

Agenda

Ordinary Council Meeting

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

Date: Tuesday, 28 July 2026
Time: 5:30 pm
Location: Council Chambers Darrandirra
Level 1, Civic Centre
Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin
Webcasting: [MS Teams Link to Webcast](#)

Simone Saunders

Chief Executive Officer



ORDINARY COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Right Worshipful, the Lord Mayor Peter Styles (Chair)

Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Councillor Nicole Brown

Councillor Shani Carson

Councillor Kim Farrar

Councillor Julie Fraser

Councillor Edwin Joseph

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Councillor Clarence McCarthy-Grogan

Councillor Mick Palmer

Councillor Peter Pangquee

Councillor Patrik Ralph

Councillor Sam Weston

OFFICERS

Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders

General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr

General Manager Corporate, Natalie Williamson

General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy

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13.1 BICENTENNIAL PARK PROPOSAL

Author: Executive Manager Place and Economic Development

Authoriser: General Manager Innovation

Attachments: 1. **Proposed Areas** [↓](#)
2. **Current Event Areas of Bicentennial Park** [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report entitled Bicentennial Park Proposal be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approves to adapt Area 1 on the Esplanade, whereby the open area surrounding the Darwin Cenotaph is retained as Area 1 and the remaining portion is redesignated as Area 2A, as shown in **Attachment 1**.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present a proposal to amend the existing Esplanade Area 1 event space by retaining the area surrounding the Darwin Cenotaph as Area 1 and redesignating the remaining portion as Area 2A. Area 1 is currently the area around the Darwin cenotaph extending along the Esplanade and finishing adjacent to Knuckey St intersection.

KEY ISSUES

- The Darwin Cenotaph is a significant heritage memorial and place of commemoration for Australian servicemen and women.
- In 2015, Council established an exclusion zone around the Cenotaph to protect its commemorative, historical and symbolic values.
- In 2019, Council resolved to prioritise Australian Defence Force commemorative events in Bicentennial Park Area 1, with other use limited to low-scale, alcohol-free events requiring minimal infrastructure.
- This report proposes that Bicentennial Park Area 1 be divided into two event spaces, which would mean that:
- The Area 1 in the direct vicinity of the Cenotaph would remain per Council's 2019 decision, as a limited use area, being prioritised for Australian Defence Force commemorative events and other limited use low-scale, alcohol-free events.
- The remaining portion of Area 1 would be redesignated as Area 2A and become the same as all the other areas along the Esplanade, (example, Area 2 to Area 6), that allows a wider range of events to be held including events with 200 to 1,500 attendees and the serving of alcohol, subject to the necessary approvals.
- Any event in this newly designated 2A Area, would still require all necessary permits, including events permits with associated conditions, issued and approved by City of Darwin officers. All licencing permits are separately issued by the licensing commission.
- This proposal was initially raised by, and has received support from, Darwin Services Club (DSC) and Darwin RSL Sub Branch, however access and use of any new Event Area 2A would be for all community and commercial organisations.

- Bicentennial Park already contains a designated event space close to the proposed Area 2A, being Event Area 2, west of Knuckey Street, creating the same level of impact on established trees.
- The proposed space could facilitate a broader range of community, cultural, family and Defence-related events, strengthening community connection and participation.

DISCUSSION

The Darwin Cenotaph is a significant memorial located within Bicentennial Park and holds deep importance for the community as a place to commemorate Australian servicemen and women. Originally erected outside Government House in 1921, the Cenotaph was relocated to the Civic Centre in 1970 and moved to its current location in Bicentennial Park in 1992. The Darwin Cenotaph is a declared object on the Northern Territory Heritage Register.

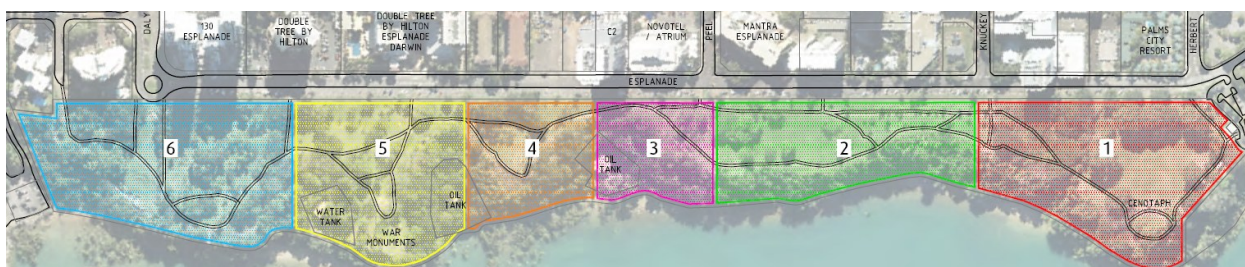
In 2015, as Bicentennial Park became increasingly popular for organised fitness sessions and events, concerns were raised about the need to protect and respect the symbolic and historical significance of the Cenotaph. In response, Council endorsed the establishment of an exclusion zone (see below) around the Cenotaph to ensure its values are respected by all users of the park.



Exclusion zone around Cenotaph

Over time, Council has received requests for larger-scale events to be held within Bicentennial Park Area 1, including music festivals and major community events. In 2019, Council, on previous advice from the former Bombing of Darwin and Military History Advisory Committee, resolved to prioritise Australian Defence Force commemorative events in Bicentennial Park Area 1, with other use limited to low-scale, alcohol-free events requiring minimal infrastructure. This position was adopted to preserve the dignity of the Cenotaph precinct as a respectful memorial space for reflection by the community and visitors.

Below and at **Attachment 2** shows the current various event Areas of Bicentennial Park, including the current Area 1.



Proposals

The DSC submitted a proposal in April 2026 seeking the use of the green space directly across from Admiralty House and adjacent to the Cenotaph for community-focused events, accommodating approximately 200 to 1,500 attendees at any given time.

These events may include the provision of alcohol, subject to necessary approvals.

It is noted and acknowledged that the area identified by the DSC is located west of the Darwin Cenotaph and opposite Admiralty House, providing a convenient location for events associated with the Club's operations and objectives.

Below and at **Attachment 1** shows the potential new various event Areas of Bicentennial Park, including the revised Area 1 and new Area 2A.



Any events that would be held in a future Area 2A would have the same conditions applied as existing Areas 2 to 6, and still require all necessary permits, including events permits and associated conditions, issued and approved by City of Darwin Officers to be met. All licencing permits are separately issued by the licencing commission.

Events to be held in Area 2A may include, commemorative ceremonies, family fun days, culinary festivals and more.

Any proposals from community or commercial event operators, including the DSC, to enhance the Esplanade event areas in the future, with permanent infrastructure, such as improved lighting, furniture, or landscaping would come to City of Darwin in a separate proposal that would need to be assessed.

Officer's note that the presence of established trees, associated canopy cover and root zones in Esplanade event areas would constrain opportunities for both temporary and permanent infrastructure within the areas. Any future improvements would need to be carefully designed and located to avoid adverse impacts on tree health and to comply with relevant arboricultural standards.

It is proposed that Bicentennial Park be divided into:

- Event Area 1, in the direct vicinity of the Cenotaph would remain per Council's 2019 decision, as a limited use area, being prioritised for Australian Defence Force commemorative events and other limited use low-scale, alcohol-free events.
- The remaining portion of Area 1 would be redesignated as Area 2A and become the same as all the other areas along the Esplanade, (example, Area 2 to Area 6), that allows a wider range of events to be held including events with 200 to 1,500 attendees and the serving of alcohol, subject to the necessary approvals.

The proposed Area 2A would still require all necessary permits, including events permits and associated conditions, issued and approved by City of Darwin Officers to be met, where any event organisers can apply for an event permit in this space. Event permit applications would be assessed in this Area on a case-by-case basis by City of Darwin, having regard to arboricultural, stakeholder communication, operational, public safety and liquor licence requirements. All licencing permits are separately issued by the licencing commission.

See **Attachment 1** for a map of the new proposed areas in Bicentennial Park.

Further information

Darwin RSL has written to City of Darwin noting that they are supportive in principle of DSC's efforts to activate the area opposite Admiral House, and that it would achieve several important outcomes:

- better distinguish the core commemorative space from the adjoining area capable of respectful event use,
- provide greater clarity for event organisers, Council, and stakeholders,
- preserve the dignity of the Cenotaph precinct while still allowing appropriate civic and community activation nearby, and
- support improved passive surveillance, upkeep, and respectful use of a space that is presently underutilised.

Current event Area 2 is already used and promoted for a range of events, including Glenti and May Day, and is generally the preferred location for events as it provides a larger grassed area with existing power and fewer constraints associated with protecting established trees and their critical root zones.

From an arboricultural perspective, event areas along the Esplanade are managed in accordance with current policy and procedures with considerations including;

- The need to protect established trees in accordance with Australian Standard AS 4970-2025 *Protection of Trees on Development Sites*.
- Managing increases in pedestrian and vehicle movements, and associated activities, to safeguard the long-term health, condition and viability of established trees.
- Ongoing maintenance requirements, including inspections, monitoring and mitigation measures, to minimise safety risks to people using the area.
- Ensuring event infrastructure and operations do not adversely impact tree root zones, canopy health or structural stability.

From an Economic Development and Place and Liveability perspective, the proposal could strengthen community and cultural connections, activate public space, improve sense of safety, and create opportunities for local businesses and event operators through increased visitation and activity in the city centre.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

At the 26 February 2019 meeting Council resolved:

Report No. 19CE0051 SJ:jw (26/02/19) Common No. 2762062

- THAT Report Number 19CE0051 SJ:jw entitled Bombing of Darwin and Military History Advisory Committee Minutes - Darwin Cenotaph Area, be received and noted.
- THAT Australian Defence Force events and activities are prioritised for Bicentennial Park – Area 1.
- THAT other than Australian Defence Force events, Bicentennial Park – Area 1 is used for low scale, alcohol-free events and activities with minimal infrastructure to retain the space as a respectful memorial area for community and visitors to reflect on Australian servicemen and women.
- THAT Council may consider special events upon application in consultation with Darwin RSL.

DECISION NO.22\1323

(26/02/19)

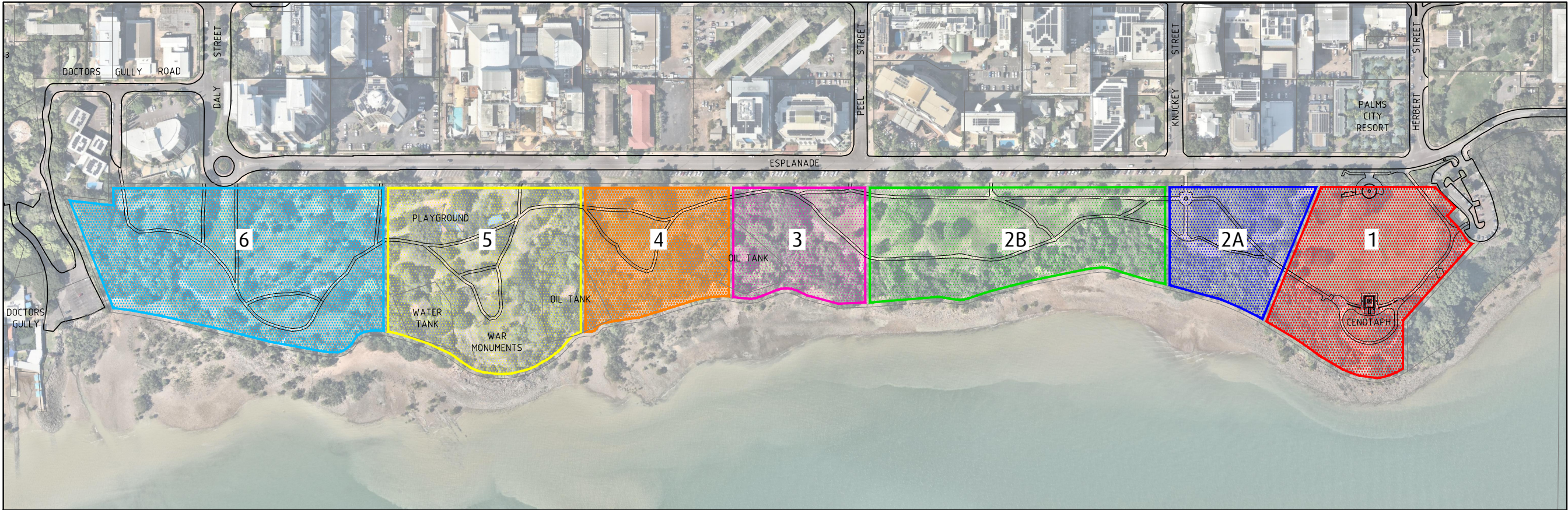
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STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

5 A Vibrant and Creative City

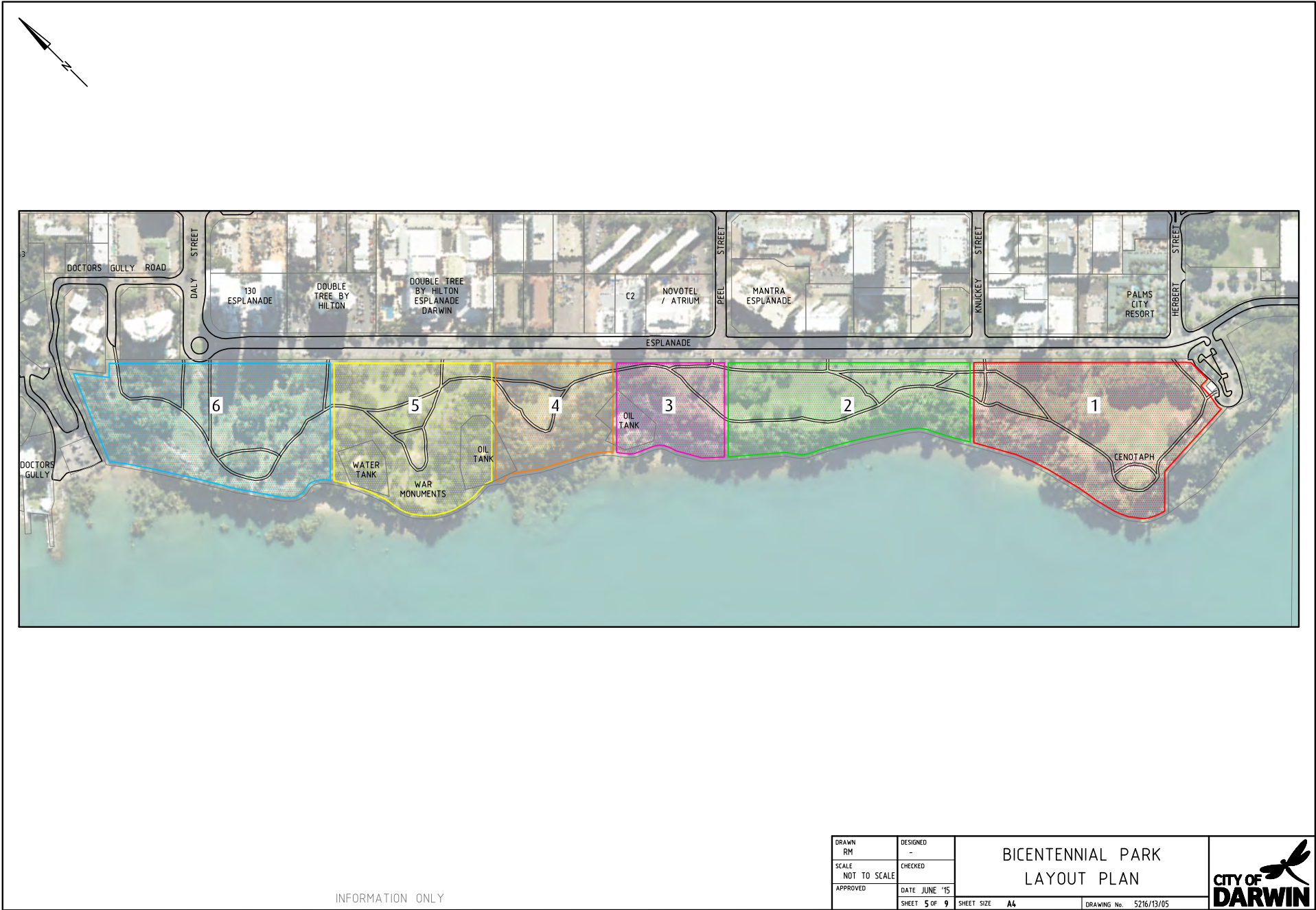
5.2 By 2030, Darwin will be a more connected community and have pride in our cultural identity

BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	Budget/Funding: N/A Is Funding identified: N/A Existing Position No: N/A Contractor: N/A
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	Legislation: <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> <i>Northern Territory Planning Act 1999</i>
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	Engagement Level: Inform Internal: Events Coordinator, Manager Economic Development, General Manager Community and Technical Arborist. External: Darwin Services Club Inc. Darwin RSL Sub-Branch
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).



INFORMATION ONLY

DRAWN RM	DESIGNED -	BICENTENNIAL PARK LAYOUT PLAN		
SCALE NOT TO SCALE	CHECKED			
APPROVED	DATE JULY 26			
SHEET 5 OF 9		SHEET SIZE A4	DRAWING No. 5216/13/05	



14 RECEIVE & NOTE REPORTS

14.1 INTERIM MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - JUNE 2026

Author: Manager Accounting Services
Executive Manager Finance

Authoriser: General Manager Corporate

Attachments: 1. Monthly Financial Reports - June 2026 [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the report entitled Interim Monthly Financial Report – June 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 June 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 Interim Monthly Financial Report includes:

- Income Statement, which compares actual income and expenditure against 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 capital expenditure and funding against budget.
- Planned Major Projects Capital Works, provides a high-level financial overview of our major projects at a point in time

DISCUSSION**June 2026 – Interim Results**

The interim operating result until 30 June 2026 is a **deficit of \$10.2M compared to a Budgeted deficit of \$16.8M** as highlighted in the table below.

	Actual \$'000	Budget \$'000	Variance \$'000
Operating Surplus/ (Deficit)	(10,176)	(16,769)	6,593 Favourable

The Monthly Financial report for June is presented with interim numbers pending finalisation of end of financial year processing. The Net Operating Position reflects a favourable variance of \$6.6 million against the revised budget. This outcome is primarily driven by favourable variances in User Fees and Charges, Operating Grants, Employee Expenses, and Interest Expenses. These favourable results are partially offset by unfavourable variances in Material, Contract and Services Expenses.

Further details on material variances are outlined below.

Income

Total Operating Income is tracking above budget by \$8.6M (6.1% Favourable variance).

User Fees and Charges are reporting a favourable variance of \$3.2M, mainly due to increased revenue from the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility. The higher revenue is attributable to increased commercial weighbridge activity resulting from greater volumes of disposal materials received.

Operating Grants and Subsidies are \$4.3M above budget, primarily due to the early receipt of the Federal Government's Financial Assistance Grant.

Statutory Charges are exceeding budget by \$0.5M, largely driven by stronger than anticipated parking compliance revenue. This favourable outcome reflects revenue collected above budget expectations during the financial year.

Expenditure

Total Expenses are over budget by \$2M (1.3% Unfavourable Variance).

Employee Costs are favourable to budget by \$3M, reflecting the timing of employee entitlements and vacant positions. This is partially offset by higher-than-budget expenditure on contract labour and services required to maintain service delivery and operational standards.

Materials, Contracts, and Services have an annual budget of \$71M following the 3rd Budget Variation and cover a broad range of operational expenditure categories. As of June, consolidated expenditure exceeded budget by \$7M, 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 incurred on damaged assets and infrastructure. Assessment of the damage and associated funding claims is progressing, with insurance recoveries and disaster funding reimbursements expected to partially offset these costs. The final financial impact will be confirmed once claim assessments and funding determinations are finalised.

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 4.71% on weighted average interest rate on its end of month cash and investment portfolio of \$97M (excluding loan offset \$37.4M). This result represents a continued outperformance against the Bloomberg AusBond 90 Day Bank Bill Index benchmark of 4.46%.

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 receipted as received.

Procurement Reporting

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

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

Contract Variations

There were no reportable contract variations for June 2026.

Delegated Procurement Decisions (\$5 million to \$10 million)

There were no reportable procurement decisions under delegated authority resulting in a financial liability between \$5 million and \$10 million for June 2026.

Exempt Procurement

Vendor	Supply	Cost (Excl. GST)	Applicable Exemption
NT Recycling Solutions	Recyclables processing, specifically, processing of comingle bulk load	\$171,704.02	Reg 38(1)(i) only one supplier
Debt recovery services	TDC (NT) Pty Ltd/Territory Debt Collectors and Process Services	\$343,028.51	Reg 38(1)(k) Major operational inconvenience
Brightly Software Australia Pty Ltd	Assetic Cloud Managed Services and Predictor Platform Program	\$144,370.00	Reg 38(1)(d) the renewal of an existing licence

Library furniture	Raeco	\$108,649.40	Reg 38(1)(k) Major operational inconvenience
Authority Altitude SaaS Service	Civica	\$445,119.32	Reg 38(1)(d) the renewal of an existing licence
Public Lighting Electricity Supply Charges	Jacana	\$157,319.28	Reg 38(1)(i) only one supplier
NT Recycling Solutions	Recyclables Processing	\$162,578.02	Reg 38(1)(i) only one supplier
Valuation Services	Department of Lands, Planning and Environment	\$156,497.87	39(1)(a) A purchase from the Northern Territory, the Commonwealth, a State or another Territory
ECM Annual License	Technology One Ltd	\$112,043.20	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

23 July 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	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: (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 (b) the most recently adopted annual budget; and (c) details of any material variances between the most recent actual income and expenditure of the council and the most recently adopted annual budget. Regulation 17(5) Part 2 Division 7 the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 require that the monthly report must be accompanied by: (a) a certification, in writing, by the CEO to the council that, to the best of the CEO's knowledge, information and belief: (i) the internal controls implemented by the council are appropriate; and (ii) the council's financial report best reflects the financial affairs of the council; or (b) if the CEO cannot provide the certification – written reasons for not providing the certification. The report is compliant with the requirements of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> and <i>Local Government (General) Regulations 2021</i>
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	N/A
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).

Interim Income Statement for the Period Ended 30 June 2026	2025/26			
				FY Revised Budget
	Actual	Budget	Variance	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Operating Income				
Rates	80,495	80,478	17	80,478
Charges	10,399	10,398	1	10,398
Statutory Charges	4,676	4,179	497	4,179
User Fees and Charges	34,021	30,778	3,243	30,778
Operating Grants and Subsidies	9,180	4,894	4,286	4,894
Interest / Investment Income	6,194	6,071	123	6,071
Commercial & Other Income	3,487	3,089	398	3,089
Total Income	148,452	139,887	8,565	139,888
Operating Expenses				
Employee Expenses	40,658	43,620	2,962	43,620
Materials, Contracts & Services	78,105	71,059	(7,046)	71,059
Elect Member Allowances	713	832	119	832
Elect Member Expenses	42	45	3	45
Council Committee Allowances	9	20	11	20
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	37,291	37,076	(215)	37,076
Interest Expenses	1,810	4,004	2,194	4,004
Total Expenses	158,628	156,656	(1,972)	156,656
Budgeted Operating Surplus/ (Deficit)	(10,176)	(16,769)	6,593	(16,769)
Capital Grants Income	3,873	4,965	(1,092)	4,965
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(6,303)	(11,804)	5,501	(11,805)

Interim Statement of Fund Flows Monthly Statement of Operating Position For the Period Ended 30 June 2026	2025/26			
				FY Revised Budget \$'000
	Actual	Budget	Variance	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Net Operating Result from Income Statement	(10,176)	(16,769)	6,593	(16,769)
<u>Add Non Cash Items</u>				
Add Back Depreciation (Non-Cash)	37,291	37,076	215	37,076
Add Back Other Non-Cash Items	0	2,100	(2,100)	2,100
Total Non Cash Items	37,291	39,176	(1,885)	39,176
<u>Less Additional Outflows</u>				
Repayment of borrowings & advances	(7,547)	(6,541)	(1,006)	(6,541)
Capital Expenditure	(61,969)	(65,471)	3,502	(65,471)
Total Additional Outflows	(69,516)	(72,012)	2,496	(72,012)
<u>Add Additional Inflows</u>				
Capital Grants Income	3,873	4,965	(1,092)	4,965
Sale of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	331	512	(181)	512
Transfers from/(to) Reserves	41,454	44,128	(2,674)	44,128
Total Additional Inflows	45,658	49,605	(3,947)	49,605
Net Increase (-Decrease) in Funds	3,257	0	3,257	0

Interim Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2026	2025/26		
	Actual \$'000	Note	FY Revised Budget \$'000
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank & Investments	43,323	A	18,360
Cash at Bank & Investments - externally restricted	32,972	A	28,486
Cash at Bank & Investments - internally restricted	57,962	A	59,771
Trade & Other Receivables	10,381	B	16,260
Rates & Charges Receivables	10,092		-
Inventories	296		273
Total Current Assets	155,027		123,150
Non-Current Assets			
Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment	1,404,780		1,325,094
Lease Right of Use Assets	1,353		-
Total Non Current Assets	1,406,133		1,325,094
Total Assets	1,561,160		1,448,244
Current Liabilities			
Trade Payables & Other Payables	19,120	C	22,573
Accruals	13,734		-
ATO & Payroll Liabilities	899	C	-
Rates Paid in Advance	3,320		-
Borrowings	2,062		6,975
Provisions	6,696		7,886
Lease Liabilities	663		950
Total Current Liabilities	44,696		38,384
Non-Current Liabilities			
Trade & Other Payables	7		-
Borrowings	73,713		68,411
Provisions	46,466		53,799
Lease Liabilities	796		599
Total Non-Current Liabilities	120,982		122,810
Total Liabilities	165,678		161,194
NET ASSETS	1,395,481		1,287,050
Equity			
Accumulated Surplus	305,414		331,495
Asset Revaluation Reserve	999,133		867,298
Other Reserves	90,934		88,257
TOTAL EQUITY	1,395,481		1,287,050

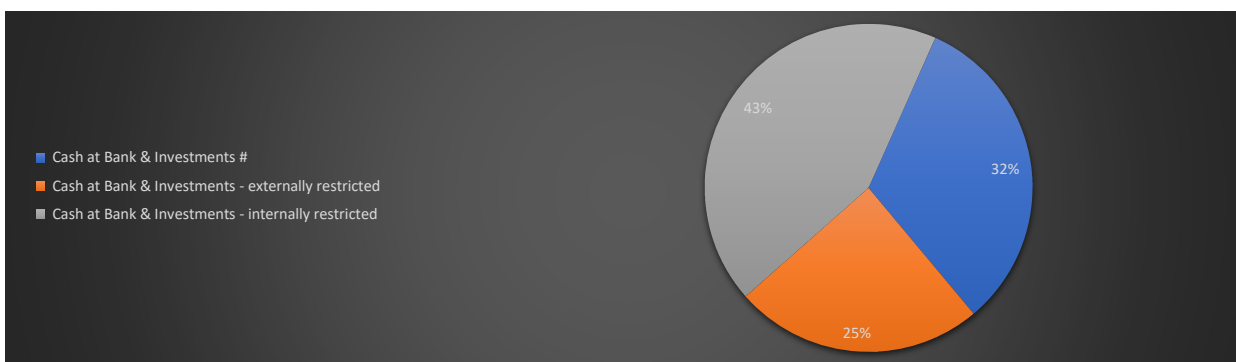
*Please note that these reports are unaudited management financial reports. Information contained in the reports were current as at the date of the reports and may not reflect any event or circumstances which occurred after the reports were completed.

Interim Monthly Balance Sheet Report (Notes to the Statement of Financial Position) as at 30 June 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 4.71% on weighted average interest rate (excluding Cash on Call) on its June 2026 cash and investment portfolio of \$97M (excluding \$37.4M 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. The reduction in the investment portfolio is primarily attributable to funds being utilised for the delivery of major capital projects and is consistent with the expected local government cash flow profile at this stage of the financial year.

Cash at Bank & Investments	\$'000
Cash at Bank & Investments #	43,323
Cash at Bank & Investments - externally restricted	32,972
Cash at Bank & Investments - internally restricted	57,962
Total Cash at Bank & Investments	134,257



Cash at Bank & Investments includes Cash on Call of \$37.4M

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	\$7,965,674	\$2,237,156	\$103,172	\$74,996	\$10,380,998
Total Trade and Other Receivables	\$7,965,674	\$2,237,156	\$103,172	\$74,996	\$10,380,998

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	(\$14,208,901)	(\$846,512)	(\$176)	(\$7,273)	(\$15,062,862)
ATO & Payroll Liabilities	\$899,478				\$899,478
Other Trade Payables & Other Payables	(\$4,057,520)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$4,057,520)
Total Trade and Other Payables	(\$17,366,943)	(\$846,512)	(\$176)	(\$7,273)	(\$18,220,904)

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 June 2026.

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

Cardholder Name: CEO

Transaction Date	Amount \$	Supplier's Name	Reason for the Transaction
25-Jun-26	11.02	UBER *TRIP HELP.UBER.C Sydney AUS	Travel
25-Jun-26	21.10	UBER *TRIP HELP.UBER.C Sydney AUS	Travel
25-Jun-26	20.02	UBER *TRIP HELP.UBER.C Sydney AUS	Travel
24-Jun-26	35.33	AERIAL CG 132227 FYSHWICK AUS	Travel
24-Jun-26	12.51	UBER *TRIP HELP.UBER.C Sydney AUS	Travel
24-Jun-26	11.39	UBER *TRIP HELP.UBER.C Sydney AUS	Travel
24-Jun-26	10.00	UBER *TRIP HELP.UBER.C Sydney AUS	Travel
Total	121.37		

Cardholder Name: Lord Mayor

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

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

Term to Maturity Category	% of Total Portfolio	Term to Maturity (Policy Max.)	Term to Maturity (Policy Min.)
Less than 1 Year			
Term Deposits	62%		
Business Online Saver Accounts	2%		
Floating Rate Notes	0%		
General Surplus on Variable Loans	33%		
Bonds	0%		
Less than 1 Year Total	96%	100%	30%
Greater than 1 Year less than 3 Years			
Term Deposits	0%		
Business Online Saver Accounts	0%		
Floating Rate Notes	2%		
Bonds	0%		
Greater than 1 Year less than 3 Years Total	2%	70%	0%
Greater than 3 Years			
Term Deposits	0%		
Business Online Saver Accounts	0%		
Floating Rate Notes	2%		
Bonds	0%		
Greater than 3 Years Total	2%	30%	0%
Greater than 5 Years			
Term Deposits	0%		
Business Online Saver Accounts	0%		
Floating Rate Notes	0%		
Greater than 5 Years Total	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 June 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	16%	50%
	Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	42%	50%
A-	ANZ Banking Group Ltd	ANZ Banking Group Ltd	15%	50%
	Bank of Queensland Ltd	Bank of Queensland Ltd	1%	30%
BBB+	Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd	Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd	2%	10%
	Great Southern Bank	Great Southern Bank	7%	10%
BBB	Maitland Mutual Bank Ltd	Maitland Mutual Bank Ltd	2%	10%
	Heritage and People's Choice Limited	Heritage and People's Choice Limited	1%	10%
	Defence Bank Ltd	Defence Bank Ltd	2%	10%
Grand Total			100%	
Credit Rating - Maximum Portfolio Limit			% of Total	Policy Limit
AAA to AA-			85%	100%
A+ to A-			4%	60%
BBB+ to BBB			11%	30%
BBB-			0%	0%
Total			100%	

INVESTMENT AND CASH AT CALL/OFFSET REPORT TO COUNCIL

AS AT

30 June 2026

Instrument	Institution Category	Counterparty	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Credit Rating (LT)	Credit Rating (ST)	Inv Type	FRN ONLY (Maturity Date - last pmt)	Principal \$	Port
ESTMENT	MAJOR BANK	ANZ Banking Group Ltd	29 September 2026	5.37%	AA-	A1+	FRN	31 March 2028	\$500,000	1
			10 November 2026	4.58%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$2,000,000	1
			1 December 2026	4.45%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$3,031,142	1
			27 October 2026	4.78%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$3,031,808	1
			2 February 2027	4.82%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$3,000,000	1
			9 February 2027	4.91%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$3,000,000	1
			9 March 2027	5.37%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$3,000,000	1
		ANZ Banking Group Ltd Total							\$17,562,951	1
		Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd	30 June 2026	4.25%	AA-	A1+	BOS		\$1,960,459	1
			17 November 2026	5.25%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$2,000,000	1
		Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd Total							\$3,960,459	1
		National Australia Bank Ltd	15 September 2026	4.20%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$2,167,935	1
			29 September 2026	4.24%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$2,000,000	1
			16 February 2027	5.34%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$2,000,000	1
			8 December 2026	5.25%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$3,062,827	1
		National Australia Bank Ltd Total							\$9,230,763	1
		Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	21 July 2026	4.29%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$2,000,000	1
			29 September 2026	4.09%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$2,299,709	1
			29 September 2026	4.37%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$3,000,000	1
			14 July 2026	4.29%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$3,000,000	1
			20 October 2026	4.10%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$3,312,290	1
			10 November 2026	4.33%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$3,322,667	1
			13 October 2026	4.53%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$3,195,848	1
			6 October 2026	4.45%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$5,000,000	1
			1 December 2026	4.44%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$2,099,819	1
			23 February 2027	5.35%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$2,000,000	1
			4 May 2027	5.49%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$2,177,474	1
		Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd Total							\$31,407,808	2
	MAJOR BANK Total								\$62,161,980	5
	OTHER	Bank of Queensland Ltd	25 August 2026	4.78%	A-	A2	TD		\$3,000,000	1
		Bank of Queensland Ltd Total							\$3,000,000	1
		Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd	27 August 2026	4.82%	A-	A-	FRN	28 November 2029	\$2,000,000	1
		Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd Total							\$2,000,000	1
		Great Southern Bank	28 July 2026	4.28%	BBB+				\$2,000,000	1
			11 August 2026	4.60%	BBB+				\$2,000,000	1
			3 November 2026	5.23%	BBB+				\$4,407,836	1
		Great Southern Bank Total							\$8,407,836	1
		Maitland Mutual Bank Ltd	9 August 2026	5.54%	BBB	A2	FRN	10 May 2027	\$2,000,000	1
		Maitland Mutual Bank Ltd Total							\$2,000,000	1
		Heritage and People's Choice Limited	19 January 2027	5.25%	BBB+				\$1,000,000	1
		Heritage and People's Choice Limited Total							\$1,000,000	1
		Defence Bank Ltd	12 January 2027	4.70%	BBB	A2	TD		\$2,000,000	1
		Defence Bank Ltd Total							\$2,000,000	1
	OTHER Total								\$18,407,836	1
ESTMENT Total									\$80,569,816	6
LIABLE LOAN SURPLUS	MAJOR BANK	Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd	30 June 2026	0.00%	AA-	A1+	General Surplus - (		\$10,000,000	1
		Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd Total							\$10,000,000	1
		National Australia Bank Ltd	30 June 2026	0.00%	AA-	A1+	General Surplus - I		\$9,643,900	1
		National Australia Bank Ltd Total							\$9,643,900	1
		Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	30 June 2026	0.00%	AA-	A1+	General Surplus - I		\$17,715,419	1
		Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd Total							\$17,715,419	1
	MAJOR BANK Total								\$37,359,319	3
LIABLE LOAN SURPLUS Total									\$37,359,319	3
Total									\$117,929,134	9

TYPE - FRN = interest rate is the 'Coupon Margin' established on issue date, this plus 3M BBSW provides the yield for the current coupon period.
 Maturity DATE - FRN = the interest coupon payment date not actual FRN maturity date (paid every 91 days).

CBA General Bank Funds	\$15,344,579
NAB General Bank Funds	\$525,164
WBC General Bank Funds	\$372,468
Total Funds	\$134,171,345
Less Variable Loans Offset (Cash on Call)	-\$37,359,319
Total Investment & Cash (less offset)	\$96,812,027
Total Budgeted Investment Earnings	\$5,060,569
Year to Date Investment Earnings	-\$4,950,748
Weighted Ave Rate	3.22%
Weighted Ave Rate (excluding Cash on Call)	4.71%
BBSW 90 Day Rate	4.46%
Bloomberg AusBond (Bank Bill Index)	

Trust Bank Account	\$15,390
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Table 2.1 Capital Expenditure and Funding
By class of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment

Capital Expenditure For The Period Ended 30 June 2026	2025/26			
	Actuals	Revised Budget	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)	34,502,844	29,798,300	(4,704,544)	29,798,300
Environmental	96,456	699,388	602,932	699,388
Stormwater Drainage	1,677,963	2,543,961	865,998	2,543,961
Roads & Pathways	7,152,789	9,134,803	1,982,014	9,134,803
Street & Public Lighting	460,881	1,177,818	716,937	1,177,818
Waste Management Infrastructure	9,369,689	8,616,769	(752,920)	8,616,769
Plant & Equipment	5,085,333	6,118,972	1,033,639	6,118,972
Parks, Playgrounds and Reserves	3,545,714	6,956,712	3,410,998	6,956,712
Public Art	77,000	424,479	347,479	424,479
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	61,968,670	65,471,202	3,502,532	65,471,202
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUNDED BY*:				
Operating Income	7,804,969	14,528,788	6,723,819	14,528,787
Capital Grants	4,397,104	4,964,767	567,663	4,964,767
Transfer from Reserves	44,016,780	39,974,972	(4,041,808)	39,974,972
Borrowings	5,418,954	5,490,675	71,721	5,490,675
Sale of Assets (including trade-ins)	330,863	512,000	181,137	512,000
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUNDING	61,968,670	65,471,202	3,502,532	65,471,202

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

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Revised Budget is the Original Budget plus adopted Carryforwards and Budget Variations

**Report on Planned Major Capital Works
For The Period Ended 30 June 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	8,381,949	11,451,494	47,600,000	36,148,506	30/06/2028
Buildings	Civic Centre Public Carpark/CBD Parking	4,867,700	25,132,300	30,000,000	30,000,000	-	30/06/2028
Buildings	Project Contingency	0	170,977	170,977	2,000,000	1,829,023	30/06/2028
Waste Management Infrastructure	Shoal Bay - Stage 2 Expansion Phase 1	535,817	5,646,205	6,182,022	6,250,000	67,978	31/05/2026
Waste Management Infrastructure	Shoal Bay Waste Management Site - Stage 7 Construction	198,906	3,723,485	3,922,391	8,750,000	4,827,609	30/06/2027
TOTAL		8,671,969	43,054,915	51,555,907	94,600,000	43,044,093	

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14.2 QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT - APRIL TO JUNE 2026 (Q4)

Author: Manager Risk and Customer Experience

Authoriser: Executive Manager Corporate and Customer Service

Attachments: 1. Strategic Plan Action Summary Q4 2025/26 [↓](#)
2. Municipal Plan Action Summary Q4 2025/26 [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the report entitled Quarterly Performance Report – April to June 2026 (Q4) be received and noted.

PURPOSE

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

KEY ISSUES

- The *Darwin 2030 – City for People. City of Colour.* Strategic Plan sets the direction for all strategic plans for the City of Darwin.
- Quarterly performance reports track progress in delivering on the Strategic and Municipal Plan and is utilised to inform the Annual Report each year.

DISCUSSION

City of Darwin has been implementing its strategic planning and performance reporting framework since the adoption of the *Darwin 2030: City for People. City of Colour.* Strategic Plan in July 2019. The below provides 2025/26 quarter 4 highlights against the Strategic and Municipal Plans.

Quarter 4 Highlights – Strategic Plan:

There are 26 actions within the Strategic Plan active during 2025/26. Of these actions, 25 are on track, and one is listed as not yet due. See **Attachment 1** for full details of City of Darwin's Q4 performance against the Strategic Plan.



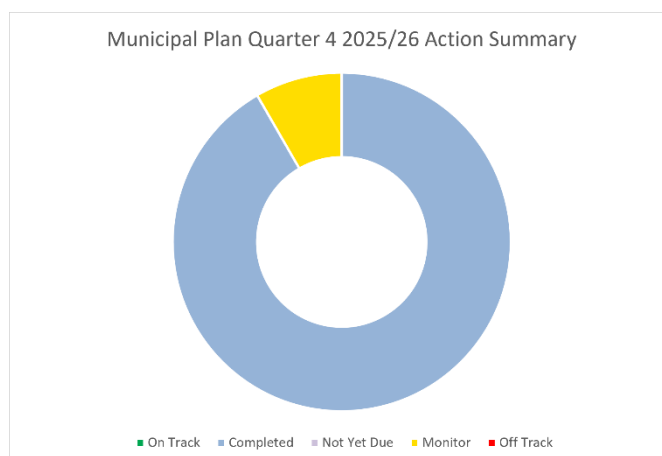
Highlights from this quarter include:

- Finalisation of a new tenancy at Nightcliff Community Centre
- Provided sponsorship for the Nightcliff Seabreeze Festival
- Organisational emissions profile for 2024/25 has been finalised
- Delivered the Jingili Water Gardens Festival
- Delivered “Seeds of Science: Nurturing Knowledge for All” as part of National Science Week 2026.

The action marked as not yet due is the development of a Multicultural Framework, this has been scheduled for commencement in 2028/29.

Quarter 4 Highlights – Municipal Plan:

Within the 2025/26 Municipal Plan there are 36 actions for delivery, including 6 actions which fall under the Governance Framework. A summary of performance against each action in this quarter is located at **Attachment 2**. Of these actions 33 are marked as completed, and three have been marked as monitor.



Highlights from this quarter include: • Expansion of Cell 2 at Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility has been completed and approval for filling has been received • All funded projects have been delivered against the access and inclusion infrastructure program • Greening targets for the year have been achieved • PressReader introduced to City of Darwin libraries, delivering free access to over 6,000 newspapers and magazines from over 100 countries in more than 60 languages. The three items marked as monitor are on track to be completed within the first six months of the 2026/27 financial year. There were six actions carried forward from the Municipal Plan 2024/25. Of these, all actions have now been completed against revised targets.	
PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION Not applicable. Each quarterly report is considered on its own merit.	
STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	6 Governance Framework 6.4 Accountability
BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	Budget/Funding: Nil Is Funding identified: Nil Corporate Hub is responsible for coordinating the City of Darwin Performance Reporting.
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	Legislation: <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> Section 34 – Contents of municipal, regional or shire plan (1)(d) Municipal Plan must define indicators for judging the standard of the Council's performance Policy: Darwin 2030 – <i>City for People. City of Colour.</i> Strategic Plan, Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework.
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	Engagement Level: Inform Internal: The actions contained within the Strategic Plan and 2025/26 Municipal Plan have been reviewed and Quarter 2 updates are provided by responsible Executive Managers and Managers. Hub General Managers approve performance and status updates for responsible actions as part of this reporting framework. External: Quarterly Performance Report: October to December 2025 (Q2) will inform the City of Darwin 2025/26 Annual Report and reporting is part of the open session of Council, so public at the time meeting agendas are issued for an Ordinary Meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST	The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).
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STRATEGIC PLAN 2025/26 ACTION SUMMARY							
Strategic Direction (SD)	Target	Action	Responsible Executive Manager (EM)	Progress Comment	Action Status	Original Start Date	Expected End Date
Target: By 2030, a number of strategic infrastructure projects will be developed and delivered							
SD1	TAR1	Implement City of Darwin's Asset Management Framework	EM Infrastructure	2025/26 Q4 - Transport and pathways asset management plans final draft prepared for Council review in June 2026. Stormwater asset condition assessments completed AMP review in planning.	On track	01/07/2020	30/06/2028
SD1	TAR1	Develop a Priority Infrastructure Plan	EM Technical Services	2025/26 Q4 - Asset Management Plan reviews have been recently completed for roads, pathways and driveways across the municipality to inform future investment and priorities. Infrastructure Design of Lee Point Road Stage 2 is in its final stages of review.	On track	01/07/2020	30/06/2028
SD1	TAR1	Increase utilisation of the City of Darwin's land and community assets	EM Growth and Development Services	2025/26 Q4 - New tenancy in place at Nightcliff Community Centre. Negotiations continue for tenancies at Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre and Lyons Community Centre. Events and markets held across different neighbourhoods.	On track	01/07/2020	30/06/2028
Target: By 2030, Darwin will be increasingly recognised as a liveable city							
SD2	TAR2	Promote Darwin as a more attractive place to live and work	EM Growth and Development Services	2025/26 Q4 - The Place and Liveability Plan is being regularly updated to showcase the range of projects being delivered. There is multichannel promotion of key events and initiatives run by City of Darwin. Discover Darwin LinkedIn and International Relations Update newsletter ongoing. Greater Darwin Brand Toolkit nearing completion.	On track	01/07/2020	30/06/2030
SD2	TAR2	Work with the NT Government on a long term plan for Council to take on an increased role in planning decisions within the municipality	EM Growth and Development Services	2025/26 Q4 - City of Darwin continues to provide comment on Development Applications to the Northern Territory Government. Feedback on the NTPC Strategic Directions Planning Policy has been developed to share with the NT Planning Commission.	On track	01/07/2020	30/06/2030
SD2	TAR2	Increase utilisation of Darwin's beaches and foreshores	EM Growth and Development Services	2025/26 Q4 - The Street Food program is continuing. City of Darwin is also advocating for an event at Bundilla Beach as part of the Darwin Festival (Rollercoaster) and will host the Garamilla Food Fair at the Esplanade. Sponsorship provided to the highly attended Seabreeze Festival at Nightcliff and Rapid Creek.	On track	01/07/2020	30/06/2030
Target: By 2030, Darwin will be recognised as a clean and environmentally responsible city							
SD3	TAR1	Facilitate forums for environmental service providers to share information and develop relationships within the sector and with other industries	EM Environment, Climate and Waste Services	2025/26 Q4 - City of Darwin participated in Future Ready Economy Project workshop that brought together organisations from across the NT to explore sustainable economic growth. A Sustainable House Day was held in May, organised by CoolMob and supported by City of Darwin.	On track	01/07/2020	30/06/2030
SD3	TAR1	Council will have zero net emissions from operations by 2030	EM Environment, Climate and Waste Services	2025/26 Q4 - City of Darwin's organisational emissions profile for FY2025 has been completed. Energy efficiency upgrades to West Lane Car Park, Parap Pool and Casuarina Library continue. A trial diverting food waste from Parap Market has been completed. Compost bin rebate program has been successful, with over 100 rebates approved.	On track	01/07/2020	30/06/2030

SD3	TAR1	Deliver projects that will cool the Darwin City Centre	EM Environment, Climate and Waste Services	2025/26 Q4 - Landscaping and additional trees have been designed for planting near the intersection of Smith St and Daly St. CSIRO is currently undertaking a study into the best conditions for climbing plants to thrive on public shade structures. Heat analysis by CSIRO before and after greening projects continues.	On track	01/07/2020	30/06/2030
SD3	TAR1	Ensure Council open spaces contribute to the city's biodiversity	EM Environment, Climate and Waste Services	2025/26 Q4 - There has been a focus on signage upgrades that raise awareness and educate the public about City of Darwin's biodiversity. This includes updated East Point Science Trail and bushtucker signs for installation in July and interpretive signs that have been installed at Duke Street rainforest and Robyn Lesley Park.	On track	01/07/2020	30/06/2030
Target: By 2030, Darwin will be recognised globally as a smart city							
SD4	TAR1	Support the development of business centres that foster industry engagement, collaboration and innovation across all markets	EM Growth and Development Services	2025/26 Q4 - Regular engagement with DCRA, the Chamber of Commerce, Tourism Top End, and Hospitality NT. Progress is being made on Smith Street Mall signage, which will improve wayfinding and help people navigate the mall more easily.	On track	01/07/2020	30/06/2030
SD4	TAR1	Develop innovation hubs for our community and future generations	GM Innovation	2025/26 Q4 - Preparation underway for Darwin Fusion Trade Show and Darwin Show in July where the Minecraft tool will be showcased.	On track	01/07/2020	30/06/2030
SD4	TAR1	Lead innovation for the city and facilitate relevant activities to support these initiatives	GM Innovation	2025/26 Q4 - The Environmental Sensor Network has expanded to Shoal Bay and targeted locations to support temperature and humidity comparisons. New people counting and active transport solutions have been procured for monitoring movement at key locations. CRM progressing.	On track	01/07/2020	30/06/2030
SD4	TAR1	Support life-long learning opportunities through the provision of STEAM programs	EM Library and Family Services	2025/26 Q4 - The STEAM Team continued to support lifelong learning opportunities through a range of innovative and accessible programs including "Seeds of Science: Nurturing Knowledge for All" as part of National Science Week 2026 to deliver engaging science-based learning activities for the community. The team also received an ALIA Citizen Science Grant, enabling the continuation of citizen science programs across library to encourage community participation in real-world scientific research and discovery.	On track	01/07/2020	30/06/2030
SD4	TAR1	Implement and evolve the #SmartDarwin and its pillars by 2030	GM Innovation	2025/26 Q4 - Data Insights Platform and Liveability Platform continue to evolve, with expanded datasets, dashboards, data stories, and liveability content updates. Data Lakehouse proof of concept is ongoing.	On track	01/07/2020	30/06/2026
Target: By 2030, Darwin will have attracted and retained more residents and will offer sustainable investment opportunities							
SD4	TAR2	Implement an Economic Development Plan for the city	EM Growth and Development Services	2025/26 Q4 - Focused on delivery of Darwin Fusion, Place and Liveability projects, data insights, business support and presentations. Greater Darwin brand toolkit development nearing completion.	On track	01/07/2020	30/06/2030
SD4	TAR2	Develop an International Relations Program to leverage business growth and economic development opportunities for the city	EM Growth and Development Services	2025/26 Q4 - Focused on delivery of Darwin Fusion. An Expression of Interest will be released shortly for the newly formed Tourism, Business and International Relations Advisory Committee.	On track	01/07/2020	30/06/2030
SD4	TAR2	Promote Darwin as a great destination to live, work, study and invest	EM Growth and Development Services	025/26 Q4 - Arrangements have been made for City of Darwin to present at the NT Futures Conference and Darwin Fusion, where promoting Darwin will be a key topic.	On track	01/07/2020	30/06/2030

SD4	TAR2	Support initiatives to increase the population of Darwin through engagement with business and industry, and all levels of Government	EM Growth and Development Services	2025/26 Q4 - The Darwin brand toolkit has progressed significantly and is now ready to be shared with stakeholders for feedback to support activation, promotion, and consistent event branding across all partners and participants.	On track	01/07/2020	30/06/2030
SD4	TAR2	Support initiatives to grow the economy and retain people and jobs in Darwin	EM Growth and Development Services	2025/26 Q4 - A wide range of events were supported through permits and access to public land. Delivered the Jingili Water Gardens Festival and a Chan Ward family event in partnership with libraries, celebrating the 2026 National Families Week theme, 'Every Family, Everywhere'.	On track	01/07/2020	30/06/2030
Target: By 2030, Darwin will be recognised as an iconic destination							
SD5	TAR1	Deliver a City of Darwin events program and support other event programs that engage locals and attract visitors	EM Growth and Development Services	2025/26 Q4 - Issued permits for events including GleNTi, Fire and Forage, Latin Festival, Nightcliff Sea Breeze Festival, Santos Aboriginal Power Cup, Bass in the Grass, Tractor Town, Battle of the Streets, Pride events, NT City2Surf, the Darwin Symphony Orchestra, and the Beer Can Regatta. Delivered the Jingili Water Festival.	On track	01/07/2020	30/06/2030
SD5	TAR1	Partner with other stakeholders to grow the visitor economy of Darwin	EM Growth and Development Services	2025/26 Q4 - Engaged with key local stakeholders to consider opportunities for the 85th anniversary of Bombing of Darwin.	On track	01/07/2020	30/06/2030
SD5	TAR1	Support the promotion of Darwin as a cruise ship and yachting destination and as a home port for expedition ships	EM Growth and Development Services	2025/26 Q4 - Participated in the Cruise Working Group, maintaining a proactive focus on enhancing the cruise visitor experience. Work is being finalised on the Smith Street Mall wayfinding signage and digital kiosk, which will support cruise passengers to better navigate and access the city.	On track	01/07/2020	30/06/2030
Target: By 2030, Darwin will be a more connected community and have pride in our cultural history							
SD5	TAR2	Deliver programs and services that create a cohesive, connected and culturally enriched community	General Manager Community	2025/26 Q4 - Continued to deliver programs and services that create a cohesive, connected and culturally enriched community, including Youth programs, Healthy Darwin and activity in partnership with YNT at our pools, STEAM Zones, Storytime and Fun Bus and the Lightbox Art program.	On track	01/07/2020	30/06/2030
SD5	TAR2	Promote Darwin as a destination known for its Aboriginal cultures and landmarks	EM Growth and Development Services	2025/26 Q4 - Sponsorship of NAIDOC events has been approved for the next three years and a wayfinding and signage framework has been developed which includes opportunities for including Larrakia approved cultural information.	On track	01/07/2020	30/06/2030
SD5	TAR2	Develop a City of Darwin Multicultural Framework	EM Community and Cultural Services	Not yet due.	Not yet due	01/07/2028	30/06/2030

MUNICIPAL PLAN 2025/26 ACTION SUMMARY								
Strategic Direction (SD)	Target	Action	Responsible Executive Manager (EM)	Progress Comment	Action Status	Start Date	End Date	
Target: By 2030, a number of strategic infrastructure projects will be developed and delivered								
SD1	TAR1	1.1.1.78	Deliver the 2025/26 capital works program	EM Infrastructure	2025/26 Q4 - Asset renewal programmes completed for driveways, pathways, walkways, road resurfacing and playgrounds. Stormwater, public amenity and public lighting renewal nearing completion with last projects in construction. SBWMF Cell 2 expansion completed with approval for filling received from the NTEPA. Major projects Civic Centre and SBWMF stage 7 milestones met for the year.	Completed	1/07/2025	30/06/2026
SD1	TAR1	1.1.1.79	Deliver the 2025/26 milestones for the new Civic Centre and Precinct Redevelopment Project	EM Infrastructure	2025/26 Q4 - Project milestones met for financial year. Construction works are progressing in alignment with program and within budget forecast.	Completed	1/07/2025	30/06/2026
SD1	TAR1	1.1.1.80	Complete an expression of interest for partnership opportunities to deliver electric vehicle infrastructure across the Darwin municipality	EM Growth & Development	2025/26 Q4 - Expression of interest completed. Agreement to be finalised in 2026/27.	Completed	1/07/2025	30/06/2026
SD1	TAR1	1.1.1.87	Develop asset management plans for asset categories street and public lighting, and stormwater drainage	EM Infrastructure	2025/26 Q4 - Asset Management Plans pending finalisation.	Monitor	1/07/2025	30/06/2026
Target: By 2030, Darwin will be a safer place to live and visit								
SD2	TAR1	1.2.1.2	Deliver regulatory services including regulation of vehicles, animals and public places in line with legislative requirements	EM Regulatory Services	2025/26 Q4 - Regulatory Services continues to support the community through the regulation of vehicles, animals and public places and offers a series of free monthly workshops for residents including barking matters programs, don't bite be polite, life with dogs, and animal education initiatives.	Completed	1/07/2025	30/06/2026
SD2	TAR1	1.2.1.3	Deliver local area traffic management initiatives to improve movement, road safety and liveability	EM Technical Services	2025/26 Q4 - Koolinda and Chambers Crescent projects are under construction. Works are expected to be completed in July 2026. Two Blackspot projects are close to finalisation for Fitzer Drive and Harriet Place.	Completed	1/07/2025	30/06/2026
SD2	TAR1	1.2.1.4	Deliver the 2025/26 street and public lighting and amenity projects	EM Technical Services	2025/26 Q4 - Atkins Drive and Making Mindil Safe Stage 2B projects are under construction. Both projects are nearing completion.	Monitor	1/07/2025	30/06/2026
SD2	TAR1	1.2.1.5	Deliver an assertive outreach program in partnership with service providers	EM Community & Cultural Services	2025/26 Q4 - Assertive Outreach working with the ICT PMO to define data parameters and need. Continuing to provide exceptional service and build strong relationships across the sector including working with ABS to support the inclusion of vulnerable people in census.	Completed	1/07/2025	30/06/2026
Target: By 2030, Darwin will be a more active and healthy								
SD2	TAR3	1.2.3.1	Deliver the 2025/26 healthy and active community programs	EM Community & Cultural Services	2025/26 Q4 - Healthy Darwin program continues to provide a wide variety of accessible, engaging healthy activity across the municipality, catering to different demographics.	Completed	1/07/2025	30/06/2026
SD2	TAR3	1.2.3.2	Deliver 2025/26 Play Space Strategy annual funded actions	EM Community & Cultural Services	2025/26 Q4 - Continuing to upgrade and develop play spaces as per the strategy and where additional funding and resourcing is allocated. Water Ward Multigenerational Recreation Space progressing.	Completed	1/07/2025	30/06/2026

Target: By 2030, Darwin will be increasingly recognised as a liveable city								
SD2	TAR2	1.2.2.37	Deliver the access and inclusion infrastructure projects	EM Infrastructure	2025/26 Q4 - Works completed for funded elements of program.	Completed	1/07/2025	30/06/2026
SD2	TAR2	1.2.2.38	Deliver the 2025/26 milestones for the Waters Ward Multigenerational Recreation Space	EM Infrastructure	2025/26 Q4 - Construction of enabling elements underway. High thrill zone procurement unsuccessful, tender package under review for readvertising in Q1 2026/27 FY.	Completed	1/07/2025	30/06/2026
SD2	TAR2	1.2.2.39	Deliver the 2025/26 annual events program, including the 2026 Bombing of Darwin event	EM Growth & Development	2025/26 Q4 - Successfully delivered a free, family-friendly community celebration in the Chan Ward as part of the Jingili Water Festival and Families Week at Jingili Water Gardens.	Completed	1/07/2025	30/06/2026
SD2	TAR2	1.2.2.40	Enhance and maintain, parks and recreation facilities to meet community needs	EM Operations	2025/26 Q4 - Operations teams have transitioned to BAU operations and continue to deliver ongoing maintenance and services to enhance and maintain, parks and recreation facilities to meet community needs.	Completed	1/07/2025	30/06/2026
Target: By 2030, Darwin will be recognised as a clean and environmentally responsible city								
SD3	TAR1	1.3.1.43	Deliver the 2025/26 Greening Darwin Strategy annual funded actions	EM Operations	2025/26 Q4 - Annual greening targets were achieved for the year. 491 park and street trees planted, 240 customer request trees fulfilled, 15 CBD area hardscape trees planted, and 9,455 plants distributed through the native plant giveaway program.	Completed	1/07/2025	30/06/2026
SD3	TAR1	1.3.1.44	Deliver the Stage 7 putrescible cell milestones at Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility	EM Infrastructure	2025/26 Q4 - Project milestones met, construction underway.	Completed	1/07/2025	30/06/2026
SD3	TAR1	1.3.1.45	Deliver the 2025/26 Climate Emergency Strategy annual funded programs	EM Environment, Climate and Waste	2025/26 Q4 - Emissions profile for FY2025 completed. A trial diverting food waste from Parap Market was delivered. A Sustainable House Day was held in May, organised by CoolMob and supported by City of Darwin.	Completed	1/07/2025	30/06/2026
SD3	TAR1	1.3.1.46	Explore advanced waste processing technologies to divert waste from landfill	EM Environment, Climate and Waste	2025/26 Q4 - A scoping study partnership has been finalised with NTG to undertake a detailed study on the waste to energy opportunity for the Top End.	Completed	1/07/2025	30/06/2026
SD3	TAR1	1.3.1.47	Identify priorities for more targeted greening along footpaths and shared paths	EM Operations	2025/26 Q4 - Priorities for targeted greening along footpaths and shared paths identified for inclusion in the 10 Year Tree Planting Plan.	Completed	1/07/2025	30/06/2026
Target: By 2030, Darwin will be recognised globally as a smart city								
SD4	TAR1	1.4.1.6	Deliver 2025/26 outcomes from the ICT roadmap including milestones towards the customer relationship management system	ICT PMO Director	2025/26 Q4 - Key ICT Roadmap milestones achieved, including CRM procurement, HRIS procurement documentation and implementation of a Change Management Gateway Review framework to strengthen governance.	Completed	1/07/2025	30/06/2026
SD4	TAR1	1.4.1.7	Deliver a data insights platform	GM Innovation	2025/26 Q3 - Completed. Available at https://smart.darwin.nt.gov.au	Completed	1/07/2025	30/06/2026

Target: By 2030, Darwin will have attracted and retained more residents and will offer sustainable investment opportunities								
SD4	TAR2	1.4.2.6	Deliver the 2025/26 international relations events program, including the new Sister Cities Cup event	EM Growth & Development	2025/26 Q4 - Planning for Darwin Fusion is largely complete, for delivery in July 2026. The event incorporates a range of government, business, sporting, and cultural exchange activities, including, the ASEAN and Partners Forum and Trade Show, Sister City Cup international football tournament, the Garramilla International Food Fair and curated networking opportunities.	Completed	1/07/2025	30/06/2026
SD4	TAR2	1.4.2.7	Deliver an online liveability platform	GM Innovation	2025/26 Q2 - The Liveability Platform was launched in November and will be continually updated for the next 25 years.	Completed	1/07/2025	30/06/2026
Target: By 2030, Darwin will be recognised as an iconic destination								
SD5	TAR1	1.5.1.15	Deliver the Creative Strategy annual funded actions	EM Community & Cultural Services	2025/26 Q4 - Funded actions against the Creative Strategy are being delivered including concept refinement for Civic Centre Integrated Art and Design project and a variety of copyrighted works and commissioned opportunities installed across the community including at Bundilla and in Smith Street.	Completed	1/07/2025	30/06/2026
Target: By 2030, Darwin will be a more connected community and have pride in our cultural identity								
SD5	TAR2	1.5.2.20	Deliver the 2025/26 Community Grants Program	EM Community & Cultural Services	2025/26 Q4 - Council endorsed the recommendations of the March Community Grants round and recipients have been notified, with activity to take place from July 1. A wide variety of activity has been funded across the municipality with this recent round recording the highest number of applications at over 40.	Completed	1/07/2025	30/06/2026
SD5	TAR2	1.5.2.21	Deliver funded actions against the Reconciliation Action Plan	EM Community & Cultural Services	2025/26 Q4 - Consultation on the new RAP has started with the Reconciliation Advisory Committee highlighting priority areas. Reconciliation Week activities have been delivered and Larrakia designed Polo Shirts have been developed and distributed across the organisation.	Completed	1/07/2025	30/06/2026
SD5	TAR2	1.5.2.22	Deliver the 2025/26 Youth Strategy annual actions	EM Community & Cultural Services	2025/26 Q4 - City of Darwin continue to deliver actions identified during the annual co-design workshop with young people and provide a variety of opportunities for development and engagement in line with the youth strategy priorities of Everyone Belongs, Safe & Supported, Creating Pathways and Working Together.	Completed	1/07/2025	30/06/2026
SD5	TAR2	1.5.2.23	Deliver the communications, media and marketing annual program	EM Marketing Communications and Engagement	2025/26 Q4 - City of Darwin has continued to deliver a holistic marcomms program year-round, primarily focused on supporting community education and awareness and supporting engagement.	Completed	1/07/2025	30/06/2026
SD5	TAR2	1.5.2.24	Deliver annual library services and programs, including focus areas of literacy and continuation of online services and digital inclusion	EM Library and Family Services	2025/26 Q4 - PressReader was introduced as a new Digital Library resource, expanding access to more than 6,000 newspapers and magazines from over 100 countries in more than 60 languages. This initiative strengthens the Library's online service offering, supports digital inclusion by providing free access to premium digital content, and encourages literacy through increased access to diverse news and reading materials for the community.	Completed	1/07/2025	30/06/2026
SD5	TAR2	1.5.2.25	Deliver family and children's outreach programs to improve family wellbeing and support children's development and foster community connections	EM Library and Family Services	2025/26 Q4 - The Civic School Visits Program continues to provide valuable educational experiences for local students. In May, several school groups visited to learn more about the role of local government and the City of Darwin. These visits increased students' understanding of civic responsibilities, local decision-making processes, and community engagement.	Completed	1/07/2025	30/06/2026

Target: Vision and Culture								
SD1	TAR1	1.1.1.81	Proactive risk management in supporting operations and project delivery	EM Corporate & Customer	2025/26 Q4 - Proactive risk management remains ongoing.	Completed	1/07/2025	30/06/2026
Target: Roles and Relationships								
SD1	TAR1	1.1.1.82	Establish and maintain productive and positive relationships with First Nations organisations and implement memoranda of understanding	EM Community & Cultural Services	2025/26 Q4 - Continued a strong and positive working relationship with Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation. City of Darwin continue to foster positive relationships with both organisations including through the development of Larrakia training documents as well as with other First Nations organisations through our Reconciliation program and other activities.	Completed	1/07/2025	30/06/2026
SD1	TAR1	1.1.1.83	Advocate Council's position at national and local levels for the benefit of the Darwin community	Chief Executive Officer	2025/26 Q4 - Targeted advocacy has been delivered in line with City of Darwin priority projects and strategic projects with Northern Territory Government and other agencies. Ongoing advocacy continues via ALGA, LGANT and CCCLM.	Completed	1/07/2025	30/06/2026
Target: Decision Making and Management								
SD1	TAR1	1.1.1.84	Deliver the 2025/26 Internal Audit program	EM Corporate & Customer	2025/26 Q4 - Draft scope developed for the second Regulatory Internal audit, but audit not completed. Three year audit program remains on track.	Monitor	1/07/2025	30/06/2026
Target: Accountability								
SD1	TAR1	1.1.1.85	Deliver unqualified 2024/25 City of Darwin Audited Financial Statements	EM Finance	2025/26 Q2 - Unqualified audit delivered. Annual Financial Statements endorsed by Council 28/10/2025.	Completed	1/07/2025	30/06/2026
SD1	TAR1	1.1.1.86	Deliver the 2024/25 Annual Report	EM Corporate & Customer	2025/26 Q2 - Completed. Endorsed by Council 28/10/2025.	Completed	1/07/2025	30/06/2026

14.3 TIER 2 BI-ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT - JANUARY TO JUNE 2026

Author: Manager Risk and Customer Experience

Authoriser: Executive Manager Corporate and Customer Service

Attachments: 1. Tier 2 Performance Reporting - January to June 2026 [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the report entitled Tier 2 Bi-Annual Performance Report – January to June 2026 be received and noted.

PURPOSE

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

KEY ISSUES

- The Darwin 2030 – *City for People. City of Colour.* Strategic Plan sets the direction for all strategies for City of Darwin.
- Nine strategies and plans have been approved and will be reported on in this report.
- The attached report tracks progress in delivering actions against City of Darwin endorsed strategies and plans.

DISCUSSION

Tier 2 strategies are enabling plans which operationalise the main actions of the Strategic and Municipal Plan and contain deliverable actions which require reporting to Council and the community bi-annually.

City of Darwin has nine active strategies and plans which have been classified as Tier 2:

- Access Strategy
- Climate Emergency Strategy
- Creative Strategy
- Greening Darwin Strategy
- Movement Strategy
- Play Space Strategy
- Reconciliation Action Plan
- Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy
- Youth Strategy

Since the previous reporting period, the Economic Development Strategy items are being included within the Strategic Plan with actions being reported against the Tier 1 strategy. Remaining actions from the Customer First Strategy are being implemented in conjunction with the ICT Roadmap and CRM and are being reported against these actions.

The Tier 2 strategies for the period 1 January 2026 to 30 June 2026 have been summarised in **Attachment 1** of this report, highlighting:

- achievements for this reporting period
- activities planned for the next reporting period
- circular graphic for statistics
- observations and challenges which are currently being experienced or foreseen next period, if applicable.

The graphic represents the current year achievements against target only.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

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

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	6 Governance Framework 6.4 Accountability
BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	Budget/Funding: N/A Is Funding identified: N/A Corporate Services Hub is responsible for coordinating the City of Darwin Performance Reporting.
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	Legislation: <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> Section 291 – Content of annual report (g) An assessment of the council's performance of service delivery and projects for the relevant financial year, with reference to the advice and recommendations of a local authority or authorities.

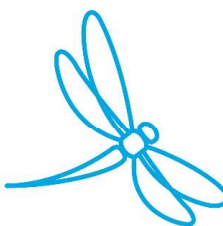
	Policy: Darwin 2030 – <i>City for People. City of Colour.</i> Strategic Plan, Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework.
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	Engagement Level: Inform Internal: The actions contained with the Tier 2 classification have been reviewed and updates are provided by responsible Executive Managers and General Managers. External: Tier 2 Bi-Annual Performance Report will inform the City of Darwin 2025/26 Annual Report, and reporting is part of the open session of Council, so public at the time meeting agendas are issued for an Ordinary Meeting.
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).



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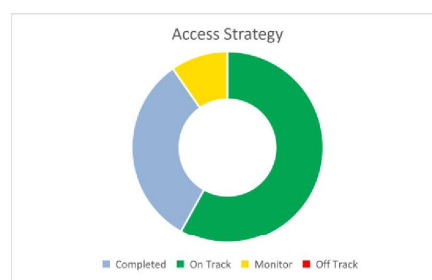
Access Strategy

Responsible Officer: Executive Manager Community and Cultural Development
Period: 01/01/2026 – 30/06/2026

Highlights achieved in current period:

- Hidden Disability Sunflower accreditation for City of Darwin.
- Deaf Awareness and Auslan training for 20 City of Darwin staff.
- Accessible beach audits undertaken for Nightcliff and Casuarina Coastal Reserve.
- Launch of ALGA Disability Inclusion Guide for Local Government.

There are 51 actions over the life of the 5-year Access Strategy (2025-2030), and 31 actions were active during this period. As per status graphic below 10 are marked as completed, 18 are marked as on track and 3 are listed as monitor. There are 20 actions scheduled for delivery in future years which are not included in current year reporting.



What will be achieved next period?

- Extension of Lord Mayor's Awards and delivery of Diversability Fun Day Event.
- Installation of communication boards to increase accessibility of Casuarina Aquatic Leisure Centre, Jingili Accessible Play Space and other locations.
- Trial of Convo – portable and responsive Auslan interpreter service that users can access via a QR code. City of Darwin will run a trial of this service to assess ongoing need and suitability across our Pools, Events, Libraries and Customer Services.



Climate Emergency Strategy

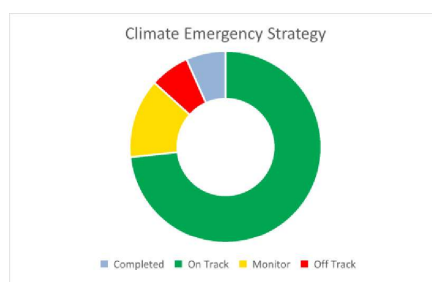
Responsible Officer: Executive Manager Environment, Climate and Waste Services
Period: 01/01/2026 – 30/06/2026

Highlights achieved in current period:

- Sponsored several sustainable living programs including the Top End Eco Fair, Sustainable House Day.
- Finalising designs for energy efficiency upgrade projects at West Lane Car Park, Casuarina Library and Parap Pool.
- Completed a City of Darwin emissions target review.
- Advancing a collaborative heat health project with CSIRO and NT Health, including mapping cool refuges.



There are 104 actions over the life of the 9-year Climate Emergency Strategy (2021-2030). 15 actions are active or due during 2025/26. As per status graphic below 1 action has been completed, 2 are listed as monitor, 1 is marked as off track with 11 on track. 89 actions were completed in prior years which are not included in current year reporting.



What will be achieved next period?

- Further assessment of climate risk for City of Darwin.
- Progression of energy efficiency projects at West Lane car park, Casuarina Library and Parap Pool.

Note: The installation of battery systems on City of Darwin infrastructure is unfunded in this financial year and is marked as off track.



Creative Strategy

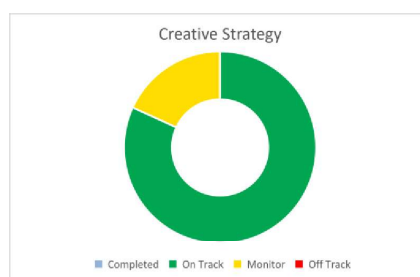
Responsible Officer: Executive Manager Community and Cultural Development
Period: 01/01/2026 – 30/06/2026

Highlights achieved in current period:

- Online publication of the Public Art Story Map.
- Additional works delivered in partnership with Darwin Street Art Festival at Casuarina Library by Kris Keogh and Aralia Street Shopping precinct by Piper Kidd and the Esplanade by Trent Bundirrk Lee.
- Delivery of the first Arts Sector Connect event – 2-day professional development for Arts sector delivered in partnership with Darwin Community Arts.
- Creative Development workshops with 20 Darwin artists delivered as part of the Civic Centre Integrated Art and Design Project with four artists moving into concept refinement.
- Through a copyright agreement with Larrakia artist Cyan Sue Lee designs installed on Bundilla amenities and irrigation tank.



There are 11 actions over the life of the 6-year Creative Strategy (2024-2030). All 11 actions remain active or due during 2025/26. A total of 9 actions remain on track in the current reporting period, and 2 actions are listed as monitor.



What will be achieved next period?

- Delivery of final Smith Street public art outcomes.
- Civic Centre Integrated Art and Design refined concepts delivered for licencing.
- Extension of Cyan Sue Lee designs on light poles in Bundilla precinct.



Greening Darwin Strategy

Responsible Officer: Executive Manager Environment, Climate and Waste Services
Period: 01/01/2026 – 30/06/2026

Highlights achieved in current period:

- New interpretive biodiversity signage developed for East Point Reserve and Duke Street rainforest.
- Native gardening and composting guides developed to support greening and biodiversity at home.
- World Environment Day event delivered with Landcare NT and NT Parks and Wildlife focused on invasive weeds
- Progress against greening targets now available on Data Insights Platform.
- Undertaking tree health assessments and remediation works across 221 parks and 475 kilometres of roadside verges as part of the Cyclone Fina recovery operation.



There are 38 actions over the life of the 9-year Greening Darwin Strategy (2021-2030). There are 8 actions active or due during 2025/26 as per graphic below: 5 are on track and 3 have been completed. A total of 30 actions were completed in prior years and are not included current year reporting.



What will be achieved next period?

- Reporting on tree canopy cover loss from Cyclone Fina.
- Refining canopy cover monitoring methodology for improved accuracy and reporting.
- Finalise guide to installing your own raingarden at home for the Liveability Toolkit.
- Future urban tree planting projects.
- Community tree planting days.
- Continue native plant giveaways.



Movement Strategy

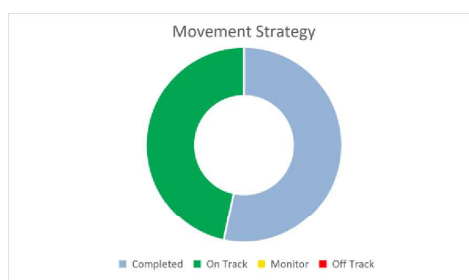
Responsible Officer: Executive Manager Place and Economic Development
Period: 01/01/2026 – 30/06/2026

Highlights achieved in current period:

- Finalisation of the Smith Street Mall wayfinding project.
- Development of a Wayfinding and Signage Framework.
- Finalisation of the Chapel Lane Revitalisation project.
- Community consultation for the Koolinda Crescent and Chambers Crescent Liveability projects in Malak and Karama.
- Advocated for Movement Strategy information to be included in the Subdivision Development Guidelines.



There are 50 actions over the life of the 8-year Movement Strategy (2022-2030). There are 15 actions active or due during 2025/26 as per status graphic below, with 7 on track, and 8 actions completed. There is one action scheduled for delivery in a future year and 34 completed in prior years, these are not included in current year reporting.



What will be achieved next period?

- Finalise infrastructure guidelines for alternative use of car parks.
- Further promotion of the Movement Strategy.
- Finalise the upgrades of Chambers and Koolinda Crescents.
- Open Street events in collaboration with local schools.



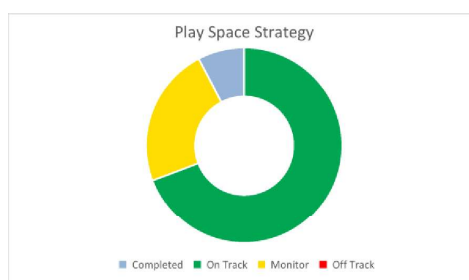
Play Space Strategy

Responsible Officer: Executive Manager Community and Cultural Development
Period: 01/01/2026 – 30/06/2026

Highlights achieved in current period:

- Waters Ward Regional Multigenerational Playground Stage 1 Tender actioned.
- Shade sail replacement across the municipality because of Cyclone Fina damage.

There are 22 actions over the life of the 7-year Play Space Strategy (2023-2030). 13 actions are active or due during 2025/26 as per status graphic below, 9 are on track, one action has been completed, and 3 actions are listed as monitor. There is one action scheduled for delivery in a future year and 5 actions completed in prior years, these are not included in current year reporting.



What will be achieved next period?

- Next steps on Waters Ward Regional Multigenerational Playground.
- Strategic assessments of Play Spaces to be undertaken



Reconciliation Action Plan

Responsible Officer: Executive Manager Community and Cultural Development
Period: 01/01/2026 – 30/06/2026

Highlights achieved in current period:

- The Reconciliation Action Plan was formally finalised in the previous reporting period, however one action remained outstanding. This was to register City of Darwin for a new Reconciliation Action Plan.
- City of Darwin is now registered to develop our next Reconciliation Action Plan.

There are 77 actions across the life of the Reconciliation Action Plan (2023-2025). All 77 have been completed.



What will be achieved next period?

- The next City of Darwin Reconciliation Action Plan is underway, and it is anticipated that our next RAP will be launched in Reconciliation Week 2027.



Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy

Responsible Officer: Executive Manager Environment, Climate and Waste Services
Period: 01/01/2026 – 30/06/2026

Highlights achieved in current period:

- Stage 7 landfill cell design finalisation and construction commencement.
- Completion of stage 2 (expansion) landfill cell construction.
- Emergency green waste related to Cyclone Fina processed and removed from Leanyer waste overflow site.
- Liaison with NTG to finalise the Emergency Waste Management Plan, based on Cyclone Fina learnings.
- Over 100 compost bin rebates provided to encourage the diversion of food waste from landfill.
- Delivery of a successful trial diverting food waste from Parap Markets for processing into soil improver.
- Native gardening and home composting guides developed to support climate resilience at home through cooling your yard and growing your own food.
- Finalisation of a scoping study partnership on waste to energy with NTG which will inform future waste management opportunities for the Top End.
- Tonnages of waste diverted from Shoal Bay landfill for recycling: 11,600 tonnes of greenwaste, 528 tonnes of metals, 57 tonnes of carboard and 87 tonnes of tyres.



There are 33 actions over the life of the 9-year Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy (2021-2030). There are 15 actions active or due during 2025/26 and as per status graphic below, 5 actions have been completed, with 5 actions on track, and the remaining 5 marked as monitor. A total of 19 actions were completed in prior years, and these actions are not included current year reporting.



What will be achieved next period?

- Completion of stage 7 cell design.
- Operationalisation of the stage 2 (expansion) landfill cell.
- Community open day at Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility.
- A second round of the community compost bin rebate program.

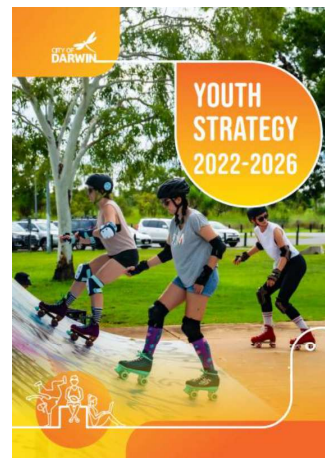


Youth Strategy

Responsible Officer: Executive Manager Community and Cultural Development
Period: 01/01/2026 – 30/06/2026

Highlights achieved in current period:

- Engagement of young Larrakia Artists in Couch Surfing signage design.
- Confirmed 3-year partnership with external provider Pathfinders NT for LAUNCH Night Series.
- Geektacular young producers undertook Hidden Disability training and increased reach and delivery for young people with disability in the 2026 program.
- New partnership with Charles Darwin University for GTJ – RSA Certificate held at Happy Yess.



To ensure actions remain relevant throughout the life of the Youth Strategy, a youth forum is held annually to identify key actions for the following calendar year.

Actions during this current reporting period remain on track. A list of 11 new actions was finalised at the 2025 Youth Forum and commenced from 1 January 2026.



What will be achieved next period?

- Delivery of NAIDOC Week youth profiles created by young media company Up North.
- Planning for updating Skate Park Murals.
- Young producer to deliver Secret Art project as part of Fringe Festival.
- Young MC and music mentoring program delivered as part of Darwin Festival.

14.4 ADVISORY COMMITTEE OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Author: A/Manager Office of Council and CEO

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

Attachments:

1. Unconfirmed Open Minutes Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee 4 June 2026 [↓](#)
2. Unconfirmed Open Minutes International Relations Advisory Committee 24 June 2026 [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the open minutes of the Advisory Committee meetings held in June 2026 to Council.

KEY ISSUES

- The unconfirmed open minutes of the Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee of 4 June 2026 are included at **Attachment 1**.
- The unconfirmed open minutes of the International Relations Advisory Committee of 24 June 2026 are included at **Attachment 2**.

DISCUSSION This report provides the minutes for the following committees: • Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee • International Relations Advisory Committee Any recommendations that arise from the committee meetings will be presented to Council in a separate report.	
PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION At the 30 June 2026 meeting Council resolved: RESOLUTION ORD257/26 THAT the report entitled Advisory and Executive Committee Open Meeting Minutes be received and noted. CARRIED 12/0	
STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	6 Governance Framework 6.1 Vision and Culture
BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	Nil
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	Legislation: <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> Policy: Meetings Policy Advisory and Other Committees Policy
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	Nil
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).



Minutes

Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, 4 June 2026

Unconfirmed



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**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN
ACCESS AND INCLUSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE MEETING ROOM GUYUGWA (CASUARINA LIBRARY MEETING ROOM), 17
BRADSHAW TERRACE, CASUARINA
ON THURSDAY, 4 JUNE 2026 AT 1:30 PM**

PRESENT:

Community Member Tiffany Brown
Community Member Florence Henaway
Community Member Lynne Strathie
Community Member Rajeev Thayil
Community Member Ella McGugan-Wevill
Council on the Ageing NT Cecilia Chiolero
Councillor Sylvia Klonaris
Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistic Simon Gillam

OFFICERS:

General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr

APOLOGY:

Building Advisory Services Alison Warwick
Community Member Kim Caudwell
Community Member Bryony Crowe
National Disability Services NT Wendy Morton

GUESTS:

Arts and Cultural Development Kaye Strange
Community Outreach Officer Lauren Brumby
Community Outreach Officer Brenton Watts

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4 June 2026

The chair was noted as absent. Community Member Lynne Strathie was nominated and appointed as acting chair prior to the commencement of the meeting.

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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2 MEETING DECLARED OPEN**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AAIAC018/26**

Moved: Community Member Lynne Strathie

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

The Chair declared the meeting open at 1:41pm.

CARRIED 8/0**3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE****3.1 APOLOGIES****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AAIAC019/26**

Moved: Community Member Tiffany Brown

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

THAT an apology from Building Advisory Services Alison Warwick, Community Member Kim Caudwell, Community Member Bryony Crowe, and National Disability Services NT Wendy Morton be received.

CARRIED 8/0**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 AAIAC020/26

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Community Member Tiffany Brown

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:

- Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistic Simon Gillam
- Community Member Florence Henaway
- Community Member Ella McGugan-Wevill
- Community Member Rajeev Thayil
- Council on the Ageing NT Cecilia Chiolero
- General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr

CARRIED 8/0

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

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AAIAC021/26

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Community Member Tiffany Brown

THAT the minutes of the Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Meeting held on 2 April 2026 be confirmed.

CARRIED 8/0

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 HIDDEN DISABILITIES SUNFLOWER PROGRAM TRAINING****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AAIAC022/26**

Moved: Community Member Tiffany Brown

Seconded: Community Member Ella McGugan-Wevill

THAT the report entitled Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Program Training be received and noted.

CARRIED 8/0

9.2 SAFER CITY PROGRAM**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AAIAC023/26**

Moved: Community Member Tiffany Brown

Seconded: Council on the Ageing NT Cecilia Chiolero

THAT the report entitled Safer City Program be received and noted.

CARRIED 8/0

9.3 ARTS AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT: ACCESS**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AAIAC024/26**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Community Member Tiffany Brown

THAT the report entitled Arts and Cultural Development: Access be received and noted.

CARRIED 8/0

9.4 COMMITTEE MEETING DATES 2026**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AAIAC025/26**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Council on the Ageing NT Cecilia Chiolero

1. THAT the report entitled Meeting Dates 2026 received and noted.
2. THAT the Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee sets the following schedule for the meetings for the remainder of 2026:
 - a. Meetings to be held on Thursdays
 - b. Meetings to be held on:
 - (i) 3 September 2026
 - (ii) 5 November 2026
 - c. Meetings to be held from 1:30pm to 3:00pm
 - d. Meetings to be held at either the Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre Community Room or Casuarina Library Meeting room with the option to meet online when needed.

CARRIED 8/0

10 MEMBER REPORTS**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AAIAC026/26**

Moved: Community Member Florence Henaway

Seconded: Council on the Ageing NT Cecilia Chiolero

THAT the following Member Reports be received and noted.

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

- Members were advised that the Notice of Motion - *Accessibility and Free Parking for Disability Permit Holders*, presented by Councillor Kim Farrar at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 31 March 2026, has been approved by Council.

CARRIED 8/0

11 GENERAL BUSINESS**11.1 GENERAL BUSINESS****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AAIAC027/26**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Council on the Ageing NT Cecilia Chiolerio

THAT the following General Business be received and noted.

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

- Advised members that *Agapi Care*, a disability and aged care service provider, will soon be opening at the former Karama Child Care Centre site.
- An official opening date has not yet been confirmed; however, Councillor Sylvia Klonaris will provide an update to the Committee once the date becomes available.

Council on the Ageing NT – Cecilia Chiolerio

- Noted the upcoming Darwin Seniors Expo, to be held at Territory Netball Stadium, Marrara, on Saturday, 27 June 2026, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

CARRIED 8/0

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

THAT the next Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee be held on Thursday, 3 September 2026, at 1:30 PM (Open Section followed by the Confidential Section), Meeting Room Guyugwa (Casuarina Library Meeting Room), 17 Bradshaw Terrace, Casuarina.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT the meeting closed at 2:52pm.

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The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Meeting held on 6 August 2026.

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CHAIR

Unconfirmed



Minutes

International Relations Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 24 June 2026

Unconfirmed



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**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS DARRANDIRRA, LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE, HARRY
CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN
ON WEDNESDAY, 24 JUNE 2026 AT 11:00 AM**

PRESENT:

Sister City Advisory Committee Kate Heelan
Acting General Manager Innovation, City of Darwin Nick Fewster
Charles Darwin University Adam Lam
Dept of Trade Business and Asian Relations David Orr
Port of Darwin Ben Cheng
Tourism Top End Jason Yule

OFFICERS:

Susannah Penman, Executive Manager Place and Economic Development
Vanya Bosicic, Manager Economic Development
Cherry Cai, Manager International Relations and Sponsorship

APOLOGY:

Lord Mayor Peter Styles (Chair)
Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris
Chamber of Commerce NT Glen Hingley
Dept of Foreign Affairs and Trade NT Suzy Wilson-Uilelea
Larrakia Nation Michael Rotumah

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City of Darwin acknowledges that we are living and working on Larrakia Country.

We acknowledge the Larrakia people as the Traditional Owners of the Darwin region. We pay our respects to the Larrakia elders past and present and support emerging Larrakia leaders now and into the future.

City of Darwin is committed to working together with all Larrakia to care for this land and sea for our shared future.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC015/26

Moved: Acting General Manager Innovation, City of Darwin Nick Fewster

Seconded: Port of Darwin Ben Cheng

THAT Kate Heelan is appointed chair for the meeting.

CARRIED 6/0

2 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC016/26

Moved: Tourism Top End Jason Yule

Seconded: Charles Darwin University Adam Lam

The Chair declared the meeting open at 11:02 am

CARRIED 6/0

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC017/26

Moved: Dept of Trade Business and Asian Relations David Orr

Seconded: Tourism Top End Jason Yule

THAT apologies from the following committee members be received.

- Lord Mayor Peter Styles (Chair)
- Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris
- Chamber of Commerce NT Glen Hingley
- Dept of Foreign Affairs and Trade NT Suzy Wilson-Uilelea
- Larrakia Nation Michael Rotumah

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**

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 IRACC018/26**

Moved: Port of Darwin Ben Cheng

Seconded: Sister City Advisory Committee Kate Heelan

THAT the minutes of the International Relations Advisory Committee Meeting held on 25 February 2026 be confirmed.

CARRIED 6/0**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 DARWIN FUSION UPDATE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC019/26

Moved: Charles Darwin University Adam Lam

Seconded: Port of Darwin Ben Cheng

THAT the verbal update on Darwin Fusion Update be received and noted.

CARRIED 6/0

10 MEMBER REPORTS

Nil

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 VERBAL MEMBER UPDATES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IRACC020/26

Moved: Tourism Top End Jason Yule

Seconded: Charles Darwin University Adam Lam

THAT the Verbal Member Updates be received and noted.

Tourism Top End, Jason Yule

- flights from Dili recently arrived with international delegations and tourists
- cruise ships are still in operation with a few international visitors
- tourist season is starting to build up but with concerns regarding fuel supplies, and
- permit request submitted for the upcoming big ship cruise season from October to April.

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Department of Trade Business and Asian Relations, David Orr

- the Department remains committed to positioning Darwin as Australia's Northern Gateway and it is a message carried in all the Department's activities, both domestic and abroad
- update on air connectivity:
 - AirAsia recently withdrew from their Kuala Lumpur and Denpasar routes
 - China Southern is looking to increase flights by November to three times a week
 - Aero Dili has commenced service into Darwin – strong value proposition for both inbound and outbound visitation with a service from Dili to Kuala Lumpur and Dili to Denpasar aligning well with the Darwin service
- the Department is likewise working on its workforce strategy, which will tie into population growth. The strategy will identify opportunities presented by major projects currently being pursued by the Northern Territory Government
- the second Northern Territory Investment Summit this year (July 2026) is expected to have over 160 C-suite executives from 12 nations participating and will feature the three projects being pursued by the NTG:
 - Beetaloo Subbasin Gas Project and associated infrastructure
 - Territory Energy Link, which is a service corridor from the Beetaloo to Darwin
 - continued development and engagement with proponents on Middle Arm
- update on ministerial travels and international engagements:
 - Minister Cahill has undertaken trips to Japan, Korea, Taiwan, and Timor-Leste for a range of market engagements and future travel plans to Vietnam, the United States, New Zealand, Indonesia, and China, with travel dates and activities yet to be confirmed
 - Minister Boothby travelled to China for tourism engagements
 - Minister Hersey travelled to Timor-Leste on education engagements
 - Minister Maley travelled to Indonesia to undertake engagements with the cattle industry.

Acting General Manager Innovation, City of Darwin Nick Fewster

- current focus is on the successful delivery of Darwin Fusion 2026 event.

Charles Darwin University, Adam Lam

- international student numbers have decreased due to visa difficulties
- Interim Vice Chancellor conducted a trip to Southeast Asia, including Philippines, Malaysia, and Vietnam, to promote CDU, and especially Darwin, as a study destination for higher education, and
- further, a trip to meet CDU's strategic partners at its university in Shanghai, with Jiangwan City welcoming an additional 6 PhD students.

Port of Darwin, Ben Cheng

- Darwin Port continues its strong performance this financial year
- with the upcoming wet season, there will be more cruise ships coming
- this April, there will be bulk ore exports and Australian cotton industry exports almost 50% of cotton to Qingdao, and
- a delegation from China and Singapore are arriving from Dili to Darwin for business and investment opportunities in natural gas and other mineral projects.

CARRIED 6/0

12 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Nil

23 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 Update on the International Relations Advisory Committee

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

14 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the open section of the meeting be adjourned at 11:28 am.

THAT the open section of the meeting be resumed at 11:34 am.

THAT the chair declared the meeting closed at 11:34 am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the International Relations Advisory Committee Meeting held on.

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CHAIR

15 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

16 NOTICES OF MOTION**16.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT GROUP - OUTSTANDING RATES EQUIVALENT****Attachments: Nil**

I, Councillor Mick Palmer, give notice that at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 28 July 2026, I will move the following motion:-

MOTION

1. THAT Council receives a report reviewing the legal, financial, operational and environmental implications of restricting or denying Darwin International Airport access to Council-operated facilities and services, including:
 - a) the acceptance at the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility of waste originating from buildings, businesses and other premises located on Darwin International Airport land, and
 - b) access to, or use of, Council-owned stormwater drainage infrastructure.
2. THAT a report is presented to Council identifying any statutory, contractual or regulatory constraints and outline available options and associated risks.

REASON:

City of Darwin has notified Darwin International Airport Pty Ltd of amounts in which Council considers payable as rates equivalent payments under the airport lease arrangements.

This motion is seeking to investigate the legal, financial, operational and environmental implications of restricting or denying Darwin International Airport access to Council-operated facilities and services, including:

- the acceptance at the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility of waste originating from buildings, businesses and other premises located on Darwin International Airport land, and
- access to, or use of, Council-owned stormwater drainage infrastructure.

With a report back to Council identifying any statutory, contractual or regulatory constraints and outline available options and associated risks.

Signed by me at Darwin this 6 July 2026



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COUNCILLOR MICK PALMER

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

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

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

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

Public consultation requirements	Nil
External consultant advice	Nil
Legal advice / litigation	Yes
Impacts to existing projects	Nil
Impact to FTE	Nil
Budget reallocation	Nil
Capital investment	Nil
Officer time preparing the report requested in this motion	20 hrs / \$2,800 Plus legal costs from rates recovery budget
Officer time in receiving and preparing this Administration Comment	1 hr

Administration Comment

The proposed motion seeks a report only and does not authorise the restriction or denial of any Council facility or service. Any proposal arising from the report would require separate consideration by Council, including legal advice on Council's powers, relevant contractual and property rights, regulatory obligations, impacts on third parties and associated legal and operational risks.

16.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - TERRITORY DAY

Attachments: 1. **Draft Correspondence - Northern Territory Chief Minister** [↓](#)

I, Councillor Mick Palmer, give notice that at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 28 July 2026, I will move the following motion:-

MOTION

1. THAT Council note the significant City of Darwin resources that are employed annually to prepare and clean up after Territory Day celebrations and activities.
2. THAT Council approve, in the following terms, the letter at **Attachment 1** to be sent to the Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, advocating for the implementation of a commercial sale of fireworks licencing fee, with fees returned to City of Darwin to offset the costs associated with the Territory Day celebrations.

REASON:

City of Darwin expends significant resources to clean up after the public use of fireworks celebrating Territory Day.

This notice of motion advocates to the Chief Minister for the imposition of a licencing fee on the sale of fireworks, to be used to offset the costs to the Territory and Local Government organisations of managing the control, effects and clean up ensuing from the use of such fireworks.

Signed by me at Darwin this 6 July 2026



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COUNCILLOR MICK PALMER

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Impacts to existing projects	Nil
Impact to FTE	Nil
Budget reallocation	Nil
Capital investment	Nil
Officer time preparing the report requested in this motion	Nil
Officer time in receiving and preparing this Administration Comment	1 hour

Administrative Information Only

In the Northern Territory, firework licensing and permitting fees are used to cover regulatory oversight, safety compliance, and processing costs administered by NT WorkSafe.

Fees vary depending on the exact activity and scale, with funds supporting the administration of dangerous goods laws, site inspections, and public safety.

Current charges are structured according to the NT Worksafe - [NT WorkSafe Licensing Fees Schedule](#)



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The Hon Lia Finocchiaro MLA
Chief Minister of the Northern Territory
GPO Box 3146
Darwin NT 0800

Dear Chief Minister

Re: Implementation of a Fireworks Licencing Fee to Offset Associated Costs

I am writing to advise that, at its Ordinary Council Meeting on 28 July, the City of Darwin resolved to advocate to you regarding the introduction of a licensing fee on the sale of fireworks by commercial operators to the public.

The City of Darwin seeks consideration of a licensing fee arrangement whereby revenue generated is allocated to both Local Government and the Northern Territory Government to help offset the significant costs associated with the annual sale and use of fireworks. These costs include, but are not limited to, property damage, public area clean-up, waste disposal, asset repairs and replacement, and other associated activities.

In addition, the City of Darwin wishes to highlight the considerable resources expended each year by Council, the Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services, and other agencies in undertaking preventative measures, event management, public safety activities, and post-event clean-up operations.

The City of Darwin acknowledges the importance and significance of Territory Day celebrations and recognises that the public use of fireworks is a longstanding and valued Territory tradition. However, the financial burden associated with supporting these celebrations continues to increase, particularly in relation to the prevention of damage, clean-up of public spaces, and repair or replacement of Council assets affected by fireworks activity.

These costs are borne predominantly by Darwin ratepayers, despite many users of Council managed parks, reserves, foreshores and public spaces travelling from across the Northern Territory and interstate to participate in celebrations. We also acknowledge that the Northern Territory Government incurs similar costs in managing and restoring Crown land, reserves and other public areas following Territory Day activities.

Council believes that a licensing fee applied to the commercial sale of fireworks to the public would provide a fair and sustainable mechanism to contribute towards the management of these impacts while supporting the continuation of this important Territory tradition.

The City of Darwin would welcome the opportunity to discuss this proposal further and to work collaboratively with the Northern Territory Government on measures that balance the continuation

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of Territory Day celebrations with the responsible management of their associated impacts, ensuring that the costs are not disproportionately borne by Darwin ratepayers.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

The Hon Peter Styles
Lord Mayor

Select date

Sent via email

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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, 25 August 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 Environment and Climate Change Grants 2026/27

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 Review of Confidential Decisions - Ordinary Council Meetings and Council Committee Meetings

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

27.3 2027 Pre-Cyclone Clean-Up Program Update

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

28.1 Corporate Services Quarterly Report - April to June 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.

28.2 Advisory Committee Confidential Meeting Minutes

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

22 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday, 30 June 2026

Unconfirmed

Reports, recommendations and supporting documentation can be accessed via the City of Darwin Website at www.darwin.nt.gov.au, or contact Customer Service on (08) 8930 0300.

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

PRESENT:

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

OFFICERS:

Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders
General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr
General Manager Corporate, Natalie Williamson
Acting General Manager Innovation, Nick Fewster

APOLOGY:

Councillor Shani Carson

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

3 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

RESOLUTION ORD246/26

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Patrik Ralph

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5:37 pm.

CARRIED 12/0

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES

Nil

4.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

RESOLUTION ORD247/26

Moved: Councillor Kim Farrar

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

THAT it be noted Councillor Shani Carson is an apology due to a Leave of Absence previously granted on 26 May 2026 for the period 30 June 2026.

CARRIED 12/0

4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED

Nil

5 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE**5.1 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE GRANTED****RESOLUTION ORD248/26**

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

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:

- Sylvia Klonaris

CARRIED 12/0

5.2 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE REQUESTED

Nil

6 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF**6.1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

Nil

6.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY STAFF

Nil

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLUTION ORD249/26

Moved: Councillor Kim Farrar

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 May 2026 and the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 9 June 2026 be confirmed.

CARRIED 12/0

THAT the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 9 June 2026 be confirmed subject to an administrative amendment on item 4.2 – Apologies and Leave Absence, that Councillor Julie Fraser was not present due to technical issues.

8 MOVING OF ITEMS

8.1 MOVING OF ITEMS

RESOLUTION ORD250/26

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

THAT item 11.2 – Petition on the Off-Leash Dog Park in Darwin CBD be considered before item 11.1 – Petition on the Proposed Telecommunications Tower Aldenham Road, Muirhead

CARRIED 12/0

8.2 MOVING OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS INTO OPEN

Nil

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

27.1 NAIDOC WEEK SPONSORSHIP PROPOSAL LARRAKIA NATION ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

RESOLUTION ORD267/26

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

1. THAT the report entitled NAIDOC Week Sponsorship Proposal Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve a 3-year Sponsorship of \$35,000 annually to Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation for NAIDOC Week for 2026 to 2028.
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 12/0

AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION ORD268/26

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

1. THAT the report entitled NAIDOC Week Sponsorship Proposal Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve a 1-year Sponsorship of \$25,000 to Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation for NAIDOC Week 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.

LOST 4/8

AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION ORD269/26

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled NAIDOC Week Sponsorship Proposal Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve a 3-year Sponsorship of \$25,000 annually to Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation for NAIDOC Week for 2026 to 2028.
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.

LOST 4/8

27.2 ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN - TRANSPORT

RESOLUTION ORD270/26

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

1. THAT the report entitled Asset Management Plan - Transport be received and noted.
2. THAT Council rescind the Adopted Asset Management Plan – Transport at **Attachment 1**.
3. THAT Council adopt the Transport Asset Management Plan at **Attachment 2**.
4. THAT Council note the financial information contained within this report in future budget deliberations.
5. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

CARRIED 12/0

27.3 ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN - PATHWAY AND DRIVEWAYS**RESOLUTION ORD271/26**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

1. THAT the report entitled Asset Management Plan - Pathway and Driveways be received and noted.
2. THAT Council rescind the Adopted Asset Management Plan – Pathways at **Attachment 1**
3. THAT Council adopt the Pathways and Driveways Asset Management Plan at **Attachment 2**.
4. THAT Council note the financial information contained within this report in future budget deliberations.
5. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

CARRIED 12/0**28.1 GENERAL RATES IN ARREARS FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS****RESOLUTION ORD272/26**

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

1. THAT the report entitled General Rates in Arrears For More Than Two Years 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 12/0**28.2 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFIDENTIAL MEETING MINUTES****RESOLUTION ORD273/26**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

1. THAT the report entitled Executive 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 12/0

29.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE - AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT GROUP**RESOLUTION ORD274/26**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Patrik Ralph

1. THAT the report entitled Incoming Correspondence - Airport Development Group 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 and decision remain confidential and due to legal privilege never be moved to Open.

CARRIED 12/0**9 MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE / LORD MAYORAL MINUTE**

Nil

10 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

11 PETITIONS**11.2 PETITION****RESOLUTION ORD251/26**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Councillor Mick Palmer, will present the Petition.

1. THAT the Petition, in relation to the Off-Leash Dog Park in Darwin CBD, be received and noted
2. THAT in accordance with By-Law 12 the Petition regarding Off-Leash Dog Park in Darwin CBD be referred to the Community and Corporate Hub for consideration and a report to return to Council.

CARRIED 12/0

11.1 PETITION

RESOLUTION ORD252/26

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris will present the Petition.

1. THAT the Petition, in relation to the Proposed Telecommunications Tower Aldenham Road, Muirhead, be received and noted
2. THAT in accordance with By-Law 12 the Petition regarding Proposed Telecommunications Tower Aldenham Road, Muirhead, be referred to the Innovation Hub for consideration and a report to return to Council.

CARRIED 12/0

12 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS

Nil

13 ACTION REPORTS

Councillor Nicole Brown departed the meeting at 5:55 pm.

13.1 REVIEW OF WASTE MANAGEMENT EXEMPTION POLICY

RESOLUTION ORD253/26

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Edwin Joseph

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Waste Management Exemption Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopts the revised Waste Management Exemption Policy 6840.100.E.R
Attachment 1

CARRIED 11/0

THAT Attachment 1 be administratively amended under Section 2 – Scope to replace the wording ‘City of Darwin dwellings’ with ‘dwellings within the City of Darwin’.

Councillor Nicole Brown re-joined the meeting at 6:03 pm.

13.2 3RD BUDGET REVIEW 2025/2026**RESOLUTION ORD254/26**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

1. THAT the report entitled 3rd Budget Review 2025/2026 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve establishment of internally restricted reserve Tree & Habitat Replacement Reserve.
3. THAT Council amend the 2025/2026 budget in accordance with Part 10.5 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, as detailed in report titled 3rd Budget Review 2025/2026 and associated attachments.

CARRIED 12/0

13.3 REVIEW OF CEO ALLOWANCES AND OTHER BENEFITS POLICY**RESOLUTION ORD255/26**

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

1. THAT the report entitled Review of CEO Allowances and Other Benefits Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the CEO Allowances and Other Benefits Policy at **Attachment 2**.

CARRIED 12/0

14 RECEIVE & NOTE REPORTS**14.1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - MAY 2026****RESOLUTION ORD256/26**

Moved: Councillor Kim Farrar

Seconded: Councillor Edwin Joseph

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

CARRIED 12/0

14.2 ADVISORY AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OPEN MEETING MINUTES**RESOLUTION ORD257/26**

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Sam Weston

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

CARRIED 12/0

15 CORRESPONDENCE**15.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE - TREASURER OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY- LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTRICITY TARIFFS****RESOLUTION ORD258/26**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Patrik Ralph

THAT the report entitled Incoming Correspondence - Treasurer of the Northern Territory- Local Government Electricity Tariffs be received and noted.

CARRIED 12/0

15.2 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE - NORTHERN TERRITORY ELECTORAL COMMISSION - CHAN WARD BY-ELECTION**RESOLUTION ORD259/26**

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Patrik Ralph

THAT the report entitled Incoming Correspondence - Northern Territory Electoral Commission - Chan Ward By-Election be received and noted.

CARRIED 12/0

16 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

17 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**RESOLUTION ORD260/26**

Moved: Councillor Patrik Ralph

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

THAT the following Reports of Representatives be received and noted.

17.1

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris reported on hosting the first Waters Ward Movie Night held at Moil Oval on Friday 29 May 2026. The event received positive feedback from the community and had around 200 people in attendance. Waters Ward Councillors look forward to hosting more movie nights across the Ward in the future.

17.2

Councillor Sam Weston reported on attending the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly (NGA) with the Lord Mayor and a number of fellow Elected Members. The conference was held from 23 to 25 June 2026 in Canberra. Acknowledging the advocacy efforts of Councillor Peter Pangquee as President of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT), thanking the Elected Members who attended, and encouraging those who were unable to attend this year to consider participating next year.

17.3

Councillor Peter Pangquee reported on attending the ALGA NGA 2026, in their capacity as President of LGANT and as an Elected Member of City of Darwin. The event provided a valuable opportunity to engage with representatives from councils across Australia and discuss the challenges facing local government. A key focus of the conference was the financial sustainability of local government, particularly for regional and remote councils. Other topics of discussion included waste management and disaster management. The NGA is an important forum for advocacy on issues affecting the long-term sustainability of local government.

17.4

Councillor Julie Fraser reported on attending the ALGA NGA 2026, and noted that climate change was also a significant topic of discussion throughout the conference. As part of a broader discussion, a motion was carried calling on the Australian Government to establish a Climate Compensation Fund, funded through levies on fossil fuel producers to assist local governments in addressing the impacts of climate change. Councillor Fraser also participated in a roundtable discussion hosted by the Australian Coastal Councils Association, which focused on advocacy and support for coastal councils facing the impacts of climate change.

17.5

Lord Mayor Peter Styles also reported on attending the ALGA NGA 2026 and described the conference as highly informative, noting that Elected Members were able gain insight into the challenges facing other councils across Australia, collaborate with, and better understand issues affecting urban, regional and remote local governments.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese was also in attendance on Thursday 25 June and addressed delegates on the federal government's support for local government. The Lord Mayor Peter Styles, gave an interview advocating against the Australian government's proposal to change disaster recovery funding for local government from Federal and State Government from a 65:35 funding split to a 50:50 funding split. Noting that this issue was raised by a number of other councils in attendance, with strong advocacy for increased funding support to assist local governments in responding to natural disasters and recovery efforts.

Further, another significant outcome of the NGA was the passing of a motion calling for the establishment of a centralised national regulated dog database.

17.6

Councillor Patrik Ralph wished Elected Members a happy pride month and reported on representing the Lord Mayor, and delivering the opening address at the Darwin Pride Festival Pride March at Bicentennial Park on Saturday 20 June 2026. The event was described as a wonderful occasion, with Councillor Patrik Ralph comending City of Darwin's support for the festival and associated pride month celebrations.

CARRIED 12/0

18 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**18.1 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN THE MUNICIPALITY****RESOLUTION ORD261/26**

Moved: Councillor Kim Farrar

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Question:

Councillor Julie Fraser queried how City of Darwin is responding to reports of anti-social behaviour in the municipality, particularly around the Nightcliff Village where such incidents have been ongoing for some time.

Response:

General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr responded that the term 'anti-social behaviour' covers a broad range of issues, some of which fall outside City of Darwin's jurisdiction. Issues such as violence and public intoxication are the responsibility of the Northern Territory Police. However, Councillor Julie Fraser was advised to provide details of any recent incidents to Councillor Support so officers can assess whether the matter falls within City of Darwin's jurisdiction.

CARRIED 12/0**18.2 CASUARINA AQUATIC AND LEISURE CENTRE****RESOLUTION ORD262/26**

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

Question:

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris requested an update on the lease negotiations for the Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre.

Response:

Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders advised that the matter be raised in the confidential section of the meeting.

CARRIED 12/0

19 GENERAL BUSINESS**19.1 REINSTALLATION AND REDEDICATION OF COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUES****RESOLUTION ORD263/26**

Moved: Councillor Sam Weston

Seconded: Councillor Kim Farrar

Councillor Mick Palmer noted the need to begin planning for the opening of the new Civic Centre. Particular consideration should be given to the relocation of the Cyclone Tracy and Bombing of Darwin commemorative plaques, which are currently displayed outside the former library entrance of the existing Civic Centre. It was suggested that the Northern Territory Government, through Protocol NT, be consulted regarding an appropriate rededication ceremony for the plaques at the new Civic Centre, noting that the plaque commemorating the victims of Cyclone Tracy was unveiled by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

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, 28 July 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*:

27.1 NAIDOC Week Sponsorship Proposal Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation

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

27.2 Asset Management Plan - Transport

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

27.3 Asset Management Plan - Pathway and Driveways

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.

28.1 General Rates in Arrears For More Than Two Years

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

28.2 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.

29.1 Incoming Correspondence - Airport Development Group

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(d) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

22 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

RESOLUTION ORD264/26

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris

THAT the open section of the meeting be adjourned at 6:41 pm.

CARRIED 12/0

THAT the open section of the meeting be resumed at 8:36 pm.

THAT the chair declared the meeting closed at 8:36 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 July 2026.

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CHAIR