subdivision Development Guidelines and City of Darwin Standard Drawings and similar.
- It is recommended that the draft Road Verge Planting Policy be adopted and the following existing two policies be rescinded:
 - Verges Policy (No. 0051.100.E.R)
 - Trees on Verges – Conservation Policy (No. 0050.100.E.R)

DISCUSSION

The road verge is the area of public land between the property boundary and the back of kerb or edge of the road. The predominant function of the road verge is to provide safe and convenient access to and from properties, provide a corridor for pedestrians and cyclists as well as a service corridor for public utilities.

Any planting on road verges must be authorised as required under By-Law 102(2) of the City of Darwin By-Laws 2023.

City of Darwin currently has a process in place where residents can apply to undertake planting on road verges. This process is outlined in the existing Verges Policy and supporting guidelines adopted by Council on 15 June 2021. Records show that four applications were received by property owners / occupiers to undertake planting on the road verge adjoining their property in 2024/25. From 1 July 2025 to 30 April 2026, a total of 11 applications were received. Applications are initially assessed by the Operations team and if supported, the property owner / occupiers are required to complete a works permit application. The works permit application is submitted to the technical team who provide an authorisation to undertake the planting in the form of a permit, with required conditions referenced. The property owner / occupier can then undertake the planting. This is a seven-step process and attracts a fee.

The existing Verge Policy and guidelines are a mix of planting on verges, development on verges and bylaw requirements in relation to managing vegetation on private property. If you are a property owner / occupier wanting to do some planting on the road verge adjoining your property, it could be quite difficult to navigate these documents.

It is proposed that the existing Verge Policy and supporting guideline be rescinded and replaced with the draft Road Verge Planting Policy (**Attachment 1**) and Road Verge Planting Requirements Application Form (**Attachment 2**). It is also proposed the Tree Planting – Conservation Policy be rescinded as this will become redundant following the adoption of the draft Road Verge Planting Policy and the Public Tree Management Policy that was adopted by Council at its meeting on 24 September 2024.

The draft policy and supporting application form provides guidance to property owners / occupiers and staff on City of Darwin's expectations regarding the application and authorisation of road verge planting made under the City of Darwin By-Laws 2023. It streamlines the process and is targeted directly at property owners / occupiers who may wish to undertake planting on the road verge adjoining their property. The new process should make this easier for property owners / occupiers.

The policy outlines City of Darwin's commitment to:

- improve and maintain road verges across the municipality
- empower property owners / occupiers to sustainably plant the city's road verges
- ensure council-controlled road verges are safe, functional and accessible to the community
- provide a clear understanding of obligations and responsibilities.

The draft Road Verge Planting Application form has been developed in a checklist format to make it easier for property owners / occupiers to complete and for council staff to assess. An authorisation, in the form of a letter, will then be provided to the property owner / occupier, assuming the application is compliant with the requirements. Works can proceed on receipt of the authorisation. The process will be managed by the Operations team and it is proposed that the process does not have a fee attached. With a comprehensive checklist form, administration time to assess applications will be reduced.

The planting requirements outlined in the draft policy and application form were developed using a risk management approach and to ensure compliance with the Australian Standards, Austroad Guidelines, NT Government Subdivision Development Guidelines and City of Darwin Standard Drawings and similar. City of Darwin has adopted site specific standards and applied them in a generic nature to provide guidance on what can sometimes involve a complex assessment, thus the importance of council staff assessing the application form and providing authorisation, prior to works commencing.

To ensure sustainable planting occurs in accordance with relevant Australian Standards and Austroad Guidelines, public street trees will be planted by the City of Darwin on road verges, unless it is part of an approved plan of development. If a public street tree is required on the road verge directly adjoining a property, a request can be made by the property owners / occupiers to the City of Darwin. City of Darwin will undertake the planting of the street tree and would welcome participation by the property owner / occupier, as desired. This is consistent with current practice and in accordance with *City of Darwin By-Laws 2023*.

There is planting on road verges, particularly in the northern suburbs, that is non-compliant with the Australian Standards, Austroad Guidelines, NT Government Subdivision Development Guidelines and/or City of Darwin Standard Drawings and similar. The Operations team received 213 requests categorised as “verge maintenance requests” in 2024/25 to maintain vegetation on road verges causing issues. A further 184 requests were received during the period 1 July 2025 to 30 April 2026. The vegetation may be blocking pedestrian pathways, impeding traffic sight lines, impacting on overhead power lines, detracting from the presentation of the street and/or causing damage to infrastructure. The Fire Service send through lists of planting on residential verges for council to action where the plants inhibit access to the yellow fire hydrant pits. Responding in a reactive manner as issues are reported is not efficient or cost effective. In addition, often the underlying cause of the issue is not being addressed, therefore staff and/or contractors are returning to the same site several times a year to undertake vegetation maintenance. The costs are not captured separately for this activity. The Operations team will do an audit of sites and develop a program to prioritise and systematically address the issues over the next 10-year period, subject to the extent of issues. At the Council workshop on 8 April 2025 a case study was presented on the 71 trees on Cahill Crescent, Nakara. 31 trees (43.6%) were deemed “*unsuitable - to be removed*”. The removal cost is estimated to be approximately \$46,500.

Proposed next steps:

Should Council adopt the draft Road Verges Planting Policy, some additional information will be developed to support successful implementation of the policy. This includes:

- formatting of the Road Verge Planting Application Form to comply with corporate standards
- include diagrams as an attachment to the Application Form to pictorially represent some of the concepts / layouts described in the Road Verge Planting Requirements Application Form
- develop a fact sheet / educational information to highlight suitable planting species for road verges.

The current Verges Policy (**Attachment 3**) and Trees on Verges – Conservation Policy (**Attachment 4**) would be rescinded on adoption of the Road Verge Planting Policy.

Consultation occurred on the key content of the draft Road Verge Planting Policy and supporting application form. The consultation is described later in this report.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

At the 27 June 2023 meeting Council resolved:

RESOLUTION ORD336/23

1. THAT the report entitled City of Darwin By-laws be received and noted.
2. THAT Council note that it is proposed to amend the Darwin City Council By-laws 1994, to the City of Darwin By-laws 2023, and that:
 - a) Office of the Parliamentary Counsel has prepared a settled version of the City of Darwin By-laws 2023, at **Attachment 1**, as tabled before the meeting.
 - b) Notice of the proposed amending by-laws was published on Council's website on Friday 18 November 2022.
 - c) Copies of the proposed amending by-laws have been made available for public

inspection, without charge, at Council's office since Friday 18 November 2022.

- d) Notice of the proposed amendment, its availability and general nature and effect was published in the NT News on Friday 18 November 2022.
- e) Council has received and considered written representations made by members of the public about the proposed amending by-laws.
- f) Council has obtained a certificate from the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet dated 30 May 2023, certifying that in his opinion the proposed By-laws are consistent with the principles prescribed in Part 13.1 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, at **Attachment 2**.

3. THAT Council resolves as a special resolution to make the City of Darwin By-laws 2023 at **Attachment 1** under the *Local Government Act 2019* and authorises the Chief Executive Officer the power to sign the adopted City of Darwin By-laws 2023 and provide a copy to the Minister.

CARRIED 12/0

At the 15 June 2021 meeting Council resolved:

RESOLUTION ORD277/21

- 1. THAT the report entitled Review of Policy 051 - Verges, be received and noted.
- 2. THAT Council adopt the revised Policy 051 - Verges, **Attachment 3**.

CARRIED 10/0

At the 15 June 2021 meeting Council resolved:

RESOLUTION ORD278/21

- 1. THAT the report entitled Review of Policy 050 - Trees on Verges – Conservation, be received and noted.
- 2. THAT Council adopt the revised Policy 050 - Trees on Verges – Conservation, **Attachment 3**.

CARRIED 10/0

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| <p>STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT</p> | <p>3 A Cool, Clean and Green City 3.1 By 2030, Darwin will be recognised as a clean and environmentally responsible city</p> |
| <p>BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</p> | <p>Budget/Funding: A sum of \$1.74 million is provided in the 2025/26 budget for urban forest (tree) management activities.</p> <p>The City Maintenance team deliver verge maintenance activities as part of their core services undertaking proactive maintenance as well as responding to reactive requests. The cost of verge maintenance is not captured as a separate activity.</p> <p>By achieving more sustainable planting outcomes the impact on maintenance budgets should reduce however this will not be achieved in the short term unless an intensive program is put in place to address the standard of some of the verges that require regular attendance.</p> <p>The internal labour costs associated with developing and implementing the draft Road Verges Planting Policy are part of business-as-usual operational activities. Additional costs impositions will not result, unless there is a significant increase in demand.</p> |

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| <p>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</p> | <p>Legislation: <i>Local Government Act 2019 (NT)</i> <i>City of Darwin By-Laws 2023 (NT)</i> <i>Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (NT)</i></p> <p>Policies: 8302.100.E.R City of Darwin Public Tree Management Policy 8302.010.I.N City of Darwin Public Tree Management Procedure</p> <p>Strategies: Greening Darwin Strategy 2030 Northern Territory Planning Scheme 2020 Northern Territory Subdivision Development Guidelines 2024</p> <p>Standards and Other Related Documents: Australian Standards associated with public street tree planting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AS 2303-2015 Tree stock for landscape use • AS 3743-2003 Potting mixes • AS 4373-2007 Pruning of amenity trees • AS 4454-2003 Composts, soil conditioners and mulches <p>Austroroads Guides Road Verge Planting Requirements Application Form</p> |
| <p>CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION</p> | <p>Engagement Level: Consult</p> <p>Internal: To inform the draft Road Verge Planting Policy and associated Road Verge Planting Requirements Application Form, discussion occurred with the following City of Darwin officers directly involved with the administration of the policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Coordinator Parks and Reserves – 2 April 2025 • Technical Arborist – 2 April 2025 • Greening Officer – 2 April 2025 • Executive Manager Technical Services – 4 April 2025 • Coordinator Development – 4 April 2025 • Executive Manager Regulatory Services – 17 June 2025 • Senior Coordinator Regulatory Services – 17 June 2025 <p>Consultation then occurred with City of Darwin staff who had a strong interest and/or interface with the draft policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Manager Community – 19 March 2025 • Manager Parks and Open Space – 2 April 2025 • Supervisor Urban Bushland and Vegetation – 2 April 2025 • Executive Manager Environment and Waste – 17 June 2025 |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinator Environment and Climate Change – 17 June 2025 • Landscape Urban Designer – 20 June 2025 • Senior Coordinator Design – 20 June 2025 • Roads and Lighting Engineer – 20 June 2025 <p>The response from internal stakeholders consulted was generally very positive with feedback received considered and included in the draft policy, where practical.</p> <p>A workshop was held with Councillors on 8 April 2025, where preliminary suggestions for the draft policy were presented for consideration and feedback. Five Councillors who attended the workshop completed and submitted a feedback form. This information was used to refine the draft policy.</p> <p>The draft policy was reviewed by the Risk and Performance Officer on 3 July 2025 to ensure compliance with corporate governance requirements.</p> <p>External:</p> <p>The information provided at the Councillor workshop on 8 April 2025 was presented to the Tree Advisory Committee on 22 May 2025. The feedback from the Tree Advisory Committee was supportive of the draft policy with opportunities identified to further enhance the process. The <u>key</u> recommendations included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • more clearly articulate the rationale for restricting owner / occupier planting on road verges to low hanging / ground cover planting • include a definition of natural grass in the policy • include council’s position on public tree planting at the start of the Road Verge Planting Requirements Application Form • include diagrams as an attachment to the Application Form to pictorially represent some of the concepts / layouts described in the Road Verge Planting Requirements Application Form • develop a fact sheet / educational information to highlight suitable planting species for road verges. |
| <p>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</p> | <p>The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).</p> |



Road verge planting policy

Policy No. **Number**

1 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to property owners / occupiers and staff on City of Darwin’s expectations regarding the application and authorisation of road verge planting made under the *City of Darwin By-Laws 2023*. The policy outlines City of Darwin’s commitment to:

- improve and maintain road verges across the municipality
- empower property owners / occupiers to sustainably plant the city’s road verges
- ensure council-controlled road verges are safe, functional and accessible to the community
- provide a clear understanding of obligations and responsibilities.

2 Scope

This policy relates to the planting and maintenance of City of Darwin controlled road verges. This policy applies to:

- the process for obtaining City of Darwin authorisation to undertake planting on a road verge
- the acceptable treatments associated with road verge planting
- the ongoing maintenance responsibilities of property owners / occupiers and the City of Darwin in relation to the road verge planting.

This policy excludes:

- private land and land managed by authorities other than the City of Darwin
- landscape development works (e.g. lot developments, subdivision developments) or works other than planting of vegetation on road verges (e.g. works carried out by utility providers)
- public street tree planting on road verges by property owners / occupiers, and
- refer to section 3.6 for public street tree planting.

No authorisation is required for:

- planting and establishment of natural grass on the road verge.

3 Policy statement

The road verge is the area of public land between the property boundary and the back of kerb or edge of road.

The predominant function of the road verge is to provide safe and convenient access to and from properties, provide a corridor for pedestrians and cyclists as well as a service corridor for public utilities.

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City of Darwin supports applications from property owners / occupiers wishing to plant the road verge directly adjoining their property.

3.1 Desired outcomes

The road verge planting policy desired outcomes align to City of Darwin's strategic outcomes in the following strategies:

- Greening Darwin Strategy 2030
- Movement Strategy 2030
- Accessibility Strategy 2025-2030.

City of Darwin expects applications for road verge planting to provide the following desired outcomes:

| Desired outcomes | Descriptor |
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| Enhanced public safety | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • everyone can actively travel on the road verge • people driving can see people walking and cycling • the street environment has good surveillance, light and access • people can get out of a car parked on the street • workers can safety access utility pits, pillars, poles and other essential infrastructure. |
| Increased amenity and liveability | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the area is pleasant and more attractive • increased shade and cooler environment • provide a sense of place and local identity • helps create vibrant and socially connected communities • increase surrounding property values • there is a space for bin collection and access for other services providers (e.g. Australia Post). |
| Increased habitat and biodiversity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • companion planting for public street trees • habitat for native wildlife • enhance ecosystem connectivity and functionality • the use of native plants is strongly encouraged. |



3.2 Application process

Any planting on road verges must be authorised as required under By-Law 102(2) of the *City of Darwin By-Laws 2023*.

A road verge planting application form must be completed and submitted to the City of Darwin, assessed and an authorisation provided. Works must not commence until authorisation has been received from the City of Darwin. If the applicant is an occupier of the property or the property is part of a strata scheme, property owner / owners' corporation written consent is required.

The road verge planting requirements / application form is available on the City of Darwin website or by contacting City of Darwin.

Submitted applications will be assessed in accordance with the road verge planting requirements outlined in the application form. Only applications that comply with the requirements, will be authorised.

3.3 Responsibilities for maintaining a road verge planting

The maintenance of the road verge plays an important role in the presentation and liveability of neighbourhoods. By-Law 103(1) of the City of Darwin By-Laws 2023 require owners / occupiers to maintain vegetation on the road verge (excluding public street trees) adjoining their properties.

An authorisation to plant on a road verge requires the owner / occupier of the adjoining property to maintain the planted road verge. Ongoing maintenance can include, but is not limited to:

- watering, weeding and removing any litter
- controlling pests and diseases
- pruning for pedestrian and road users (excludes public street trees)
- material or plant replacement
- all rectifications required to accommodate the perpetual growth of any plants.

If not maintained appropriately, road verge plantings can appear overgrown and unsightly, harbour vermin and rubbish and cause obstructions and other safety issues.

If the property is sold and has an established road verge planting, it is the responsibility of the new owner / occupier to ensure the road verge planting complies with City of Darwin's current Road Verge Planting Requirements. The new owner may choose to retain the plantings or seek authorisation from the City of Darwin to remove the plantings and reinstate the road verge to natural grass or its surrounds.

3.4 Works on road verges by City of Darwin and other agencies

Regardless of any plantings on the road verge, City of Darwin reserves the right to construct or maintain infrastructure on any part of the road verge at its discretion. If necessary, verge plantings will be removed without compensation. Remedial work will be undertaken to reinstate the road verge; however, the treatment will generally be grass seed only. Where an owner / occupier has maintained their verge to

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a high standard (evident by the state of the verge prior to works commencing), City of Darwin may use turf as a replacement option. The onus is on the property owner / occupier to water and establish the site.

Utility companies may require access to the verge to perform maintenance works from time to time. The utility companies will undertake remedial work to reinstate the road verge, however the treatment will be grass seed only, unless alternate treatments are specifically stated in any agreements entered between the City of Darwin and the utility provider. The onus is on the property owner / occupier to water and establish the site.

3.5 Non-compliance with road verge planting policy / road verge planting requirements

City of Darwin may remove the road verge plantings at any time if it is not safe or not maintained to council’s satisfaction.

Where a breach of the road verge planting requirements is in existence, generally City of Darwin will approach the directly adjoining property owner / occupier and ask for remedial works to be carried out.

Where the owner is unable or unwilling to carry out remedial works, City of Darwin may commence enforcement action against the offender which may result in the City of Darwin undertaking the works and recovering the cost of the works from the owner as a debt payable to the City or as unpaid rates pursuant to the City of Darwin By-Laws 2023.

3.6 Public street trees

Public street tree planting on road verges by property owners / occupiers is excluded from this policy (refer section 2).

To ensure sustainable planting occurs in accordance with relevant Australian Standards, public street trees will be planted by the City of Darwin on road verges. Property owners / occupiers cannot plant public street trees on City of Darwin controlled land, unless it is part of an approved plan of development.

If a public street tree is required on the road verge directly adjoining a property, a request can be made by the property owners / occupiers to the City of Darwin. City of Darwin will undertake the planting of the street tree and would welcome participation by the property owner / occupier, as desired.

Property owners / occupiers who have a public street tree or trees in the road verge directly adjoining their property are not authorised to prune or trim the tree in accordance with the By-Law 103(1) of the *City of Darwin By-Laws 2023*.

If a public street tree requires trimming, pruning, or other attention (including potential removal), a request can be made to the City of Darwin.

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4 Definitions

City of Darwin controlled road verge means the area of public land between the property boundary and the back of kerb or edge of road managed by the City of Darwin.

Natural grass means living, organic grass species which grow from the soil and require regular maintenance like mowing and watering.

Public street tree means any tree within the City of Darwin local government area that has any part of its trunk growing from City of Darwin controlled land.

Road verge means the area of public land between the property boundary and the back of kerb or edge of road. A typical road verge in the City of Darwin consists of grass, footpath and a council provided street tree.

5 Legislative references

Local Government Act 2019 (NT)

City of Darwin By-Laws 2023 (NT)

Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (NT)

6 Procedures / related documents

Australian Standards associated with public street tree planting:

- AS 2303-2015 Tree stock for landscape use
- AS 3743-2003 Potting mixes
- AS 4373-2007 Pruning of amenity trees
- AS 4454-2003 Composts, soil conditioners and mulches

8302.100.E.R City of Darwin Public Tree Management Policy

8302.010.I.N City of Darwin Public Tree Management Procedure

Greening Darwin Strategy 2030

Northern Territory Planning Scheme 2020

Northern Territory Subdivision Development Guidelines 2024

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7 Responsibility / application

The Executive Manager Operations is responsible for implementation and review of this policy.

All City of Darwin workplace participants are responsible for adhering to this policy.

This policy will be reviewed every four years, or as required.

8 Document control

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Road Verge Planting Requirements / Application Form

The form will be used to assess your compliance with City of Darwin's Road Verge Planting Policy. A checklist is provided to guide and assist you in completing a successful road verge planting application.

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| Name | |
| Postal address | |
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| | |
| Phone | |
| Email | |

Road verge details

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| Road verge address | |
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| | |
| Brief description of proposed planting | |

| Requirements for City of Darwin Road Verge Planting | | | |
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| A. Before you begin | Yes | No | N/A |
| I have contacted Before You Dig Australia (byda.com.au) and located any underground services. | | | |
| The property owner / owners' corporation of my strata scheme has provided written agreement to the road verge planting. | | | |
| I will submit a completed copy of this checklist to City of Darwin and will await confirmation of approval before commencing any works. | | | |
| My road verge planting will be constructed and maintained in accordance with the City of Darwin Road Verge Planting Policy and the requirements stipulated in this Application Form. | | | |



| B. General conditions | Yes | No | N/A |
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| The road verge, measured from my property boundary to the road, is at least 3 metres wide. | | | |
| The road verge is between my property boundary and a formed road. | | | |
| All works will be carried out by hand with no excavation deeper than 30cm. Mechanised excavation tools and equipment will not be used, and care will be taken around drainpipes. | | | |
| Public street trees will be preserved and will not be pruned or removed. | | | |
| Only bio-degradable mulches such as woodchip, leaves and compost will be used. | | | |
| Run-off will be contained, including materials such as water, soil, mulch or debris onto the footpath, road or into drains. | | | |
| Barriers for the purpose of establishing the road verge planting will only be used for a maximum three (3) month period. The barriers will be erected with the use of sturdy timber poles or timber stakes which are not easily knocked over. | | | |
| The barrier poles / stakes, rope or string will be identified with an abundance of markers to ensure the safety of pedestrians. They will be capped and not have sharp edges. | | | |
| Stakes, guide wires or protrusions which may cause a hazard to users of the footpath and road will not be used. | | | |
| Structures or solid materials will not be used, including concrete or solid edging, star pickets, fencing, guide wires, or loose materials such as rocks, paving, pebbles or stones. | | | |
| Artificial turf will not be used. | | | |
| Snail baits will not be used. | | | |
| The use of herbicides and pesticides will be minimised, and only used in accordance with label directions. | | | |
| The road verge planting will be maintained to ensure it is safe, tidy, and attractive. | | | |

| C. Choosing plants (refer to section D for information on hedges) | Yes | No | N/A |
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| I will not use plants that are prickly, spiky, carrying heavy fruit, poisonous, or are a common cause of allergies, or are recognised declared weeds. The use of water efficient plants and / or native plants are strongly encouraged. | | | |
| I will maintain plants to not exceed 60cm in height at maturity, and not encroach on accessibility, circulation, and sightlines. | | | |
| Where grassing takes place, the area will be excavated to 10cm and reinstated with topsoil to be no higher than the top of the kerb (and the top of the footpath if one is present) and be free draining. | | | |



| D. Hedges | Yes | No | N/A |
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| Will be planted against the property boundary. | | | |
| Will be maintained to not exceed 1.5m in height at maturity. | | | |
| Will be maintained to not encroach further than 80cm from the property boundary. | | | |
| Will have a minimum of 1.0m from both sides of the driveway left clear for sight lines | | | |

| E. Irrigation | Yes | No | N/A |
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| If permanent sprinklers will be installed on the road verge, I will use the water meter from my property and the water source from within my property. | | | |
| All water pipes will be placed in a conduit under the footpath. Where the footpath is not present the pipes will be buried under the verge with a minimum cover of 30cm. | | | |
| Sprinkler heads will be the pop-up variety or drippers will be used. | | | |
| High density pipes (i.e. high density polypipe) will be used. | | | |
| I note that if council is notified of water leaking onto the road reserve, City of Darwin will attempt to contact the owner to have it repaired. Council will terminate the supply at the property line if no remedial action is taken within 24 hours. | | | |
| Remember to be water wise – you have to pay for your water. | | | |

| F. Vegetation Clear Zones | Yes | No | N/A |
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| Gardens must be set back from the road edge by 60cm. | | | |
| Where there is no formed path on the road verge, a minimum 1.5m width must be left clear for pedestrians. | | | |
| <p>If there is an existing street tree in my verge, I will ensure that there is no damage to existing tree roots when conducting my planting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For street trees with a trunk of 30cm or less, I will leave a radius of 1.5m around the tree. This exclusion area should be the mulch ring for your tree. For street trees with a trunk of more than 30cm, I will leave a radius of 2.5m around the tree. This exclusion area should be the mulch ring for your tree. | | | |
| Sightlines will be maintained, including for pedestrian, bicycle or vehicular traffic when using the road, and entering or exiting a driveway. | | | |
| I have considered access for utility companies, Australia Post and other providers that may need to access infrastructure on my road verge, when undertaking my planting. Please ensure you do not plant over, or mulch over in ground fire hydrants. Power and Water will ask us to clear these if you do. | | | |



Residents cannot plant trees on any City of Darwin Controlled Land. Residents can contact City of Darwin to request tree planting on the road verge and the request will be considered as part of council's tree planting program.

Declaration

I agree to the following:

- I have read and agree to undertake and abide by the relevant conditions outlined in the City of Darwin Road Verge Planting Policy.
- I have completed the checklist accurately and honestly and confirm that the proposed road verge planting meets these requirements.
- I will notify Council if any of the details change.
- I will ensure that works within the road verge will not create a public risk.
- I will ensure that the road verge planting does not cause sight-line issues for vehicles, cyclists or pedestrians.
- I will pay all costs associated with the reinstatement of any damage caused to City of Darwin infrastructure or other public utilities as a result of the proposed activities associated with these works, including all work carried out on my behalf by any agent, sub-contractor or others engaged to deliver remove or carry out any part of the proposed work.
- I acknowledge that should future placement of City of Darwin or essential service infrastructure require the planting to be removed, no compensation will be due for the removal or disturbance of my road verge planting.
- I will maintain the road verge planting in accordance with the Road Verge Planting Policy and these requirements and acknowledge that City of Darwin may remove the works at any time if council is satisfied that it no longer complies with these requirements.
- I am aware that it is an offence to knowingly provide false or misleading information.

Signature

| | |
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| Name | |
| Signature | |
| Date | |

The application form can be:

- **delivered in person** to City of Darwin Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin NT 0800; or
- **posted** to City of Darwin, GPO Box 84, Darwin NT 0801; or
- **emailed** to darwin@darwin.nt.gov.au

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VERGES POLICY

No. 0051.100.E.R

A CAPITAL CITY WITH BEST PRACTICE AND SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE
CITY FOR PEOPLE. CITY OF COLOUR.

1 PURPOSE

This policy sets out the obligations and responsibilities of the community and Council in relation to the development and maintenance of verges (nature strips) on Council owned road reserve.

Appropriately developed and maintained verges can enhance the environment and streetscape by providing shade, cooling, visual appeal and a habitat for birds and other wildlife.

However, the predominant functions of verges are to provide a corridor for safe and convenient access by pedestrians as well as a service corridor for public utilities and Council.

In order to obtain permission to conduct landscaping works it is also a requirement of property owners / residents or developers to contact service providers and utilities to ensure that services and infrastructure (i.e. underground cables, pipes, and drains) are not damaged or interfered with.

2 SCOPE

To establish the respective obligations of the Council and the community in relation to the development and maintenance of verges.

3 POLICY STATEMENT

Council encourages the development and maintenance of verges in accordance with the following procedures:

The verge is defined to be the area between the back of the kerb (or edge of the road if no kerb exists) and the property boundary and excludes any paved or formed footpaths and driveways. Maintenance of Verge The attention of owners and residents is drawn to City of Darwin By Law 95.

3.1 MAINTENANCE OF VERGE

The attention of owners and residents is drawn to *City of Darwin By Law 1994 s95*.

'95. Overhanging trees and shrubs.

The Council may, where it considers that a tree, shrub or plant growing on land is causing inconvenience or an obstruction to persons using a public street or footpath or is causing or likely to cause damage to an adjacent public place, serve a notice under by-law 10 on the owner or occupier of the land to trim or remove the tree, shrub, or plant.'

No trees or shrubs from the verge or private property should encroach onto the footpath. Pedestrian access / maintenance corridor must be maintained with a minimum clearance of 1.5m

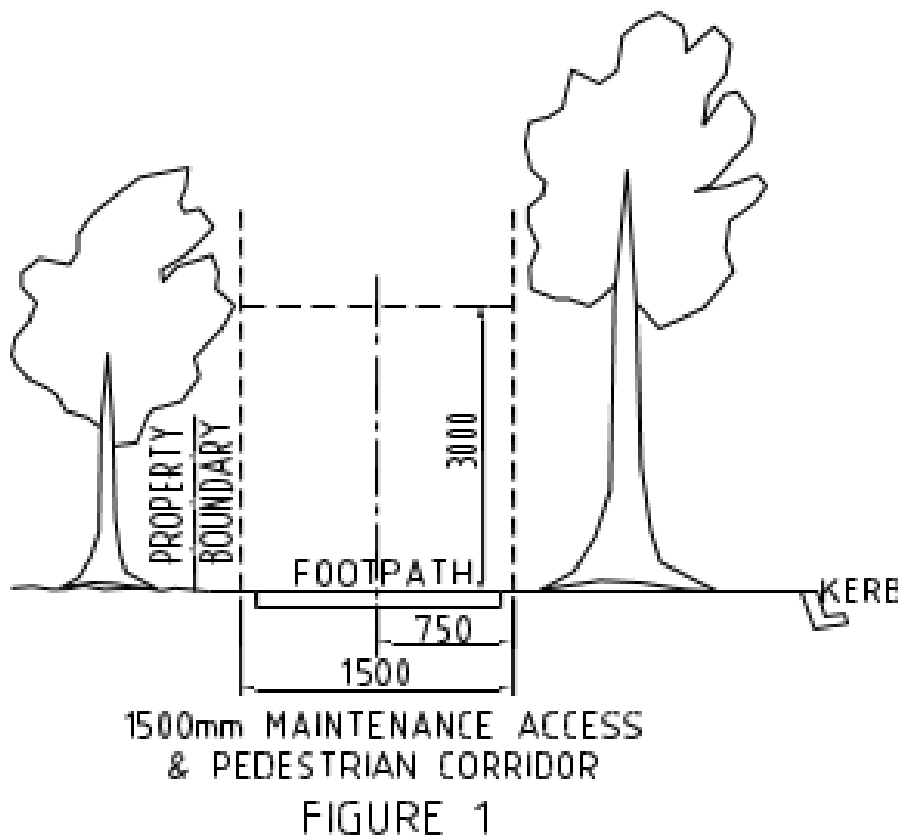
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(750 mm either side of the centre line). See Figure 1 below.



- 3.1.1 All plants and shrubs overhanging footpath areas from private land must be trimmed to a height of 3m above the footpath / maintenance corridor.
- 3.1.2 Vegetation shall be kept clear of power lines and light poles to a minimum distance of 3 metres. In instances where vegetation is intertwining with or touching power lines, Power and Water must be notified immediately.
- 3.1.3 New tree and shrub plantings shall be made with consideration to the location of power lines, light poles, water hydrants and underground infrastructure (i.e. water pipes, valves, etc.) and the expected growth and habit of the trees or shrubs (also see clauses 3.2.3, 3.2.4 and 3.2.5 of this policy).
- 3.1.4 All trees and shrubs must be trimmed to the back of the kerb line and to a minimum height of 4.5m above the kerb to allow clearance over the road for vehicular access. See Figure 2 below.

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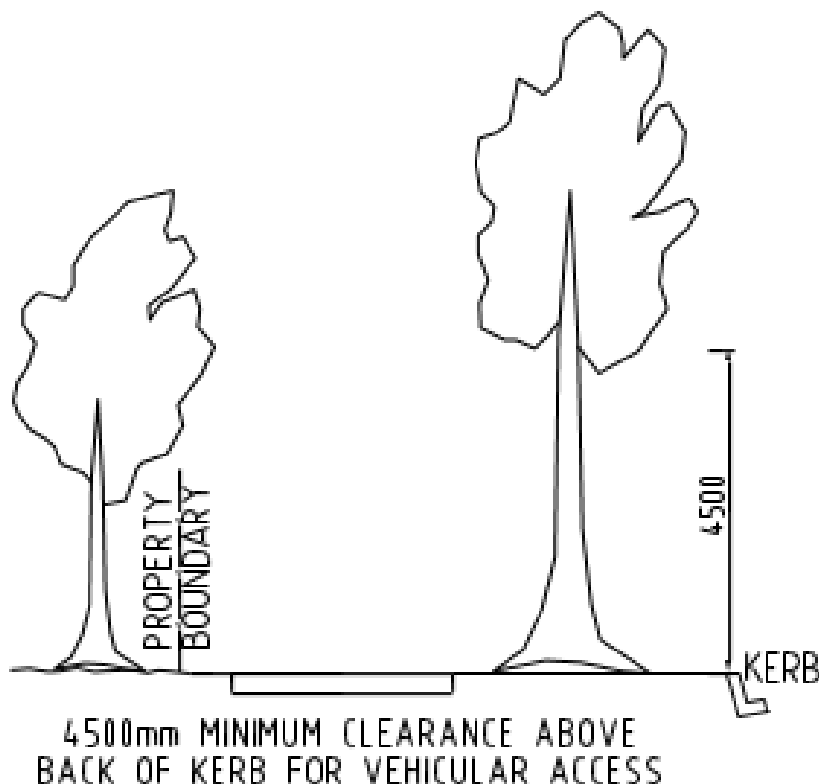


FIGURE 2

Pruning / trimming of a tree shall be done such that it does not compromise the natural structure or health of the tree.

Pruning of trees on the verge must be done in accordance with the Australian Standard, Pruning of amenity trees AS 4373—2007.

When any development of a verge is disturbed or destroyed by the activity of a Service Authority, reinstatement will be subject to negotiation between the Council and the Service Authority in consultation with the owner /resident.

- 3.1.5 Where a Council activity or operation disturbs or destroys the verge development, Council will endeavour to restore the verge to its original state, provided the original verge development conforms to this Policy.

Regardless of any development of the verge area, Council reserves the right to construct or maintain infrastructure on this part of the road reserve at its discretion, and in doing so may remove if necessary, any existing plants, shrubs, groundcover or decorative features, irrigation systems and without compensation to the owner or resident for such removal or alteration.

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3.2 DEVELOPMENT OF VERGE AREAS

3.2.1 An owner may gain a permit under *City of Darwin By Law 1994* s94 to privately develop the verge area provided the type or form of development does not:

- Prevent any pedestrian from walking safely along the verge area in preference to walking on the roadway, regardless of whether a footpath has been constructed or not.
- Prevent any Service Authority or the Council from installing new services or maintaining existing services.
- Prevent the area from properly draining.
- Inhibit, or potentially inhibit or interfere with adequate street lighting.

The development should also be in accordance with Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles.

Information about CPTED and related issues is available at the Northern Territory Government’s webpage:

https://nt.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0005/915017/community-safety-design-guide.pdf%20

3.2.2 If an owner wishes to develop the verge area other than grassing, application for a permit must be made on the Verge Development Application form available from the Council Office or at the Council web site: <https://www.darwin.nt.gov.au/council/development-permits/planning-development/guidelines-for-planning>

Property Developers may be authorised to install suitable verge landscaping at their cost to an approved plan, but they and potential purchasers of the properties are advised that Council will not maintain the verge once transferred to Council.

A Verge Development application will be assessed in accordance with the level of risk suitability of the development and the safety of the members of the community who will use the verge.

3.2.3 Tree / shrub plantings and landscaping should comply with the technical specifications of Council’s Subdivision and Development Guidelines. Variation from this may be approved by the General Manager Engineering and City Services through the application process.

Trees are preferable to shrubs and palms. If there is an existing theme of trees in your street, consider choosing the same species of tree to continue that theme. Consideration should also be given to selecting native / indigenous species of tree and shrubs.

A list of suitable trees and shrubs for planting on verge areas available from Council’s website: www.darwin.nt.gov.au

3.2.4 Where grassing takes place, the area should be excavated to 100mm and reinstated with topsoil to be no higher than the top of the kerb (and the top of the footpath if one is present) and be free draining.

The excavation for grassing and planting line for trees and shrubs on the verge is determined by the location of services. It is the owner/resident’s responsibility to contact the relevant authorities for cable and service locations (i.e. contact

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The owner/ resident must contact Council and verify that they have contacted the relevant authorities.

It is preferred that planting takes place within 800mm to 1m in from the kerb.

3.2.5 In accordance with Council’s *Subdivision and Development Guidelines* no trees will be planted within 9m of any intersection. The distance is measured from the point where an extension line of the boundary and the kerb line meet.

In some instances (such as intersections involving major carriage ways) Council may assess that in order to satisfy visibility and public safety requirements that tree plantings or garden beds on street corners beyond 9 metres of an intersection are not permissible.

No trees (or dense, bushy shrubs) shall be planted within:

- 4m either side of driveway
- 5m of either light pole or power pole
- 3m of water hydrant.

3.2.6 Trees and other plants to be planted under power lines or under house connection wires must be species which do not grow to a height to obstruct the power lines (4m or less). Palms must never be planted under power lines or within 5m of power lines.

There are plants that must not be planted on the verge or on the property boundary:

- prickly or thorny plants, e.g. Bougainvillea
- plants with spiked leaves or fronds, e.g. Agave, yucca, cycads
- poisonous plants
- plants carrying large, heavy fruit, e.g. coconuts
- declared weed species

3.2.7 Hedges or similar borders of plants must not form a continuous barrier or pose line of sight issues.

3.2.8 Where an owner/resident wishes to install permanent sprinklers on the verge, the owner/resident must use the water meter from that property, and the water source must be from within the property boundary.

All supply pipes should be placed in a conduit under the footpath. Where a footpath is not present the pipes must be buried under the verge with a minimum cover of 300mm. The sprinkler heads must be the pop-up variety or other approved types. High density pipes (i.e. high density polypipe) are to be used and drippers may be used as an alternative to sprinkler heads. The design should be in accordance with the technical specifications for irrigation outlined in the Council’s *Subdivision and Development Guidelines*. Council does not bear any costs associated with irrigation design and installation.

If Council is notified of leaking water onto the road reserve, Council will attempt to contact the owner to have it repaired. Council will terminate supply at the property line if no remedial action is taken within 24 hours.

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3.2.9 Barriers for the purposes of establishing verge areas are acceptable with the issue of a permit for a maximum time of three months. The barrier must be erected with the use of sturdy poles/stakes which are not easily knocked over or removed.

The poles/stakes, rope or string must be identified with an abundance of markers to ensure the safety of pedestrians. The poles/ stakes must be capped and have no sharp edges. Star pickets are not acceptable.

Maintenance access, minimum 1.5m wide, must be maintained.

3.3 EXISTING CONDITIONS

3.3.1 Where a breach of the above guidelines is in existence, as a general rule Council will approach the adjacent property owner and ask for remedial works to be carried out. Where the owner is unable to carry out remedial works, Council will carry out works in a professional manner, and recover costs of the works from the owner (also see *City of Darwin By Law 1994* s94 and s95).

3.3.2 Where existing trees and shrubs planted on private property near street corners are obstructing visibility, Council will require the adjacent property owner to prune the offending plant so all lower branches to a height of 3m are removed.

3.3.3 Where non-acceptable plant species are planted on the verge, the Council in consultation with the owner/resident will have them removed. The same applies where a plant is interfering (or has the potential to interfere) with maintenance access. If the plants are not removed within a specified period, then Council will remove them.

3.3.4 The same applies for trees / shrubs planted in inappropriate locations (i.e. within 3m of a water hydrant).

3.3.5 Where mature coconut palms from private property are involved, Council will approach the owner/resident and ask that unripened fruit be removed on a regular basis, or that the palms be removed and replaced with a suitable species.

3.3.6 Where a verge has long grass and is causing a hazard to pedestrians or traffic, Council will approach the owner/resident and ask that the verge be mowed.

3.4 STANDARDS

Council's minimum standards for landscaping or beautification of new and existing verges are to be in accordance with the specifications set out in Council's *Subdivision and Development Guidelines*.

3.4.1 The guidelines are for minimum standards which produce an aesthetically pleasing effect with the least effort required for ongoing maintenance, care and associated costs.

3.4.2 Verge areas to be either seeded with suitable fresh lawn seed or planted with runners or rolled turf.

Verge areas, if not grassed, are to be kept in a clean and tidy condition, free of weed growth and planted with trees and/or shrubs and/or ground covers in accordance with the Subdivision and Development Guidelines.

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3.5 VERGES ADJACENT COUNCIL OWNED OR CONTROLLED PROPERTIES

3.5.1 Council will maintain in accordance with this policy.

4 DEFINITIONS

The verge means to be the area between the back of the kerb (or edge of the road if no kerb exists) and the property boundary and excludes any paved or formed footpaths and driveways.

5 LEGISLATIVE REFERENCES

Activities relating to developing and maintaining vegetation on a verge are governed by the *Darwin City Council By-Laws 1994*, s94 and s95.

For new sub-divisions refer City of Darwin Subdivision and Development Guidelines.

6 PROCEDURES / RELATED DOCUMENTS

There are a range of policies associated with the Verge Policy.

7 RESPONSIBLE / APPLICATION

The General Manager Engineering and City Services is responsible for this policy

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TREES ON VERGES – CONSERVATION POLICY

No. 0050.100.E.R

A COOL, CLEAN AND GREEN CITY

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1 PURPOSE

The policy intention is to preserve as many trees as possible on verges (nature strips) in Darwin whilst establishing clear and consistent rules governing tree removal.

2 SCOPE

This policy covers all trees located within Council owned road reserves and will guide decision making around the removal and retention of said trees.

3 POLICY STATEMENT

3.1 REMOVAL OF TREES

Council has a strongly conservative policy toward the removal of live trees and its intention is to preserve as many trees as possible on nature strips in Darwin.

Trees should only be removed, when:

- Unsafe and causing a danger to the public or posing a serious health risk.
- The replacement vegetation is deemed to be superior in performance and life expectancy to the existing individual.
- The tree was initially planted as temporary in the landscape design and has completed its natural life or is now considered expendable.
- When damaging infrastructure and the cost of ongoing remedial works becomes too exorbitant, i.e. the cost of ongoing repairs outweighs the value of the tree.
- The tree is dead or in irreversible decline.
- Remedial works required to protect infrastructure, e.g. root protrusion on footpath, would cause the tree to become structurally unsafe or aesthetically compromised.
- The tree is in conflict with the design concept of the landscape.
- When constant pruning to prevent interference with powerlines results in a horticulturally unacceptable specimen.
- When they are found to be free of nesting birds and other fauna depending on the tree species.
- On repair and installation of underground services, all other avenues of compromise have been exhausted.

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- When selected for removal from dense plantings requiring thinning to protect the health of the remaining individual within that group.
- Or an extensive consultation has preceded the decision for removal in cases where none of the above circumstances apply and adjacent residents or other stake holders insist on removal against the Parks Managers recommendation due to reasons such as:
 - Dislike of tree or trees concerned through lack of botanical knowledge.
 - A perceived danger that the tree may fail in inclement weather.
 - A perception that the species concerned fouls areas by the shedding of foliage, twigs or fruit.
 - A wish to re-landscape, with alternative species i.e. palms, shrubs and other trees.
 - House alterations requiring a change of location for the driveway.
 - Swimming pool installation and failure to take action against the perceived or real problems associated with roots and falling leaves, fruit or branches.
 - Shading of lawns, pools, etc. by nature strip trees, causing poor performance of other components within a landscape.

Where the removal of a live tree is likely to be controversial, the decision is taken by the General Manager Engineering and City Services.

As the removal of live trees often provokes strong emotions it must be carefully considered and should not be guided by petty reasons.

Circumstances that do not constitute reason for removal of trees are:

- Residents wish for an alternative or no landscape treatment on this site.
- A different perception of tolerable specimen ie. Complaints about litter and fouled gardens.
- Safety based complaints where the nature of complaints is not identified and recognised.
- Replacement proposals with species of lesser value or performance than the dominant theme species within the street.

3.2 COST RECOVERY

If the removal of a plant from public land is desired by an adjacent owner for other than health and safety reasons and the removal is against the Parks Manager’s recommendation, Council will seek full cost recovery for removal, replacement and transplanting of specimen.

This may entail re-establishment of a plant of similar size as well as on-going care of the relocated plant in an alternative location.

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3.3 NATURE STRIP PRUNING PROGRAMS

Vegetation on road reserves within the municipality is regarded City of Darwin property. To ensure professional maintenance standards of this plants all pruning, tree surgery or removal of nature strip vegetation is a Council responsibility.

No vegetation removal or pruning should be tolerated without authorisation. The pruning of vegetation protruding into pedestrian corridors will be addressed in a 2-year pruning program. Council will notify householders routinely prior to carrying out such pruning.

This will be via a series of advertisements in the local news media and will target pruning on a suburb basis. Circumstances requiring removal of live trees will include consultation with adjacent house holders prior to removal.

The pruning back of vegetation over hanging from private property will be targeted during the street side pruning program. In situations where such pruning appears excessive, a routine contact should be made with the householder, urging future action on this matter by the householder on a regular basis.

Council staff are authorised to prune up to but not beyond the property boundaries, any vegetation overhanging City of Darwin land and obstructing pedestrian access.

3.4 TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

Council supports the principle and application of ‘Tree Preservation Orders’, to be applied to public land. This postulates the preservation of all trees as a matter of course and places the burden of evidence for removal onto the proposing party.

4 DEFINITIONS

Nil

5 LEGISLATIVE REFERENCES

Local Government Act 2019 (NT)

6 PROCEDURES / RELATED DOCUMENTS

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7 RESPONSIBILITY / APPLICATION

The General Manager Engineering and City Services is responsible for managing implementation of this policy.

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13.2 REZONING FROM LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (LR) TO LOW MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (LMR) AND AMENDMENT TO THE DARWIN INNER SUBURBS AREA PLAN

Author: Executive Manager Place and Economic Development

Authoriser: General Manager Innovation

Attachments: 1. [City of Darwin Submission](#) ↓

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report entitled Rezoning from Low Density Residential (LR) to Low Medium Density Residential (LMR) and Amendment to the Darwin Inner Suburbs Area Plan be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the draft submission letter to the Department of Lands, Planning and Environment provided at **Attachment 1**.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek endorsement from Council to make a submission to an application for a Planning Scheme Amendment (PSA) to rezone Nos. 24 and 26 Henry Street and 24 Queen Street, Stuart Park from Low Density Residential (LR) to Low-Medium Density Residential (LMR) and amend the Darwin Inner Suburbs Area Plan (DISAP) to reflect the change.

KEY ISSUES

- The proposal seeks to rezone three lots in Stuart Park from LR to LMR, enabling up to 12 dwellings across the three sites.
- The subject sites are not identified for change under the DISAP, as such the proposal is inconsistent with the established strategic framework. Should the proposal be approved, the DISAP will be updated to reflect the change.
- The Minister is the decision-maker for PSA, with the City of Darwin acting as a referral body only.
- The City supports infill development in principle, recognising benefits such as housing diversity, urban renewal, and efficient use of infrastructure, where it is delivered as part of a holistic, strategic planning approach.
- The DISAP, as the applicable strategic planning framework, was developed with community input and is intended to provide certainty regarding future density and built form, which this site-specific rezoning would undermine.
- Site-specific rezoning outside the strategic framework risks undermining plan integrity, reducing community certainty, and placing unplanned pressure on existing infrastructure.

DISCUSSION

Rezoning Process

Under the *Planning Act 1999*, rezoning via a PSA process is the primary mechanism for introducing new or expanded land use rights.

Where submissions are received from the public or local government, a hearing may be held by the Northern Territory Planning Commission (NTPC) on behalf of the Minister. The NTPC is not the decision-maker; its role is to consider submissions and report on issues raised to the Minister.

While local government may make submissions, there are no third-party appeal rights, meaning the role of the community and Council concludes at the exhibition stage.

The site and context

The proposal comprises three separate but adjacent sites in Stuart Park. Nos. 24 and 26 Henry Street each contain a two-storey single dwelling centrally located on large lots, with site areas of 1,230 square metres and 1,250 square metres respectively. No. 24 Queen Street has a site area of 1,230 square metres and appears to accommodate a form of assisted living or residential group housing. Visibility of the dwellings across all sites is largely obscured by established vegetation along the street frontage.

Consistent with the prevailing zoning of the surrounding area, development in the vicinity is characterised by single dwellings on larger lots with substantial vegetation. In contrast, the southern side of Henry Street, west of Queen Street, exhibits a more varied mix of dwelling types, reflecting its low-medium density residential zoning.



The proposal

Rezoning the site to LMR could facilitate development of up to four dwelling groups per lot, resulting in a total of approximately 12 dwellings across the three sites. In accordance with the Northern Territory Planning Scheme 2020 (NTPS), any future development would be limited to two storeys.

Planning Assessment**Strategic planning context**

The City of Darwin Place and Liveability Plan 2050 articulates Council's community-led vision for Darwin, with an emphasis on liveable neighbourhoods, equity, and evidence-based decision-making.

While this Plan does not form part of the Northern Territory Government's statutory planning framework, it reflects Council's role in representing community interests and promoting transparent, evidence-based planning processes.

The DISAP, which is adopted under the NTPS, developed with input from the City of Darwin and the community, provides the relevant statutory strategic framework for the site. The DISAP does not identify the subject land as an area for change and continues to designate it for low density residential purposes, with the following objectives set out for future development:

- development of new single detached dwellings
- limit the impact of new single dwelling development on the established neighbourhood character Acceptable Responses Development is to be in accordance with the provisions of Zone LR (Low Density Residential), and
- limited change in built form and neighbourhood character.

Rezoning proposals that depart from established strategic planning frameworks can limit alignment with Council's community-led and evidence-based planning objectives.

Holistic, strategic planning processes ensure that appropriate development is enabled in an area, with supporting infrastructure such as roads, drainage, utilities, and community facilities also planned and delivered in a coordinated manner. In established and infill areas, this is even more important, as there may already be pressure on existing infrastructure.

Ad hoc or spot rezoning can place unanticipated pressure on infrastructure, potentially exceeding capacity or requiring significant unplanned and unfinanced upgrades. It may also divert limited infrastructure delivery capacity away from identified growth areas where increased density has been strategically planned and appropriately serviced.

Other

The application notes consultation with neighbouring properties, including 1 Gothenburg Crescent and 29 Henry Street, who have indicated support for the proposal. A letter of support was received from the owner of 29 Henry Street.

Conclusion

The City of Darwin is not opposed to increased residential density in principle and recognises the range of benefits it can provide, including greater housing diversity, urban renewal, and more efficient use of existing infrastructure.

However, the subject sites are not identified as areas for change within the DISAP, and the City has consistently maintained that development should occur in accordance with the adopted strategic framework. The City notes that the DISAP was developed with community input and is intended to provide certainty to landowners and residents regarding the future density and built form of their neighbourhood.

For these reasons, the City does not support the proposed amendment at this time, noting that consideration of increased density would be more appropriately undertaken through a strategic review of the DISAP.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

N/A

| | |
|--|---|
| <p>STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT</p> | <p>2 A Safe, Liveable and Healthy City 2.2 By 2030, Darwin will be increasingly recognised as a liveable city</p> |
| <p>BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</p> | <p>Budget/Funding: N/A</p> |
| <p>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</p> | <p>Legislation: <i>Northern Territory Planning Act 1999</i> Policy: N/A</p> |
| <p>CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION</p> | <p>Engagement Level: Inform</p> |
| <p>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</p> | <p>The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).</p> |



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Mr Mark Coffey PSM
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NT Planning Commission
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Via Email: ntpc@nt.gov.au

Please Quote: PA2026/0104

Dear Mr Coffey

Parcel Description: Nos. 24 and 26 Henry Street and 24 Queen Street, Stuart Park

Proposed Development: Planning Scheme Amendment – Rezoning from Low Density Residential (LR) to Low Medium Density Residential (LMR) and Amendment to the Darwin Inner Suburbs Area Plan

Thank you for the referral of the above application. The City of Darwin considered the matter at its Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 May 2026 and, pursuant to section 22(1) of the *Planning Act 1999*, provides the following submission.

The City of Darwin supports the principle of increased residential density recognising the range of benefits it can provide, including greater housing diversity, urban renewal, and more efficient use of existing infrastructure. The City also strongly supports prioritising infill development over greenfield expansion, given the associated environmental, economic, and social benefits.

However, the City's support for infill development is contingent on it being planned in a coordinated, transparent, and strategic manner, with appropriate infrastructure planning and funding certainty, and with meaningful community engagement.

The subject sites are not identified as areas for change within the Darwin Inner Suburbs Area Plan (DISAP), which was developed with community input and is intended to provide certainty to landowners and residents regarding the future density and built form of their neighbourhood.

The City also notes a growing number of out-of-sequence planning scheme amendments and exceptional development proposals within the municipality. This trend highlights the need to review the DISAP and other relevant Area Plans to ensure the planning framework remains responsive to emerging housing needs and development pressures, while maintaining opportunities for broader community input.

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A broader, strategic review would also allow for consideration of appropriate locations for increased density and enable more coordinated, place-based outcomes that respect the established character of Stuart Park, rather than relying on ad hoc amendments and generic planning controls.

While the City supports infill development in principle, it does not support the proposed planning scheme amendment. The City considers that any increase in density should instead be addressed through a comprehensive strategic review of the Darwin Inner Suburbs Area Plan.

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

Yours sincerely

ALICE PERCY

GENERAL MANAGER INNOVATION

Sent via email

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14 RECEIVE & NOTE REPORTS

14.1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - APRIL 2026

Author: Manager Accounting Services
Executive Manager Finance

Authoriser: General Manager Corporate

Attachments: 1. Monthly Financials [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the report entitled Monthly Financial Report – April 2026 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 April 2026.

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

KEY ISSUES

The Monthly Financial Report includes:

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

DISCUSSION

April 2026 – Year to Date Results

The year-to-date operating result until 30 April 2026 is a **deficit of \$10.5M compared to a Budgeted deficit of \$12.4M** as highlighted in the table below.

| | YTD Actual | YTD Budget | Variance |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Operating Surplus/ (Deficit) | (10,482) | (12,437) | 1,955 Favourable |

The Net Operating Position reflects a favourable variance \$2M against the year-to-date revised budget. The result is mainly attributable to favourable variance in User Fees and Charges, Statutory Charges, Interest/Investment Income and Employee Expenses. These gains are partially offset by unfavourable variances in Material, Contract & Services and Depreciation expense.

Further details on material variances are outlined below.

Income

Total Operating Income is tracking above budget by \$3.9M (3.4% Favourable YTD variance).

Statutory charges show a favourable variance of \$1.2M, driven by higher parking compliance volumes. Growth has moderated since December, with compliance stabilising and only small month-to-month movements.

User fees and charges show a favourable variance of \$0.7M, largely driven by increased revenue from the Parking income.

Interest and investment income surpassed the YTD target by \$1.9M, This result was mainly influenced by the timing and management of external borrowings, which led to higher cash balances. The increased cash holdings allowed for a larger investment portfolio than initially budgeted.

Expenditure

Total Expenses are over budget by \$1.9M (1.5% YTD Unfavourable Variance).

Employee cost continues to track favourably to budget by \$3.5M reflecting timing of employee entitlements and vacancies. This is offset by contract labour and services to maintain delivery and service standards.

Material, contract, and services have an annual budget of \$68M across a broad range of operational expenditure categories. As of April, consolidated YTD expenditure exceeded budget by \$4.2 million, resulting in an unfavourable variance. This variance is primarily driven by costs associated with Tropical Cyclone Fina recovery works, including emergency response activities, clean-up operations and expenditure occurred on damaged assets and infrastructure. Assessment of damage, insurance recoveries, and disaster funding reimbursement is underway, and a budget variation will be submitted to reflect the confirmed treatment and funding requirements.

Statement of Fund Flows

The variances are related to a mismatch in the timing of projects and budget profiles, and the reason described above under the operating statement commentary.

Capital expenditure and Transfer from Reserves relates to timing of capital projects.

Cash and Investments Note A

City of Darwin has achieved 4.58% on weighted average interest rate on its end of month cash and investment portfolio of \$100M (excluding loan offset \$42.4M). This result represents a continued outperformance against the Bloomberg AusBond 90-Day Bank Bill Index benchmark of 4.39%.

Compliance remained strong during the month, with no investment policy breaches recorded. All investments were maintained within approved credit, term, and counterparty limits.

Accounts Receivable (Trade Debtors) Note B

This section provides the aged debtors outstanding for general debtors and infringements.

Accounts Payable (Trade Creditors) Note C

Accounts Payable owing at end of month at the time of reporting. City of Darwin recognises the liability of invoices once goods are received as received.

Procurement Reporting

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

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

Contract Variations

There were no reportable contract variations for April 2026.

Exempt Procurement

| Vendor | Supply | Cost | Applicable Exemption |
|----------------------------|--|--------------|---|
| Proper Creative | Road Surface Treatment Installation | \$135,160.00 | Reg 38(1)(i) only one supplier |
| NT Recycling Solutions | Recyclables processing, specifically, processing of comingle bulk load | \$207,979.20 | Reg 38(1)(i) only one supplier |
| Motor Vehicles Registry NT | Registration fees for combined registerable fleet prior to 25 April 2026 | \$133,629.60 | Reg 38(1)(i) only one supplier |
| Inuit Technologies | Dell Isilon warranty renewal 03/06/2026 - 02/06/2027 | \$179,112.39 | Reg 38(1)(d) the renewal of an existing licence |

Certification by the CEO to the Council

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

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

D.Saunders

CEO Signed
21 May 2026

| | |
|---|---|
| PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION | |
| N/A | |
| STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT | 6 Governance Framework 6.3 Decision Making and Management |
| BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS | N/A |
| LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS | <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 <i>Local Government (General) Regulations 2021</i> 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> |
| CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION | N/A |
| DECLARATION OF INTEREST | <p>The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).</p> |

| Income Statement For the Period Ended 30 April 2026 | 2025/26 | | | |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| | YTD | | | FY |
| | Actual | Budget | Variance | Revised Budget |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| <u>Operating Income</u> | | | | |
| Rates | 67,103 | 67,065 | 38 | 80,478 |
| Charges | 8,667 | 8,665 | 2 | 10,398 |
| Statutory Charges | 3,842 | 2,667 | 1,175 | 3,136 |
| User Fees and Charges | 26,419 | 25,681 | 738 | 30,572 |
| Operating Grants and Subsidies | 3,811 | 3,759 | 52 | 4,546 |
| Interest / Investment Income | 5,145 | 3,209 | 1,936 | 3,851 |
| Commercial & Other Income | 2,136 | 2,178 | (42) | 2,988 |
| Total Income | 117,123 | 113,224 | 3,899 | 135,970 |
| <u>Operating Expenses</u> | | | | |
| Employee Expenses | 32,904 | 36,415 | 3,511 | 43,720 |
| Materials, Contracts & Services | 61,624 | 57,381 | (4,243) | 68,185 |
| Elected Member Allowances | 586 | 693 | 107 | 832 |
| Elected Member Expenses | 42 | 45 | 3 | 45 |
| Council Committee Allowances | 7 | 17 | 10 | 20 |
| Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment | 30,912 | 27,947 | (2,965) | 33,536 |
| Interest Expenses | 1,530 | 3,163 | 1,633 | 5,664 |
| Total Expenses | 127,605 | 125,661 | (1,944) | 152,002 |
| Budgeted Operating Surplus/ (Deficit) | (10,482) | (12,437) | 1,955 | (16,032) |
| Capital Grants Income | 170 | 2,786 | (2,616) | 5,392 |
| Net Surplus/(Deficit) | (10,312) | (9,651) | (661) | (10,641) |

| Statement of Fund Flows Monthly Statement of Operating Position For the Period Ended 30 April 2026 | 2025/26 | | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| | YTD | | | FY Revised Budget \$'000 |
| | Actual | Budget | Variance | |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Net Operating Result from Income Statement | (10,482) | (12,437) | 1,955 | (16,032) |
| <u>Add Non Cash Items</u> | | | | |
| Add Back Depreciation (Non-Cash) | 30,912 | 27,947 | 2,965 | 33,536 |
| Add Back Other Non-Cash Items | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,100 |
| Total Non Cash Items | 30,912 | 27,947 | 2,965 | 35,636 |
| <u>Less Additional Outflows</u> | | | | |
| Repayment of borrowings & advances | (5,179) | (5,070) | (109) | (6,084) |
| Capital Expenditure | (40,127) | (59,987) | 19,860 | (69,197) |
| Total Additional Outflows | (45,306) | (65,057) | 19,751 | (75,281) |
| <u>Add Additional Inflows</u> | | | | |
| Capital Grants Income | 170 | 2,786 | (2,616) | 5,392 |
| Sale of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment | 150 | 427 | (277) | 512 |
| Transfers from/(to) Reserves | 30,874 | 46,334 | (15,460) | 50,173 |
| Total Additional Inflows | 31,194 | 49,547 | (18,353) | 56,077 |
| Net Increase (-Decrease) in Funds | 6,318 | 0 | 6,318 | 400 |

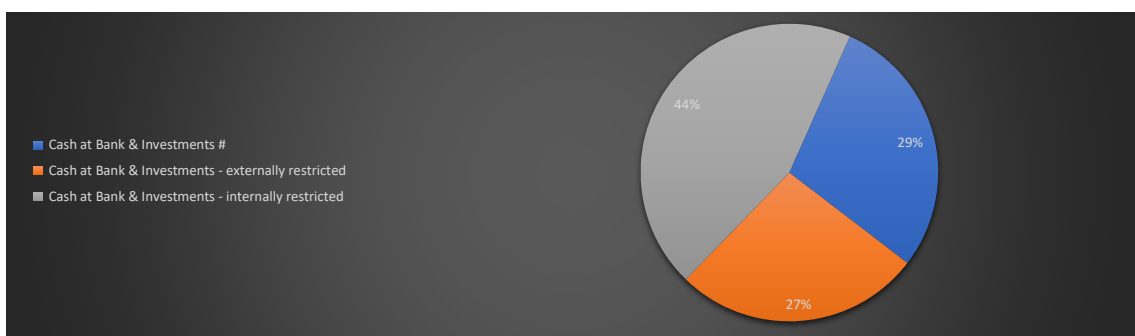
| Statement of Financial Position as at 30 April 2026 | 2025/26 | | |
|--|------------------|------|--------------------------------|
| | Actual \$'000 | Note | FY Revised Budget \$'000 |
| Current Assets | | | |
| Cash at Bank & Investments | 40,946 | A | 18,760 |
| Cash at Bank & Investments - externally restricted | 38,238 | A | 28,818 |
| Cash at Bank & Investments - internally restricted | 63,275 | A | 53,395 |
| Trade & Other Receivables | 8,216 | B | 16,260 |
| Rates & Charges Receivables | 11,016 | | - |
| Inventories | 331 | | 273 |
| Total Current Assets | 162,022 | | 117,506 |
| Non-Current Assets | | | |
| Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment | 1,384,876 | | 1,325,094 |
| Lease Right of Use Assets | 1,353 | | - |
| Total Non Current Assets | 1,386,229 | | 1,325,094 |
| Total Assets | 1,548,251 | | 1,442,600 |
| Current Liabilities | | | |
| Trade Payables & Other Payables | 8,974 | C | 22,573 |
| Accruals | 4,080 | | - |
| ATO & Payroll Liabilities | 545 | C | - |
| Rates Revenue struck (in advance) | 17,725 | | - |
| Borrowings | 3,417 | | 6,975 |
| Provisions | 6,300 | | 7,886 |
| Lease Liabilities | 663 | | 950 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 40,614 | | 38,384 |
| Non-Current Liabilities | | | |
| Trade & Other Payables | 7 | | - |
| Borrowings | 73,713 | | 68,411 |
| Provisions | 46,269 | | 53,799 |
| Lease Liabilities | 797 | | 599 |
| Total Non-Current Liabilities | 120,786 | | 122,810 |
| Total Liabilities | 161,400 | | 161,194 |
| NET ASSETS | 1,386,851 | | 1,281,406 |
| Equity | | | |
| Accumulated Surplus | 286,205 | | 331,495 |
| Asset Revaluation Reserve | 999,133 | | 867,298 |
| Other Reserves | 101,513 | | 82,613 |
| TOTAL EQUITY | 1,386,851 | | 1,281,406 |

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

**Monthly Balance Sheet Report (Notes to the Statement of Financial Position)
as at 30 April 2026**

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 4.58% on weighted average interest rate (excluding Cash on Call) on its April 2026 cash and investment portfolio of \$100M (excluding \$42.4M Variable Loans Surplus/Offset). There have been no investment policy breaches in this month. The Investment Reports include surplus cash funds that are placed against variable loans. These funds are considered 'at call' as they can be accessed in short time frames.

| Cash at Bank & Investments | \$'000 |
|--|----------------|
| Cash at Bank & Investments # | 40,946 |
| Cash at Bank & Investments - externally restricted | 38,238 |
| Cash at Bank & Investments - internally restricted | 63,275 |
| Total Cash at Bank & Investments | 142,459 |



Cash at Bank & Investments includes Cash on Call of \$42.4M

| Note B. Statement of Trade Debtors* | Past Due 1 – 30 Days | Past Due 31 – 60 Days | Past Due 61-90 Days | Past Due 90+ Days | Total * |
|---|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Other Trade Receivables and Other Receivables | \$4,598,324 | \$2,271,860 | \$735,695 | \$610,403 | \$8,216,282 |
| Total Trade and Other Receivables | \$4,598,324 | \$2,271,860 | \$735,695 | \$610,403 | \$8,216,282 |

| Note C. Statement on Trade Creditors* | Past Due 1 – 30 Days | Past Due 31 – 60 Days | Past Due 61-90 Days | Past Due 90+ Days | Total* |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| General Trade Creditors | (\$4,904,825) | (\$5,052) | (\$2,488) | (\$4,108) | (\$4,916,473) |
| ATO & Payroll Liabilities | \$544,529 | | | | \$544,529 |
| Other Trade Payables & Other Payables | (\$4,057,520) | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | (\$4,057,520) |
| Total Trade and Other Payables | (\$8,417,817) | (\$5,052) | (\$2,488) | (\$4,108) | (\$8,429,465) |

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 April 2026.

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

**Table 4. Member and CEO Council Credit Card Transactions for the Month
For the Month Ended 30 APR 2026**

Cardholder Name: CEO

| Transaction Date | Amount \$ | Supplier's Name | Reason for the Transaction |
|------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| 16-Apr-26 | 20.00 | Paystay | Parking |
| Total | 20.00 | | |

Cardholder Name: Lord Mayor

| Transaction Date | Amount \$ | Supplier's Name | Reason for the Transaction |
|------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| | | NIL | |
| Total | - | | |

**INVESTMENTS REPORT TO COUNCIL
AS AT
30 April 2026**

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 April 2026

| Term to Maturity Category | % of Total Portfolio | Term to Maturity (Policy Max.) | Term to Maturity (Policy Min.) |
|--|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Less than 1 Year | | | |
| Term Deposits | 60% | | |
| Business Online Saver Accounts | 4% | | |
| Floating Rate Notes | 0% | | |
| General Surplus on Variable Loans | 31% | | |
| Bonds | 0% | | |
| Less than 1 Year Total | 95% | 100% | 30% |
| Greater than 1 Year less than 3 Years | | | |
| Term Deposits | 2% | | |
| Business Online Saver Accounts | 0% | | |
| Floating Rate Notes | 2% | | |
| Bonds | 0% | | |
| Greater than 1 Year less than 3 Years Total | 4% | 70% | 0% |
| Greater than 3 Years | | | |
| Term Deposits | 0% | | |
| Business Online Saver Accounts | 0% | | |
| Floating Rate Notes | 1% | | |
| Bonds | 0% | | |
| Greater than 3 Years Total | 1% | 30% | 0% |
| Greater than 5 Years | | | |
| Term Deposits | 0% | | |
| Business Online Saver Accounts | 0% | | |
| Floating Rate Notes | 0% | | |
| Greater than 5 Years | 0% | 10% | 0% |
| Total | 100% | | |

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 April 2026

| Credit Rating - Maximum Individual Limit | ADI | Counterparty | % of Total Portfolio | Individual Counterparty Limits of Total Investments |
|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|---|
| AA- | Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd | Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd | 12% | 50% |
| | National Australia Bank Ltd | National Australia Bank Ltd | 18% | 50% |
| | Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd | Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd | 37% | 50% |
| | ANZ Banking Group Ltd | ANZ Banking Group Ltd | 11% | 50% |
| AA- | Suncorp Bank | ANZ Banking Group Ltd | 9% | 30% |
| A- | Bank of Queensland Ltd | Bank of Queensland Ltd | 2% | 30% |
| BBB+ | Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd | Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd | 2% | 10% |
| | Great Southern Bank | Great Southern Bank | 6% | 10% |
| BBB | Maitland Mutual Bank Ltd | Maitland Mutual Bank Ltd | 1% | 10% |
| | Heritage and People's Choice Limited | Heritage and People's Choice Limited | 1% | 10% |
| | Defence Bank Ltd | Defence Bank Ltd | 1% | 10% |
| Grand Total | | | 100% | |
| Credit Rating - Maximum Portfolio Limit | | | % of Total | Policy Limit |
| AAA to AA- | | | 86% | 100% |
| A+ to A- | | | 4% | 60% |
| BBB+ to BBB | | | 10% | 30% |
| Total | | | 100% | |

**INVESTMENT AND CASH AT CALL/OFFSET REPORT TO COUNCIL
AS AT
30 April 2026**

| 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 | 10 November 2026 | 4.58% | AA- | A1+ | TD | | \$2,000,000 | 1.47% | | | | |
| | | | 16 June 2026 | 4.32% | AA- | A1+ | TD | | \$5,143,874 | 3.77% | | | | |
| | | | 12 May 2026 | 4.32% | AA- | A1+ | TD | | \$5,140,604 | 3.77% | | | | |
| | | | 26 May 2026 | 4.27% | AA- | A1+ | TD | | \$2,055,409 | 1.51% | | | | |
| | | | 1 December 2026 | 4.45% | AA- | A1+ | TD | | \$3,031,142 | 2.22% | | | | |
| | | | 27 October 2026 | 4.78% | AA- | A1+ | TD | | \$3,031,808 | 2.22% | | | | |
| | | | 2 February 2027 | 4.82% | AA- | A1+ | TD | | \$3,000,000 | 2.20% | | | | |
| | | | 9 February 2027 | 4.91% | AA- | A1+ | TD | | \$3,000,000 | 2.20% | | | | |
| | | | 30 June 2026 | 5.37% | AA- | A1+ | FRN | 31 March 2028 | \$500,000 | 0.37% | | | | |
| | | | ANZ Banking Group Ltd Total | | | | | | | | | \$26,902,838 | 19.74% | |
| | | | | | Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd | 30 April 2026 | 4.00% | AA- | A1+ | BOS | | \$5,933,816 | 4.35% | |
| | | | | | Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd Total | | | | | | | | \$5,933,816 | 4.35% |
| | | | | | National Australia Bank Ltd | 15 September 2026 | 4.20% | AA- | A1+ | TD | | \$2,167,935 | 1.59% | |
| | | | | | National Australia Bank Ltd Total | 29 September 2026 | 4.24% | AA- | A1+ | TD | | \$2,000,000 | 1.47% | |
| | | | | | | 16 February 2027 | 5.34% | AA- | A1+ | TD | | \$2,000,000 | 1.47% | |
| | | | | | 8 December 2026 | 5.25% | AA- | A1+ | TD | | \$3,062,827 | 2.25% | | |
| | | National Australia Bank Ltd Total | | | | | | | | | \$9,230,763 | 6.77% | | |
| | | | | Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd | 19 May 2026 | 4.31% | AA- | A1+ | TD | | \$2,025,399 | 1.49% | | |
| | | | | | 21 July 2026 | 4.29% | AA- | A1+ | TD | | \$2,000,000 | 1.47% | | |
| | | | | | 29 September 2026 | 4.09% | AA- | A1+ | TD | | \$2,299,709 | 1.69% | | |
| | | | | | 29 September 2026 | 4.37% | AA- | A1+ | TD | | \$3,000,000 | 2.20% | | |
| | | | | | 14 July 2026 | 4.29% | AA- | A1+ | TD | | \$3,000,000 | 2.20% | | |
| | | | | | 20 October 2026 | 4.10% | AA- | A1+ | TD | | \$3,312,290 | 2.43% | | |
| | | | | | 10 November 2026 | 4.33% | AA- | A1+ | TD | | \$3,322,667 | 2.44% | | |
| | | | | | 13 October 2026 | 4.53% | AA- | A1+ | TD | | \$3,195,848 | 2.35% | | |
| | | | | | 6 October 2026 | 4.45% | AA- | A1+ | TD | | \$5,000,000 | 3.67% | | |
| | | | | | 1 December 2026 | 4.44% | AA- | A1+ | TD | | \$2,099,819 | 1.54% | | |
| | | | | | 23 February 2027 | 5.35% | AA- | A1+ | TD | | \$2,000,000 | 1.47% | | |
| | | | | | 4 May 2027 | 5.49% | AA- | A1+ | TD | | \$2,177,474 | 1.60% | | |
| | | Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd Total | | | | | | | | | \$33,493,207 | 24.53% | | |
| | | | | MAJOR BANK Total | | | | | | | | \$75,500,624 | 55.41% | |
| | | | | OTHER | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Bank of Queensland Ltd | 25 August 2026 | 4.78% | A- | A2 | TD | | \$3,000,000 | 2.20% | | |
| | | | | Bank of Queensland Ltd Total | | | | | | | | \$3,000,000 | 2.20% | |
| | | | | Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd | 29 May 2026 | 4.82% | A- | A- | FRN | 28 November 2029 | \$2,000,000 | 1.47% | | |
| | | | | Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd Total | | | | | | | | \$2,000,000 | 1.47% | |
| | | | | Great Southern Bank | 28 July 2026 | 4.28% | BBB+ | | | | \$2,000,000 | 1.47% | | |
| | | | | | 11 August 2026 | 4.60% | BBB+ | | | | \$2,000,000 | 1.47% | | |
| | | | | | 3 November 2026 | 5.23% | BBB+ | | | | \$4,407,836 | 3.23% | | |
| | | Great Southern Bank Total | | | | | | | | | \$8,407,836 | 6.17% | | |
| | | | | Maitland Mutual Bank Ltd | 11 May 2026 | 5.54% | BBB | A2 | FRN | 10 May 2027 | \$2,000,000 | 1.47% | | |
| | | Maitland Mutual Bank Ltd Total | | | | | | | | | \$2,000,000 | 1.47% | | |
| | | | | Heritage and People's Choice Limited | 19 January 2027 | 5.25% | BBB+ | | | | \$1,000,000 | 0.73% | | |
| | | | | Heritage and People's Choice Limited Total | | | | | | | | \$1,000,000 | 0.73% | |
| | | | | Defence Bank Ltd | 12 January 2027 | 4.70% | BBB | A2 | TD | | \$2,000,000 | 1.47% | | |
| | | Defence Bank Ltd Total | | | | | | | | \$2,000,000 | 1.47% | | | |
| OTHER Total | | | | | | | | | \$18,407,836 | 13.51% | | | | |
| INVESTMENT Total | | | | | | | | | \$93,908,460 | 68.91% | | | | |
| | | VARIABLE LOAN SURPLUS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | MAJOR BANK | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd | 30 April 2026 | 0.00% | AA- | A1+ | General Surplus - C | | \$10,000,000 | 7.34% | | | | |
| | | Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd Total | | | | | | | | \$10,000,000 | 7.34% | | | |
| | | National Australia Bank Ltd | 30 April 2026 | 0.00% | AA- | A1+ | General Surplus - I | | \$14,643,900 | 10.75% | | | | |
| | | National Australia Bank Ltd Total | | | | | | | | \$14,643,900 | 10.75% | | | |
| | | Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd | 30 April 2026 | 0.00% | AA- | A1+ | General Surplus - I | | \$17,715,417 | 13.00% | | | | |
| | | Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd Total | | | | | | | | \$17,715,417 | 13.00% | | | |
| MAJOR BANK Total | | | | | | | | | \$42,359,317 | 31.09% | | | | |
| VARIABLE LOAN SURPLUS Total | | | | | | | | | \$42,359,317 | 31.09% | | | | |
| Grand Total | | | | | | | | | \$136,267,777 | 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).

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| CBA General Bank Funds | \$5,682,285 |
| NAB General Bank Funds | \$142,538 |
| WBC General Bank Funds | \$314,084 |
| Total Funds | \$142,406,684 |
| Less Variable Loans Offset (Cash on Call) | -\$42,359,317 |
| Total Investment & Cash (less offset) | \$100,047,367 |
| | |
| Total Budgeted Investment Earnings | \$3,041,069 |
| Year to Date Investment Earnings | -\$4,163,231 |
| | |
| Weighted Ave Rate | 3.16% |
| Weighted Ave Rate (excluding Cash on Call) | 4.58% |
| BBSW 90 Day Rate | 4.39% |
| Bloomberg AusBond (Bank Bill Index) | |
| | |
| Trust Bank Account | \$454,279 |

| Capital Expenditure For The Period Ended 30 April 2026 | 2025/26 | | | |
|--|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---|
| | YTD Actuals | YTD Revised Budget | YTD Variance | FY Revised Budget Current Financial Year Budget |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY ASSET CLASS: | | | | |
| Land and Improvements | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Buildings and Structures (includes parking building) | 23,851,758 | 28,087,060 | 4,235,302 | 29,935,172 |
| Environmental | 27,075 | 618,530 | 591,455 | 749,542 |
| Stormwater Drainage | 481,267 | 2,392,941 | 1,911,674 | 2,953,769 |
| Roads & Pathways | 3,868,973 | 7,891,286 | 4,022,313 | 9,575,838 |
| Street & Public Lighting | 307,403 | 946,533 | 639,130 | 1,229,818 |
| Waste Management Infrastructure | 5,869,753 | 7,219,627 | 1,349,874 | 8,616,769 |
| Plant & Equipment | 3,347,417 | 6,835,614 | 3,488,197 | 8,894,221 |
| Parks, Playgrounds and Reserves | 2,323,246 | 5,621,278 | 3,298,032 | 6,817,380 |
| Public Art | 50,000 | 374,417 | 324,417 | 424,478 |
| TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE | 40,126,893 | 59,987,286 | 19,860,393 | 69,196,987 |
| TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUNDED BY*: | | | | |
| Operating Income | 2,731,912 | 11,691,280 | 8,959,368 | 12,025,621 |
| Capital Grants | 3,627,228 | 4,902,228 | 1,275,000 | 5,391,802 |
| Transfer from Reserves | 28,354,226 | 37,903,103 | 9,548,877 | 42,772,339 |
| Borrowings | 5,413,526 | 5,490,675 | 77,149 | 5,490,675 |
| Sale of Assets (including trade-ins) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,516,550 |
| TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUNDING | 40,126,893 | 59,987,286 | 19,860,393 | 69,196,987 |

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

**Report on Planned Major Capital Works
For The Period Ended 30 April 2026**

| Class of Assets | By Major Capital Project | Total Prior Year(s) Actuals \$ (A) | YTD Actuals \$ (B) | Total Actuals \$ (C = A + B) | Total Planned Budget \$ (D) | Total Yet to Spend \$ (E = D - C) | Expected Project Completion Date |
|---------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Buildings | Civic Centre and Plaza Precinct Development | 3,069,545 | 7,628,576 | 10,698,121 | 47,600,000 | 36,901,879 | 30/06/2028 |
| Buildings | Civic Centre Public Carpark/CBD Parking | 4,867,700 | 15,582,915 | 20,450,615 | 30,000,000 | 9,549,385 | 30/06/2028 |
| Buildings | Project Contingency | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 | 30/06/2028 |
| Waste Management Infrastructure | Shoal Bay - Stage 2 Expansion Phase 1 | 535,817 | 5,645,662 | 6,181,479 | 6,000,000 | (181,479) | 31/05/2026 |
| Waste Management Infrastructure | Shoal Bay Waste Management Site - Stage 7 Construction | 198,906 | 224,091 | 422,998 | 8,750,000 | 8,327,002 | 30/06/2027 |
| TOTAL | | 8,671,969 | 29,081,245 | 37,753,213 | 94,350,000 | 56,596,787 | |

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

14.2 ADVISORY AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Author: Supervisor Councillor Governance

Authoriser: Manager Office of Council and CEO

Attachments:

1. **Unconfirmed Open Minutes Chief Executive Officer Performance Appraisal Committee 29 April 20226** [↓](#)
2. **Unconfirmed Open Minutes Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee 6 May 2026** [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the open minutes of the Committee meetings held in April and May 2026 to Council.

KEY ISSUES

- The unconfirmed open minutes of the Chief Executive Officer Performance Appraisal Committee of 29 April 2026 are included at **Attachment 1**.
- The unconfirmed open minutes of the Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee of 6 May 2026 are included at **Attachment 2**.

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| <p>DISCUSSION</p> <p>This report provides the minutes for the following committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Executive Officer Performance Appraisal Committee • Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee <p>Any recommendations that arise from the committee meetings will be presented to Council in a separate report.</p> | |
| <p>PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION</p> <p>At the 28 April 2026 meeting Council resolved:</p> <p>RESOLUTION ORD180/26</p> <p>THAT the report entitled Advisory Committee Open Meeting Minutes be received and noted.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 12/0</p> | |
| <p>STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT</p> | <p>6 Governance Framework</p> <p>6.1 Vision and Culture</p> |
| <p>BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</p> | <p>Nil</p> |
| <p>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</p> | <p>Legislation:</p> <p><i>Local Government Act 2019</i></p> <p>Policy:</p> <p>Meetings Policy</p> <p>Advisory and Other Committees Policy</p> |
| <p>CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION</p> | <p>Nil</p> |
| <p>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</p> | <p>The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).</p> |



Minutes

Chief Executive Officer Performance Appraisal Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 29 April 2026

Unconfirmed



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**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE MEETING ROOM BIDJPIDJI (MEETING ROOM 1), LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE,
HARRY CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN
ON WEDNESDAY, 29 APRIL 2026 AT 2:30 PM**

PRESENT:

Lord Mayor Peter Styles (Chair)
Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer
Councillor Shani Carson
Councillor Sylvia Klonaris
Councillor Peter Pangquee

OFFICERS:

Executive Manager Human Resources and Safety, Alexandra Vereker
Manager Office of Council and CEO, Gemma Perkins

APOLOGY:

Nil

GUESTS:

Nil

Order of Business

| | | |
|-----------|--|----------|
| 1 | Acknowledgement of Country | 4 |
| 2 | Meeting Declared Open | 4 |
| 3 | Apologies and Leave of Absence | 4 |
| 4 | Electronic Meeting Attendance | 4 |
| 5 | Declaration of Interest of Members and Staff | 5 |
| 6 | Confirmation of Previous Minutes | 5 |
| 7 | Moving of Items | 5 |
| 7.1 | Moving of Items into Confidential | 5 |
| 7.2 | Moving of Confidential Items into Open | 5 |
| 7.3 | Moving Confidential Items to open at the Conclusion of the Meeting | 5 |
| 8 | Deputations and Briefings | 5 |
| 9 | Officer Reports | 5 |
| 10 | Member Reports | 6 |
| 11 | General Business | 6 |
| 12 | Date, Time and Place of Next Committee Meeting | 6 |
| 13 | Closure of Meeting to the Public | 6 |
| 14 | Adjournment of Meeting | 7 |

Unconfirmed

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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The Lord Mayor Peter Styles was not present at the commencement of the meeting at 2:34 pm.

The Deputy Lord Mayor, Mick Palmer resumed the role as chair.

2 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chair declared the meeting open at 2:34 pm.

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 APOLOGIES

Nil

3.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

Nil

3.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED

Nil

4 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

4.1 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE GRANTED

Nil

4.2 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE REQUESTED

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 CEOPA001/26**

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee
Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer

THAT the minutes of the Chief Executive Officer Performance Appraisal Committee Meeting held on 19 June 2025 be confirmed.

CARRIED 4/0**7 MOVING OF ITEMS****7.1 MOVING OF ITEMS INTO CONFIDENTIAL**

Nil

7.2 MOVING OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS INTO OPEN

Nil

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

Nil

8 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS

Nil

9 OFFICER REPORTS

Nil

10 MEMBER REPORTS

Nil

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

12 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT the next Chief Executive Officer Performance Appraisal Committee be held on Thursday, 17 September 2026, at 9:00 AM (Open Section followed by the Confidential Section), Meeting Room Bidjpidji (Meeting Room 1), Level 1, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin.

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

THAT pursuant to Section 99 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 99(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019*:

18.1 Chief Executive Officer Performance Appraisal Committee - Mid-Year Meeting

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(a) of the Local Government Act, and the Committee 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.

14 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the open section of the meeting be adjourned at 2.37pm.

THAT the open section of the meeting be resumed at 3.26pm.

THAT the chair declared the meeting closed at 3.26pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Chief Executive Officer Performance Appraisal Committee Meeting held on 17 September 2026.

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CHAIR



Minutes

Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 6 May 2026

Unconfirmed



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**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN
DARWIN MILITARY AND CIVILIAN HISTORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE MEETING ROOM BIDJPIDJI (MEETING ROOM 1), LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE,
HARRY CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN
ON WEDNESDAY, 6 MAY 2026 AT 10:00 AM**

PRESENT:

Lord Mayor Peter Styles

Aviation Historical Society of the NT Iain Summers

Councillor Sam Weston

Executive Manager Place and Economic Development Susannah Penman

General Manager Community Matt Grassmayr

Tourism and Events NT, Department of Tourism and Hospitality Christine Cleary

Veterans Engagement and Support, NT Department of People, Sport and Culture Annette Rudd

APOLOGY:

Department of Veterans' Affairs Kacie Austin

Warrant Officer Class One/E9, Joint Operational Support Staff – Northern Territory Meika Wright

GUESTS:

Councillor Shani Carson

Events Producer, Jessica Fry

NOT PRESENT:

Darwin Military Museum Norm Cramp

Darwin RSL Sub-Branch Stehen Gloster

NT Heritage Branch, Dept of Territory Families Dr David Steinberg

Order of Business

| | | |
|-----------|--|----------|
| 1 | Acknowledgement of Country | 4 |
| 2 | Meeting Declared Open | 4 |
| 3 | Apologies and Leave of Absence | 4 |
| 4 | Electronic Meeting Attendance | 5 |
| 5 | Declaration of Interest of Members and Staff | 5 |
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| 7 | Moving of Items | 6 |
| 7.1 | Moving of Items into Confidential | 6 |
| 7.2 | Moving of Confidential Items into Open | 6 |
| 7.3 | Moving Confidential Items to open at the Conclusion of the Meeting | 6 |
| 8 | Deputations and Briefings | 6 |
| 9 | Officer Reports | 6 |
| 9.1 | Bombing of Darwin Day Update | 6 |
| 10 | Member Reports | 6 |
| 11 | General Business | 6 |
| 11.1 | Aviation Historical Society of the Northern Territory - Proposal | 6 |
| 11.2 | USS Peary | 7 |
| 11.3 | Update on the Esplanade | 7 |
| 12 | Date, Time and Place of Next Committee Meeting | 7 |
| 13 | Closure of Meeting to the Public | 7 |
| 14 | Closure of Meeting | 8 |

With the consent of the Chairperson, the Lord Mayor, Councillor Sam Weston chaired the meeting. Aviation Historical Society of the NT Iain Summers was not present at the commencement of the meeting at 10:08 am.

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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2 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC010/26

Moved: General Manager Community Matt Grassmayr
Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

The Chair declared the meeting open at 10:08 am.

CARRIED 6/0

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC011/26

Moved: General Manager Community Matt Grassmayr
Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT an apology from Department of Veterans' Affairs Kacie Austin and Warrant Officer Class One/E9, Joint Operational Support Staff – Northern Territory Meika Wright and be received.

CARRIED 6/0

3.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

Nil

3.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED

Nil

4 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

4.1 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE GRANTED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC012/26

Moved: General Manager Community Matt Grassmayr

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT the Committee note that pursuant to Section 95 (43) of the *Local Government Act 2019*, the following member(s) was granted permission for Electronic Meeting Attendance:

- Tourism and Events NT, Dept of Tourism and Hospitality Christine Cleary
- Veterans Engagement and Support, NT Dept People, Sport and Culture Annette Rudd

CARRIED 6/0

4.2 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE REQUESTED

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

Aviation Historical Society of the NT Iain Summers joined the meeting at 10:09 am.

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC013/26

Moved: General Manager Community Matt Grassmayr

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT the minutes of the Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee Meeting held on 4 February 2026 be confirmed.

CARRIED 7/0

7 MOVING OF ITEMS**7.1 MOVING OF ITEMS INTO CONFIDENTIAL**

Nil

7.2 MOVING OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS INTO OPEN

Nil

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

Nil

8 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS

Nil

9 OFFICER REPORTS**9.1 BOMBING OF DARWIN DAY UPDATE****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC014/26**

Moved: General Manager Community Matt Grassmayr

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT the verbal update on the Bombing of Darwin Day Update provided by Events Producer Jessica Fry be received and noted.

CARRIED 7/0

Lord Mayor Peter Styles left the meeting at 10:19 am.

Lord Mayor Peter Styles rejoined the meeting at 10:27 am.

10 MEMBER REPORTS

Nil

11 GENERAL BUSINESS**11.1 AVIATION HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY - PROPOSAL****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC015/26**

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: General Manager Community Matt Grassmayr

THAT the Aviation Historical Society of the Northern Territory - Proposal that *the Committee considers how community knowledge could be improved about the 63 bombing raids on Darwin that occurred after 19 February 1942* be received and noted.

CARRIED 7/0

11.2 USS PEARY**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC016/26**

Moved: General Manager Community Matt Grassmayr

Seconded: Lord Mayor Peter Styles

Question

Veterans Engagement and Support, Annette Rudd queried if the Australian American Association had written to the Chief Minister, the Hon. Lia Finocchiaro regarding the USS Peary.

Response

The Lord Mayor Peter Styles responded and advised no update has been provided.

CARRIED 7/0

11.3 UPDATE ON THE ESPLANADE**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC017/26**

Moved: General Manager Community Matt Grassmayr

Seconded: Lord Mayor Peter Styles

Question

The Lord Mayor Peter Styles asked if there was an update on the oil tanks near the USS Peary.

Response

The General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr responded advising that City of Darwin has received correspondence confirming the Esplanade will not be declared a heritage place.

CARRIED 7/0

12 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Nil

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

THAT pursuant to Section 99 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

14 CLOSURE OF MEETING

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MHAC018/26

Moved: General Manager Community Matt Grassmayr

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT the chair declared the meeting closed at 10:40 am.

CARRIED 7/0

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee Meeting.

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CHAIR

15 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

16 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

17 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

18 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

19 GENERAL BUSINESS

20 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 30 June 2026, at 5:30 pm (Open Section followed by the Confidential Section), Council Chambers Darrandirra, Level 1, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin.

21 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

THAT pursuant to Section 99 (2) of the Local Government Act 2019 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 99(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019*:

27.1 Community Grants 2026/2027 Recommendations

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

27.2 NAIDOC Week 2026 and Reconciliation Week 2027 Grant Recommendations

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27.3 Friendship City Relationship

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27.4 Review of Advisory Committees

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28.1 Cyclone Fina Lessons Learned

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

28.2 Information on Legal Matter

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(i), 51(c)(iv) and 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 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 subject to subregulation 51(3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person and information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

28.3 Executive Committee Confidential Meeting Minutes

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

22 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday, 28 April 2026

Unconfirmed

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**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS DARRANDIRRA, LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE, HARRY
CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN
ON TUESDAY, 28 APRIL 2026 AT 5:30 PM**

PRESENT:

Lord Mayor Peter Styles (Chair)
Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer
Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris
Councillor Nicole Brown
Councillor Shani Carson
Councillor Kim Farrar
Councillor Julie Fraser
Councillor Edwin Joseph
Councillor Sylvia Klonaris
Councillor Peter Pangquee
Councillor Patrik Ralph
Councillor Sam Weston

OFFICERS:

Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders
General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr
Acting General Manager Corporate, Irene Frazis
General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy

APOLOGY:

Nil

GUESTS:

Nil

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

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

We support emerging Larrakia leaders now and into the future.

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

2 THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

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

Amen

Councillor Kim Farrar and Councillor Nicole Brown were not present at the commencement of the meeting at 5:32 pm.

3 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

RESOLUTION ORD171/26

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

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

CARRIED 10/0

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES

Nil

4.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

Nil

4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED

Nil

5 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

5.1 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE GRANTED

RESOLUTION ORD172/26

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

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

- Councillor Nicole Brown
- Councillor Kim Farrar

CARRIED 10/0

5.2 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE REQUESTED

Nil

6 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

6.1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 114 and 115 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, during the Confidential Section of the Meeting, Councillor Shani Carson, declared a Conflict of Interest in Item 28.3 – Extension of East Point Reserve Advisory Committee Member Terms.

6.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY STAFF

Nil

Councillor Nicole Brown joined the meeting at 5:34 pm

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLUTION ORD173/26

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 31 March 2026 be confirmed.

CARRIED 11/0

8 MOVING OF ITEMS

8.1 MOVING OF OPEN ITEMS INTO CONFIDENTIAL

Nil

8.2 MOVING OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS INTO OPEN

Nil

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

28.2 TEMPORARY USE OF CAR PARK AND INSTALLATION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE

RESOLUTION ORD192/26

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris
 Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer

1. THAT the report entitled Temporary Use of Car Park and Installation of Telecommunications Infrastructure be received and noted.
2. THAT Council note the carrier has given City of Darwin a written notice indicating that they intend to exercise their statutory rights to access the Conacher Street car park under the Land Access Process and as a 'low-impact facility' in the *Telecommunications Act 1997*.
3. THAT Council note that as per the *Telecommunications Act 1997*, Google as a licenced operator can access City of Darwin land and establish the infrastructure.
4. THAT Council note that community consultation was completed for the temporary use of the Conacher Street car park.
5. THAT Council do not object to the 'low-impact facility' being installed in the Conacher Street car park.
6. 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*.
7. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

CARRIED 11/0

28.3 EXTENSION OF EAST POINT RESERVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER TERMS

RESOLUTION ORD193/26

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer
 Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

1. THAT the report entitled Extension of East Point Reserve Advisory Committee Member Terms be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve extension of the terms for the two current community representative members of the East Point Reserve Advisory Committee (Lorraine Corowa and Ulrike Kachel)

by six months to 30 October 2026.

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

CARRIED 10/0

28.5 NIGHTCLIFF OVAL CHANGEROOMS

RESOLUTION ORD195/26

Moved: Councillor Patrik Ralph

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

1. THAT the report entitled Nightcliff Oval Changerooms be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve for the Nightcliff Oval Changerooms project to proceed to concept design and a Design and Construct tender to deliver the Nightcliff Oval Changerooms.
3. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
4. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

CARRIED 11/0

29.1 CORPORATE SERVICES QUARTERLY REPORT - JANUARY TO MARCH 2026

RESOLUTION ORD199/26

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

1. THAT the report entitled Corporate Services Quarterly Report - January to March 2026 be received and noted.
2. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
3. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

CARRIED 10/0

29.2 REVIEW OF NIGHTCLIFF / RAPID CREEK SHARED PATH LIGHTING

RESOLUTION ORD200/26

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Edwin Joseph

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Nightcliff / Rapid Creek Shared Path Lighting 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 11/0**29.3 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONFIDENTIAL MEETING MINUTES****RESOLUTION ORD201/26**

Moved: Councillor Patrik Ralph

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

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

CARRIED 11/0**9 MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE / LORD MAYORAL MINUTE**

Nil

10 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

11 PETITIONS

Nil

12 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS

Nil

Councillor Kim Farrar joined the meeting at 5:53 pm.

13 NOTICES OF MOTION**13.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCIL REQUEST TO COMMONWEALTH FOR A SENATE INQUIRY INTO THE DHA LEE POINT PROJECT**

I, Councillor Julie Fraser, give notice that at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 28 April 2026, I will move the following motion:-

RESOLUTION ORD174/26

Moved: Councillor Julie Fraser

Seconded: Councillor Edwin Joseph

1. THAT Council approve the letter at **Attachment 3** to be sent to the Commonwealth Government. Including the following recipients;
 - (a) Federal Minister for the Environment and Water, Senator Murray Watt
 - (b) Federal Minister responsible for Defence Housing Australia, Matt Keogh MP
2. THAT Council approve to provide a copy of the letter to the following recipients;
 - (a) Member for Solomon, Luke Gosling MP
 - (b) Australian Minister for Indigenous Australians, Senator Malarndirri McCarthy
 - (c) Northern Territory Chief Minister, Lia Finocchiaro
 - (d) Northern Territory Minister for Lands, Planning and Environment, Joshua Burgoyne

In Favour: Members Jimmy Bouhoris, Nicole Brown, Kim Farrar, Julie Fraser, Edwin Joseph, Sylvia Klonaris and Patrik Ralph

Against: Members Shani Carson, Mick Palmer, Peter Pangquee, Peter Styles and Sam Weston

CARRIED 7/5/

Administrative Amendment to the correspondence at Attachment 3 – to amend the wording under point 1 from 'Defence land at Berrimah' to 'Defence Establishment Berrimah'.

14 ACTION REPORTS**14.1 APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTIONAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT - 159 MITCHELL STREET, LARRAKEYAH - PROPOSED CHILD CARE CENTRE****RESOLUTION ORD175/26**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Shani Carson

1. THAT the report entitled Application for Exceptional Development Permit - 159 Mitchell Street, Larrakeyah - Proposed Child Care Centre be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the draft submission letter to the Department of Lands, Planning and Environment provided at **Attachment 1**.

CARRIED 12/0

14.2 NOMINATION TO DARWIN REGIONAL WEEDS WORKING GROUP**RESOLUTION ORD176/26**

Moved: Councillor Edwin Joseph
Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled Nomination to Darwin Regional Weeds Working Group be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the nomination of Councillor Julie Fraser to the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory as the representative on the Darwin Regional Weeds Working Group.

CARRIED 12/0**15 RECEIVE & NOTE REPORTS****15.1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - MARCH 2026****RESOLUTION ORD177/26**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris
Seconded: Councillor Edwin Joseph

THAT the report entitled Monthly Financial Report – March 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED 12/0**15.2 QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT - JANUARY TO MARCH 2026 (Q3)****RESOLUTION ORD178/26**

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston
Seconded: Councillor Edwin Joseph

THAT the report entitled Quarterly Performance Report – January to March 2026 (Q3) be received and noted.

CARRIED 12/0**15.3 REVIEW OF COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA PAPERS****RESOLUTION ORD179/26**

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston
Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

THAT the report entitled Review of Council Meeting Agenda Papers be received and noted.

CARRIED 12/0

15.4 ADVISORY COMMITTEE OPEN MEETING MINUTES**RESOLUTION ORD180/26**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Edwin Joseph

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

CARRIED 12/0

16 CORRESPONDENCE**16.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE - HERITAGE COUNCIL NORTHERN TERRITORY - GUN TURRET EAST POINT****RESOLUTION ORD181/26**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

THAT the report entitled Incoming Correspondence - Heritage Council Northern Territory - Gun Turret East Point be received and noted.

CARRIED 12/0

17 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**RESOLUTION ORD182/26**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

THAT the following Reports of Representatives be received and noted.

17.1

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris attended the Access and Inclusion Committee Meeting on Thursday, 2 April 2026 which included the launch of the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Initiative. Councillor Sylvia Klonaris advocated for further Hidden Disabilities training for Elected Members.

17.2

Councillor Sam Weston reported on attending the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) symposium held from 14 to 15 April 2026. Councillor Sam Weston commended Councillor Peter Pangquee for chairing the symposium in his capacity as president of LGANT. Also noting that the AGM did not see the any change to the LGANT Constitution.

CARRIED 12/0

18 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**18.1 ROAD RESURFACING WORKS PROGRESS****RESOLUTION ORD183/26**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Question

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris requested an update on the progress of pothole repairs in the Northern Suburbs.

Response

The General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr advised that recent dry weather has enabled good progress on road resurfacing works, addressing a prioritised list.

CARRIED 12/0

18.2 MEETING PROCEDURE - QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**RESOLUTION ORD184/26**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Question

Councillor Julie Fraser requested clarification on the Questions by Members process.

Response

The Lord Mayor Peter Styles responded and advised Councillor Julie Fraser to submit questions via email to Councillor support by 12.00 pm on the day of the Ordinary Council Meeting to allow time for officers to formulate a response.

CARRIED 12/0

18.3 MEETING PROCEDURE - QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**RESOLUTION ORD185/26**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Question

Councillor Patrik Ralph sought clarification on whether Elected Members could ask questions on the floor.

Response

The Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders reiterated that questions must be submitted by 12.00 pm to allow officers to provide responses, noting that the Lord Mayor may accept urgent and/or relevant questions from the floor.

CARRIED 12/0

18.4 MEETING PROCEDURE - QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**RESOLUTION ORD186/26**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Question

Councillor Kim Farrar queried whether any written advice had been sent to Elected Members regarding Questions by Members. Councillor Kim Farrar requested that any such written communication be circulated.

Response

The Lord Mayor Peter Styles responded, reiterating that questions will be tabled and minuted if submitted by email within the specified timeframe or if deemed urgent. The Lord Mayor Peter Styles further advised that discussion regarding Questions by Members be addressed in the confidential section of the meeting.

CARRIED 12/0

19 GENERAL BUSINESS**19.1 APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR****RESOLUTION ORD187/26**

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Patrik Ralph

1. THAT Council appoint Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris as the Deputy Lord Mayor for the period 2 May 2026 to 29 September 2026.
2. THAT Council note that the appointment of Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris as Deputy Lord Mayor supersedes Resolution ORD076/26 at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 24 February 2026 to commence from 2 May 2026.

CARRIED 12/0

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

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 26 May 2026, at 5:30 pm (Open Section followed by the Confidential Section), Council Chambers Darrandirra, Level 1, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin.

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

THAT pursuant to Section 99 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and Regulation 8 of the Local Government Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 99(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019*:

28.1 Draft Municipal Plan 2026/27

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

28.2 Temporary Use of Car Park and Installation of Telecommunications Infrastructure

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

28.3 Extension of East Point Reserve Advisory Committee Member Terms

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

28.4 Kerbside Collection

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

28.5 Nightcliff Oval Changerooms

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

28.6 Chan Ward By-Election

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

28.7 Friendship and Sister City Cooperation

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

29.1 Corporate Services Quarterly Report - January to March 2026

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.

29.2 Review of Nightcliff / Rapid Creek Shared Path Lighting

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

29.3 Advisory Committee Confidential Meeting Minutes

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

on, any person.

Unconfirmed

22 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

RESOLUTION ORD188/26

Moved: Councillor Patrik Ralph

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

THAT the open section of the meeting be adjourned at 6:44pm.

CARRIED 12/0

THAT the open section of the meeting be resumed at 10:02 pm.

THAT the chair declared the meeting closed at 10:02 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 May 2026.

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CHAIR