



AGENDA

Ordinary Council Meeting Tuesday, 31 October 2023

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

Date: Tuesday, 31 October 2023

Time: 5:30pm

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

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**Simone Saunders
Chief Executive Officer**

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14.1 SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH MILIKAPITI

Author: Manager International Business Relations
Executive Manager Growth & Economic Development

Authoriser: General Manager Innovation

Attachments: 1. Darwin and Milikapiti Sister City Agreement [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report entitled Sister City Relationship with Milikapiti be received and noted.
2. THAT Council note that the Milikapiti Community Government Council has been repealed by the Tiwi Islands Regional Council.
3. THAT Council endorse for City of Darwin officers to work with Millikapiti (Tiwi Islands Regional Council), to update the name contained on the Sister City agreement.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Council to update the the City of Darwin and Milikapiti Sister City agreement.

KEY ISSUES

- A Sister City agreement was signed in Darwin on 5 July 1999 (National Sister Cities Day) by Darwin City Council then Lord Mayor George Brown, Mr Allan McGill the then CEO, and on behalf of Milikapiti, Mr Gibson Farmer, Council President 1999.
- In July 2001, the Milikapiti Community Government Council was dissolved along with the Councils of Nguiu and Pirlangimpi to form the new Tiwi Islands Regional Council. The relationship continues under the new structure. Darwin is proud to support this community and the opportunity to increase its tourism potential.
- The existing agreement **Attachment 1** aims to recognise the mutual benefit for both communities through the promotion of educational, economic, scientific, social, and cultural progress.
- City of Darwin provided support in the past with the Cyclone Ingrid recovery, working side by side with the locals in their rebuilding efforts and more recently through many arts and culture programs.
- Council resolved on 27 April 2023 to allocate \$9,000 for a potential project in Milikapiti under the Sister City Action Plan. This funding will continue to support the Milikapiti community.

DISCUSSION

The Sister City Advisory Committee and International Relations Advisory Committee have supported a renewal of a Sister City agreement with the Tiwi Island Regional Council.

The proposal to renew the Sister City agreement with the Tiwi Island Regional Council is in line with Policy 053 International Relations and Sister Cities. This is not a new arrangement with a new city, therefore, no friendship city arrangement is required before the Sister City relationship.

The relationship with Milikapiti has included arts and cultural activities, marketing and development support for the Bathurst to Melville (Tiwi Island Band – B2M) for their national tour including a Lord Mayoral reception and VIP event, and support of Jilamara Arts Center in their application to Aboriginals Benefit Account Grant for funding for a Troop Carrier for Tourism.

The Honorary Kon Vatskalis, Lord Mayor of City of Darwin visited the Tiwi Islands Regional Council in 2018 to acknowledge our relationship and strengthen the ties. Both cities agreed to continue working closely under the Sister City arrangement.

City of Darwin provided support for the Deputy Mayor to attend the NAIDOC Ball in 2021 and donated two tipper trucks to the Tiwi Islands Regional Council (TIRC) in 2022 as part of our Sister City Program. The two 7.5-tonne hybrid tipper trucks have an estimated value of about \$150,000. It is a practical example of the support and exchange facilitated by our Sister City Program. Tiwi Mayor, Pirrawayingi acknowledged that the donation of these trucks is a recognition of the Tiwi Islands Regional Council and City of Darwin's strong working relationship.

**Background information of Milikapiti (Snake Bay) / Tiwi Island:**

Tiwi Island is only 80 kilometres from Darwin between Arafura and the Timor Sea.

Tiwi people have been living on Bathurst and Melville Islands for more than 15-20,000 years. Currently, the population is around 3,000. Unlike many Indigenous groups around the world and despite several attempts, Tiwi people were never dispossessed and continue a strong cultural and connection to place. This is a point of pride for the Tiwi people.

There are six distinct language groups across the two main islands which are separated by the Aspley Strait. Early trade took place between the Tiwi and Maccassan people. Both the Dutch and French attempted to trade in the region and the British established their first post named Fort Dundas on Melville to compete with them. The British Fort lasted 5 years and they introduced the Timorese Buffalo which remains on the Island. Buffalo, crocodile, and trepang (sea cucumber) hunting were early industries established on the Islands. Timber was also established as an industry there in the mid-1900s. The Catholic Mission began in 1937 and its presence on the Tiwi Islands is still felt today. In 1942 a defence post was established at Snake Bay and Children and Nuns evacuated later that year due to WW2. Documentation of the story of their return some years later after living in SA has been the subject of many books and films.

The Snake Bay settlement became the main government settlement and was renamed Milikapiti. Garden Point became the Catholic Mission and was home to mixed-race children removed from parents from across the NT. Garden Point is now known as Pirlamgimpi.

In 1978 control of the Tiwi Island by the Tiwi people was first established through Land Trust and Council with the LGA established in 2001. In 2008 Tiwi Regional Council was established as part of the NT-wide changes to local government.

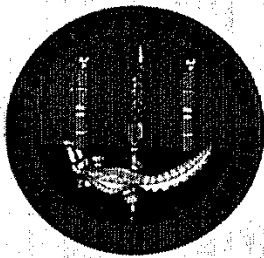
This report recommends that Council support the growth and strengthening of connections between City of Darwin and Milikapiti by renewing the Sister City agreement with the Tiwi Island Regional Council and continuing the mutual benefit for both communities through the promotion of educational, economic, scientific, social, and cultural exchange with the Milikapiti community.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

N/A

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: \$9,000 Is Funding identified: Yes under the Sister City budget
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	Legislation: Local Government Act 2019 Policy: International Relations and Sister City Policy 053
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	Engagement Level: Discuss Tactics: NA Internal: NA External: Sister City Advisory Committee, International Relations Advisory Committee

<p>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</p>	<p>The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).</p>
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Ngini Ngajingawula Ngampirimamula
Nyirra Ngawa-yupunga



aki ngawa-mantani alawura awungarra naki Milikapiti
Naki awungarra murrakupuni kapi Australia amintiya ngawa-mantani alawura ngini
apapiyarrugi awungarra Milikapiti Murrakupuni

Ngawa najingawula ngimpirtimarti ngarikuturumi ngawiyati ngawa-mamanta kapi
wurumuwu Milikapiti amintiya Jiliyarti. Amintiya ngapakurluwunyi pupuni ngirramini ngini
ngawuntiyarra ngawa-mamanta ngini wutawuji jukurli ngini kutakamini wutamurrumi. Ngawa
kuwa ngarimi ngini ngawiyati ngatamurrumi amintiya ngini kutakamini ngarikirimi api awarra
ngawurtimarti kapi Milikapiti amintiya Jiliyarti.

The Seal of the Milikapiti Community
Government Council was hereto affixed this
5th day of July, 1999 in accordance with a
Resolution of Council and in the presence of:

Gibson J. Farmer
Council President - Gibson J. Farmer

Brian Miller
Council Clerk - Mr Brian Miller



PROCLAMATION OF A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP



he Lord Mayor and the Aldermen of the Darwin City Council, Northern Territory of
Australia, and the Council President of the Milikapiti Community Government Council,
are desirous of strengthening the existing ties between their communities and the
good relationships between their people.

In recognition of the mutual benefit for both communities through the promotion of educational,
economic, scientific, social and cultural progress it is agreed that a program for co-operation
shall be entered into between the respective communities.

Therefore on behalf of the Municipality of Darwin, the Lord Mayor, in the presence of the
President of the Milikapiti Community Government Council, proclaims the affiliation of Darwin
and Milikapiti.

The Seal of Darwin City Council was hereto
affixed this 5th day of July, 1999 in
accordance with a Resolution of Council and
in the presence of:

George Brown
Lord Mayor - Mr George Brown

Allan McGill
Chief Executive Officer - Mr Allan McGill

14.2 PROPERTY POLICIES

Author: Manager Property Portfolio
Executive Manager Growth & Economic Development

Authoriser: General Manager Innovation

Attachments: 1. Walkways Management Policy [↓](#)
2. Land Acquisition and Disposal Policy [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report entitled Property Policies be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the new 7730.100.E.R Walkways Management Policy provided at **Attachment 1**.
3. THAT Council adopt the new 7610.100.E.R Land Acquisition and Disposal Policy provided at **Attachment 2**.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek adoption by Council of the new Walkways Management Policy at **Attachment 1** and the new Land Acquisition and Disposal Policy at **Attachment 2**.

KEY ISSUES

- On 28 February 2023, Council adopted the 2030 Strategic Property Plan to set the direction and address the gaps to improve the management and performance of City of Darwin's property portfolio.
- The 2030 Strategic Property Plan provides a decision-making framework to guide recommendations related to the acquisition or disposal of properties (or land assets), however there are other requirements around this framework such as, once there is a decision to acquire or dispose, how the work will be conducted by City of Darwin.
- There is a need for some additional guidance and policies to provide our stakeholders, and the community to support and guide the property management setting.
- This report presents two proposed policies for Council to support City of Darwin operations including:
 - Walkways Management Policy.
 - Land Acquisition and Disposal Policy.

DISCUSSION

In 2019, Council resolved to rescind a series of policies which included Policy 010 – Land acquisition and Disposal Policy and Policy 056 – Walkways. The intent was to incorporate policy aspects into other existing procedures and within Asset Management Plans.

This has been partially achieved however there is currently some policy gaps. To facilitate guidance and transparency to our community, two policies property policies are presented for adoption. The two proposed property policies will provide clear guidance that is equitable, consistent and supports a quality public realm.

The 2030 Strategic Property Plan outlines the framework utilised to guide decision making around key property actions. Beyond the decision-making framework, the Plan sets three key principles to ensure good governance, practice and outcomes. Principle 1 includes best practice property management, which is regularly reviewed and improved. Under this principle of best practice, reviewing and developing policy is one of the pillars, working to improve the policy setting to provide clear guidance and deliver best practice, supporting the delivery of the 2030 Strategic Property Plan.

Walkways Management Policy

Walkways are a key component of the active transport network and are an urban design feature of Darwin suburbs. A strong walkway network supports active transport and prioritises ease of pedestrian movement that helps residents access key community facilities and services.

The Walkways Management Policy at **Attachment 1** has been developed to guide the management and disposal of City of Darwin's walkways. The proposed policy provides a clear position and statement outlining our responsibilities to maintain a network of walkways providing accessibility and amenity for the community.

The internal procedure for selling a walkway (road reserve) guides City of Darwin officers on the steps required when selling a walkway to ensure a clear process is met whilst following any requirements as set out in the *Local Government Act (NT) 2019*.

The internal procedure for Walkway Closure Assessment sets a clear process for City of Darwin Officers to ensure that a thorough assessment is undertaken prior to the temporary or permanent closure of a walkway in the City of Darwin municipality.

Land Acquisition and Disposal Policy

The Land Acquisition and Disposal Policy at **Attachment 2** establishes a clear, fair and transparent process when acquiring or disposing of land in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2019 (NT)*. The policy provides statements and explanation to the circumstances in which City of Darwin would enter into acquisition or disposal of land.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

At the 28 February 2023 meeting Council resolved:

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1. THAT the report entitled Strategic Property Plan be received and noted.
2. THAT Council note the draft Strategic Property Plan per **Attachment 1**.
3. THAT Council approve the establishment of a Property Reserve for the purpose of receiving and quarantining the proceeds from Council Property and to reduce the reliance on rates income.
4. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
5. THAT the documents remain confidential, and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.

At the 12 March 2019 meeting Council resolved:	
<p>A. THAT Report Number 18CO0054 DL:dc entitled Asset Management Plans, be received and noted.</p> <p>B. THAT Council rescind the current policy and adopt Policy No. 055 - Asset Management, as amended, at Attachment A to Report Number 18CO0054 DL:dc entitled Asset Management Plans.</p> <p>C. THAT Council rescind the following policies at Attachment B to Report Number 18CO0054 DL:dc entitled Asset Management Plans, noting that these policies are to be superseded by the adoption of Asset Management Plans and associated processes/procedures/guidelines, subject to and after these documents are in place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Policy 010 - Land Acquisition and Disposal b. Policy 012 - Plant and Equipment c. Policy 022 - Statement of Significant Accounting Policies d. Policy 048 - Footpaths and Shared Paths e. Policy 049 - Roads f. Policy 056 - Walkways <p>D. THAT Council endorse the Buildings and Structures Asset Management Plan at Attachment C to Report Number 18CO0054 DL:dc entitled Asset Management Plans.</p>	
STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	<p>2 A Safe, Liveable and Healthy City</p> <p>2.2 By 2030, Darwin will be increasingly recognised as a liveable city</p>
BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	N/A
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	<p>Legislation:</p> <p><i>Local Government Act 2019 (NT)</i></p> <p>Policy:</p> <p>Strategic Property Plan</p>
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	<p>Engagement Level: Inform</p> <p>Tactics:</p> <p>Website and email</p> <p>Internal:</p> <p>Email to relevant internal staff</p> <p>Addition to the intranet</p> <p>External:</p> <p>Email to Northern Territory Government, Property Council and Planning Institute Australia (NT)</p> <p>Addition to the website</p>

<p>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</p>	<p>The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).</p>
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Walkway management policy

Policy No. 7730.100.E.R

1 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Provide guidance in relation to the management, disposal or sale of City of Darwin walkways,
- to support management and decisions around walkways in alignment with the City of Darwin Movement Strategy,
- provide and maintain a well-connected network of walkways contributing to the active transport and user mobility of Darwin, and
- consider and provide appropriate measures to minimise anti-social behaviour in and around walkways.

2 Scope

This policy is to provide direction for consistent decision making and it applies to all City of Darwin walkways.

3 Policy statement

Walkways are a key component of the active transport network and urban design feature of the Darwin Municipality’s suburbs. A strong walkway network supports active transport and prioritises ease of pedestrian movement.

City of Darwin is committed to providing and maintaining a walkway network that facilitates active travel across the municipality. City of Darwin recognises the diversity of activities, as well as our diverse community with unique needs for mobility and transport.

City of Darwin understands the need for a safe community and neighbourhood and continues to monitor the anti-social behaviour across the walkways whilst imposing measures to assist in minimising anti-social behaviour in City of Darwin walkways.

City of Darwin will maintain the network of walkways across the municipality to ensure accessibility and amenity for the community.

City of Darwin considers issues arising from behaviours in and around walkways and provides appropriate measures to attempt to minimise any anti-social behaviours in and around walkways.

City of Darwin will only consider divestment of walkways that:

- do not present opportunity to improve pedestrian network connectivity,

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- have been permanently closed on a 24/7 basis for longer than 2 years, and/or
- do not provide a link to commercial properties or activity centres,
- The community has been appropriately consulted prior to the sale to ensure it meets community need.

City of Darwin will work with residents, relevant authorities, and other stakeholders to ensure walkways are best maintained, managed and retained or divested in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2019 (NT)*.

4 Definitions

Walkway means a narrow pedestrian thoroughfare under the care and control of City of Darwin which is designated as Road Reserve.

5 Legislative references

Local Government Act 2019 (NT).

6 Procedures / related documents

- 7730.001 I.N Procedure for selling a walkway (road reserve)
- 8066.010 E.N Walkway closure assessment procedure

7 Responsibility / application

This policy will be reviewed every four years or at such other time as necessary.

The implementation and maintenance of this policy is the responsibility of the General Manager Innovation.

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Land acquisition and disposal policy

Policy No. 7610.100.E.R

1 Purpose

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

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

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

2 Scope

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

This policy does not extend to the disposal of public roads or any interests in public roads, such as permits, as these matters are dealt with in accordance with the specific provisions of the *Local Government Act 2019* (NT) and any other relevant legislation.

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

3 Policy statement

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

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

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

Council endorsement is required for any land acquisition or disposal activity that does not align with the policy statement.

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3.1 Land acquisition

City of Darwin will only accept responsibility for land which meets the following guidelines:

3.1.1 Crown land

Acquisition of Crown Land will be subject to City of Darwin satisfaction. Any assets associated with this land must also be to City of Darwin's satisfaction.

City of Darwin will accept no responsibility until the land is properly vested to City of Darwin with freehold title.

3.1.2 Private subdivisions

Private developers will be required to develop the land to a standard approved by City of Darwin under the general conditions and conditions precedent issued in relation to City of Darwin Development Permit's issued by the Northern Territory Government.

City of Darwin will accept no responsibility until the land is vested to City of Darwin with freehold title.

3.1.3 Ovals, sporting, recreational and community facilities

Where ovals, sporting, recreational and community facilities are to be managed and maintained by City of Darwin, the funding, development and maintenance responsibility costs will be subject to a formal agreement between City of Darwin and other stakeholders.

3.1.4 Private land

Private entities, from time to time, may gift land to the City of Darwin that could have assets that City of Darwin that may take ownership of. Providing the assets and land are to Councils satisfaction, there is no financial consideration and there is no debt or mortgage on the land.

3.2 Disposal of land

City of Darwin will dispose of land in an open market format to ensure due probity of process, optimal financial return and minimal risk, in line with city of Darwin's strategic goals.

However, one of Council's roles of participating in the marketplace via land ownership is to facilitate desired goals and objectives to ensure the growth and prosperity of the City, which if left to the private marketplace alone, may not be achievable. This may encompass a range of opportunities for City of

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Darwin's involvement (for example site amalgamations with adjoining owners, facilitation of key projects etc) where property disposal activities based on an open market approach and due probity process alone will/may not achieve such objectives.

The circumstances which give rise to an alternative process include:

- Where the total cost of the public sale process will exceed the expected community benefit. For example, where the land is worth \$1,000 and the cost to market the land is \$5,000,
- where there is only one identifiable purchaser. For example, where a site is not large enough for development in its own right and is surrounded by public roads on all sides other than the adjoining owner,
- where Council is bound by a contractual obligation. For example, a tenant with a first right of refusal,
- disposal to adjoining owners or persons with an option over adjoining land where Council's Land is required as part of a larger scheme of development,
- disposal of land to the NT Government to facilitate a strategic project,
- disposal of land to a government or utility authority for the purpose of infrastructure provision,
- where a public marketing process which has been undertaken in accordance with this Policy has failed to achieve the desired outcome,
- in response to a proposal which is for community benefit and demonstrated to deliver against strategic goals of City of Darwin. This exclusion aims to allow City of Darwin to respond to an approach for the development of a unique project. Any such proposal must comprise a concept plan and description of the project and clear demonstration of the achievement of specific policy and strategic goals and objectives of City of Darwin, and
- disposal of land for consolidation with adjoining private land to form a larger site 'where the sale of the land to the adjoining landowner facilitates City of Darwin's strategic objectives.

4 Definitions

Authorised Officer is a person appointed by Council for the purposes of enforcement of the Local Government Act and associated legislation.

Land is all real property; that being land and all things attached to the land so as to become part of it.

As a more specific reference for the purpose of this policy, land is defined as:

- any building or structure on or improved to land.
- land covered by water and, in such a case, the overlying water.
- air rights.
- a strata lot pursuant to relevant strata legislation, or
- a legal estate or interest in, or right in respect of land.

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Statutory Context the *Local Government Act 2019* (NT) vests power in the Council to “deal with or dispose of” property of which the Council is the owner subject to the Minister’s Guidelines.

5 Legislative references

Local Government Act 2019 (NT)
Guideline 3: Assets

6 Procedures / related documents

7730.100.E.R Walkway Management Policy

7 Responsibility / application

The implementation and maintenance of this policy is the responsibility of the General Manager Innovation. This policy will be reviewed every four (4) years or as necessary.

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14.3 BLACK SPOT PROGRAM 2024/25 PROJECT NOMINATIONS

Author: Senior Coordinator Design
Executive Manager Technical Services

Authoriser: General Manager Innovation

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report entitled Black Spot Program 2024/25 Project Nominations be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the four project nominations detailed in this report to the 2024/25 Black Spot Program.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement for the 2024/25 Black Spot Program project nominations, in advance of an invitation from the Northern Territory Government to make a submission.

KEY ISSUES

- City of Darwin may soon be invited to submit project nominations for the 2024/25 Black Spot Program by the Northern Territory Government.
- Black Spot projects target those road locations where three or more casualty crashes are occurring in a five-year period. By funding traffic calming measures at dangerous locations, the program reduces the risk of crashes.
- Nominations are expected to be called for soon and to be due early 2024.
- This report provides nominee projects meeting the Black Spot criteria for Council's endorsement in advance of an invitation to submit project nominations.

DISCUSSION

Historically, the Northern Territory Government has written to City of Darwin between September and December each year, seeking nomination projects for the upcoming financial year's Black Spot Program. The nomination period is typically a one-month window and it is often difficult, without seeking an extension of time, to put the nominated projects to Council for endorsement prior to the nomination deadline.

The Black Spot Program generally targets those road locations that are subject to recorded traffic collisions or based on road safety audits.

The Black Spot Program is open to all local government authorities in the Northern Territory. The annual Black Spot Program funding for the whole of the Northern Territory has typically been in the order of \$2 million.

The Northern Territory Black Spot Consultative Panel assesses all nominations and recommend priority projects to the Federal Government for approval and funding.

The main eligibility criteria for Black Spot project nominations are as follows:

1. Benefit-cost ratio based submissions – For individual sites such as intersections, mid-block or short road sections there has to be a history of at least three casualty crashes over a five-year period. In addition, the minimum required benefit-cost ratio for eligible projects is 2 to 1. For lengths of road, there must be an average of 0.2 casualty crashes per kilometre per annum over the length in question over five years.
2. The Black Spot Program also recognises that there are road locations that could be considered as “*accidents waiting to happen*”. Some program funding may be used to treat sites where traffic engineers have completed a road safety audit and found that remedial works are necessary. This allows an opportunity for proactive safety works to be undertaken before casualties occur.

An assessment of potential sites has been undertaken across City of Darwin’s road network. Based on the type of accidents occurring at these various locations, it is recommended that the following projects be nominated to the 2024/25 Black Spot Program. These projects have been prioritised based on the number of reported casualty crashes that have occurred at the intersection in the last five years and the benefit-cost ratio. The sketches of each option provided below are conceptual and for information purposes only. Any nominations that are successful will be appropriately designed.

1. Trower Road and Henbury Avenue Intersection, Wanguri – Seagull Island

In the past five-year period, there have been eight reported casualty crashes at the Trower Road and Henbury Avenue intersection. These crashes consisted of five Opposing Turns, two Head-On and one Rear End.

The Blackspot Program Notes on Administration 2019-2024 indicate that a seagull island with a right turn lane, is an appropriate remedial treatment for these types of crashes.

A seagull island at this intersection would provide a physical protected storage area for right-turning vehicles from Henbury Avenue waiting for a gap in traffic along the higher traffic volumed Trower Road.

The design and construction (including traffic management, etc.) of this treatment is expected to cost in the order of \$320,000 and 100% of funding will be sought from the Black Spot Program.



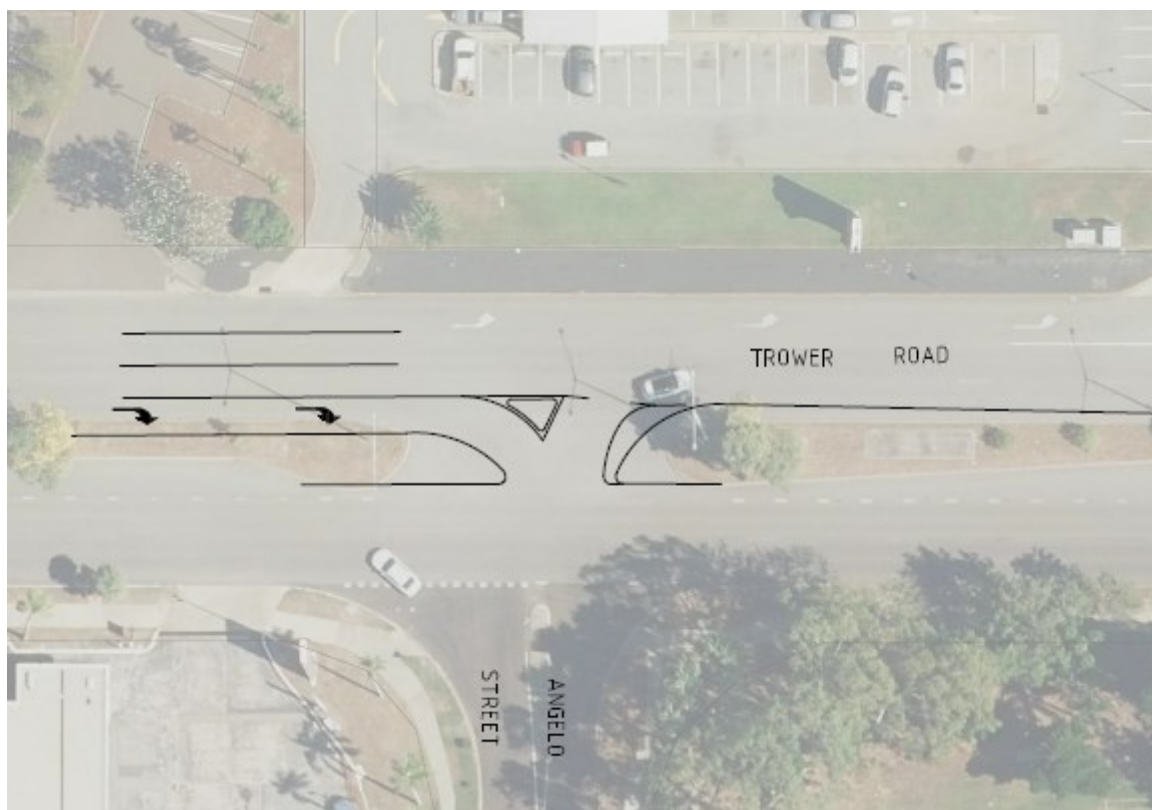
2. Trower Road and Angelo Street Intersection, Wanguri – Seagull Island

In the past five-year period, there have been three reported casualty crashes at the Trower Road and Angelo Street intersection. These crashes consisted of one Loss of Control, one Adjacent Approach and one Opposing Turn.

The Blackspot Program Notes on Administration 2019-2024 indicate that a seagull island with a right turn lane, is an appropriate remedial treatment for these types of crashes.

Similar to the previously mentioned treatment, a seagull island at this intersection would provide a physically protected storage area for right-turning vehicles from Angelo Street waiting for a gap in traffic along the higher traffic volumed Trower Road. This treatment would also see the formation of a right-turn lane from Trower Road onto Angelo Street, which is expected to reduce the likelihood of rear-end and overtaking related crashes occurring at the intersection.

The design and construction (including traffic management, etc.) of this treatment is expected to cost in the order of \$460,000 and 100% of funding will be sought from the Black Spot Program.



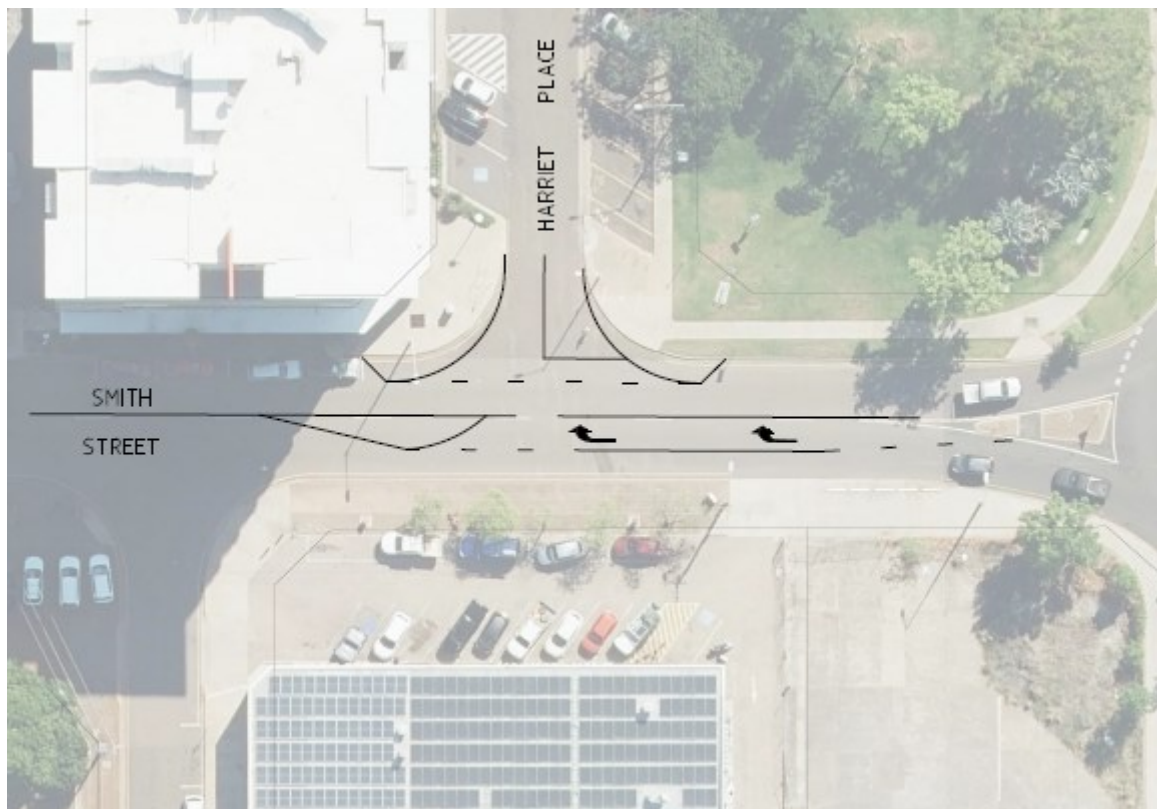
3. Smith Street and Harriet Place Intersection, Darwin City – Kerb Build-Outs

In the past five-year period, there have been three reported casualty crashes at the Smith Street and Harriet Place intersection. These crashes consisted of two Opposing Turns and one Head-on.

The Blackspot Program Notes on Administration 2019-2024 indicate that improving the sight lines to the right for Harriet Place drivers entering Smith Street, as well as the provision of a right turn lane into Harriet Place are appropriate remedial treatments for these types of crashes.

This treatment is expected to greatly improve sight lines for vehicles turning out of Harriet Place, control turning movements by delineating the intersection and reduce the likelihood of rear-end and overtaking related crashes occurring at the intersection.

The design and construction (including traffic management, etc.) of this treatment is expected to cost in the order of \$230,000 and 100% of funding will be sought from the Black Spot Program.



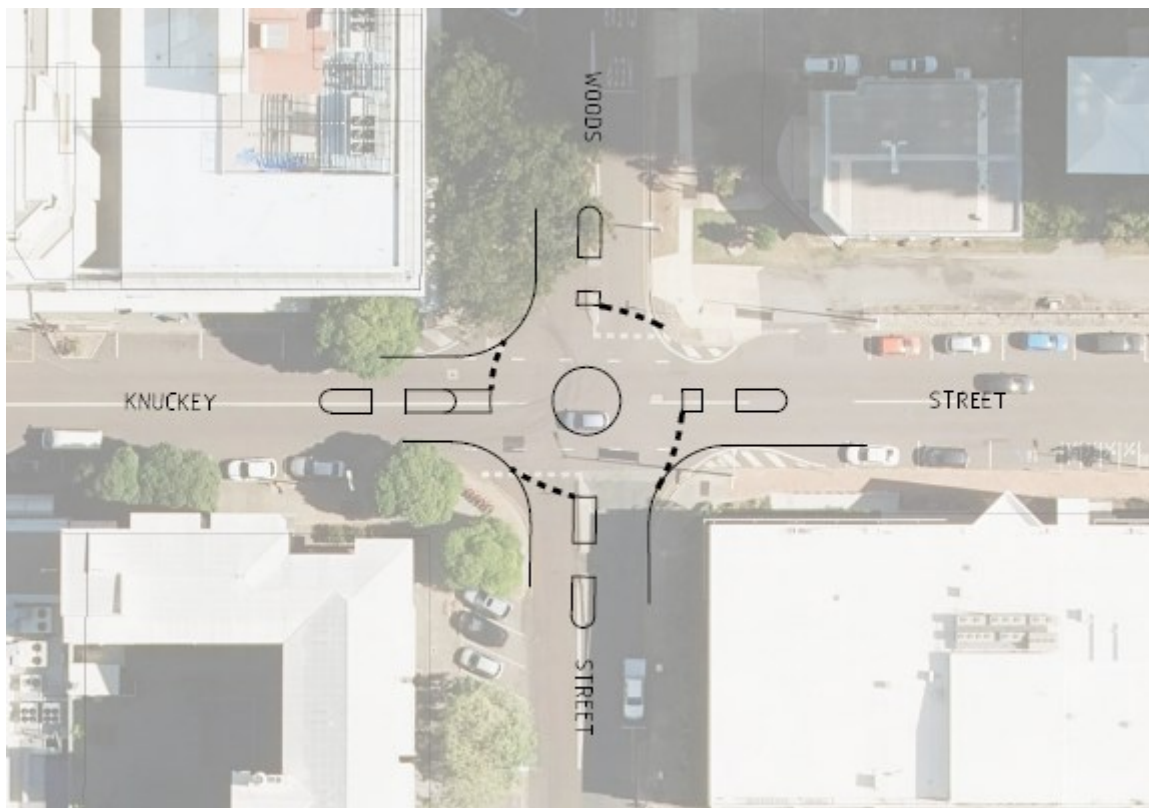
4. Knuckey Street and Woods Street Intersection, Darwin City – Mini-Roundabout

In the past five-year period, there have been three reported casualty crashes at the Knuckey Street and Woods Street intersection. These crashes consisted of one Hit Pedestrian, one Opposing Turn and one Hit Parked Vehicle.

The Blackspot Program Notes on Administration 2019-2024 indicate that there are very few low cost and relevant treatments for the reported crash types, other than a mini-roundabout.

A mini-roundabout is expected to improve the operation of the intersection and reduce the operating speed of the Knuckey Street, consequently reducing the severity of crashes occurring at the intersection.

The design and construction (including traffic management, etc.) of this treatment is expected to cost in the order of \$400,000 and 100% of funding will be sought from the Black Spot Program.



The assessment of potential Black Spot sites also identified that the following intersections met the Black Spot eligibility criteria in regard to casualty crashes (at least three casualty crashes over a five-year period). However due to either the significant cost to upgrade these intersections resulting in the Black Spot benefit-cost ratio criteria not being met, or the possibility that there will be significant changes in the vicinity of these intersections resulting in potential upgrades being obsolete, their nomination to the 2024/2025 Black Spot Program is not supported:

- Daly Street / Mitchell Street, Darwin City (5 casualty crashes)
- Knuckey Street / Smith Street, Darwin City (4 casualty crashes)
- Lee Point Road / Tambling Terrace, Wanguri (3 casualty crashes)
- Gilruth Avenue / Goyder Road, The Gardens (4 casualty crashes)
- Bradshaw Terrace / Symes Street, Casuarina (3 casualty crashes)
- Daly Street / Smith Street, Darwin City (5 casualty crashes)
- Mitchell Street / Peel Street, Darwin City (4 casualty crashes)

The following sites are City of Darwin's last five successful Black Spot nominations including the value of each project:

- 2018/19 Lee Point Road & Union Terrace, Anula – Intersection Upgrade (\$335,000)
- 2019/20 East Point Road & Lampe Street, Fannie Bay – Pedestrian Refuge Island (\$160,000)
- 2020/21 Alawa Traffic Calming (\$300,000)
- 2021/22 Speed Check Signs around Darwin Schools (\$250,000 from Black Spot and \$250,000 from LATM)
- 2022/23 Conacher St & Atkins Dr, Fannie Bay - Intersection Upgrade (\$285,000)

Furthermore, City of Darwin nominated the upgrade of the Dick Ward Dr / Fitzler Dr intersection to the 2023/24 Black Spot Program, however at the time of writing this report, we are yet to be informed whether our nomination was successful.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Nil

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	1 A capital city with best practice and sustainable infrastructure 1.1 By 2030, a number of strategic infrastructure projects will be developed and delivered
BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	Budget/Funding: Refer to Discussion for the order of cost estimates for the nominated projects. Is Funding identified: Funding will be subject to approval of the submission to the Black Spot Program.
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	Legislation/Standards: The works will be designed to the relevant Australian Standards/Guidelines Policy: None identified
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	Engagement Level: Inform Tactics: Residents, businesses and property owners in the vicinity of the intersection will be informed about the project during the early design stages by letter and again prior to the commencement of construction. Internal: The design and consultation processes are subject to internal review. External: See above
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).

14.4 PUBLIC TOILET HIERARACHY CLASSIFICATION REVIEW

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Authoriser: Executive Manager Community and Cultural Services

Attachments:

1. 2014 Public Toilet Provision Statement and Hierarchy [↓](#)
2. Current Public Toilet Provision [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report entitled Public Toilet Hierarchy Classification Review be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the updated Public Toilet Hierarchy Classification:

Level One	Open to the public 24/7. Located within high use public areas including regional parks or shopping strips. May or may not be automatic. Regular sanitary bin and sharps collection. Cleaned once or twice daily depending on demand.
Level Two	Open to the public for day use – closed at night. Located in public areas that may include regional or district play spaces, shopping centres and public buildings. May have extended opening hours associated with events or facility opening hours. Regular sanitary bin and sharps collection. Receive minimum daily clean.
Level Three	Limited opening times consistent with facility use – closed at night. Located in community facilities including some recreation ovals and community centres. Oval toilets open on weekends and at other times when user group activities on. Regular sanitary bin collection. May include sharps collection. Cleaned minimum weekly or as required for special events.
Level Four	Restricted opening times. Located in community facilities operated under a tenancy or user agreement, or facility not suitable for public access. Only open when user group activities are on. Managed by the user group, under deed of agreement, including cleaning, supply and servicing of sanitary bins, and sharps collection if appropriate.

3. THAT Council endorse the following changes to the public toilet hierarchy and opening hours:

Toilet location	Current practice	Proposed hierarchy	Current security opening	Proposed security opening
Alawa Oval	Level 4	Level 3	Nil	Sat and Sun daylight hours
Anula Oval (Change room toilets only. Three toilets to remain day use.)	Level 2	Level 3	Day use	Sat and Sun daylight hours
Bagot Oval & Velodrome	Level 4	Level 3	Nil	Fri 4 -10 pm Sat and Sun 7 am – 10 pm

Chrisp St Oval & Courts	Level 1	Level 2	24/7	Day use
Dinah Beach Oval	Level 3	Level 3	Fri 3pm - Mon 7am	Sat and Sun daylight hours
Fannie Bay Oval	Level 4	Level 3	Nil	Sat and Sun daylight hours
Gardens Oval South	Level 3	Level 3	Fri 3pm - Mon 7am	Fri 4 -10 pm Sat and Sun 7 am – 10 pm
Jingili Oval	Level 3	Level 3	Fri 3pm - Mon 7am	Sat and Sun daylight hours
Mindil Beach (high school end)	Level 1	Level 2	24/7	Day use
Moil Oval	Level 3	Level 3	Fri 3pm - Mon 7am	Sat and Sun daylight hours
Nakara Oval	Level 3	Level 3	Fri 3pm - Mon 7am	Sat and Sun daylight hours
Nightcliff Oval	Level 3	Level 3	Fri 3pm - Mon 7am	Fri 4 -10 pm Sat and Sun 7 am – 10 pm
Nightcliff Pavonia Place	Level 1	Level 2	24/7	Day use
Tiwi Oval	Level 3	Level 3	Fri 3pm - Mon 7am	Sat and Sun daylight hours
Wagaman Oval	Level 3	Level 3	Fri 3pm - Mon 7am	Sat and Sun daylight hours
Wanguri Oval	Level 3	Level 3	Fri 3pm - Mon 7am	Sat and Sun daylight hours

4. THAT all Level two, three and four toilet blocks be re-keyed to a restricted system.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a review of the public toilet hierarchy and seek endorsement for an updated public toilet hierarchy.

KEY ISSUES

- In May 2014, Council adopted a Policy Statement on Public Toilet Provision, **Attachment 1**, and Draft Public Toilet Provision Plan to provide guidance on when facilities were to be opened. It did not detail recommended level of service, number, or type.
- City of Darwin currently maintains public toilet facilities in 50 locations across the municipality. **Attachment 2** lists these toilet facilities, the hierarchy level allocated in 2014, the current service level and current opening hours.
- There are three main types of toilets – automatic unisex toilets, stand-alone toilet blocks and oval toilet and change room blocks. There are some inconsistencies with the level of service across these facilities.
- Several issues are identified in this report relating to toilet facilities including:
 - Criminal or antisocial behaviour in stand-alone toilet blocks
 - Aging oval toilet facilities:
 - provide very limited accessibility for people with a disability
 - don't meet child safety standards
 - Availability of PK keys for unauthorised use
 - Cleaning and maintenance challenges with Exeloos or similar automatic facilities including limited ventilation and regular electrical issues, such as loss of power, doors not locking when in use, and entry/exit buttons being broken
 - Availability of public toilets for vulnerable community members and people experiencing homelessness

DISCUSSION

Background

In May 2014, Council adopted a Policy Statement on Public Toilet Provision (**Attachment 1**) and Draft Public Toilet Provision Plan. This included a hierarchy of public toilet provision as below:

Level One Unrestricted Access	24-hour access public toilets. These facilities are located within high use public areas.
Level Two Public Access	Parks, reserves, regional playgrounds, shopping centres and public buildings. These facilities cater to general community need and operated as day facilities throughout the week and weekends, with extended access hours associated with events or building and facility opening hours.
Level Three Limited Access	Recreation ovals and community centres. These facilities are opened on weekends and for specific times required for special events.
Level Four Restricted Access	Seasonal Oval Allocation. These facilities are managed by clubs that have a seasonal allocation agreement with the City of Darwin. Facilities are available at specific times, for example for training sessions or organized games.

The hierarchy provided guidance on when facilities were to be opened; however, it did not detail recommended level of service, number, or type of toilets.

Following adoption, the policy statement and corresponding hierarchy levels were incorporated into Policy 009 Council Property. This policy was then rescinded in July 2016. The Public Toilet Statement was not considered of public benefit to include in a policy. The hierarchy was then used as an internal document to guide decision-making.

Since 2014, there have been alterations to buildings, the addition of new facilities and several changes to the opening times of toilets that have subsequently changed their hierarchy. There are also variations in the level of service provided to toilets within a hierarchy.

City of Darwin currently maintains public toilet facilities in 50 locations across the municipality. **Attachment 2** lists these toilet facilities, the hierarchy level allocated in 2014, the current service level and current opening hours, which can be summarised as follows:

- Level One – 18 facilities
- Level Two – 9 facilities
- Level Three – 11 facilities
- Level Four – 12 facilities

This report reviews the hierarchy and considers amendments to the opening hours and level of service provided at some public toilets across the municipality.

Current Facility Design

Three main types of toilets are provided in public spaces as detailed below.

Unisex Automatic Toilets

These include the Exeloo, and the more recent Pureablu design, in total these designs are installed at 13 locations including Chrisp Steet Oval and Jingili Water Gardens. Both brands are unisex design, accessible, and have automatic opening and closing, allowing 24/7 use. Some can be set to automatically close between nominated hours. These toilets (without adult change facilities) cost approximately \$270,000 to install.

Most of City of Darwin's Exeloo's are one single toilet, while the Pureablu's include two toilets per block, one ambulant and one accessible. Jingili Water Gardens is the largest with two ambulant, one accessible and one adult change facility. The adult change facility is not open 24/7 and can only be accessed with a restricted key.

Toilet Blocks

There are 18 'traditional' toilet blocks, either stand-alone such as East Point Reserve, Mindil Beach or Parap Market Place, or toilets located inside larger venues such as West Lane Arcade, libraries, community centres & pools. Most provide separate male and female toilets, an accessible toilet and some include showers, such as Mindil Beach (Darwin High School end) and East Point Reserve.

These toilet blocks were designated as day use facilities; however, East Point Foreshore, Mindil Beach and Parap Market Place are currently left open 24/7.

Oval Toilets and Changerooms

City of Darwin has 19 sporting ovals at 17 locations. All 17 oval locations have toilets. Most of these facilities were built in the mid-late 1970s and designed to be used by oval users and spectators.

Several have a separate toilet area and change room area, with change rooms either including open wall showers or shower cubicles (some with no doors).

Other facilities such as those at Bagot, Malak and Nightcliff Ovals have showers, toilets, and benches in the one room. There is an additional change room/toilet facility at Nightcliff Oval and Gardens Oval specifically for players, and Council has approved Football NT's construction for new women & girls' change rooms at Malak and Fannie Bay Ovals.

Anula Oval toilet block was recently extended to include an additional male, female and accessible toilet.

Oval toilets have a variety of opening schedules:

- Unlocked by security contractor 3pm Friday and locked 7am Mondays (Dinah Beach, Jingili, Moil, Nakara, Nightcliff, Tiwi, Wagaman, Wanguri)
- Unlocked by security Saturday 7am-7pm and Sunday 7am-7pm (Wulagi)
- Not on a schedule – unlocked/locked by oval users only (Alawa, Bagot, Fannie Bay, Kahlin, Malak, Nightcliff change rooms, Gardens change rooms).
- Oval gates locked by security at night (Gardens toilets)
- Open 24/7 (Chrisp Street)

Current Service Level

There are currently some inconsistencies with the level of service across toilet facilities as shown in **Attachment 2**.

Toilets in public spaces classed Level One or Level Two are cleaned either once or twice per day, depending on past and anticipated use. All have a sanitary bin collection.

Most, but not all, have sharps container collection. These locations have been determined in conjunction with NT Aids & Hepatitis Council based on anticipated need.

Most oval toilets are cleaned once per week. The exceptions are those open daily (Anula & Chrisp St) which are cleaned once per day.

Gardens and Nightcliff Ovals' change rooms are cleaned by user groups as part of their seasonal oval allocation agreements, and Malak as part of the pavilion tenancy agreement.

Bagot Oval toilet block is part of the pavilion tenancy agreement with no lock/unlock schedule but is cleaned weekly by Council rather than the user.

The only sanitary bin collections occur at Anula Oval, Gardens Oval change rooms and toilet block, and Kahlin Oval. The only sharps container collection at ovals is at Bagot Oval & Anula Oval.

Identified Issues

Criminal and antisocial behaviour

Concerns have been raised by Officers and NT Police and other stakeholders regarding criminal behaviour and anti-social behaviour in stand-alone toilet blocks such as East Point Reserve, Mindil Beach and Parap Market Place, particularly those left open overnight.

Homeless people and rough sleepers have taken shelter in the toilets and illegal camping by backpackers at East Point and other locations occurs when toilet facilities are open overnight.

Risks may be posed to users, especially in facilities where showers or change rooms are in the same space as toilets. There have been instances of sexual assault in toilet blocks.

Police have locked East Point Foreshore facilities at night on occasion. When night-time closures have been undertaken, Police report that groups more readily leave those areas and there is a reduction in violence, anti-social behaviour, loitering and rough sleeping or illegal camping in the area.

In 2021, a new automatic Exeloo toilet was installed in Nightcliff by Northern Territory Government as part of the John Stokes Square re-development. While Council was supportive of the toilet being included in the re-development, since its installation and 24/7 opening hours, there have been reports from Officers of repeated vandalism and anti-social behaviour.

Oval toilet blocks left open at night over weekends have resulted in an increase in rough sleeping, vandalism, and mess, particularly at Dinah Beach Oval where a lack of internal lighting has resulted in repeated vandalism of the toilets. As a result of continued vandalism, and following consultation with the oval users, the toilets at Dinah Beach Oval are no longer left open overnight on weekends.

Child Safety

The design of oval toilet blocks means they are not appropriate for public use while sporting teams are using them, particularly for junior sport, unless adequately supervised by sporting clubs. A lack of change room facilities means players are often using toilets for change rooms. This is especially the case at Bagot Oval where change rooms including showers are in the same space as toilets. The proposed development by Football NT may positively impact this.

Accessibility

The current oval facilities provide very limited accessibility for people with a disability. Only 5 of 17 oval locations offer an accessible toilet.

Homelessness

Figures provided by NT Shelter show that approximately 5.62% of people in the NT are seeking assistance due to homelessness (this is 12 times the national average).

Over 46% of those accessing homelessness services in the NT are doing so due to family or domestic violence.

20% of First Nations people in the NT are experiencing homelessness.

16.5% of all Territorians under the age of 18 are experiencing homelessness.

39 out of every 100 people in the NT experiencing homelessness are turned away due to lack of resources.

The NT receives only 1.3% of federal funding for homelessness through the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement (NHHA) despite having such high numbers.

Currently those sleeping rough or experiencing homelessness have very limited access to toilets or showers. Should Council choose to reduce provision levels across these amenities this vulnerable group will be further disenfranchised.

Where toilets are not open and homeless people are sheltering closure is likely to result in people defecating and urinating in public places, causing health concerns and increased cleaning requirements and costs for City of Darwin.

Booking of oval facilities

Limited opening hours of oval toilets can impact some users.

City of Darwin's on-call Officer has attended ovals on weekends or after hours to open toilets at the request of user groups. This may be due to opening being missed by a security contractor, or the oval user group not picking up a PK key from Customer Services as instructed when their booking was made.

City of Darwin Officers have also received a request for day use of the toilet facilities at Alawa Oval from Lakeside Drive Dog Park users.

Cleaning

While unisex automatic toilets provide increased personal safety, they also present cleaning and maintenance challenges. The Exeloos located in several City of Darwin parks, have limited ventilation, making them hot and stuffy, and regular electrical issues are reported to Building Maintenance, including loss of power, doors not locking when in use and entry/exit buttons being broken. Operations staff report the newer Pureblue installations have fewer electrical issues and more ventilation however they still experience technical problems on a regular basis compared to more basic facilities.

Keys

Concern has been raised regarding the availability of PK keys, which have been used by City of Darwin for many years. Due to contractors or community groups not returning keys issued to them, and the ease with which they can be copied, it is believed there are a high number of keys circulating in the community, increasing the risk of people opening toilets when they are supposed to be locked and not relocking them or locking them to restrict access by others.

Review of Hierarchy

Definitions

In the 2014 document, some ovals were classed as Level Three and some as Level Four. Level Four previously related to Seasonal Oval Allocations; however, all City of Darwin ovals are used by sporting organisations under Seasonal Oval Allocations. This does not mean that the toilets are managed by the clubs, as they do not generally have a user agreement for the toilet buildings.

Officers recommend clarifying the definitions to the following:

Level One	Open to the public 24/7. Located within high use public areas including regional parks or shopping strips. May or may not be automatic. Regular sanitary bin and sharps collection. Cleaned once or twice daily depending on demand.
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Opening Hours

Public toilet opening hours need to be congruent with City of Darwin being able to maintain clean and safe facilities, along with provision of community services that support vulnerable community members, accessibility and the minimise environmental health concerns.

Where there is a need for 24/7 facilities in high use areas such as East Point, Mindil Beach and Market areas, it is envisaged that the more 'traditional' toilet blocks will be replaced, as they reach end of life or where budget is allocated, with a modern unisex design, that meets or exceeds accessibility standards. These provide increased personal safety to 'traditional' toilet blocks and discourage rough sleeping, vandalism and storing personal items overnight. Until these facilities are replaced, a decision as to whether to close any of these toilet blocks overnight needs to be considered carefully as in locations where there are no other nearby facilities there may be unintended consequences.

It is therefore recommended that only the following toilet blocks be considered to move from Level One to Level Two facilities for night-time closure, as there are alternate toilets nearby:

- Mindil Beach 2 (High School End)
- Nightcliff Pavonia Place

It is important that toilets at sporting ovals are managed so that they support the entire community, as well as the seasonal and casual user groups including sporting clubs, spectators and school groups.

All seasonal users and casual hirers can be provided a key to the toilets when making their booking so for weeknight training or one-off events there is no need for security to unlock the toilets.

It is also acknowledged that sporting ovals are used by the local community for informal activities; however, these are generally short stays by residents who live close by, reducing the need for toilet facilities.

For locations that have broader use, such as Chrisp Street Oval with tennis and basketball courts, longer stays are anticipated, and it is expected public toilets would be used more often.

Where Council would like to offer public toilet facilities at ovals, it is recommended a modern unisex design that meets accessibility standards be installed, separate to any change room facilities for oval users.

For existing oval toilet blocks, it is recommended that:

- City of Darwin security open oval toilets on Saturday and Sunday during daylight hours, as is the schedule for Wulagi Oval. For ovals with sports field lighting, where competition is regularly played Friday nights it is also recommended toilets be scheduled to open Friday evenings.
- Users continue to open oval toilets during the week.
- All Level Four toilets, including Pavilions under user agreement, are only opened by users, when competition and training on and be responsible for cleaning.

Therefore, in line with the updated Public Toilet Hierarchy Classification the table below lists the proposed public toilet hierarchy changes and opening hour changes. In preparing this table consultation was undertaken with Peak Sporting Bodies, particularly NT Cricket who rely on club volunteers to unlock toilets for weekend competitions if not opened by the security contractor.

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These changes will result in the following number of facilities at each hierarchy level:

- Level One – 15 facilities
- Level Two – 12 facilities
- Level Three – 15 facilities
- Level Four – 9 facilities

Service levels

The proposed updated Public Toilet Hierarchy Classification above outlines expectations for cleaning frequency, sanitary bin collection and sharps collection at each Level.

There are no proposed changes to cleaning frequency within the Hierarchy.

There is an increase in participation by women and girls' in sport across Darwin, particularly in AFL and Soccer. Football NT has received funding to install new female change rooms at Bagot, Malak & Fannie Bay Ovals. Only three of 17 oval locations provide toilets with sanitary bins, and most oval toilets do not even provide rubbish bins inside the toilet block, only outside around the oval.

It is recommended to provide sanitary bins in toilets classified Level Three and Level Four, as is the practice with Level One & Two.

In addition to sanitary bins, there are two locations in the municipality with Dignity Vending Machines, Casuarina Library and City Library, where period packs are dispensed at no cost. These machines and all stock is provided by and paid for by Share the Dignity, through donations, grants and sponsorship.

If Council wishes to request Dignity Vending Machines in more locations, an application process through Share the Dignity is required to ensure the site is eligible, that there is suitable space for the machine and electrical plug socket, and that there are staff to regularly check and report stock levels.

Where a baby change table is provided, there should also be a nappy bin collection.

It is recommended that sharps collection is included at all Level One and Level Two toilets.

At buildings assigned to a user group under a tenancy agreement, cleaning and sanitary bin servicing should form part of their tenancy agreement, as could applications for Dignity Vending Machines.

If Council endorses the proposed updated Public Toilet Hierarchy Classification the following service level changes would be required:

- Alawa Oval toilet be added to cleaning schedule
- That 12 oval toilet locations be added to the monthly sanitary bin servicing schedule
- An additional five sharps collection toilet locations to be added to the existing program with NT Aids & Hepatitis Council

Other non-City of Darwin Buildings

The 2014 Public Toilet Provision Statement and Hierarchy at **Attachment 1** listed several buildings that are not City of Darwin-owned or managed assets.

While these are important facilities to note when assessing the spread of public toilet locations and providing information to the public, it is recommended they are not included in the updated hierarchy, as the aim is to determine how Council assets are managed.

Next Steps

If Council endorses the recommendation to place Mindil Beach 2 (High School End) and Nightcliff Pavonia Place under a night-time closure, to operate as Level Two facilities, the community will be informed via updates on City of Darwin website and the national public toilet map.

In locations where there is a need for public toilets, 'traditional' toilet blocks, as they reach end of life or where budget is allocated, will be replaced with modern unisex design that meets or exceeds Australian accessibility standards.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

At the 25 October 2022 meeting Council resolved:

RESOLUTION ORD518/22

THAT Council receives a report to review the Public Toilet Hierarchy classification at City of Darwin sporting ovals and to identify the steps required to change the classification at ovals including consultation with stakeholders, amendments to tenancy agreements and ongoing operational costs.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	<p>5 A Vibrant and Creative City</p> <p>5.2 By 2030, Darwin will be a more connected community and have pride in our cultural identity</p>								
BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	<p>Budget/Funding: Yes, existing operational budgets detailed below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="480 1738 1390 2065"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="480 1738 1066 1861">Current annual servicing</th><th data-bbox="1066 1738 1390 1861">Annual cost (ex GST)</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="480 1861 1066 1928">Security to lock/unlock</td><td data-bbox="1066 1861 1390 1928">\$19,971</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="480 1928 1066 1995">Cleaning (approximate)</td><td data-bbox="1066 1928 1390 1995">\$1,603,612</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="480 1995 1066 2065">Sanitary Bin Collection</td><td data-bbox="1066 1995 1390 2065">\$10,922</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Current annual servicing	Annual cost (ex GST)	Security to lock/unlock	\$19,971	Cleaning (approximate)	\$1,603,612	Sanitary Bin Collection	\$10,922
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	Sharps Collection	\$8,820
	Total	\$1,643,325
	The following table details estimated annual servicing costs based on the proposed changes to the public toilet hierarchy classification.	
	Proposed annual servicing	Additional cost
		Estimated annual cost (ex GST)
	Security to lock/unlock <i>2 sites from 24/7 to night-time closure</i> <i>10 oval sites to weekend night-time closure</i>	\$20,612
	Cleaning <i>1 additional oval site (Alawa)</i>	\$9,152
	Sanitary bin collection <i>13 additional collection sites</i>	\$2,119
	Sharps Collection <i>5 additional collection sites</i>	\$900
	Total	\$32,783
	One off cost to re-key toilets	
	Estimate to re-key 27 facilities from PK to restricted access keys	\$19,000
	Is Funding identified: The re-keying, additional security, cleaning, sanitary bin collection and sharps collection will be funded from existing operational budgets for 2023-24 financial year.	
	The security contract includes regular patrols, locking/unlocking of toilets, walkways and property gates. The current contract is in holding over and a new tender for the contract is being prepared. Future costs for locking and unlocking toilet blocks may change.	
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	<p>Legislation:</p> <p>Any new toilet construction must comply with Australian Standard AS 1428.1 Design for access and mobility - General requirements for access - New building work.</p> <p>Policy:</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>In 2014 the Public Toilet Policy Statement and locations with corresponding hierarchy level was incorporated into Policy 009 Council Property. This policy was then rescinded in July 2016.</p>	

CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	<p>Engagement Level: Consult</p> <p>Tactics:</p> <p>The following City of Darwin Officers have been consulted to prepare this report.</p> <p>Internal:</p> <p>Manager Property Portfolio</p> <p>Executive Manager Growth and Economic Development</p> <p>Executive Manager Marketing, Communications and Engagement</p> <p>Manager Buildings and Civil Operations</p> <p>Manager Parks and Open Spaces</p> <p>Team Leader Cleaning Services</p> <p>Darwin Safer City Program Coordinator</p> <p>Assertive Outreach Officer</p> <p>Supervisor Public Places</p> <p>Community Development Officer</p> <p>Recreation Services Officer</p> <p>External:</p> <p>Cricket NT</p> <p>Southern Cross Protection</p>
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	<p>The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).</p>

ATTACHMENT A

Policy Statement

(For inclusion in Council Policy 009 – Council Property - General

Public Toilet Provision

Public toilets are necessary elements in creating inclusive, accessible and sustainable cities. The provision of public toilets enables people of all ages, abilities and social situations to participate equitably in public places. Public toilet provision also has important implications for public health and safety, supports tourism and addresses acute quality of life issues.

The City of Darwin will ensure;

- Public toilet provision is demand driven;
- Public toilets provide universal access;
- Public toilets are well designed, maintained and safe; and
- Public toilets are sustainable and minimise environmental impacts.

Public Toilet Design Criteria

Universal design principles will be applied to all facilities. Public facilities will be site specific and informed by need. Appropriate community and stakeholder consultation will be conducted in accordance with Council policy. The design of public toilets will be informed by and include, but not limited to the following:

- CPTED principles;
- National Construction Code of Australia;
- Disability Discrimination Act 1992;
- Appropriate, accessible directional and operational signage;
- Safety fixtures and fittings, including sharps dispensers;
- Environmental sustainability;
- Parent and Family Friendly;
- Maintenance and life-cycle costs; and
- Site sensitivity.

Quality and Service Levels

All public toilets will be maintained to a high level of hygiene and cleanliness.

ATTACHMENT B

Public Toilet Provision Hierarchy

The City of Darwin provides a network of public toilets throughout the municipality. These facilities are Council owned and managed or leased from the private sector.

Level One – Unrestricted Access

24 hour access public toilets.

These facilities are located within high use public areas.

Level Two – Public Access

Parks, reserves, regional playgrounds, shopping centres and public buildings.

These facilities cater to general community need and operate as day facilities throughout the week and weekends, with extended access hours associated with events or building and facility opening hours.

Level Three – Limited Access

Recreation ovals and community centres.

These facilities are opened on weekends and for specific times required for special events.

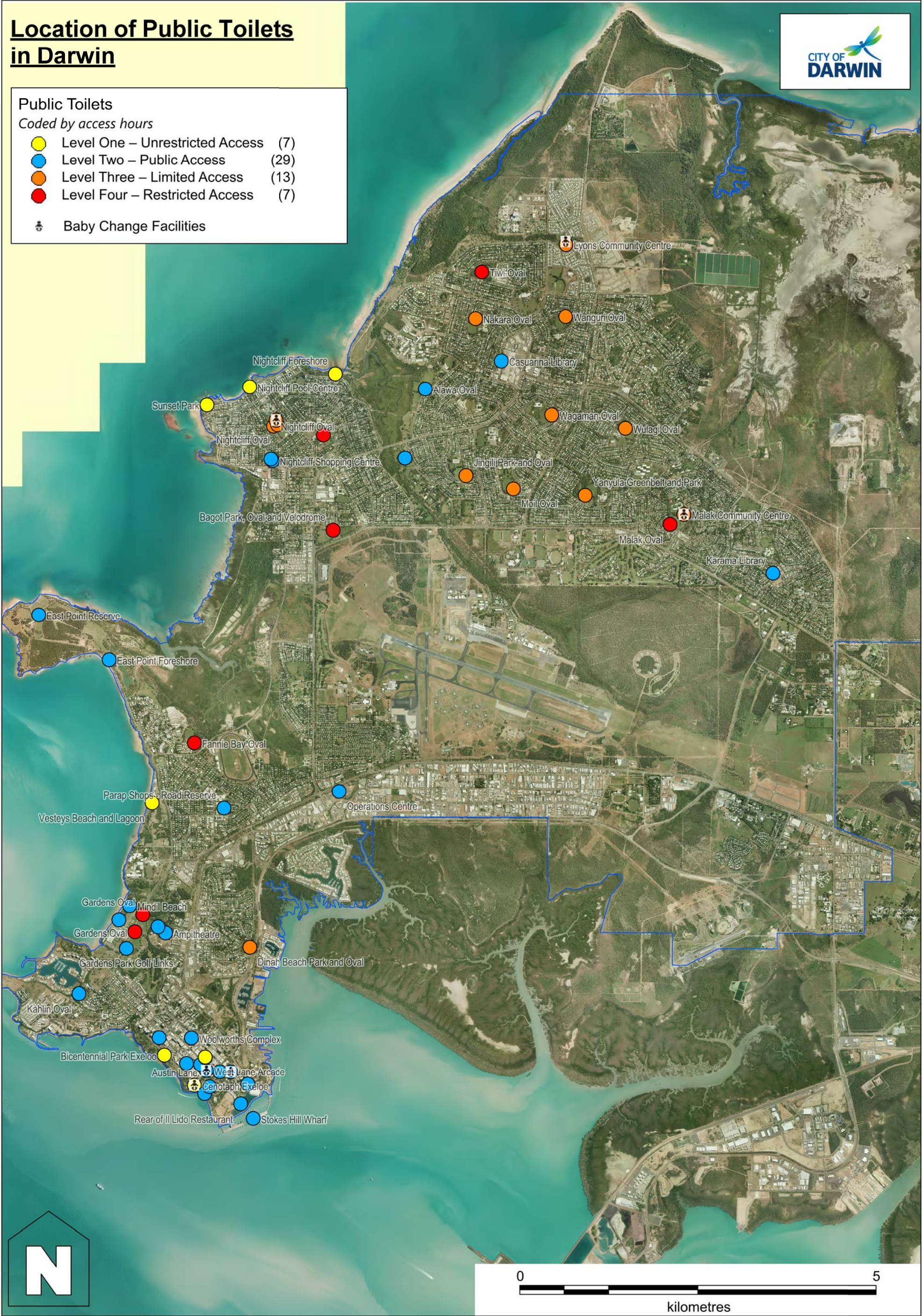
Level Four – Restricted Access

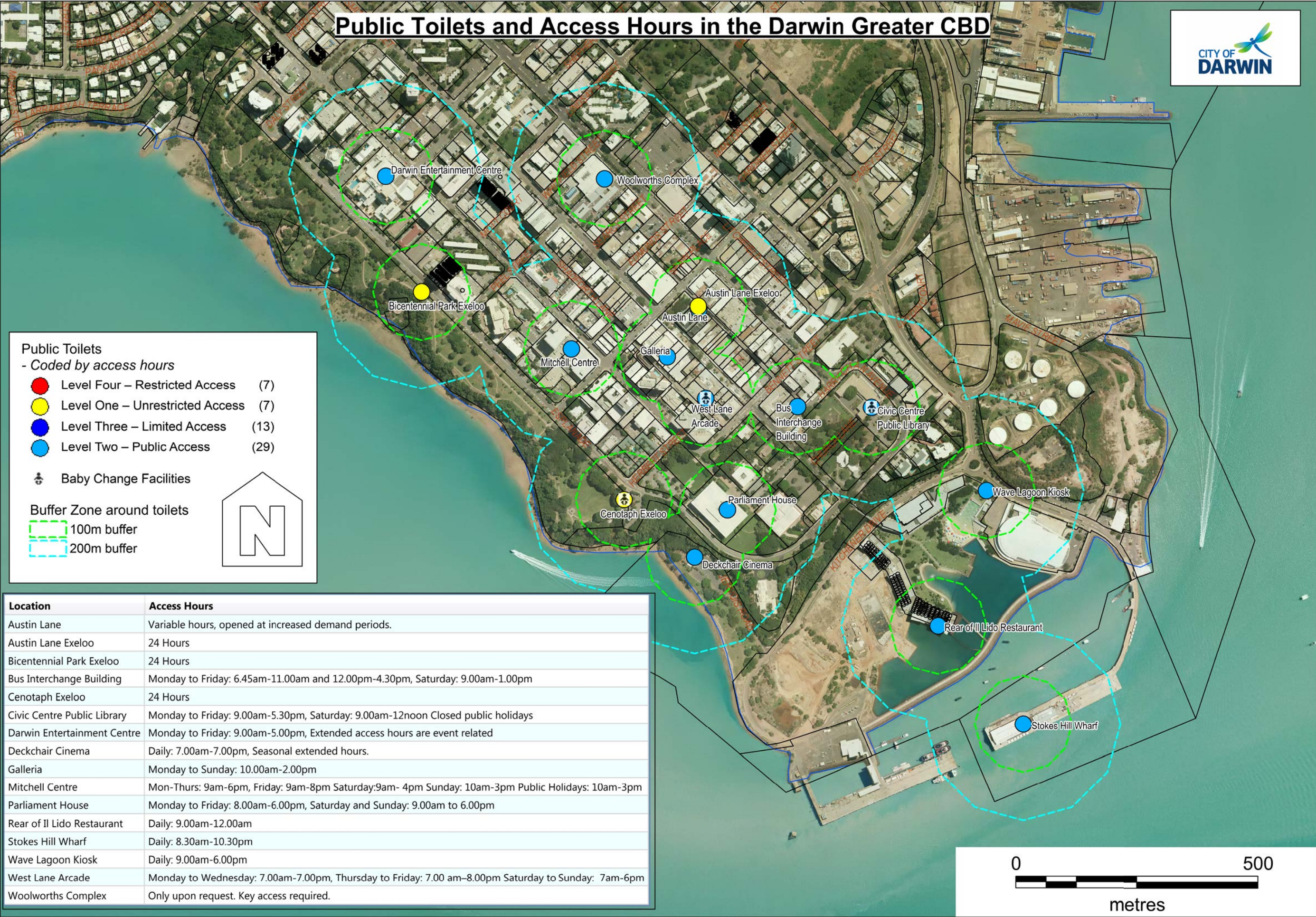
Seasonal Oval Allocation

These facilities are managed by clubs that have a seasonal allocation agreement with the City of Darwin. Facilities are accessible at specific times, for example for training sessions or organised games.

Location of Public Toilets
in Darwin

- Public Toilets
Coded by access hours
- Level One – Unrestricted Access (7)
 - Level Two – Public Access (29)
 - Level Three – Limited Access (13)
 - Level Four – Restricted Access (7)
- Baby Change Facilities





Toilets	2014 Hierarchy	Current Practice	Toilet Provision	Accessible	Cleaning Schedule	Sharps Container Servicing	Sanitary/Nappy Bin Collection	Lock/Unlock Schedule
Public Spaces								
Austin Lane 1	Level 2	Level 3	Female ambulant Male ambulant	No	Event only (contractor)	Yes x 2	Nil	Nil
Austin Lane 2	Level 1	Level 1	Unisex automatic - 1 Exeloo	Yes	Twice daily (contractor)	Yes	Fortnightly - 1 sanitary	N/A - Open 24/7
Bicentennial Park - near Peel Street	Level 1	Level 1	Unisex automatic - 1 Exeloo	Yes	Twice daily (contractor)	Yes	Monthly - 1 sanitary	N/A - Open 24/7
	New	Level 1	Unisex automatic - 1 ambulant & 1 PWD	Yes	Twice daily (contractor)	Yes x 2	Monthly - 2 sanitary	N/A - Open 24/7
Bicentennial Park - Cenotaph	Level 1	Level 1	Unisex automatic - 1 Exeloo	Yes	Twice daily (contractor)	Yes	Monthly - 1 sanitary	N/A - Open 24/7
Bundilla Beach	Level 1	Level 1	Unisex automatic - 1 Exeloo	Yes	Daily	Yes	Monthly - 1 sanitary	N/A - Open 24/7
Civic Park	New	Level 1	Unisex automatic - 2 toilets	Yes	Twice daily (contractor)	Yes x 2	Monthly - 2 sanitary	N/A - Open 24/7
Darwin General Cemetery	Not listed	Level 4	Female - 1 ambulant, 1 shower Male - 1 ambulant, 1 urinal	No	Weekly (contractor)	Nil	Monthly - 1 sanitary	Cemetery gates unlocked daily Toilets only opened for funerals
East Point Reserve (Foreshore)	Level 2	Level 1	Female - 3 ambulant, 1 shower Male - 1 ambulant, 1 urinal, 1 PWD, 3 open showers Separate PWD - 1 toilet	Yes	Daily	Yes x 2	Monthly - 1 sanitary	Nil - left unlocked 24/7
East Point Reserve (Gun Turret)	Level 2	Level 2	Female - 3 ambulant, 1 shower Male - 1 toilet, 1 urinal, 1 PWD, 3 open showers Separate PWD - 1 toilet	Yes	Daily	Nil	Monthly - 1 sanitary	Unlocked daily 6am - 9pm
Jingili Water Gardens	Level 2	Level 1	Unisex Automatic - 2 ambulant, 1 PWD, 1 Changing Place	Yes	Twice daily (contractor)	Yes x 4	Monthly - 2 sanitary Weekly - 1 nappy	N/A - Open 24/7
Mindil Beach 1 (Casino end)	Level 2	Level 1	Female - 2 ambulant, 1 PWD Male - 1 ambulant, 1 urinal, 1 PWD	Yes	Daily	Yes x 2	Monthly - 2 sanitary 1 x nappy	Nil - left unlocked 24/7
Mindil Beach 2 (High School end)	Level 2	Level 1	Female – 6 ambulant, 1 PWD, 1 shower Male – 3 ambulant, 2 urinals, 1 PWD, 1 shower	Yes	Daily	Yes x 2	Monthly - 9 sanitary	Nil - left unlocked 24/7
Nightcliff Foreshore - near Beachfront hotel	Level 1	Level 1	Unisex automatic - 1 Exeloo	Yes	Daily	Yes	Monthly - 1 sanitary	N/A - Open 24/7
Nightcliff Foreshore - near Pool	Level 1	Level 1	Unisex automatic - 1 Exeloo	Yes	Daily	Yes	Fortnightly - 1 sanitary	N/A - Open 24/7
Nightcliff Foreshore - opposite Aralia St	Level 1	Level 1	Unisex automatic - 1 ambulant & 1 PWD	Yes	Daily	Nil	Monthly - 2 sanitary	N/A - Open 24/7
Nightcliff - John Stokes Square	New	Level 1	Unisex automatic - 1 PWD	Yes	Twice Daily (contractor)	Nil	Monthly - 1 Sanitary	N/A - Open 24/7
Nightcliff Shopping - Pavonia Place	Level 2	Level 1	Female - 2 ambulant Male - 2 ambulant, 1 urinal PWD – 1 separate	Yes	Daily - except Sun	Yes x 3	Monthly - 2 sanitary	Nil
Parap Market Place	Level 2	Level 1	Female – 3 ambulant Male – 2 ambulant PWD – 1 separate	Yes	Daily	Yes x 3	Monthly - 1 sanitary	Nil - left unlocked 24/7
Sunset Park	Level 1	Level 1	Unisex automatic - 1 Exeloo	Yes	Daily	Yes	Monthly - 1 sanitary	N/A - Open 24/7
West Lane - Vic Arcade	Level 2	Level 2	Female and male toilets PWD - 1 Separate	Yes	Twice daily (contractor)	Yes x 3	Fortnightly - 1 nappy & 2 sanitary	Arcade unlocked daily
Other Council Buildings								
Lyons Community Centre	Level 3	Level 4	Female – 2 ambulant Male – 1 urinal, 1 cubicle PWD – 1 separate	Yes	3 x week (contractor)	Nil	Monthly - 2 sanitary	Nil - Unlocked by users only
Malak Community Centre	Level 4	Level 4	Female – 4 ambulant, 1 child’s Male – 1 urinal, 2 ambulant, 1 PWD	Yes	3 x week (contractor)	Nil	Monthly - 1 sanitary	Nil - Unlocked by users only
Nightcliff Community Centre	Level 3	Level 4	Female – 3 ambulant, 1 shower Male – 1 urinals, 2 ambulant, 1 shower PWD – 1 separate	Yes	Daily - except Sat (contractor)	Nil	Fortnightly - 3 sanitary Weekly - 1 nappy	Nil - Unlocked by users only
Casuarina Library	Level 2	Level 2	Female – 3 ambulant Male – 1 urinal, 2 ambulant PWD – 1 separate	Yes	Twice daily Mon-Fri Daily Sat & Sun (contractor)	Yes x 1	Fortnightly - 2 sanitary Fortnightly - 1 nappy	Open when facility open
City Library	Level 2	Level 2	Female – 3 ambulant Male – 1 urinal, 2 ambulant PWD – 1 separate	Yes	Daily - except Sun (contractor)	Yes x 3	Monthly - 4 sanitary Weekly - nappy	Open when facility open
Nightcliff Library	Not listed	Level 2	Unisex - 1 public cubicle	Yes	Daily - except Sun (contractor)	Nil	Monthly - 2 sanitary	Open when facility open
Casuarina Pool	Not listed	Level 2	Under re-development	Yes	Daily (Pool Management)	Nil	Pool Managemement	Open when facility open
Nightcliff Pool	Not listed	Level 2	Female - 3 ambulant, 2 showers, 1 PWD Male - 2 ambulant, 2 showers, 1 PWD	Yes	Daily (Pool Management)	Yes x 3	Pool Managemement	Open when facility open
Parap Pool	Not listed	Level 2	Female - 13 ambulant, 4 showers Male - 6 ambulant, 10 urinals, 4 showers PWD/Family - 2 toilets with shower	Yes	Daily (Pool Management)	Yes x 4	Pool Managemement	Open when facility open

Toilets	2014 Hierarchy	Current Practice	Toilet Provision	Accessible	Cleaning Schedule	Sharps Container Servicing	Sanitary/Nappy Bin Collection	Lock/Unlock Schedule
Ovals								
Alawa Oval	Level 2	Level 4	No gate between changeroom & toilets Female toilet - 3 toilets Female change - 3 showers (no doors) Male toilet - 2 toilets, 1 urinal Male change - 5 open showers	No	Nil - not yet on CoD schedule.			
Anula Oval & Regional Playground	Level 3	Level 2	Locked gate separates changeroom & toilets Female toilet - 3 toilets (1 baby change tabe) Female change - 3 shower cubicles Male toilet - 2 toilets, 1 urinal Male change - 3 open showers Public Toilets Female - 1 toilet, Male - 1 toilet PWD - 1 toilet (with baby change table)	Yes	Daily	Yes x 3	Monthly - 2 sanitary	Unlocked daily 6am - 7pm
Bagot Oval & Velodrome	Level 4	Level 4	Change room/toilets in same room Female - 4 toilets (1 PWD with baby change table) & 4 shower cubicles Male - 2 toilets (1 PWD), 1 urinal & 4 showers (2 open)	Yes	Weekly	Yes x 2	Nil	Nil - Unlocked by users only
Chrisp St Oval & Courts	New	Level 1	Unisex Automatic - 1 toilet Unisex PWD Automatic x 1 toilet (with baby change)	Yes	Daily	Nil	Nil	N/A - Open 24/7
Dinah Beach Oval	Level 3	Level 3	Locked gate separates changeroom & toilets Female toilet - 3 toilets Female change - 3 shower cubicles Male toilet - 2 toilets, 1 urinal Male change - 3 open showers	No	Weekly	Nil	Nil	Unlocked Friday 3pm - locked Monday 7am
Fannie Bay Oval	Level 4	Level 4	Locked gate separates changeroom & toilets Female toilet - 3 toilets Female change - 3 shower cubicles (unusable - equipment storage) Male toilet - 2 toilets, 1 urinal Male change - 3 open showers (equipment storage)	No	Weekly	Nil	Nil	Nil - only opened by users
Gardens Oval - Grandstand Changerooms	Level 4	Level 4	Change room with toilets in same room Home - 2 toilet cubicles, 1 urinal, 5 shower cubicles Away - 2 toilet cubicles, 1 urinal, 5 shower cubicles	No	Nil - Users clean	Nil	4 weekly - 1 sanitary	Complex locked by evening patrol
Gardens Oval- South	Level 4	Level 3	Toilet Block Male - 4 toilets, 6 urinals Female - 10 toilets PWD - 1 toilet, 1 shower	Yes	Weekly	Nil	4 weekly - 4 Sanitary	Complex locked by evening patrol
Gardens Oval- North	Level 4	Level 4	Male - 2 toilets, 1 urinal Female -5 toilets PWD - 1 toilet	Yes	Nil - only used for events			
Jingili Oval	Level 3	Level 3	Locked gate separates changeroom & toilets Female toilet - 3 toilets Female change - 3 shower cubicles Male toilet - 2 toilets, 1 urinal Male change - 3 open showers	No	Weekly	Nil	Nil	Unlocked Friday 3pm - locked Monday 7am
Kahlin Oval	Level 2	Level 4	Locked gate separates changeroom & toilets. Also accessed via inside of pavilion. Female toilet - 3 toilets Female change - 3 shower cubicles Male toilet - 2 toilets, 2 urinal Male change - 3 shower cubicles	No	Weekly	Nil	Monthly service (March to September) - 1 santiary	Nil - Unlocked by users only
Malak Oval	Level 4	Level 4	Toilets within pavilion building Female - 3 toilets & 2 showers Male - 2 toilets, 1 urinal & 2 showers PWD - 1 with separate access at end of building	Yes	Nil - Users clean	Nil	Nil	Nil. Pavilion including toilets under user agreement. Main toilets only accessed through building
Moil Oval	Level 3	Level 3	Locked gate separates changeroom & toilets Female toilet - 3 toilets Female change - 3 showers (no doors) Male toilet - 2 toilets, 1 urinal Male change - 3 open showers	No	Weekly	Nil	Nil	Unlocked Friday 3pm - locked Monday 7am
Nakara Oval	Level 3	Level 3	Locked gate separates changeroom & toilets Female toilet - 3 toilets Female change - 3 showers (no doors) Male - 2 toilet, 1 urinal Male change - 3 open showers	No	Weekly	Nil	Nil	Unlocked Friday 3pm - locked Monday 7am
Nightcliff Oval Change Rooms	Not listed	Level 4	Change room/toilets in same room Room 1 - 3 toilets & 3 shower cubicles Room 2 - 3 toilets & 3 shower cubicles	No	Nil - Users clean	Nil	Nil	Nil - Unlocked by users only
Nightcliff Oval Toilets	Level 3	Level 3	Toilets & showers in same room Female - 3 toilets, 2 shower cubicles Male - 3 toilets, urinal & 2 open showers	No	Weekly	Nil	Nil	Unlocked Friday 3pm - locked Monday 7am Oval gates unlocked daily 5am - 11pm
Tiwi Oval	Level 4	Level 3	Locked gate separates changeroom & toilets Female toilet - 3 toilets Female change - 3 showers (no doors) Male toilet - 2 toilets, 1 urinal Male change - 3 open showers	No	Weekly	Nil	Nil	Unlocked Friday 3pm - locked Monday 7am
Wagaman Oval	Level 3	Level 3	Locked gate separates changeroom & toilets Female toilet - 3 toilets Female change - 3 shower cubicles Male toilet - 2 toilets, 1 urinal Male change - 3 open showers	No	Weekly	Nil	Nil	Unlocked Friday 3pm - locked Monday 7am
Wanguri Oval	Level 3	Level 3	Locked gate separates changeroom & toilets Female toilet - 3 toilets Female change - 3 showers (no doors) Male toilet - 2 toilets, 1 urinal Male change - 3 open showers	No	Weekly	Nil	Nil	Unlocked Friday 3pm - locked Monday 7am
Wulagi Oval	Level 3	Level 3	Locked gate separates changeroom & toilets Female toilet - 3 toilets Female change - 3 showers (no doors) Male toilet - 2 toilets, 1 urinal Male change - 3 open showers	No	Weekly	Nil	Nil	Unlocked Sat 7am - 7pm Unlocked Sun 7am - 7pm

15 RECEIVE & NOTE REPORTS**15.1 REVIEW OF NON-DEFAULT SPEED LIMITS**

Author: Senior Coordinator Design
Executive Manager Technical Services

Authoriser: General Manager Innovation

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the report entitled Review of Non-Default Speed Limits be received and noted.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council on the outcomes of the review of non-default speed limits across the Darwin municipality and to address the petition received requesting a reduction in speed limit from 60 to 50 km/hr along Leanyer Drive, Leanyer.

KEY ISSUES

- The default speed limit of a road in a built-up area within Darwin is 50km/hr unless sign-posted otherwise.
- City of Darwin owns approximately 93 sections of road (41 non-industrial and 52 industrial) where the speed limit is different to the default speed limit.
- City of Darwin's Movement Strategy promotes a people first philosophy that aligns with lowering the speed limits of some roads within the Darwin municipality to provide safer and more attractive routes for cycling and micro-mobility.
- This report identifies several sections of road that could potentially have their speed limit reduced, with no additional measures.
- The assessment undertaken in deriving conclusions in the report is based on consideration of operating speed and identifies the categories of sections of road assessed under the recently adopted Local Area Traffic Management and Pedestrian Facilities Guidelines.

DISCUSSION

This report outlines the review of all City of Darwin's non-industrial roads with speed limit other than the default speed limit of 50 km/hr, in response to Council Resolution (ORD297/22). It is an update on the previous interim report to Council on 26 September 2023.

A non-industrial road is one that interfaces with non-industrial development (e.g. residential), as opposed to an industrial road, which interfaces with industrial development.

The reduction of speed limits on any City of Darwin roads is supported when:

- road operating speed is close (less than 10%) to or below the new proposed speed limit ("low hanging fruit"), or
- after the implementation of traffic calming measures such as line markings and build outs, the measured road operating speed is less than 10% of the proposed new speed limit for the road.

Speed limit changes on roads where there is a significant variance between the proposed limit and the measured road operating speed, will create the need for intensive policing and/or place pressure on City of Darwin (as the road owner) to implement significant and expensive upgrading works in response to the speed limit change.

The 85th percentile speed (i.e. the speed at which 85% of motorists travel at or below under free flow conditions, when their speed choice is not constrained by vehicles in front of them) is generally considered to be the "operating speed" of the road and is the traditional speed criterion considered when assessing or reviewing speed limits along roads.

Using data from new traffic counts recently undertaken along the identified roads, each road was assessed both regarding the variance between measured operating speed to the proposed speed limit and in accordance with City of Darwin's recently adopted Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) and Pedestrian Facilities Guidelines (Guidelines). This was to determine support for speed limit change and/or any need for intervention such as other traffic calming treatments.

As outlined in the Guideline, each road assessed falls within Category 1 to 4 depending on the total score received. Category 1 sites are the highest priority locations and will be considered for inclusion in City of Darwin's future design and construction programs. Category 2 sites will be considered for low-cost non-capital works solutions, such as signage and line marking improvements. Category 3 and 4 sites require no capital works solutions be implemented.

Once Category 1 and 2 roads are treated with traffic calming measures, their operating speeds are expected to reduce. If after the works are completed, traffic counts determine that speeds have reduced to the extent that the variance between measured speed and a proposed lower speed is less than 10%, then a speed limit reduction is supported.

Category 3 and 4 roads would not justify speed limit reduction, unless the operating speed was already less than 10% over the road speed limit prior to the appropriate education or additional speed enforcement measures being introduced.

It should be noted that some of these roads contain School Zones with speed limits of 40km/h during school hours. The 85th percentile speeds for such roads have been filtered to exclude school hours, in order to focus on assessment of the road speed limit outside of school hours.

The below table outlines all the sections of non-industrial road that were assessed as part of this review, their current posted speed limits and their recorded 85th percentile speeds, as well as their total score and their priority category, as per the Guidelines.

Road Name	Suburb	Hierarchy Classific.	Posted Speed Limit	85th Percentile Speed	Total Score	Category
Abala Road (from Henry Wrigley Drive to Marrara Drive)	Marrara	Local	40	50.2	62.0	1
Abala Road (from Marrara Drive to Abala Road)	Marrara	Local	40	30.9	16.7	4
Alec Fong Lim Drive (from Colivas Rd to Surf Life Saving Club Car Park)	East Point	Local	30	33.1	41.0	2
Alec Fong Lim Drive (from Car Park to Car Park)	East Point	Local	30	45.4	79.0	1
Alec Fong Lim Drive (from Car Park to Y Intersection)	East Point	Local	30	40.9	21.6	3
Atkins Drive (from Conacher Street to Maria Liveris Drive)	Fannie Bay	Local	40	49.6	85.0	1
Atkins Drive (from East Point Rd to Conacher Street)	Fannie Bay	Local	40	56.3	59.5	2
Bennett Street (from Cavenagh Street to State Square Car Park)	Darwin City	Primary Collector	40	40.7	196.0	1
Boulter Road (from Vanderlin Drive to Amy Johnson Avenue)	Berrimah	Secondary Collector	60	62.0	27.0	3
Dick Ward Drive (from Douglas Street to Fitzer Drive)	Fannie Bay	Sub Arterial	70	70.8	132.2	1
Dick Ward Drive (from Fitzer Drive to Totem Road)	Fannie Bay	Sub Arterial	70	73.1	101.0	1
Dick Ward Drive (from Old Mcmillans Road to Progress Drive)	Coconut Grove	Sub Arterial	60	44.4	171.5	1
Dick Ward Drive (from Ross Smith Avenue to Douglas Street)	Fannie Bay	Sub Arterial	60	65.7	115.5	1
Dick Ward Drive (from Totem Road to Old Mcmillans Road)	Coconut Grove	Sub Arterial	60	60.6	127.9	1
Dinah Beach Road (from Duke Street to Tiger Brennan Drive)	Stuart Park	Primary Collector	60	66.7	40.7	2
Driestone Road (from Trower Road to Ellengowan Drive)	Casuarina	Primary Collector	60	60.7	174.3	1
East Point Road (from Goyder Road to Gregory Street)	Fannie Bay	Sub Arterial	60	65.4	110.0	1
East Point Road (from Gregory Street to Fannie Bay Gaol)	Fannie Bay	Sub Arterial	60	63.1	78.7	1
East Point Road (from Ross Smith Avenue to Colivas Street)	Fannie Bay	Primary Collector	60	58.5	28.0	3

Ellengowan Drive (from Driestone Road to Trower Road)	Casuarina	Primary Collector	60	59.9	40.3	2
Fitzer Drive (from Bagot Road to Dick Ward Drive)	Ludmilla	Primary Collector	60	60.0	51.0	2
Freshwater Road (from Trower Road to Rothdale Road)	Jingili	Primary Collector	60	59.4	12.0	4
Gardens Road (from Daly Street to Melville Street)	The Gardens	Primary Collector	60	60.3	42.6	2
Gardens Road (from Melville Street to Gilruth Avenue)	The Gardens	Primary Collector	60	62.1	30.1	3
Gilruth Avenue (from Gardens Road to Kahlin Avenue)	The Gardens	Sub Arterial	60	62.1	75.0	1
Gilruth Avenue (from Goyder Road to Gardens Road)	The Gardens	Sub Arterial	60	61.9	66.0	1
Henbury Avenue (from Tambling Terrace to Rocklands Drive)	Tiwi	Primary Collector	60	66.9	83.0	1
Henbury Avenue (from Trower Road to Tambling Terrace)	Wanguri	Primary Collector	60	57.1	98.0	1
Kalymnos Drive (from Koolinda Cres to Vanderlin Drive)	Karama	Primary Collector	60	58.9	34.3	3
Kalymnos Drive (from McMillans Road to Koolinda Cres)	Karama	Primary Collector	60	54.2	57.0	2
Lakeside Drive (from Gove Street to Driestone Road)	Alawa	Primary Collector	60	63.0	60.0	1
Lakeside Drive (from Trower Road to Gove Street)	Alawa	Primary Collector	60	64.3	40.0	3
Leanyer Drive (from Ridgehaven Circuit to Vanderlin Drive)	Leanyer	Primary Collector	60	62.2	28.0	3
Leanyer Drive (from V.R.D. Drive to Ridgehaven Circuit)	Leanyer	Primary Collector	60	59.8	22.9	3
Leanyer Drive (from Vanderlin Drive to V.R.D. Drive)	Leanyer	Primary Collector	60	61.2	65.8	1
Lee Point Road (from Aldenham Road to Lee Point Car Park)	Lee Point	Secondary Collector	70	74.0	14.7	4
Lee Point Road (from McMillans to Vanderlin Drive)	Wagaman	Sub Arterial	70	73.2	118.0	1
Lee Point Road (from Tambling Terrace to Aldenham Road)	Lyons	Secondary Collector	60	60.5	125.6	1
Lee Point Road (from Vanderlin Drive to Tambling Terrace)	Wanguri	Primary Collector	60	61.4	119.0	1
Malak Crescent (from Bayfield Street to Patterson Street)	Malak	Primary Collector	60	52.9	30.0	3

Malak Crescent (from McMillans Road to Bayfield Street)	Malak	Primary Collector	60	55.9	14.0	4
Maria Liveris Drive (External Road) (from Gilruth Avenue to Atkins Road)	The Gardens	Local	40	38.0	22.0	3
Matthews Road (from McMillans Road to Patterson Street)	Anula	Primary Collector	60	63.9	31.0	3
Matthews Road (from Patterson Street to Patterson Street)	Anula	Primary Collector	60	51.8	14.0	4
Mitchell Street (from Daly Street to Bennett Street)	Darwin City	Secondary Collector	40	44.4	440.6	1
Mitchell Street (from Daly Street to Morinda Street)	Darwin City	Secondary Collector	40	46.8	73.0	1
Mueller Road (from Koolinda Crescent to Vanderlin Drive)	Karama	Primary Collector	60	64.3	61.8	1
Mueller Road (from Mcmillans Road to Koolinda Cres)	Karama	Primary Collector	60	63.0	40.0	3
Nadpur Street (from Dickward Drive to Nemarkluk Drive)	Ludmilla	Secondary Collector	60	46.7	6.0	4
Nightcliff Road (from Progress Drive to Ryland Road)	Nightcliff	Primary Collector	60	57.9	96.3	1
Nightcliff Road (from Ryland Road to Casuarina Drive)	Nightcliff	Primary Collector	60	50.8	49.0	2
Old McMillans Road (from Dick Ward Drive to Bagot Road)	Coconut Grove	Primary Collector	60	55.9	35.0	3
Parap Road (from Gregory Street to Ross Smith Avenue)	Parap	Primary Collector	60	41.2	26.0	3
Parap Road (from Gregory Street to Stuart Highway)	Parap	Primary Collector	60	48.4	101.0	1
Parer Drive (from Lee Point Road to Moil Crescent)	Wagama n	Primary Collector	60	63.8	21.8	3
Parer Drive (from Moil Crescent to Trower Road)	Wagama n	Primary Collector	60	60.5	55.0	2
Patterson Street (from Malak Crescent to Matthews Road)	Wulagi	Primary Collector	60	59.8	7.0	4
Patterson Street (from Malak Crescent to Vanderlin Drive)	Wulagi	Primary Collector	60	59.0	31.9	3
Rapid Creek Road (from McMillans Road to Trower Road)	Rapid Creek	Primary Collector	60	56.2	19.5	4
Rapid Creek Road (from Trower Road to Sergison Circuit)	Rapid Creek	Primary Collector	60	60.5	24.3	3
Rocklands Drive (from Trower Road to Henbury Avenue)	Tiwi	Primary Collector	60	69.7	15.0	4

Ross Smith Avenue (from Parap Road to East Point Road)	Parap	Primary Collector	60	61.8	62.3	1
Ross Smith Avenue (from Parap Road to Stuart Highway)	Parap	Primary Collector	60	60.1	36.4	3
Rothdale Road (from Trower Road to McMillans Road)	Jingili	Primary Collector	60	65.6	71.3	1
Tambling Terrace (from Wanguri Terrace to Henbury Avenue)	Wanguri	Primary Collector	60	59.9	74.0	1
Tolmer Street (from Yanyula Drive to McMillans Road)	Anula	Primary Collector	60	57.1	2.0	4
Totem Road, Coconut Grove (from Bagot Road to Dick Ward Drive)	Anula	Primary Collector	60	58.6	59.0	2
Trower Road (from Vanderlin Drive to Casuarina Beach Roundabout)	Brinkin	Secondary Collector	60	66.1	143.2	1
Union Terrace (from Lee Point Road to Wulagi Terrace)	Anula	Primary Collector	60	61.7	20.0	4
Union Terrace (from Yanyula Drive to Matthew Road)	Anula	Primary Collector	60	61.9	9.0	4

The road sections where speed limit reduction is supported now are:

- Abala Road (between Marrara Drive and Abala Road), Marrara – reduction from 40 to 30km/hr.
- Dick Ward Drive (from Old McMillans Road to Progress Drive), Nightcliff – reduction from 60 to 50km/hr.
- Matthews Road (from Patterson Street to Patterson Street), Wulagi – reduction from 60 to 50km/hr.
- Malak Crescent (from Bayfield Street to Patterson Street), Malak – reduction from 60 to 50km/hr.
- Nadpur Street, Ludmilla – support reduction from 60 to 50km/hr.
- Nightcliff Road (between Ryland Road and Casuarina Drive), Nightcliff – reduction from 60 to 50km/hr.
- Parap Road (from Gregory Street to Stuart Highway), Parap – reduction from 60 to 50km/hr.
- Parap Road (from Gregory Street to Ross Smith Ave), Parap – reduction from 60 to 40km/hr.

The Category 1 and 2 sites identified through this assessment will be prioritised for design, cost estimation and inclusion in upcoming financial years' LATM Programmes based on ranking by score.

This report also addresses to the resolution of 15 August 2023 regarding the petition submitted to Council through the Member for Wanguri, with 55 resident signatures, requesting that City of Darwin reduce the speed limit along Leanyer Drive, Leanyer from the current 60 km/hr to 50km/hr outside of school hours. As Leanyer Drive is a non-default speed limit non-industrial road, it was included as part of the assessed undertaken in this review. The review concluded that, as the variance between measured operational speed and proposed reduced speed (50 km/hr) limit was 22.2%, therefore a speed limit reduction to 50 km/hr is not supported at this time.

Leanyer Drive, between its northern intersection with Vanderlin Drive and V.R.D Drive, has been scored as a Category 1 road requiring physical LATM treatment. The remainder of Leanyer Drive has been scored as a Category 3 road requiring only educational treatment through the implementation of City of Darwin's speed check signs and potential road safety campaigns. It is possible to consider speed limit reduction along Leanyer Drive, if after any implementation of physical road changes, the measured operating speed meets the speed variance criterion for speed limit reduction of less than 10% over the proposed new speed limit (i.e. less than 55 km/hr). Furthermore, this road, along with all other Category 3 roads listed above, will be included in a programme of deployment of temporary portable speed check signs. It is also intended to provide information to the Northern Territory on all the above roads where the measuring operating speed exceeds the road speed limit, for their information and speed enforcement purposes.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

At the 14 June 2022 meeting Council resolved:

RESOLUTION ORD297/22

THAT a report is provided to Council listing all City of Darwin managed roads/sections of roads with a posted speed limit different to the default limit of 50 km/hr. The list will also highlight any roads/sections of roads with major discrepancies between the adjacent land use and posted speed limit. The report shall be tabled at the first Ordinary Council Meeting in October.

This report supports the 'people first' philosophy of the City of Darwin Movement Strategy to prioritise vulnerable people and will help inform the speed limit review actions of the Strategy.

At the 15 August 2023 meeting Council resolved:

RESOLUTION ORD450/23

The Deputy Lord Mayor Jimmy Bouhoris will present the Petition

- A. THAT the Petition, requesting the City of Darwin to reduce the speed limit for Leanyer Drive, Leanyer to 50km per hour outside of school hours, be received and noted.
- B. THAT, in accordance with By-law 153(7)(b), the Petition be referred to the Innovation Hub, Technical Services Team for consideration and a report to return to Council.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	<p>2 A Safe, Liveable and Healthy City</p> <p>2.2 By 2030, Darwin will be increasingly recognised as a liveable city</p>
BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	<p>Budget/Funding: Any routine signage changes/removals to reduce road speed limits can be undertaken under existing operating budgets. However, there will be an additional funding requirement to undertake the communication aspect of any speed limit changes, including the deployment of variable message board signage.</p> <p>More significant changes to the roads will need to be funded under future LATM budgets.</p> <p>Is Funding identified: See above.</p> <p>Existing Position No: Any works would be supervised and/or undertaken by City of Darwin officers.</p> <p>Contractor: Any works could be undertaken by City of Darwin contractors.</p>

LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	Legislation: Northern Territory of Australia Traffic Act 1987 Australian Road Rules Policy/Guidelines: LATM and Pedestrian Facilities Guidelines
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	Engagement Level: Inform Tactics: This may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letters to residents, Local Members and Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services. • Advertisement in newspaper. • Social media posts. • Website updates. • Variable message board signage Internal: Various External: See above.
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	The report authors do 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).

15.2 INTERIM MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2023

Author: Senior Accountant
Executive Manager Finance

Authoriser: General Manager Corporate

Attachments: 1. Interim Monthly Financial Report September 2023 [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the financial position of Council for the period ended 30 September 2023.

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

KEY ISSUES

The Monthly Financial Report includes:

- Provisional Income Statement, which compares actual YTD income and expenditure against YTD budget.
- Fund Flow Statement (Monthly Operating Position), which outlines the effect on General Funds.
- Provisional Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet), which outlines what Council owns (assets) and what it owes (liabilities) at a point in time.
- Provisional Notes to the Balance Sheet, this includes further details on the Cash Balance, Trade Debtors, Trade Creditors, and a statement on Council's current payment and reporting obligations.
- Investments, which provides details of treasury activities, investments as at 30 September 2023.
- Rates and Receivables Report which provides a summary of outstanding rates and debtors.
- Procurement Reporting, which is a summary of contract variations and exempt procurement.
- Provisional Capital Expenditure and Funding, which compares YTD capital expenditure and funding against YTD budget.
- Provisional Planned Major Projects Capital Works, provides a high-level financial overview of our major projects at a point in time.

DISCUSSION**September 2023 – Year to Date Result**

The year-to-date operating result until 30 September 2023 is a **deficit of (\$3.6M)** compared to a **YTD Budgeted deficit of (\$8.0M)** as highlighted in the table below.

After including capital income, the **Net Deficit is (\$2.9M)** against the YTD budgeted **deficit of (\$7.3M)**. This has resulted in a favourable **\$4.4M** variance overall (as shown in the income statement).

	Actual \$'000	Budget \$'000	Variance \$'000
Net Operating Surplus/ (Deficit)	(3,608)	(8,029)	4,421 Favourable

Commentary

The 30 June 2023 Annual Financial Statements Audit Report has not yet been signed and therefore the Annual Financial Statements are not considered final, consequently this report is being presented as an abridged monthly financial report.

The Net Operating Position has a favourable variance to the budget of \$4.4M. The variance results from lower than budgeted materials and contracts, employee costs, and interest expense, offset by lower than anticipated fees and charges and operating grants received for the period ending 30 September 2023. Please find below additional commentary for the material variances:

Income

Total Operating Income is tracking below budget by \$0.8M.

User Fees & Charges

The unfavourable variance is \$1.6M. This is mainly due to Waste Fees & Charges being under YTD expectations and is partially offset by a decrease in waste related expenditure.

Interest / Investment Income

The favourable variance mainly relates to the increase in returns received on investments due to the high RBA cash rate and higher cash balances.

Expenditure

Total Expenses are under budget by \$5.2M. This is due to underspends in Materials & Contracts \$4M, and Employee Expenses of \$1.2M.

Materials & Contracts

Materials and Contracts expenses has an annual budget of \$63M and this incorporates various expenditure types. Combined, this budget line is under budget with a variance of \$4M. This relates to expenses associated with waste management at Shoal Bay, which is partially offset by a reduction in revenue. Other variances mainly relate to timing of programs.

Employee Expenses

Employee costs report a positive variance to budget of \$1.2M. Further timing adjustments will flow into employee costs in the December quarter.

Depreciation and Amortisation

Depreciation is over budget by \$0.52M, this is a non-cash expense and will be considered at a future budget review.

Interest Expenses

Interest expenses show a positive variance (\$0.4M) due to loan offsets been utilised against the variable loans and timing of loan for SBWMF Stage 2 Expansion phase 1.

Statement of Fund Flows

The variances are related to a mismatch in the timing of projects and budget profiles, and the reasons described above under operating statement commentary. Purchase of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment variance relates to timing of capital projects.

Cash and Investments Note A

City of Darwin has achieved 4.49% on weighted average interest rate on its September cash and investment portfolio of \$119M (excluding loan offset \$33.8M). There have been no investment policy breaches in this month.

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

Treasury Comment

The RBA met on the 3rd of October and there was no change in the cash rate target. Australia's inflation is still high. The RBA board said some further tightening of monetary policy may be required to ensure that inflation returns to target in a reasonable timeframe. Any increases by the RBA will increase City of Darwin's interest (borrowing) expenses and increase interest income.

Accounts Receivable (Trade Debtors) Note B

This section considers the receipt timing of Rates collection and any general Debtors outstanding. The report also includes information on aged debtors including general debtors, infringements, and Rates arrears.

Accounts Payable (Trade Creditors) Note C

Accounts Payable owing at 30 September 2023 was \$6.0M at the time of reporting. City of Darwin recognises the liability of invoices once goods are receipted.

Other notes to the financial reports

The Council has met its payment and reporting obligations for GST, Fringe Benefits Tax, PAYG withholding tax, superannuation, and insurance for the month of September 2023.

Our internal accounting conventions for monthly reporting currently recognise the Council Rates that are attributable to that month and then progressively throughout the year.

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

JUNE 2023 – Audited General Purpose Financial Statements

The 30 June 2023 Financial Statements Audit has been prepared and are in the final stages of the audit process. The monthly financial reports will be issued as interim until the audit is concluded.

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 was one reportable contract variation for September 2023.

Vendor	Supply	Original Cost	Cost variation of	% Change	Applicable Exemption
Civscapes NT	Goyder Road Beautification	\$277,621.89	\$84,635.43	30.49%	Reg 42(5)

Exempt Procurement

Vendor	Supply	Cost	Applicable Exemption
TechnologyOne	SaaS Platform Fee	\$111,493.8	Reg 38(1)(d) Renewal of 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.



CEO Signed
25/10/2023

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

6 Governance Framework
6.3 Decision Making and Management

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

Income Statement For the Period Ended 30 September 2023	2023/24				
	September 2023			FY Revised Budget	FY Original Budget
	YTD Actual	YTD Revised Budget	Variance		
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Operating Income					
Rates	21,517 71%	21,131 68%	386	84,524	84,524
Charges	885 3%	727 2%	157	2,438	2,338
Fees and Charges	6,079 20%	7,670 25%	(1,591)	29,432	29,532
Operating Grants and Subsidies	125 0%	6 0%	119	1,581	6,116
Interest / Investment Income	968 3%	776 2%	192	3,104	3,104
Other Income	676 2%	762 2%	(86)	2,151	2,151
Total Income	30,249	31,073	(824)	123,229	127,764
Operating Expenses					
Employee Expenses	8,941 26%	10,138 26%	1,197	40,555	40,560
Materials and Contracts	15,785 47%	19,843 51%	4,058	63,409	61,477
Elected Member Allowances	152 0%	199 1%	47	795	795
Elected Member Expenses	0 0%	16 0%	16	64	64
Council Committee & LA Allowances	0 0%	40 0%	40	70	10
Council Committee & LA Expenses	0 0%	0 0%	-	0	0
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	8,624 25%	8,106 21%	(518)	32,425	32,425
Interest Expenses	356 1%	761 2%	405	3,948	3,948
Other Expenses	0 0%	0 0%	0	0	0
Total Expenses	33,858	39,102	5,245	141,265	139,278
Budgeted Operating Surplus/ (Deficit)	(3,608)	(8,029)	4,421	(18,036)	(11,514)
Capital Grants Income	675	724	(49)	8,960	952
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,933)	(7,306)	4,373	(9,076)	(10,562)

Statement of Fund Flows Monthly Operating Position For the Period Ended 30 September 2023	2023/24				
	September 2023			FY	FY
	YTD Actual \$'000	YTD Revised Budget \$'000	Variance \$'000	Revised Budget \$'000	Original Budget \$'000
<u>Funds From Operating Activities</u>					
Net Operating Result from Income Statement	(3,608)	(8,029)	4,421	(18,036)	(11,514)
Add back depreciation (not cash)	8,624	8,106	518	32,425	32,425
Add back Other Non Cash Items	0	0	0	904	904
Net Funds Provided (or used in) Operating Activities	5,016	77	4,939	15,293	21,815
<u>Less Additional Outflows</u>					
Repayment of borrowings & advances	(1,224)	(1,224)	0	(5,614)	(5,614)
Purchase of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	(10,801)	(18,668)	7,867	(44,151)	(19,020)
Total Additional Outflows	(12,025)	(19,892)	7,867	(49,765)	(24,634)
<u>Add Additional Inflows</u>					
Add Capital Grants	675	724	(49)	8,960	952
Sale of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	29	126	(97)	500	500
Transfers from Reserves	0	18,966	(18,966)	25,012	1,367
Total Additional Inflows	704	19,814	(19,112)	34,472	2,819
Net Increase (-Decrease) in Funds	(6,305)	0	(6,305)	0	0

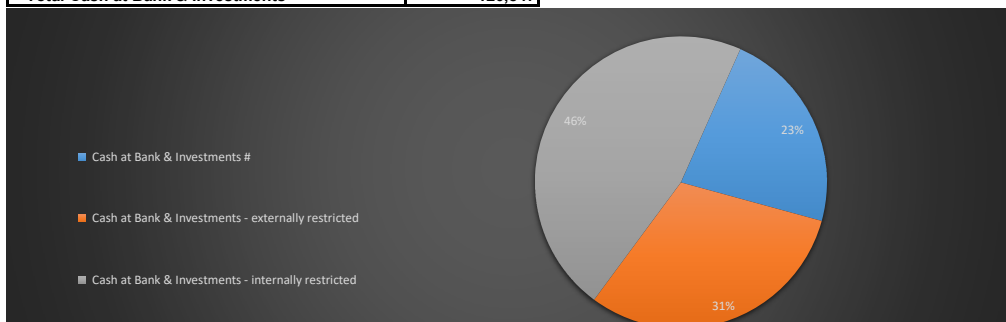
Statement of Financial Position as at 30 September 2023	2023/24		
	September 2023		FY
	Actual \$'000	Note	Original Budget \$'000
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank & Investments	27,321	A	18,811
Cash at Bank & Investments - externally restricted	38,138	A	39,080
Cash at Bank & Investments - internally restricted	34,222	A	39,172
Trade & Other Receivables	11,058	B	11,759
Rates & Charges Receivables	56,838	B	0
Inventories	255		300
Total Current Assets	188,998		109,122
Non-Current Assets			
Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment	1,253,642		1,267,733
Lease Right of Use Assets	3,170		0
Total Non Current Assets	1,256,811		1,267,733
Total Assets	1,446,314		1,376,855
Current Liabilities			
Trade Payables & Other Payables	6,021	C	18,286
Accruals	1,323		0
ATO & Payroll Liabilities	340	D	0
Other Current Liabilities / Payables	4,139		0
Rates Revenue struck (in advance)	63,563		0
Borrowings	3,782		5,451
Provisions	6,969		7,689
Lease Liabilities	922		888
Total Current Liabilities	90,215		32,314
Non-Current Liabilities			
Trade & Other Payables	12		0
Borrowings	57,821		55,960
Provisions	54,401		52,738
Lease Liabilities	2,411		1,254
Total Non Current Liabilities	114,645		109,952
Total Liabilities	204,860		142,266
NET ASSETS	1,240,949		1,234,589
Equity			
Accumulated Surplus	285,296		294,209
Asset Revaluation Reserve	862,128		862,128
Other Reserves	93,526		78,252
TOTAL EQUITY	1,240,949		1,234,589

Monthly Balance Sheet Report (Notes to the Balance Sheet) as at 30 September 2023

Note A. Details of Cash and Investments Held

Investments Report attached, which provides details of treasury activities, investments as at the end of the Month. City of Darwin has achieved 4.49% on weighted average interest rate on its September 2023 cash and investment portfolio of \$121M (including \$33.8M Variable Loans Surplus/Offset). There have been no investment policy breaches in this month. The Investment Reports include surplus cash funds that are placed against variable loans. These funds are considered 'at call' as they can be accessed in short time frames.

Cash at Bank & Investments	\$'000
Cash at Bank & Investments #	27,321
Cash at Bank & Investments - externally restricted	37,297
Cash at Bank & Investments - internally restricted	56,230
Total Cash at Bank & Investments	120,847



Cash at Bank & Investments includes Cash on Call of \$33.8M

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 *
Rates & Charges Debtors	\$52,751,910	\$0	\$0	\$4,086,490	\$56,838,400
Other Trade Receivables and Other Receivables	\$8,671,578	\$1,603,551	\$466,776	\$316,551	\$11,058,456
Total Trade and Other Receivables	\$61,423,488	\$1,603,551	\$466,776	\$4,403,041	\$67,896,856

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	-\$5,883,390	-\$133,290	\$0	-\$4,082	-\$6,020,761
Other Trade Payables & Other Payables	-\$337,516	\$0	\$0	-\$2,743	-\$340,260
Total Trade and Other Payables	-\$6,220,906	-\$133,290	\$0	-\$4,082	-\$6,361,021

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

The Council has met its payment and reporting obligations for GST, Fringe Benefits Tax, PAYG withholding tax, superannuation, and insurance for the month of September 2023.

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

**INVESTMENTS REPORT TO COUNCIL
AS AT
30 September 2023**

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

Term to Maturity Policy Limits

There have been no breaches in Term to Maturity Policy limits for the month of September 2023

Term to Maturity Category	% of Total Portfolio	Term to Maturity (Policy Max.)	Term to Maturity (Policy Min.)
Less than 1 Year			
Term Deposits	48%		
Business Online Saver Accounts	2%		
Floating Rate Notes	2%		
General Surplus on Variable Loans	34%		
Bonds	0%		
Less than 1 Year Total	87%	100%	30%
Greater than 1 Year less than 3 Years			
Term Deposits	2%		
Business Online Saver Accounts	0%		
Floating Rate Notes	8%		
Bonds	3%		
Greater than 1 Year less than 3 Years Total	12%	70%	0%
Greater than 3 Years			
Term Deposits	0%		
Business Online Saver Accounts	0%		
Floating Rate Notes	0%		
Bonds	0%		
Greater than 3 Years Total	0%	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	99%		

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 September 2023

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	27%	50%
	National Australia Bank Ltd	National Australia Bank Ltd	20%	50%
	Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	BankSA	0%	50%
	Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	37%	50%
	ANZ Banking Group Ltd	ANZ Banking Group Ltd	1%	50%
	Northern Territory Treasury Corporation	Northern Territory Treasury Corporation	2%	50%
A+	Macquarie Bank	Macquarie Bank	1%	30%
	Suncorp Metway Limited	Suncorp Bank	4%	30%
BBB+	Bank of Queensland Ltd	Bank of Queensland Ltd	3%	10%
	Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd	Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd	0%	10%
	Bank of Queensland Ltd	Members Equity Bank Ltd	0%	10%
	Members Banking Group Limited t/as RACQ Bank	Members Banking Group Limited t/as RACQ Bank	2%	10%
BBB	AMP Bank Ltd	AMP Bank Ltd	1%	10%
	Bank Australia Limited	Bank Australia Limited	2%	10%
Grand Total			100%	
Credit Rating - Maximum Portfolio Limit			% of Total	Policy Limit
AAA to AA-			87%	100%
A+ to A-			5%	45%
BBB+ to BBB			8%	30%
BBB-			0%	0%
Total			100%	

**INVESTMENT AND CASH AT CALL/OFFSET REPORT TO COUNCIL
AS AT
30 September 2023**

Instrument	Institution Category	Counterparty	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Credit Rating (LT)	Credit Rating (ST)	Inv Type	FRN ONLY (Maturity Date - last pmt)	Principal \$	% Portfolio			
INVESTMENT	MAJOR BANK	ANZ Banking Group Ltd	29 December 2023	5.36%	AA-	A1+	FRN	31 March 2028	\$500,000	0.53%			
		ANZ Banking Group Ltd Total							\$500,000	0.53%			
		Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd	28 November 2023	4.46%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,012,949	1.07%			
			27 February 2024	5.02%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,500,000	1.58%			
			30 April 2024	4.69%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$3,071,360	3.24%			
			21 May 2024	5.41%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$3,122,364	3.30%			
			11 October 2023	5.43%	AA-	A1+	FRN	11 January 2024	\$1,000,000	1.06%			
			13 October 2023	5.19%	AA-	A1+	FRN	13 January 2026	\$2,000,000	2.11%			
			18 November 2023	4.72%	AA-	A1+	FRN	18 August 2025	\$1,000,000	1.06%			
			14 February 2024	4.24%	AA-	A1+	BOND	18 August 2025	\$1,000,000	1.06%			
			30 September 2023	3.95%	AA-	A1+	BOS		\$2,191,203	2.31%			
			Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd Total							\$15,897,876	16.78%		
			National Australia Bank Ltd	27 February 2024	4.96%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,014,520	1.07%		
				30 April 2024	4.54%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,518,333	1.60%		
				25 June 2024	5.34%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$2,000,000	2.11%		
				25 June 2024	5.50%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$3,142,715	3.12%		
			National Australia Bank Ltd Total							\$7,675,568	7.91%		
			Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	5 December 2023	1.22%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$2,000,000	2.11%		
				3 December 2024	1.62%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$2,000,000	2.11%		
				23 January 2024	1.40%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,500,000	1.58%		
				14 November 2023						\$3,000,000	3.17%		
				23 April 2024	4.85%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$2,000,000	2.11%		
				27 February 2024	5.00%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,014,600	1.07%		
				27 February 2024	4.61%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$2,000,000	2.11%		
				26 March 2024	5.10%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$4,000,000	4.22%		
				11 June 2024	5.03%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$2,000,000	2.11%		
				24 October 2023	4.82%	AA-	A1+	FRN	24 April 2024	\$1,000,000	1.06%		
				27 September 2024	5.15%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$2,087,445	2.20%		
				Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd Total						\$22,602,045	23.86%		
				Northern Territory Treasury Corporation (NTTC)	15 December 2024	1.30%	AA-	A1+	BOND		\$2,000,000	2.11%	
				Northern Territory Treasury Corporation (NTTC) Total						\$2,000,000	2.11%		
			MAJOR BANK Total								\$48,675,489	51.19%	
			OTHER	AMP Bank Ltd	3 October 2023	2.30%	BBB	A2	TD		\$1,000,000	1.06%	
				AMP Bank Ltd Total							\$1,000,000	1.06%	
				Bank of Queensland Ltd	14 November 2023						\$1,536,529	1.62%	
					12 March 2024	5.05%	BBB+	A2	TD		\$1,561,169	1.65%	
				Bank of Queensland Ltd Total							\$3,097,698	3.27%	
				Macquarie Bank	14 November 2023						\$1,000,000	0.97%	
				Macquarie Bank Total							\$1,000,000	0.97%	
				Suncorp Bank	5 December 2023	4.96%	A+	A1	TD		\$1,028,483	1.09%	
					9 April 2024	5.52%	A+	A1	TD		\$1,562,827	1.65%	
					17 October 2023	5.18%	A+	A1	FRN	17 October 2025	\$1,000,000	1.06%	
				Suncorp Bank Total							\$3,591,310	3.79%	
				Bank Australia Limited	25 November 2023	5.52%	BBB	A-2	FRN	24 November 2025	\$2,000,000	2.11%	
				Bank Australia Limited Total							\$2,000,000	2.11%	
				Members Banking Group Limited t/as RACQ Bank	25 November 2023	5.42%	BBB+	A2	FRN	24 February 2026	\$1,600,000	1.69%	
				Members Banking Group Limited t/as RACQ Bank Total							\$1,600,000	1.69%	
				OTHER Total								\$12,289,008	12.89%
		INVESTMENT Total									\$60,964,497	64.07%	
		VARIABLE LOAN SURPLUS	MAJOR BANK	Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd	30 September 2023	0.00%	AA-	A1+	General Surplus - I		\$10,000,000	10.56%	
Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd Total									\$10,000,000	10.56%			
National Australia Bank Ltd	30 September 2023			0.00%	AA-	A1+	General Surplus - I		\$11,000,000	11.61%			
National Australia Bank Ltd Total									\$11,000,000	11.61%			
Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	30 September 2023			0.00%	AA-	A1+	General Surplus - I		\$12,772,548	13.48%			
Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd Total									\$12,772,548	13.48%			
MAJOR BANK Total									\$33,772,548	35.65%			
VARIABLE LOAN SURPLUS Total									\$33,772,548	35.65%			
Grand Total									\$94,737,045	100%			

N.B.

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

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

CBA General Bank Funds	\$23,976,618
NAB General Bank Funds	\$62,150
WBC General Bank Funds	\$228,997
Total Funds	\$119,004,810
Less Variable Loans Offset (Cash on Call)	-\$33,772,548
Total Investment & Cash (less offset)	\$85,232,262
Total Budgeted Investment Earnings	\$2,464,000
Year to Date Investment Earnings	\$891,072

Weighted Ave Rate	2.89%
Weighted Ave Rate (excluding Cash on Call)	4.49%
BBSW 90 Day Rate	4.14%
Bloomberg AusBond (Bank Bill Index)	

Trust Bank Account	\$456,989
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Capital Expenditure For The Period Ended 30 September 2023	2023/24			
	YTD Actuals	YTD Revised Budget	YTD Variance	FY Revised Budget Current Financial Year Budget
	\$	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY ASSET CLASS:				
Capital Work In Progress				
Land - Under Roads	0	0	0	0
Land and Buildings:				
Land and Improvements	0	0	0	0
Buildings	8,354,375	6,626,853	(1,727,522)	19,329,040
Infrastructure:				
Stormwater Drainage	391,532	1,696,752	1,305,220	3,009,253
Transport	875,571	3,682,153	2,806,582	6,694,906
Pathways	328,911	456,934	128,023	1,724,435
Public Lighting	168,266	500,141	331,875	1,100,143
Waste Management Infrastructure	274,559	805,605	531,046	1,015,606
Waste Remediation	0	0	0	0
Right Of Use Assets (Leases):				
Leased Land and Buildings	0	0	0	0
Other Leased Assets	0	0	0	0
Plant & Equipment, including Fleet	90,633	2,042,412	1,951,779	7,078,212
Parks & Reserves Infrastructure	311,460	2,803,381	2,491,921	4,025,879
Other Assets	5,600	54,019	48,419	174,020
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	10,800,908	18,668,250	7,867,342	44,151,494
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUNDED BY*:				
Operating Income	8,440,274	8,440,274	0	17,283,757
Capital Grants	1,027,986	1,027,986	0	9,174,487
Transfer from Reserves	3,414,991	3,414,991	0	8,495,813
Borrowings	5,784,999	5,784,999	0	9,197,437
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUNDING	18,668,250	18,668,250	0	44,151,494

*Funding of expenditure is assumed to be consumed in line with YTD Revised Budget

**Report on Planned Major Capital Works
For The Period Ended 30 September 2023**

Class of Assets	By Major Capital Project	Total Prior Year(s) Actuals \$ (A)	YTD Actuals \$ (B)	Total Actuals \$ (C = A + B)	Total Planned Budget \$ (D)	Total Yet to Spend \$ (E = D - C)	Expected Project Completion Date
Buildings	Casuarina Aquatic & Leisure Centre	9,254,074	7,974,328	17,228,402	27,233,111	10,004,709	31/08/2024
Waste Management Infrastructure	Shoal Bay - Stage 2 Expansion	23,796	1,888	25,684	12,000,000	11,974,316	31/10/2024
Waste Management Infrastructure	Leachate Irrigation System - Shoal Bay (CF)	15,788,400	14,947	15,803,347	16,142,591	339,244	30/06/2023
Waste Management Infrastructure	SBWMF - Stage 3 & 4 Final Cap Design & Construction (CF)	14,970,430	248,670	15,219,100	15,107,000	(112,100)	30/09/2023
Waste Management Infrastructure	Shoal Bay - Leachate Ponds	7,362,783	9,055	7,371,838	7,500,000	128,162	30/09/2023
TOTAL		47,399,482	8,248,889	55,648,371	77,982,702	22,334,331	

**Table 4. Member and CEO Council Credit Card Transactions for the Month
For the Month Ended 30 September 2023**

Cardholder Name: CEO

Transaction Date	Amount \$	Supplier's Name	Reason for the Transaction
01-Sep-23	90.90	Sealink: Tommy Lyons Larrakeyah NT	Mandorah TOPROC meeting
Total	90.90		

Cardholder Name: Lord Mayor

Transaction Date	Amount \$	Supplier's Name	Reason for the Transaction
21-Sep-23	9.00	CURVE DARWIN DARWIN NT	Meeting
15-Sep-23	11.08	Cafe 21 The Mall Darwin City AUS	Meeting
13-Sep-23	12.20	Cafe 21 The Mall Darwin City AUS	Meeting
13-Sep-23	20.00	PAYSTAY SOUTH WHARF	Car Parking
29-Aug-23	20.00	PAYSTAY SOUTH WHARF	Car Parking
Total	72.28		

15.3 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Author: Supervisor Councillor Governance

Authoriser: Manager Office of Council and CEO

Attachments:

1. Youth Advisory Committee Unconfirmed Minutes 14 September 2023 [↓](#)
2. Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Unconfirmed Minutes 5 October 2023 [↓](#)
3. East Point Reserve Advisory Committee Unconfirmed Minutes 5 October 2023 [↓](#)
4. Youth Advisory Committee Unconfirmed Minutes 12 October 2023 [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the minutes of the committee meetings in September and October 2023 to Council.

KEY ISSUES

- The Youth Advisory Committee unconfirmed minutes of 14 September 2023 are presented at **Attachment 1**.
- The Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee unconfirmed minutes of 5 October 2023 are presented at **Attachment 2**.
- The East Point Reserve Advisory Committee unconfirmed minutes of 5 October 2023 are presented at **Attachment 3**.
- The Youth Advisory Committee unconfirmed minutes of 12 October 2023 are presented at **Attachment 4**.

DISCUSSION

This report provides the minutes for the following committees:

- Youth Advisory Committee
- Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee
- East Point Reserve Advisory Committee

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

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

At the 26 September 2023 meeting Council resolved:

RESOLUTION ORD572/23

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

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	6 Governance Framework 6.2 Roles and Relationships
BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	Nil
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	<p>Legislation: <i>Local Government Act 2019</i></p> <p>Policy: Policy 043 Meetings Policy 093 Advisory and Other Committees</p>
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	Nil
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	<p>The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).</p>



MINUTES

**Youth Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, 14 September 2023**

**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN
YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE MEETING ROOM , GUYUGWA ROOM, CASUARINA LIBRARY, BRADSHAW
TERRACE, CASUARINA
ON THURSDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 5:30 PM**

PRESENT:

Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe
Member Jemima Fernandes
Member Lucy Tinapple
Member Adam Van Wessel
Member Vivek Wilson

OFFICERS:

Teresa Helm (Youth Engagement Officer)

APOLOGY:

Member Jules Gabor
Member Anais Henry-Martin
Member Kane Shah
Member Xavier Steele

GUESTS:

Alternate Cr Sylvia Klonaris

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Nil

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Nil

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1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5.40 pm.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

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

Member Jules Gabor, Member Anais Henry-Martin, Member Kane Shah, Member Xavier Steele

3.2 Leave of Absence**3.3 Leave of Absence Notified**

Nil

4 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE**5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF****5.1 Declaration of Interest by Members****5.2 Declaration of Interest by Staff****6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION YAC025/23**

Moved: Member Adam Van Wessel

Seconded: Member Vivek Wilson

That the minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee Meeting held on 10 August 2023 be confirmed.

CARRIED 5/0

7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

8 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 OFFICER REPORTS**9.1 MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH 2023****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION YAC026/23**

Moved: Member Jemima Fernandes

Seconded: Member Adam Van Wessel

THAT the report entitled Mental Health Awareness Month 2023 be received and noted.

CARRIED 5/0

9.2 CO-DESIGN WORKSHOP PLANNING SESSION**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION YAC027/23**

Moved: Member Lucy Tinapple

Seconded: Member Jemima Fernandes

THAT the report entitled Co-Design Workshop Planning Session be received and noted.

CARRIED 5/0

10 MEMBER REPORTS

Nil

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

Members thanked and acknowledged Cr Klonaris for her time as Alternate with the YAC and thanked Cr Want De Rowe for her time as Primary, and congratulated her renewal as Alternate with YAC for the next 12 months.

Cr Klonaris queried opportunities for scholarships or individual professional development opportunities for young people on YAC. Item to be added to November agenda for discussion in relation to 2024 priorities following Co-Design Workshop along with review of Terms of Reference and frequency of meetings.

12 NEXT MEETING

Thursday 12 October
Guyugwa Room, Casuarina Library

12.1 CLOSURE OF MEETING

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Moved: Member Adam Van Wessel

Seconded: Member Vivek Wilson

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.15pm

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MINUTES

**Access and Inclusion Advisory
Committee Meeting
Thursday, 5 October 2023**

**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN
ACCESS AND INCLUSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE MEETING ROOM GUYUGWA (CASUARINA LIBRARY MEETING ROOM), 17
BRADSHAW TERRACE, CASUARINA
ON THURSDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2023 AT 1:30 PM**

PRESENT:	Chairperson Stephanie Ransome, Councillor Sylvia Klonaris, Council on the Ageing NT Cecilia Chiolo, Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistic Bernie Ingram, Community Member Kyle Adams, Community Member Martin Blakemore, Community Member Kim Caudwell, Community Member Debbie Reeves, Community Member Lynne Strathie, Community Member Rajeev Thayil
OFFICERS:	Lyle Hebb (Senior Manager Major projects), Jane Bland (Supervisor Council Governance), Heather Docker (Community Development Officer)
APOLOGY:	Community Member Lachlan Rowe, National Disability Services NT Mick Fallon, Community Member Sarah Skopellos, Building Advisory Services Alison Warwick
GUESTS:	Sarah O'Mara (Flare Access)

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	Nil	
11	General Business.....	6
11.1	Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Updates	6
12	Next Meeting – 30 November 2023	7
13	Meeting Closed	7

Unconfirmed

1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

The Chair declared the meeting open at 1.36pm

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

Community Member Lachlan Rowe

National Disability Services NT Mick Fallon

Community Member Sarah Skopellos

Building Advisory Services Alison Warwick

3.2 Leave of Absence

Nil

3.3 Leave of Absence Notified

Nil

4 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE

Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistic Bernie Ingram

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

Debbie Reeves – Employed by Australian Institute of Company Directors who are currently delivering training to Local Government Association of the Northern Territory which includes City of Darwin

Stephanie Ransome – Employed by Helping People Achieve who are contracted by City of Darwin to operate the Trash and Treasure Shop at Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility.

5.2 Declaration of Interest by Staff

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AAIAC014/23**

Moved: Community Member Kim Caudwell

Seconded: Community Member Martin Blakemore

That the minutes of the Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Meeting held on 3 August 2023 be confirmed.

CARRIED 9/0

7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**8 PRESENTATIONS****9 OFFICER REPORTS**

1.43pm Council on the Ageing NT Cecilia Chiolero arrived

9.1 CASUARINA AQUATIC AND LEISURE CENTRE UPDATE**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AAIAC015/23**

Moved: Community Member Martin Blakemore

Seconded: Community Member Kim Caudwell

THAT the report entitled Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre Update be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/0

9.2 CITY OF DARWIN GOVERNANCE UPDATE**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AAIAC016/23**

Moved: Community Member Debbie Reeves

Seconded: Council on the Ageing NT Cecilia Chiolero

THAT the report entitled City of Darwin Governance Update be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/0

9.3 DISABILITY ACCESS PROGRAM 2023/24 BUDGET**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AAIAC017/23**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Community Member Kim Caudwell

City of Darwin Officers plan to recommend the following at a subsequent Council meeting:

1. THAT the report entitled Disability Access Program 2023/24 Budget be received and noted.
2. THAT the Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee recommend to Council to move the 2023/24 \$55,000 allocated to the Disability Access Capital Projects to Disability Access operational budget.
3. THAT the Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee recommend the following projects for allocation of the Disability Access Capital Projects 2023/24 budget should it be varied to an operational budget.

Project	Cost
Access Audit of Bombing of Darwin	\$1,100
Accessibility Seminar	\$11,200
Changing Places Assessment	\$4,515
Total	\$16,815

CARRIED 10/0

10 MEMBER REPORTS

Nil

11 GENERAL BUSINESS**11.1 ACCESS AND INCLUSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATES****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AAIAC018/23**

Moved: Community Member Debbie Reeves

Seconded: Council on the Ageing NT Cecilia Chiolero

THAT the report entitled Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Updates be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/0

12 NEXT MEETING – 30 NOVEMBER 2023

13 MEETING CLOSED

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 2.57 pm.

Unconfirmed



MINUTES

East Point Reserve Advisory Committee Meeting Thursday, 5 October 2023

**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN
EAST POINT RESERVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE MEETING ROOM BIDJPIDJI (MEETING ROOM 1), LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE,
HARRY CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN
ON THURSDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2023 AT 4:30 PM**

PRESENT: Chairperson Councillor Mick Palmer, Birdlife NT Lou Martini, Darwin Military Museum Norm Cramp, Darwin Triathlon Club Gary Wall, Fannie Bay Equestrian Club Anja Zimmermann, Larrakia Nation Ben Smith, Museum and Art Gallery of the NT Kirsten Abbott, Researcher John Rawsthorne, Top End Native Plant Society Lon Wallis, Community Representative Serena Ragosta, Community Representative Lorraine Corowa

OFFICERS: Nick Fewster (Executive Manager Environment & Waste Services), Jamie Lewis (Senior Coordinator Parks and Reserves), Emma Smith (Coordinator Environment and Climate Change), Louise Flower (Executive Assistant)

APOLOGY: Crown Lands NTG Racheal Curtain, Friends of East Point Helen Haritos, Weeds Branch, Elizabeth Gleeson (Environment, Climate and Waste Support Officer)

GUESTS: Nil

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11	General Business	8
12	Next Meeting	9
13	Closure of Meeting	9

1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN**RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Chair declared the meeting open at 4:31pm.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

That the apologies from Crown Lands NTG Racheal Curtain, Friends of East Point Helen Haritos, Weeds Branch and Elizabeth Gleeson (Environment, Climate and Waste Support Officer) be received and accepted.

3.1 Leave of Absence

Nil

3.2 Leave of Absence Notified

Nil

4 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE**4.1 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE GRANTED**

The following members attended the meeting electronically:

- Community Representative Serena Ragosta
- Community Representative Lorraine Corowa
- Museum and Art Gallery of the NT Kirsten Abbott
- Darwin Military Museum Norm Cramp
- Fannie Bay Equestrian Club Anja Zimmermann
- Researcher John Rawsthorne

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF**5.1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

Lorraine Corowa declared that the views expressed at this committee are her personal views as a community representative and not the views of her senior public servant role within the Northern Territory Government.

5.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY STAFF

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Not applicable. Quorum was not met at the East Point Reserve Advisory Committee Meeting held 16 February 2023.

7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

8 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 OFFICER REPORTS**9.1 CITY OF DARWIN OFFICER UPDATES****COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Moved: Darwin Triathlon Club Gary Wall

Seconded: Birdlife NT Lou Martini

That a verbal update provided by Council officers, covering multiple programs and projects, be received and noted.

CARRIED 11/0

DISCUSSION

Emma Smith, Coordinator Environment and Climate Change, provided an update on the recently completed fauna survey at East Point by EcOz. It has been seven years since the last survey was completed. The survey has counted 99 vertebrate species comprising two amphibians, 77 birds, six mammals and 14 reptiles. This is ten more species compared to the last survey. These figures do not include bats as they are still reviewing this information. The Northern Brushtail Possum, listed as vulnerable under the Biodiversity Conservation Act was found at all six survey sites. The Yellow-Spotted Monitor, also listed as vulnerable, was found at two locations. However, it was noted they were all quite small in size. Introduced species detected were the Asian house gecko and cane toad. Given the report is being written up at the moment, now is the opportunity for members to provide feedback on any fauna changes noticed over the last five years within the reserve.

Lou Martini commented that they have a long record of information on shore birds. Birdlife are keen to see the results of the report, how it compares to the previous report, and how it correlates to their observations.

Lon Wallis inquired as to what season of the year this survey was completed and how it compares to the timing of the last survey. Emma Smith advised that this survey was completed in August. The previous survey was completed in May 2016 and the 2013 survey was also done in May/June. We have not completed a wet season survey which may show different results.

Kirsti Abbott enquired if the Atlas Moth was included in the fauna survey. Emma Smith advised that they did not come across the Atlas Moth during the survey. The Atlas Moth expert did not complete a light survey at the end of the wet season as they had observed that the other moths in the area had gone into diapause so they didn't expect to see any. Given this, we have not been able to confirm if the reintroduction from last wet season has been successful or not. Nick Fewster advised that in regard to the moth experts, they do go out to the reserve when the conditions are right to look for the moths. They have not spotted them yet.

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Ben Smith advised the committee that Larrakia Rangers have sat-tagged a Hawksbill Turtle in the area immediately adjacent to where the jetty is proposed to go. It has been hanging around the one area for the last few months. Last year the Rangers attended one nesting site right in the corner of the bay where the mangroves are.

Jamie Lewis spoke of a well used turtle nesting site in front of the equestrian club on the sandy beach. He has reported seeing tracks there over the last four to five years. Jamie advised he will send out a pin of the location via Google Maps to the members.

Serena Ragosta requested access to the full survey once it is complete. Emma Smith advised that the full report will be sent out once received.

Nick Fewster asked that if you've noticed any trends such as litter, weeds, or dingos, please let City of Darwin know about it. As regular users of East Point, you may notice things our consultants do not notice. Please email through any feedback you may have.

Nick Fewster notified members about the work being carried out by artist Gloaria Richards to beautify benches and tables at East Point Reserve. Five picnic tables are to be updated. They look very appealing and add colour to the area while promoting local artists.

Lorraine Corowa commented on how good the benches look. Nick advised he will pass this feedback along to the Arts Team.

9.2 EAST POINT MILITARY INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Moved: Darwin Triathlon Club Gary Wall

Seconded: Birdlife NT Lou Martini

1. THAT the report entitled East Point Military Interpretive Signage be received and noted.

CARRIED 11/0

DISCUSSION

Nick Fewster presented the report to the members. The signs are degraded and no longer readable. It has been determined they will be replaced under a repairs and maintenance program after consultation with key stakeholders.

Councillor Palmer commented that a lot of the signs are rusted out. Nick advised that the footings and support will also be repaired as needed.

Gary Wall queried if there was a time schedule for this. Nick advised that this information hasn't been provided in the report but we can follow up and provide an update to members.

Lou Martini commented that there is also a shore birds sign that needs to be replaced as it has all been worn away. Also, the science trail could be better signed. It is a good initiative so it would be good to get this looked at as well.

Councillor Palmer agreed. He recommended we look at all the signage for the entire site, not just the military signage.

Jamie Lewis advised that the operations team are looking to refresh some of the way finding signage through the monsoon walking track. He also advised he may have access to the proofs for

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the science trail tracks which would make refreshing these quite easy.

Lorraine Corowa has previously emailed through a request to refresh the bike speed limit and shared path signage along the pathways at East Point. Can this please be followed up? Many bike users travel at speed through here which has resulted in one lady being knocked over.

City of Darwin will look to undertake a signage audit of East Point to inform a signage replacement program at East Point.

9.3 MEETING TIME, DATES AND LOCATION**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Moved: Darwin Triathlon Club Gary Wall

Seconded: Birdlife NT Lou Martini

1. THAT the report entitled Meeting Time, Dates and Location be received and noted.
2. THAT the East Point Reserve Advisory Committee adopts the following schedule for meetings in 2024:
 - a) to be held on Thursday's
 - b) to be held from 4:30 PM
 - c) to be held at the Civic Centre Bidjpidjii Room (formerly Meeting Room 1) or electronically via Teams as determined by City of Darwin
 - d) Quarterly meetings are to be held on:
 - i. 15 February 2024
 - ii. 16 May 2024
 - iii. 15 August 2024
 - iv. 14 November 2024.

CARRIED 11/0**DISCUSSION**

Nick Fewster provided a report to the members for consideration on the times and dates for the upcoming meetings for 2024 as provided within the report. This schedule was adopted.

Following this, Nick Fewster led a discussion on committee membership under the Terms of Reference. There is currently a long list of members on this committee. City of Darwin will complete an internal review of attendance and reach out to those who have not attended to confirm we have the best person representing the organisation and to confirm it is still relevant for that organisation to be included on the committee. City of Darwin will also reach out to the rest of the organisations to see if they'd like to nominate a new member or if they'd like to suggest a new organisation not currently included. City of Darwin will follow up via email with members.

10 MEMBER REPORTS**10.1 STAKEHOLDER UPDATES****COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Moved: Darwin Triathlon Club Gary Wall

Seconded: Birdlife NT Lou Martini

That the Members' verbal reports be received and noted.

CARRIED 11/0

DISCUSSION

Anja Zimmerman commented that the trees at the front of the equestrian club were burnt on fire cracker night. She has previously submitted an email on this. Is it possible to for these to be replaced. Jamie Lewis advised that he will organise for these to be replaced.

Anja also followed up on termites in trees. The club has been contacted by a City of Darwin arborist to advise that there were termites seen in some of the trees. Unfortunately, no further information was provided regarding next steps or which trees were affected. Can this also be followed up? Jamie advised he will follow this up as well.

Anja advised that other than the above, the equestrian club was doing quite well. They are currently focused on weed management and have planted approximately 400 trees since Cyclone Marcus, mainly for shade and amenity. All are within the approved species list for East Point.

Norm Cramp queried the grounds maintenance and mowing during the wet season. Historically the program seems to be ad hoc with the grass growing to quite a height. Jamie Lewis advised that City of Darwin recently changed their mowing contractor. While they are still new, we are seeing an improved service from them and we are looking forward to seeing this being upheld through the wet season. Should members have any concerns in this regard over the wet season, please make Jamie aware.

Serena Ragosta inquired if there were any updates in regard to the proposed fishing platform. Emma Smith advised that no updates have been received. She believes that AECOM have finished the environmental assessment and it has been submitted to DIPL. It has gone very quiet. Emma will ask for an update and feedback to the committee. Norm Cramp is also keen for an update.

Lorraine Corowa provided feedback on the community clean up event after Territory Day celebrations. She noted that it appeared there was not as much rubbish and damage done this year. There was a lot of community interest and support in the clean-up event and she thanked the City of Darwin for organising it. Lorraine also wanted to provide her thanks to the organisers of the community planting day. This was another great initiative, so thank you to the team for organising. If we can continue to engage people through these opportunities to serve, I think it encourages them to embrace and love East Point like we do.

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

12 NEXT MEETING

15 February 2024

13 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 4:58.

Unconfirmed



MINUTES

Youth Advisory Committee Meeting Thursday, 12 October 2023

**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN
YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE MEETING ROOM , GUYUGWA ROOM, CASUARINA LIBRARY, BRADSHAW
TERRACE, CASUARINA
ON THURSDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2023 AT 5:30 PM**

PRESENT:

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris
Member Jemima Fernandes
Member Anais Henry-Martin
Member Kane Shah
Member Xavier Steele
Member Lucy Tinapple
Member Vivek Wilson

OFFICERS:

Teresa Helm (Youth Engagement Officer)

APOLOGY:

Member Jules Gabor
Member Adam Van Wessel

GUESTS:

Angela O'Donnell (Executive Manager Community and Cultural Services)

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1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5.38pm.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

Councillor Bouhoris introduced himself and provided background on his family, career and motivation to be on Council and commitment to Darwin and its multicultural community.

Members introduced themselves for the benefit of Councillor Bouhoris.

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

Member Jules Gabor, Member Adam Van Wessel, Alternate Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe

3.2 Leave of Absence**3.3 Leave of Absence Notified**

Nil

4 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE**5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF****5.1 Declaration of Interest by Members****5.2 Declaration of Interest by Staff****6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION YAC028/23**

Moved: Member Xavier Steele

Seconded: Member Anais Henry-Martin

That the minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee Meeting held on 14 September 2023 be confirmed.

CARRIED 7/0

7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

8 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 OFFICER REPORTS

9.1 CO-DESIGN WORKSHOP PREPARATION

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION YAC029/23

Moved: Member Jemima Fernandes

Seconded: Member Vivek Wilson

THAT the report entitled Co-Design Workshop Preparation be received and noted.

CARRIED 7/0*Member Kane Shah departed the meeting at 6.47pm.*

9.2 2023 END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION YAC030/23

Moved: Member Lucy Tinapple

Seconded: Member Vivek Wilson

THAT the report entitled 2023 End of Year Celebrations be received and noted.

CARRIED 6/0

Members have nominated for Kingpin as their preferred venue for end of year celebrations.

9.3 TABLING ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER MEETING - TERMS OF REFERENCE AND 2024 CALENDAR

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION YAC031/23

Moved: Member Anais Henry-Martin

Seconded: Member Jemima Fernandes

THAT the report entitled Tabling Items for November Meeting – Terms of Reference and 2024 Calendar be received and noted.

CARRIED 6/0

10 MEMBER REPORTS

Nil

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

Councillor Bouhoris invited members to attend Richardson Ward Christmas Party on 25 November at Birch Carroll and Coyle Cinema. Flyer to be circulated when available.

Member recommended historical sword fighting club for performances at events if possible. The group has provided demonstrations at previous Geektacular event so there may be scope again.

Member queried whether there was a way YAC can support or promote small local businesses.

Reminder of Co-Design Workshop this Saturday 14 October.

12 NEXT MEETING

Thursday 9 November 2023

5.30 – 7.00 pm

Casuarina Library Guyugwa Room

12.1 CLOSURE OF MEETING

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION YAC032/23

Moved: Member Vivek Wilson

Seconded: Member Anais Henry-Martin

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.02 pm

CARRIED 6/0

UNCONFIRMED

16 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

17 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

18 GENERAL BUSINESS

18.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE - THE HONOURABLE CHIEF MINISTER - CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARDS

Author: Manager Office of Council and CEO

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: 1. Incoming Correspondence - The Honourable Chief Minister - Chamber of Commerce Awards [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the report entitled Incoming Correspondence - The Honourable Chief Minister - Chamber of Commerce Awards be received and noted.



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Dear Lord Mayor

Kon

Congratulations to you and your team on winning the Chamber of Commerce Award for Excellence in events/international trade delegations supporting Northern Territory Export activities and businesses at the 2023 Chief Minister's Northern Territory Export Awards at Parliament House recently.

It was a pleasure to recognise and celebrate the achievements of the Territory's top exporters at the 30th Territory Export Awards - our leaders in export success, innovation, contributing to the Territory's economic growth across all industry sectors and enabling more jobs for Territorians.

The City of Darwin should be proud of its work in supporting international trade and strengthening international relations.

Once again, congratulations to the City of Darwin team.

Kind regards

Natasha

NATASHA FYLES

24 OCT 2023



19 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 14 November 2023, at 5:30pm (Open Section followed by the Confidential Section), Council Chambers Darrandirra, Level 1, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin.

20 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

THAT pursuant to Section 99 (2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 51 of the Local Government (General) Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

26.1 Creative Strategy 2024-2030

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

26.2 Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Budget Recommendations 2023/2024

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

26.3 Cyclone Tracy 50th Anniversary Update

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

26.4 Out of Round Sponsorship 2023/24

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

26.5 Parking Meters

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

26.6 Outdoor Community Advertising

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

27.1 Update on Code of Conduct Matters

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(f) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with subject to subregulation 51(2) – information in relation to a complaint of a contravention of the code of conduct.

27.2 Corporate Services Quarterly Report - July to September 2023

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

27.3 Commercial Composting Facility at Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility

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

28.1 Outgoing Correspondence - Minister for Housing and Homelands - Public Housing

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

21 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON



MINUTES

**Ordinary Council Meeting
Tuesday, 17 October 2023**

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**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS DARRANDIRRA, LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE, HARRY
CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN
ON TUESDAY, 17 OCTOBER 2023 AT 5:30PM**

PRESENT:

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

OFFICERS:

Simone Saunders (Chief Executive Officer)
Matt Grassmayr (General Manager Community)
Steve Thacker (General Manager Corporate)
Alice Percy (General Manager Innovation)

APOLOGY:

Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

GUESTS:

Nil

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Unconfirmed

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

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

We support emerging Larrakia leaders now and into the future.

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

2 THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

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

Amen

3 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

RESOLUTION ORD606/23

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Morgan Rickard

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

CARRIED 12/0

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES

RESOLUTION ORD607/23

Moved: Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe

Seconded: Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

THAT the apology from the Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis, be received.

CARRIED 12/0

4.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

Nil

4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED

Nil

5 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE**5.1 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE GRANTED****RESOLUTION ORD608/23**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe

THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 61 (4) of the *Local Government Act* and Decision No. 21\0009 – 15/04/12, the following member(s) was granted permission for Electronic Meeting Attendance at this the Twenty-Eighth Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 17 October 2023:

- Councillor Amye Un

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 ORD609/23**

Moved: Councillor Kim Farrar

Seconded: Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 September 2023 be confirmed.

CARRIED 12/0

8 MOVING OF ITEMS**8.1 MOVING OF OPEN ITEMS INTO CONFIDENTIAL**

Nil

8.2 MOVING OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS INTO OPEN

Nil

8.3 MOVING CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS TO OPEN AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**26.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL COMMITTEE****RESOLUTION ORD631/23**

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled Chief Executive Officer Performance Appraisal Committee be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the extension of the term for the Chief Executive Officer's Performance Appraisal Committee until 28 February 2024.
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**27.1 CASUARINA AQUATIC AND LEISURE CENTRE SIGNAGE AND NAMING****RESOLUTION ORD632/23**

Moved: Councillor Morgan Rickard

Seconded: Councillor Amye Un

1. THAT the report entitled Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre Signage and Naming be received and noted.
2. THAT the signage as planned for Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre proceed.
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

27.2 KARAMA EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
<p>RESOLUTION ORD633/23</p> <p>Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. THAT the report entitled Karama Expression of Interest 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 <i>Local Government Act 2019</i>.3. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 12/0</p>
27.3 UPDATE ON CODE OF CONDUCT MATTERS
<p>RESOLUTION ORD634/23</p> <p>Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Ed Smelt Seconded: Councillor Morgan Rickard</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. THAT the report entitled Update on Code of Conduct Matters 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 <i>Local Government Act 2019</i>.3. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 11/0</p>
28.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE - DEPARTMENT OF TERRITORY FAMILIES, HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES - UPDATE ON SHIERS STREET REDEVELOPMENT
<p>RESOLUTION ORD635/23</p> <p>Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Ed Smelt</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. THAT the Incoming Correspondence – Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities – Update on Shiers Street Redevelopment 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 <i>Local Government Act 2019</i>.3. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 11/0</p>

9 MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE / LORD MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil

10 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

11 PETITIONS

Nil

12 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS

Nil

Unconfirmed

13 NOTICES OF MOTION**WITHDRAWAL OF ITEM 13.1 – ADJOURNED NOTICE OF MOTION – SUPPORT FOR THE VOICE TO PARLIAMENT****RESOLUTION ORD610/23**

Moved: Councillor Morgan Rickard

Seconded: Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

THAT Item 13.1 Adjourned Notice of Motion – Support for the Voice to Parliament is withdrawn by Councillor Rickard.

CARRIED 12/0

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

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

MOTION

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

13.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - LINKS ROAD MARRARA - TRAFFIC REVIEW

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

RESOLUTION ORD611/23

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

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

CARRIED 12/0

13.3 NOTICE OF MOTION - CITY OF DARWIN PRIORITY PROJECTS UPDATE

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

RESOLUTION ORD612/23

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

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

CARRIED 12/0

14 ACTION REPORTS

14.1 REVIEW OF REMOTELY PILOTED AIRCRAFT POLICY

RESOLUTION ORD613/23

Moved: Councillor Mick Palmer

Seconded: Councillor Morgan Rickard

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

CARRIED 12/0

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

RESOLUTION ORD614/23

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Amye Un

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

CARRIED 12/0

14.3 PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT - TELECOMMUNICATIONS - PA2023/0101

RESOLUTION ORD615/23

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

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

CARRIED 12/0

15 RECEIVE & NOTE REPORTS**15.1 ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES - CHAPEL LANE REDEVELOPMENT****RESOLUTION ORD616/23**

Moved: Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

Seconded: Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe

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

CARRIED 12/0

15.2 QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT - JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2023 (Q1)**RESOLUTION ORD617/23**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Amye Un

THAT the report entitled Quarterly Performance Report - July to September 2023 (Q1) be received and noted.

CARRIED 12/0

16 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**RESOLUTION ORD618/23**

Moved: Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

THAT the following Reports of Representatives be received and noted.

16.1

Councillor Brian O'Gallagher reported on attending the Northern Territory Export Awards hosted by the Chamber of Commerce. City of Darwin received a separate award outside of the national award program for excellence in events / international trade delegations supporting Northern Territory export activities and businesses. Please pass on congratulations to all staff involved.

CARRIED 12/0

17 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

17.1 PERMITS ON COUNCIL FOOTPATHS

RESOLUTION ORD619/23

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Question:

Councillor Mick Palmer questioned whether survey companies are required to have a permit to spray on footpath and are they required to clean the paths once works are completed.

Answer:

The General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr advised for works conducted on Council property a permit is required. Will take the question on notice, to advise if the removal of the spray is part of the permit conditions.

CARRIED 12/0

17.2 CASUARINA AQUATIC AND LEISURE CENTRE FUNDING UPDATE

RESOLUTION ORD620/23

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Question:

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris requested an update on the \$7.5 million grant funding application for the Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre.

Answer:

The General Manager Corporate, Steve Thacker advised no further update and keeping close contact with the Department. City of Darwin has received confirmation of recommendation for approval and is waiting for the Minister to sign off. City of Darwin is also going through the Member of the Legislative Assembly Office, Mr Luke Gosling OAM, MP. Council will be updated of progress.

CARRIED 12/0

17.3 UPDATE ON DOG ATTACK IN MUIRHEAD

RESOLUTION ORD621/23

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Question:

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris requested an update on the dog attack in the Muirhead area.

Answer:

The General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr advised that investigation with the rangers is ongoing and the animal in question will be voluntarily euthanized.

CARRIED 12/0

17.4 PRE-CYCLONE CLEAN UP PROGRAM**RESOLUTION ORD622/23**

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Question:

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris asked if there will be any communication regarding items being left on kerbs after the completion of the pre-cyclone clean-up program.

Answer:

The General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy advised an officer is currently conducting an audit across the municipality and leaving correspondence to advise items need to be removed.

CARRIED 12/0

17.5 ABANDONED VEHICLE**RESOLUTION ORD623/23**

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Question:

Councillor Kim Farrar asked who is responsible for removing vehicles with a yellow sticker after an accident.

Answer:

The General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr advised if the abandoned vehicle is on private property it is the owner of property to remove. When cars are involved in an accident, Police will advise when City of Darwin can remove. Under City of Darwin policy, removing vehicles, depends on registration status or if an emergency.

Councillor Peter Pangquee advised this vehicle was on the verge blocking the footpath and someone has pushed the vehicle onto private property.

The Deputy Lord Mayor, Ed Smelt advised the question will be taken on notice.

CARRIED 12/0

17.6 DOGS AT LARGE**RESOLUTION ORD624/23**

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Question:

Councillor Amye Un requested an update on a dog attack from last month and reported a brown dog at large in her ward.

Answer:

The General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr advised rangers have spoken with the victim and are unable to identify the dog in question. Rangers are continually patrolling the area for dogs at large.

CARRIED 12/0**17.7 DINGOS - RAAF BASE AND HOLMES JUNGLE NATURE PARK****RESOLUTION ORD625/23**

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Question:

Councillor Sylvia Klonaris reported on sightings of 5 dingos around the Marrara Golf Club and reports of sightings by walkers in the Holmes Jungle Nature Park.

Answer:

The General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr advised that while not City of Darwin land, rangers are liaising with the RAAF Base and Parks and Wildlife, to find the animals in question. The RAAF base have a dedicated trapper and rangers are currently looking at getting some assistance in the Holmes Jungle Nature Park.

CARRIED 12/0**17.8 CANE TOADS****RESOLUTION ORD626/23**

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Question:

Councillor Morgan Rickard advised there is an influx of cane toads in the municipality, is Council in support of management programs in place.

Answer:

The General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy advised City of Darwin has engaged with program providers and in support as possible.

CARRIED 12/0

17.9 MARRARA GOLF COURSE**RESOLUTION ORD627/23**

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Question:

Councillor Brian O’Gallagher received several reports regarding polluted water at the Marrara Golf Course, wildlife in area is dying, residents have reported the issue to PowerWater and Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority (NTEPA).

Answer:

The General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy advised the Marrara Golf Course is not the responsibility of City of Darwin.

CARRIED 12/0

18 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

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

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 31 October 2023, at 5:30pm (Open Section followed by the Confidential Section), Council Chambers Darrandirra, Level 1, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin.

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

THAT pursuant to Section 99 (2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 51 of the Local Government (General) Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

26.1 Chief Executive Officer Performance Appraisal Committee

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

27.1 Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre Signage and Naming

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

27.2 Karama Expression of Interest

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

27.3 Update on Code of Conduct Matters

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(f) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with subject to subregulation 51(2) – information in relation to a complaint of a contravention of the code of conduct.

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

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

21 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

RESOLUTION ORD628/23

Moved: Councillor Brian O'Gallagher

Seconded: Councillor Vim Sharma

THAT the open section of the meeting be adjourned at 6:17 pm.

CARRIED 12/0

THAT the open section of the meeting be resumed at 8:22 pm.

THAT the chair declared the meeting be adjourned at 8:22 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 31 October 2023.

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CHAIR