



AGENDA

Ordinary Council Meeting Tuesday, 29 June 2021

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

Date: Tuesday, 29 June 2021

Time: 5:30PM

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

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Attachments: Nil

I, Alderman Robin Knox, give notice that at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 29 June 2021, I will move the following motion:-

MOTION

1. THAT Council immediately undertake an energy audit on Parap Pool by a professional auditor.
2. THAT the report recommendations be presented to Council as soon as possible.
3. THAT learnings from the report be taken into considerations in the redevelopment of Casuarina pool.

REASON:

Previous energy audits of Council facilities usually return 20-40% efficiency savings with a payback period of 2-4 years. (Meaning that after the costs are paid for the recommended alterations or procedures, Council benefits from 20-40% power savings annually.)

The new Parap Pool consumes approximately 6 times the power consumption of the old Parap Pool and energy audit recommendations could create efficiencies and save ratepayers considerable costs. Learnings from an audit of Parap Pool can be applied to the redevelopment of Casuarina Pool so that infrastructure alterations don't have to be done after construction. Learnings in relation to running costs could be implemented at the new Casuarina Aquatic Centre from Day 1 and mean that the operational cost predictions will be more accurate than those made without the knowledge acquired from an energy audit.

23 June 2021



ALDERMAN ROBIN KNOX

14 ACTION REPORTS

14.1 REVIEW OF POLICIES 040 - DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN AND 041 - LAND USE PLANNING

Author: Executive Manager Growth & Development Services

Authoriser: General Manager Innovation Growth & Development Services

Attachments:

1. Policy 040 - Developer Contribution Plans - Current [↓](#)
2. Policy 040 - Developer Contribution Plans - Tracked Changes [↓](#)
3. Policy 040 - Developer Contribution Plans - Revised [↓](#)
4. Policy 041 - Land Use Planning - Current [↓](#)
5. Policy 041 - Land Use Planning - Tracked Changes [↓](#)
6. Policy 041 - Land Use Planning - Revised [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Policies 040 - Developer Contributions Plan and 041 - Land Use Planning be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the revised Policy 040 Developer Contributions Plan and note that there will be a major review of the Policy in the new term of Council.
3. THAT Council adopt the revised Policy 041 Land Use Planning.
4. THAT Council note that a major review of Policy 003 Car Parking will be completed in the new term of Council.
5. THAT Council note that a major review of Policy 037 Awnings, Balconies and Verandahs on Council Land will be completed in the new term of Council.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to:

- Seek Council endorsement for City of Darwin Policy 040 Development Contributions Plan, and Policy 041 Land Use Planning, in line with Council's commitment to review its policies during the term of the 22nd Council.
- Provide an update on Policy 003 Car Parking and Policy 037 Awnings, Balconies and Verandahs on Council Land.

KEY ISSUES

- An administrative review of Policy 040 - Developer Contribution Plans, added the new Northern Territory Planning Scheme as a Legislative Reference, provided further clarity on contribution use and moved information between Purpose and Scope for accuracy.
- A major review of Policy 040 will be completed in the new term of Council, once the Movement Strategy is adopted by Council.
- An administrative review of Policy 041 – Land Use Policy, provided ownership details and Planning Scheme dates for clarity and added a number of legislative references.
- An administrative review of Policy 003 Car Parking and Policy 037 Awnings, Balconies and Verandahs on Council Land has been completed and no changes are suggested in this term of Council.

- A further major review of Policy 003 - Car Parking will be completed, once the Movement Strategy has been adopted by Council.
- A major review of Policy 037 - Awnings, Balconies and Verandahs on Council Property will be completed once the Greening Darwin Strategy and Movement Strategy are adopted by Council.

DISCUSSION

The 22nd Council for the City of Darwin has made a commitment to review all policies within the Council term.

Policy 040 – Developer Contribution Plans **Attachment 1** sets out the City of Darwin position regarding development contributions (contribution plans) for the provision of infrastructure in new and established areas of the municipality. An administrative review has been completed and the policy requires only minor updates. The proposed changes have been marked as track changes in **Attachment 2** and the final is in **Attachment 3**. A major review of this Policy will be completed next term of Council following the adoption of the Movement Strategy by Council.

Policy 041 – Land Use Planning – General **Attachment 4** provides a framework for Council's responses on applications for building over drainage easements, demountable structures and place names. The policy has been reviewed and requires only minor administrative updates. The proposed changes have been marked as track changes in **Attachment 5** and the final is in **Attachment 6**.

Policy 003 – Car Parking sets out the framework for car parking policies introduced to complement the Council car parking strategies and contribution plans.

A Movement Strategy is currently being prepared and will replace the existing Darwin CBD Parking Strategy. A full review of Policy 003 - Car Parking will be undertaken following the adoption of the Movement Strategy by Council.

Policy 037 – Awnings, Balconies and Verandahs on Council Property documents the requirements and application procedure for construction of awnings, balconies and verandahs over Council owned public space to support pedestrians by providing sufficient shade and weather protection in streets. A full review of Policy 037 will occur in the new term of Council and following the adoption of the Greening Darwin Strategy and Movement Strategy by Council.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Council endorsed the policies, as follows:

Policy 003 – Car Parking – 23 February 2010

Policy 037 – Awnings, Balconies and Verandahs on Council Property – 26 August 2014

Policy 040 – Developer Contribution Plans – 31 May 2018

Policy 041 – Land Use Planning - General – 28 February 2017

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	6 Governance Framework 6.2 Roles and Relationships
CRITICAL DATES	Local Government Elections August 2021

BUDGET / FINANCIAL	Budget/Funding: N/A Is Funding identified: The present reviews have no impact upon budget.
RISK ASSESSMENT	Assets & Infrastructure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environment & Waste <input type="checkbox"/> Financial <input type="checkbox"/> Info Comms & Tech <input type="checkbox"/> Legal & Compliance <input type="checkbox"/> Ops & Service Delivery <input type="checkbox"/> Reputation & Brand <input type="checkbox"/> Work Health & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> In accordance with City of Darwin Risk Management Framework, the post treatment, mitigation risk is: Low
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	Legislation: Local Government Act Northern Territory Planning Act 1999 Policy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy 040 - Developer Contribution Plans • Policy 041 - Land Use Planning - General • Policy 003 - Car Parking • Policy 037 - Awnings, Balconies and Verandahs on Council Property
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	N/A
CONSULTATION & ENGAGEMENT	Engagement Level: Inform Tactics: Senior Leadership Team
COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR THIS INITIATIVE	Endorsed policies to be added to the City of Darwin website. Policy 003 and 037 will be updated to the new form design only.
PLACE SCORE STATEMENT	Place Score will be considered during further review of the Policies.
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. The report authoriser does have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).

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Title: Developer Contribution Plans

Policy No: 040

Adopted By: Council

Next Review Date: 23/02/2020

Responsibility: General Manager Infrastructure

Document Number: 2118388

Version	Decision Number	Adoption Date	History
1	20\2501	23/02/10	Adopted
2	21\4475	31/05/16	Revised and adopted – all contribution plans removed from the policy

1 Policy Summary

This policy sets out the City of Darwin position regarding development contributions (contribution plans) for the provision of infrastructure in new and established areas of the Municipality.

2 Policy Objectives

The objectives of this policy are –

- to promote the efficient and effective provision of public infrastructure and facilities to meet the demands arising from new growth and development;
- to ensure that development contributions are necessary and relevant to the development to be permitted and are charged equitably among those benefiting from the infrastructure and facilities to be provided;
- to ensure consistency and transparency in the system for apportioning, collecting and spending development contributions;
- to ensure the social well-being of communities arising from, or affected by, development.

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3 Background

The City of Darwin plans ahead to ensure that:

- infrastructure needed by the community is provided when and where it is needed, and;
- funds are available to provide the infrastructure.

Public infrastructure is funded through various sources including Australian and Territory Governments, Council and developer contributions.

When an area is experiencing pressure on existing infrastructure where new or upgraded infrastructure is required and there is development occurring that is contributing to the requirement for works, Council is able to develop Contribution Plans to ensure that developers contribute equitably to the infrastructure they are impacting on.

Contribution Plans ensure that City of Darwin is able to receive an equitable contribution from the Developer when land is developed towards the provision of infrastructure that is proportionate to the anticipated future use of the infrastructure that is attributable to the development of that land. This is designed to minimise the cost of infrastructure that is required to be funded from existing revenue.

4 Policy Statement

Council may identify the need for a contribution plan to be developed prior to significant development occurring, or as a result of a proposed development in order to ensure infrastructure funding is provided.

Council will consider delivery of associated infrastructure works in line of a financial contributions only where prior approval of Council has been granted.

Development contributions may be sought for, but not limited to:

- a new item of infrastructure;
- an upgrade in the standard of provision of an existing item of infrastructure;
- an extension to existing infrastructure.

Council will consider the following principles when developing a contribution plan:

- need and nexus;
- transparency;
- equity;
- certainty;
- efficiency;
- consistency;
- consultation;
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The contributions are for the initial capital requirements only and not for ongoing maintenance and for operating costs of the infrastructure.

5 Legislation, terminology and references

Legislation –Northern Territory Planning Act.

Definitions – as provided within the Northern Territory Planning Act and each Contribution Plan.



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2 SCOPE

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4 DEFINITIONS

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5 LEGISLATIVE REFERENCES

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Northern Territory Planning Scheme 2020



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6 PROCEDURES / RELATED DOCUMENTS

Nil

7 RESPONSIBILITY / APPLICATION

The General Manager Innovation, Growth and Development Services is responsible for managing the implementation of this policy.

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2 SCOPE

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6 PROCEDURES / RELATED DOCUMENTS

Nil

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Policy



Title:	Land Use Planning - General
Policy No:	041
Adopted By:	Council
Next Review Date:	28/02/2021
Responsibility:	General Manager City Futures
Document Number:	2118392

Version	Decision Number	Adoption Date	History
1	20\2501	23/02/10	Adopted
2	21\5205	28/02/17	Adopted

1 Policy Summary

The intent of the policy is to provide a framework for Council's responses on applications for:

- Building over Drainage easements
- Demountable structures
- Place Names

2 Policy Objectives

To clearly establish City of Darwin's expectations in relation to various types of development and land use applications and policies in relation to sundry other land use issues for the guidance of staff, potential developers and the community at large.

3 Background

Land use planning, including place naming and development control within Darwin is the responsibility of the Northern Territory Government. However, as a body tasked with representing the interests of the Darwin community with the responsibility for 'seeking to ensure a proper emphasis on environmentally sustainable development, proper balance between economic, social, environmental and cultural considerations' the Council provides comment to the Government and its statutory agencies. City of Darwin also develops its policies reflecting the aspirations of the Council and the Darwin community.

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4 Policy Statement

Building Over Drainage Easements – Conditions

If a property owner wishes to erect a structure over a registered Council stormwater drainage easement or portion thereof, permission may be granted subject to the owner meeting City of Darwin requirements. Access must be maintained for Council officers, employees or agents to the structure at all times, for the purpose of clearing any pipe or drain contained within the easement.

Pools may be able to be installed within easements provided that adequate clearance from the pool and protection of the stormwater infrastructure is provided.

No building will be permitted over stormwater pits, including driveways and solid walls will not be permitted to be constructed over easements.

Demountable Structures

The Northern Territory Planning Scheme provides a definition and assessment criteria for the placement of demountable structures on zoned land.

The Planning Scheme states that where two or less demountable structures are located on land in Zone CL, SC, LI, PS, OR, H, A, RL, R and CP and the placement complies with the other provisions of the Planning Scheme, a development permit is not required. The majority of zoned land in Council ownership is included within these zones and where permission is sought from Council for the placement of demountable structures without Planning Consent, Council will consider the following in relation to their placement:

- The appearance of the demountable structure/s will be consistent with the intended purpose and adjoining and nearby development; and
- Where the demountable structure can be viewed from a public place or an adjoining property, it should be appropriately screened, landscaped or include architectural or design treatments to enhance the appearance of the structure.

Council will consider the placement of demountable structures such as sea containers on public land, having regard for the above criteria, any external approvals and their intended function.

Demountable structures located on road reserves or other Council owned land in association with a development, will be assessed as part of the works permit process, for temporary periods, and only relating to works at the adjacent property.

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Place Names

The Place Names Committee for the Northern Territory administers the naming of a place within the Territory.

Applications may be submitted to the City of Darwin for the naming of a City of Darwin asset. The application is to comply with the guidelines provided on Place Names Committee for the Northern Territory web site. The City of Darwin will consider place names that reflect existing themes associated with the history and character of Darwin and the Northern Territory and as listed by the Place Names Committee.

If approved, the City of Darwin will provide written support to the applicant to make a further application to the Place Names Committee.

5 Legislation, terminology and references

Legislation:

- Northern Territory Planning Act
- Northern Territory Place Names Act

Definitions:

Under the Northern Territory Planning Scheme:

***"demountable structure"** means a building, including transport containers, which is wholly or substantially prefabricated and which is designed to be transported from site to site, but does not include a caravan or transportable module used in conjunction with an education establishment or as a medical clinic or as a construction site office or a prefabricated dwelling;*

References:

- <http://www.placenames.nt.gov.au/policies/guidelines>
- Northern Territory Planning Scheme

6 Implementation and delegation

Where appropriate delegation is shown in the body of this policy.

7 Evaluation and review

In accordance with Council's Policy Framework, this policy will be reviewed once per term of Council.



1 PURPOSE

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2 SCOPE

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5 LEGISLATIVE REFERENCES

Local Government Act
Northern Territory Planning Act 1999
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6 PROCEDURES / RELATED DOCUMENTS

Nil

7 RESPONSIBILITY / APPLICATION

The General Manager Innovation, Growth and Development Services is responsible for managing the implementation of this policy.

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1 PURPOSE

To clearly establish City of Darwin's expectations in relation to various types of development and land use applications, for the guidance of staff, potential developers and the community at large.

Land use planning and place naming within Darwin is the responsibility of the Northern Territory Government. However, as an asset owner and as a body tasked with representing the interests of the Darwin community with the responsibility for 'seeking to ensure a proper emphasis on environmentally sustainable development, proper balance between economic, social, environmental and cultural considerations' the Council provides comment to the Government and its statutory agencies. City of Darwin also develops its policies reflecting the aspirations of the Council and the Darwin community.

2 SCOPE

The scope is to provide a framework for Council's responses on applications for:

- Building over Drainage easements
- Demountable structures
- Place Names

3 POLICY STATEMENT

3.1 Building Over Drainage Easements

If a property owner wishes to erect a structure over a registered Council stormwater drainage easement or portion thereof, permission may be granted subject to the owner meeting City of Darwin requirements. Access must be maintained for Council officers, employees or agents to the structure at all times, for the purpose of clearing any pipe or drain contained within the easement.

Pools may be able to be installed within easements provided that adequate clearance from the pool and protection of the stormwater infrastructure is provided.

No building will be permitted over stormwater pits, including driveways and solid walls will not be permitted to be constructed over easements.

3.2 Demountable Structures

The Northern Territory Planning Scheme 2020 provides a definition and assessment criteria for the placement of demountable structures on zoned land.

The Planning Scheme states that where two or less demountable structures are located on land in Zone CL, SC, LI, PS, OR, H, A, RL, R and CP and the placement complies with the

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other provisions of the Planning Scheme, a development permit is not required. The majority of zoned land in Council ownership is included within these zones and where permission is sought from Council for the placement of demountable structures on Council land without Planning Consent, Council will consider the following in relation to their placement:

- The appearance of the demountable structure/s will be consistent with the intended purpose and adjoining and nearby development; and
- Where the demountable structure can be viewed from a public place or an adjoining property, it should be appropriately screened, landscaped or include architectural or design treatments to enhance the appearance of the structure.

Council will consider the placement of demountable structures such as sea containers on public land, having regard for the above criteria, any external approvals and their intended function.

Demountable structures located on road reserves or other Council owned land in association with a development, will be assessed as part of the works permit process, for temporary periods, and only relating to works at the adjacent property.

3.3 Place Names

The Northern Territory Place Names Committee administers the naming of places within the Territory.

Applications may be submitted to the City of Darwin for the naming of a City of Darwin asset. The application is to comply with the guidelines provided on Northern Territory Place Names Committee web site. The City of Darwin will consider place names that reflect existing themes associated with the history and character of Darwin and the Northern Territory and as listed by the Place Names Committee.

If approved, the City of Darwin will provide written support to the applicant to make a further application to the Place Names Committee.

4 DEFINITIONS

Demountable structure means a building, including transport containers, which is wholly or substantially prefabricated and which is designed to be transported from site to site, but does not include a caravan or transportable module used in conjunction with an education establishment or as a medical clinic or as a construction site office or a prefabricated dwelling;

5 LEGISLATIVE REFERENCES

Local Government Act
 Northern Territory Planning Act 1999
 Northern Territory Planning Scheme 2020
<http://www.placenames.nt.gov.au/policies/guidelines>

6 PROCEDURES / RELATED DOCUMENTS

Nil



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7 RESPONSIBILITY / APPLICATION

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14.2 REVIEW OF POLICY 082 - ALCOHOL IN COUNCIL CONTROLLED SPACES AND PLACES

Author: Darwin Safer City Program Coordinator

Authoriser: General Manager Community and Regulatory Services

Attachments:

1. Policy 082 Alcohol in Council Controlled Spaces and Places - Current [↓](#)
2. Policy 082 Alcohol in Council Controlled Spaces and Places - Revised [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report entitled Policy 082 - Review Alcohol in Council Controlled Spaces and Places be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the revised Policy 082 - Alcohol in Council Controlled Spaces and Places.

The purpose of this report is to seek endorsement of the revised Policy 082 - Alcohol In Council Controlled Spaces and Places.

KEY ISSUES

- Policy 082 - Alcohol in Council Controlled Spaces and Places at **Attachment 1** is due for review.
- The revised version of the Policy is at **Attachment 2**.
- After initial discussion with Governance, Events, Safer Cities and General Manager Community and Regulatory Services the intention is to update the Policy, rather than rescind the Policy.
- The Policy has been simplified with clarity on restricted areas, and how permission to consume alcohol in these areas can be made and to whom.

The Alcohol in Council Controlled Spaces and Places Policy 082 was adopted in April 2015 and is due for review within the term of the Council.

There are numerous event applications received each year that request the consumption of alcohol as part of their event taking place on Council owned/controlled land. The Policy's objective is to guide Council, its staff and customers in the management of Council's spaces and places in relation to the use of alcohol.

During consultation with internal stakeholders, the Policy is actively used by the Events Team and the Customer Service Team in determining the issue of a Council permit for consumption of alcohol on Council controlled/owned spaces. This is used alongside the NT Liquor Act 2019 to ensure we adhere to legislation.

<p>The review of the Policy takes into account</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The recently adopted Events Planning Guide, and consideration of including elements that are now incorporated into that document - Any changes to the NT Liquor Act 2019 that require Policy updates - Use of the Policy by active users being Customer Service, and Events team. <p>Changes to the updated Policy include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Policy has been simplified with clarity on restricted areas, and how permission to consume alcohol in these areas can be made and to whom, i.e. to City of Darwin, or the NT Liquor Licensing - Removal of Appendix A as this is not required in the Policy. An updated guideline document will be developed as a resource for the Events and Customer Service Teams to use internally when assessing event applications. 	
<p>PREVIOUS COUNCIL DECISIONS</p> <p>At the 28 April 2015 Ordinary meeting Council resolved:</p> <p>B. THAT Council endorse the Final Draft Alcohol in Council Controlled Spaces and Places Policy at Attachment C, as amended to remove prohibition of alcohol at Council's Child Care Centres and swimming pools in Section 3 of the policy and retain the discretionary statement in the original draft policy, of Report Number 15C0056 MG:kl entitled Alcohol in Council Controlled Spaces and Places Policy.</p> <p>DECISION NO.21\3268 (28/04/15) Carried</p>	
STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	<p>2 A Safe, Liveable and Healthy City</p> <p>2.1 By 2030, Darwin will be a safer place to live and visit</p>
CRITICAL DATES	To be reviewed and endorsed by end of Council term
BUDGET / FINANCIAL	Nil
RISK ASSESSMENT	<p>Assets & Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Environment & Waste <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Financial <input type="checkbox"/> Info Comms & Tech <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Legal & Compliance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ops & Service Delivery <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Reputation & Brand <input type="checkbox"/> Work Health & Safety <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>In accordance with City of Darwin Risk Management Framework, the post treatment, mitigation risk is: Very Low</p> <p>Risks identified, in relation to this report, will be managed by ensuring the Policy is reviewed prior to the current Council sitting term.</p>
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	<p>Legislation: NT Liquor Act 2019</p> <p>Policy: Events Planning Guide</p>
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	Nil

CONSULTATION & ENGAGEMENT	Engagement Level: Inform Tactics: Internal stakeholders will be informed of Policy update
COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR THIS INITIATIVE	Internal Events team, Customer Service team, Safer Cities team External Community and event organiser seeking events permit that include consumption of alcohol. On an as needs basis.
PLACE SCORE STATEMENT	A Safe and Liveable City
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).

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Title:	Alcohol in Council Controlled Spaces and Places
Policy No:	082
Adopted By:	Council
Next Review Date:	28/04/2019
Responsibility:	General Manager City Life
Document Number:	3091778

Version	Decision Number	Adoption Date	History
1	21\3268	28/04/2015	Adopted

1 Policy Summary

City of Darwin (Council) is caretaker and custodian of a significant number of community spaces and places across the municipality. All are utilised for a myriad of purposes including recreation, sports, leisure, celebrations and community activity.

On regular occasions, Council is approached to permit the consumption or sale of liquor on its land or within its community infrastructure. Council, in its role of community advocate, service provider and *landlord*, seeks to balance community expectations, population health and wellbeing endeavours, facilitate equity of access and encourage activation of spaces and places while recognising that the use of alcohol is part of the Australian lifestyle.

2 Policy Objectives

The intent of this policy is to guide Council, its staff and customers in the management of Council's spaces and places in relation to the use of alcohol. The responsible consumption, service or sale of alcohol underpins this policy.

An applicant seeking permission for use of liquor in Council's spaces and places should seek to meet one or more of the community and cultural elements below in alignment with Council's Strategic directions:

- Activation of spaces and places by delivery of cultural, creative industry or social outcomes that contribute to a safer community and community life. For example cultural festivals, pop-up music festivals, food festivals, community fundraisers, neighbourhood get-togethers, or community fixtures.
- Community benefit by equitable access to community participation opportunities, for example weddings, neighbourhood picnics and gatherings, religious festivals.

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- Activation of spaces and places through increased sport, recreation and leisure experiences, for example competitions, festivals and award ceremonies.
- Positive community development outcomes for local groups, businesses and organisations, for example a local expo promoting produce, occasions where community and government connect to launch a policy, program or new venue.

3 Background

Darwin's outdoor lifestyle lends itself to a growing number of community events and activities in Council controlled spaces and places.

Council's strategic directions articulate its intent to foster desirable places and open spaces that provide for a diversity of uses. This is paired with its pursuit of partnerships and activities that contribute to a safer Darwin community through leadership and advocacy efforts.¹

This policy provides for equitable access to Council's public places and spaces and encourages activity that aligns with its strategic direction, goals, and strategies. Council seeks to maintain its places and spaces to enhance community amenity for the enjoyment of all in the community. The policy provides guidance to support a consistent approach when considering events in public spaces and places that include alcohol consumption. Council endorses the responsible service and consumption of alcohol when use of alcohol is sought.

To achieve this end, the following statements operate as a guide to sound management of Council's spaces, places and sporting field venues in relation to use of alcohol. Venue examples include community centre meeting rooms, community halls, ovals, parks and foreshores. Council's Child Care Centres and swimming pools are excluded from this policy statement and will be considered on a case by case basis, at the discretion of Council.

4 Guiding statements

- Council supports activity that aligns with its strategic directions, goals and strategies.
- Council seeks to encourage the responsible consumption, service and sale of alcohol.
- Council does not support the use of its spaces or places where the primary focus of the activity is the selling, promotion or consumption of alcohol. To illustrate, this involves where the call to action is primarily the promotion of

¹ City of Darwin *Evolving Darwin Towards 2020 Strategic Plan*, Goal 1.

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alcohol, sale or consumption or where the purpose of the event relates specifically to a brand or alcohol consumption activity.

- Council acknowledges events and celebrations will, from time to time, include use of alcohol and requires applicants seeking a permit to actively demonstrate an emphasis toward responsible service and consumption of alcohol for the duration of the activity.
- Council seeks to make available access to its spaces and places in an equitable manner for the benefit of all in the community.
- Council encourages the utilisation and activation of its spaces and places by delivery of a diverse range of cultural, sport, recreation, leisure, creative industry or social outcomes that contribute to community life.
- Council reserves the right to determine, on a case-by-case basis, use of alcohol in its spaces and places.
- Council recognises that excessive alcohol consumption and the adverse impacts of public intoxication result in compromised community amenity, health and social harms and poses a significant cost burden on the community.
- Refer **Appendix A** for guiding examples.

5 Legislation, terminology and references

The consumption of liquor in public places across the Darwin municipality is governed by the Liquor Act and, in effect, is not permissible unless a permit is issued, or express permission granted.

Various legislated restrictions are in place across the municipality which require differing approaches in relation to permits and permissions, namely:

Regulated Place: Known as the "2K Law", equates to no consumption of liquor in any public place that is within two kilometres of a licensed premise. Exemptions can be granted by the owner of the public place, or the Liquor Commission if the owner concurs. Mindil Beach and Nightcliff Foreshore are two areas where the City of Darwin gives 'express permission' for alcohol consumption between certain times through the posting of signs in those areas.

Public Restricted Area: A declared area where consumption of liquor is prohibited, the area is sign posted as 'No Alcohol', and fines apply. To hold an event that involves sale of or consumption of liquor, a person must submit a Special

Event Permit application to the Liquor Commission. If the City of Darwin owns or controls the space or place, it will be required to endorse the application. This

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application process also covers the Public Restricted Area permit application to allow liquor to be consumed at the event.

Designated Area. The CBD is a Regulated Place, but is also declared a Designated Area, as a mechanism that seeks to reduce the incidence of alcohol fuelled violence in and around licensed premises. This designation empowers NT Police to ban an individual from a particular venue or entire area for up to 48 hours, or via the court process for up to a year. Any application to hold an event that involves alcohol consumption in the CBD Designated Area is managed in the same manner as any Regulated Place, with Council able to grant exemptions subject to this policy.

It should be noted that a Special Liquor License application is required for the sale of alcohol for any event in an area that falls under the Liquor Act.

6 Implementation and delegation

This policy should be applied in conjunction with Policy 011 Outdoor Dining and the Alcohol Permit Application – Work Flow Procedure document which describes responsibilities and delegations for the internal processing and management of alcohol permits.

7 Evaluation and review

This policy will be reviewed within the term of the Council.

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Appendix A

Alcohol In Council Controlled Spaces and Places Operational Guiding Examples RSA – Responsible Service of Alcohol

DESIRED USE OF SPACES & PLACES	UNSUITABLE USEAGE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birthdays, weddings, funerals, wakes, days of observance eg Christmas. Must comply with RSA principles. Function is not alcohol-themed or its consumption promoted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Brand X Cocktails on the Coast</i> event: The call to action relates to alcohol branding and its consumption. Dry season <i>Brand X Cider Sessions</i>: The call to action relates to alcohol branding.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sport, recreation and leisure activities. Must comply with RSA principles. Senior competitions, club fundraising, and club annual award events where promotion or the call to action does not feature alcohol branding or alcohol consumption. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of free alcohol or sales at junior competitions and events Events encouraging the irresponsible consumption of alcohol (i.e. Mad Monday celebrations)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small scale local neighbourhood pop-up event such as a sunset sausage sizzle in a local park. Must comply with RSA principles. The call to action or event title does not feature alcohol branding or consumption or is the focus of the event or activity. Community safety elements should also be considered when selecting location (ie is the space a 'hot spot' for public intoxication issues). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small scale local neighbourhood fundraiser BBQ with all proceeds of alcohol sales serving as the exclusive means of generating funds.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fashion parade event, outdoor dinner with raffles, music, food. Must comply with RSA principles. Function/event is not alcohol-themed or promoted or its consumption. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of free alcohol in spaces or places as part of a commercial event, concert or activity.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community arts festival, program, business or service launch or presentation where the call to action or event title does not feature alcohol branding or consumption or is the focus of the event or activity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All you can eat and drink community quiz night/lunch/event (encourages irresponsible consumption of alcohol).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business, community organisations, local clubs expos, promotional, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sponsorship/naming rights equates to promotion of alcohol or alcohol brand via

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recruitment activities where the call to action does not feature alcohol consumption or alcohol promotion.	titling of event eg <i>Verna's Vodka Christmas Luncheon</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fundraiser, quiz nights, community meals/dinners where use of alcohol is an aspect of the event/activity – not the primary call to action or promotion. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large scale event at outdoor venue that neither promotes or names alcohol or its branding as the call to action. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Seafood and wine festival</i> Major call to action is promotion of local NT seafood industry. Wine is secondary element and does not seek to promote a focus on consumption or branding. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Iconic community fundraiser promoted as a family fun day / all ages water event including market stalls, beach games, charity fundraising activities, food stalls. 	



ALCOHOL IN COUNCIL CONTROLLED SPACES & PLACES

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1 PURPOSE

The intent of this Policy is to guide Council, its staff and the broader community of the management of alcohol (including sale and consumption) in Council owned/controlled places.

2 SCOPE

This policy applies to Elected Members and all City of Darwin operations which includes employees, consultants, contractors and any other relevant workplace participants, which operate within the Council environment. It also applies to the general community and those who wish to hold events on Council owned/controlled land whereby alcohol will be sold and/or consumed.

3 POLICY STATEMENT

Council recognises that for many people, the use of alcohol is an accepted part of the Australian lifestyle. However, Council is also cognisant that the excessive use of alcohol to harmful levels and the adverse impacts of public intoxication results in reduced community amenity, increased health and social harms and community safety issues. For these reasons, Council endorses the responsible consumption, sale and service of alcohol within a broader, *harm minimisation* approach. As part of harm minimisation approach, Council does not support the use of its spaces or places where the primary focus of the activity is the selling, promotion or consumption of alcohol.

This Policy promotes a planned and consistent approach to the consumption and sale of alcohol on Council owned/controlled public land and/or facilities. Council seeks to make available access to its spaces and places in an equitable manner for the benefit of all in the community.

3.1 ALCOHOL CONTROLS IN THE NT

In the Northern Territory, the sale, supply, service, promotion and consumption of alcohol is governed by the Northern Territory Government under the Northern Territory Liquor Act (2019). Consumption of alcohol in any public place in the Darwin Municipality is prohibited, except where the owner/occupier of that public place gives their permission for people to consume alcohol in that area.

3.2 CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IN COUNCIL OWNED/CONTROLLED SPACES AND PLACES

Council as owner/controller of many public areas within the Local Government Area can allow the consumption and/or sale of alcohol on its land or facilities. Permission is granted within the requirements of the Northern Territory Liquor Act (2019) and/or Council procedures/requirements related to the issuing of consumption permits, approved public events and/or within its owned facilities (such as sporting facilities).

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3.3 CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IN PROHIBITED PUBLIC PLACES

Under the Northern Territory Liquor Act (2019) a person must not consume liquor in any public place, including Darwin.

The exception is when Council allows the sale and/or consumption of liquor in its owned/controlled public places within clearly signed and specified conditions, such as nominated consumption times within a location, which has clearly delineated boundaries. Usually these areas are governed by an *Event Authority* or a *Permit for Consumption of Liquor on Council Property* however there are also some public areas whereby Council will allow consumption without a permit. These areas are clearly signed and up-to-date information on these locations is provided on the City of Darwin website.

3.4 SALE/CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL AT MAJOR PUBLIC EVENTS

Events where liquor is sold: for an event on Council land which includes the sale of liquor, an *Event Authority* (or event license) may be issued however such an event requires an application to Licensing NT. Applicants are to meet any legislative obligations and timeframes required as part of the application process for an Event Authority.

3.5 PERMITS TO CONSUME LIQUOR ON COUNCIL OWNED/CONTROLLED PUBLIC PLACES

Permit for Consumption of Liquor on Council Property: a person or organisation may apply for a permit to *consume* (not sell) alcohol in a prohibited public place within Council owned/controlled land for special events or functions (such as weddings). The permit requires the endorsement of the Northern Territory Police and when issued allows the consumption of liquor by guests of the permit holder only. Permits are issued at the discretion of Council. Council may grant a permit, refuse to issue a permit, or cancel a permit which has been issued.

Council reserves the right to refuse event and consumption only applications for sale and/or consumption on its owned/controlled public places and/or facilities.

An applicant seeking permission for use of liquor in Council's spaces and places should seek to meet one or more of the community and cultural elements below in alignment with Council's Strategic directions:

- Activation of spaces and places by delivery of cultural, creative industry or social outcomes that contribute to a safer community and community life. For example cultural festivals, pop-up music festivals, food festivals, community fundraisers, neighbourhood get-togethers, or community fixtures.
- Community benefit by equitable access to community participation opportunities, for example weddings, neighbourhood picnics and gatherings, religious festivals.
- Activation of spaces and places through increased sport, recreation and leisure experiences, for example competitions, festivals and award ceremonies.

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- Positive community development outcomes for local groups, businesses and organisations, for example a local expo promoting produce, occasions where community and government connect to launch a policy, program or new venue.

3.6 SALE/CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IN COUNCIL OWNED FACILITIES (I.E. COUNCIL OWNED SPORTING FACILITIES)

Council owns a number of sporting facilities whereby local Clubs sell alcohol as part of their fund raising activities, with Council permission. Such facilities are licensed venues with an appropriate Authority (licence) which is issued by Licensing NT and subject to legislative controls under the NT Liquor Act (2019).

3.7 ALCOHOL SIGNAGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY

Council provides signage which delineates areas where alcohol consumption is permitted, rather than erecting signage throughout the Municipality to indicate every area that alcohol consumption is not permitted. The community should always assume alcohol cannot be consumed in public areas, unless signage is present to indicate otherwise.

4 DEFINITIONS

Northern Territory Liquor Act (2019): The Northern Territory Act which governs the sale, supply, service, promotion and consumption of all forms of liquor and alcohol products for the purpose of minimising their associated harm and for related purposes.

NT Liquor Commission: the Northern Territory's independent statutory body responsible for the regulation of liquor licensing in the NT under the NT Liquor Act (2019).

Licensing NT: Supports the Commission in enforcement, reporting, investigating and monitoring laws and requirements under the NT Liquor Act (2019).

Harm minimisation; In line with the Australian Government's national framework of drug and alcohol policy, harm minimisation consists of policies, programmes, practices and strategies which aim to reduce the harms associated with drug and/or alcohol use. Harm minimisation does not condone illegal or improper use of substances however supports the reduction of harms to individuals, their families and the broader community.

Prohibited public place: Under the NT Liquor Act (2019) a person must not consume liquor in any public place in the Northern Territory, including Darwin. This also includes areas not specifically listed under the NT Liquor Act but which are within 2km of a licensed premises.

Permission for prohibited public place: the owner or occupier of a public place may give permission for the consumption of liquor on or in all or a part of that place (this includes permissions by a local Council)

Authority: (as in licence) means an Authority or liquor licence granted under the NT Liquor Commission. Authorities are managed/monitored by Licensing NT.

Permit for Consumption of Liquor on Council Property: City of Darwin may issue a liquor consumption permit which is considered in conjunction with an event or occasion (such as a wedding). A permit not supported by NT Police is unable to be issued.

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14.3 REVIEW OF POLICIES 007 - ARTS AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND 084 - PUBLIC ART

Author: Arts and Cultural Development Officer
Authoriser: General Manager Community and Regulatory Services
Attachments: 1. Policy 007 - Arts and Cultural Development - Current [↓](#)
2. Policy 084 - Public Art - Current [↓](#)
3. Policy 084 Public Art and Cultural Development - Revised [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Policies 007 - Arts and Cultural Development and 084 - Public Art be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopts the revised Public Art and Cultural Development Policy 084.
3. THAT Council rescinds the Arts and Cultural Development Policy 007.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the revised Public Art and Cultural Development Policy 084. It is proposed that the revised policy would also replace the existing Arts and Cultural Development Policy 007.

KEY ISSUES

- The Arts and Cultural Development Policy 007 at **Attachment 1** and the Public Art Policy 084 at **Attachment 2** are due for revision.
- Through the review process it was determined that the two policies can be merged to present all Council's major positions within the arts portfolio in the one document.
- Proposal is to rescind the Arts and Cultural Development Policy 007 and update Public Art Policy 084.
- Additional clauses relating to artist rights (moral rights, copyright, and freedom of expression) have been added to ensure the policy functions effectively to better support Council staff and community in implementing public art, arts and cultural development.

DISCUSSION

Both policies within the Arts and Cultural Development portfolio are due for revision, which has been undertaken by the Arts and Cultural Development Officer in consultation with the Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee (ACDAC), internal departmental staff including the Executive Manager of Governance, Strategy and Performance, and sector feedback.

In line with Council's ambition to streamline policies and ensure their effective function as an internal and external reference document, it is proposed the Public Art Policy 084 be extended to include Cultural Development clauses and the Arts and Cultural Development Policy 007 be rescinded.

Since Council endorsed the *THRIVE Public Art Program* (2019 – 2023) and the *Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan 2020 – 2022*, the need for additional clauses relating to artist rights (moral rights, copyright, freedom of expression) has been reflected in the addition of new statements, with specific provisions for the employment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists and their intellectual property.

As such, additional clauses to Policy 084 have been added including 3.1 Larrakia Recognition, 3.2 Engagement of Artists, 3.3 Freedom of Artistic Expression, 3.4 Artist Moral Rights, 3.5 Artist Copyright, 3.6 Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property (ICIP).

The proposed Public Art and Cultural Development Policy 084 at **Attachment 3** is a strong reference document that outlines Council's position on the arts and makes clear Council's commitment to best practice, transparency and best outcomes. This document is a more useable document for internal staff seeking to employ artists and for Council staff servicing public queries relating to the arts and cultural development portfolio.

Background to current Arts and Cultural Development portfolio policies

The Arts and Cultural Development Policy 007 was adopted in 2010 before a dedicated Arts and Cultural Development Officer was employed by City of Darwin, and before Council's overarching strategic plan included commitments to vibrant outcomes for the city. Now both of these milestones have been achieved, this policy has outlived its relevance as a reference document. Feedback has been received from the Executive Manager of Governance, Strategy and Performance that much of the information within this policy was not the remit of a policy document (for example, information related to the Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee) and can be retired.

The Public Art Policy 084 was adopted in 2015 at the same time as Council's first *Arts Plan 2015 – 2020* and the *Darwin City Master Plan 2015*. It outlines provisions for the administration of public art within the municipality. Many of its clauses have been retained and updated in the new policy to align with the THRIVE Public Art Program. Some clauses have been removed as they already exist within Council's *Public Art Guidelines* and do not require duplicating within a policy document.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION At the 27 October 2015 Ordinary meeting Council resolved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B. THAT Council endorse and adopt the Arts and Cultural Development Policy 007 at Attachment A of Report Number 15C0130 <u>SC:sc</u> entitled Arts and Cultural Development Policy Review. C. THAT Council endorse and adopt the Public Art Policy at Attachment B of Report Number 15C0130 <u>SC:sc</u> entitled Arts and Cultural Development Policy Review. D. THAT Council endorse the Public Art Guidelines at Attachment C of Report Number 15C0130 <u>SC:sc</u> entitled Arts and Cultural Development Policy Review. <p>DECISION NO.21\3868 (27/10/15) Carried General Consent</p>	
STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	5 A Vibrant and Creative City 5.1 By 2030, Darwin will be recognised as an iconic destination.
CRITICAL DATES	Nil
BUDGET / FINANCIAL	Nil
RISK ASSESSMENT	<p> Assets & Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Environment & Waste <input type="checkbox"/> Financial <input type="checkbox"/> Info Commas & Tech <input type="checkbox"/> Legal & Compliance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ops & Service Delivery <input type="checkbox"/> Reputation & Brand <input type="checkbox"/> Work Health & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> </p> <p>In accordance with City of Darwin Risk Management Framework, the post treatment, mitigation risk is: Very Low</p> <p>Risks identified, in relation to this report, will be managed by ensuring the Policy is reviewed prior to the current Council sitting term.</p>
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	Legislation: Local Government Act 2008
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	Nil
CONSULTATION & ENGAGEMENT	Nil.
COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR THIS INITIATIVE	<p>Internal</p> <p>Stakeholders that are known to engage artists will be informed of the Policy update.</p> <p>External</p> <p>Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee will be informed of the policy updates.</p>

PLACE SCORE STATEMENT	A Vibrant and Creative City - Highlight the cultural, historic, economic and physical diversity that makes Darwin unique.
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>

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Title:	Arts and Cultural Development Policy
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1	20\2501	23/02/2010	Adopted
2	21\815	26/02/2013	Revision adopted
3	21\3868	27/10/2015	Revision Adopted
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1 Policy Summary

The City of Darwin recognises the considerable benefits that are gained through a community's engagement with the arts. Council acknowledges the social and personal benefits for individuals, the economic benefits through cultural and creative businesses and the impact of Darwin's Indigenous heritage and contemporary inter-cultural artistic practices in promoting the lifestyle image of the city to visitors and residents.

This policy sets out Council's commitment to supporting a culturally vibrant city and outlines key themes for Council's arts and cultural development program.

2 Policy Objectives

- To support strategic priorities in the Arts Plan, goals and actions that build capacity, innovation and connection.
- To create cultural legacy, foster cultural vitality and enhance community engagement and participation through the arts.
- To recognize the cultural, social and economic value of the arts.
- To support the role of art in the identity of place and growth of cultural tourism.

3 Background

This policy informs the City of Darwin Arts Plan which highlights key themes, goals and commitments and supports Council's key strategic priorities through the strategic plan *"Evolving Darwin Towards 2020"*. This policy specifically

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supports *Goal 1: Collaborative, inclusive and connected community* and *Goal 4: Historic and Culturally Rich City*.

4 Policy Statement

Vision:

To support diverse and quality art programs that encourage participation, provide access to creative spaces, enhance a sense of place and foster cultural vitality.

Council's support for arts and culture acknowledges a community life rich in creativity and encourages:

- Creating powerful and vibrant experiences in unique locations.
- Community engagement and participation.
- Connection to place and history, engaging residents and visitors.
- The growth and development of the arts.
- The promotion of Darwin as a tourist destination.
- A partnership approach in building a creative economy.
- A focus on quality and professional development of local artists.
- Access to facilities for the development, creation and presentation of work.

Key Themes:

The Arts Plan supports Council's strategic goals and responds to the arts and cultural vision of the City through:

- Public Art that enhances our natural and built environments, builds upon our cultural heritage, diversity, sense of identity, and provides opportunities for our artists to contribute to the development of our city's cultural vitality.
- Facilitating, promoting and advocating for appropriate creative spaces.
- Facilitating, promoting and enabling access and participation in arts and cultural activities for all.
- A focus on arts development, opportunity and connection in the delivery of arts and cultural programs and activities.

Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee

City of Darwin established the Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee (ACDAC) to ensure an integrated approach to developing strategies for implementing the arts and cultural development policy.

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The ACDAC Committee is guided by terms of reference which highlight clear objectives and acts to:

- Support the implementation and actions within the Arts Plan.
- Facilitate and provide advice to further the development of arts and culture, recognising Darwin's diverse cultural resources.
- Actively promote arts and cultural celebration, participation, collaboration and cultural identity.

Five Year Arts Plan

The Arts Plan provides the City of Darwin with a strategic framework for arts and cultural investment and delivery by Council. The Arts Plan key goals are reviewed and developed through consultations with the community and key stakeholders every five years.

5 Legislation, terminology and references

The Local Government Act establishes the roles, functions and objectives of Council's which provide the basis for City of Darwin's active role in community, cultural and social development (Part 2.3) which includes arts and culture.

6 Implementation and delegation

This policy will be directly implemented by the relevant officers within the Community and Cultural Services Department; however it is also an expectation that all Council departments review the policy when undertaking work with the community to guide their engagement approach.

7 Evaluation and Review

Policy to be reviewed in accordance with Policy 032 – Policy and Procedures Framework, clause 5.3 – Reviewing Existing Policies and may be amended at any time as approved by the CEO.

Further review to this policy should occur within a strong arts and cultural development best practice framework.

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Title:	Public Art
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Responsibility:	General Manager Community and Cultural Services
Document Number:	3248633

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1	21\3868	27/10/2015	Adopted
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1 Policy Summary

The City of Darwin Public Art Policy sets out Council's strategic direction and defines the administrative framework for public art in the municipality.

The Public Art Policy provides a framework to realise and fully integrate public art across all of Council's major strategies, arts and cultural development strategies, infrastructure developments, urban renewals and the Darwin City Centre Master Plan.

2 Policy Objectives

To create a visible arts presence throughout the municipality through planning, design and celebrating the values of Darwin, its history, its cultures and future aspirations.

3 Background

The City of Darwin strategic plan '*Evolving Darwin Towards 2020*', identifies goals that support a vibrant, flexible and tropical lifestyle aiming to create a sense of place. It recognises Darwin as a welcoming and culturally rich and diverse city celebrating our Indigenous culture, local history and cultural diversity. Public art plays a vital role in realising these goals.

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4 Policy Statement

The aim of public art in Darwin is to:

- Create a strong feeling of identity, public ownership and pride in public spaces;
- Contribute to the wellbeing and empowerment of communities through their participation in helping to shape their environment;
- Create landmarks within the urban environment that will become natural gathering places;
- Establish art and artists as recognised assets of the municipality.

Council is committed to implementing a program guided by best practise. Darwin's public art will exemplify the best of contemporary art practise and processes to help create a vibrant city that engages with and meets the needs of its communities, both now and into the future, creating a significant cultural legacy.

Public Art Program

The City of Darwin will realise public art projects guided by this policy and Council's major strategies including the City of Darwin Public Art Master Plan. Expert advice will be sought from suitable experienced professionals with appropriate skills-sets in public art and guided by the terms of reference of Council's Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee (ACDAC).

Additional expertise, as required, will be sought from engineering, maintenance and asset management personnel within Council to inform and assist decision making but would not sit on ACDAC as voting members.

All issues relating to public art within the City of Darwin are to be referred in the first instance to the Community and Cultural Services Department. These matters will then be referred to the appropriate Officers.

Sponsorship, Donations and Bequests

The City of Darwin may be offered donations and gifts of existing artworks, sculptures, memorials and other objects or be offered funds or sponsorship to have new works of public art produced.

Given the potential for a vast range in terms of quality, relevance and the ongoing responsibility and maintenance requirements, the City of Darwin does not encourage and will not automatically accept a gift or donation of public art. Council reserves the right to decline the offer of any work proposed for a public place which does not meet safety, aesthetic, structural or durability requirements.

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Conditions to accept any public artwork, sponsorships, donations, gifts or bequests are detailed in the City of Darwin Public Art Guidelines.

Memorials

Public Art Memorials proposed for commemoration, including nomination of sites, budget requirements and funding support, engagement of artists and criteria for assessment are detailed in the City of Darwin Public Art Guidelines.

Street Art

Council recognises street art as a legitimate and distinct art form which is celebrated internationally. Council distinguishes between legal street art, which is a legitimate art practice undertaken with the sanction of the property owner, and illegal graffiti (e.g. tagging) which is the vandalism of property. Council takes a strong stance on illegal graffiti and has a range of measures in place to ensure its rapid removal.

Council aims to facilitate, maintain and promote legal street art spaces for the benefit of local and visiting artists and the Darwin community through its established public art program.

Legal Art Spaces

Council owned infrastructure designated as legal art space:

- Skate Park, Jingili Water Gardens (Council Decision No. 20\0504, 29/07/08).

Removal, Relocation and De-Commissioning

Public Art works have a finite lifespan. Council reserves the right to decommission a work when:

- The work is no longer relevant to its site or purpose,
- The work poses a risk to public safety,
- The work poses a risk to the environment,
- There is deterioration or damage to the work beyond reasonable repair.

5 Legislation, terminology and references

The Local Government Act establishes the roles, functions and objectives of Councils which provide the basis for City of Darwin's active role in community, cultural and social development (Part 2.3).

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6 Implementation and delegation

Responsibilities and Accountabilities

Management, employees and contractors all have joint responsibilities in complying with the public art policy as set out in this document.

Council provides the basis on which the framework of the public art policy can be based and adequate budgetary provision for the maintenance of the policy and program delivery.

The Executive Leadership Team maintains overall responsibility for the effective management of a public art program including maintenance or any public art work initiatives and delivery undertaken and related to this policy across Council's operation.

In addition the Executive Leadership Team will ensure that Council's assets and operations, together with liability risks to the public, are adequately protected through appropriate risk financing, loss control programs and measures.

7 Evaluation and review

Policy to be reviewed in accordance with *Policy 032 – Policy and Procedures Framework*, clause 5.3 - Reviewing Existing Policies and may be amended at any time as approved by the CEO.

Further review to this policy should occur within a strong public art best practice framework.



PUBLIC ART AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY

A VIBRANT AND CREATIVE CITY

CITY FOR PEOPLE. CITY OF COLOUR.

1 PURPOSE

This policy establishes City of Darwin's position, defines terms and provides implementation guidelines for public art and cultural development within the Darwin municipality.

2 SCOPE

This policy refers to Council initiatives and activities occurring across the Darwin Municipality. It supplies Elected Members, Council staff, and the Darwin public with City of Darwin's position on arts and cultural development, with particular focus on:

- public art;
- best practice for engagement of artists with a specific inclusion of engaging First Nations artists; and
- Council's legal responsibilities, including the handling of intellectual and artistic property.

Management, officers, and contractors of Council all have joint responsibilities in complying with the terms of this policy.

3 POLICY STATEMENT

City of Darwin's Strategic Plan *Darwin 2030 – City for People. City of Colour* enshrines Council's commitment to public arts and cultural development within its fifth strategic direction of 'Creating a vibrant and creative city'. Public art and cultural development forms a central pillar in Council's achievement of this strategic direction.

Implementation of public arts and cultural development is outlined in the *City of Darwin Arts Plan 2015 – 2020*. Council will play the role of provider, funder, regulator, partner, facilitator, and advocate as required, to action:

- Commissioning of temporary and long-term public artworks;
- Access to facilities, platforms and programs for the development, creation, and presentation of new works;
- Facilitation of public and accessible creative spaces;
- Community arts programming, including the engagement of Darwin visitors;
- Professional development of Darwin artists and the local art sector;
- Sponsorship of Darwin Entertainment Centre through Council's Operations Subsidy,
- Major arts festivals and events through Council's Sponsorships Program;
- Partnerships which build Darwin's creative economy;
- Fostering Darwin's cultural legacy through community education, engagement, and participation in arts and cultural development

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- Recognition of the Larrakia people as the traditional owners of the Darwin municipality, by showcasing Larrakia arts, culture, and products.

Implementation of arts and cultural development by City of Darwin does not include the following:

- Landscaping and earthworks when not executed by an artist or commissioned as a public artwork;
- Advertising, branding, corporate signage, marketing and affiliate forms of corporate promotional media;
- General community development activities that do not include cultural or artistic components;
- Activities which compromise artist moral rights, artist copyright and/or ICIP; and
- Upgrades to residential and other forms of private property, artistic or otherwise.

3.1 LARRAKIA RECOGNITION

City of Darwin recognises the importance of encouraging artistic works and cultural development programming which reflect Darwin's diverse cultural identity, particularly its First Nations identity in the Larrakia people. Council recognises the Larrakia people, their perspectives and concerns in the evaluation, planning, design and development of public art, public programming, and public spaces more generally.

3.2 ENGAGEMENT OF ARTISTS

City of Darwin will ensure that, where practicable, local artists will be engaged at the inception of all public projects to ensure art is accommodated, budgeted, and appropriately integrated from the concept design phase onward. Engaging local artists within the design phase establishes strong working relationships and mutual respect between project stakeholders, ensures quality implementation, and delivers best practice outcomes for public art. Council endeavors to follow national industry 'percentage for arts' guidelines by setting aside a public art budget of 1.5 - 2% of the project total for new works totaling \$1 million or more.

3.3 FREEDOM OF ARTISTIC EXPRESSION

Freedom of artistic expression will be maintained in all Council projects where the creative product in question does not cause harm, does not cause offence to a reasonable person, and does not conflict with City of Darwin's culture and values (CARES values). Public feedback regarding artworks commissioned or exhibited by Council is to be lodged through the process outlined in City of Darwin's Customer Feedback Policy. Artworks will not be altered, censored, or destroyed due to individual complaints received citing difference of aesthetic taste, creative preference, location or position of works, or coherence with individual belief systems.

3.4 ARTIST MORAL RIGHTS

City of Darwin recognises the right of artists engaged by Council to hold moral rights over their work. Moral rights include the right to attribution of authorship, the right to not have the authorship of a work falsely attributed, and the right to integrity of authorship (against derogatory treatment of an artwork). Moral rights are held by an artist over their artwork until the artist dies. City of Darwin will ensure artists engaged by Council will be attributed for their works in wording endorsed by the artist and formalised within the schedule attached to their copyright contract. City of Darwin will not add, crop, alter or destroy the work without obtaining the artist's prior written consent.



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3.5 ARTIST COPYRIGHT

City of Darwin recognises artist rights in relation to copyright ownership over their artwork and intellectual property. Artists retain full rights of ownership to works commissioned by Council. Where relevant, reimbursement for copyright usage will be negotiated on a case-by-case basis, determined by the nature of the artwork in question, the public profile of its usage and the seniority of the artist. Copyright usage and reimbursement is negotiated separately and additionally to negotiations for the commissioning, usage, and payment for works acquired.

3.6 INDIGENOUS CULTURAL AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (ICIP)

In addition to artist copyright, City of Darwin recognises the specificity of Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property (ICIP) rights. ICIP acknowledges that imagery and symbols contained in some works of art by First Nations artists carry meaning for a wider cultural group and therefore ownership of concepts becomes shared between the artist and that group. Council is committed to upholding ICIP by not allowing anything to be done that may denigrate or damage ICIP in the works it uses or commissions. If requested by the artist, Council will use best efforts to ensure that the contribution of a First Nations community is acknowledged by including a notice of custodial interest within the schedule attached to the artist's copyright contract.

3.7 COMMISSIONED PUBLIC ART**3.7.1 Existing Public Art**

Council commissions public art through its THRIVE Public Art Program. This program forms Council's ongoing commitment to funding public art with a clear and coherent overarching framework. In this space, Council plays the role of provider, funder, regulator partner, facilitator, and advocate, teaming local artists with experienced public art consultants through an expression of interest process. THRIVE delivers contemporary, vibrant, and quality works of public art which respond to and activate selected locations for the wider benefit of Darwin residents and visitors. THRIVE is funded through City of Darwin's dedicated public art budget.

3.7.2 Proposed Public Art

Suggestions for public art commissions on Council managed land by Elected Members, Council staff, and the public are assessed on a case-by-case basis, within the capacities and commitments of the public art budget.

Council does not commission public art (including murals or street art) for private (i.e. non-Council owned) properties unless wide community benefit and alignment to both arts and cultural development and Council-wide strategic documents can be demonstrated.

3.8 ARTWORK DONATIONS AND BEQUESTS

City of Darwin may be offered donations and gifts of existing artworks, sculptures, memorials and other objects or be offered funds or sponsorship to have new works of art produced. Given variations in quality and relevance, coupled with ongoing responsibility and maintenance requirements, Council does not encourage and will not automatically accept a gift or donation of public art. Council reserves the right to decline the offer of any work which does not meet safety, aesthetic, structural or durability requirements.

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3.9 LEGAL STREET ART SPACES

Council distinguishes between legal street art, which is a legitimate art practice undertaken with the sanction of the property owner, and illegal graffiti which is the vandalism of property. Council aims to facilitate, maintain, and promote legal street art spaces on designated Council-owned infrastructure for the benefit of local and visiting artists and the Darwin community.

Legal street art spaces managed by Council include:

- Skate Park, Jingili Water Gardens

3.10 REMOVAL, RELOCATION AND DECOMMISSIONING

Artworks (particularly public artworks) have a finite lifespan which Council assesses on an individual basis. This assessment determines the 'useful life' of an artwork and is stipulated in Council's asset registry. Council endeavors to fulfil all requirements for upkeep of its public art assets but reserves the right to decommission a work when:

- The work is no longer relevant to its site or purpose;
- The work poses a risk to public safety;
- The work poses a risk to the environment; and/or
- There is deterioration or damage to the work beyond reasonable repair.

Artist moral rights will be adhered to by all Council staff when processing the removal, relocation or decommissioning of an artwork under its ownership.

4 DEFINITIONS

Arts and Cultural Development: Visual art, music, dance, writing, craft, theatre, media art, interdisciplinary practice, digital art and design, public art, cultural events and festivals, exhibitions, community cultural development activities, and preservation of knowledge, stories, heritage and collections.

Public Art: A public artwork is an artwork in any medium, planned and executed outside a gallery context and intended specifically for exhibition within public space. Public art can include permanent works, temporary works, stand-alone works, site-specific installation, integrated works into another public structure, works applied to a separate surface or structure (this includes murals, street art, vinyl transfers), memorials which include an artistic component, performance-based works, sound-based works, digital works, kinetic works (works that move) and works which experiment with scale (very large or very small).

Community Art: Community art is artistic activity that is based in a community setting, characterised by interaction or dialogue with the community and often involving a professional artist collaborating with people who may not otherwise engage in the arts.

Community Development: Community development is a process where community members are supported by agencies to identify and take collective action on issues which are important to them. Community development empowers community members and creates stronger and more connected communities.

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Street Art: Street art is a legitimate and distinct art form from graffiti. It is characterised by its obtaining of consent from property owners for its purposes.

Indigenous Cultural Intellectual Property (ICIP): ICIP refers to all the rights that Indigenous people have, and want to have, to protect their traditional arts and culture. Sometimes the words “Cultural Heritage” are used to mean the same thing.

First Nations: First Nations refer to culturally distinct ethnic groups who are indigenous to a particular place. There are over 500 First Nations clan groups or ‘nations’ within Australia, which is the land mass of First Nations people referred to in this Policy.

Larrakia: The recognised traditional owners of the Darwin and Palmerston area.

5 LEGISLATIVE REFERENCES

Local Government Act 2019
Darwin City Council By-Laws 1994
Copyright Act 1968

6 PROCEDURES / RELATED DOCUMENTS

City of Darwin Public Art Pilot Plan 2016
City of Darwin Arts Plan 2015 – 2020
City of Darwin Community Inclusion Policy 008
City of Darwin Public Art Guidelines 2015

7 RESPONSIBILITY / APPLICATION

Council staff are responsible for ensuring that artists engaged by City of Darwin are aware of this policy, its definitions, references, and related documents.

The General Manager Community and Regulatory Services is responsible for ensuring this policy is understood and adhered to by all Council staff.

The General Manager, Community and Regulatory Services is responsible for the strategic oversight and management of Council's arts and cultural development activities, programs, promotion, and the implementation of this policy.

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14.4 REVIEW OF POLICY 043 – MEETINGS, MEETING PROCEDURE AND COMMITTEES

Author: Executive Manager Governance Strategy & Performance

Authoriser: General Manager Government Relations & External Affairs

Attachments: 1. Policy 043 - Meetings, Meeting Procedure and Committees - Current [↓](#)
2. Policy 043 - Meetings - Revised [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the item be taken off the table and be considered as the next item of business.
2. THAT the report entitled Review of Policy 043 – Meetings, Meeting Procedure and Committees be received and noted.
3. THAT Council adopts Policy 043 – Meetings to take effect from 1 July 2021.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present a revised Policy, Policy 043 – Meetings.

KEY ISSUES

- Policy 043 – Meetings, Meeting Procedures and Committees is due for review.
- The new Local Government Act 2019 commences on 1 July 2021.
- Feedback from a Governance workshop conducted in November 2020 has been factored into this review and amendments to operational processes have occurred.

DISCUSSION

Policy 043 Meetings, Meeting Procedures & Committees was first adopted in 2010 and addresses:

- The establishment of Committees, their terms of reference, composition and method of determining membership
- Annual Committee Membership
- Membership of External Bodies
- Order of Business at Meetings
- Requirements for Business Papers
- Meeting procedures established in addition to those set forth in the Local Government Act and By-laws for Council and Committee Meetings.

Over the last 12 months, Council officers have worked with elected members to revise this policy. The renewed policy takes into account the changes to the Local Government Act 2019 which will commence on 1 July 2021.

The revised policy also takes into account the changes to the new City of Darwin By-Laws 2021 – yet to commence.

More recently, Elected Members raised the need to clarify the definitions associated with various positions put forward for Council resolution, i.e. receive and note, adopt, in-principle agreement / support. As a result, some example definitions have been provided at Attachment 3. If supported, these will be incorporated into the policy prior to presentation to Council on 29 June 2021.

Emphasis has been placed on consistency throughout the document including procedure and timeframes. For example, where possible, requirements to submit / apply to present at a Council meeting have all been listed as 5 days prior to the meeting for consistency purposes. This also better aligns with the administration of Council and will in the longer-term lead to efficiencies in agenda preparation.

Government Relations and External Affairs will provide an overview of key changes to the briefing session on 8 June 2021

Executive Manager Governance, Strategy and Performance has worked closely with the Department of Local Government to re-draft this policy.

Manager Legislation and Policy (DLG), Ethan Redshaw will be officially thanked for his contribution to this work.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

At the 10 November 2020 meeting Council resolved:

14.2 REVIEW OF POLICY 043 MEETINGS, MEETING PROCEDURES AND COMMITTEES

MOTION ON TABLE FROM 27 OCTOBER 2020

1. *THAT the report entitled review of Policy No. 043 Meetings, Meeting Procedures and Committees be received and noted.*
2. *THAT Council endorse that Part 7, Council meetings and procedures, of the Darwin City Council By-Laws be rescinded and undertake the amendment process.*
3. *THAT City of Darwin Policy No. 043 - Meetings, Meeting Procedures and Committees be rescinded.*
4. *THAT Council adopt Policy - Code of Meeting Practice, as contained in Attachment 2.*

RESOLUTION ORD246/20

Moved: Alderman Simon Niblock

Seconded: Alderman George Lambrinidis

That this item lay on the table until it is workshopped.

Carried 8/5

RESOLUTION ORD356/20

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Alderman Emma Young

1. *THAT this item be taken off the table and considered as the next item of business.*

CARRIED 6/5

RESOLUTION ORD357/20 Moved: Alderman Mick Palmer Seconded: Alderman Peter Pangquee 1. THAT the report entitled review of Policy No. 043 Meetings, Meeting Procedures and Committees be received and noted. 2. THAT the review of Policy 043 - Meetings, Meeting Procedures and Committees does not proceed at this time and is brought to Council by July 2021. <div style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 11/0</div>	
STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	6 Governance Framework 6.3 Decision Making and Management
CRITICAL DATES	July 2021 This matter is laying on the table with a requirement to present a revised policy by July 2021. The new Local Government Act 2019 commences 1 July 2021.
BUDGET / FINANCIAL	Nil
RISK ASSESSMENT	Assets & Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Environment & Waste <input type="checkbox"/> Financial <input type="checkbox"/> Info Comms & Tech <input type="checkbox"/> Legal & Compliance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ops & Service Delivery <input type="checkbox"/> Reputation & Brand <input type="checkbox"/> Work Health & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> In accordance with City of Darwin Risk Management Framework, the post treatment, mitigation risk is: Very Low Risks identified, in relation to this report, will be managed via Council's Legislative Compliance Framework
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	Legislation: Local Government Act 2019 Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2021 (yet to commence) City of Darwin By-Laws 2021 (yet to commence) Policy: Old Policy 043 – Meetings, Meeting Procedure and Committees (Attachment 1) New Policy 043 – Meetings (Attachment 2)
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	N/A
CONSULTATION & ENGAGEMENT	Engagement Level: Involve Tactics: Elected member workshops and briefing sessions

COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR THIS INITIATIVE	Internal Elected members Strategic Direction Group External Department of Local Government George Roussos Legal
PLACE SCORE STATEMENT	N/A
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	<p>The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).</p>

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Title: Meetings, Meeting Procedures and Committees
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3	21\0009	16/04/2012	General amendment adopted by Council
4	21\1250	16/07/2013	Addendum to Policy – Webcasting of Council's Meetings
5	21\2207	27/05/2014	Amendment to electronic meeting attendance.
6	21/574	30/10/2012	Amended to remove Climate Change & Environment Advisory Committee
7	21\5368	16/05/2017	General amendments adopted by Council, including Webcasting Addendum merged into Policy Statement.
8	22\0011	12/09/2017	Council policy on casting vote endorsed.

1 Policy Summary

This Policy addresses:

- The establishment of Committees, their terms of reference, composition and method of determining membership
- Annual Committee Membership
- Membership of External Bodies
- Order of Business at Meetings
- Requirements for Business Papers
- Meeting Procedures established in addition to those set forth in the Local Government Act and By-laws for Council and Committee meetings.

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2 Policy Objectives

The objective of this Policy is to provide a clear, transparent framework for the effective conduct of the business of the Council and for the governing of Council and Committee meetings.

3 Background

The Council is a body corporate. It makes its decisions at Council meetings and has chosen to appoint a number of Committees to more effectively manage the business of the City. Effective meetings are a fundamental requirement for good governance.

By establishing clear policies the Council seeks to provide a known, unambiguous, consistent and transparent framework for the conduct of Council and Committee meetings.

Having clear terms of reference for members and the Committees reduces the potential for conflict and uncertainty and provide Members, staff and each Committee with a clear understanding of the Council's expectations of the procedures to be followed.

4 Policy Statement

Part A – Establishment of Committees

Pursuant to Part 5.2 of the Local Government Act 2008 the Council determines the nature of each of the types of Committees, as follows:

- i. An *Executive Committee* shall carry out, on behalf of the council, functions delegated to it by the council.
- ii. An *Advisory Committee* shall provide advice to the Council on assigned functions and shall report to Council through an *Executive Committee*. Membership shall be drawn from Members of the Council, members of the public and Council staff.

Power to make recommendations is undertaken at the commencement of each Council term.

Part B - Elected Members Committee Booklet

Council adopts as policy the Elected Members Committee Booklet annually as contained in **Attachment A** which includes:

- Committees
- Membership
- Purpose
- Meeting Frequency

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- Term of Appointments and Appointment Authority, and
- Delegations

This booklet is updated administratively as required.

Part C - Council Meetings

Scheduling of Council and Committee Meetings

The dates, times and places of all ordinary Council and Committee meetings will be determined annually in advance at a November Ordinary Meeting of Council. The resolution will constitute notice of those scheduled meetings in compliance with Section 59 of the Local Government Act.

That in the year of General Council Elections, the Council shall review meeting dates and times at no later than the June or July meeting of the Council in that year.

The scheduled date or time of Council meetings may be changed in accordance with the following:

Ordinary Meetings of the Council will be scheduled for:

- the Tuesday of the week preceding the normal meeting times of the Executive Committees and;
- the last Tuesday of each month.

The scheduled date or time of any Ordinary Meeting of Council will be changed in circumstances where it would be inappropriate to conduct the meeting in accordance with the schedule, such as prior knowledge that a quorum will not exist or due to a public holiday. If not by Council resolution, or a request by the majority of Elected Members, a change will be approved by the Lord Mayor exercising discretion after consultation with a majority of Aldermen. A fair decision in accordance with the information available will then be made by the Lord Mayor.

In the event of a cyclone warning, Council and Committee meetings will be cancelled at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer in consultation with the Lord Mayor.

Business Papers

The content of Elected Members and Public Business Papers for Ordinary Council meetings will be as follows:

Ordinary Council Meetings

- Confidential Business Papers
 - Notice of meeting
 - Notices of motion
 - Index

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- Open and Confidential Committee recommendations (including a copy of the minutes of each Committee)
 - Officers reports - open and confidential
- Public Business Papers
 - Notice of the meeting;
 - Index
 - Open Committee recommendations (including a copy of the minutes of each Committee)
 - Officers reports - open

Availability of Business Papers

Council will make open Ordinary Council Meeting business papers available for the information of the media and public by 5.00pm on the Friday preceding the meeting.

Copies of open business papers will be uploaded to the City of Darwin website and forwarded to the Customer Service Centre at the Civic Centre and Council's four public libraries. A minimum of two copies will be made available for the public gallery at the meetings.

Confidential Business Papers

In an endeavour to protect confidentiality and at the same time facilitate the administration of confidential matters, Council restricts the distribution of confidential Council business papers.

Procedure

Normal 'Confidential' Council and Committee agenda, reports and minutes will be restricted to:

- Lord Mayor
- Aldermen
- Chief Executive Officer
- General Manager City Life
- General Manager City Operations
- General Manager City Futures
- General Manager City Performance
- Executive Manager
- Committee Administrator
- Senior Managers who have submitted reports

Highly sensitive confidential Council and Committee agendas, reports and minutes will be restricted to:

- Lord Mayor
- Aldermen
- Chief Executive Officer

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This is usually restricted to the Chief Executive Officer's Performance Evaluation. Highly sensitive confidential Council and Committee agendas, reports and minutes will be delivered in sealed envelopes.

Attendance by Members – Audio-visual

Pursuant to Section 61(4) of the Local Government Act 2008, the Council, with prior permission, will allow Elected Members to attend Ordinary Council, Committee Meetings, Special Council meetings and Confidential Council workshops by means of an electronic conferencing system and will be recorded as present at a meeting.

Elected Members are to apply for Electronic Meeting Attendance at the time of seeking Leave of Absence.

Elected Members can be granted Electronic Meeting Attendance with a shorter period of notification should unforeseen circumstances arise.

Casting Vote by the Chair

This Policy is in accordance with Sections 61(6) of the Local Government Act 2008, for the purposes of allowing the Chair of Council Meetings to exercise a second or casting vote in the event that there is an equality of votes on a matter.

The Chair, by definition in accordance with Section 61 (1) of the Act, is the Chair of a meeting of a Council Meeting (not Committee's), being the Principal Member (Lord Mayor). If the Lord Mayor is absent, then the Deputy Principal Member (Deputy Lord Mayor). If the Deputy Lord Mayor is also absent, then an Acting Principal Member appointed to Chair the meeting.

That pursuant to Sections 61(6) of the Local Government Act, it be a policy of the Council that the Chair of meetings of the Council shall have a second or casting vote where there is an equality of votes on a matter before the Council.

This policy is reviewed at the beginning of each term of Council.

Deputy Lord Mayor

One of the 12 Aldermen is elected as Deputy Lord Mayor for a period of four months with the intention being that each Alderman be given the opportunity to act for a period of four months, during the term of the Council.

Council undertakes election of the Deputy Lord Mayor in accordance with Policy No. 015 - Deputy Lord Mayor, within the first month of the council term.

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Election Process for Membership of Council's Executive and Standing Committees, and Outside Committees

The election process for membership of Council's Standing Committees will be as follows:

1. A list of nominations will be called from Aldermen for the positions of members of the various Committees.
2. Aldermen will be given the opportunity to change their nominations as members of one Committee in preference for another Committee.
3. Any election necessary will be by show of hands or secret ballot if so decided unanimously by Council, and, unless directed otherwise by the Council, the Chief Executive Officer will not disclose the voting details, in the case of a secret ballot.
4. If necessary, an election for membership for positions on the Committees will be held.
5. Elections will be held in the following order:
 - i. Executive Committees (alphabetical order)
 - ii. Advisory Committees (alphabetical order)
 - iii. Outside Committees (as determined by Council)
6. In the event of there not being enough nominations to fill the positions on any Committee, those Aldermen nominated will be elected to that particular Committee with the remaining members being determined after the composition of the remaining Committees has been determined.
7. The Lord Mayor and Aldermen, in voting for membership of a Committee will write down the names of candidates equivalent to the number of positions to be filled.
8. In the event of a tied vote, the Lord Mayor, as Chair, will draw the names of the nominees so tied from a container until the number of names so drawn is sufficient to resolve the tied situation with the names so drawn being the successful nominees.
9. In the event of there being vacancies on any Committee following this process, such vacancies will be filled by resolution of the Council, taking account of the guidelines for composition of Committees.

Notice of Motion

Members may give written notice to the CEO by 10.00 am on the Thursday preceding the Council meeting of a motion proposed to be moved at the meeting.

The CEO shall include the Notice of Motion on the agenda.

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Order of Business

The Order of Business at Ordinary Council Meetings follows:

First Ordinary Meeting	Second Ordinary Meeting
Acknowledgement of Country*	Acknowledgement of Country*
The Lord's Prayer	The Lord's Prayer
Apologies and Leave of Absence	Apologies and Leave of Absence
Electronic Meeting Attendance	Electronic Meeting Attendance
Declaration of Interest of Members and Staff	Declaration of Interest of Members and Staff
Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Arising 	Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Arising
Matters of Public Importance	Matters of Public Importance
Deputations and Briefings	Deputations and Briefings
Public Question Time	Public Question Time
Confidential Items	Confidential Items
Petitions	Petitions
Notices of Motion	Notices of Motion

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	Executive Committee Reports
Officers Reports	Officers Reports
Town Planning Reports	Town Planning Reports
Information Items and Correspondence Received	Information Items and Correspondence Received
Reports of Representatives	Reports of Representatives
Questions by Members	Questions by Members
General Business	General Business
Closure of Meeting to the Public	Closure of Meeting to the Public
Adjournment of the Meeting (Media Liaison)	Adjournment of the Meeting (Media Liaison)
<u>Confidential Order of Business</u>	<u>Confidential Order of Business</u>
Resumption of Meeting for Confidential Business	Resumption of Meeting for Confidential Business
Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Confidential Meeting(s) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business Arising 	Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Confidential Meeting(s) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business Arising
Deputations and Briefings	Deputations and Briefings
Notices of Motion	Notices of Motion

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	Executive Committee Reports
Officers Reports (including Town Planning)	Officers Reports (including Town Planning)
Information Items and Correspondence Received	Information Items and Correspondence Received
Moving of Confidential Decisions & Supporting Documentation after Discussion	Moving of Confidential Decisions & Supporting Documentation after Discussion
Questions by Members	Questions by Members
General Business (Confidential)	General Business (Confidential)
Closure of Meeting	Closure of Meeting

Acknowledgment of Country

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

We pay our respects to all Larrakia people both past and present.

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

Apologies and Leave of Absence

Single Meeting

A Member of the Council who becomes aware of a situation or circumstance that will prevent that member's attendance at a meeting should notify the Chief Executive Officer to register their apology at the meeting.

Multiple Meetings

A member of the Council who is aware of circumstances that will prevent attendance at more than one meeting may:

- a) submit a written request for leave of absence with such request detailing the inclusive dates of the absence. The written requests will be included on the agenda or tabled at a meeting of the Council prior to the period of absence commencing.

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- b) notify the Chief Executive Officer of their absence on a meeting-by-meeting basis as an apology for a single meeting.

Council has an expectation that, for a range of operational reasons, members will, wherever possible, seek leave of absence for multiple meetings in advance.

Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor

In order to comply with the Local Government Act and appoint an Acting Lord Mayor when it becomes known that both the Lord Mayor and the Deputy Lord Mayor will be unavailable, the Council shall be made aware of the known absence or other inability to perform the functions of Lord Mayor or Deputy Lord Mayor in sufficient time to enable the Council to consider and appoint an Alderman to be Acting Lord Mayor.

Matters of Public Importance

These matters are considered at Ordinary Council Meetings if:

- an Alderman identifies the matter and provides brief comment on why it should be admitted to the meeting.
- the Lord Mayor calls for a motion to admit the item

If the motion is carried, normal meeting procedure and rules of debate will apply to a motion proposed by an Alderman to deal with the admitted item.

If the motion to admit is lost the matter shall not be discussed further at that meeting.

Public Question Time

A Public Question Time will be held within each Ordinary Council Meeting.

All questions to be asked at Public Question Time will be submitted in accordance with the following guidelines:

- Members of the public are able to submit public questions to the Council which are considered at the Ordinary Council Meetings each month.
- All public questions will be in the hands of the Chief Executive Officer in writing by 12:00 noon the business day prior to the Ordinary Council meetings, to allow time for a response to be provided.
- Public questions may be lodged with Council by facsimile machine, email or letter.
- Debate or discussion on a response is not permitted.
- Questions may be taken on notice.

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Questions will be forwarded upon receipt to the relevant department head for preparation of a response. Copies of questions and answers will be delivered to Elected Members prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Copies of questions will be tabled at the meeting and uploaded onto the City of Darwin website prior to the meeting.

Public Question Time will occur prior to the reception of the Committee reports and Officers Reports and be not more than thirty (30) minutes duration.

Responses only will be read by the Chief Executive Officer.

The Chief Executive Officer may refuse to accept a question for the purpose of Public Question Time if:

- the question is in the same nature as a matter to be discussed at the meeting that night and in the opinion of the Chief Executive Officer, Council's consideration of the matter may be prejudiced, or
- the questioner has submitted the same or a substantially similar question (in meaning or content) to one that he/she has asked and received a reply to in the previous three months, or
- the question pertains to a matter prescribed as confidential,
- the question is in the nature of an administrative query, and the Chief Executive Officer considers it appropriate to respond administratively.
- for any reason, the Chief Executive Officer deems the question to be inappropriate for answering.

In instances where the Chief Executive Officer refuses to accept a question for the purpose of Public Question Time, the questioner will be advised of the reasons for such action.

The person asking the question must be in attendance at Public Question Time for the answers to be read out at the Ordinary Meeting otherwise the answer will only be tabled in the minutes. The response will be forwarded to the person asking the question in writing following the meeting.

Petitions

Members of public can present petitions to the City of Darwin on community issues that they would like to see addressed. Examples of issues followed up by petitions could be a request for a walkway closure or new equipment for a suburban Council playground.

Petitions to Council will be presented and dealt with in accordance with By Law 153.

Petitions must be presented by an Alderman.

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Once a petition is received at an Ordinary Council Meeting it is formally accepted and referred to the relevant Executive Committee for consideration.

Any committee recommendations in relation to the petition will go to the next full meeting of the Council for a decision.

Notices of Motion

Notices of Motion which may include rescission motions or matters for consideration, of which Notice of Business has been given by a Member in accordance with By Law 151, will be dealt with in accordance with the normal rules of debate including the motion being moved and seconded before it is debated.

Committee Reports

Each Committee Report will be taken separately and dealt with in accordance with the following procedure:

- The Committee Chair will move the receipt and adoption of the Committee Report and will call on individual Aldermen to nominate the particular item numbers he or she wishes to have withdrawn for consideration. This is to be done without comment or debate.
- The Committee Chair will then put the receipt and adoption of the remaining Committee Recommendations to the vote and these are then taken as Carried by General Consent.
- The Committee Chair, taking each withdrawn item in numerical order, will first invite a mover and seconder for the Committee's recommendation in the order that the status and integrity of such recommendation will be maintained.

Officer's Reports

Officer's Reports, including Town Planning, referred to the meeting by the Lord Mayor or the Chief Executive Officer will be dealt with in accordance with the normal rules of debate including the motion being moved and seconded before it is debated.

Representative's Reports

The Lord Mayor will invite each Alderman in turn to report to Council on any outside Committee or organisation on which the member represents Council. The reports will be confined to matters of substance which the member believes is of interest to Council and up to 5 minutes only will be allowed for reports in respect of each particular Committee or organisation.

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Questions by Members

This section allows members to ask questions of each other and staff. No debate is to be allowed on questions and members are to appreciate that some detailed questions may need to be put on notice.

General Business

The Lord Mayor will invite Aldermen to introduce any General Business. The procedure will be that any general business must be introduced by the moving of a motion. The normal rules of debate will then apply with the motion only being discussed if seconded. Any questions on various matters should be asked outside of the meeting.

Matters to be raised in the General Business section at an Ordinary Council Meeting are to be limited to issues of a minor nature. Major issues are required to be presented by a Notice of Motion in accordance with By-Law No. 151 of the City of Darwin By-Laws. Issues raised purely for the information of Council or to seek reference to an appropriate Council committee may be raised under the General Business section of the meeting.

Where matters are raised by an elected member in General Business which do not result in a motion, these matters may be recorded if the Elected Member so requires.

Meal Break

A meal break will be held at the conclusion of Ordinary Council Meetings or by no later than 8:00 pm.

Closure of the Meeting to the Public

Resolution to close the meeting to the public to consider certain matters prescribed as confidential.

Adjournment of Meeting and Media Liaison

Break for media liaison.

Recording of Voting

The names of members voting for or against motions at Council Meetings will only be recorded as the result of a division or upon request from individual members.

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Rescission Motions

A Notice of Motion to rescind or alter a resolution of the Council should be in the hands of the Lord Mayor and Aldermen at least four business days prior to the meeting at which it is to be considered.

Late Reports

Late reports to Council Meetings should only be admitted on the following grounds:

- Either a decision on a matter of reasonable importance is required by an outside party, or an important internal matter which was unforeseen and, in both cases, could not reasonably wait until the next meeting.
- Where some prompt action is required in the interests of public relations to offset, counter or correct some unfavourable publicity or action against Council.

The Lord Mayor or the Chief Executive Officer will have the final say as to the submission of late reports to Council.

Visitors

As a matter of protocol any visitor to a Council meeting from another local government, or Territory, State or Federal jurisdiction, whether formal or informal, will be acknowledged, recorded in the minutes and introduced to Council at the beginning of the meeting.

Disabled Persons Attendance

Council will reimburse the travel costs of disabled people attending formal Council and Committee meetings.

PART D - COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee meetings will be conducted as per Part C - Council Meetings.

Changing the Time of Meetings

The scheduled date/time of Committee Meetings will be changed in circumstances where it would be inappropriate to conduct the meeting in accordance with the schedule. Any such request will be made to the Chair of the Committee, along with reasons for the proposed change. If in agreement, the Chair of the Committee will advise the Chief Executive Officer of the proposed date, time and place of the rescheduled meeting.

The Chief Executive Officer will consult with members of that Committee to seek agreement to the proposed change. This process will be followed until such time as agreement is reached.

Policy



Attendance of Observers

Council's Policy on Observers at Committee meetings will be as follows:

- Chairs of Committees will invite elected member observers present at the meeting to identify items on the agenda they have an interest in.
- Those items will be withdrawn for discussion by the meeting.
- Elected Member observers will have the opportunity to speak but not vote as those items are dealt with (either in the order of the agenda, or with the approval of the meeting immediately following the commencement of the business of the meeting).

Where attendance at a meeting is planned by a non-committee Elected Member, they are encouraged to notify the Chairman and identify the areas of interest prior to the meeting.

Status of Motions

In situations where a committee of Council is unable to reach a decision on a matter before it, that matter is to be referred to the Council as:

- a recommendation submitted for the purpose of debate, or
- a matter referred to Council by a committee for consideration.

With the exception of matters referred to Council or a committee of Council for information only, all matters shall be determined by a resolution clearly setting out a decision on the matter.

Substitute Members

Where a Committee Alderman is aware of a forthcoming absence from a Committee meeting that may preclude quorum from being attained, the Alderman should notify the Chief Executive Officer in time to make arrangements for a substitute elected member/s to attend the Committee meeting to ensure a quorum.

Advisory Committee Substitute Members

Where Council has established an Advisory Committee and has appointed members to those committees representing various community groups or organisations, those groups or organisations will appoint a substitute member of the committee for attendance at such meetings of the management or advisory committees when the appointed member is absent.

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Terms of Reference

These are set out in the Elected Members Committee Booklet (**Attachment A**).

Distribution of Business Papers including Confidential Business

Refer section dealing with Council Meetings

Part E - Meeting Procedures General

Deputations & Presentations

Purpose: To establish a framework and protocol for delegations to Council/Committees and for making presentations.

Definition:

Deputation where 1 (one) or more people are to address the Council/Committees on a matter. A delegation will normally relate to a matter before the Council which the Council is to make a decision on.

Presentation where 1 (one) or more people are to make a presentation to the Council/Committees on a matter. A presentation will, as a rule, supply the Council with information which requires only to be received and noted.

Materials a) Handouts

A hard copy of any presentation material is to be provided the week before the meeting so that it can be circulated to Elected Members.

This material may include:

- i. PowerPoint
- ii. Reports
- iii. Plans, etc

Electronic presentations should be supplied to the CEO's office prior to the meeting.

b) Displays

Material to be on display must be submitted to the CEO's office in sufficient time to allow it to be displayed prior to the meeting commencing.

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Time Allowed: As a general rule each delegation/presentation will be allowed 15 minutes followed by questions and discussions.

The Council may allow more time should it wish to be more informed.

Protocols:

A. Council/Committee

- i). The Council or Committee shall make every effort to make members of the delegation or presenters feel welcome and to extend courtesy to them.
- ii). Questions shall be framed and asked in a polite manner.

B. Presenters, etc

- i). When addressing the Council/Committee, presenters shall, at all times, be polite and shall keep the presentation as brief as possible.

Guidelines to Presenters:

- i). Keep the presentation as brief as possible and avoid, wherever possible, repeating what has already been provided in writing.
- ii). Be clear and precise as to what you are seeking
- iii). Provide advance copies of materials/handouts

Mobile Phones

It is requested that Elected Members refrain from the use and operation of mobile telephones whilst Council and Committees are meeting but should there be a need to receive calls, that Aldermen turn their mobile telephones onto silent mode.

Open Forums

Council will hold 30 minute open forum public question times immediately prior to each 2nd Ordinary Council Meeting, where questions from the public may be directed in an informal but orderly manner through the chair and answers provided by Elected Members and staff.

School Visits

Council encourages visits by schools to City of Darwin and the conduct of information sessions on the roles and responsibilities of Local Government.

Policy



Part F - Webcasting of Council Meetings

Summary

This Policy provides standards and guidelines for the transparent management of webcasting of the Open Section of Council meetings. The Policy applies to Ordinary Council meetings to be held in Council Chambers, Harry Chan Ave, Darwin.

Objectives

The objective of this section is to establish a framework governing the webcasting of Council meetings.

Background

City of Darwin holds two monthly Ordinary Council Meetings. These meetings are held in Council Chambers at the Civic Centre, Darwin, with the main meeting (2nd Ordinary Council Meeting) being held on the last Tuesday of each month. The 1st Ordinary Council Meeting is scheduled two weeks prior.

Pursuant to Section 65(1) of the Local Government Act 2012, Council meetings are open to the public. In accordance with Council's strategic objectives to encourage community participation in the effective and responsible governance of the municipality and to enable greater community involvement in Council meetings, Council has installed webcast equipment in Chambers for the live streaming, or webcasting, of Ordinary Council Meetings over the Internet. Webcasting meetings will also raise community awareness and understanding of the decision making process in Council.

Policy Statement

1. Notify Audience of Webcast

At the commencement of each Ordinary Council Meeting held in Chambers, the Chief Executive Officer or his delegate shall notify all those present, including Elected Members, City of Darwin staff members, members of the public in the gallery and the media, that the meeting will be webcast on the Internet. All those present will also be advised that the webcast will last the full length of the Open Section of the meeting unless terminated in accordance with this policy.

The Chief Executive Officer or his delegate will also ensure appropriate prior notification that the meeting is to be webcast is provided in the form of signage and notices at the entry to the Council Chamber.

The visual recording equipment will be configured to avoid coverage of the public gallery area in the webcast.

2. Authority to Terminate

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Subject to clause 3 below, the Chief Executive Officer or his delegate has the discretion and authority at any time to direct webcasting of the meeting be terminated if his or the Meeting's judicious assessment deem continuation of webcasting may prejudice the Meeting or infringe the rights or safety of an individual.

3. *Closure of Meeting to the Public*

If pursuant to Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act 2012, the public may be excluded while business of a kind classified by the regulations as confidential business is being considered, the webcasting of the meeting shall be terminated.

5 Legislation, terminology and references

Legislation

City of Darwin By-Laws
Northern Territory Local Government Act
Northern Territory Regulations

Terminology

Executive Leadership Team includes the City of Darwin Chief Executive Officer and General Managers.

Staff includes council employees, contractors, volunteers and all others performing work on behalf of council.

References are documents which are relevant to any policy or procedure in order to assist people to understand apply or comply with, the policy.

References

Procedures for Ordinary Council Agendas & Minutes
Meeting Procedures Code of Practice for Council and Committee Meetings
Meeting Procedures Handbook for Council and Committee Meetings
City of Darwin Policy No 014 - Code of Conduct - Elected Members
City of Darwin Policy No 015 - Deputy Lord Mayor
City of Darwin Policy No 018 - Lord Mayor
City of Darwin Policy No 030 - Governance - General
City of Darwin Policy No 036 - Caretaker Period

6 Implementation and delegation

Delegations specific to each Committee are incorporated with the Terms of Reference and membership requirements for that Committee – refer to the Elected Members Committee Booklet.

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Chief Executive Officer

The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for implementing the practices outlined in this policy.

Office of the Chief Executive

The Office of the Chief Executive is responsible for carrying out the administrative requirements.

7 Evaluation and review

This policy is to be reviewed once per term of Council.



Elected Members Committee Booklet 2020/2021

As at 30 June 2020



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**Notes**

The *Local Government Act* provides Council with authority to create committees:

- Executive Committees that can carry out functions delegated by the Council; and
- Advisory Committees that report through Executive Committees.

Council makes appointments to Committees for the financial year period each year.

Administrative changes are made to the Council Committee Booklet as required throughout the year.



LORD MAYOR

The Right Worshipful, The Lord Mayor
The Honourable Kon Vatskalis














DEPUTY LORD MAYOR

In accordance with Part 4.3 of the Local Government Act and Council Policy No. 015, one of the 12 Alderman are elected as Deputy Lord Mayor for a period of four months with the intention being that each Alderman be given the opportunity to act for a period of five months and two weeks, during the term of the 22nd Council.



ELECTED MEMBERS

Chan Ward		Lyons Ward	
Robin Knox		Mick Palmer	
Peter Pangquee		Simon Niblock	
Emma Young		Paul Arnold	
Richardson Ward		Waters Ward	
Rebecca Want de Rowe		Justine Glover	
Jimmy Bouhoris		Andrew Arthur	
George Lambrinidis		Vacant	



CITY OF DARWIN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES



ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Membership:

Membership will comprise of Elected Members only.

- Lord Mayor
- Alderman Justine Glover
- Alderman Simon Niblock
- Alderman Emma Young

All other Alderman appointed as Alternates

Delegation:

THAT effective as of 26 September 2017 Council, pursuant to Section 32 (2)(b) of the *Local Government Act*, hereby delegates to the Administrative Review Committee the power to make recommendations to Council and decisions relating to undertake internal reviews in accordance with Part 18.1 of the *Local Government Act*.

Meeting Frequency: As required.

Term of Appointment: Financial year.

Appointed by: Council



**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S
PERFORMANCE EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

Membership:

- Alderman Emma Young
- Alderman Peter Pangquee
- Alderman Simon Niblock
- Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris
- Independent facilitator

Delegation:

THAT effective as of 26 September 2017 Council, pursuant to Section 32 of the Local Government Act, hereby delegates to the Chief Executive Officer's Performance Appraisal Committee be delegated the power to conduct and finalise the appraisal of the Chief Executive Officer.

Meeting Frequency: Quarterly

Term of Appointment: Financial year.

Appointed by: Council



CITY OF DARWIN ADVISORY COMMITTEES



ACCESS AND INCLUSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Membership:

Elected Members

- Alderman Robin Knox
- Alderman Andrew Arthur (Alternate)

Community

The number of community positions on the Committee shall be a maximum of ten (10) with three (3) additional places allocated to allow professional involvement and to ensure coverage of a broad range of disability types.

Delegation:

The AIAC is established pursuant to Section 54 of the NT Local Government Act and has no delegated decision making power from Council. This committee makes recommendations to Council.

Committee's Purpose:

The Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee (AIAC) operates to advocate, inform, and guide Council on improved access and inclusion for all people of all abilities, living, working, studying or visiting the Darwin municipality.

Access and inclusion recognises that community attitudes, ways of doing things, how buildings, cities, and workplaces are designed and built and how services are delivered, influence the level in which people of varying abilities can engage in employment, economic participation and community life.

Objectives:

- To represent the access and inclusion issues and needs of people of all abilities living, working, studying or visiting the City of Darwin.
- To provide advice to Council on access and inclusion in the development, implementation and review of policies, plans, programs and other Council activities.
- To review and monitor the progress of requests made to Council associated with access and inclusion issues.
- Identify actions that City of Darwin may take to improve access on its property.
- To assist Council communicate, consult and engage effectively and inclusively with people of all abilities in the Darwin community.
- To partner with businesses, services and organisations in the Darwin community to improve access and inclusion.

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- To provide education and information to improve community awareness of the needs and rights of people with disability and those with access and inclusion issues, through positive and proactive media, social marketing, community events, festivals, forums, and other initiatives.
- To keep Council informed of developments in standards and technology which can improve access and inclusion to its services and buildings.
- To guide the development and implementation of City of Darwin's Access and Inclusion Plan and annual Action Plans.

Meeting frequency: Minimum every 2 months or earlier as required.

Nomination and Membership

Nomination for membership of the Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee are called publicly and representatives are appointed for a two year term. Membership is comprised of up to ten community representatives and four professional representatives to ensure coverage of a broad range of disability types.

Term of Appointment

Financial year for Elected Members.

2 year appointment for Community Representatives.

Appointed by: Council



ARTS & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ACDAC)

Membership:

Elected Members

- Alderman Andrew Arthur
- Alderman Robin Knox (Alternate)

Community

Minimum of ten (10) positions with (4) additional places allocated (if further skill sets required), including organisational representatives from Darwin Entertainment Centre and ArtsNT, and individual Members

Delegation:

This advisory committee makes recommendations to Council.

Committee's Purpose

This is an advisory committee with the following purpose:

- Facilitate, advocate and provide advice to further the development of arts and culture, recognising Darwin's diverse cultural resources.
- Actively promote arts and cultural celebration, participation, collaboration and cultural identity.
- Provide opportunities for skills development and creative expression which values, supports and enables artistic excellence to flourish.
- Promote access to quality art experiences.
- Encourage the involvement of the community in art and cultural development within Council's planning functions.
- Monitor and evaluate the value of arts and cultural development to Council's planning.
- Promote the importance for arts to be considered in developments throughout Darwin.
- Provide a forum for the sharing of ideas and resources between Council and the community and provide mutual support and assistance in developing and implementing public art activities in Darwin.
- Identify arts projects which may be appropriate for Council to seek funding to develop.
- Provide advice to Council on issues falling within the Arts and Cultural Development policy and Public Art Guidelines.

Meeting frequency: Bi-monthly.

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**Term of Appointment:**

Financial year for Elected Members.

2 year appointment for Community Representatives. Appointed Committee members shall remain so for a set period of two (2) years and at the end of any two year term, retiring members may re-apply for membership.

Appointed by: Council



BOMBING OF DARWIN & MILITARY HISTORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Membership:

Elected Members

- Lord Mayor (Chair)
- Alderman Paul Arnold
- Alderman Peter Pangquee (Alternate)

City of Darwin

- General Manager Community & Regulatory Services
- Government Relations & External Affairs officer

Community

Representatives from the following organisations:

- Tourism NT
- Department of Tourism, Sport and Culture
- Department of Veterans' Affairs
- Defence NT
- Returned Services League
- Darwin Military Museum
- Aviation Historical Society of the NT Inc.

Delegation:

This advisory committee makes recommendations to Council.

Committee's Purpose

This is an advisory committee with the following structure, aims and objectives:

- 1. Name of Committee:**
Bombing of Darwin and Military History Advisory Committee
- 2. Aim:**
For the Bombing of Darwin and Military History Advisory Committee to strengthen the tourism, historical, cultural and educational prospects of the raft of events and activities relating to Darwin's military heritage and its impact on the citizens of the Northern Territory.

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3. Objectives:

The objectives of this committee will be to:

- 3.1** Develop the tourism, historical, cultural and educational prospects and aspects of both the Bombing of Darwin event and *Darwin's* broader military history.
- 3.2** Provide a strong vision for the infrastructure, activities and events that promote the Bombing of Darwin and Darwin's broader military history.
- 3.3** Establish effective partnerships with key stakeholders engaged in participating in and promoting the Bombing of Darwin event and Darwin's broader military history.
- 3.4** Promote recognition of the experiences of civilians in the Top End during WWII.

4. Target Group:

- 4.1** WWII veterans and their families
- 4.2** Residents of the Darwin community
- 4.3** Prospective interstate and international visitors to Darwin

Meeting frequency: 6-8 times per year.

Term of Appointment: Financial year for Elected Members.

Appointed by: Council



INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Membership:

Elected Members

- Lord Mayor (Chair)
- Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris
- Alderman Mick Palmer (Alternate)

Community

- Chamber of Commerce/International Business Council
- NT Government/Office of Asian Engagement and Trade
- Chairs of the Sister City Subcommittees
- Charles Darwin University
- Federal Government/Austrade
- Arts, Cultural and Tourism Sector
- Larrakia Nation

Delegation: The committee acts in an advisory capacity, making recommendations to Council.

Committee's Purpose

The committee will act in an advisory capacity, providing strategic advice to Council in relation to International Relations.

- Advance City of Darwin's international engagement, cultural development, and visitation.
- Celebrate and build on Darwin's international relationships across arts, culture, business, education and other beneficial exchanges.

Meeting frequency: Minimum two (2) meetings per year.

Term of Appointment: Financial year for Elected Members.

Appointed by: Council



RISK MANAGEMENT & AUDIT COMMITTEE

Membership:

Elected Members

- Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris
- Alderman Simon Niblock

All other Elected Members are Alternates.

Community

Three Community Representatives with one of those Community Representatives being the Chair.

- Craig Spencer (Chair)
- Kerry Batten
- Shane Smith

Delegation: This advisory committee makes recommendations to Council.

Committee's Purpose

This is an advisory committee that make recommendations to the City Performance Committee relating to Risk Management & Audit matters:

- follow up issues arising from internal and external audits
- the management of outstanding and completed audit issues registers
- the receipt and acceptance of strategic and operational risk assessments

Meeting frequency: Minimum four (4) meetings per year.

Term of Appointment:

2 year appointment for Elected Members.

2 year appointment for Community Representatives.

Appointed by: Council



YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (YAC)

Membership:

Elected Members

- Alderman Rebecca Want de Rowe
- Alderman George Lambrinidis (Alternate)

Community

Maximum of 15 Youth Representatives.

Delegation:

This advisory committee makes recommendations to Council.

Committee's Purpose:

The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) is a group of young people, the Council Youth Officer, an elected member of Council and two youth workers who get together to discuss and plan around issues and needs affecting young people. YAC is an official advisory committee which keeps Council informed on issues that are significant and important to young people in the city of Darwin. YAC also assists Council in making sure that both the services and the way Council goes about its business are as youth friendly and as fair as possible, so that all young residents of Darwin can be equally included and are able to participate in their community. The overall aim of YAC is to give young people and youth service workers a say in voicing their concerns on matters and issues that are important to them and are related to Council. In order to do this it needs to have a wide cross section of the youth community. The YAC will also aim at helping the young people involve, develop leadership, communication, teamwork and public speaking skills.

Meeting Frequency: Meet at a minimum once per month.

Term of Appointment:

Financial year for Elected Members.

One (1) year appointment by City of Darwin from March to February the following year. Each February, retiring members can reapply for membership to YAG, but may not serve more than three terms in a row. At times, members may leave YAG before completing their year's term. Replacement members can be appointed by Council when this is needed. For those members who have reached the age of 21 during the year, they may still remain a member for the current term, but must retire at the end of the term.

Appointed by: Council



CITY OF DARWIN SISTER CITY SUBCOMMITTEES

City of Darwin Appointed Delegates:

- Alderman
- Alderman (Alternate)
- International Relations Project Officer

Community Delegates:

- Up to six (6) Community Representatives
- Up to Two (2) Youth Ambassadors
- The Chair of a Subcommittee is elected by that committee (on approval by the City of Darwin) and appointed for a period of two years with eligibility for reappointment for one-year periods.

Committee's Purpose:

The committee will facilitate the Sister City relationship at a community level and act in an advisory capacity to the International Relations Advisory Committee. Each Subcommittee provides advice, expertise and cross cultural linkages between communities.

- Promote international friendship, peace and goodwill, economic, cultural, educational, and recreational and other beneficial exchanges.
- Promote University and tertiary co-operation, an awareness and appreciation of the traditions, customs, and culture of Darwin and its Sister Cities.

Meeting frequency: Quarterly.

Term of Appointment: Financial year for Elected Members.

Appointed by: Council



AMBON SISTER CITY SUBCOMMITTEE

- Alderman Andrew Arthur

ANCHORAGE SISTER CITY SUBCOMMITTEE

- Alderman Knox
- Alderman Arnold

DILI SISTER CITY SUBCOMMITTEE

- Alderman Andrew Arthur

HAIKOU SISTER CITY SUBCOMMITTEE

- Alderman George Lambrinidis
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KALYMNOS SISTER CITY SUBCOMMITTEE

- Alderman George Lambrinidis
- Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris



OUTSIDE COMMITTEES WITH CITY OF DARWIN APPOINTED REPRESENTATION



COUNCIL OF CAPITAL CITIES LORD MAYORS (CCCLM)

City of Darwin Appointed Representative

- Lord Mayor (ex-officio)

Committee's Purpose

To provide a national corporate entity for the effective co-ordination and representation of the special interests of the Capital Cities of the Australian States and the Northern Territory in their relations with other spheres of government.

Objectives:

- To achieve comprehensive recognition of the special roles and status of each Capital city.
- To advance the economic base of each Capital City.
- To obtain from the State and Territory Governments specific recognition of the territorial and functional authority of the Capital Cities within their respective areas.
- To obtain from the Commonwealth Government tangible recognition of the Capital Cities as integral and vital parts of the Australian system of government.
- To achieve tangible acknowledgment from both Commonwealth and State Governments of the special financial disabilities experienced by the Capital Cities.

Meeting frequency: Minimum 2 meetings per year.

**COUNCIL OF THE AGEING NT BOARD (COTA)****City of Darwin Appointed Delegates:**

- Alderman Andrew Arthur
- Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris (Alternate)

Committee's Purpose

COTA (NT) is the Peak Body for seniors in the Northern Territory and is dedicated to promoting the well-being of senior Territorians aged 50 years and over and indigenous Territorians aged 45 years and over.

COTA NT's vision embraces the shaping of a just, equitable, age-friendly and humane community in which people are enabled to contribute and grow to their fullest capacity, and have access, with dignity, to appropriate care and support*.

**Information taken from <http://www.cotant.org.au>*

Meeting frequency: Minimum 4 meetings per year.

Term of Appointment: Financial year for Elected Members.

Appointed by: Council



DEVELOPMENT CONSENT AUTHORITY (DCA)

City of Darwin Nominated Representatives:

- Alderman Peter Pangquee
- Alderman Mick Palmer
- Alderman Simon Niblock (Alternate)

Committee's Purpose:

Each division of the Development Consent Authority determines development applications within their area. A division of the Development Consent Authority can also be appointed to hold public hearings on behalf of the minister, or may hold a reporting body hearing on behalf of the minister.

Meeting frequency: Twice per month.

Term of Appointment: 2 years for Elected Members.

Appointed by: Minister for Infrastructure, Lands and Planning

Council-nominated members of the Development Consent Authority (DCA) are appointed under Section 89 and the alternate under Section 91 of the *Planning Act*. Section 92 of the act refers to terms of office of DCA members:

92 Term of office of member

- 1) Subject to this Act, a member appointed under section 89, 90 or 91 holds office for 2 years or a lesser period specified in the instrument of appointment and is eligible for reappointment.
- 2) If a member is appointed under section 89(1)(a) or 91(1) and the next election (other than a by-election) for the local authority by which he or she was nominated is held before the member ceases to be a member, the member holds office until the expiration of 3 months after the declaration of the polls for the election.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY
(LGANT)

City of Darwin Appointed Representatives:

- Alderman Gary Haslett (Vice President - Municipal)
- Alderman Peter Pangquee (City of Darwin appointed member)

Committee's Purpose

- Initiate, promote and foster the development of strong, effective Local Government throughout the Territory.
- Represent, promote, maintain and protect the interests of member and Local Government generally.
- Encourage networking and consultation amongst members to advance their interests
- Provide information and advice to members on matters affecting Local Government
- Monitor proposed legislation and keep members informed of proposals of governments affecting Local Government
- Make legislative proposals to governments on issues that the Association considers necessary
- Provide services as agreed to by resolution of members and/or the Executive
- Support the Australian Local Government Association and State Local Government Associations and any other organisation committed to objectives similar to those of the Association.

Meeting frequency: Minimum 2 general meetings per year.

Term of Appointment: As per the board's terms of reference.

Appointed by:

The City of Darwin-specific position is appointed by Council.

Any other positions are appointed by the Local Government Association of the NT.

**NORTHERN AUSTRALIA CAPITAL CITY COMMITTEE****Northern Australia Capital City Committee****City of Darwin Appointed Representative:**

- Lord Mayor (ex-officio)

Committee's Purpose:

To provide a mechanism for co-ordination, planning and co-operation between the Territory Government and City of Darwin. City of Darwin and the Northern Territory Government have committed to work together with the Community to enhance the physical, social, artistic, historical, cultural, commercial and environmental aspects of Darwin with a focus on the central business area.

Meeting frequency: Maximum 4 meetings per year.

Vibrant CBD Subcommittee**City of Darwin Appointed Representative:**

- Position Vacant – Alternate Alderman to attend

Committee's Purpose:

The Vibrant CBD Subcommittee will work collaboratively to provide advice on strategy and implementation to the NACCC in relation to matters which will activate the city centre and enhance the attraction, resilience, and liveability of the Darwin CBD, creating a smart city which is a gateway to the north.

Meeting frequency: No less than once every three months.

Term of Appointment: Financial year for Elected Members.

Appointed by: Council

**RAPID CREEK WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE****City of Darwin Appointed Representative:**

- Alderman Robin Knox

Committee's Purpose:

The Rapid Creek Water Advisory Committee (RCWAC) is established under section 23 of Water Act to advise the Minister and the Controller of Water Resources on water quality and water resource management issues affecting Rapid Creek and its catchment.

Meeting frequency: Every 8 weeks.

Term of Appointment: Term of committee.

Appointed by: Minister for Environment and Natural Resources

**TOP END REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (TOPROC)****City of Darwin Appointed Representative:**

- Lord Mayor (ex-officio)

TOPROC consists of 6 Councils:

- Darwin
- Palmerston
- Litchfield
- Wagait
- Belyuen
- Coomalie

Committee's Purpose:

The Top End Regional Organisation of Councils (TOPROC) is committed to the sustainable development of our Greater Darwin Region. In order to do so we must plan effectively in partnership with our neighbouring local government councils, with the NT Government and key stakeholders within the region.

Meeting frequency: Quarterly.



TOURISM TOP END

City of Darwin Appointed Representative:

- Alderman Pangquee
- Alderman Arnold (Alternate)

Committee's Purpose:

Tourism Top End is the Regional Tourist Association for the Top End Region of Australia's Northern Territory which includes Kakadu National Park, Litchfield National Park, the Tiwi Islands, West Arnhem Land and Nhulunbuy on the Gove Peninsula.

Meeting frequency: Minimum 11 meetings per year.

Term of Appointment: Financial year for Elected Members.

Appointed by: Council

**Vibrant CBD Subcommittee****City of Darwin Appointed Representative:**

- Alderman Arnold
- Alderman Young (Alternate)

Committee's Purpose:

The Vibrant CBD Subcommittee will work collaboratively to provide advice on strategy and implementation to the NACCC in relation to matters which will activate the city centre and enhance the attraction, resilience, and liveability of the Darwin CBD, creating a smart city which is a gateway to the north.

Meeting frequency: No less than once every three months.

Term of Appointment: Financial year for Elected Members.

Appointed by: Council



OUTSIDE COMMITTEES WITH LGANT-APPOINTED REPRESENTATION

Requests for Local Government Association of the NT (LGANT) appointed representatives are reviewed at Council as they are received, and nominations forwarded.

ANIMAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Alderman Justine Glover

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Alderman Gary Haslett

PARTNERSHIP GROUP - COASTAL & MARINE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Alderman Robin Knox

NT SETTLEMENT PLANNING AND OUTCOMES COMMITTEES

Alderman Robin Knox

NT WATER SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Alderman Robin Knox



1 PURPOSE

- a) The purpose of this policy is to guide the operation and conduct of all meetings and to ensure that meetings of Council operate in a transparent manner to ensure efficient, effective and accountable decision making.

2 SCOPE

- a) Council has determined that the following procedures of meetings will apply to all meetings of the Council, subject to the *Local Government Act 2019*, *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* and *City of Darwin By-laws 2021* for regulating procedure at meetings.
- b) Any provision of this policy may be suspended by resolution during a meeting.

3 POLICY STATEMENT

- a) Council will conduct its meetings in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 (the Act), Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, City of Darwin By-laws 2021 and this policy.
- b) This policy complements legislation governing the City of Darwin to provide procedures and standards for the proper conduct of business by Council at its meetings.
- c) Council has an obligation to act in accordance with the role, functions and objectives of local government as outlined in legislation and must adhere to the Code of Conduct for Council Members provided at Schedule 1 to the Act.
- d) Council commits to holding meetings in locations at times to enable public access and will from time to time hold meetings in locations across the municipality.
- e) Council will adopt its annual meeting cycle in November the year preceding the year to which the meeting cycle is for.

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3.1 CONFIDENTIAL BRIEFING SESSIONS

- a) Confidential briefing sessions will be held in the week preceding an ordinary meeting on a day determined by Council.
- b) These briefing sessions will provide the opportunity for council members to ask questions and clarify any issues prior to reports being presented at the ordinary meeting.
- c) The agenda for a briefing session will be provided to council members 3 business days prior to the session.
- d) The only outcome from a briefing session can be to request the Chief Executive Officer for additional information.
- e) The following must be observed in relation to briefing sessions:
 - i. All items are to be considered in confidence.
 - ii. The briefing session is not a decision-making forum – council members have no authority to make decisions.
 - iii. No debate should occur at these meetings. Council members may give feedback, but cannot direct staff to change their opinions, recommendations or the content of reports.
 - iv. The record of the briefing session will be limited to notes taken by governance support staff. As the briefing session is not a decision-making forum, notes from briefing sessions will be retained for administrative purposes only and will not be distributed unless directed by the Chief Executive Officer.

3.2 PUBLIC FORUM

- a) Council will hold a 30-minute public forum, open to all members of the public, prior to each 2nd Ordinary Council Meeting in each month. The purpose of public forum is to provide a mechanism for members of the public to engage with council members outside of a formal meeting of Council.
- b) The Lord Mayor will Chair the public forum in order to ensure it is conducted in an orderly manner and direct questions to Council members and/or the Chief Executive Officer for response. The Chair will ensure that no member of the public dominates the time, and that all participants are given an opportunity to speak. No single question or questioner should have more than 5 minutes.
- c) Public forums do not form part of the formal meeting process, are not recorded and no minutes are kept.
- d) Formal questions from members of the public are able to be submitted in accordance with clause 3.10.3 of this policy.

3.3 ORDINARY MEETINGS

- a) A council member may move a motion without notice to alter the business at an ordinary meeting.

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3.4 LATE REPORTS

- a) Late reports will only be admitted in the following circumstances:
 - i. The matter is of importance and could not reasonably wait until the next meeting.
 - ii. Where some prompt action is required in the interests of public relations to offset, counter or correct some unfavourable publicity or action against Council.
- b) The Chief Executive Officer will make the determination as to the submission of late reports.

3.5 LORD MAYORAL MINUTE

- a) A Lord Mayoral Minute does not need to be seconded.
- b) The Lord Mayor may put to a meeting (without notice) any matter which the council is allowed to deal with or which the council knows about.
- c) This would cover any council function under the Act or other legislation, or any matter that has been brought to the Council's attention, for example, by letter to the Lord Mayor or the Chief Executive Officer.
- d) This power to make Lord Mayoral Minutes recognises the special role of the Lord Mayor. A Lord Mayoral Minute overrides all business on the agenda for the meeting.

3.6 NOTICE OF MOTIONS

- a) A council member may bring forward any business by passing a notice of motion. Council members should give written notice to the Chief Executive Officer by 12.00 pm at least 5 business days preceding the council meeting of a motion proposed to be moved at the meeting. The Chief Executive Officer will then include the notice of motion on the agenda.
- b) A council member who moves a motion can speak to this motion, an amendment to this motion and has the right of reply. They can speak to this motion for no longer than 10 minutes.
- c) The council member may have their time extended by another 5 minutes as agreed to by resolution at the meeting.
- d) The council member who has not moved this motion can speak once to the motion and to an amendment proposed to it for up to 5 minutes.
- e) The Chair may address the notice of motion in any order, and if there is no objection to a motion passing, the Chair may, without debate or discussion, put the motion to the vote.

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3.6.1 Absence of mover of notice of motion

- a) Where a council member who has given notice of a motion is absent from the meeting at which the notice of motion is to be considered, the motion may be:
 - i. With the consent of the original council member who raised the motion, moved by another council member at the meeting, or
 - ii. deferred to the next meeting.
- b) If the motion is lost at the meeting to which the council member is absent, the council member is not able to submit the notice of motion again.

3.7 CONDUCT AT MEETING**3.7.1 Addressing Council Members and Officers**

- a) Council members and officers are to address each other during the meeting by their official title or designation. All officers are to speak through the Chair.

3.7.2 Chair to Take Precedence

- a) The Chair may, at any time during the debate of a matter at a meeting, indicate an intention to speak and, on so doing, all council members are to cease speaking until the Chair has been heard.

3.7.3 Time limits on speaking

- a) A council member who moves a motion has the right to speak to the motion, an amendment if proposed, and has right of reply.
- b) The member who moves the motion may not speak longer than 10 minutes to the motion, and no longer than 5 minutes in reply.
- c) All council members may speak to each motion once, for no longer than 5 minutes.

3.7.4 Opportunity to clarify

- a) If a council member considers that they have been misunderstood or realises a critical concern after speaking (and further listening to other council members), they may request the Chair to permit them to speak for up to 3 minutes longer for clarification.

3.7.5 Members to stand when speaking

- a) A council member, excluding the Chair, at a meeting shall stand when speaking to a matter being considered at the meeting unless prevented doing so by a physical disability.

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3.7.6 Voting – attendance via conferencing system

- a) Any council member attending electronically must clearly state for or against or vote with a show on hand (if visible), or otherwise via voice.
- b) The names of members voting for or against motions at meetings will only be recorded as the result of a division or upon request from a council member.
- c) The Chair must not carry the resolution until it is confirmed that every present council member's vote has been counted and noted.

3.8 MEETING QUORUM**3.8.1 Quorum**

- a) If quorum is lost during the meeting, the Chair should suspend the meeting for at least 5 minutes or until the quorum is regained. If the quorum not regained after the suspended period, the Chair may adjourn the meeting.

3.9 STREAMING MEETINGS ONLINE

- a) In order to improve transparency, customer service and access to the members for the public to observe Council decision making, all ordinary and special council meetings are to be streamed online via audiovisual system, subject to being closed for confidential business.
- b) A sign will be prominently displayed at each meeting notifying attendees that the meeting will be streamed online. All efforts will be made to avoid filming members of the public. However, Council cannot provide assurance to this effect.
- c) The Chief Executive Officer is to make an announcement at the start of every meeting, drawing attention that the meeting will be streamed online, and by entering the public gallery, the public give the Council a non-exclusive license to copy and broadcast their image worldwide for no reward.
- d) Copying or distribution of any part of the audiovisual stream is not permitted. Members of the public and media are not permitted to video or voice record any part of the meeting.
- e) Council reserves all rights in relation to its copyright for streaming meetings online.

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3.10 ADMINISTRATION OF MEETING

3.10.1 Petitions

- a) A petition may be received from residents, ratepayers and electors of the City of Darwin local government area.
- b) Petitions must be provided to a council member who will present the petition to a meeting.
- c) The council member who presents the petition must be informed on the subject matter, state the nature of the petition and read the petition at the council meeting.
- d) The petition can be in electronic or paper format, provided that it meets the following requirements:
 - i. the reason for the petition is stated clearly and in plain language (if paper format this must be clearly displayed at the top of each page);
 - ii. a main contact name and contact details (address and email) are provided (to enable follow up from Council); and
 - iii. the petition does not contain any language or subject matter that is disrespectful or likely to be considered defamatory to any person.
- e) No debate is permitted on a petition when presented to a meeting.
- f) The only motion that may be moved is that the petition be received and referred to a council officer for consideration and a report to the council.

3.10.2 Presentations and deputations

- a) A presentation to put information to Council, or deputation, being a collective way to lobby Council on a shared concern from a group, organisation or business wishing to be heard at a council meeting may apply in writing to the Chief Executive Officer at least 7 days prior to the meeting.
- b) The Chief Executive Officer will determine whether the presentation or deputation is appropriate to be heard at the council meeting.
- c) Presentations are limited to 15 minutes.
- d) The Chair may end the presentation if:
 - i. The Chair is satisfied that the purpose of the presenter or deputation has been sufficiently explained to the Council members
 - ii. The person uses insulting or offensive language.
- e) The Chair may allow the presenter or deputation more time if the Chair is satisfied that more time is required to enable Council to be properly informed on the matter and in doing so state the additional time frame permitted.
- f) Council meetings will hear no more than two presentations or deputations per meeting and any material to be provided to council members is to be provided to the Chief Executive Officer at the time the application is made.

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3.10.3 Public question time

- a) A public question time will be held within each ordinary council meeting.
- b) Members of the public are entitled to ask questions and have these responded to during public question time. Questions must relate to the functions of local government.
- c) All questions proposed to be asked during public question time must follow the following process in order to be accepted at the meeting:
 - i. A member of the public may submit questions via electronic or letter means to the Chief Executive Officer by 12.00 pm, 5 business days prior to the meeting, to allow time for a response to be provided.
 - ii. A member of the public may ask their question during the Ordinary Council meeting and speak for no longer than 5 minutes or ask that the Chief Executive Officer read it on their behalf.
 - iii. The person asking the question must be in attendance at Public Question Time for the answers to be read out at the Ordinary Meeting otherwise the answer will only be tabled in the minutes. The response will be forwarded to the person asking the question in writing following the meeting.
 - iv. Responses can be given from the Chief Executive Officer, who may defer to a General Manager or the Chair. The Chief Executive Officer may also take the question on notice. A response should be given to the questioner in writing within five business days in this case.
 - v. Debate or discussion on a response is not permitted.
- d) The Chief Executive Officer may refuse to accept a question for the purpose of Public Question Time if:
 - i. the question is in the same nature as a matter to be discussed at that Ordinary Meeting
 - ii. the questioner has submitted the same or a substantially similar question (in meaning or content) to one that he/she has asked and received a reply to in the previous 3 months,
 - iii. the question pertains to a matter prescribed as confidential,
 - iv. the question is in the nature of an administrative query, and the Chief Executive Officer considers it appropriate to respond administratively, or;
 - v. for any reason, the Chief Executive Officer deems the question to be inappropriate for answering.
- e) In instances where the Chief Executive Officer refuses to accept a question for the purpose of Public Question Time, the questioner will be advised of the reasons for such action.

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3.10.4 Representative's Reports

- a) Council members can report to Council activities they have participated in while representing Council. These reports should be confined to 5 minutes and should reflect the key activity and any outcomes from this event.
- b) Council members are requested to provide the report in writing to the Chief Executive Officer by 12.00pm on the day of the meeting to allow for the report to be displayed at the meeting. This does not preclude Council members from providing a report at the meeting.

3.10.5 Questions by Members

- a) During the Ordinary Meeting, council members can ask questions of each other and council officers. No debate is to be allowed on questions and council officers may take the question on notice.
- b) Council members are requested to submit questions in writing to the Chief Executive Officer by 12.00pm on the day of the meeting to allow for the question to be displayed at the meeting. This does not preclude Council members from asking questions at the meeting.
- c) Council officers will then ensure that the council member receives an answer to their question within five business days following the Ordinary Meeting of Council via email or advise that a report will be presented at the next appropriate Ordinary Meeting of Council.

3.10.6 General Business

- a) The Chair will invite council members to introduce any General Business.
- b) General business must be introduced by the moving of a motion. A council member should not speak to this matter for longer than 5 minutes. The normal rules of debate will then apply with the motion only being discussed if seconded.
- c) Matters to be raised in the General Business section at an Ordinary Council Meeting are to be limited to issues of a minor nature. Significant business items from council members are required to be presented by a Notice of Motion, refer clause 3.6.
- d) Issues raised purely for the information of Council, the public or council officers may be raised under the General Business section of the meeting.

3.10.7 Matters of Public Importance

- a) A council member may raise a Matter of Public Importance to be admitted to a meeting without notice. These matters are considered at Ordinary Council Meetings if:
 - i. the motion is carried, or
 - ii. the Chair calls for a motion to admit the item.
- b) Normal meeting procedure and rules of debate will apply.
- c) If the motion to admit is lost the matter shall not be discussed further at that meeting.

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3.10.8 Types of Resolution

- a) Council may make the following types of resolutions:
 - i. Receive and note
 - ii. In-principle agreement or support
 - iii. Adopt
 - iv. Delegate
 - v. Endorse
 - vi. Approve

3.10.9 Rescinding or amending resolutions

- a) A resolution of Council is effective from the moment it is passed, and it is the Chief Executive Officer's responsibility to ensure it is enacted. A resolution of Council may be rescinded or amended only if notice of intention to propose the rescission or amendment is given to each council member at least 5 days before the meeting at which the proposal is made, and only if:
 - i. there is a risk of significant loss to Council (e.g. financial loss) or it is as a result of an emergency situation; or
 - ii. the circumstances of the matter or implementation of the decision have substantively changed.
- b) A proposal to rescind or amend a motion must:
 - i. be provided by written notice of motion to rescind or amend a decision and signed by at least 3 council members; and
 - ii. be included on the agenda at the time the agenda is distributed to council members and made publicly available (unless confidentiality provisions apply); and
 - iii. be considered as the first time of business on the agenda prior to the confirmation of minutes.
- c) If a notice of motion to rescind or amend a decision is lost by Council, a motion having the same effect must not be proposed to Council within 3 months of the motion being lost.
- d) If a notice of motion to rescind or amend a resolution is given at the meeting at which the resolution has been carried, the resolution must not be carried into effect, until the motion of rescission or amendment has been resolved. This does not apply to clause 3.11.3 to propose an amendment at the time the motion is being debated.
- e) Council members present at the meeting at which a motion to rescind or amend a resolution is put, may defer consideration of that motion. The deferral will not be longer than 3 months.

3.10.10 Suspension of Meeting Procedures

- a) A council member may move a motion to suspend meeting procedures. This suspension must be limited to a specific purpose and timeframe which must be stated in the motion.

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3.10.11 Record of Meetings

- a) Minutes of the Ordinary Meetings will comply with part 6.3 of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
- b) As per the Act, a copy of the minutes must be made publicly available within 10 business days after the meeting.
- c) The procedure for drafting the minutes is as follows:
 - i. draft minutes as approved by the CEO are circulated to council members and placed on Council's website by 5.00pm, Friday the week of the meeting;
 - ii. the draft minutes will be included in the agenda for the next Ordinary Meeting for adoption;
 - iii. the adopted minutes will be updated on Council's website by 5.00pm the following day.
- d) If, in the meeting when the draft minutes are tabled for adoption, council members note that corrections need to be made to minutes prior to adoption, the following process will apply:
 - i. council member to raise the matter to the attention of the Chair when they call for a motion to confirm the minutes;
 - ii. council member must outline the correction to be made;
 - iii. motion is moved / seconded and carried;
 - iv. once carried, an annotation is to be made to the original minutes cross-referencing the resolution containing the correction.

3.11 PROCEDURE FOR MAKING DECISIONS (RESOLUTIONS)**3.11.1 Motion on the table**

- a) A motion brought before a meeting of the Council will be received and put to the meeting by the Chair.
- b) A council member is required to 'move' a motion and then another council member is required to 'second' the motion.
- c) If the motion is not seconded, the minutes will note the mover of the motion and that the motion 'lapsed for want of a seconder'.
- d) When a motion has been moved and seconded, it will become subject to debate by Council and cannot be withdrawn without the consent of the council meeting.
- e) All council members, other than the mover, can speak only once to the motion and once only to the amendment proposed to it.
- f) Other council members can propose amendments to the motion, which must be seconded and voted on before voting on the final motion.
- g) The Chair may require a motion or amendment to a motion to be stated in full or be in writing before permitting it to be received.
- h) The Chair may refuse to accept a motion if it is not within the meeting's jurisdiction and rule a motion out of order if necessary. Any motion that is vague, proposes an unlawful action, is outside the scope of the meeting or the role of local government, is defamatory, vexatious or is unnecessary, may be ruled out of order.

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- i) A motion is resolved by a vote and carried by the majority of council members present at the meeting.
- j) The Chair may call the notices of motion in the order in which they appear on the agenda.
- k) Where no objection is taken to a motion being taken as a formal motion, and the motion is then seconded, the Chair may put the motion to the vote without discussion and the vote occur.
- l) Not more than one motion or one proposed amendment to a motion may be put before a meeting of a Council at any one time.

3.11.2 Motion to be seconded

- a) A motion or an amendment to a motion shall not be debated at a meeting of the Council unless or until the motion or the amendment is seconded, with the exception of procedural motions.

3.11.3 Amendment of motion

- a) An amendment to a motion will be in terms which maintain or further clarify the intent of the original motion and do not contradict the motion.
- b) A council member who proposes or seconds a motion shall not propose or second an amendment to the motion. However, the original mover and seconder can agree to alter their proposed motion.
- c) Where an amendment to a motion is before a meeting of the Council, no other amendment to the motion will be considered until after the first amendment has been voted on.
- d) Where a motion is amended, the original motion will be redundant.
- e) The original motion cannot be used as a subsequent motion for further amendment.

3.11.4 Speaking to motions and amendments

- a) The mover of a motion or amendment will read it and state that it is so moved but will not speak to it until it is seconded.
- b) The Chair will manage the debate by allowing the council member who moved the motion the option of speaking first on the motion. The Chair will then call on any other council members who wish to speak against the motion and then alternatively for and against the motion as available, until all council members who wish to speak have had the opportunity.
- c) A council member may make a request to the Chair for further information on the motion or the amendment before or after the motion or amendment is seconded. The Chair may request the Chief Executive Officer or another Council Officer to respond.
- d) The mover of a motion or amendment has the right to reply. Each council member will speak no more than once to the same motion or same amendment except as a right of reply. Once the right of reply has been delivered the debate ends.

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- e) Each speaker will be restricted to not more than 5 minutes unless the Chair rules otherwise.
- f) Where 2 or more council members indicate they may wish to speak at the same time, the Chair will determine who is entitled to priority.

3.11.5 Foreshadowed motion

- a) When a council member opposes a motion, they can speak and vote against it. However, in some instances the council member may wish to signal to other council members that if the motion is lost, they will put forward an alternative motion that will substantially amend the original motion. The foreshadowed motion gives council members the option of voting against the first motion in order to vote for the foreshadowed motion when it is put.

3.11.6 Point of Order

- a) At any time, if a council member can call a "Point of Order" to the Chair if they believe meeting procedure is not being followed. The Chair then invites the council member to identify the problem and, after hearing the point, makes a ruling.

3.11.7 Motion of dissent on a Point of Order

- a) A council member can without notice, move to dissent from a ruling of the Chair on a point of order.
- b) If this happens, the Chair must suspend the business before the meeting until a decision is made on the motion on dissent.
- c) If a motion of dissent is passed, the Chair must proceed with the suspended business as though the ruling dissented from had not been given. If, as a result of the ruling, any motion or business has been rejected as out of order, the Chair must restore the motion or business to the agenda and proceed with it in due course.
- d) Only the Chair and the mover of the motion of dissent can speak to the motion before it is put to vote, the mover of the motion does not have right of reply. Rules of debate do not apply.

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3.12 PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

- a) A council member may move a procedural motion at any time during a meeting. Procedural motions must be seconded and dealt with immediately by the Chair. Procedural motions are:

3.12.1 That the motion be put

That the motion be put requires an immediate vote on the motion presented.

- (a) This procedural motion can only be raised when at least 2 members have spoken for, and no less than 2 members have spoken against the motion.
- (b) The procedural motion is moved by a member who has not spoken in debate of the motion or an amendment to the motion.
- (c) If the vote is carried, the Chair shall immediately put the motion to the vote, or the amendment to the vote.
- (d) If the vote on the procedural motion is lost, debate on the motion or the amendment to the motion shall continue.
- (e) If the vote on the procedural motion is lost, the council member who moved the motion may not move a similar motion on this matter.

3.12.2 That the debate be adjourned;

- (a) This procedural motion may specify a time or date that is less than 2 months away, for debate to be adjourned to.
- (b) If no date is specified, the matter shall be included in the business papers for the next ordinary meeting.
- (c) If the vote on the procedural motion is lost, the council member who moved the motion may not, may not move a similar motion within 10 minutes.

3.12.3 That the meeting stand adjourned;

- (a) This procedural motion may be moved by a council member at the conclusion of debate on a matter on the business paper or at the conclusion of a council member's time for speaking to a matter, and shall, on being seconded, be put without debate.
- (b) The procedural motion must specify a time for the resumption of the meeting unless a time has previously been resolved, and on resumption of the meeting the Council shall continue with the business before the meeting at the point where it was discontinued on the adjournment of the meeting.
- (c) If this procedural motion is lost, the Chair is not bound to accept a similar motion for 30 minutes after the time that the motion was lost.

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3.12.4 the motion lay on the table;

- (a) This procedural motion can be moved without notice if a council member requires additional information on the matter before the meeting. The mover must specify what additional information is required.
- (b) If this procedural motion is seconded, the Chair will immediately put the motion to the vote.
- (c) If the vote on the procedural motion is lost, the debate will continue.
- (d) If the vote on the procedural motion is passed, the matter will be put on the business papers as soon as the additional information requested is available.

4 DEFINITIONS

Meetings includes council meetings (ordinary and special), audit committees, council committees and local authorities in accordance with Chapter 6 of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

Council members are the members elected or appointed to the Council in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2019*.

Lord Mayor is the principal member of the City of Darwin and has additional roles and functions as outlined in accordance with S59 of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

Receive and Note – that Council has a report and has read and understood its contents, but that no action beyond that is required of Council.

In-principle Agreement or Support – this is where Council agrees with or supports a notion or concept, but that agreement or support is conditional and requires further investigation, due diligence or consideration by Council in the future. "In-principle" provides Council with a non-binding position for a notion or approval of an outcome.

Adoption – this is where Council adopts a position, for example a strategy or policy.

Delegate – this is where Council makes a decision to delegate its decision-making for an action and, where this decision is reached, the delegate (ordinarily the Chief Executive Officer and Council Committees) is subject to the strict controls and accountabilities that exist under the Local Government Act 2019 and associated statutes.

Endorsement – this is where Council essentially approves of a notion or proposal, but it is not the ultimate authority for this purpose.

Approval – where Council approves something.

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5 LEGISLATIVE REFERENCES*Local Government Act 2019**Local Government (General) Regulations 2021***City of Darwin By-laws 2021**

*Subject to commencement

6 PROCEDURES AND RELATED DOCUMENTS

S95(6) – Casting Vote

S95(8) – Council adoption of Meeting Procedures

S98(3) – Audio and Audio-Visual Policy

Committee (Executive or Advisory) Terms of Reference

7 RESPONSIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The meeting Chair is responsible for ensuring meeting procedures are followed.

The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for ensuring this policy is understood and adhered to.

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14.5 SCHOOL BOOKINGS ON COUNCIL OVALS

Author: Coordinator Recreation & Leisure
Authoriser: General Manager Community and Regulatory Services
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report entitled School Bookings on Council Ovals be received and noted.
2. THAT Council amend the fee in the Fees and Charges for school use of Gardens Two and Other Ovals with the following conditions:
 - I. School Use (use by Darwin schools and Darwin school sports associations during weekdays 7.30am-4.00pm only, subject to availability) – is free of charge; and
 - II. Bookings can only be made up to one school term in advance.

The purpose of this report is to provide a review of the school bookings on Council ovals between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2022.

KEY ISSUES

- Council resolved in July 2020 that school use of ovals during school hours be free of charge, with bookings only to be made one school term in advance.
- During 2020/21 eight of Council's 17 ovals were booked by schools located next to that oval.
- The highest user of Council ovals was Essington School Darwin, who booked Chrisp St Oval for over 517hrs, almost as many hours as the total sporting group seasonal bookings for that oval.
- Sporting organisations who book Council ovals for seasonal training and competitions, often use the ovals from 4.00pm for junior training, therefore it is recommended that "school hours" for the purpose of oval bookings, be defined as 7.30am – 4.00pm Monday - Friday.

DISCUSSION

Following a request from Essington International School Darwin and the Member for Nightcliff in May 2020, requesting the school be able to book Chrisp Street Oval via an annual booking rather than casual bookings, Council resolved in July 2020 that school use of ovals during school hours be free of charge, with bookings only to be made one school term in advance.

Since 1 July 2020, eight of Council's 17 ovals were booked by schools located next to that oval. In addition, Bagot Oval was booked for Regional School Sports.

Wagaman Oval is the only oval with a school located next to it that has not been booked in the past 12 months.

The total number of hours booked by schools at each oval is detailed below:

Oval	School	2020-21 Total Hours
Anula	Anula Primary School	30.5
Bagot	Darwin Regional School Sports	19.5
Chrisp Street	Essington School Darwin	517.25
Jingili	Jingili Primary School	7.5
Malak	Malak Primary School	2
Moil	Moil Primary School	35
Nakara	Nakara Primary School	56
Wanguri	Wanguri Primary School	19.5
Wulagi	Wulagi Primary School	39

By far the highest user of Council ovals was Essington School Darwin, who booked Chrisp St Oval for a total of over 517hrs. This is almost as many hours as the total sporting group seasonal bookings for the oval (572hrs).

Chrisp St Oval is categorised in Council's Sports Field Plan as a Local Oval, and therefore receives turf maintenance to meet a lower level of use than District Ovals. The school bookings will now be sent to Council's Parks Team regularly with sporting group seasonal allocations, as this may impact future turf maintenance requirements of Chrisp Street Oval, or other local ovals that receive high use during school hours.

While the majority of bookings have been made for between the hours of 8.00am – 4.00pm, some have been for between 3.30 – 5.00pm, which could be deemed outside of school hours.

Sporting organisations who book Council ovals for seasonal training and competitions, often use the ovals from 4.00pm for junior training, therefore it is recommended that "school hours" for the purpose of oval bookings, be defined as 7.30am – 4.00pm Monday - Friday.

Schools can make a casual booking outside of school hours (subject to availability), however it is recommended this continue to be charged at the Casual Hire rates listed in Council's fees and charges.

It is therefore the recommendation of this report that Council amend the Fees and Charges for school use of Gardens Two and Other Ovals with the following conditions:

- I. School Use (use by Darwin schools and Darwin school sports associations during weekdays 7.30am-4.00pm only, subject to availability) – is free of charge; and
- II. Bookings can only be made up to one school term in advance.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DECISIONS

At the 28 July 2020 meeting Council resolved:

RESOLUTION ORD001/20

School Bookings of Council Ovals

3. THAT Council endorse the introduction of a new fee in the 2020/2021 Fees and Charges for Gardens Two and Other Ovals with the following conditions:
 - I. School Use (use by schools and school sports associations during school hours only, subject to availability) – is free of charge; and
 - II. Bookings can only be made up to one school term in advance.
4. That a review be conducted in 12 months and a report be put to Council.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	2 A Safe, Liveable and Healthy City 2.3 By 2030, Darwin residents will be more active and healthy
CRITICAL DATES	Nil
BUDGET / FINANCIAL	<p>Budget/Funding:</p> <p>Income from school casual bookings over the past three financial years has been:</p> <p>2020/21 - \$0</p> <p>2019/20 - \$675</p> <p>2018/19 - \$3,915</p> <p>The 2020-21 Fees and Charges state that 'use by schools and school sports associations during school hours only is free of charge'. While some of the bookings taken in the past 12 months were for between 3.30 – 5.00pm, which could be deemed outside of school hours, these were not charged a fee.</p> <p>Is Funding identified: N/A</p>

RISK ASSESSMENT	<p> Assets & Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Environment & Waste <input type="checkbox"/> Financial <input type="checkbox"/> Info Comms & Tech <input type="checkbox"/> Legal & Compliance <input type="checkbox"/> Ops & Service Delivery <input type="checkbox"/> Reputation & Brand <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Work Health & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> </p> <p>In accordance with City of Darwin Risk Management Framework, the post treatment, mitigation risk is: Very Low</p> <p>There is a reputational risk that imposing fees on schools, where a common practice of free of charge use has historically been in place, may be viewed by schools unfavourably.</p> <p>Risks identified in relation to this report will be managed by continuing to offer school use free of charge during weekdays 7.30am – 4.00pm.</p>
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	<p>Legislation: Nil</p> <p>Policy: Policy 019 Revenue - Fees and Charges</p> <p>Darwin 2030 City for People, City of Colour's Strategic Direction 2 aims for residents and visitors alike to embrace Darwin's tropical lifestyle and outdoor facilities. It includes strategic actions to ensure our parks and open spaces will be well-maintained, clean and accessible for all, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Provide an accessible network of Council parks and recreation facilities that encourage active living for all ages and abilities.</i> • <i>Deliver and facilitate affordable activities that contribute to a healthy and active community.</i> <p>Policy 019 Revenue – provides a rational used to determine Council fees and charges. Under this policy oval hire fees can be classified as Elective Services. The Pricing Policy states Fees will be charged at Full Cost up to a level of perceived fee resistance. If Full Cost is not recovered, then the fee is classified as Partial Cost.</p>
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	Nil
CONSULTATION & ENGAGEMENT	Nil
COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR THIS INITIATIVE	<p>Internal Customer Services to be notified of any changes to oval fees and charges</p> <p>External Hire fees for ovals are listed in Council Fees and Charges booklet</p>
PLACE SCORE STATEMENT	The use of Council ovals by schools contributes to the priority of A Safe, Liveable and Healthy City – support the strengthening of social ties and support networks in local communities.

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>
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14.6 DRAFT 2021/22 MUNICIPAL PLAN - COMMUNITY CONSULTATION OUTCOMES

Author: Executive Manager Governance Strategy & Performance
Manager Engagement & Events

Authoriser: General Manager Government Relations & External Affairs

Attachments: 1. Written Responses to Municipal Plan Consultation - By Engage Darwin [↓](#)
2. Written Responses to Municipal Plan Consultation - By Email [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report entitled 2021/22 Municipal Plan – Community Consultation Outcomes be received and noted.
2. THAT Council receive and note the Community Consultation summary report provided at Attachment 1 and email feedback provided at Attachment 2.
3. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 32 (2) of the Local Government Act 2008, delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to respond to all submitters regarding feedback on the Draft 2021/22 Municipal Plan.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present Council the 2021/22 Draft Municipal Plan Community Consultation Outcomes for its consideration.

KEY ISSUES

- Council endorsed the Draft 2021/22 Municipal Plan incorporating the Annual Budget and Fees and Charges Booklet on 18 May 2021.
- Community consultation was open for a period of 21 days from Wednesday 19 May 2021 and closing on Wednesday 9 June 2021.
- 21 visits were recorded at the Engage Darwin site and a total of eleven (11) responses were received. Seven (7) via Engage Darwin and four (4) direct email to the Chief Executive Officer.
- The Municipal Plan has been received and updated as a result of consultation and will be presented for adoption under a separate report to Council.

DISCUSSION

The DRAFT 2021/22 Municipal Plan (incorporating the 2021/22 Annual Budget and 2021/22 Fees and Charges) was released for community consultation for the period Wednesday 19 May 2021 to Wednesday 9 June 2021.

The Municipal Plan was released via Engage Darwin and made available on Council's website and at Council's Civic Centre and four library locations.

There were 21 visits recorded at the Engage Darwin site with a total of seven responses via Engage Darwin, **Attachment 1**.

There were a further four (4) responses received via email to the Chief Executive Officer, **Attachment 2**.

Key feedback includes:

- City Maintenance concerns
- Outdoor Dining / Alfresco Dining Fees
- Walking and Cycling / Movement initiatives
- Provision of Sport and Recreation facilities including Basketball

In addition to the formalised feedback there is some anecdotal evidence gleaned from social media that demonstrates negative feedback relating to Council's proposed reintroduction to Outdoor Dining Fees from 1 July 2021.

A response has also been received from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet, Local Government with regards to the Municipal Plan's compliance with the Local Government Act. In addition to administrative corrections, the Department has provided the following feedback:

- An update to the Long-Term Financial Plan is required to align with the draft 2021/22 budget movements.
- Commentary on declaration of rates.
- Consideration of an early payment of the 2021/22 Financial Assistance Grants

The final 2021/22 Municipal Plan incorporating the Annual Budget and Fees and Charges for 2021/22 will be presented for adoption under a separate report to Council.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

At the Special Ordinary Meeting on 18 May 2021, Council resolved:

9.1 DRAFT 2021/22 MUNICIPAL PLAN (INCLUDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET)

RESOLUTION SPE001/21

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Alderman Justine Glover

THAT the report entitled Draft 2020/21 Municipal Plan and Annual Budget be received and noted.

1. THAT pursuant to Section 103 of the *Local Government Act*, the staffing plan approved by Council for the 2021/22 financial year be based on a total budget for employee costs of \$37.5M and an approved establishment full time equivalent (FTE) of 378 staff, noting that short-term projects may temporarily change the number of staff actually employed.
2. THAT Council endorse the Draft 2021/22 Municipal Plan incorporating the proposed 2021/22 Annual Budget, for the purpose of public consultation.
3. That pursuant to Section 65 (2) of the *Local Government Act*, and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations, the decision, report and attachments, be held in-confidence until 10.30am Wednesday 19 May 2021 at which time the decision, report and attachments will be made public to media and on Council's website.

CARRIED 11/0

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	6 Governance Framework 6.1 Vision and Culture
CRITICAL DATES	31 July 2021 In accordance with the Local Government Act 2008, the Municipal Plan and Annual Budget must be adopted by Council by 31 July.

BUDGET / FINANCIAL	<p>Budget/Funding: N/A</p> <p>Is Funding identified: N/A</p> <p>There are no budget implications as a result of this report. Any budget implications as a result of a change to the Municipal Plan will be considered under a separate report to Council.</p>
RISK ASSESSMENT	<p> Assets & Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Environment & Waste <input type="checkbox"/> Financial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Info Comms & Tech <input type="checkbox"/> Legal & Compliance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ops & Service Delivery <input type="checkbox"/> Reputation & Brand <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Work Health & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> </p> <p>In accordance with City of Darwin Risk Management Framework, the post treatment, mitigation risk is: Very Low</p> <p>Risks identified, in relation to this report, will be managed through adherence to the Local Government Act 2008.</p>
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	<p>Legislation:</p> <p>Local Government Act 2008</p> <p>Policy:</p> <p>Policy 025 – Community Consultation</p>
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	N/A
CONSULTATION & ENGAGEMENT	<p>Engagement Level: Consult</p> <p>Tactics: Online engagement tactics included Engage Darwin, Social Media and Council's website.</p> <p>A media event was held on Wednesday 19 May 2021 to release the draft Municipal Plan and provide public information on Council initiatives.</p>
COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR THIS INITIATIVE	<p>Internal</p> <p>Three CEO Roadshow events were held to distribute information to staff on the Council initiatives in the draft 2021/22 Municipal Plan.</p> <p>External</p> <p>Media event, media releases and reactive media have been responded to.</p>
PLACE SCORE STATEMENT	Council initiatives should consider Place Score priorities as part of budgeting and planning processes.
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>

Survey Responses

19 May 2021 - 09 June 2021

Written Submission

Engage Darwin

Project: Draft 2021/22 Municipal Plan (including Annual Budget) - Better City.
Better Suburbs.



VISITORS					
22					
CONTRIBUTORS			RESPONSES		
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Registered	Unverified	Anonymous	Registered	Unverified	Anonymous

**Respondent No:** 1**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 20, 2021 15:43:03 pm**Last Seen:** May 20, 2021 15:43:03 pm**IP Address:** n/a**Q1. Please attach your written submission here.**

not answered

Q2. If you prefer, please provide your feedback below.

For many years the fencing has been deteriorating on Dick Ward Drive - both sides. This is a major arterial road and I cannot understand why the wire fencing has been allowed to decay into its current state of disrepair. Please advise if there are plans to repair or replace the fencing? During the dry season this roadway looks terrible with the dry, overgrown weeds, coupled with the rusty and incomplete fencing. Installing a new fence on both sides would greatly enhance this roadway.

**Respondent No:** 2**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 20, 2021 20:28:33 pm**Last Seen:** May 20, 2021 20:28:33 pm**IP Address:** n/a**Q1. Please attach your written submission here.**

not answered

Q2. If you prefer, please provide your feedback below.

This is a terrible budget. Why would you spend \$25 million on a pool to then penny pinch struggling business by charging for alfresco dining and giving people more incentive not to go into the city by raising parking fees. Just does not make sense. Wasteful and out of touch with the community. Bring it to a vote.

**Respondent No:** 3**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 24, 2021 16:11:56 pm**Last Seen:** May 24, 2021 16:11:56 pm**IP Address:** n/a**Q1. Please attach your written submission here.**

not answered

Q2. If you prefer, please provide your feedback below.

██████████ located on the Mall, I would like to add my thoughts on the recent decision by Council to re-instate the alfresco and outdoor dining fees. It just amazes me how the majority of people assume that, regardless of having 4 years with a declining economy (one of those years being during the COVID-19 pandemic), we get a good month of trade and everything is back to normal. Do the members of the council who voted to re-instate the fees really believe that everything is back to normal? I do not mean from a trading sense; I am talking from a financial perspective. Do you really believe that all businesses are back to normal from a financial point? Do you really believe that all businesses have been able to repay the interest on their deferred loans? Do you really believe that businesses have been able to re-coup all their businesses losses endured during the past couple of years? Do you think we are out of the dangers from the pandemic? Do you not think that if we had a couple of community transmissions of COVID-19 that we would not go into a form of lock-down? Momentum is a great thing and presently Darwin's economy seems to have some however this could all be taken away potentially within days with COVID-19 community transmission. Be mindful that any decisions made by Council does not help 'kill momentum' with financial burden or other constraints on businesses. Most business owners are realistic and not adverse to paying some sort of fee for outdoor dining areas associated with their businesses if they can see there is a plan/strategy in place to benefit their businesses or dining areas. Presently I do not know of any such strategy. Does Council have one? I do not see any benefit in re-introducing the fees at this stage. The financial gain for Council is a very small percentage of their annual income and there seems to be no strategy in place to use that income to benefit businesses and their patrons using outdoor dining areas. Still, the decision does not surprise me at all.

**Respondent No:** 4**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 26, 2021 08:33:13 am**Last Seen:** May 26, 2021 08:33:13 am**IP Address:** n/a**Q1. Please attach your written submission here.**

not answered

Q2. If you prefer, please provide your feedback below.

Despite the strategic objectives of sustainability, responding to climate change and liveability - there is no reference in the Municipal Plan to encouraging walking and cycling and provision of safe, separated infrastructure. There needs to be a focus on walking and cycling throughout the Plan in order to deliver Council's goals and respond to community expectations.



Respondent No: 5

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: May 28, 2021 10:18:23 am

Last Seen: May 28, 2021 10:18:23 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. Please attach your written submission here.

not answered

Q2. If you prefer, please provide your feedback below.

Hi, It would be great to have a basketball court near the parap pool or inside the parap pool. There is hardly any sports around the Fannie Bay area to play basketball. [REDACTED]

**Respondent No:** 6**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** May 28, 2021 12:24:27 pm**Last Seen:** May 28, 2021 12:24:27 pm**IP Address:** n/a**Q1. Please attach your written submission here.**

not answered

Q2. If you prefer, please provide your feedback below.

Hi all, lovely to see the changes happening in Darwin. I would love to see more alfresco in darwin especially in Parap. It enlivens spaces so well in the Dry. I understand there is a fee for food outlets to have alfresco dining & wonder if this is inhibiting these outlets from going ahead with outside dining. I would love to see more support for alfresco dining to create that lovely outdoor look & feel in Parap, Darwin & beyond. Perhaps waive the fee & allow some financial freedom for businesses to experiment.

**Respondent No:** 7**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** Jun 09, 2021 17:05:20 pm**Last Seen:** Jun 09, 2021 17:05:20 pm**IP Address:** n/a**Q1. Please attach your written submission here.**

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Q2. If you prefer, please provide your feedback below.

not answered

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 2 June 2021 12:16 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: CEO
Subject: City of Darwin Draft Plan Engagement - notice of NT Seniors Voice survey of municipality stakeholders

Hi [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] engagement of our networks for the draft Municipal Plan (we have shared with our networks via email and Facebook). [REDACTED] should be making a submission on behalf of COTA NT/NT Seniors Voice in time to meet your close date.

Our survey picks up on findings from work done on 'age friendly communities and cities' that COTA NT did back in 2014. 2 focus groups reported their issues of the day and so our survey picks up on those again so we can see how far we've come in 7 years. If you want to take a look at it, it's here <https://ntseniorsvoice.org.au/city-of-darwin-municipal-plan> (not super pretty yet, but I'm working on that!)

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays
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City of Darwin Municipal Plan - Seniors View

Prepared by [REDACTED] by Engagement Hub

Reporting Period: 01 June 2020 - 07 June 2021

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Project Overview



City of Darwin has released its Draft 2021/22 Municipal Plan that includes a record breaking \$91.5 million capital works budget.

- Highlights include \$28.1M investment in sport and recreation, \$30M for the Civic Centre redevelopment and \$9.3M to maintain our parks and reserves.
- There is an increase in rates of 2.5% and while most fees and charges have remained the same there has been a 5.5% increase to parking fees and 50c/\$1 increase in pool entry fees.

What we asked our stakeholders to do

We want to hear from stakeholders aged over 50 years so we can represent their "Senior View" on the plan.

We have heard from a number of our stakeholders that the following issues concern and/or interest them:

- Establishment of safe, secure and senior-centric community garden spaces
- Provision of senior-specific exercise equipment (for physical and mental health)
- Safety and security measures for seniors' safety at home, on transport, in community, online
- Provision of information for those who rely on print media, word of mouth and face-to-face contact
- What steps Darwin can/will take in practical terms to become an **age-friendly city**
- Cost of parking for seniors in Darwin CBD outside of peak hours.



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We will be writing to Council but we want to hear from you to ensure we are also able to talk about the view of Seniors living in the municipality.

Project Activity

This shows what activity was completed by stakeholders on the Project.

Total Page Views	Total Survey Taken
128	Total : 2 Submitted : 2 Saved to draft : 0

Informative Activities

This shows the number of documents available on the Project that were downloaded by stakeholders.

Key Document
5

Informative Widget Tools

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Key Documents Tool	10	18
Draft Municipal Plan 2021	4	4
Registered	0	0
Anonymous	4	4
Global Age Friendly Cities - A Guide	2	3
Registered	0	0
Anonymous	2	3
DRAFT Age Friendly Training Pack 2014	3	4



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Registered	0	0
Anonymous	3	4
Draft Fees and Charges 2021	3	4
Registered	0	0
Anonymous	3	4
Results of 2014 Community Focus Groups	2	3
Registered	0	0
Anonymous	2	3

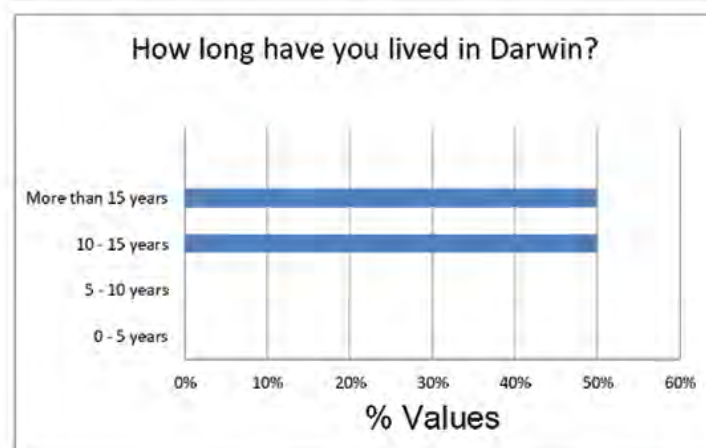


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Survey Results

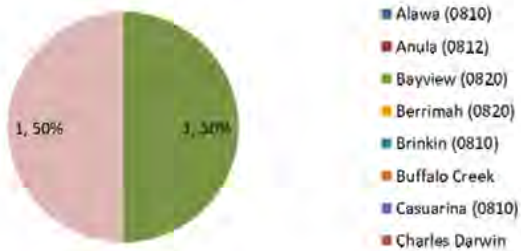
- 2 respondents aged between 54 and 64 years old.
- Both lived in Darwin for more than 10 years.
- Very limited response due to timeframe around Project.

About Participants



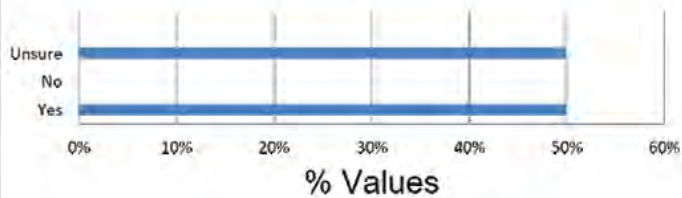
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Which suburb or region of the Darwin municipality do you live in



Transport

Do you feel that there any issues around safety and the problem of intoxicated commuters and other disturbances on the buses and also at the Cavanagh Street bus station?



Do you feel that there are any problems around a lack of respect on the buses such as disrespectful children (there was a mixed response as to whether it was younger or older children), bad...



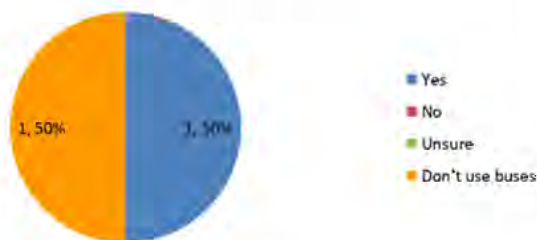
Do you think that the buses hours should be extended or changed?



Do you have any issues with information received regarding the timetables and maps?



Do you think the public bus service is affordable for seniors?

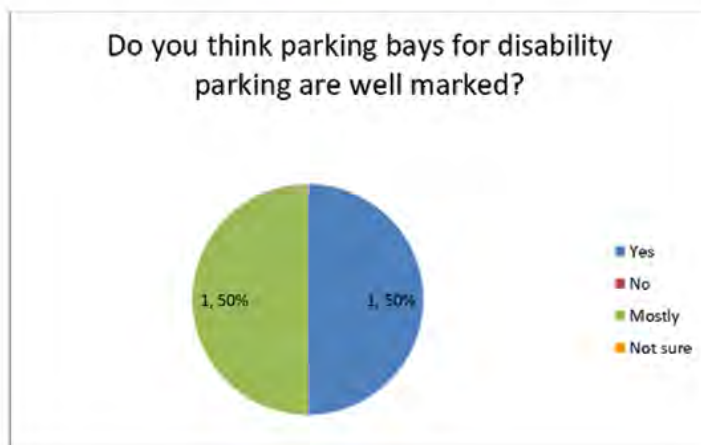
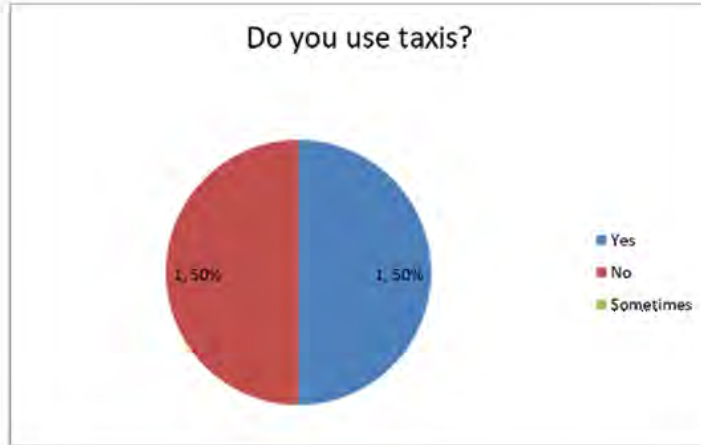


Do you think there are issues around bus stop locations and shelters in your suburb?

my bus stop does not have a shelter. and thats a good thing . nobody hiding in there and no graffiti



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Parking



Do you have any suggestions as to how parking for seniors in Darwin's CBD could be better managed?

- areas around COTA NT and similar venues where seniors gather should have special parking where the senior can have their carpark validated to stay longer and for free (or at a discount) e.g. Shadforth Lane behind COTA building at times when they have activities for seniors or smith street for banking

Out of Survey Response

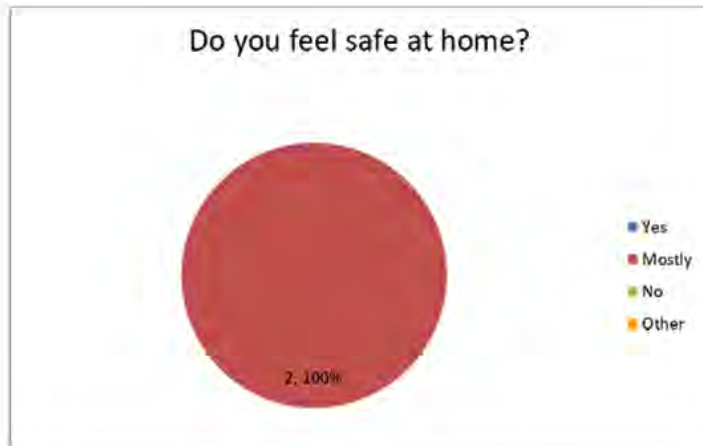
- I've written previously that Darwin City Council should consider giving seniors (perhaps those registered under the Seniors Recognition scheme with car registration as the 'eligible' vehicle?) a permit of some sort to park in the city areas free of charge for a few hours eg 19am till 11am and 2.30 - 4.30 to have coffees, shop etc during the quieter times before the lunchtime rush when more motorists gravitate to the city streets. Would help local businesses during these off peak times. Parking costs only add to the car costs of going from the suburbs whereas staying in say Casuarina, Nightcliff, Palmerston etc is free parking. If they really want to help keep the city 'alive' and relevant to more, this is perhaps one initiative? [REDACTED]

Housing

Is the length of time for the waiting lists for aged care housing and public housing an issue of concern to you?



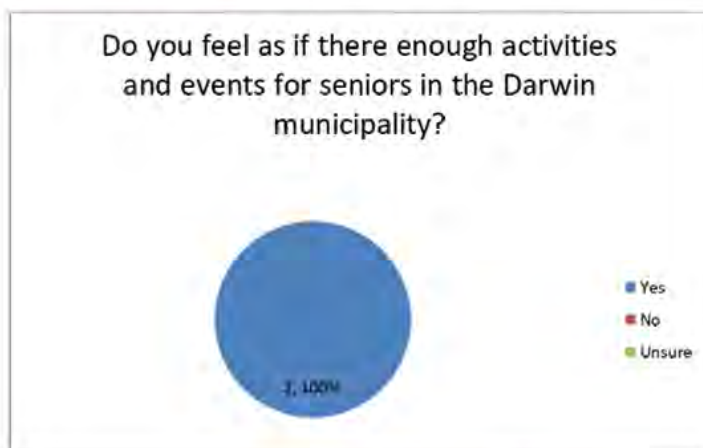
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Do you have any specific worries about your safety at home?

- Break Ins
- Yes, there is a lot of vandalizing of private and public properties and you never know where they will hit next.

Social Participation



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Do you feel that there are enough events all year round?



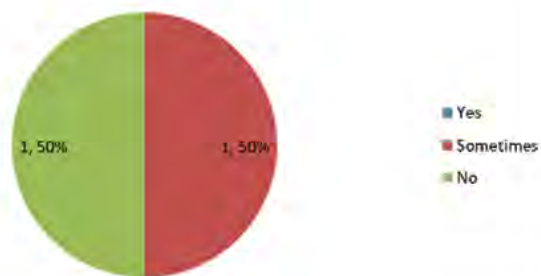
Do you receive enough information about events hosted or facilitated by City of Darwin?



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Respect and Social Inclusion

Do you feel isolated in your community?



Do you think younger people are generally respectful towards you and the wider community?

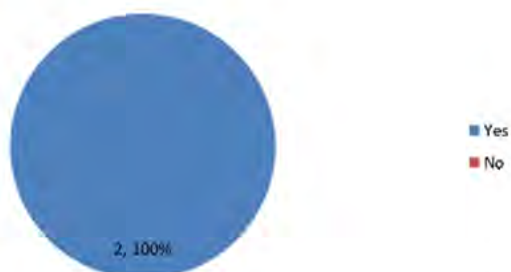


Civil Participation and Employment

Do you feel that you are supported at work?



Do you volunteer?

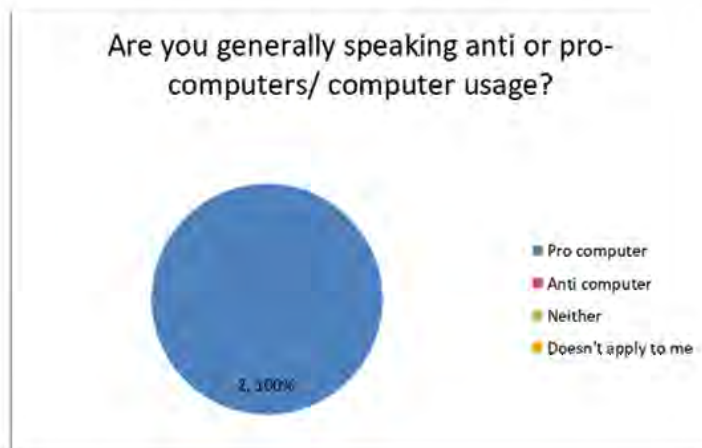
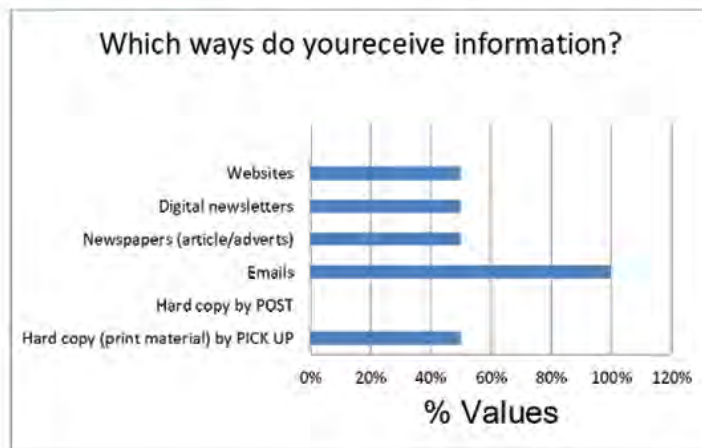


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What recommendations would you have for volunteering activities?

- every one that is able should do it to get out and meet people
- Volunteering is great to know new people with similar interests.

Communication



Do you feel as if you receive enough information about City of Darwin services?



Community Support and Health Services

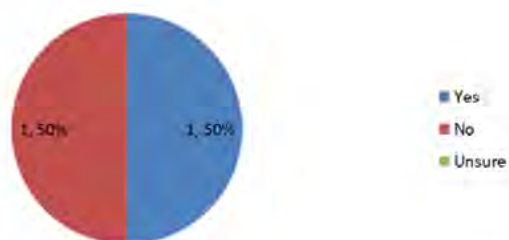
Do you think that staff in (most) customer service centres know how to communicate effectively with older people?



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Outdoor Spaces and Buildings

Do you think there is enough public seating for older people in your suburb?



Do you think there is enough public seating in Darwin city centre for older people?

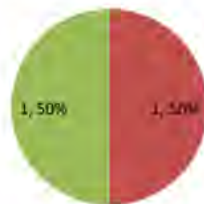


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Do you have any problems finding your way around the city in terms of signage and way finding?



Do you find City of Darwin maintained parks age-friendly- clean, safe, comfortable, restful?



What do you think would improve your local park or community space?

- ah thats a big topic
- More patrolling



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Do you have any problems with shared footpaths in terms of safety, access and space?



Do you think e-scooters are causing any issues for seniors in the community?

- Not that I am aware of. But with the start of the dry season and more tourists around, we'll see.



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Council: City of Darwin

Released on: 20/05/2021

Submission closes: 9/06/2021

Our Ref: HCD2017/01830

Mr Scott Waters
Chief Executive Officer
City of Darwin
GPO Box 84
DARWIN NT 0801

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Waters

Re: Feedback on Council's draft 2021-22 Annual Plan out for Public Consultation

Every year the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet, as the Agency responsible for Local Government, provides feedback on Council's draft Annual Plan. This feedback is not a formal submission, rather it is our contribution to assist the Council in its planning and budgeting process and to help the Council meet its Local Government legislative obligations.

Following our review of Council's draft Annual Plan, where we have come across grammatical or typographic errors, or potential inconsistencies, we have identified these in the feedback under the heading "Suggested Edits". Any other related matters we think the Council should consider, we have listed under the heading "Other Things to Note".

Should you have any queries on the matters mentioned in this email, please contact lg.compliance@nt.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

The Sustainability and Compliance Team

Draft Annual Plan Feedback:**Suggested Edits**

- There were a few broken links identified in the Annual Plan which need to be edited so that the document online can access the referenced websites:
 - On page 4 under "Making a Submission", the links for the Engage Darwin page and the Ward Alderman page.
 - The link to Council Wards on page 15.
 - On page 17, links for the Elected Member entitlements as well as the general election details.
 - Reference to the Financial Hardship Policy in the last paragraph on page 21.
 - Links to the Long Term Financial Plan (pages 26, 28) and Caretaker Policy (page 26).
- The second paragraph on page 21 contains a surplus word to be remove so that first the sentence reads "GRP for the City of Darwin was..."
- On page 25 under "Legislative Compliance", the department names should read "Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet".
- Page 72 refers to the Fees and Charges booklet as being in Appendix C however, Appendix C on page 96 is an index for tables and figures used in the Annual Plan. Please amend the document to include the booklet, or include a link to the Fees and Charges schedule on Council's website.
- It was noted that Council's Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) has not been updated despite the draft 2021-22 budget movements in areas that would be expected to have a flow-on effect on future years. For example, budgeted employee costs in the Annual Plan are \$983 000 higher than the amount reported in the LTFP. Please note, section 126 of the Act requires Councils to keep the LTFP up-to-date, and this is the same for section 200 in the new *Local Government Act 2019*, which comes into effect on 1 July 2021.

Other Things to Note:

Rates declaration – our review of Council's draft Plan does not include commenting on the Council's rates declaration. We separately encourage your Council to seek legal advice when preparing the rates declaration.

Citation of legislation - Due to amendments to the *Interpretation Act 1978*; Northern Territory legislation referencing is to include the year of enactment, for example *Local Government Act 2008*. Though we encourage this citation approach, any existing references are not legally incorrect due to transitional protection that has been included.

Note, the Council may wish to shorten a legislative citation reference, particularly if it is repeated in the same document. One way may be to cite the legislation followed by the short name in brackets and then use the short name subsequently – for example: the *Local Government Act 2008* (Act) and then use the reference 'Act' when next talking about that particular legislation.

Early payment allocation of the 2021-22 Financial Assistance Grant – Based on historical records, when preparing its budget the Council should take into consideration the impact a possible early payment of 2021-22 financial assistance grants, in late 2020-21, may have on their 2021-22 budget.



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3 June 2021

Dear The Right Worshipful The Lord Mayor of Darwin, the Hon. Kon Vatskalis,

I am writing to you – along with every other City of Darwin Alderman – in my capacity as Minister for Small Business, elected Member for Port Darwin, and as a passionate advocate for our beautiful City, to ask you to please reconsider reinstating alfresco dining fees in Darwin.

It is my understanding that the intention is to reinstate these fees from July 2021, which will be felt heavily by hospitality and tourism small businesses in Darwin City.

I am out every day visiting small businesses throughout the city. Most businesses are feeling positive about the future and are excited to have seen a fantastic start to the dry season. However, while things have improved for many businesses, my conversations suggest that some are still struggling immensely through the recovery, and are feeling the impacts of a pandemic we are still very much in the thick of.

I understand there was a moratorium put on these fees during 2020 in response to COVID-19, but the proposal to reinstate these fees in July 2021 lacks insight and empathy to the small business owners who are still doing it tough.

I am writing to seek your support on behalf of small businesses, and I ask the City of Darwin to please reconsider this decision.

Kind regards,



Minister Paul Kirby MLA





3rd June 2021

Lord Mayor of Darwin
The Hon. Kon Vatskalis
City of Darwin
via: Lord.Mayor@darwin.nt.gov.au

cc:/ Scott Waters
Chief Executive Officer, City of Darwin
via: [REDACTED]

Re: Councils 2021-22 Budget - Alfresco Fees

Dear Lord Mayor,

Thank you for your on-going support of our industry, particularly the MyDarwin voucher scheme you and the Council implemented last year. We believe it was pivotal in encouraging local residents who were legitimately fearful back into hospitality and retail venues throughout the local government area.

Hospitality NT is the peak employer representative for the Territory's hospitality industry. We are aware that the City of Darwin is currently considering Budget 2021/2022 and would like to make a submission on behalf of members of our Association operating within the City of Darwin.

The success of activating public space in order to reduce anti-social behaviour is something the City of Darwin would be very familiar with. The City of Darwin over many years has dedicated a lot of resources to activating public space all throughout the municipality.

Outdoor dining is a pillar of activating public space and as such, Hospitality NT believes should be made as easy and accessible as possible.

Outdoor dining by definition activates public space, putting chairs, tables, planter boxes and more on footpaths and in public space, the business owners are then committed to ensuring it is well maintained and an attractive space, at their own costs. If left empty and vacant, it then becomes Council's responsibility to maintain, with the real threat of anti-social behaviour coming back into that space.

As we have seen in Melbourne over the past week, the hospitality industry is still facing uncertain times, we are still recovering from the shut-down period last year and continued restricted travel and uncertainty in 2021.

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Accordingly, we seek Council's consideration to defer alfresco dining fees for another 12 months.

Kind regards



Chief Executive Officer
Hospitality NT

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 May 2021 15:17:13 +0930
To: City of Darwin
Subject: comments on Municipal Plan 2021

To be forwarded to CEO, thank you.

My comments on the draft plan:

1. It is frustrating that the fees and charges document does not show a comparison with the previous year.
2. I queried the pool fee rises with a member of your staff online, and despite them saying they would get back to me last Monday I have heard no reply. My query is: In the 2021/2022 Fees and Charges doc on your website, page 36, two queries: 1) In Public Sessions, it states that concession card holders are free. In the 30 swim pass section it says the cost is \$47 for a concession card. So my query is, what is a 'public session' for a concession card holder? I can't find any explanation as to what is a public session. I hold such a card and use a 30 swim pass but if it is free, then why buy the pass? and 2) In Public Sessions there is no cost alongside the 'family concession'. But there is a fee of \$12.50 for senior card holders, which is more than twice the cost for an adult. I am wondering if there is an error in these entries. Again, I wonder what is a public session for a senior?
3. Thank goodness council reconsidered the original proposals for the Casuarina Pool upgrade. A lot of money, time and angst could have been avoided if council consulted with pool users before going to the planners!
4. I am supportive of the upgrade / remodelling of the Civic Centre. I used to work in the Civic Centre in the early 1990s and it was run down then, so it is good that it will be updated. Unfortunately, the plan does not explain where council will sit during the upgrade, how long it will take, and what will be extra costs - or are these included in the upgrade budget? There was talk of council sitting in a vacant shop in the Mall but where will council services (and the library) be housed during construction?
5. There is media speculation that Darwin will get another two sister cities (Denpasar was recently announced yet it is not in the current plan) but there is nothing in the draft plan. Is this true? And, if it is, at what extra cost? So many local services are wanting yet there is more money to spend on elected members and international relations? Council should focus on local government business; six sister cities is quite enough. If council was awash with money I could understand it, but it is incredibly frustrating when I see local government services absent due to lack of money, yet you spend it on non-local government activities!
6. These services are lacking any reference in the plan:
 - a) The state of footpaths in Anula alone is appalling (uneven and hazardous surfaces, broken concrete and bitumen, or non-existent with hazardous tree roots); I can only speculate it is similar in other suburbs.
 - b) The Nature Strip Assistance Program has run out of money and is thus closed;

- c) Tree replacement after Cyclone Marcus in the Anula Greenbelt is not yet finished - several trees that died were removed but yet to be replaced, and trees need to be planted in the area where two large mahoganies were removed some weeks ago.
- d) Safety initiatives in the northern suburbs such as removal of graffiti and gang tagging which is highly visible along major roads and pedestrian walkways. These are not only unappealing, but suggest unsafe walking areas and are counterproductive to beautification efforts.
- e) There have been ad hoc initiatives addressing anti-social activities in the Mall and suburban shopping centres in recent years. Why are these not permanent programs? These activities are unsafe and undesirable experiences of locals and visitors which should be a concern to council given the prediction that this Dry season will be our busiest ever for tourist numbers.

7. There is also media commentary that council will continue the My Darwin vouchers for small business but there is nothing in the plan. Is this true? If so, I oppose this, considering budgets are so tight. Local government is NOT responsible for small business and, besides, they are doing even better than before Covid at the moment. All indications are that this Dry Season will be the best on record for financial returns. So please use our precious rate payer money on council initiatives, that should be the priority.

8. There is an error on page 53 of the plan - next year's Bombing of Darwin anniversary will be the 80th, not 60th.

Thank you for considering my comments.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Darwin.

14.7 2021/22 DECLARATION OF RATES AND CHARGES

Author: Executive Manager Finance
Team Leader Revenue

Authoriser: Chief Financial Officer

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report entitled 2021/2022 Declaration of Rates and Charges be received and noted.
2. THAT pursuant to Section 149 of the *Local Government Act* (“the Act”), Council adopts the Unimproved Capital Value method as the basis of the assessed value of allotments within the Darwin Municipality.
3. THAT pursuant to Section 155 of the Act, Council declares that it intends to raise, for general purposes by way of rates, the amount of \$67,290,222 which will be raised by the application of differential valuation-based charges (“differential rates”) with differential minimum amounts (“minimum amounts”) being payable in application of each of those differential rates.

For the purposes of paragraph 3, “residential parts or units” means a dwelling house, flat or other substantially self-contained residential unit or building.

Council hereby declares the following differential rates and minimum amounts payable in the application of those differential rates for the financial year ending 30 June 2022:

- a) 0.563150% of the assessed value of all rateable land within the municipality zoned LR, RR, R or RL under the *NT Planning Scheme*, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,187.00 multiplied by :-
 - (a) the number of separate residential parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or
 - (b) the number 1,
 whichever is the greater.
- b) 0.563150% of the assessed value of all rateable land within the municipality zoned LMR, MR or HR under the *NT Planning Scheme*, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,246.00 multiplied by :-
 - (a) the number of separate residential parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or
 - (b) the number 1,
 whichever is the greater.
- c) 0.527717% of the assessed value of all rateable land within the municipality zoned CV under the *NT Planning Scheme*, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,187.00 multiplied by :-
 - (a) the number of separate residential parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or
 - (b) the number 1,
 whichever is the greater.
- d) 0.704249% of the assessed value of all rateable land within the municipality zoned CB under the *NT Planning Scheme*, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,502.00 multiplied by :-
 - (a) the number of separate residential parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or
 - (b) the number 1,
 whichever is the greater.

e)	0.547979%	of the assessed value of all rateable land within the municipality zoned PS or CN under the NT Planning Scheme, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,237.00 multiplied by :- (a) the number of separate residential parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or (b) the number 1, whichever is the greater.
f)	0.510170%	of the assessed value of all rateable land within the municipality zoned OR under the NT Planning Scheme, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$490.00 multiplied by :- (a) the number of separate residential parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or (b) the number 1, whichever is the greater.
g)	0.563150%	of the assessed value of all rateable land within the municipality zoned FD, SU, CP, CL, RD or U under the NT Planning Scheme, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,246.00 multiplied by :- (a) the number of separate residential parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or (b) the number 1, whichever is the greater.
h)	0.751276%	of the assessed value of all rateable land within the municipality zoned C, or SC under the NT Planning Scheme other than those classes of allotments described in paragraphs (i) and (j) below, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,237.00 multiplied by :- (a) the number of separate residential parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or (b) the number 1, whichever is the greater.
i)	1.395119%	of the assessed value of those classes of allotments within the municipality zoned C or SC under the NT Planning Scheme with a parcel area equal to or greater than 40,000m ² and being allotments on which there is situated a major shopping centre, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential being \$1,237.00 multiplied by :- (a) the number of separate residential parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or (b) the number 1, whichever is the greater.
j)	0.751276%	of the assessed value of those classes of allotments within the municipality zoned C or SC under the NT Planning Scheme with a parcel area less than 40,000m ² and being allotments on which there is situated a major shopping centre, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,237.00 multiplied by :- (a) the number of separate residential parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or

	(b) the number 1, whichever is the greater.
k) 0.624223%	of the assessed value of all rateable land within the municipality zoned TC or HT under the NT Planning Scheme, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,237.00 multiplied by :- (a) the number of separate residential parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or (b) the number 1, whichever is the greater.
l) 0.545468%	of the assessed value of all rateable land within the municipality zoned LI under the NT Planning Scheme, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,237.00 multiplied by :- (a) the number of separate residential parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or (b) the number 1, whichever is the greater.
m) 0.462998%	of the assessed value of all rateable land (other than the small allotments identified below) within the municipality zoned GI or DV under the NT Planning Scheme, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,237.00 multiplied by :- (a) the number of separate residential parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or (b) the number 1, whichever is the greater. Council considers the following classes of allotments within the municipality zoned GI to be a different class of allotments and small allotments for the purposes of section 148(3)(b) of the Act and the example given at the foot of that section: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Units 1 to 3 and Units 5 to 98 comprised in Unit Plan No. 95/95; • Units 101 to 216 in Unit Plan 97/112; • Units 17 to 32 comprised in Unit Plan 98/32; • Lots 6244 to 6285 Hundred of Bagot; and • Lots 6330 to 6336 Hundred of Bagot. Council considers that an inequity would result if the minimum amount declared in respect of rateable land within Zone GI were applied to these small allotments, and accordingly, Council declares a lesser minimum amount, being \$308.00, to be payable in respect of each of these small allotments.
n) 0.563150%	of the assessed value of every allotment of rateable land within the municipality not otherwise described above, with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,187.00 multiplied by :- (a) the number of separate residential parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to section 148(4) of the Act) on each allotment of land; or (b) the number 1, whichever is the greater.

4. Pursuant to Section 156 of the Act Council declares the following special rate ("the Parking Local Rate"):
- a) The purpose for which the Parking Local Rate is to be imposed is to defray the expense of and in relation to on-street and off-street parking within the central business district ("the Central Business District") as defined in Schedule 1 of the *Local Government (Darwin Parking Local Rates) Regulations 1982* ("the Regulations"), it being the opinion of the Council that such on-street and off-street parking is and will be of special benefit to the ratepayers of the Central Business District.
 - b) The amount to be raised by the Parking Local Rate is \$1,028,376.
 - c) The Parking Local Rate is to be an amount of \$246.82 per car parking space which will be assessed and levied in accordance with the Regulations. Notification of the parking usage schedule 2021/2022 has been duly prepared in accordance with Regulation 4 of the Regulations and notified in the Northern Territory Government Gazette on 9 June 2021 and in the Northern Territory News on 10 June 2021.
 - d) The Parking Local Rate will be levied on all rateable land in the Central Business District in accordance with the Regulations.
 - e) Appeals against an entry in the parking usage schedule may be made in accordance with regulation 7 of the Regulations. The period for appeals under regulation 7 of the Regulations expires on 8 July 2021.
 - f) Proceeds of the Parking Local Rate shall be applied by the Council for the provision, operation and maintenance of land, facilities, services and improvements for and in connection with the parking of vehicles in the Central Business District, including both on-street and off-street parking facilities.
5. Pursuant to Section 157 of the Act, Council declares that it intends to raise \$8,347,229 and makes and declares the following charges for the financial year ending 30 June 2022 for the purpose of enabling or assisting Council to meet the cost of the garbage collection and recycling collection services and the waste disposal services it provides for the benefit of residential land within the municipality and the occupiers of such land:
- a) A charge of \$297.00 per annum per residential dwelling in respect of kerbside garbage and recycling collection services and a waste disposal service provided for the benefit of, or which Council is willing and able to provide for the benefit of, each residential dwelling within the municipality other than a residential dwelling as described in Parts 1, 2 and 3 of the Schedule below and the occupiers of such land.
- The services are –
- i). a kerbside garbage collection service of one visit per week; and
 - ii). a kerbside recycling collection service of one visit per fortnight,
- with the collection of waste contained in a maximum of one 240 litre mobile bin per garbage collection or recycling collection visit; and
- iii). access to the SBWDS, by means of an access tag of such type as may be provided by the Council, to enable the owner or occupier of such residential dwelling to dispose of such waste items as may be accepted by the operator of the SBWDS from time to time. Council will provide one access tag for each such residential dwelling. Additional or replacement tags can be purchased for the fee determined by Council from time to time.

- b) A charge of \$277.00 per annum per residential dwelling in respect of non-kerbside (communal) garbage and recycling collection services and a waste disposal service provided for the benefit of, or which Council is willing and able to provide for the benefit of, each residential dwelling within the municipality where the number of residential dwellings (as the case may be) exceeds three (3) other than a residential dwelling as described in Parts 2 and 3 of the Schedule below and the occupiers of such land.

The services are as described in Part 1 of the Schedule below.

- c) A charge of \$277.00 per annum per residential dwelling in respect of non-kerbside (communal) garbage and recycling collection services and a waste disposal service provided for the benefit of, or which Council is willing and able to provide for the benefit of, each residential dwelling within the municipality where:
- i). the number of residential dwellings exceeds twelve (12), other than a residential dwelling as described in paragraph 5(d) below;
 - ii). the dwellings and the facilities in and about the dwellings meet the requirements of the Council for the purposes of providing the services;
and
 - iii). the owners of the dwellings have notified the Council in writing of their wish to be provided with these services.

The services are as described in Part 2 of the Schedule below.

- d) A charge of \$277.00 per annum per residential dwelling in respect of non-kerbside (communal) garbage and recycling collection services and a waste disposal service provided for the benefit of, or which Council is willing and able to provide for the benefit of, each residential dwelling within the municipality where:
- i). the number of residential dwellings exceeds forty (40);
 - ii). the dwellings and the facilities in and about the dwellings meet the requirements of the Council for the purposes of providing the services;
and
 - iii). the owners of the dwellings have notified the Council in writing of their wish to be provided with these services.

The services are as described in Part 3 of the Schedule below;

- e) Where, in response to a written request from a person liable to pay a charge in respect of a residential dwelling referred to in paragraph 5(a), Council approves the request and provides an additional service in the form of the weekly kerbside collection of waste contained in one or more additional 240 litre mobile garbage bins, a charge of \$492.00 per annum, per additional garbage bin shall apply to that residential dwelling. The additional service shall be the provision and collection of waste contained in the number of additional 240 litre mobile garbage bins approved by Council in response to such written request, which charge shall be levied and paid in conjunction with the charge for the weekly kerbside collection service referred to in paragraph 5(a).

- f) Where, in response to a written request from a person liable to pay a charge in respect of a residential dwelling referred to in paragraph 5(a), Council approves the request and provides an additional service in the form of the fortnightly kerbside collection of recycled items contained in one or more additional 240 litre mobile recycling bins, a charge of \$115.00 per annum, per additional recycling bin shall apply to that residential dwelling. The additional service shall be the provision and collection of recycled items contained in the number of additional 240 litre mobile recycling bins approved by Council in response to such written request, which shall be levied and paid in conjunction with the charge for the fortnightly kerbside collection service referred to in paragraph 5(a).
- g) For the purposes of this paragraph 5:
- i). “residential dwelling” means a dwelling house, flat or other substantially self contained residential unit or building on residential land and includes a unit within the meaning of the Unit Titles Act and the Unit Title Schemes Act.
 - ii). “residential land” means land used or capable of being used for residential purposes (but does not include land on which there is no residential dwelling).
 - iii). “SBWDS” means the Shoal Bay Waste Disposal Site located at Lot 3952 Town of Sanderson.

SCHEDULE

CITY OF DARWIN

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICES

PART 1 –

Communal Services for more than 3 residential dwellings (refer paragraph 5(b) of declaration)

The services are –

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

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

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

NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	GARBAGE BINS 240 LITRE	RECYCLING BINS 240 LITRE	TOTAL NUMBER 240 LTR BINS
4	1	1	2
5-6	2	1	3
7-8	2	2	4

9-12	3	2	5
13-16	4	3	7
17-18	5	3	8
19-20	5	4	9
21-24	6	4	10
25-28	7	5	12
29-30	8	5	13
31-32	8	6	14
33-36	9	7	16
37-40	10	7	17
41-44	11	8	19
45-48	12	8	20

PART 2 –

Communal Services for more than 12 residential dwellings that meet the requirements of Council (refer paragraph 5(c) of declaration)

The services are –

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

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

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

NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	GARBAGE BINS 1,100 LITRE	RECYCLING BINS 240 LITRE	TOTAL NUMBER MIXED BINS
13-16	1	3	4
17-18	2	3	5
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	GARBAGE BINS 1,100 LITRE	RECYCLING BINS 1,100 LITRE	TOTAL NUMBER 1,100 LTR BINS
19-24	2	1	3
25-32	2	2	4
33-48	3	2	5
49-64	4	3	7

65-71	5	3	8
72-80	5	4	9
81-96	6	4	10
97-112	7	5	12

PART 3 –

Communal Services for more than 40 residential dwellings that meet the requirements of Council (refer paragraph 5(d) of declaration)

The services are –

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

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

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

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

6. The relevant interest rate for the late payment of rates and charges is fixed in accordance with Section 162 of the Act at the rate of 18.0% per annum and is to be calculated on a daily basis.

7. Rates and charges declared under this declaration may be paid by four (4) approximately equal instalments on the following dates, namely:-

- i). First Instalment: 30 September 2021
- ii). Second Instalment: 30 November 2021
- iii). Third Instalment: 31 January 2022
- iv). Fourth Instalment: 31 March 2022

Instalments falling due on a weekend or public holiday may be paid by the following business day, without incurring any penalty.

(a) Details of due dates and specified amounts will be listed on the relevant Rates Notice.

(b) Variations to those options for payment will be administered according to the conditions outlined on the front and reverse of the Rates Notice.

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

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide for the adoption of 2021/2022 Rates and Charges that support the Budget contained in the City of Darwin 2021/2022 Municipal Plan.

KEY ISSUES

- The Council's 2021/2022 Municipal Plan contains Council's key rating proposals for the 2021/2022 financial year.
- The General Rate Yield for rateable properties within the Municipality has been increased by 2.5%.
- Income per Municipal Plan/Budget:
 - General Rates \$67,290,222
 - Garbage/Recycling \$8,347,229
 - Parking Local Rate \$1,028,376

DISCUSSION

The City of Darwin 2021/2022 Municipal Plan contains Council's key rating proposals for the 2021/2022 financial year.

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

The charge for the domestic Garbage and Recycling collection service in 2020/2021 was originally \$284.00 for Kerbside Collection and \$264.00 per service for Manual Collection.

The rates declaration recognises and incorporates as part of the charges imposed under Section 157 of the Act, the waste disposal service, namely access to the Shoal Bay Waste Disposal Site, provided to each residential dwelling.

The charges for Kerbside and Manual collection services (including the waste disposal service) has been increased by \$13.00, which increases the charge for Kerbside Collection to \$297.00 per service and for Manual Collection to \$277.00 per service.

The charge for additional garbage bins has been increased by \$1.00, which increases the charge per additional service to \$492.00 per additional general waste service and the charge for additional recycling bins has also been increased by \$1.00, which increases the charge to \$115.00 per additional recycling service.

The rate applied for the Parking Local Rate has been retained at \$246.82 per shortfall bay as per the 2020/2021 level.

Council has previously recognised that strata titled Self-Storage Units should attract a lesser Minimum General Rate than other strata titled units situated within the GI Town Planning Zone. The charge for General Rate has been increased by \$8, which increases the charge for General Rate to \$308.00. A lesser Minimum General Rate may be declared for these types of properties in accordance with Section 148 (3)(b) of the *Local Government Act*.

The penalty interest rate imposed pursuant to Section 162 of the *Local Government Act* has been retained at 18%. Relief from part or all of penalty interest accruals is available to ratepayers who are experiencing severe financial hardship and meet payment arrangement criteria, upon application.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

At the 29 June 2021 meeting Council resolved:

Council has now adopted the City of Darwin 2021/2022 Municipal Plan and Budget pursuant to Section 128 of the *Local Government Act*.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	6 Governance Framework 6.4 Accountability
CRITICAL DATES	Pursuant to Section 155 of the NT Local Government Act 2008 (the Act), Council is required to declare rates on or before 31 July of each year. Section 158 of the Act requires Council to publish notice of the rates on its website and in a newspaper circulating generally in council's area. A notice will be booked to be published in the NT News post the Council meeting.
BUDGET / FINANCIAL	Budget/Funding: \$76,665,827 Funding identified: Income per Municipal Plan/Budget Description: General Rates \$67,290,222 Garbage/Recycling \$8,347,229

	Parking Local Rate \$1,028,376
RISK ASSESSMENT	<p> Assets & Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Environment & Waste <input type="checkbox"/> Financial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Info Comms & Tech <input type="checkbox"/> Legal & Compliance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ops & Service Delivery <input type="checkbox"/> Reputation & Brand <input type="checkbox"/> Work Health & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> </p> <p>In accordance with City of Darwin Risk Management Framework, the post treatment, mitigation risk is: Low</p> <p>In accordance with City of Darwin risk management policy, the Risk Rating is: Insignificant Possible</p> <p>If rates are not declared in accordance with the requirements of the NT Local Government Act 2008, Council is unable to legally levy rates.</p>
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	<p>Legislation: Parts 11.5 and 11.6 of NT Local Government Act 2008</p> <p>Policy: N/A</p>
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	<p>Existing Position No: N/A</p> <p>Contractor: N/A</p>
CONSULTATION & ENGAGEMENT	<p>Engagement Level: Consult</p> <p>Tactics: The Draft Municipal Plan was open for public consultation for a period of 21 days from 19 May 2021 to 9 June 2021.</p> <p>External The draft Declaration of Rates and Charges report and public notice has been legally reviewed to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2008.</p> <p>Internal The budget estimates have been discussed in depth with Council and the Executive Leadership Team. The estimates were published in the City of Darwin 2021/2022 Draft Municipal Plan and Budget and made available for public inspection and comment for a period of 21 days following publication on Council's website on Wednesday, 19 May 2021 and advertisement in the NT News on Thursday, 20 May 2021.</p>
COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR THIS INITIATIVE	<p>Internal</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>External</p> <p>This report forms part of the adoption of the Municipal plan and Budget, formally declaring the Rates and Charges for 2021/2022.</p> <p>Section 158 of the NT Local Government Act 2008 requires Council to publish notice of the Rates on its website and in a newspaper circulating generally in council's area. A notice will be published in the NT News post this Council meeting.</p>

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

14.8 ADOPTION OF 2021/22 MUNICIPAL PLAN

Author: Executive Manager Governance Strategy & Performance

Authoriser: General Manager Government Relations & External Affairs

Attachments: 1. 2021/22 City of Darwin Municipal Plan (including Fees and Charges)

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. THAT the report entitled adoption of 2021/22 Municipal Plan be received and noted.
2. THAT the Certificate in terms of Regulation 24 (1) of the Local Government (Accounting) Regulations, as tabled by the Chief Executive Officer at this Ordinary Council Meeting, Tuesday 29 June 2021, regarding Assessment Record and Record of Rates, be received and noted.
3. THAT Council waives all Outdoor Dining Fees listed on page 97 of the 2021/22 Fees and Charges, **Attachment 2** for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.
4. THAT Council adopts the 2021/22 City of Darwin Municipal Plan, provided at **Attachment 1**, noting that it includes the:
 - (a) Council's Annual Service Delivery Plan as the basis of deliverables to the Darwin municipality for 2021/22;
 - (b) The 2021/22 Annual Budget to be effective from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022
5. THAT Council adopts the 2021/22 Fees and Charges as provided at Appendix D to the Municipal Plan, to be effective from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022;
6. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 32(2) of the Local Government Act 2008 delegates to the Chief Executive Office the power to use the 2021/22 Annual Budget as the basis to update the City of Darwin Long-Term Financial Plan 2030 and provide back to a future meeting of Council for endorsement.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to adopt the 2021/22 Municipal Plan, incorporating the 2021/22 Annual Budget and 2021/22 Fees and Charges.

KEY ISSUES

- Council is required to have a plan called a Municipal Plan. For City of Darwin, this is the annual plan which incorporates Council's Annual Service Delivery Plan, Annual Budget and Fees and Charges.
- A draft of the Municipal Plan was released for public consultation on 19 May 2021. Consultation concluded on 9 June 2021. Feedback, where relevant, has been incorporated into the 2021/21 Municipal Plan, **Attachment 1**.
- The Municipal Plan has been developed considering the Darwin 2030 – *City for People. City of Colour*. Strategic Plan and other Council strategies and plans, the Local Government Act 2008, and incorporates the following key requirements which are effective from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022:
 - Annual Service Delivery Plan
 - Annual Budget
 - Fees and Charges

- The 2021/22 Municipal Plan highlights include:
 - a 2.5% increase to general rates income
 - unprecedented capital investment totalling \$91.5M
 - \$2.1M to deliver the Better Suburbs and Enhancements projects
 - \$1.5M Stormwater upgrades and reconstruction
 - \$1.3M Tree Establishment Program
 - \$14.0M Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility Cells 3 and 4 capping
 - \$1.6M in community support funding
 - \$1.9M towards creating a safer Darwin
 - \$9.3M to maintain parks and green spaces across the municipality
 - \$29.1M total investment in sports and recreation infrastructure

DISCUSSION

Section 22 of the *Local Government Act 2008* (the Act) states that each Council must have a plan for its area. For municipal councils it is to be called a Municipal Plan. The Municipal Plan must be adopted by Council between 1 April and 31 July each year and undergo a minimum of 21 days public consultation.

Council has complied with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2008 (the Act) to develop the 2021/22 Municipal Plan.

A number of Council decisions have informed the 2021/22 Municipal Plan to date. These include:

- Decision SPE217/21 – Adoption of the 2021/22 Staffing Plan in accordance with Section 103 of the Act.
- Decision ORD176/21 – Adoption of Elected Member Allowances for 2021/22
- Decision SPE217/21 – Endorsement of a draft plan for community consultation.
- Decision ORD224/21 and ORD 225/21 – Endorsement of Sponsorship and Operating Subsidy budget allocations.

Overview of 2021/22 Municipal Plan

The 2021/22 Municipal Plan sets out the deliverables and projects that the City of Darwin proposes to deliver for the community to achieve the Strategic Directions of the Darwin 2030 – *City for People. City of Colour* Strategic Plan.

This year's Municipal Plan focusses on delivering projects across the municipality that ensure a "Better City. Better Suburbs." with a record-breaking capital works program of \$91.5M, \$55.0M of which will deliver the Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre and Civic Centre Redevelopment projects. The total allocation towards capital projects during this term of Council (22nd Term) now amount to around \$230M.

Projects and programs aligned to the five strategic directions in 2021/22 include:

- \$2.1M on Better Suburbs and Enhancements projects
- \$1.5M Stormwater upgrades and reconstruction
- \$1.3M Tree Establishment Program
- \$14.0M Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility Cells 3 and 4 capping
- \$1.6M in community support funding
- \$1.9M towards creating a safer Darwin
- \$9.3M to maintain parks and green spaces across the municipality
- \$29.1M total investment in sports and recreation infrastructure

Council Services / Service Profiles (Pages 34-37)

Council's Service Delivery Plan for 2021/22 is outlined from page 32 in the Municipal Plan, Attachment 1.

To better achieve alignment of services and budget, Council has increased its defined services from 39 to 41. Key changes include:

- Moving commercial property from within Asset Management to a new service profile entitled Property Management. This will allow Council to better track the activity associated with property such as leases, licenses and land.
- Incorporating Business Resilience into a new service profile entitled 'Emergency Planning and Response' as business continuity is a core function of this service.
- Removing the service profile for External Affairs and moving the function within the services of Marketing, Communications and External Affairs. External Affairs refers to public relations and media and stakeholder relationship management.
- Moving the service of Fraud and Proficiency Management as a core function of Risk and Assurance.
- Separating Governance, Strategy and Performance into two services to respond to new reporting requirements in the Local Government Act 2019.
- Separating Human Resources and Workplace Health and Safety into two service profiles as they are two distinct and separate internal services for Council.
- Removing Legal Services and Complaints Management as they are not discrete services. Whilst Corporate Services facilitate the provision of legal advice, Council does not provide a legal service. Complaints Management is a process that Council is required to follow in order to resolve customer feedback or feedback about a member of staff or an Elected Member. These processes occur within the relevant functional area of the business. i.e. Elected Members in Governance and staff feedback is managed via Human Resources.
- Creating a new service profile for Reconciliation in recognition of the requirements to deliver on the Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan and associated resource commitment.
- Creating a new service profile for Revenue Management as a service that manages the rating and accounts receivable functions.
- Creating a new service profile for the Darwin City Deal to ensure Council's commitments for the Darwin City Deal can be funded, tracked and reported on for the remainder of the Darwin City Deal.
- Removing the service of Strategic Projects and Grants as these are functions of Strategy and Performance and are not funded separately.

In addition, the Chief Executive Officer and General Managers have reviewed the naming of services to ensure they better reflect terminology that is reflective of industry standards and to ensure alignment with organisational structure and the general ledger structure for the annual budget and reporting requirements.

Strategic Performance Measures (Page 38 and Appendix B to the Municipal Plan)

The top-level Place Score Measures have been included in the Municipal Plan in order to meet legislative requirements to outline measures of performance in the Municipal Plan. Measures for each Place Score attribute is outlined in Appendix B to the Municipal Plan. These measures will form the basis of initiatives to be presented in future budgets to ensure the service delivery program remains on track with Council's long-term strategic priorities.

Strategic Projects (Page 40-41)

City of Darwin's Strategic Projects Prospectus outlines six strategic projects for Darwin's future. In 2021/22, Council plans to deliver the Casuarina Leisure and Aquatic Centre.

Major Projects (Pages 42-46)

For City of Darwin, major projects are described as either operational or capital projects that exceed a budget of \$1.0M. Seven projects are identified as major projects in 2021/22 as follows:

- Better Suburbs and Enhancements Projects - \$2.1M
- Redevelopment of the Darwin Civic Centre - \$30.0M
- Stormwater Upgrades and Reconstruction - \$1.5M
- Lee Point Road Upgrade - \$3.3 (or \$2.8M)
- Velodrome - \$2.25M
- Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility - \$14.0M
- Australian Government Safer Communities Project - 'Making Mindil Safe' - \$1.1M

Service Improvements (Page 47)

Council has programmed almost \$1.0M in service improvements in the 2021/22 Municipal Plan. Service improvements may be one-off improvements in order to ensure Council achieves a level of compliance or delivers on operational initiatives such as Privacy Management or to deliver a Commercial Property Strategy. Other initiatives such as funding the East Point Advisory Committee are ongoing improvements to service delivery.

2021/22 Deliverables (Pages 49-55)

The key deliverables outlined on pages 49-55 of the Municipal Plan are the key actions that Council plans to undertake in 2021/22 to achieve the Darwin 2030 Strategic Plan directions and City of Darwin Governance Framework. Deliverables may be project or service based and considered to be of importance to working towards our long-term plans. It is through the deliverable and departmental business plans that all other strategy and planning documents within Council are integrated.

2021/22 Capital Works Program (Pages 57-59)

The 2021/22 Capital Works Program outlines the capital programs and projects that Council will progress over the course of the financial year. Projects are defined as having a start and end date, whereas capital programs are derived from Council's Asset Management Plans for renewing and replacing assets such as playgrounds, pathways and streetlighting.

Community Consultation

In accordance with the Local Government Act 2019, Council must display the Draft Municipal Plan for community consultation for a period of not less than 21 days. The plan was released for feedback from Wednesday 19 May 2021 to closed on Wednesday 9 June 2021.

There were 21 visits recorded at the Engage Darwin site with a total of seven responses via Engage Darwin. A further four (4) responses received via email to the Chief Executive Officer. Community feedback has been presented under a separate report to Council.

Key feedback included:

- City Maintenance concerns
- Outdoor Dining / Alfresco Dining Fees
- Walking and Cycling / Movement initiatives
- Provision of Sport and Recreation facilities including Basketball

In addition to the formalised feedback there is some anecdotal evidence gleaned from social media that demonstrates negative feedback relating to Council's proposed reintroduction to Outdoor Dining Fees from 1 July 2021.

As a result of feedback, the 2021/22 Municipal Plan, Annual Budget and Fees and Charges have been updated to implement a waiver of all Outdoor Dining Fees for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.

A response has also been received from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet, Local Government with regards to the Municipal Plan's compliance with the Local Government Act. In addition to administrative corrections, the Department has provided the following feedback:

- An update to the Long-Term Financial Plan is required to align with the draft 2021/22 budget movements.
- Commentary on declaration of rates.
- Consideration of an early payment of the 2021/22 Financial Assistance Grants

This report seeks Council delegation to the Chief Executive Officer to update the City of Darwin Long-Term Financial Plan 2030 in response to the 2021/22 Annual Budget. The Long-Term Financial Plan 2030 will be presented back to Council to a future meeting of Council for endorsement, once programmed to be updated.

A separate report is provided to this Ordinary Meeting for Council to declare Rates and Charges for 2021/22 as included in the Annual Budget. Commentary to reflect this has been updated on the 2021/22 Municipal Plan. The Declaration of Rates will be published in the NT News on Friday 2 July 2021.

Council acknowledges early receipt of Financial Assistance Grants for 2021/22 and this will be addressed as part of preparing the financial statements for the current 2020/21 financial year. A budget variance will be actioned at first quarter budget reviews for the 2021/22 financial year.

This report seeks Council's delegation to the Chief Executive Officer to respond to all submitters who provided feedback during the consultation period on the Draft 2021/22 Municipal Plan.

Overview of 2021/22 Annual Budget

Council's 2021/22 Annual Budget is balanced as per the requirements of section 127(3) of the Act. Council measures this compliance through its Statement of Cashflows. This statement reports all cash operating items as well as capital and treasury transactions. All non-cash items such as depreciation and Impairment are excluded.

Council's financial statements, in addition to the statement of Cashflows, include the Statement of Income for the year ended 30 June 2022 and the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2022.

- The Statement of Income for the 2021/22 financial year provides total Income of \$109.36M, and total Expenditure of \$123.41M, which together result in a net operating position of \$14.05M deficit. This is slightly better than the \$14.2M net operating deficit for the 2020/21 year. Once Capital Grants & Contributions, \$12.17M, are included, the net deficit position of

\$1.88M is arrived at.

- The net operating deficit of \$14.05M is primarily due to the Depreciation charge of \$32.72M. This charge is not funded by Rates. Depreciation is the non-cash allocation of the wear and tear of Councils assets, each year over the life of the assets. Council has a total asset base of over \$1.03B.

Throughout the budget preparations significant focus was placed on creating efficiency and effectiveness savings throughout Council activities. In addition to the reductions made by Council's Strategic Directions Group, further focus and reductions were placed on a number of categories including; overtime, consultants, travel and accommodation and temporary staff costs. There was also the implementation of the cost saving strategy of providing more activities with in-house staff rather than outsourcing to contractors.

Key financial assumptions and inputs delivered in this budget include:

- General Rates increase of 2.5%
- Small increase in the Waste Levy
- Fees and Charges remain static, with a few minor exceptions
- Decrease in Interest earnings
- Minimal overall movement in the Materials, Contracts & Other Expenses category
- Minimal change in the level of Capital Grants funding
- Providing some contractor activities by the Council workforce.
- Utilising the Carparking Reserves and the Sale of Land Reserve to fund the \$30M Civic Centre Building upgrade project.
- Budgeting for loan funds of up to \$17.5M for part funding of the Casuarina Aquatic & Leisure Centre project and \$12M for Cell Capping 3/4.

Council uses a range of financial Key Performance Indicators, (KPI's), to measure its financial sustainability. These include:

- The % of Rate Debtors is projected to be above its target of <5% at 6.4 % this is an improvement on the 2020/21 year and is due to the current economic climate.
- The Debt Servicing Ratio of 4.4% sits within the target of 5%.
- The Liquidity Ratio which measures Council's ability to pay its debts after all restricted reserves. This is 1.28:1, against a target of >1.00:1. Although down on 2020/21 year, it remains at a prudent level.
- The Asset Sustainability Ratio measures the level of depreciation being spent on renewing assets. In previous years this ratio has fallen close to or short of the target of > 50%, however the 2021/22 position is well ahead of this at 131.4%.

<p>The Annual Budget projects a total closing balance of Reserves of \$35.9M, being \$24.5M externally restricted and \$11.4M internally restricted. Significant movements in the Reserves include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sale of Land; The budget decrease, (\$14.6M), is the use of the funds for the Civic Centre Building upgrade. • CBD Carparking Shortfall – Developer Contribution; The budget decrease, (\$7.3M), reflects the use of funds for the Civic Centre Building upgrade. • CBD Carparking Shortfall – Rate Levy; The budget decrease, (\$6.9M), reflects the use of the funds for the Civic Centre Building upgrade. • Plant Replacement; The budget decrease, (\$2.3M) is primarily the use of the funds to replace Council Plant and vehicles. • Unspent Grants; The budget decrease, (\$2.3M) reflects the use of the funds for the Velodrome project. 	
<p>PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION</p> <p>Decision SPE217/21 – Adoption of the 2021/22 Staffing Plan in accordance with Section 103 of the Act.</p> <p>Decision ORD176/21 – Adoption of Elected Member Allowances for 2021/22</p> <p>Decision SPE217/21 – Endorsement of a draft plan for community consultation.</p> <p>Decision ORD224/21 and ORD 225/21, – Endorsement of Sponsorship and Operating Subsidy budget allocations.</p>	
STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	<p>6 Governance Framework</p> <p>6.3 Decision Making and Management</p>
CRITICAL DATES	The Municipal Plan must be adopted by Council between 1 April and 31 July each year and undergo a minimum of 21 days public consultation.
BUDGET / FINANCIAL	<p>Budget/Funding: N/A</p> <p>Is Funding identified: N/A</p> <p>This report seeks to adopt the 2021/22 Municipal Plan, Annual Budget and Fees and Charges.</p>
RISK ASSESSMENT	<p> Assets & Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Environment & Waste <input type="checkbox"/> Financial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Info Comms & Tech <input type="checkbox"/> Legal & Compliance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ops & Service Delivery <input type="checkbox"/> Reputation & Brand <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Work Health & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> </p> <p>In accordance with City of Darwin Risk Management Framework, the post treatment, mitigation risk is: Low</p> <p>There is a risk that if the recommendations contained within this report are not supported that Council will not comply with the Act to adopt a budget by 31 July 2021.</p> <p>Council relies on rates income to deliver its services. The current economic conditions in the community (primarily as a result of COVID-19) poses a risk to Council's Rates Income. This risk is mitigated through a provision for Rate waivers and can be offset by the funds</p>

	Council held in its Reserves.
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	<p>Legislation:</p> <p>The Local Government Act requires the Municipal Plan to contain the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A service delivery plan for the period of the plan; and • Indicators for judging the standard of the Council's performance. • Council's Budget. <p>The Municipal Plan must also contain or incorporate by reference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any long-term community or strategic plans relevant to the period of the plan; • The Council's Long-Term Financial Plan; • The Council's most recent assessments of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Constitutional arrangements for representation for the Council's area; – Opportunities and challenges for local government service delivery in the Council's area; – Possible changes to the regulatory and administrative framework for delivering services in the Council's area; and – Whether possibilities exist for improving local government service delivery by co-operation with other councils, government agencies or other organisations. <p>The Council must also adopt a legally compliant budget. The adoption of a budget and rating is a decision that the Council cannot delegate.</p> <p>A "balanced" draft budget is presented in terms of Part 10.5, Section 127(3) of the Act.</p> <p>All budgets include a risk of variability, which Council addresses by taking a prudent approach.</p> <p>Pursuant to S155 of the Act, Council must, on or before 31 July each year, declare rates (general rates).</p> <p>Council will consider rates under a separate report, prior to the adoption of the Municipal Plan. The declaration of rates will be published in the NT News and on Council's website on Friday 2 July 2021.</p> <p>The 2020/21 Municipal Plan, Attachment 1, complies with requirements outlined in the Act.</p>
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	<p>The 2021/22 Municipal Plan (incorporating the Annual Budget and Fees and Charges) are developed in house with existing resources.</p> <p>Documents are presented in line with Council's adopted branding for its broader Strategic Planning Framework.</p>
CONSULTATION & ENGAGEMENT	<p>Engagement Level: Consult</p> <p>Tactics: The Municipal Plan was released for public consultation on Wednesday 19 June 2021 to Wednesday 9 June 2021.</p> <p>Community consultation has been presented under a separate report to</p>

	Council at this same Ordinary meeting.
COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR THIS INITIATIVE	Internal Finance Section Engagement and Events Section External Lord Mayor will deliver an introductory speech moving that Council adopt the Municipal Plan 2021-22.
PLACE SCORE STATEMENT	Place Score is the strategic framework for measuring the Darwin 2030 <i>City for People. City of Colour.</i> Strategic Plan. The ratings are included within the Municipal Plan.
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).

2021/22

MUNICIPAL PLAN

Better City. Better Suburbs.



Acknowledgement of Country

City of Darwin acknowledges the Larrakia people as the Traditional Owners of all the land and waters of the Greater Darwin region. To the Larrakia, Darwin is known as Garramilla.

The original language of the Larrakia is Gulumirgin (pronounced Goo-loo-midgin). Often referred to as "Saltwater People", the Larrakia lived, loved, birthed, hunted and survived a life on pristine coastal and inland areas. Established 'song lines' connecting Larrakia people to Country penetrate throughout their land and sea, allowing stories and histories to be told and retold for future generations.

Scientific evidence dates Aboriginal presence in northern Australia to 60,000 years. The Larrakia culture and identity is rich and vibrant. In the footsteps of the Larrakia people, City of Darwin will continue to foster this culture and identity by creating a vibrant community together.

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DARWIN 2030 CITY FOR PEOPLE. CITY OF COLOUR.



A capital city with best practice and sustainable infrastructure



A safe, liveable and healthy city



A cool, clean and green city



A smart and prosperous city



A vibrant and creative city

Underpinned by City of Darwin's Governance Framework

Vision and Culture

Roles and Relationships

Decision Making and Management

Accountability

Public Consultation

Council is required to open the Draft Municipal Plan and budget for public consultation for a period of 21 days. The draft Municipal Plan 2021/22 was made available for public consultation and feedback from 19 May 2021 to 9 June 2021.

Amendments as a result of public consultation included:

- implementing a waiver of all Outdoor Dining Fees for the period from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022; and
- minor administrative edits to the Municipal Plan and Fees and Charges Booklet.

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 2008*, Council declared rates and adopted the 2021/22 Municipal Plan including the Annual Budget at the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 29 June 2021 (Council resolutions *XXX/XX* and *XXX/XXX*). Council will publish its rate declaration in the NT News on Friday 2 July 2021.

ACCESSING THE 2021/22 CITY OF DARWIN MUNICIPAL PLAN

Online - Go to www.darwin.nt.gov.au

Council Offices

Printed copies can be made available at the Customer Service Centre located at Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin or one of four public libraries located across the municipality at:

- City Library, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin
- Casuarina Library, Bradshaw Terrace, Casuarina
- Nightcliff Library, Pavonia Place, Nightcliff
- Karama Library, Kalymnos Drive, Karama.



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Lord Mayor and Chief Executive Officer

Welcome to the City of Darwin Municipal Plan and Annual Budget for 2021/22.

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has necessitated changes to the way we do business and the development of this budget is reflective of Council's strong financial position, enabling us to respond and support our community through recovery. City of Darwin is committed to creating a *Better City. Better Suburbs.* which is the theme of the 2021/22 Municipal Plan and Annual Budget.

The 2021/22 Capital Works program is a record breaking \$91.5M and builds on the unprecedented capital investment in community infrastructure, smart technology and environmental initiatives across the Darwin municipality in recent years. The total capital investment in the City of Darwin for this term of Council is almost \$230M, more than \$100M greater than any term in Darwin Council's history.

The record 2021/22 capital expenditure will deliver economic stimulus to our city and important community infrastructure including the Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre Redevelopment Project and the Civic Centre Redevelopment Project.

We have worked hard to ensure increases in Council's operational expenditure remains as low as possible to ensure responsible rates increases. Operational expenditure is budgeted to increase by around 2%. As a result, Council is pleased to retain rates increases low at 2.5% for 2021/22.

This budget is responsible, resilient and sustainable, funded through a mix of operational savings, loan borrowings and utilisation of reserves.

The 2021/22 Municipal Plan aims to deliver a *Better City. Better Suburbs.* with the budgeted capital spend across the four wards. Budgeted activities will address community safety through a commitment to security patrols in the City Centre and at the Casuarina Library.

This is the third year that Council has provided a dedicated budget to projects in our suburbs. The five-year commitment sees a minimum spend of \$1.6M to deliver small projects and streetscaping priority locations across the municipality. This years budget is \$2.1M.

Council is currently completing design of the Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre Redevelopment Project. Construction is scheduled to commence early in the 2021/22 financial year. The project is expected to cost \$25.0M and deliver a community facility that has an emphasis on fun activities, is functional and meets the health and recreational needs of the local community and visitors. Opened in 1977, the Casuarina Pool site is well suited to enhancement in terms of its available parkland space, and there is strong community support for Council's strategic vision for Casuarina Pool to become a contemporary family aquatic and leisure facility.

Council has worked hard to keep increases to fees and charges to a minimum and the majority have stayed at existing 2020/21 levels. However, there are a few necessary increases. There is a 5.5% increase to parking fees. This is the first time in 4 years that parking fees have increased. This equates to 10c/ hour more for on-street parking. Public pool entrance fees have increased by 50c for children and \$1.00 for adults. In response to public consultation on the Draft Municipal Plan 2021/22, Council has resolved to waive all Outdoor Dining Fees for the period from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.



City of Darwin will progress Council-led projects under the Darwin City Deal including the redevelopment of the Civic Centre, review of the Darwin City Centre Master Plan and partnerships with the Darwin Living Lab.

This budget is the result of Elected Members and staff working together to deliver actions that help us to achieve our Darwin 2030 - *City for People, City of Colour* Strategic Plan. Much work has been delivered in recent years to recover the City from events such as Cyclone Marcus. Our Engineering and City Services teams have facilitated the largest tree planting program ever seen by this Council. The priority has been to ensure new plants and trees are resilient, suited to the Darwin climate and add vibrant colour to the landscape. The impact of this commitment is visible with significant improvements to the entrance to the City via Daly Street and in our suburbs with entrance to the Anula and Wulagi Greenbelts. Over 10,000 trees have been planted since Cyclone Marcus in March 2018.

During this term of Council, we adopted our first ever Reconciliation Action Plan. Many actions have been completed to date and remaining actions are planned over the next 12-18 months. In March 2021, City of Darwin resolved to put forward a notice of motion (via the Australia Local Government Association) seeking a commitment from the Federal Government to fund cultural safety and awareness training for local governments nationally, demonstrating Council's commitment to reconciliation nationally.

We thank Elected Members, Council's Strategic Directions Group and staff for their contribution to developing a Municipal Plan and Budget that delivers on our Darwin 2030 vision and our commitment to deliver a *Better City, Better Suburbs*. We will emerge from COVID-19 stronger and better.

To those Elected Members running for the next term of Council in August 2021, we wish you well with your campaign.

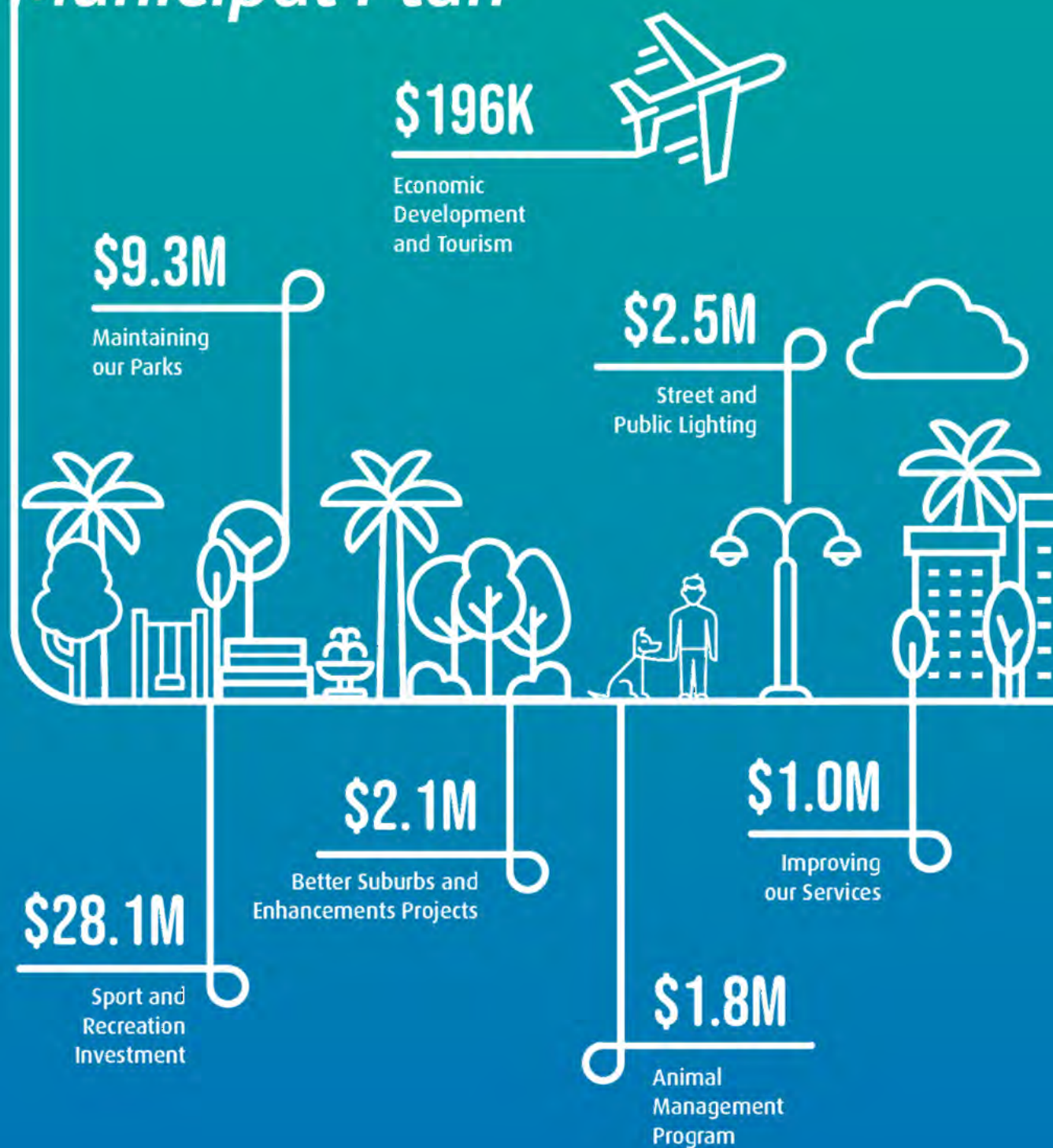
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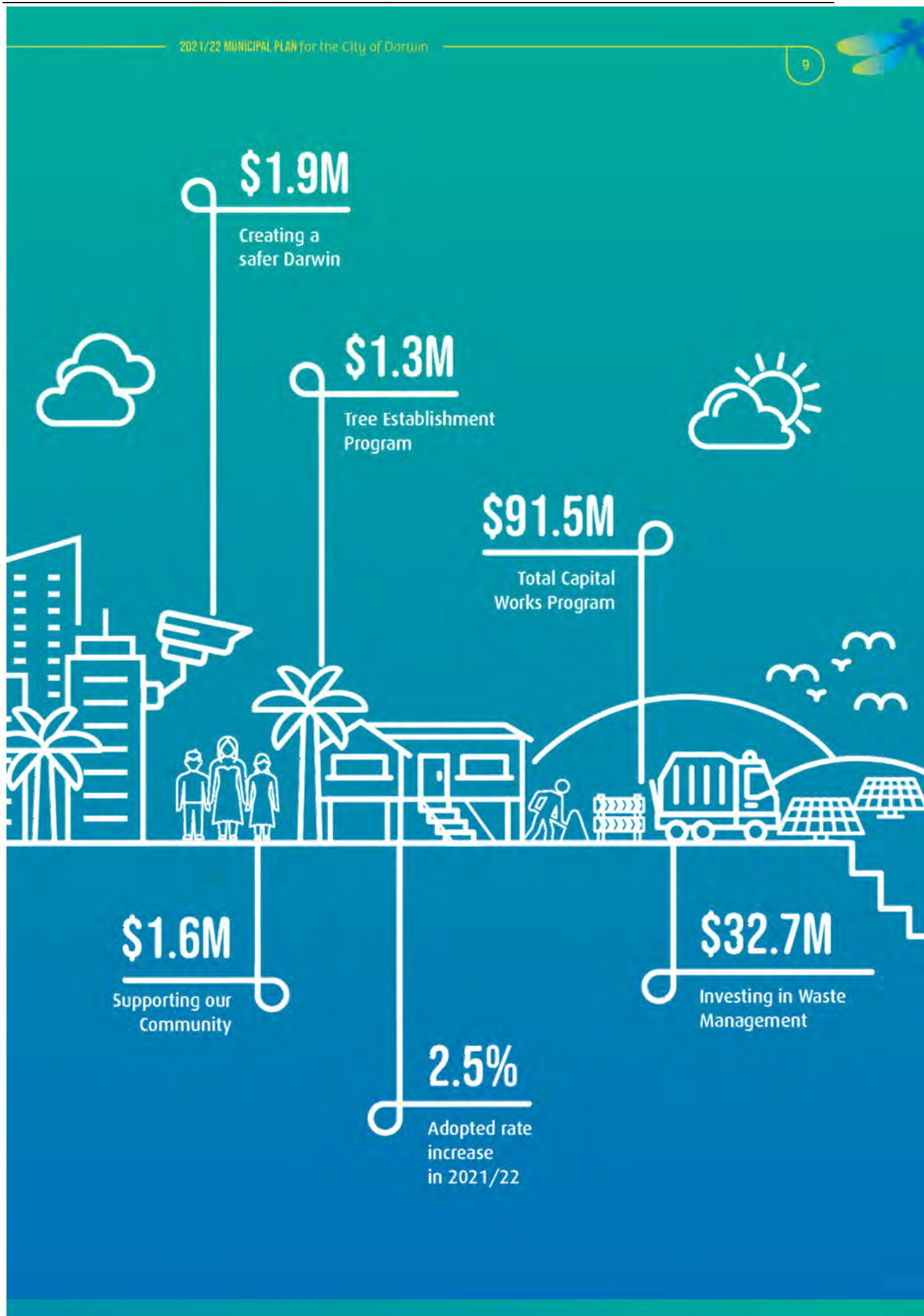


SCOTT WATERS, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



City of Darwin 2021/22 Municipal Plan





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Introduction



Overview of Operating Budget

\$109.3M
Operating Income

\$76.7M
Rates & Annual Charges

\$24.1M
Fees & Charges

\$5.6M
Grants & Contributions

\$2.9M
Interest/Investment and Other Income

\$123.3M
Operating Expenditure

\$49.9M
Materials & Contracts

\$37.5M
Employee Costs

\$0.8M
Elected Member Costs

\$35.1M
Depreciation and Interest Expense

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City Features



591KM

of path

468.6km of footpaths, 15.5km of walkways,
88.83km of shared paths and 18.59km of paths in parks



35,886

rateable
properties

an increase of 171 properties which is
largely attributed to new development
in the city's northern suburbs, Muirhead



3

swimming pool facilities

Parap, Casuarina and Nightcliff

241

play items

at 149 locations



559HA

of green
space

includes 221 parks,
ovals and greenbelts



448KM

of stormwater

364.7km stormwater pipe, 19.7km
open lined drain, 63.6km open unlined
drain, subsoil drainage 0.7km



10,275

street and
public lights

9

parks with exercise stations

16 items across 9 parks



21,980

driveways

8

tennis courts at 3 locations

plus a skate park and velodrome



465KM
of roads



4
libraries
City, Casuarina,
Karama and
Nightcliff

17
sporting grounds
and ovals



3 community centres
plus 7 childcare centres

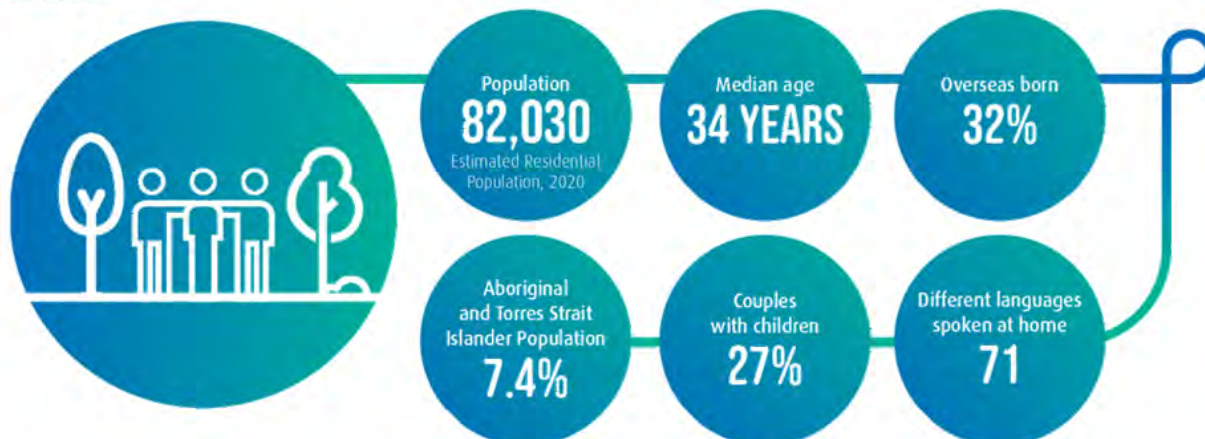


36
public
amenities
7 exeloos plus
29 public toilets



People, Economy and Environment

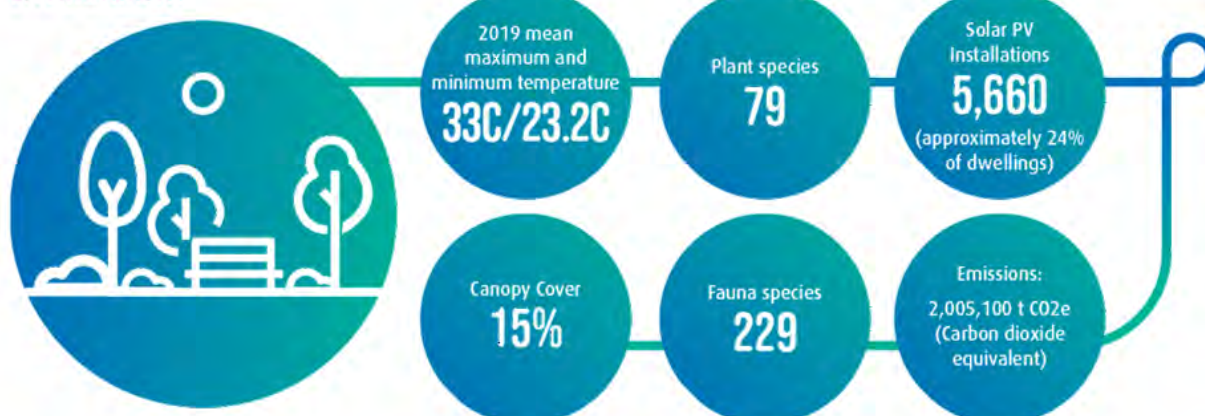
PEOPLE



ECONOMY



ENVIRONMENT





City of Darwin Council

City of Darwin Council consists of the Lord Mayor and 12 Aldermen.

The local government area is divided into four wards, each represented by three Aldermen. Elected Members details are available on Council's website www.darwin.nt.gov.au

Constitutional Review

The *Local Government Act 2008* requires the Municipal Plan to include an assessment of the adequacy of constitutional arrangements presently in force and whether they provide effective representation for the local government area. Under the current *Local Government Act 2008*, Council is required to undertake a review of its Constitutional Arrangements once per term of Council. The *Local Government Act 2019* will commence from 1 July 2021 and will require the Local Government Representation Committee to undertake this review in future.

City of Darwin's Review of Constitutional Arrangements was undertaken during 2019/20 and subsequently gazetted on 16 December 2020. The amendments to City of Darwin's constitutional arrangements relate to the ward structure. The new ward structure can be found below and will apply at the next General Election in August 2021.

CHAN WARD

All of the land/properties contained within the suburbs of Coconut Grove, East Point, Fannie Bay, Jingili, Ludmilla, Millner, Nightcliff and Rapid Creek.

LYONS WARD

All of the land/properties contained within the suburbs of Bayview, Darwin City, Larrakeyah, Parap, Stuart Park, The Gardens, The Narrows and Woolner.

RICHARDSON WARD

All of the land/properties contained within the suburbs of Alawa, Brinkin, Buffalo Creek, Casuarina, Holmes, Leanyer, Lee Point, Lyons, Muirhead, Nakara, Tiwi and Wanguri.

WATERS WARD

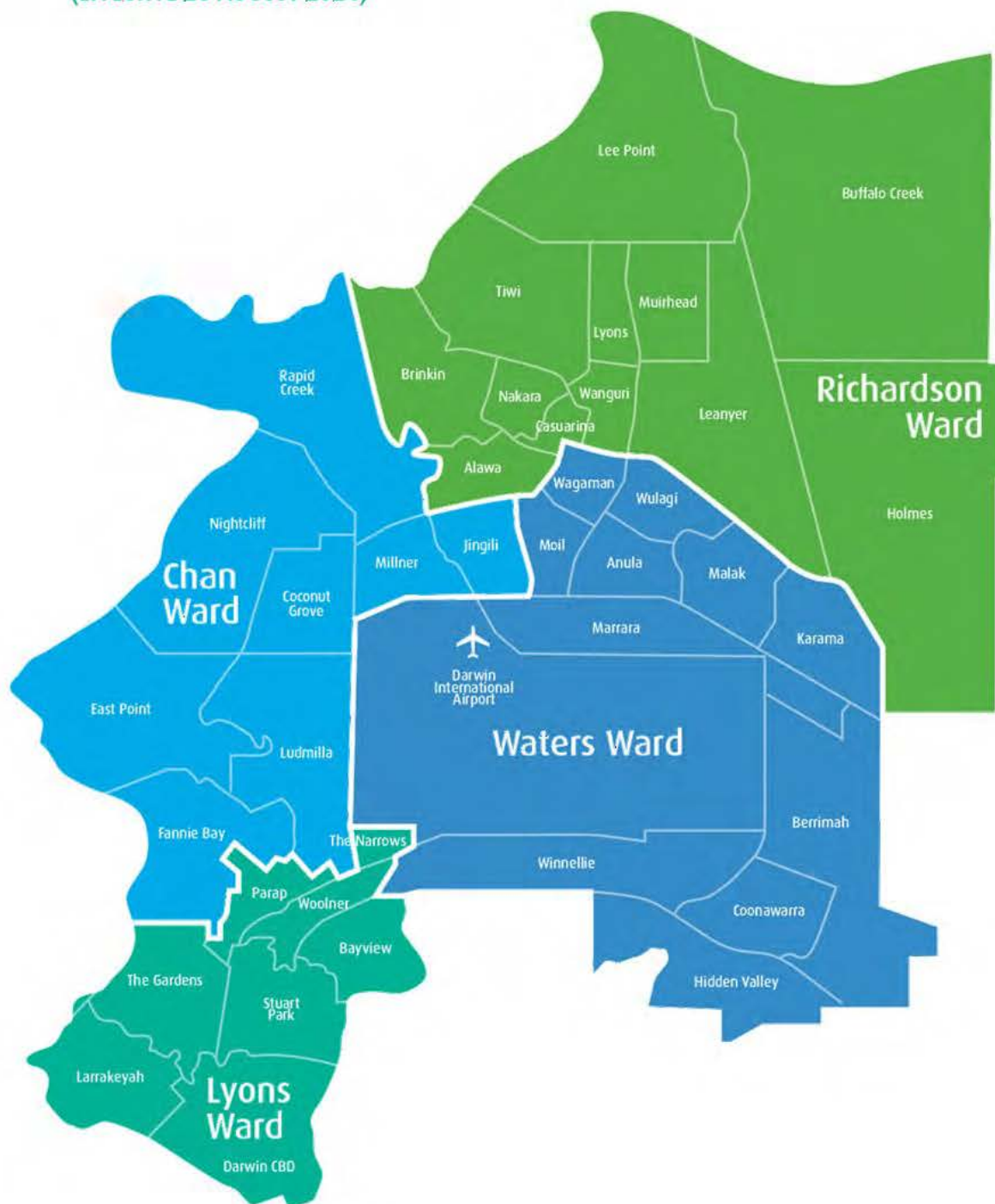
All of the land/properties contained within the suburbs of Anula, Berrimah, Charles Darwin, Coonawarra, Eaton, Hidden Valley, Karama, Malak, Marrara, Moil, Wagaman, Winnellie and Wulagi.

Ward	Members	Electors	Elector Ratio	% Variation
Chan	3	12,463	1:4,154	- 0.53
Lyons	3	12,768	1:4,256	+1.90
Richardson	3	12,246	1:4,082	- 2.26
Waters	3	12,641	1:4,214	+0.89
Total/Average	12	50,118	1:4,176.5	

Table 1 Elector distribution – Revised Ward Structure

Municipal Wards

(EFFECTIVE 28 AUGUST 2021)



² Northern Territory of Australia Government Gazette No G50 16 December 2020 – Change to, abolition of and creation of wards – City of Darwin



Elected Members Allowances 2021/22

Elected Members are entitled to be paid allowances. For 2021/22 the maximum allowances that Elected Members are entitled to are set by the Minister for Local Government and Community Development and outlined in Table 2 below.

At the Ordinary Meeting held on 13 April 2021, Council resolved (Resolution ORD176/210) to set the extra meeting allowance as \$250.00 per meeting to a maximum claimable amount of \$15,010.25 for the financial year.

	Annual Base Allowance	Annual Electoral Allowance	Annual Professional Development Allowance	Maximum Annual Extra Meeting Allowance	Total Maximum Allowances Claimable for 2021/22
Lord Mayor	\$125,192.75	\$32,950.94	\$3,753.17	Nil	\$161,896.86
Deputy Lord Mayor	\$46,292.69	\$8,238.34	\$3,753.17	Nil	\$58,284.20
Alderman	\$22,515.39	\$8,238.34	\$3,753.17	\$15,010.25	\$49,517.15
Acting Lord Mayor	Maximum 90 days claimable at \$433.16 per day				\$38,984.40

Table 2 2021/22 Elected Member Allowances

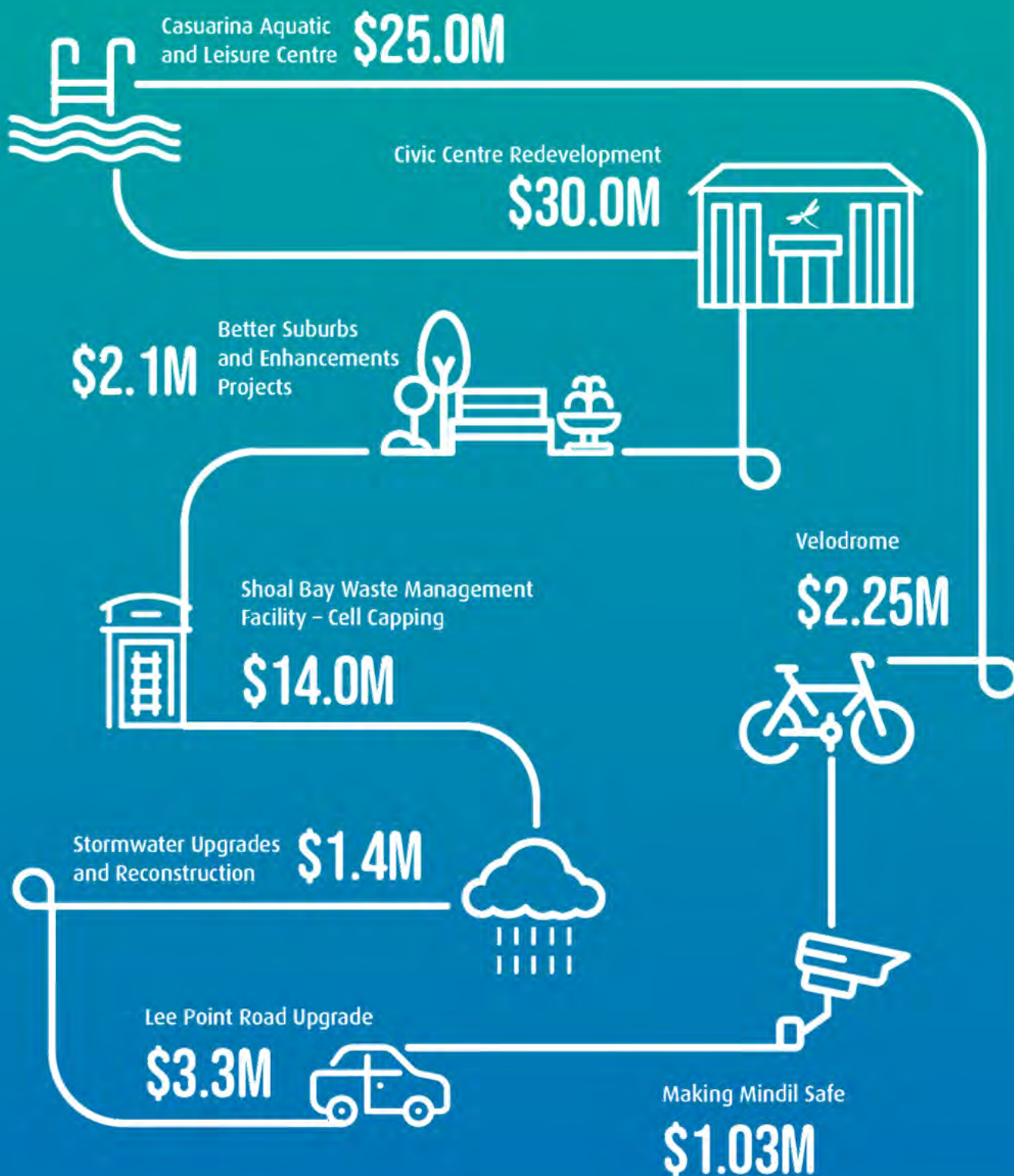
Details of other entitlements for Elected Members are outlined in the [City of Darwin Elected Members Expenses, Facilities and Support Policy](#) available on Council's website.

2021 Local Government General Election

The next Local Government General Election will be held on Saturday 28 August 2021.

Full details can be found at <https://ntec.nt.gov.au/elections/2021-Local-Government-Elections>

Project Highlights





Our Rating Strategy

City of Darwin has adopted a rating strategy covering the 2021/22 financial year with the goals of:

- Delivering projects and services within a financially sustainable framework
- Supporting the community through the delivery of capital works
- Setting out the principles considered by Council in deciding on the mix of rates and annual charges.

Council's rate setting and charging structures are based on the following principles:

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

TRIENNIAL REVALUATION

Every three years the NT Valuer General conducts a revaluation of land in the Darwin municipality. As a result, many land values in Darwin have decreased in 2020/21 and these are applied to Council's rating strategy for rates levied in 2021/22.

As part of the budget process Council determines the amount it must receive as income from rates to be able to provide services.

Rates income in 2020/21 was set at \$65.4M. In 2021/22, the amount of income Council has budgeted to receive from rates has increased by 2.5% to \$67.3M (factoring in growth).

Overall the larger the decrease in land valuation, the lesser the impact any rates rise will have on ratepayers.

The lesser the decrease in land valuation, the greater the impact any rates increase will have on ratepayers.

Refer to page 69 for rates and charges for 2021/22.

Section 127 (2)(e) of the *Local Government Act 2008* requires that Council must undertake an assessment of the social and economic effects of the budgeted rating strategy. In recent years, Council has sought an independent assessment of the effects of rate increases through *id* (the population experts). Their assessments were informed by several economic and socio-economic indicators relating to population, employment, income and income distribution, price indices including CPI and house prices, advantage and disadvantage indicators and housing stress.

For the second year running, Council has not prepared this assessment and instead has monitored the economic impacts and forecasts as result of Coronavirus (COVID-19). *id* (the population experts) has released a forecast of the economic and industry impacts of COVID-19 for Darwin, (<http://economy.id.com.au/darwin/covid19-quarter-impacts>) The forecast model, developed by the National Institute of Economic and Industry Research (NIEIR)¹ focuses on the impacts to September 2020.

¹ National Institute of Economic and Industry Research (NIEIR) Version 1.1 (May 2020)



The headline indicators are Gross Regional Product (GRP) change, local job change and employed resident change and refer to results for the September quarter 2020 compared to September quarter 2019.

GRP for the City of Darwin was forecast to be 2.8% lower in the September quarter, than in the same quarter in 2019. GRP in the June quarter 2020 5.21% lower than in the same quarter in 2019 and March 1.6% lower in 2020 than in 2019. This demonstrates the impact of COVID-19 for City of Darwin was primarily through the second quarter of 2020 improving with the economy bouncing back into the third quarter of 2020.

At the same time last year forecast job losses were around 8.4% or 5,077 local jobs for the June quarter 2020. The revised forecast for September 2020 were 3,480 local jobs or -5.9%. The top three industries impacted were Accommodation and Food Services (-1,446 local jobs), Retail Trade (-815 local jobs) and Transport, Postal and Warehousing (-787 local jobs). Forecast impacts on other industries are outlined in figure 1.

The change in Employed residents² was forecast to decrease by approximately 2,370, revised to a forecast decrease in employed residents of approximately 1,085 in September 2020.

At June 2020, the Estimated Residential Population (ERP) for City of Darwin was 82,030, 986 less than the previous year. Figure 2 shows population change for the last 10 years.

The median house price in Darwin over the last 5 years has declined by almost 18% from \$619,352 in 2014 to \$508,542 in 2018. Anecdotal evidence and market trends suggest that the median house price in Darwin over the last 12 months has increased.

Annual rating strategies are derived from the City of Darwin Long Term Financial Plan (LTFF) 2020-2030. The LTFF proposes a rating strategy of 3% per annum. This budget has been developed on a rating strategy of 2.5% demonstrating Council's commitment to keeping costs at a minimum whilst remaining focussed on delivering a *Better City. Better Suburbs.* for the Darwin municipality.

In May 2020, City of Darwin endorsed a Financial Hardship Support Policy. Full details of the Financial Hardship Support Policy can be found on [Council's website](#). Existing strategies to support individuals meeting their responsibilities to pay rates remain in place and include:

- Provision for payment of rates in four instalments
- Direct debit options available to ease payment burden
- Bpay option available
- Payment plans offered through Centrelink
- Payroll deductions offered by some employers
- Facilitating Northern Territory Government pensioner concessions on rates.

² Employed residents may have a workplace anywhere, inside or outside the area. In City of Darwin, there were 50,673 residents employed in the year ending June 2020. 3.1% represents approximately 1,600 residents losing jobs.

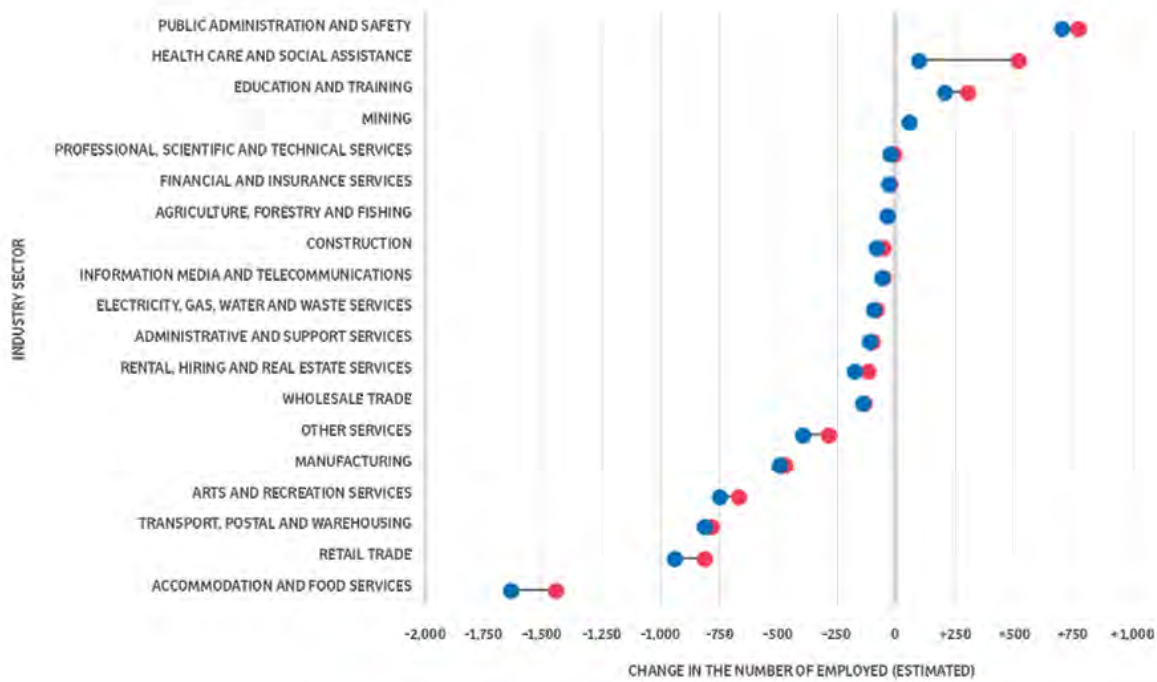


Figure 1 Local job impact as a result of COVID-19 for September Quarter 2020

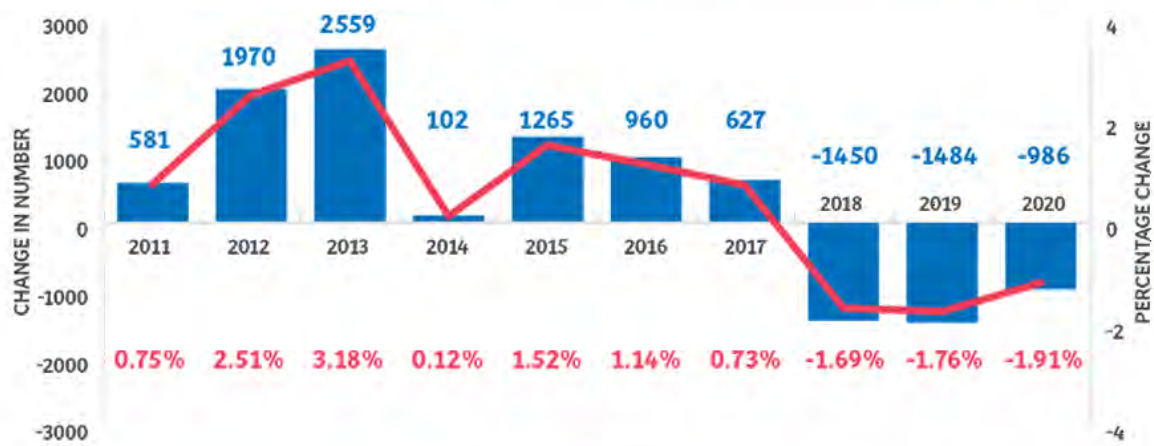


Figure 2 Annual change in Estimated Residential Population (ERP)

Source: National Institute of Economic and Industry Research (NIEIR) Version 2.1 (Sept 2020).
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Community Funding and Support (Sponsorships, Community Grants and Operating Subsidies)

City of Darwin is committed to supporting the Darwin community through the provision of direct funding through sponsorships, grants and operating subsidies. In addition to this direct funding, Council also provides in-kind support for community events throughout the year. The budgeted funding is outlined below:-

A review of Council's external funding to community groups and other organisations was undertaken during 2020/21. As a result, Council endorsed a renewed Funding Program for:

- Sponsorships
- Operating Subsidies
- Community and Environment Grants
- Cooperation Arrangements.

Organisation	Description	Agreement Expiry Date	Cash \$	In Kind \$	Total \$
Community Environment Grants	Annual Grants Program	30-Jun-22	53,000 ⁽¹⁾		53,000
Community Grants	Annual Grants Program	30-Jun-22	100,000		100,000
Community Grants	2021/22 Social Initiatives Grants Program	30 Jun 22	100,000		100,000
Darwin City Brass Band	Operating Subsidy	30-Jun-24	30,000		30,000
Darwin City and Waterfront Retailers Association		30-Jun-22	50,000	22,000	72,000
PAWS Darwin	Operating Subsidy	30-Jun-24	30,000		30,000
RSPCA Darwin	Operating Subsidy	30-Jun-24	120,000		120,000
Surf Lifesaving NT	Operating Subsidy	30-Jun-24	30,000		30,000
Tourism Top End	Operating Subsidy	30-Jun-22	100,000		100,000
Carols by Candlelight	Operating Subsidy	30-Jun-22	30,000		30,000

⁽¹⁾ Includes the annual \$3,000 George Brown Scholarship for Environment

Organisation	Description	Agreement Expiry Date	Cash \$	In Kind \$	Total \$
Darwin Entertainment Centre	Operating Subsidy	30-Jun-24	680,000		680,000
Darwin Show	Sponsorship	30-Jun-22	12,000		12,000
Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair Ltd	Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair	30-Jun-24	10,000		10,000
The Darwin Festival	Darwin Festival	30-Jun-24	150,000	18 000	168,000
Darwin Fringe Festival	Sponsorship & In-Kind	30-Jun-22	8,500	1,500	10,000
NAMCI	Nightcliff Seabreeze Festival	30-Jun-24	25,000	8,000	33,000
Darwin Cycling Club	Sunbuild Top End Grand Fondo	30-Jun-22	10,000		10,000
Browns Mart Arts Ltd	Browns Mart	30-Jun-24	10,000	1,000	11,000
NAMCI	Karama Country Music Muster	30-Jun-22	10,000	1,000	11,000
NT Athletics	City 2 Surf	30-Jun-23	5,000	2,500	7,500
Sponsorship Contingency			5,000		5,000
Total Funded			1,568,500	54,000	1,622,500

Table 3 2021/22 Sponsorships, Grants and Operating Subsidies



Governance and Strategy

About the Municipal Plan

City of Darwin's Municipal Plan includes the Annual Budget and sets the strategic direction for the financial year. It is a one year plan that details the key actions and services (deliverables) for Council to achieve the Darwin 2030 *City for People. City of Colour.* Strategic Plan, external funding requirements and other key priorities such as the Darwin City Deal.

Darwin 2030 *City for People. City of Colour.* Strategic Plan commenced on 1 July 2019 and outlines five strategic directions, targets and strategic actions that Council commits to deliver. The Strategic Plan is available on Council's website at www.darwin.nt.gov.au

The Municipal Plan (and subordinate Department Business Plans) is at the core of Council's Strategic Planning Framework. It is the tool that brings together various planning and organisational structures, City of Darwin's Governance Framework, Risk Management Framework, Service Profiles and more. The Municipal Plan allows Council to remain focussed on achieving its long term strategy.

Council has engaged Place Score to develop a framework to measure performance of City of Darwin's 2030 strategic directions and targets. Measures and targets for Council's five strategic directions are outlined on page 38. A full breakdown of performance by Place Score attribute can be found in Appendix B. The first report was delivered in late 2019 and was included as key measures of performance in the 2019/20 Annual Report. The next survey will be undertaken in early 2022. This will enable Council to measure its progress towards long term sustainable change for our municipality.

Legislative Compliance

The *Local Government Act 2008* outlines the minimum requirements that local governments in the Northern Territory must comply with in developing the Municipal Plan and Annual Budget. The Municipal Plan and Annual Budget must be adopted between 1 April and 31 July and forwarded to the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet by 31 July each year. Before its adoption, Council's must prepare a Draft Plan and make it available for public feedback for a minimum period of 21 days.

Section 23 and 24 of the Act require that Council's Municipal Plan must contain:

- A service delivery plan for the period of the Plan
- Council's Annual Budget
- Indicators for judging the standard of performance.

Additional legislative compliance requirements are outlined in [Appendix A](#).

Opportunities and Challenges for Service Delivery

Each year Council considers opportunities and challenges for service delivery as part of its annual review of the [Long Term Financial Plan](#) and budget process. During 2020/21, opportunities to identify service standards and service levels commenced as part of the business planning process and this will continue in 2021/22.

The worldwide pandemic Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a perfect example of how external factors influence and present both opportunities and challenges for service delivery in local government. As Council moves past the recovery phase of this event our focus is on leveraging the economic benefits of Darwin's unique position and location.

Significant investments are being made with a record \$91.5M capital works program. Council is financially stable to benefit from the low interest rates to borrow funds to fast track significant infrastructure works such as the Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre and the redevelopment of the Civic Centre.

Moving forward, Council will continue to face challenges associated with its response to climate change. To address these challenges, new strategies including the City of Darwin Climate Response Strategy, Greening Darwin Strategy, and Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy are all set to be introduced in early 2021/22. Funding these and other strategies into the future will remain a challenge with Council needing to consider the impacts of funding future programs whilst at the same time maintaining existing services and service levels for the community.

The next Local Government General Election will be held on 28 August 2021. This will mean Council will enter a caretaker period on 5 August 2021. Council's Caretaker Policy is available at www.darwin.nt.gov.au/caretaker_policy

Other external challenges that Council continues to take into consideration in its planning and budgeting practices include:

- Increased need to extend digital transformation across the municipality
- Rising community expectations and increased community engagement on Council matters and decisions
- Increasing demand on existing resources
- Internal and external cost pressures
- Increased media focus
- Decreasing investment income for the municipality
- Rising operational and construction costs for Council's infrastructure and assets
- Reduced grant and external funding opportunities
- A continued change approach to accommodate requirements for the COVID-19 global pandemic
- A greater need to be resilient to increased threats of cyclonic, disaster and security events
- Waste minimisation strategies and management of landfill diversion activities to leverage a circular economy
- Darwin's changing climate
- Continued cost shifting from other tiers of government
- Demographic changes
- External political environment.

Despite these challenges, Council remains positive about the year ahead, focussing on creating a city that is attractive for our residents and delivers economic improvement with its largest ever capital program to continue to drive Darwin's future.



Managing Risk

City of Darwin's Governance Framework incorporates Council's Risk Management Framework. Strategic risks assessments and mitigation strategies have been considered in developing the Municipal Plan.

A new strategic risk assessment was developed and endorsed in late 2019 to align with Darwin 2030. Significant work is underway to renew operational risk assessments and input Council's risk management profiles into an integrated software solution. Operational risk assessments will be finalised in coming months alongside Council's business planning program.

Delivering Services to the Community

City of Darwin provides a total of 41 services to the community as outlined on page 34. Council's organisational structure has been designed to deliver services that support achieving our strategic directions in the most efficient way possible. The five departments are:

- Community and Regulatory Services
- Corporate Services
- Engineering and City Services
- Government Relations and External Affairs
- Innovation, Growth and Development Services.

Possible Changes to the Regulatory and Administrative Framework

The Northern Territory Government has adopted a new legislative framework for local government which will commence on 1 July 2021. City of Darwin has been focussed on ensuring its readiness for the *Local Government Act 2019* commencement to achieve legislative compliance from day 1.

Over the last 12 months, City of Darwin has been developing new By-laws. Consultation on the draft by-laws concluded on 30 April 2021 and work will progress to finalise for implementation at the commencement of the 2021/22 financial year, coinciding with the commencement of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

Significant changes to Council's operating environment will be required as a result of the new By-laws with many policies, procedures and processes requiring review and updating. This will be achieved within the parameters of the transitional provisions in the new *Local Government Act 2019*.

Long Term Financial Plan

City of Darwin's Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) is available on Council's website at <https://www.darwin.nt.gov.au/node/7548/attachment>

Council's Long Term Financial Plan extends over a ten (10) year period to ensure that City of Darwin is positioned effectively to realise the objectives of the Strategic Plan. The LTFP is a key strategic planning document used to support and guide internal decision-making and ensure that planned capital program is financially viable without risking the long-term sustainability of the organisation.

Given the changing nature of many of the assumptions, the LTFP is reviewed on an as needed basis and updated as required, to ensure it remains fit for purpose. Unforeseen events, changes in strategic direction or additional grants need to be evaluated in relation to the currency of the LTFP as seemingly minor changes may have a compounding effect on City of Darwin's capital plans.

The plan outlines assumptions that the financial model is based on and the subsequent impact of those assumptions on future revenue, operational and capital expenditure. As a result, Council is well positioned to predict the budgeted financial statements for the next ten years and therefore monitor financial sustainability long term.

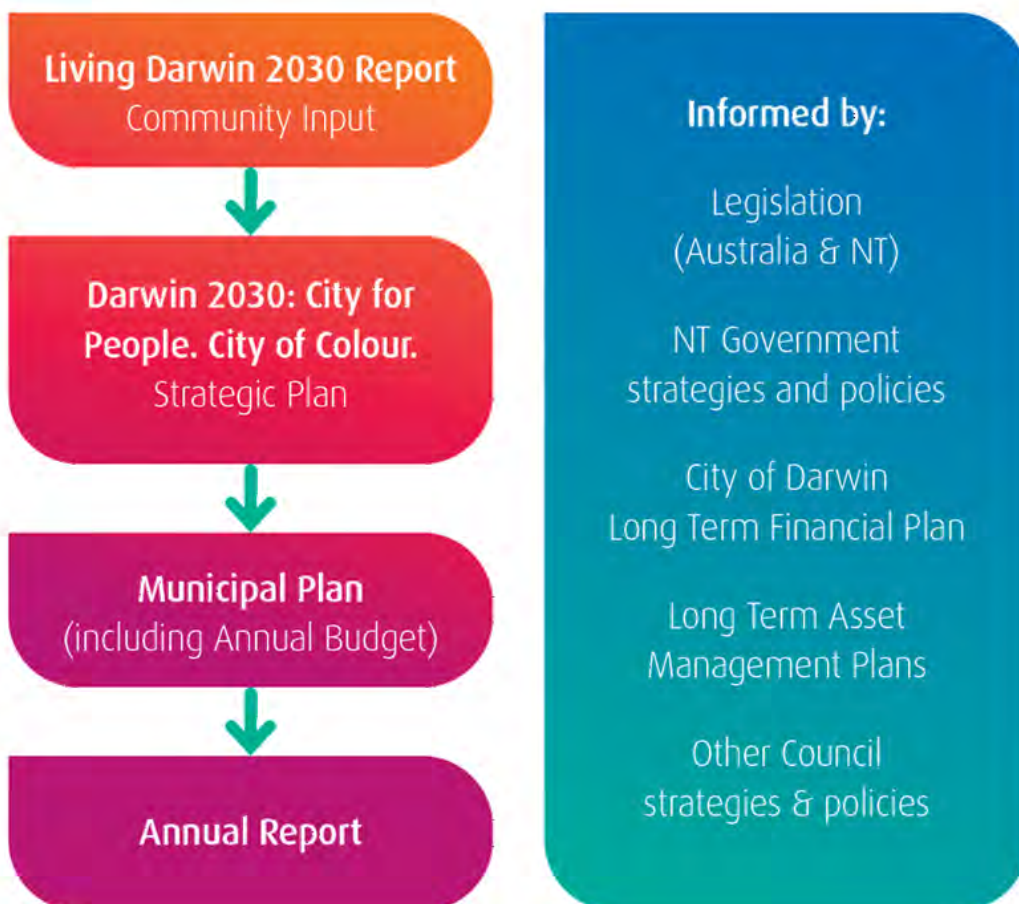
Advocacy and Collaboration

As a capital city Council, City of Darwin is well placed to ensure opportunities are realised through co-operation with the Australian and Northern Territory Governments. In addition, City of Darwin is a member on the following council and external committees, which strengthen local government collaboration and ensure Council is able to advocate locally, regionally and nationally for our community.

- **The Council of Capital City Lord Mayors (CCCLM)** provides national leadership for the effective co-ordination and representation of the interests of the Capital Cities of the Australian States and Territories, especially in their relations with other spheres of government. The strategic priorities for CCCLM are securing ongoing Federal Government engagement, partnerships, alliances and investment in capital cities as well as securing Federal Government investment in nation building infrastructure in capital cities and encouraging smart growth in urban Australia
- **The Northern Australia Capital City Committee (NACCC)** provides an opportunity for the City of Darwin and Northern Territory Government to work together to enhance the productivity, sustainability and liveability of Darwin
- **The Top End Regional Organisation of Councils (TOPROC)**. TOPROC comprises six (6) Top End Councils: Belyuen Community Government Council, City of Darwin, City of Palmerston, Coomalie Community Government Council, Litchfield Council and Wagait Shire Council. It is committed to the sustainable development of our Greater Darwin Region and meets on a regular basis to progress common issues. In 2021/22 TOPROC will continue to deliver the priorities of the TOPROC Regional Development Plan with a focus on shared community facilities, animal management, waste and recycling, and incorporation of unincorporated land
- **Local Government Association of the NT (LGANT)** is the peak body representing Local Government in the Northern Territory. City of Darwin appoints two Elected Members to the Executive Committee each year.



Strategic Planning Framework



Our Vision for Darwin

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

MISSION

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

COMMUNITY VALUES

Diversity and Acceptance

Embrace our identity through building on our multicultural and local heritage, creating a sense of belonging

Choice of Lifestyle

Maintain our unique laid-back lifestyle, through a connected, active and safe community

Environment

Integrated long-term planning, including sustainable and renewable energy resources, recycling and economically sound initiatives

Sense of community

Recognise, enhance and celebrate our identity through active participation within the community

Equality

Leadership that adopts and maintains collaborative and transparent decision making, involving listening and responding to the community as a whole



A capital city with best practice and sustainable infrastructure

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



A safe, liveable and healthy city

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

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

TARGET: By 2030, Darwin residents will be more active and healthy



A cool, clean and green city

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



A smart and prosperous city

TARGET: By 2030, Darwin will be recognised globally as a Smart City

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



A vibrant and creative city

TARGET: By 2030, Darwin will be recognised as an iconic destination

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

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Service Delivery Plan





Service Delivery Plan

Section 23 of the *Local Government Act 2008* requires that the Municipal Plan includes the Service Delivery Plan for the period to which the plan relates.

The Service Delivery Plan is an annual implementation plan for Darwin 2030. The deliverables within the Municipal Plan directly relate to and contribute to the longer-term achievement of the Strategic Directions and targets identified in the strategic plan. The Municipal Plan is underpinned by Council's Governance Framework, refer page 54.

The Service Delivery Plan is defined by:

- Strategic Directions
- Targets
- Deliverables.

Deliverables are allocated to one of Council's five Departments to lead. The Departments within Council are outlined below.

CRS Community and Regulatory Services

CS Corporate Services

ECS Engineering and City Services

GREA Government Relations and External Affairs

IGDS Innovation, Growth and Development Services

Also included at the commencement of the Service Delivery Plan is this term of Council's strategic project and an overview of Council's major projects for 2021/22. These projects will be fundamental in contributing to the achievement of Council's vision for Darwin in 2030.

Deliverables are also informed by other strategies and plans such as the Darwin City Deal. The 2021/22 Municipal Plan has been developed to demonstrate how these commitments are met.

Council Services 2021/22

The Municipal Plan and Annual Budget deliver on a total of 41 services across five Departments.

SERVICE	DESCRIPTION	DEPARTMENT
Arts and Culture	Enable and foster creativity to flourish and grow by facilitating arts and culture opportunities; building capacity; and acting as a caretaker of our communities' cultural assets.	Community and Regulatory Services
Asset Management	Manage Council's Asset Management Framework and maintain Council owned assets to ensure whole of life sustainability of assets for the community.	Engineering and City Services
Buildings and Facilities	Maintain Council owned buildings and facilities in accordance with leases and tenancies, building, safety and security requirements, legislation, standards and Council's asset management plans.	Engineering and City Services
Cemeteries	Manage cemeteries in accordance with the <i>Cemeteries Act 1952</i> .	Engineering and City Services
City Parking	Effectively manage Council's Parking Strategy for on and off-street car parking.	Innovation, Growth and Development
City Planning	Undertake a range of strategic, social and statutory town planning functions including Development Assessments, Planning Scheme Amendments, strategic land use planning review and formulation and long-term social planning and heritage	Innovation, Growth and Development
Climate Change and Environment	Manage Council's response to climate change and environmental conditions through a strategy-based approach employing on adaption, resilience and decarbonisation tactics.	Engineering and City Services
Community Development	Provide support to the community development sector to create opportunity and choice for the Darwin community through the creation of culturally appropriate, accessible and inclusive spaces, facilities and programs.	Community and Regulatory Services
Community Engagement	Manage Council's community engagement program to ensure the community and stakeholder participation in Council decision making.	Government Relations and External Affairs
Community Infrastructure	Construct and maintain community infrastructure to provide safe, efficient and sustainable assets in accordance with legislation, standards and Council's policies.	Engineering and City Services



SERVICE	DESCRIPTION	DEPARTMENT
Community Open Space	Provide and maintain Council's open spaces, including parks, reserves and recreational spaces in accordance with asset management plans.	Engineering and City Services
Customer Service	Provide an overarching business approach for customer service and feedback management. Ensure responsive customer service that values continuous improvement.	Corporate Services
Darwin Entertainment Centre and Darwin Amphitheatre	Fund and monitor the delivery of cultural outcomes through programming undertaken by Darwin Entertainment Centre and the Darwin Amphitheatre.	Community and Regulatory Services
Darwin Safer City	Manage and implement the Darwin Safer City Program including assertive outreach and support services, advocacy and policy development to improve outcomes for vulnerable people and provide safe public spaces.	Community and Regulatory Services
Digital and Information Management Services	Partner with the business to provide secure, stable and scalable digital and data solutions that enables Council to deliver on its strategic priorities. This is inclusive of Council's information management systems requirements.	Innovation, Growth and Development
Economic Development	Manage and implement City of Darwin's Economic Development Strategy to meet the community's expectations.	Innovation, Growth and Development
Emergency Planning and Response	Provide an overarching business approach for Emergency Planning and Response covering natural disasters, critical events, business continuity and security management.	Corporate Services
Events Management and Production	Deliver Council's major events program and manage community events on Council owned and controlled land.	Government Relations and External Affairs
Family and Children's Services	Enhance the wellbeing of children and their families by providing family and children's services and programs.	Community and Regulatory Services
Financial Management	Provide financial services and oversight in relation to Financial and Budgetary planning and management. Ensure appropriate systems are in place to enable City of Darwin to make informed decisions and meet strategic directions and community expectations.	Corporate Services
Governance	Manage the City of Darwin Governance Framework, Statutory Council and Committee Structures, Local Government Elections and Lord Mayor's Office and Elected Member Support.	Government Relations and External Affairs

SERVICE	DESCRIPTION	DEPARTMENT
Government Relations and Advocacy	Manage high level strategic relations with the Federal Government, Northern Territory Government and key Council stakeholders including Top End Regional Organisation of Council's (TOPROC), Council of Capital City Lord Mayor's (CCCLM), Northern Australia Capital City Committee (NACCC) and Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT)	Government Relations and External Affairs
Human Resources	Provide Human Resources services, oversight and expertise to assist in the management of City of Darwin's workforce. Including; employee selection, management, learning and development and payroll services.	Corporate Services
International Relations	Develop City of Darwin's international relations program to attract investment to Darwin and strengthen cultural ties.	Innovation, Growth and Development
Legislation, Policy and Compliance	Manage Council's statutory reform agenda and ensure legislative and policy compliance and the development of By-Laws.	Government Relations and External Affairs
Libraries	Manage Libraries and deliver services that promote and support the recreational and life-long learning needs of the community.	Community and Regulatory Services
Marketing, Communications and External Affairs	Manage Council's marketing, media and communications requirements, including public relations and external affairs, social and digital media, management of Council's brand and sponsorship program. Manage Council's public relations and media engagement to maintain positive reputation outcomes through effective relationship building with media agencies and key stakeholders.	Government Relations and External Affairs
Procurement and Contract Management	Provide a strategic procurement and contract management framework that ensures transparent, equitable and value driven expenditure.	Corporate Services
Property Management	Manage and oversee Council land and property holdings.	Innovation, Growth and Development Services
Recreation and Leisure	Manage Council's recreation and sporting facilities, and deliver programs to support the health and wellbeing of the community.	Community and Regulatory Services



SERVICE	DESCRIPTION	DEPARTMENT
Reconciliation	Build trusting and meaningful partnerships to create social, employment and economic benefits to Australia's First Peoples towards building a culturally safe and vibrant community.	Community and Regulatory Services
Regulatory Services	Regulate and manage regulatory compliance with Council By-Laws to maintain and promote public safety and amenity.	Community and Regulatory Services
Revenue Management	Provide financial oversight and guidance in relation to revenue strategy, analysis and reporting and performance.	Corporate Services
Risk and Assurance	Manage City of Darwin's Enterprise Risk Management Framework. Provide Corporate Governance, guidance and assurance in; fraud prevention, internal audit, legal services, insurance, privacy and internal policy, procedures and compliance.	Corporate Services
Smart City Program	Deliver the initiatives of the #Smart Darwin Strategy to improve Darwin's digital capability and advance Darwin as a smart city	Innovation, Growth and Development
Darwin City Deal	Manage the strategic implementation of the Darwin City Deal	Government Relations and External Affairs
Strategy and Performance	Manage the implementation of the City of Darwin Integrated Planning and Performance Framework, Service Review, Strategy Platforms and lead Council's submissions for external funding opportunities.	Government Relations and External Affairs
Tourism	Manage Darwin City as a destination in accordance with a City of Darwin Tourism Strategy.	Innovation, Growth and Development
Waste Management	Deliver Council's waste collection, recycling and management programs and manage the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility in accordance with legislative requirements, standards and policies.	Engineering and City Services
Work Health and Safety	Provide support and expertise to assist in the delivery of City of Darwin's work health and safety management and enterprise systems.	Corporate Services
Youth Programs	Deliver programs that celebrate young Darwin, support participation of young people in our community, and build the capacity of young people to shape their lives and the community around them.	Community and Regulatory Services

2021/22 Performance Management

City of Darwin is continuing to develop the performance management framework that supports the Darwin 2030 Strategic Plan.

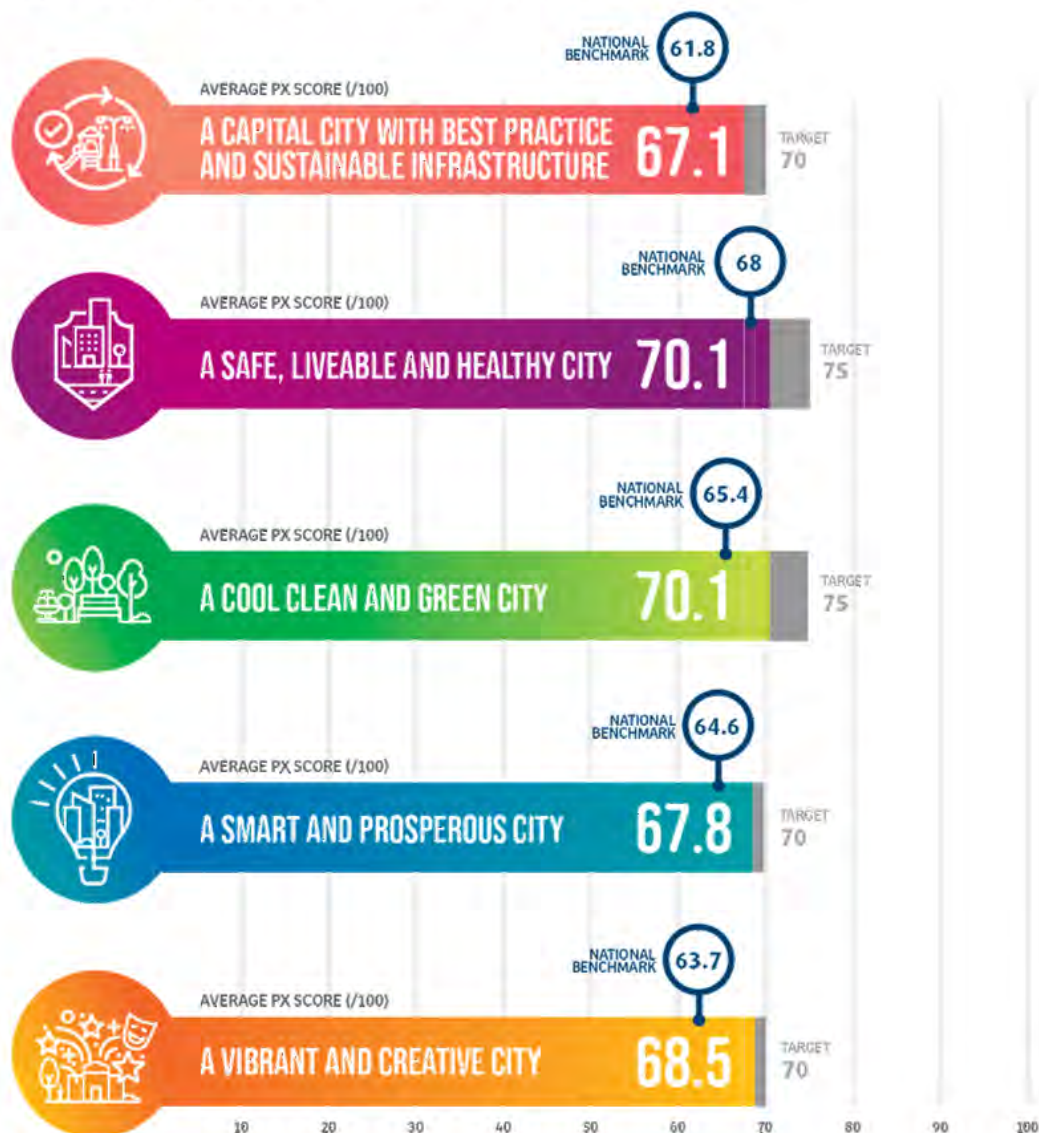
At the strategic level, Council uses Place Score to measure performance of strategic directions. A baseline assessment was undertaken in 2019 and will be refreshed in quarter 4 of 2022. 2021/22 targets are set at approximately a 5% improvement on 2019 baseline results.

Operationally, key performance indicators will be used to measure the inputs and outputs of service delivery. Business Plans will report on key performance indicators from 2021/22 forward.

Place Score and key performance indicators will be important to enable City of Darwin to measure its long term impact on the Darwin community and Darwin 2030 - *City for People. City of Colour.* Strategic Plan.

Below are the 2019 baselines results, national benchmark and 2021/22 target.

Appendix B provides a full list of attributes baseline results for 2019.





Darwin 2030 - Strategic Projects

22nd Council Strategic Project

In April 2020, City of Darwin endorsed a Strategic Projects Prospectus which outlines six (6) major community projects that would assist Darwin to attract people and investment, deliver an economic boost and signals Darwin as an iconic destination celebrating cultural identity and connected communities. The six (6) major community projects are:

- Lameroo Beach to the Waterfront
- Casuarina Pool Redevelopment
- Bundilla Beach (previously known as Vestey's Beach) Development
- Darwin's Smart Northern Suburbs
- Service commercialisation opportunities
- Renewable Energy Hubs.





Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre

Estimated Completion Date: December 2022



2021/22 Project Budget - \$25.0M

In 2020/21 City of Darwin developed a master plan for Casuarina Pool. The master plan was designed to ensure it met Council's objectives of being fun, family-friendly and a contemporary aquatic recreation and leisure facility.

Engagement with stakeholders and the broader community on the master plan took place from 21 September to 23 October 2020.

In November 2020, Council determined to proceed with the development of a Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre concept design.

The concept design was informed by the stakeholder and community consultation outcomes and includes the following key elements:

- Eight lane 50m pool
- Heated six lane 25m pool
- A "resort-style" pool with graduated entry
- Ample natural and man-made shade
- Fully accessible facilities
- Wet and dry play and recreation facilities.

In April 2021, City of Darwin endorsed the development of the final detailed design to progress the proposed new \$25.0M Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre.





City of Darwin Major Projects are operational or capital projects with budgets that exceed \$1.0M.

Better Suburbs and Enhancements Projects

Estimated Completion Date: June 2022



Project Budget - \$2.1M

(5-year program commencing 2019/20 at \$1.6M annually, concluding June 2024)

During budget deliberations in 2019/20, Council endorsed a five-year program to deliver an annual streetscape beautification program. \$1.60M was allocated annually and split evenly across the four wards. In 2021/22, Council has increased the budget allocation to \$2.1M

Entitled Better Suburbs and Enhancements, projects are focussed on improving the amenity of Darwin and delivering services specific to each Ward. Small projects have arisen from the community's effective engagement with Elected Members and identifying priorities that are important to the community.

Redevelopment of the Darwin Civic Centre

Estimated Completion Date: July 2024



Project Budget - \$30.0M

The Redevelopment of the old Civic Centre is central to City of Darwin's commitment to our City's economic recovery, job creation and CBD enhancement. The new Darwin Civic Centre and Town Hall is anticipated to not only offer contemporary public spaces for exhibitions, encompass a ceremonial Town Hall for weddings and official functions like Citizenship Ceremonies and community events, and its proximity to the new Civic and State Square development will create an iconic public asset set amongst the proposed Central Park and Event Precinct.

The project will include new council offices and a state-of-the-art Council Chambers with a large public gallery and offer community meeting rooms and significant off-street parking to ensure a reduction bitumen heat sync and meet our City's future needs for off-street parking.

Stormwater Upgrades and Reconstruction

Estimated Completion Date: June 2022



Project Budget - \$1.4M

City of Darwin has allocated a total of \$1.4M to upgrade and reconstruct stormwater culverts and drains across the municipality. Approximately \$700K is allocated to upgrade culverts on Dick Ward Drive and \$700K for stormwater drainage upgrades around Cunjevoi Crescent, Nightcliff.

Stormwater upgrades and reconstruction are important risk mitigation strategies and these projects ensure Council is delivering on its long-term Asset Management Plans.

Lee Point Road Upgrade

Estimated Completion Date: June 2023



Project Budget - \$3.3M

The Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) program is An Australian Government Initiative which is a temporary, targeted stimulus measure responding to the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Two phases of the funding program have been released with City of Darwin receiving an amount of \$2,753,517 as part of phase 2 funding.

Lee Point Road Project is Council's nominated project for this funding.

The Lee Point Road Project consists of three key components being:

- i) Upgrading of Lee Point Road from Ashe Street and Daldawa Terrace
- ii) Detailed design of the upgrading of the remainder of Lee Point Road from Daldawa Terrace to Lee Point Beach car park
- iii) Developer Contribution Plan covering the Lee Point Road upgrades.

Lee Point Road is an important route in the Northern Suburbs of Darwin that is subject to substantial residential development on both sides and is in need of upgrading.



Velodrome

Estimated Complete Date: June 2022



Project Budget - \$2.5M

In 2019/20, the Northern Territory Government announced funding totalling \$10.50M for the City of Darwin to upgrade the Darwin Velodrome.

In 2020/21, \$8.0M from the project funding was returned to the Northern Territory Government in line with their request.

The project scope has been revised in order to deliver upgrades within the remaining allocated budget of \$2.25M.

The total project cost is \$2.5M of which \$250K has been spent on design and consultation activities to date. The remaining budget will deliver new track pavement and surfacing, safety fencing, demolition and removal of unsafe lighting equipment and \$100K for a master plan for Bagot Park.

Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility

Estimated Completion Date: June 2022



Project Budget - \$14.0M

Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility services the greater Darwin region and is the only licensed landfill in the area. The facility receives over 190,000 tonnes of waste per annum and has a forecasted operational life to 2034.

Council is required to cap Cells 3 and 4 and has been working with the Environmental Protection Authority to gain approval to cap the cells.

Recent upgrades to the site include:

- capping of landfill Stages 1 and 2
- construction of Cell 6
- Installation of a new weigh bridge and entrance
- new perimeter fencing

City of Darwin's Waste Resource and Recovery Strategy outlines the long term initiatives for the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility that will continue to inform future investment to achieve best practice and sustainable landfill management and ensure that the facility continues to meet the needs of Darwin and the greater Darwin area.

'Making Mindil Safe' – Open Space Refurbishment

Estimated Completion Date: August 2022



Project Budget - \$1.1M

The Making Mindil Safe Project is funded by the Australian Government Safer Communities Fund Round 5: Northern Territory Infrastructure Grants.

The project commenced in 2020/21 with design and due to the timing of the market seasons, construction will commence at the end of the 2021 seasons.

The objective of this funding and project is to reduce crime, violence, anti-social behaviour and/or other security risks and improve community safety and wellbeing in the Northern Territory.

The 'Making Mindil Safe' project will deliver the following:

- upgrade of existing lighting infrastructure at Mindil Beach. This will include provision for SMART Poles and OFF GRID poles in selected locations. (Poles will be capable for CCTV installations at a later date)
- installation of a Public Address (PA) System
- installation of removable bollards along Maria Liveris Drive.
- Installation of beach accessibility matting



Service Improvements

In 2021/22 Council has funded a number of service improvements which may be to deliver a new service (⊕) or an increase in service delivery (⬆).

Service improvements are normally required to respond to changes in our external environment such as legislation, community priorities or to implement Council's strategic direction.

Service improvements may be one-off or ongoing.

One off service improvements will be measured by achievement of a discrete output such as delivery of an action by a specified date.

Ongoing service improvements will be measured by key performance indicators outlined in departmental business plans.

Service	Initiative Name	Type	One-Off / Ongoing	Amount \$
Community Development	Social Budget Initiatives – Community Grants	⬆	One-off	100,000
Community Development	Reconciliation Action Plan – Limited Tenure Reconciliation Officer (15 months)	⊕	One off (15 months)	112,830
Darwin Safer City	Security Service Casuarina Library	⊕	One-off	75,000
Darwin City Deal	City Activation and Promotion – City Security Patrol Service	⊕	One-off	400,000
Risk and Assurance	Privacy Management Framework Compliance	⊕	One-off	30,000
Economic Development	Commercial Property Strategy	⊕	One-off	75,000
Climate Change and Environment	East Point Reserve Advisory Committee	⊕	Ongoing	5,000
Asset Management	Asset Condition Survey – Stormwater Infrastructure	⬆	One-off	200,000
TOTAL 2021/22 OPERATIONAL INITIATIVES				997,830

Table 4 2021/22 Operational Initiatives

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2021/22 Deliverables





SD1 - A capital city with best practice and sustainable infrastructure

BY 2030, A NUMBER OF STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS WILL BE DEVELOPED AND DELIVERED

2021/22 Deliverables	Responsible Department
Deliver Council's 2021/22 Capital Works Program	ECS
Deliver the Civic Centre Redevelopment Project and Carpark Upgrade	ECS
Deliver 2021/22 Better Suburbs and Enhancement Projects	ECS
Upgrade Council's Asset Management Information System	ECS
Renew, replace and maintain Council's assets in accordance with adopted service levels in Asset Management Plans	ECS
Undertake asset condition assessments for Council's stormwater infrastructure	ECS
Develop a Priority Infrastructure Plan	ECS
Develop a City of Darwin Commercial Property Strategy	IGDS
Implement Council's Darwin City Deal Infrastructure Projects	ECS
Deliver the Lee Point Road Project	ECS



SD2 - A safe, liveable and healthy city

BY 2030, DARWIN WILL BE A SAFER PLACE TO LIVE AND VISIT

2021/22 Deliverables	Responsible Department
Deliver the <i>Making Mindil Safe</i> Project, an Australian Government Safer Communities Fund (Round 5) initiative	ECS
Deliver animal management programs and services as detailed in Council's Dog and Cat Management Strategy 2018-2022	CRS
Expand CCTV networks across the municipality as part of the #SmartDarwin Strategy	IGDS
Continue to partner with the Northern Territory Government to deliver City Safe Security Patrol Services in the city centre.	CRS

BY 2030, DARWIN WILL BE INCREASINGLY RECOGNISED AS A LIVEABLE CITY

2021/22 Deliverables	Responsible Department
Work with the Northern Territory Government to deliver the Laneways and Small Streets Activation Strategy	GREa
Implement City of Darwin Movement Strategy annual actions	IGDS
Review the Darwin City Centre Masterplan to align with the Northern Territory Government Central Darwin Area Plan	IGDS
Deliver upgrades to Street Food sites giving customers a better experience	IGDS

BY 2030, DARWIN RESIDENTS WILL BE MORE ACTIVE AND HEALTHY

2021/22 Deliverables	Responsible Department
Deliver the Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre Redevelopment Project	CRS
Deliver the Darwin Velodrome Upgrade Project	CRS
Deliver the Healthy Darwin annual program for 2021/22	CRS



SD3 - A cool, clean and green city

BY 2030, DARWIN WILL BE RECOGNISED AS A CLEAN AND ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE CITY

2021/22 Deliverables	Responsible Department
Continue to implement the Tree Establishment Program across the municipality	ECS
Implement the Greening Darwin Strategy annual actions	ECS
Implement Council's response to Climate Emergency	ECS
Complete final capping of Cells 3 and 4 at the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility	ECS
Implement the Waste Management Strategy annual actions	ECS
Develop and implement an Environmental Management System for Council operations	ECS
Partner with the Northern Territory Government and CSIRO to deliver the Darwin Living Lab, as an initiative of the Darwin City Deal	ECS
Working with the Darwin Living Lab, finalise the Digital Twin project for the Darwin City Deal	ECS
Provide support to the City of Darwin East Point Advisory Committee as a mechanism to protect and improve the biodiversity of East Point Reserve	ECS



SD4 - A smart and prosperous city

BY 2030, DARWIN WILL BE RECOGNISED GLOBALLY AS A SMART CITY

2021/22 Deliverables	Responsible Department
Expand the #SmartDarwin Strategy	IGDS
Deliver a Darwin Destination Management Plan	IGDS
Deliver the City of Darwin IDEATE Innovation Action Plan	IGDS
Implement Customer Service Strategy annual actions	CS
Implement the City of Darwin Library Strategy 2020-2024 annual actions	CRS

BY 2030, DARWIN WILL HAVE ATTRACTED AND RETAINED MORE RESIDENTS AND WILL OFFER SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

2021/22 Deliverables	Responsible Department
Implement the Darwin Economic Development Strategy 2030 annual actions	IGDS
Implement programs to support local business to be innovative	IGDS
Develop City of Darwin Revenue Strategy	CS
Promote Darwin as a great destination to live, work, study and invest	IGDS



SD5 - A vibrant and creative city

BY 2030, DARWIN WILL BE RECOGNISED AS AN ICONIC DESTINATION

2021/22 Deliverables	Responsible Department
Deliver City of Darwin's events program and events management with a focus on developing and marketing of Council owned facilities for events	GRE
Deliver the 80th anniversary event commemorating the Bombing of Darwin on 19 February 1942	GRE

BY 2030, DARWIN WILL BE A MORE CONNECTED COMMUNITY AND HAVE PRIDE IN OUR CULTURAL IDENTITY

2021/22 Deliverables	Responsible Department
Implement the City of Darwin Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan 2020-2022 annual actions	CRS
Implement the City of Darwin Youth Strategy	CRS
Deliver the City of Darwin Community Grants Program	CRS
Financially contribute the Darwin Entertainment Centre to deliver programs and services that create a cohesive, connected and culturally enriched community	CRS
Implement the City of Darwin Access and Inclusion Plan 2019-2022 annual actions	CRS

City of Darwin Governance Framework

VISION AND CULTURE

2021/22 Deliverables	Responsible Department
Continue to implement Council's Integrated Strategic Planning Framework	GREA
Implement compliance requirements for the new <i>Local Government Act 2019</i>	GREA
Deliver initiatives to embed risk management principles into organisational decision making	CS
Implement initiatives to support the enhancement of proactive risk-based approaches to operations and safety	CS
Revise the City of Darwin Code of Conduct and deliver the complaints management framework for Elected Members in response to the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i>	GREA
Undertake an interim review of the Darwin 2030 <i>City for People, City of Colour</i> . Strategic Plan for the 23rd Council of the City of Darwin	GREA

ROLES AND RELATIONSHIPS

2021/22 Deliverables	Responsible Department
Deliver the City of Darwin Advocacy and Partnerships Strategy	GREA
Manage and implement Council's Communications and Engagement Strategy	GREA
Respond to legislative change and compliance at the Federal, Territory and local levels	GREA
Manage Council's strategic role in the Darwin City Deal including governance and reporting obligations	GREA
Facilitate Council's position at the national and local levels for impacting environment, waste and climate policy and targets	ECS
Establish and maintain productive and positive relationships with Larrakia, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, and Government stakeholders to work collaboratively in addressing public safety	CRS
Develop Council's role and key relationships as a partner in emergency response and recovery to support our community during critical events	CS
Deliver an Enterprise Agreement that fosters a positive workplace culture and productive cross organisational relationships	CS



DECISION MAKING AND MANAGEMENT

2021/22 Deliverables	Responsible Department
Review City of Darwin's insurance, system and reporting requirements	CS
Develop City of Darwin's Emergency Planning and Response Framework including natural disasters, critical incidents and security risks	CS
Develop and implement a Council Policy Review Program for the 23rd Council of the City of Darwin	GRE
Develop City of Darwin Integrated Quality Management System	CS
Develop an internal Corporate Governance Framework, supported by policy, procedures and guidance review in alignment with legislative requirements	CS
Review and refine Workplace Health & Safety Management Framework and document suite and implement the WHS incident reporting system	CS
Implement new City of Darwin By-laws in compliance with legislative requirements	GRE
Implement and report on Council's Privacy Management Framework and annual actions	CS
Review City of Darwin's compliance with Privacy and Information Management Legislation	IGDS
Upgrade City of Darwin's electronic records management system	IGDS

ACCOUNTABILITY

2021/22 Deliverables	Responsible Department
Develop and refine the City of Darwin Corporate Performance Reporting to include Place Score	GREa
Deliver Annual Internal Audit Program	CS
Implement new automated Financial Systems upgrades	CS
Implement enhancements to integrate functionality between enterprise systems and Human Resource Information Systems (HRIS)	CS
Deliver the City of Darwin Annual Report 2020/21	GREa
Deliver the 2020/21 Audited Financial Statements	CS
Facilitate the 2021 Local Government General Election and induct the new Council	GREa
Review the cost of delivering services to ensure appropriate fees and charges and ensure the level of council subsidy is identified.	CS



2021/22 Capital Works Program

Item	Asset Category	Project	Reserve	Grant	Loan	General Funds	Total
1	Buildings & Structures	Civic Centre Redevelopment Project and Carpark Upgrade	30,000,000				\$30,000,000
2	Buildings & Structures	Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre		7,500,000	17,500,000		\$25,000,000
3	Buildings & Structures	Playground Shades				381,000	\$381,000
4	Buildings & Structures	Council Buildings - Exterior Renewal				300,000	\$300,000
5	Buildings & Structures	Council Buildings - Interior Renewal				210,000	\$210,000
6	Buildings & Structures	Council Buildings - Services Renewals				180,000	\$180,000
7	Buildings & Structures	Darwin Entertainment Centre; Upgrades & Refurbishment	98,658				\$98,658
8	Buildings & Structures	Council Building - Structural Renewal				80,000	\$80,000
9	Parks & Reserve Infrastructure	Velodrome	2,255,000				\$2,255,000
10	Parks & Reserve Infrastructure	Better Suburbs and Enhancements Projects				2,100,000	\$2,100,000
11	Parks & Reserve Infrastructure	Playground Refurbishment				205,000	\$205,000
12	Parks & Reserve Infrastructure	Irrigation Tanks				150,000	\$150,000
13	Parks & Reserve Infrastructure	Irrigation Infrastructure				150,000	\$150,000

Item	Asset Category	Project	Reserve	Grant	Loan	General Funds	Total
14	Parks & Reserve Infrastructure	Parks Infrastructure Refurbishment				143,000	\$143,000
15	Parks & Reserve Infrastructure	Softfall Under Play Equipment				126,000	\$126,000
16	Parks & Reserve Infrastructure	Sports Facility Upgrades and Refurbishment				100,000	\$100,000
17	Parks & Reserve Infrastructure	Foreshore Fencing				79,000	\$79,000
18	Parks & Reserve Infrastructure	Pine Log Fence Replacement				72,000	\$72,000
19	Parks & Reserve Infrastructure	Darwin General Cemetery Upgrade and Refurbishment				20,000	\$20,000
20	Parks & Reserve Infrastructure	Street Food Site Upgrades				20,000	\$20,000
21	Pathways	Footpath Reconstruction				850,000	\$850,000
22	Pathways	Shared Paths Program				200,000	\$200,000
23	Pathways	Walkways Resurfacing				165,000	\$165,000
24	Plant & Equipment	Plant and Equipment Replacement Program	4,354,217				\$4,354,217
25	Plant & Equipment	Information Technology Infrastructure				300,000	\$300,000
26	Plant & Equipment	Smart Cities Infrastructure				140,000	\$140,000
27	Stormwater Infrastructure	Stormwater Upgrades and Reconstruction				1,400,000	\$1,400,000
28	Stormwater Infrastructure	Mosquito Control Program		86,000		43,000	\$129,000
29	Street & Public Lighting	Open Spaces Capital Refurbishment - Making Mindil Safe	109,519	925,000	-	-	\$1,034,519

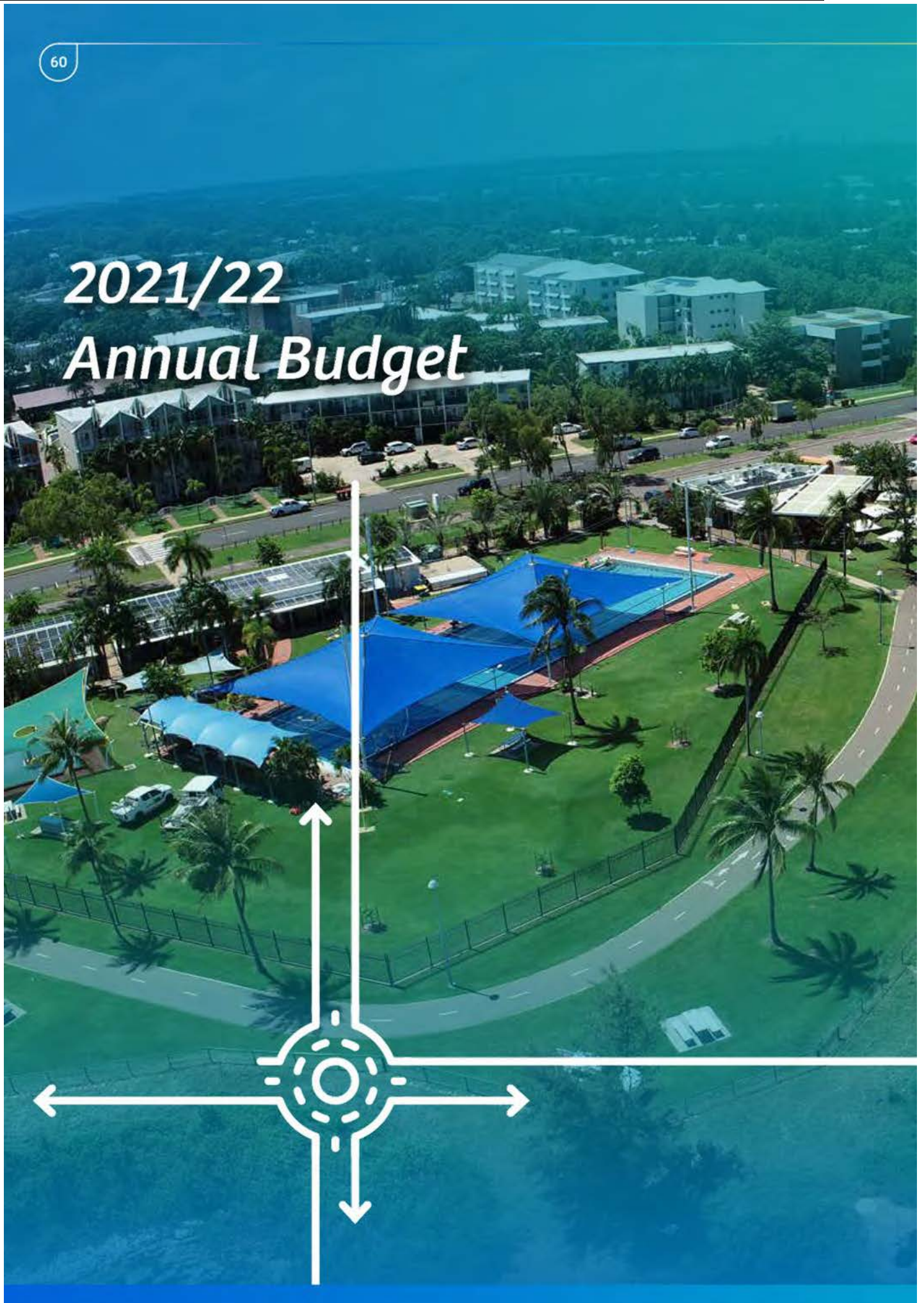


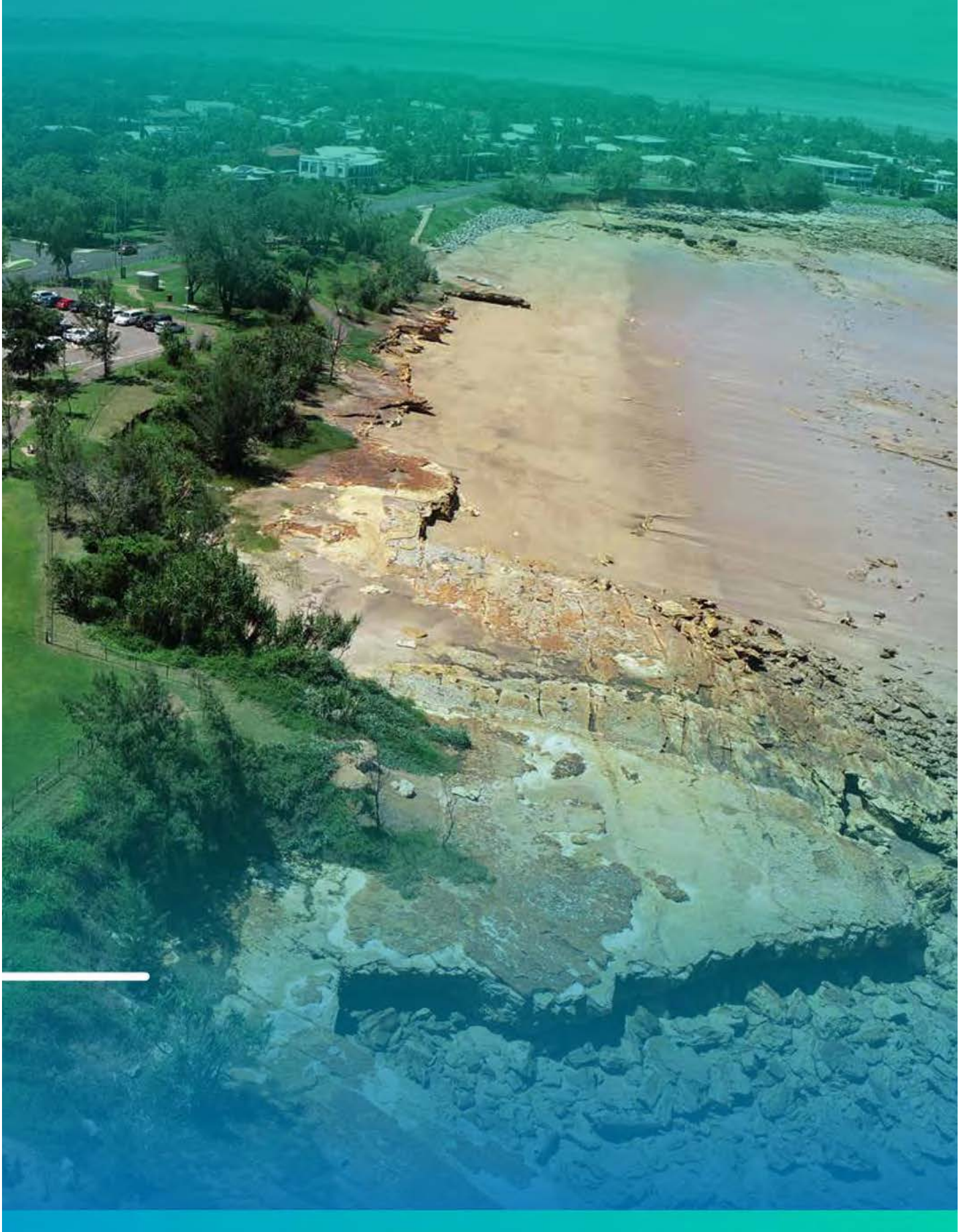
Item	Asset Category	Project	Reserve	Grant	Loan	General Funds	Total
30	Street & Public Lighting	Street & Public Lighting Capital Replacement				500,000	\$500,000
31	Street & Public Lighting	Street & Public Lighting Upgrades				103,000	\$103,000
32	Street & Public Lighting	Street & Public Lighting Luminaire Replacement				40,000	\$40,000
33	Transport	Lee Point Road Upgrade		2,800,000			\$2,800,000
34	Transport	Road Resurfacing & Renewal				1,300,000	\$1,300,000
35	Transport	Roads to Recovery		862,060			\$862,060
36	Transport	Road Reconstruction - Lee Point Road Upgrade				500,000	\$500,000
37	Transport	Local Area Traffic Management				450,000	\$450,000
38	Transport	Driveway Program				240,000	\$240,000
39	Transport	Minor Capital Works				150,000	\$150,000
40	Transport	Boulter Road Upgrade to Urban Cross Section	130,000				\$130,000
41	Transport	Traffic Signal Upgrades and Replacement				94,000	\$94,000
42	Transport	Disability Access Program				55,000	\$55,000
43	Waste Management	Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility - Stage 3/4 Final Capping	2,000,000		12,000,000		\$14,000,000
TOTAL			\$38,947,394	\$12,173,060	\$29,500,000	\$10,846,000	\$91,466,454

Table 5 2021/22 Capital Works Program

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2021/22 Annual Budget









Financial Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

	Target	Actual 2019/20	Budget 2020/21	Budget 2021/22
% of Rate Debtors Outstanding				
	<5%	5.6%	7.6%	6.4%
This indicator is designed to measure Council's effectiveness in recovering debts legally owed to it.				
Debt Servicing Ratio				
	<5%	1.0%	2.7%	4.4%
This indicator is designed to show what proportion of revenue is required as a commitment to fund Council's loan repayments. Finance costs excludes interest expense of unwinding waste remediation liabilities as a non-cash item.				
Liquidity Ratio - Unrestricted				
	>1.00:1	1.95:1	2.78:1	1.28:1
This indicator is designed to measure whether Council has the ability to pay its debts as they fall due expressed as a factor of one; (current assets minus externally restricted reserves)/current liabilities.				
Rates Ratio				
	60%-70%	60.8%	58.2%	62.1%
This indicator is designed to measure Council's ability to cover its day to day expenses through its own tax/rates and annual charges.				
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)				
	Break-even	(\$15.20M)	(\$14.20M)	(\$14.05M)
This indicator is designed to provide information on the result of ordinary operations including depreciation, which is a non-cash expense. Council does not fund depreciation rather it funds the capital expenditure program.				
Operating Surplus before Depreciation				
	> Break-even	\$17.6M	\$18.8M	\$18.7M
This indicator is designed to provide information on the result of ordinary operations before depreciation, which is a non-cash expense. Excluding depreciation gives the amount of operating income over and above operating expenses that is available to fund capital expenditure.				
Asset Sustainability Ratio				
	>50%	35.1%	95.5%	131.4%
This ratio reports the extent to which Council is renewing its assets. A ratio of 100% or more indicates that Council spends at least its annual depreciation each year on renewing assets. Depreciation is an annual estimated consumption that does not necessarily reflect the renewal spend actually required each year. Depreciation excludes Right of Use assets.				

Table 6 2021/22 Financial Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

2021/22 Operating Budget Overview

Analysis of Operating Budget

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

OPERATING INCOME (EXCLUDING INCOME FOR CAPITAL PURPOSES)

Council is budgeting to receive operating income of **\$109.3M** in 2021/22 which is summarised below by major category.

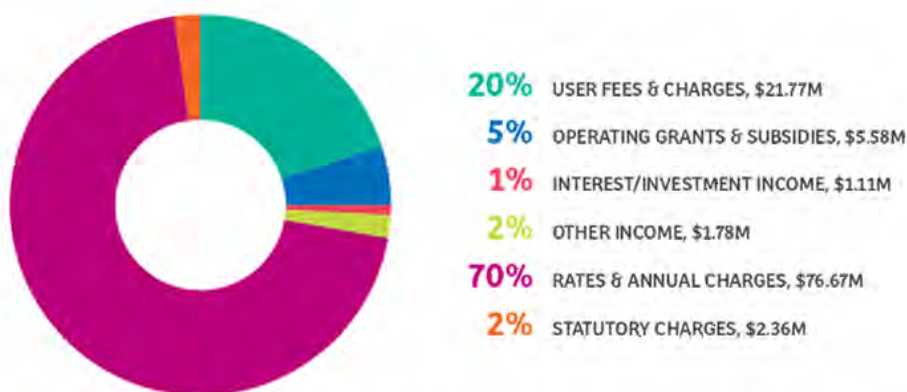


Figure 3 2021/22 Operating Income (excluding Income for Capital Purposes)

Council receives income from various sources to assist in service delivery. Council expects to receive \$5.6M (5%) of its operating income from Grants and Contributions in 2021/22. Operational Grants budgeted to be received from the Australian and Northern Territory Governments include:

- \$1.9M Commonwealth Financial Assistance - Roads Component
- \$1.8M Commonwealth Financial Assistance - General Component
- \$1.5M Library Operating Subsidy & Other
- \$136K Mosquito Control Subsidy
- \$120K Northern Territory Government Darwin Entertainment Centre Repairs & Maintenance
- \$103K Fun Bus.

Council continues to source external funding opportunities throughout the year.



Comparison to Previous Year Budget

Operating Income	2020/21	2021/22	Variance	Variance
	Original Budget	Budget		
	\$'000	\$000's	\$000's	%
Rates & Annual Charges	70,393	76,666	6,273	9%
Statutory Charges	2,233	2,358	125	6%
User Fees & Charges	21,099	21,769	770	4%
Operating Grants & Subsidies	9,461	5,578	-3,883	-41%
Interest/Investment Income	1,913	1,113	-800	-42%
Other Income	1,715	1,780	65	4%
Total Operating Income	106,814	109,264	2,550	2%

Table 7 Annual comparison of operating income

The movement in income from rates, levies and charges reflects a 2.5% increase in general rates and a small increase in kerbside waste collection charges.

The 2020 triennial property revaluation will impact each property differently as it depends upon how property values move compared to the average movement of all properties. If a property value has a decrease greater than the average, then the rating impact is lessened. If a property value movement is less than the average or even increases, then the rates will increase.

Overall, fees and charges only increase slightly in 2021/22 with the main contributors being pool charges, off & on street parking charges and some library charges.

Interest is calculated on forecast cash and investment balances. With interest rates remaining at historic lows a decrease on returns is projected, placing further pressure on Councils income stream.

Other income consists of property lease income, reimbursements and sundry income.

OPERATING EXPENSES

Operating expenses of **\$123.3M** in 2021/22 is summarised below by major category.

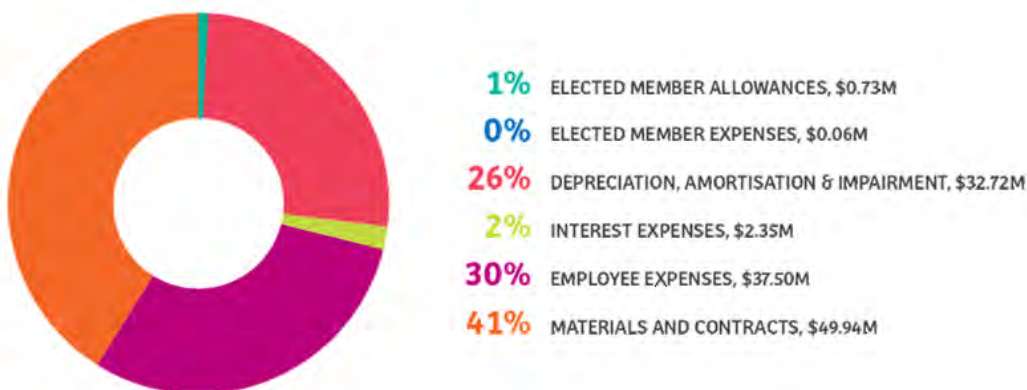


Figure 4 2021/22 Operating Expenses

Comparison to Previous Year Budget

Operating Expenses	2020/21 Original Budget \$'000	2021/22 Budget \$000's	Variance \$000's	Variance %
Employee Expenses	35,527	37,504	1,977	6%
Materials and Contracts	50,118	49,941	-77	-0.2%
Elected Member Allowances	729	733	4	1%
Elected Member Expenses	62	64	2	3%
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	32,974	32,720	-254	-1%
Interest Expenses	1,607	2,350	743	46%
Total Operating Expenses	121,017	123,312	2,395	2.0%

Table 8 Annual comparison of operating expenses



The increase of employee costs mainly reflects Council's decision to deliver more capital and operational activities by its own staff. The strategy of recruiting to vacant positions on a case by case basis continues.

Materials and contracts have also been held at similar levels to the 2020/21 year. Significant emphasis has been placed on maintaining service delivery standards whilst also focusing on efficiency and effectiveness initiatives throughout. It is also important to Council that the tension between delivery and cost effectiveness remains a focus.

Borrowing costs includes interest on loans and the annual unwinding of the discount for waste post closure and capping provisions to net present value (this is a non-cash item). Interest on loans are included as per the existing loan schedules plus new borrowings factored in for; the Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre project (subject to Ministerial approval), the loan to cap Cells 3 and 4 at the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility (subject to Ministerial approval), the loan for Garramilla Boulevard (subject to Ministerial approval) and the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility Leachate Treatment System (Ministerial approval attained) from 2019/20 Municipal Plan.

The depreciation budget is based on actual assets owned by Council with adjustments in relation to additions, work in progress and assets reaching maturity (fully depreciated).







2021/22 Rates & Charges

Rates & Charges

The Rates & Charges section aims to:

- Explain the relationship between Council's strategic plans for the community, its budget and its rates & charges structure
- Outline Council's consideration of consistency and comparability in the imposition of rates on various sectors of the community, including residential, business and rural ratepayers
- Provide clear information around rate setting to ensure greater community understanding of the issues and processes.

RATING STRATEGIES

City of Darwin has adopted a rating strategy covering the 2021/22 financial year with the goals of:

- Delivering projects and services within a financially sustainable framework
- Providing assistance to the community in delivering capital works
- Setting out the principles considered by Council in deciding on the mix of rates and annual charges.

Council's rate setting and charging structures are based on the following principles:

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

Council's rates and charges include:

- **Differential General Rates;** there are a number of differential general rates and minimum general rates, which are set based on town planning zones and other relevant factors
- **Parking Local Special Rate;** this only applies to areas within the CBD on properties where in a past development the owner elected to pay rates rather than provide on-site parking or direct contribution ("parking shortfall").
- **Annual Charges;** these apply in relation to domestic waste kerbside pickup for recyclable and non-recyclable waste.

For the 2021/22 financial year, Council proposes to increase the revenue generated by rates by 2.5%.

In 2021/22, the average residential property Unimproved Capital Value (UCV) has been impacted by the land revaluation undertaken in 2020. The 2020/21 year in table 8 below has been adjusted accordingly for comparative purposes.

This would see the general rates, for the average rateable property in the Darwin municipality, to be around \$1,239. Factoring in land revaluations this equates to around a \$36 increase in general rates for 2021/22, or approximately 70c per week. Including the annual kerbside garbage collection and recycling service of \$297, this moves to \$1,535 for the year for the average ratepayer in the Darwin municipality. The modest increase in the annual kerbside garbage collection charge is to service a loan for upgrading the leachate treatment facility at the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility. The combined general rate and kerbside waste collection rate is an increase of under \$1.00 per week for the average single dwelling residential property.

Table 8 provides a comparison of rates proposed for 2021/22 for the average single dwelling residential ratepayer in the Darwin municipality as compared to the previous year (adjusted for revaluation):

Example based on average Unimproved Capital Value (UCV) for a single dwelling residential property	2020/2021 \$	2021/2022 \$	\$ increase	% increase
General Rates per year	\$1,203.15	\$1,238.93	\$35.78	2.97%
General Rates per week	\$23.08	\$23.76	\$0.68	2.95%
Annual Kerbside Garbage Collection & Recycling Service	\$284.00	\$297.00	\$13.00	4.58%
Combined Rates & Kerbside Waste Collection	\$1,487.15	\$1,535.93	\$48.78	3.28%
Combined amount per week	\$28.52	\$29.46	\$0.94	3.30%

Table 9 2021/22 Annual comparison of rates

The total 2021/22 budgeted rates and annual charges income of \$76.7M is summarised below by major category.

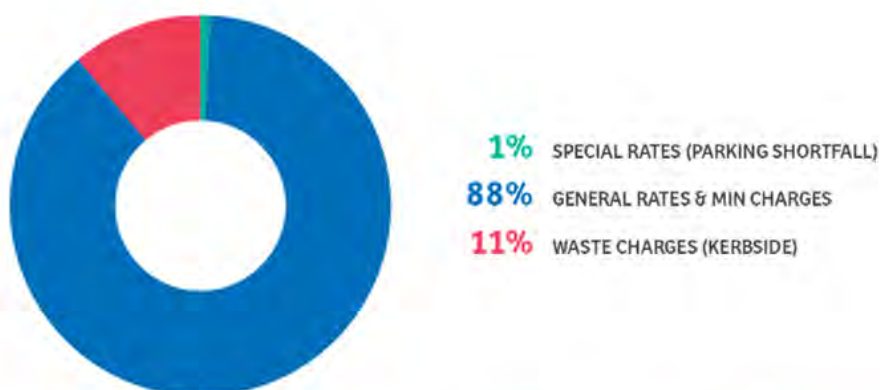


Figure 5 2021/22 Rates and Charges by Major Category



RATING STRUCTURE

In accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2008*, it is proposed that for the 2021/22 financial year Council will levy the following indicative rates:

Town Planning Zone	Code	Indicative Minimum Rate	Indicative Rate in the Dollar	\$ 000's Estimated Income 2021/22
Single Dwelling Residential; Rural Residential; Rural Living; Rural	LR; RR; RL; R	\$1,187	0.00563150	24,106
Multiple Dwelling Residential; Medium Dwelling Residential; High Density Residential	MD; LMR; HR	\$1,246	0.00563150	15,603
Central Business	CB	\$1,502	0.00704249	13,197
Future Development; Specific Use; Community Purposes; Restricted Development; Utilities; Community Living	FD; SU; CP; RD; U; CL	\$1,246	0.00563150	5,606
Tourist Commercial; Heritage	TC; HT	\$1,237	0.00624223	445
Commercial; Service Commercial	C; SC	\$1,237	0.00751276	2,911
Major Shopping Centres (equal to or greater than 40,000m ²)		\$1,237	0.01395119	452
Caravan Parks	CV	\$1,187	0.00527717	72
Public Open Space; Conservation	PS; CN	\$1,237	0.00547979	16
Organised Recreation	OR	\$490	0.00510170	442
General Industry; Development	GI; DV	\$1,237	0.00462998	2,491
Light Industry	LI	\$1,237	0.00545468	1,214
GI Special Minimum	GI Special Minimum	\$308	0.00462998	87
Other Rates				658
Estimated General Rate Income 2021/22				67,300
Rate Waivers				-10
Total Estimated General Rate Income 2021/22				67,290

Table 10 2021/22 Rating Structure

GENERAL RATES

A Differential General Rate shall be levied on all rateable properties based on the Unimproved Capital Value (UCV) of the land falling within the above Town Planning Zones under the Northern Territory Planning Scheme as referred to in the *Planning Act 1999*.

OTHER RATES

A Local Rate (Parking Local Rate) at the rate of \$246.82 per shortfall bay is assessed and levied in accordance with the *Local Government (Darwin Parking Local Rates) Regulations 1982*.

The Parking Local Rate may be levied on all land within the CBD as defined in Schedule 1, Regulation 2 of the Regulations and as published in the parking use schedule, available for inspection at Council's Offices.

The proceeds of the Parking Local Rate will be used for the function of developing and maintaining both on-street and off-street parking facilities. Council offers the opportunity for a one-off payment of the Parking Local Rate.

WASTE MANAGEMENT CHARGES

City of Darwin residents are provided with domestic waste and recycling collection services, the annual Pre-Cyclone Clean Up and free disposal of domestic quantities of household waste (up to 200kg per load) in a non-commercial vehicle via Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility Access Tags. The annual domestic waste management fees for 2021/22 are listed below.

Type of Service	2020/21 \$	2021/22 \$	\$ increase	% increase
Single service of a residential unit or residential dwelling in respect of a kerbside garbage collection and recycling service	284.00	297.00	13.00	4.58%
Service per semi or non-detached residential dwelling, where the number of such residential dwellings exceeds three (3), in respect of a communal garbage collection and recycling service	264.00	277.00	13.00	4.92%

Table 11 2021/22 Annual Comparison Domestic Waste Management Charges

Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility also provides for commercial waste. The 2021/22 commercial waste fees are listed below. The prices reflect the current and future cost to the community of delivering this service.

	2020/21 \$	2021/22 \$	\$ increase	% increase
Commercial Waste (per tonne)	93.00	103.00	10	11
Commercial Green Waste	72.00	72.00	0	0.0

Table 12 2021/22 Annual Comparison Commercial Waste Management Charges (example)

City of Darwin's Fees and Charges Booklet is provided at **Appendix D**.



Asset Management

Capital Expenditure 2021/22

Capital expenditure of **\$91.5M** budgeted in 2021/22 is summarised as follows by asset class.

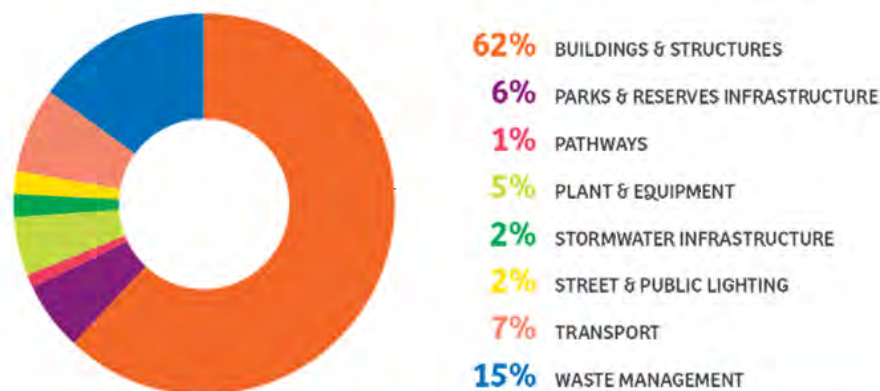


Figure 6 2021/22 Capital Works Program by Asset Class

Assets

Section 127(c) of the *Local Government Act 2008* requires Council's Annual Budget to state the amount to be allocated to the development and maintenance of each class of infrastructure for the financial year. Council's 11 infrastructure (asset) classes are outlined in Policy 055 – Asset Management along with Council's principles for maintaining, upgrading and replacing assets. During 2020/21 Council has completed condition assessments for many asset classes and new data will be uploaded to Council systems in conjunction with the implementation of Asset Management software.

Asset Management Plans will subsequently be updated and utilised to inform future reviews of Council's Long Term Financial Plan.





Sources of Funding

PROPOSED EXTERNAL GRANTS (\$12.17M)

External grants include amounts budgeted to be received from the Australian and Northern Territory Governments.

Funding received in prior years is retained in accordance with AASB 1058 as a Contract Liability or the Unspent Grants Reserve as appropriate. These funds will be applied to projects as they are constructed in 2021/22, with the Velodrome Upgrade Project at \$2.26M a key highlight.

PROPOSED RESERVE FUNDING (\$38.95M)

Reserve funding to be used for capital works in 2021/22 will include:

- **\$15.4M** funded from Car Parking Shortfall Reserves for the Civic Centre Redevelopment Car Park
- **\$14.6M** funded from Sale of Land Reserve for the Civic Centre Redevelopment
- **\$2.26M** from the Unspent Grants Reserve for the development of the Velodrome
- **\$4.35M** from the Plant Replacement Reserve to fund the ongoing replacement of Council assets
- **\$2.00M** from the Waste Reserve for Cell Capping 3/4
- **\$130K** from the Developer Contributions Reserve for Boulter Road Upgrade to Urban Cross Section
- **\$1.1M** for Making Mindil Safe with \$55k from the Markets Reserve and \$55k from Asset Replacement and Refurbishment Reserve
- **\$99K** from Darwin Entertainment Centre Asset Refurbishment Reserves.

BORROWING (\$29.5M)

New external borrowings identified for the 2021/22 year are

- \$17.5M for the Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre, (subject to Ministerial Approval). This is a restated amount from the 2020/21 annual budget (increasing from the proposed \$12.5M)
- \$12.0M for Cell Capping 3/4 (subject to Ministerial Approval).

Projects from the 2019/20 year that are still being finalised, and as yet, not had the budgeted external borrowings drawn down are;

- \$13.2M for Leachate Treatment at the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility; and
- \$5M for Garramilla Boulevard, subject to Ministerial Approval.

2021/22 Budgeted Financial Statements

Budgeted financial statements for 2021/22 on the following pages are:

A. BUDGETED INCOME STATEMENT

This statement outlines:

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

The Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit) for the year is a measure of Council's financial performance. This figure is determined by deducting total operating expenses from total operating revenue.

B. BUDGETED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

The Statement of Financial Position details what Council owns (assets) and what it owes (liabilities) at a point in time. In this case, 30 June 2022.

Council's net worth is determined by deducting total liabilities from total assets, this is Council's Equity. The larger the net equity, the stronger the financial position.

C. BUDGETED STATEMENT OF CASH/FUND FLOWS

This statement summarises the actual flows of cash/funds for the year and explains the change in the cash/funds balance held from the start of the year through to the end of the year. The report shows where Council received its cash/funds from and what it was spent on.

D. BUDGETED STATEMENT OF RESERVES

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

E. BUDGETED STATEMENT OF BORROWINGS (EXTERNAL & INTERNAL)

This statement provides details of Council's existing borrowings as well as any proposed new borrowings. Council's Borrowing Policy describes the set of circumstances under which new borrowings can be considered.



A. Budgeted Income Statement

INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT for the year ending 30 June 2022

	LTFP	Budget	Adopted Budget
	2021/22 \$'000	2021/22 \$'000	2020/21 \$'000
Operating Income			
Rates & Annual Charges	75,776	76,666	70,393
Statutory Charges	2,461	2,358	2,233
User Fees and Charges	22,167	21,769	21,099
Operating Grants and Subsidies	4,377	5,578	9,461
Interest/Investment Income	1,862	1,113	1,913
Other Income	928	1,780	1,715
Total Income	107,571	109,264	106,814
Operating Expenses			
Employee Expenses	36,521	37,504	35,527
Materials and Contracts	47,715	49,941	50,118
Elected Member Allowances	744	733	729
Elected Member Expenses	63	64	62
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	32,080	32,720	32,974
Interest Expenses	606	2,350	1,607
Total Expenses	117,729	123,312	121,017
Budgeted Operating Surplus/ (Deficit)	(10,158)	(14,048)	(14,203)
Capital Grants and Contributions Income	4,206	12,173	12,730
Budgeted Net Surplus/ (Deficit)	(5,952)	(1,875)	(1,473)

Notes:

- 1 "LTFP" is Long Term Financial Plan 2021 to 2030
- 2 Numbers in statements may include minor rounding differences

B. Budgeted Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2022	Audited 30/6/20 \$000's	Budget 30/6/22 \$000's
Current Assets		
Cash & Investments - unrestricted	25,989	20,359
Cash & Investments - externally restricted	47,206	24,561
Cash & Investments - internally restricted	27,228	11,403
Trade & Other Receivables	9,859	9,749
Inventories	427	420
Other	13,506	
Total Current Assets	124,215	66,492
Non-Current Assets		
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	980,600	1,024,356
Lease Right of Use Assets	5,355	4,752
Total Non Current Assets	985,955	1,029,108
TOTAL ASSETS	1,110,170	1,095,600
Current Liabilities		
Trade & Other Payables	30,093	21,421
Borrowings	841	3,194
Provisions	7,814	7,307
Lease Liabilities	787	806
Total Current Liabilities	39,535	32,728
Non-Current Liabilities		
Trade & Other Payables	19	
Borrowings	7,384	48,805
Provisions	26,894	25,315
Lease Liabilities	4,644	4,652
Total Non Current Liabilities	38,941	78,772
TOTAL LIABILITIES	78,476	111,500
NET ASSETS	1,031,694	984,100
Equity		
Accumulated Surplus	340,424	331,300
Asset Revaluation Reserve	616,836	616,836
Other Reserves	74,434	35,964
TOTAL EQUITY	1,031,694	984,100

1. As per 2nd Quarter Budget Review adjusted for known variations. Assumes no additional carry forwards.
2. Land Under Roads and Infrastructure asset classes are being revalued as at 30 June 2021. No adjustments have been made in the budget Statement of Financial Position as Council is not able to reliably estimate the amounts.



C. Budgeted Statements of Cash/Fund Flows

for the year ending 30 June 2022	LTFP	Budget	Adopted Budget
	2020/21 \$'000	2021/22 \$'000	2020/21 \$'000
From Operating Activities			
Net operating result from Income Statement	(5,952)	(1,875)	(1,473)
Add back Other Non Cash Items	(18)	629	613
Add back Depreciation (not cash)	32,080	32,720	32,974
Net Funds provided (or used in) Operating Activities	26,110	31,474	32,114
From Investing Activities			
Receipts:			
Sale of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	0	1,040	15,298
Payments:			
Purchase of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	(26,057)	(91,466)	(57,166)
Net Funds provided (or used in) Investing Activities	(26,057)	(90,426)	(41,868)
From Financing Activities			
Receipts:			
Proceeds from Borrowings & Advances	1,000	29,500	12,500
Payments:			
Repayment of Borrowings & Advances	(3,151)	(3,085)	(1,889)
Net Funds provided (or used in) Financing Activities	(2,151)	26,415	10,611
Net Increase (-Decrease) in Funds before Transfers	(2,098)	(32,537)	857
Net Transfers from (-to) Reserves	2,098	32,537	(857)
Net Increase (-Decrease) in General Funds after Transfers	0	0	0

Notes:

- 1 "LTFP" is Long Term Financial Plan 2021 to 2030
- 2 Numbers in statements may include minor rounding differences

D. Budgeted Statement of Reserves

BUDGETED STATEMENT OF RESERVES for the year ending 30 June 2022

Reserves - externally restricted \$ 000's	Opening Balance 2021/22	Net Mvt Inc (Dec)	Closing Balance 2021/22
CBD Carparking Shortfall - Developer Cont.	13,417	(7,333)	6,084
CBD Carparking Shortfall - Rate Levy	13,646	(6,898)	6,748
Developer Contributions	1,824	(121)	1,703
Highway/Commercial Carparking Shortfall	53	0	53
Market Site Development	459	(37)	422
Other Carparking Shortfall	383	2	385
Unspent Grants	4,422	(2,255)	2,167
Waste Management	5,134	1,865	6,999
Total - externally restricted reserves	39,338	(14,777)	24,561
Reserves - internally restricted \$000's	Opening Balance 2021/22	Net Mvt Inc (-Dec)	Closing Balance 2021/22
Asset Replacement & Refurbishment	1,444	187	1,631
Carry Over	50	(50)	0
DEC Air Conditioning Replacement	96	(96)	0
DEC Asset Replacement/Refurbishment	3	(3)	0
Disaster Contingency	2,035	0	2,035
Election Expense	426	(426)	0
Environmental	271	(21)	250
IT Strategy	46	0	46
Nightcliff Community Hall	30	15	45
Off & On Street Carparking	2,326	(426)	1,900
Plant Replacement	7,836	(2,340)	5,496
Public Art	0	0	0
Sale of Land	14,600	(14,600)	0
Total - internally restricted reserves	29,163	(17,760)	11,403
TOTAL ALL RESERVES	68,501	(32,537)	35,964

Table 13 2021/22 Budgeted Statement of Reserves

- 1 Opening Balances as at 2nd Budget Review and adjusted for known pending variations
- 2 Reserves with budgeted nil balances & movements are not listed
- 3 Numbers in statements may include minor rounding differences



The purpose of reserves funds in general are to:

- Ensure where applicable that funds are held separately and only utilised for the proper legal purposes. The main examples of such funds are developer contributions for specific purposes.
- To assist the Council to avoid sudden changes in rates and enable a stable pricing path throughout its Long Term Financial Plan.¹
- To provide a contingency or provision for unexpected events such as natural disasters, cyclones or events that are likely to take place but cannot be predicted reliably into any particular year.

The opening balances in table 13, 2021/22 Budgeted Statement of Reserves are as at 30 June 2021 following the adoption of the second quarter budget variations for the 2020/21 budget and other known adjustments.

Only those reserves with an anticipated opening balance above zero or known movements to occur are included in the 2021/22 budget. As outlined in Council Policy 067 Financial Reserves, reserves may be deactivated and reactivated from time to time when there is a nil balance or a Council resolution.

¹ For example, replacements of assets are not necessarily regular but may be cyclical or irregular. Elections happen every 4 years, so Council makes some provision each year towards this cost.

Reserve Name	Reserve Purpose	2021/22 Movement Increase / Decrease	2021/22 Movement \$ 000's	Purpose of Movement
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Externally Restricted Reserves

Externally restricted reserves must comply with legal requirements.

CBD Car Parking Shortfall	To hold contributions from developers to be used to fund future car parking infrastructure in line with the developer contribution plan.	Decrease	\$(7,333)	Budget decrease is for the Civic Centre & Carpark Upgrade project partially offset by interest.
CBD Car Parking Shortfall	To hold income generated from parking special rates to be used for the provision, operation and maintenance of land, facilities, services and improvements for and in connection with the parking of vehicles in the CBD.	Decrease	\$(6,898)	Budget decrease is for the Civic Centre & Carpark Upgrade project partially offset by funds in for rates and interest.
Developer Contribution	To hold contributions from developers to be used to fund future road, pathways and stormwater drainage construction.	Decrease	\$(121)	Budget decrease is for Boulter Rd Upgrade to Urban Cross Section partially offset by interest.
Highway/Commercial Car Parking Shortfall	To hold contributions from developers to be used to fund car parking spaces in defined areas outside the CBD.	Decrease	\$-	
Market Site Development	To hold, in accordance with agreements, lease income from Mindil, Malak, Nightcliff and Parap markets to provide for future upgrades of the market sites as directed by Council.	Decrease	\$(37)	Budget decrease for Making Mindil Safe offset by market lease revenues, noting Mindil Market lease waiver in 21/22.
Other Car Parking Shortfall	To hold contributions from developers to be used to fund car parking spaces that were collected prior to the current policies.	Increase	\$2	Budget increase in balance is based on interest.
Unspent Grants	To hold the amount of any unspent specific purpose grants.	Decrease	\$(2,255)	The opening balance is as per the 2nd review of the 2020/21 Budget and assumes no further unspent grants at 30 June 2021. Budget decrease relates to the Velodrome Upgrade project.
Waste Management	To hold funds to be used for the future development and rehabilitation of the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility or alternative waste disposal methods.	Increase	\$1,865	Budget increase is the net fund flow of all operational and capital budgets related to waste including interest earned and repayments to other reserves for prior years internal borrowings.



Reserve Name	Reserve Purpose	2021/22 Movement Increase / Decrease	2021/22 Movement \$ 000's	Purpose of Movement
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Internally Restricted Reserves

All other reserves are classed as internally restricted reserves identified by Council resolution for specific purposes.

Council's Financial Reserves Policy outlines the criteria and use of internally restricted reserve funds. Transfers between funds, utilisation of funds and changes of purpose can be authorised by Council.

Asset Replacement & Refurbishment	To hold funds to be used for the future rehabilitation of major assets in accordance with the Long Term Financial Plan and related Long Term Capital Works program (LTCW).	Increase	\$187	Budget increase is from repayments from waste internal loans less utilisation for Making Mindil Safe project from capital works program.
Carry Forward	To hold funds to be used for future projects that have been identified as not being completed in the financial year or projects that span multiple years. Projects must have commenced by 30 June and be able to be identified as being completed in future financial years.	Decrease	\$(50)	To bring out funds placed in reserve for project delivery in 2021/22.
Darwin Entertainment Centre (DEC) Air Conditioning Replacement	To hold contributions in accordance with an agreement to contribute a proportionate amount toward future costs of air conditioning for the overall complex in which the Darwin Entertainment Centre is situated.	Decrease	\$(96)	As the Air Conditioning Project has been finalised, and due to the separation of the Darwin Entertainment Centre Air Conditioning Project from the overall arrangements, the reserve balance has been utilised for the Darwin Entertainment Centre Upgrades & Refurbishment program.
Darwin Entertainment Centre (DEC) Asset Replacement/Refurbishment	To hold funds to be used for replacement and upgrade of assets at the Darwin Entertainment Centre.	Decrease	\$(3)	The balance has been rationalised out and utilised for the Darwin Entertainment Centre Upgrades & Refurbishment program.
Disaster Contingency	To hold funds to assist with responding to natural disasters. The minimum requirement for this fund is to hold \$2M (adjusted by Darwin CPI each year from and including 2020) unless or until the requirements are amended via a formal report and resolution. The reserve balance may fall below the minimum balance if a natural disaster has recently occurred and the funds have been used. The minimum balance will be subsequently replenished in the following annual budget cycle.	Nil	\$-	Nil movement budgeted.

Reserve Name	Reserve Purpose	2021/22 Movement Increase / Decrease	2021/22 Movement \$ 000's	Purpose of Movement
Election Expenses	To hold funds to provide for the costs associated with holding the next Council General Election.	Decrease	\$(426)	The reserve balance will be utilised to fund the next Local Government General Election scheduled to be held in August 2021.
Environmental	To hold funds to be used for environmental projects with some originally emanating from the Carbon Tax Reserve and the Government rescission of that tax.	Decrease	\$(21)	Budget decrease is the utilisation of funds for Rapid Creek Corridor Rehabilitation Project.
IT Strategy	To hold funds for staged computer replacements and upgrades and other associated IT strategic programs.	Decrease	\$-	Nil movement budgeted.
Nightcliff Community Hall	To hold lease income from Nightcliff Community Hall to provide for future upgrades of the facility.	Increase	\$15	Budget increase relates to the recurring annual allocation of 20% of the income.
Off and On-Street Parking	To hold funds generated from off and on-street car parking operations to provide for future development of car parking (after some of those funds have been transferred to general purposes). These activities are part of Council's Car Parking Strategy which includes the development of a multi storey car park building.	Decrease	\$(426)	Budget decrease in funds relates to net operating revenues after supporting general purposes, repayments of internal loan from waste offset by utilisations for city centre activities.
Plant and Vehicle Replacement	To holds fund to meet the cost of replacement of plant. The balance is based on the anticipated requirement amount identified in Council's plant replacement program. This reserve is subject to Council's Plant and Equipment Policy.	Decrease	\$(2,340)	Budget decrease relates to the plant and equipment capital replacement program less funds generated from Fleet Operations and waste internal loan repayments.
Sale of Land Reserve	To hold funds from sale of land proceeds in accordance with Council resolutions as effected. Current resolutions relate to the Cavenagh Street Car Park site.	Decrease	\$(14,600)	Budget decrease relates to funds which have been allocated to the Civic Centre & Carpark Upgrade Project in 2021/22.



E. Budgeted Statement of Borrowings (external and internal)

BUDGETED STATEMENT OF EXTERNAL BORROWINGS for the year ending 30 June 2022

Loans	\$000's
Opening Balance	7,384
New Borrowings 2020/21*	18,200
New Borrowings 2021/22**	29,500
Principal Repayments	(3,085)
Closing Balance	51,999

Notes:

- * New Borrowings 2020/21 (pending actualisation)
- Leachate Treatment \$13.2M Budget 2019/20. Ministerial Approval received, will be drawn EOY 20/21
 - Garramilla Boulevard \$5M Budget 2019/20. This is subject to Ministerial Approval.
- ** New Borrowings 2021/22
- Casuarina Aquatic & Leisure Centre \$17.5M. This is subject to Ministerial Approval.
 - Cell 3/4 Capping \$12.0M. This is subject to Ministerial Approval.

TABLE OF INTERNAL LOANS 2021/22

Loans by function/service		1/7/21										30/6/22
Name	Original Amount \$	Date Borrowed	Term/Yrs	Interest Rate	No. Repymts PA	P+I \$ 2021/22	Reserve Lent From	Purpose	Opening balance \$	Principal Raised	Principal Repaid \$	Closing balance \$
IL1 2015 (set)	1,000,000	30/6/15	10.0	2.90%	4	115,559	ARR	Waste	409,213	0	104,825	304,388
IL2 2015 (set)	1,164,115	30/6/15	10.0	2.90%	4	134,524	Parking	Waste	506,332	0	121,150	385,181
IL4 2017 (set)	4,000,000	30/6/17	10.0	2.90%	4	462,238	Parking	Waste	2,537,134	0	392,908	2,144,226
IL5A 2017 (set)	227,000	30/6/17	15.0	2.90%	4	18,717	ARR	Waste	175,735	0	13,769	161,966
IL7 2017 (set)	1,500,000	30/6/17	5.0	2.90%	4	323,360	Plant	Waste	317,583	0	317,583	0
IL8 2017 (set)	527,806	30/6/17	5.0	2.90%	4	113,781	Parking	Waste	111,748	0	111,748	0
Total internal loans to Waste Facility	8,418,921					1,168,178			4,057,745	0	1,061,984	2,995,761
IL3 2016 Nightcliff Café (set)	1,442,437	30/6/16	17.0	2.90%	4	107,777	ARR	NC Café	1,088,975	0	77,030	1,011,945
Grand total internal loans	9,861,358					1,275,956			5,146,719	0	1,139,013	4,007,706



Summary of Loans by lending reserve				
Asset Replacement & Refurbishment (ARR)	242,053	1,673,923	0	195,624
				1,478,299
Off & On Street Parking (Parking)	710,543	3,155,214	0	625,806
				2,529,407
Plant Replacement (Plant)	323,360	317,583	0	317,583
				0
Grand total internal loans	1,275,956	5,146,719	0	1,139,013
				4,007,706

Notes

- 1 All above internal loans are based on opportunity cost of investments estimated at 2.9%
- 2 All above internal loans are based on 4 quarterly repayments PA
- 3 Loans IL5B and IL6 listed in 2018/19 removed as not required

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Appendices





Appendix A – *Local Government Act 2008*

Part 3.2, Section 22 requires that each Council must have a plan for its area and for municipal council's it is to be called a **municipal plan**.

Council must make the plan available on Council's website and at its public office.

The table below outlines the sections of the *Local Government Act 2008* and regulations that Council must meet to ensure its municipal plan complies.

The *Local Government Act 2019* will come into effect on 1 July 2020, however Council has 12 months to comply with many sections of the new Act.

This municipal plan has been developed in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2008* and associated regulations and must be adopted by Council between 1 April and 31 July. A draft plan will be circulated for community feedback for a period of not less than 21 days.

Municipal Plan	Page Reference
<p>Section 23 A municipal plan must contain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Service Delivery Plan for the period to which the municipal plan relates - The Council's annual budget - Reference to any long-term, community or strategic plan adopted by the council for the period to which the municipal plan relates - Reference to Council's Long Term Financial Plan - Recent assessment of the adequacy of constitutional arrangements presently in force - Opportunities and challenges for local government service delivery in the council's area - Possible changes to the administrative and regulatory framework for delivering local government services - Whether possibilities exist for improving local government service delivery by cooperation with other council's, or with government agencies or other organisations. - Indicators for judging the standard of performance. 	through to page 60
<p>Section 71 Elected Member Allowances are to be set as part of the budget. Elected Members allowances were endorsed at the Ordinary Meeting held on 13 April 2021 and are included in both this Municipal Plan and the Annual budget.</p>	17 and 56

Annual Budget

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Reference

Section 127 The annual budget must outline:

From
page 60

- The council's objectives for the financial year
- The measures the council proposes to take, during the financial year, towards achieving those objectives; and
- The indicators the council intends to use as a means of assessing its efficiency in achieving its objectives it proposes to take, during the financial year, towards achieving those objectives.

The annual budget must:

- Contain estimates for revenue and expenditure for the financial year;
- State the amount to be allocated to the development and maintenance of each class of infrastructure for the financial year;
- Contain an assessment of the social and economic effects of its rating policies
- State the allowances for members of the council for the financial year and amount budgeted to cover payment of those allowances; and required by an organisation.



Appendix B– Strategic Direction Performance

SD1 PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Place Experience (PX) Measure	Baseline Out of 100 2019/20	National Benchmark Out of 100 2019/20	Target Out of 100 2021/22
Overall Place Score PX Rating	67.1	61.8	70
Walking, cycling or public transport options	72	N/A	Trend
General condition of buildings	70	N/A	Trend
Car accessibility and parking	70	N/A	Trend
Amenities and facilities (toilets, water bubblers, parents' rooms etc)	66	N/A	Trend
Evidence of recent private investment (new buildings, painting etc)	66	N/A	Trend
Street furniture (including benches, bins, lights etc)	65	N/A	Trend
Evidence of recent public investment (new planting, paving, street furniture)	61	N/A	Trend

SD2 PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Place Experience (PX) Measure	Baseline Out of 100 2019/20	National Benchmark Out of 100 2019/20	Target Out of 100 2021/22
Overall Place Score PX Rating	70.1	68	75
Free and comfortable group seating	78	N/A	Trend
Evidence of management (signage, information, street cleaners etc)	76	N/A	Trend
Free and comfortable place to sit alone	76	N/A	Trend
Ease of walking around (including crossing the street, moving between destinations)	75	N/A	Trend
Sense of safety (for all ages, genders, day/night)	74	N/A	Trend
Space for group activities or gatherings	7	N/A	Trend
Walking paths that connect to other places	72	N/A	Trend
Spaces suitable for specific activities (play, entertainment, exercise etc)	71	N/A	Trend
Quality of public space (footpaths and public spaces)	71	N/A	Trend
Amount of public space (footpaths and public spaces)	69	N/A	Trend
Physical safety (paths, cars, lighting etc)	66	N/A	Trend
Grocery and fresh food businesses	65	N/A	Trend
Interaction with locals / other people in the area (smiles, customer service etc)	64	N/A	Trend
Cleanliness of public space	63	N/A	Trend
Maintenance of public spaces and street furniture	59	N/A	Trend



SD3 PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Place Experience (PX) Measure	Baseline Out of 100 2019/20	National Benchmark Out of 100 2019/20	Target Out of 100 2021/22
Overall Place Score PX Rating	70.1	65.4	75
Elements of the natural environment (views, vegetation, topography, water etc)	72	N/A	Trend
Vegetation and natural elements (street trees, planning, water etc)	71	N/A	Trend
Physical comfort (impacts from noise, smells, temperature)	70	N/A	Trend
General condition of vegetation, street trees and other plantings	69	N/A	Trend
Shelter/awnings (protection from sun, rain etc)	69	N/A	Trend

SD4 PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Place Experience (PX) Measure	Baseline Out of 100 2019/20	National Benchmark Out of 100 2019/20	Target Out of 100 2021/22
Overall Place Score PX Rating	67.8	64.6	70
Things to do in the evening (shopping, dining, entertainment etc)	75	N/A	Trend
A cluster of similar businesses (food, cultural traders, fashion etc)	72	N/A	Trend
Buildings and shop fronts	71	N/A	Trend
Outdoor restaurant, café and/or bar seating	70	N/A	Trend
Diversity of price points (\$ to \$\$\$)	70	N/A	Trend
Unusual or unique businesses / shops	68	N/A	Trend
Service businesses (post offices, libraries, banks etc)	66	N/A	Trend
General condition of businesses and shopfronts	64	N/A	Trend
Businesses that reflect the local community and values	62	N/A	Trend
Shop window dressing (visual merchandising)	60	N/A	Trend



SD5 PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Place Experience (PX) Measure	Baseline Out of 100 2019/20	National Benchmark Out of 100 2019/20	Target Out of 100 2021/22
Overall Place Score PX Rating	68.5	63.7	70
Overall look and visual character of the area	81	N/A	Trend
Welcoming to all people	79	N/A	Trend
Point of difference from other similar streets or places	78	N/A	Trend
Evidence of public events happening here (markets, street entertainers etc)	74	N/A	Trend
Landmarks, special features or meeting places	72	N/A	Trend
One of a kind, quirky or unique features	70	N/A	Trend
Evidence of community activity (community gardening, art, fundraising etc)	68	N/A	Trend
Interesting things to look at (people, shops, views etc)	68	N/A	Trend
Unique mix or diversity of people in the area	66	N/A	Trend
Public art, community art, water or light feature	62	N/A	Trend
Culturally diverse businesses (range of ethnicities and interests etc)	59	N/A	Trend
Unusual or unique buildings or public space design	58	N/A	Trend
Local history, heritage buildings or features	56	N/A	Trend

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General Conditions

The following General Conditions apply to all Council Fees & Charges.

FACILITY HIRE FEES

Facility hire, within this document, states three levels of fees.

These are:-

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

Not-for-profit organisations requesting concession fees to be negotiated will need to put their request in writing.

NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS

The definition for eligibility for concession fees is:-

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

PENSION CONCESSIONS

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

INDEMNITY

Organisations hiring Council facilities are required to have public liability insurance cover.

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

CREDIT CARD SURCHARGE

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

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General Conditions (cont'd...)

RESPONSIBILITY FOR DAMAGE TO COUNCIL PROPERTY

The cost of damage to Council property will be recovered from the party responsible. In the case of hire of Council property the hirer will be held responsible and in the case of a permit/licence holder the holder will be held responsible.

The cost of repairs will be calculated as the:

Actual invoiced cost to Council of materials and services used; **plus**
 Cost of Council labour, plant and stores used **including** overheads
 = Sub Total
 Add 15% to Sub-Total
 = Total Cost that will be recovered.

SEASONAL OVAL ALLOCATIONS

Council ovals are made available for sporting organisations to use for Wet and Dry seasons competition, training and pre-season use.

Seasons: Wet Season 1 October to 31 March
 Dry Season 1 April to 30 September

In the first instance Council allocates ovals through peak sporting bodies so that they may then arrange club fixtures.

The definition of a peak sporting body is -

"An organisation representing the interests of those involved in the nominated sport and one affiliated with a national body that recognises the peak body for the sport in the NT.

A peak body will also be registered as an incorporated body with Department of Trade, Innovation and Business and Department of the Attorney-General and Justice and hold a current public liability insurance policy."

SINGLE USE PLASTICS

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

The ban in single use plastics will relate to all Council permits and leases and these were updated from 1 January 2019 to reflect this change. Further information on how conduct an event without single use plastics is available at www.darwin.nt.gov.au

Administration

ASSESSMENT RECORD INSPECTION FEE

Pursuant to Section 152(4) the Local Government Act 2008 any person is entitled, when the Council office is open to the public, to inspect the Assessment Record free of charge.

Assessment Record Inspection Fee	2021/22 Including GST	COD Internal Code
	\$	

Assessment Record Inspection	Free
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RATE BOOK – FEES FOR WRITTEN CONFIRMATION

A charge of \$50.00, (\$100.00 for an urgent request) for each property will be levied for the furnishing of written information of details from the Rate Book. This information will only be supplied upon receipt of the required sum together with the written request in the required format.

Rate Book – Fees for Written Confirmation	2021/22 Including GST	COD Internal Code
	\$	

Rate Search Fee – per property

• 1 Business Day Prior Notice	50.00 ✕	T150
• Urgent Same Day Request	100.00 ✕	T150

Reprint of Rate Notice – per copy

Current Rating Year	21.00	T151
Prior Rating Years	26.00	T151
Provision of Written Confirmation by facsimile, email or post – per request	21.00	T151

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Administration (cont'd...)

Dishonoured Cheque/Direct Debit Fees	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
Administration Fee – per instance	42.00	T153
Preparation of Licence & Agreement Conditions	2021/22 Including GST \$	
Prepared by External Solicitor	Actual cost	T158
Prepared In-house	330.00	T159
Research and/or Retrieval of Council Records	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
To conduct research of Council records where due to the nature of the research and/or staff time involved other published charges are inadequate, charge is on a per staff member/hour charge or part thereof. Archive retrieval costs are additional	Actual cost at hourly rate	T162
Cancellation of Hire of Council Facilities	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
Cancellation fee (if notification is received less than two weeks prior to date of hire)	26.00	T400
Interest on Overdue Debtor Accounts	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
Charged on Debtor account balances overdue in excess of 30 days, if no default rate otherwise specified in debt creation documentation	18.0% pa *	

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Applications Under Freedom of Information

Personal Information	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
Application Fee	Free	
Supervised Inspection		
• First 2 hours	Free	
• Per hour thereafter	25.00 ✕	T162
Non-Personal Information	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
Application Fee	30.00 ✕	T162
Searching and decision making (per hour)	25.00 ✕	T162
Retrieval from storage	Actual cost ✕	T162
Supervised Inspection (for every hour or part of an hour)	25.00 ✕	T162
Application Fee for combined Personal and Non-Personal Information	30.00 ✕	T162



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Applications Under Freedom of Information (cont'd...)

Other Services	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
Packaging materials for delivering or posting articles	Actual cost ✕	T162
Delivery or postage charges	Actual cost ✕	T162
Retrieval from storage	Actual cost ✕	T162
Supervised Inspection (for every hour or part of an hour)	25.00 ✕	T162
Photocopies of Documentation		
Per page of Black & White A4 paper	0.20 ✕	T162
Other	Actual cost ✕	T162
Copies of disks, films or tapes, written transcripts, other services to enable the applicant to physically access information, hiring out equipment or facilities to enable applicant to view or listen to disk, film or tape	Actual cost ✕	T162
Operating equipment to copy disk, film or tape or to enable applicant to view or listen to disk, film or tape (per hour or part of an hour)	25.00 ✕	T162
Deposit for Processing Fees		
If the processing fee is estimated to be greater than \$25 and less than \$100	25.00 ✕	
If the processing fee is estimated to be more than \$100	50% of the estimate ✕	

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Advertising Signs

Signs on Private or Public Land That Require A Permit	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
Application Fee	155.00 ✕	T209
Removal, custody and release fee for unauthorised movable signs	135.00	T216
Removal, custody and release fee for unauthorised fixed sign	\$135.00 + costs incurred + 15% administration fee	T216
Public Land minimum rate per year	155.00 ✕	T210
OR		
Rate per square metre (which ever is greater) per year	60.00 ✕	T211

Note

Specifications and requirements available from City of Darwin.

Miscellaneous Sign Fees	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
Banner Sites		
Permit Fee per week		
• Commercial	172.00 ✕	T214
• Not-for-profit organisation	51.00 ✕	T213
• Release fee for unauthorised banners (By-law 202)	137.00	T215
• Cancellation fee	26.00	T215
Street Light Banners – per banner (includes costs to erect, maintain & remove)	137.00	T212

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Bins – Additional Domestic Service

	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
240 litre Garbage Bin – Kerbside Service – per annum	492.00	
240 litre Recycling Bin – Kerbside Service – per annum	115.00	
240 litre Garbage Bin – Manual Service – per annum	545.00	
240 litre Recycling Bin – Manual Service – per annum	399.00	
1,100 litre Garbage Bin – per annum	2,288.00	
1,100 litre Recycling Bin – per annum	1,636.00	
Bins – Return Collection Service	25.00	

Additional services costs will be invoiced annually directly to the Body Corporate (for strata titled units). The Body Corporate will distribute additional waste service expenses equally among all owners of a development through the Body Corporate fees. Additional services costs for non-strata titled units will be charged annually in conjunction with the municipal rates and charges, appearing on the Annual Notice of Rates and Charges.



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

Car Parks

Off Street Car Parks	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
Permit Parking		
West Lane – 6 Month Permit	1,850.00	T240
West Lane – 12 Month Permit	2,950.00	T240
Chinatown – 6 Month Permit	1,660.00	T240
Chinatown – 12 Month Permit	2,360.00	T240
Nichols Pl, Darwin Oval – 6 Month Permit	970.00	T240
Nichols Pl, Darwin Oval – 12 Month Permit	1,570.00	T240
Mitchell/Daly St – 6 Month Permit	610.00	T240
Mitchell/Daly St – 12 Month Permit	950.00	T240
All Day Parking		
Early Bird – Monday to Friday, Park & Pay before 9.00am – West Lane	11.30 per day	T240
Early Bird – Monday to Friday, Park & Pay before 9.00am – Chinatown	8.00 per day	T240
Nichols Pl, McLachlan St, Darwin Oval	6.00 per day	T240
McMinn St, Mitchell St, Woods/Daly St, Daly/Mitchell St	3.60 per day	T240
Casual Parking		
(Monday to Friday per hour – up to 7 hours or pro rata)		
West Lane Per Hour	2.20	T240
Chinatown Per Hour	1.70	T240
Overnight Parking		
5.00pm to 8.00am the following day, Monday to Thursday inclusive		
West Lane – per night	10.50	T240
Chinatown – per night	9.00	T240

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Car Parks (cont'd...)

Off Street Car Parks	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
Additional/Replacement		
Permit – All Off Street Car Parks	14.00	T242
Access Card – West Lane, Chinatown	25.00	T242
Weekends & Public Holidays		
West Lane – Saturday, Sunday, Public Holidays (7.00am – 7.00pm closing time)	Free	
Chinatown – Saturday (7.00am – 10.00pm closing time)	Free	
Chinatown – Sunday (7.00am – 8.00pm closing time)	Free	
Release of Vehicle		
West Lane	120.00	T242
Chinatown	120.00	T242
Motorcycle Parking		
Within Designated Bays – All Off Street Car Parks	Free	
Access to Bicycle Facility – The Pod (Chinatown)		
Bike Pod access fee	Free	
Bike Pod Access Card (initial issue)	Free	
Bike Pod Access Card replacement fee	25.00	T842

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CONDITIONS OF PARKING

1. All vehicles are parked at the risk of the person parking the same and in respect of vehicles parked in this carpark, no employee or agent of the Council is liable for any loss or damage, whether occasioned by negligence or otherwise.
2. No person employed by the City of Darwin has authority to accept vehicles or articles for safekeeping.
3. The Common Law as to bailment of goods does not apply in respect of the parking of a vehicle with its contents in this carpark.
4. The Manager or any person having the authority of the City of Darwin has authority to enter any vehicle in this carpark and move or drive it to another place.
5. The Manager or any person having the authority of the City of Darwin, may deliver a vehicle to any person offering evidence of ownership or authority to receive the vehicle and may refuse to deliver a vehicle unless he or she is so satisfied and no servant or agent of the Council shall be liable for such delivery detention or failure to deliver.
6. No person has authority to vary these conditions.
7. All vehicles are subject to NT Traffic Regulations.
8. Vehicles displaying a Disability Parking Permit may park in a disabled bay in all Off Street carparks all day free of charge, except West Lane Carpark and Chinatown Carpark. Persons displaying a valid Disability Parking Permit who park in a disabled bay in either West Lane Carpark or Chinatown Carpark may park for twice the time paid for, however parking fees apply.

Car Parking Areas – Alternative Uses

Council will determine a hiring rate for commercial or not-for-profit users.

West Lane Carpark is unavailable for alternate use.

Persons hiring Carparks for alternative use shall pay to Council all costs associated with Council providing carpark attendants and supervisors and other necessary expenses such as electricity occasioned by the alternative use. The General Manager Innovation Growth and Development Services shall provide estimates to the person requiring alternative use prior to approval for the alternative use being granted.

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

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

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

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

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



Car Parking – On Street

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

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

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

Vehicles displaying a Disabled Persons Parking Permit may park at no charge for twice the time indicated on signage within metered bays in Zones A and B. These vehicles may park all day at no charge within Zone C. Vehicles must have the Disabled Persons Parking Permit prominently displayed.

Metered On Street Car Parking Within City Centre	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
Zone A – Per hour per bay 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday excludes weekends and public holidays	2.60	T252
Zone B – Per hour per bay 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday excludes weekends and public holidays	1.90	T253
Zone C – Per hour per bay 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday excludes weekends and public holidays	1.40	T254
Zone C – Maximum daily charge	8.00	
All Zones – All day Public Holidays and Weekends	Free	

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Cemetery

	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
Reserved Graves		
1st Interment – (excavation & ground maintenance)	2,400.00	T261
2nd Interment – (excavation & ground maintenance)	2,000.00	T265
Extra Depth (to 7 foot) – in addition to cost for interment	230.00	T262
Rock Breaker Charge – when required	Actual cost + GST + 15% administration fee	T255
Issue of Exclusive Right of 2nd Interment Certificate – Administration Fee	85.00 ✕	T257
Transfer of Exclusive Right Certificate/Reservation	85.00 ✕	T257
Ashes		
Interment of Ashes and site preparation	315.00 ✕	T258
Exhumation		
Exhumation Fee of Remains and Exhumation Overseer Cost	3,500.00	T256
Memorials		
• Memorial Permit Fee	130.00 ✕	T263
• Installation of plaque onto concrete head beam	130.00	T264
• Manufacture of concrete headstone	250.00	T614
• Manufacture of concrete memorial foundation	130.00	T260
Miscellaneous Labour Rate per hour	130.00	T606
After hours surcharge (after 4.00pm weekdays and all day weekends, public holidays)	525.00	T606
Funeral Providers		
Annual Permit Fee	125.00 ✕	T296
Commission for the collection of full interment fees	150.00	T296
Infant Subsidy <i>refer to page 114</i>	Subsidy available for cremation or burial of infants up to the age of 2 years in accordance with conditions	T605

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Cemetery (cont'd...)

Ministerial Approved Burials (Council Decision 13\2425)	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
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Second Interment

Where upper surface of coffin is below 750mm from ground level (includes excavation and ground maintenance)	2,735.00	T600
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Third Interment

Where upper surface of coffin is 500mm from ground level (includes excavation and ground maintenance)	2,735.00	T601
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Concrete Seal

Required where the upper surface of coffin is less than 750mm and greater than 500mm from ground level	1,135.00	T602
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Grave Investigation

To ascertain depth and compliance with Legislation	745.00	T603
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Administration Fee

	125.00	T604
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Memorial Niche Wall	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
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Memorial/Niche Wall – Reservation	1,020.00	T608
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Memorial/Niche Wall – Interment of Ashes & Plaque – Permit Fee (Includes installation)	675.00 *	T609
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Memorial/Niche Wall – Removal/Installation of Memorial Plaque for 2nd Interment	255.00	T611
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Memorial/Niche Wall Transfer of Reservation	85.00	T612
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Cemetery (cont'd...)

Note

Overtime rates will apply if burials are carried out on a weekend, or on a public holiday. Charges are subject to change dependent on contract variation.

Extra charge for rock breaker if required, will be cost of contractor plus 10% administration charge + GST.

Installation of Plaques and Headstones does not include supply of memorial.

After Hours surcharge applies for services at 4.00pm or later on weekdays and all day weekends, public holidays.

Exhumations to coffin depth only.

INFANT SUBSIDY

- The subsidy is applicable for the burial or cremation costs of children up to the age of two years, with the following conditions.
- A subsidy will be available for the interment or cremation cost of a child under the age of two years whose parent or legal guardian is a resident within the municipality of Darwin subject to the following being met.
- The subsidy will be available up to a maximum of \$900 or 50% of the interment or cremation costs whichever is the lesser value within any section of Thorak Regional Cemetery, Gardens Road Cemetery or Darwin General Cemetery.
- The subsidy will be for the interment or cremation costs only (not both) and will be applicable at the time of service as a one-off payment. Only one claim will be approved for any one infant.
- The subsidy will be available for a parent or legal guardian of a child residing within the Darwin Municipality and will include stillborn children.
- The subsidy will be paid to individual residents only and will not be available for organisations or government agencies carrying out interments or cremations for children in their care.
- The subsidy will only be available on receipt of proof of residence within the Darwin Municipality. Proof of residence will require photo identification with a current address shown, or a letter or account for utilities service including Power and/or Water, a current rental agreement, Rates notice or any other identification document as approved by the Superintendent of Cemeteries.

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Community Centres

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

There are two levels of charges:

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

Council requires any community group, organisations or individual entering into an agreement for the use of a community centre ("Hirer") to comply with the conditions of use.

Cancellation of bookings must be provided in writing 5 working days prior to the date of hire, otherwise the full hire charge will be forfeited.

Where Council's contracted security firm is called out after hours, or additional cleaning or replacement of keys is required, the hirer will be required to meet these expenses.

Lyons Community Centre	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
Private functions		
(Entire Centre), Friday, Saturday evenings from 5:00 pm (Sundays as per weekday bookings)	225.00	T634
Hall Area Hire – Not-for-profit		
• Hourly rate – minimum charge 2 hours	16.00	T630
• All day any day until 5:00pm	85.00	T630
Hall Area Hire – Commercial/Private		
• Hourly rate – minimum charge 2 hours	36.00	T630
• All day any day until 5:00pm	198.00	T630
Storage Area		
(per annum) payable in advance 1 July each year. (Quarterly pro rata or part thereof)	80.00	

The selling or consuming of alcohol will not be permitted at the Lyons Community Centre.

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

Community Centres (cont'd...)

Malak Community Centre	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
Private functions		
(Entire Centre), Friday, Saturday evenings from 5:00 pm (Sundays as per weekday bookings)	225.00	T320
Large Area Hire – Not-for-profit		
• Hourly rate – minimum charge 2 hours	16.00	T322
• All day any day until 5:00 pm	85.00	T322
Large Area Hire – Commercial/Private		
• Hourly rate – minimum charge 2 hours	36.00	T322
• All day any day until 5:00 pm	198.00	T322
Small Area Hire – Not-for-profit		
• Hourly rate – minimum charge 2 hours	16.00	T326
• All day any day until 5:00 pm	85.00	T326
Small Area Hire – Commercial/Private		
• Hourly rate – minimum charge 2 hours	36.00	T326
• All day any day until 5:00 pm	198.00	T326
Storage Area		
(per annum) payable in advance 1 July each year. (Quarterly pro rata or part thereof)	80.00	T329
<i>Friday and Saturday evenings from 6:00 pm, hire of the large area for private functions includes the use of the small area to enable access to kitchen facilities. Subsequently, hiring of the small area is not possible on Friday and Saturday evenings.</i>		

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



Community Centres (cont'd...)

Nightcliff Community Centre	2021/22 Including GST	COD Internal Code
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Boab Meeting Room Hire – Not-for-profit

• Hourly rate – minimum charge 2 hours	16.00	T343
• All day any day until 5:00 pm	85.00	T343

Boab Meeting Room Hire – Commercial/Private

• Hourly rate – minimum charge 2 hours	36.00	T343
• All day any day until 5:00 pm	198.00	T343

Pandanus Meeting Room Hire – Not-for-profit

• Hourly rate – minimum charge 2 hours	16.00	T343
• All day any day until 5:00 pm	85.00	T343

Pandanus Meeting Room Hire – Commercial/Private

• Hourly rate – minimum charge 2 hours	36.00	T343
• All day any day until 5:00 pm	198.00	T343

Office Tenancies

• Office Rental per annum	132/m ²	
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Storage Cages

per financial year payable in advance 1 July each year. (Quarterly pro rata or part thereof)	80.00	T350
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The rooms in Nightcliff Community Centre are not available for private party use, and the selling or consuming of alcohol on the premises is not permitted.

The Nightcliff Community Centre office space(s) are typically in high demand and are available for lease to not-for-profit organisations only. All office hirers pay their own cleaning & power costs and separate electricity meters are installed in each tenancy. For further information regarding availability of office space please contact Council.

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

Conduct Business in a Public Place

Conduct Business in Public Place – Permit	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
Conduct Business in Public Place – Per day – Not-for-profit	32.00 ✕	T502
Conduct Business in Public Place – Per day – Commercial	77.00 ✕	T501
Conduct Business in Public Place – Per week – Commercial	510.00 ✕	T501
Commercial Tours – Per Annum (Pro-rata)	1,020.00 ✕	T547
The Mall – Commercial Displays – Per Day	530.00 ✕	T500
The Mall – Commercial Displays – Per Week	1,340.00 ✕	T501
The Mall – Entertainment Buskers – Annual (12 months) permit	30.00 ✕	T506
The Mall – Entertainment Buskers – Seasonal (4 months) permit	20.00 ✕	T506
The Mall – Entertainment Buskers – Weekly (7 days) permit	5.00 ✕	T506
The Mall – Out Trading – Per Day	32.00 ✕	T504
The Mall – Out Trading – Per Week	77.00 ✕	T505
Handbill Poster – Permit	26.00 ✕	

Filming in a Public Place – Permit	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
Commercial Filming per day	150.00	T547

Street Food Vending Permit	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
Per month	278.00 ✕	T554
Per quarter	815.00 ✕	T555
Per 6 months	1,630.00 ✕	
Per annum	3,200.00 ✕	T556

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



Dog & Cat

Registration Fees	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
Entire Dog – Annual	121.00 ✕	T3/T9
De-sexed Dog – Over 12 months of age	26.00 ✕	T3/T9
De-sexed Dog less than 12 months of age	Free	
Declared Dog Category 1	268.00 ✕	T34
Declared Dog Category 2	207.00 ✕	T34
Declared Dog Category 3	132.00 ✕	T34
Entire Cat – Annual	121.00 ✕	T12/T14
De-sexed Cat less than 12 months of age	Free	
De-sexed Cat over 12 months of age	16.00 ✕	T12/T14

Concessions	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
Guide Dog/ Assistance Dog (Entire & De-sexed) – Subject to application & approval by Council Authorised Officer	Free	
Concessions (See Page 100 for eligibility), also Totally and Permanently Incapacitated (TPI) Gold Card Holders.		
*Entire Dog or Cat – Renewal – Annual	71.00 ✕	
De-sexed Dog or Cat – Annual	13.00 ✕	
De-sexed Dog or Cat re-homed from an accredited re-homing organisation	Free for the first registration period	

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

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

Dog & Cat (cont'd...)

Licence Fees – Annually	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
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Licence to keep more than 2 Dogs or 2 Cats <i>Plus registration fees for each Dog/Cat</i>	132.00 ✕	T365
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Miscellaneous	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
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Microchipping for Dogs and Cats – per animal	36.00	T376
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Registration is transferable on application if the registered dog dies and the owner acquires a replacement animal.

Impounding Fees & Charges	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
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Registered Dogs/Cats Release Fee – per Dog	106.00 ✕	T367
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Unregistered Dogs or Cats Release Fee – per Dog	258.00 ✕	T368
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Additional Fee if animal is impounded outside of Council hours	81.00 ✕	T369
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Animal Surrender Fee	56.00 ✕	T366
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Maintenance Fee for each Impounded Dog or Cat – applied after expiration of 4 impounding days	24.00 ✕	T379
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All Dogs & Cats released from or purchased at the Pound must be registered.

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



Libraries

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

Library Meeting Rooms	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
Not-for-profit/Community Organisations Hourly rate (up to 3 hours) – Min Charge 2 hours	16.00 per hour Min Charge 2 Hours	T448
Not-for-profit/Community Organisations Full day (8 Hours)	81.00	T448
Commercial Use hourly rate (up to 3 hours)	36.00 per hour	T448
Commercial Use full day (8 hours)	198.00	T448

Inter-Library Loan Charges	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
Standard Inter-Library loan – per item	28.50	T445

Journal Articles

• Up to 50 pages	28.50	T445
• Each additional 50 pages	4.00	T445

Replacement of Lost or Damaged Items – per item	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
If original purchase price of item is available.	Purchase Price + GST	T441

If no cost available, the following charges apply:

Adult Fiction Paperback	35.00	T441
Adult Fiction Hardcover	55.00	T441
Adult Non-fiction Paperback	35.00	T441
Adult Non-fiction Hardcover	55.00	T441
Adult DVD (single)	40.00	T441
Adult DVD (double)	45.00	T441
Adult DVD (multiple)	60.00	T441

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

Libraries (cont'd...)

Replacement of Lost or Damaged Items – per item	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
Junior Fiction – Paperback	25.00	T441
Junior Fiction – Hard Cover	35.00	T441
Junior Picture Book	35.00	T441
Junior Non-fiction – Paperback	35.00	T441
Junior Non-fiction – Hard Cover	45.00	T441
Junior Graphic Novel	45.00	T441
Junior DVD	30.00	T441
Large Print Book – Hard Cover	70.00	T441
Large Print Book – Paperback	55.00	T441
Spoken Word – CD (whole item)	180.00	T441
Spoken Word – Case	20.00	T441
Music Audio CD (single)	35.00	T441
Music Audio CD (multiple)	45.00	T441
CD/DVD Lockable Security Case (single)	5.00	T441
CD/DVD Lockable Security Case (multiple)	5.00	T441
World Languages Books	45.00	T441
Magazines	Cover Price	T441
Laptop	Replacement Cost + GST	T441
Ipad	Replacement Cost + GST	T441
Education Technology Tools and Equipment	Purchase Price + GST	T441
Where an Inter-Library loan item is lost or damaged– Search/Processing Fee	Replacement Cost + 65.00	T441
Invoice fee for overdue loans – Processing fee	20.00	T441
Recovery fee for overdue loans – Debt Collection & Processing Fee	20.00	T441

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Libraries (cont'd...)

	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
Print Products from personal computers		
• Black & White	0.20 per side	T67
• Black & White A3	0.40 per side	T67
• Colour A4	1.00 per side	T67
• Colour A3	2.00 per side	T67
Photocopying – Black & White A4	0.20 per side	T67
Photocopying – Black & White A3	0.40 per side	T67
Photocopying – Colour A4	1.00 per side	T67
Photocopying – Colour A3	2.00 per side	T67
3D Printing	2.00 per hour	T428
Library merchandise	Purchase Price	
Library programs and events – Cost of materials	As Advertised	

General Manager Community & Regulatory Services has delegated authority to reduce/waive fees in particular circumstances for unfunded charitable organisations and other associations closely affiliated with the Libraries objectives and functions.

Where the security firm is called out, or additional cleaning or replacement of keys is required (after use of the room) Council will recover the cost incurred.

INTER-LIBRARY LOAN CHARGES

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

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

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

Miscellaneous Permit

Parking Exemption Permit (each)	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
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Conduct Works	1,740.00 ✕	T558
Delivery Vehicles – See Note below	1,740.00 ✕	T559
Media Permitted Parking Permit (x 3 permits)	1,740.00 ✕	T559

Tourist Coach Parking Permits	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
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Tourist Coach per Quarter	570.00	T546
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Temporary Parking Bay Hire for Construction/Service Repair Purposes	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
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Hire of Parking Bay – Zone A – Per Car Bay Per Day – Up to one week	28.00	T519
Hire of Parking Bay – Zone B – Per Car Bay Per Day – Up to one week	20.00	T557
Hire of Parking Bay – Zone C – Per Car Bay Per Day – Up to one week	10.00	T557

Parking Exemption Permit for Permitted Vehicle – This fee equates to \$6.96 per day over a 50 week period per annum (2 weeks subtracted for Public Holidays).

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



Miscellaneous Permit (cont'd....)

Mini Bus Locations	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
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Signage Costs (Payable on application, non-recurring)	315.00	T574
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Miscellaneous Permit Fees	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
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Bin Rental per week	100.00	T576
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Authorised Parking Zone

• Per week	35.00	T577
• Per annum	940.00	T578

Release of Vehicle – From vehicle restricted area	125.00	T242
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Site inspection for all permits – per inspection	99.00	
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If the work is not to the satisfaction of the Council officer, additional inspections may be required.

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

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

Outdoor Dining

Outdoor Dining	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
Outdoor Dining (Unlicensed) – Within City Centre per table per week	7.00 ✕	T549
Outdoor Dining (Unlicensed) – Outside City Centre per table per week	4.00 ✕	T550
Inside the City Centre		
Outdoor Dining (Licensed) – Within City Centre Café/Restaurant	114.00/m ² ✕	
Outdoor Dining – Within City Centre licensed Hotel/Bar	168.00/m ² ✕	
Outside the City Centre		
Outdoor Dining (Licensed) – Outside City Centre Café/Restaurant	76.00/m ² ✕	
Outdoor Dining – Outside City Centre Hotel/Bar	112.00/m ² ✕	

Preparation of Licence & Agreement Conditions

(See "Administration Fees" for full costings)

NOTE – Council resolved at the Ordinary Meeting on 29 June 2021 to waive all Outdoor Dining Fees for the period from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022. Permits for Outdoor Dining must continue to applied for and approved by Council in accordance with Council Policy.



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



Outdoor Venue Hire & Events

All fees & charges associated with outdoor venue hire and events are subject to terms and conditions contained with the application/permit process. Applicants will adhere to all conditions at all times.

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

Outdoor Venue Hire	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
Outdoor Venue Hire – Non-commercial – Under 100 attendees	Free	
Outdoor Venue Hire – Non-commercial – Over 100 attendees	105.00	T662
Outdoor Venue Hire – Commercial – Less than 20 attendees	130.00	T660
Outdoor Venue Hire – Commercial – Between 20 to 100 attendees	270.00	T661
Outdoor Venue Hire – Commercial – Over 100 attendees	515.00	T662

Mindil Carnival Area	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
Mindil Carnival Area – Attendance of less than 1,000 persons – per day	1,165.00	T230
Mindil Carnival Area – Significant National Event Level – Greater than 1,000 persons attending	7,700.00	T230

Gardens Oval Complex	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
Gardens Oval Hire – Special events outside seasonal usage – Sporting or Territory/National championships – per day	520.00	T850
Gardens Oval Hire – Special events outside seasonal usage – Fund Raising / Community Events – per day	270.00	T851
Gardens Oval Hire – Special events outside seasonal usage – Commercial Events – per day	3,230.00	T852

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

Outdoor Venue Hire & Events (cont'd....)

Gardens Amphitheatre	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
Bump In/Bump Out Fee	0% to 50% of hire fee per day, to be negotiated	
Applies to events – % of Hire Fee – per day		
Booking Fee – per day/ night		
Community Organisations	490.00	T400
Booking Fee – Commercial Hirer Fee	Greater of \$7,500.00 or 5% of net box office, capped at a total of \$15,000.00	T401
Greater of \$7,500.00 or 5% of net box office, capped at a total of \$15,000.00		
Hire Fee – Wedding Receptions/ Ceremonies/Private Functions		
• Per day/night	265.00	T400
Security Deposit		
• Community Organisations	Free	T413
• Commercial Operations	2,300.00 ✕	T413
Electricity charge is calculated on units used at \$0.3759 per unit		
• Private or Community Organisations	\$0.3759 per unit	T413
• Commercial Operations	\$0.3759 per unit	T413
All enquiries and bookings are to be made through the Darwin Entertainment Centre on (08) 8980 3333. The Darwin Entertainment Centre manages the Gardens Amphitheatre on behalf of City of Darwin.		

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



Outdoor Venue Hire & Events (cont'd....)

Outdoor Fitness Classes	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
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Annual Permit Fees

Commercial – 1 to 3 sessions per week – Maximum of 20 participants	557.00 ✕	T547
Commercial – 4+ sessions per week – Maximum of 20 participants	835.00 ✕	T547

6 Month Permit Fees

Commercial – 1 to 3 sessions per week – Maximum of 20 Participants	\$280.00	
Commercial – 4+ sessions per week – Maximum of 20 Participants	\$420.00	
Non-commercial – max 20 participants (annual or 6 month permit)	Free	

Event Equipment Hire	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
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MiPRO – Hire	55.00	T417
PA System – Hire	105.00	T417

Other Venue Hire Charges	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
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Council Staff Rate – Attendance for works/rubbish clearance – including after hours	Refer to full listing under “Parks” section	T666
Access to Power – Commercial/Non-commercial	56.00	T663
Access to Lighting – Commercial/Non-commercial – per day	111.00	T663
Road Closure/Traffic Management – Events – Permit	45.00 ✕	T579

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

Parap Recreation Facility

The Parap Recreational Facility is fully occupied. (Note: Parap Recreation Facility is located at 77 Ross Smith Avenue, Parap.)

For casual hire of Council facilities at alternate venues refer to Pages 115–117 – Community Centre Charges.

Parap Recreational Facility	2021/22 Including GST	COD Internal Code
	\$	
Office Rental for the Parap Recreation Facility Building – per annum	132/m ²	T622



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



Parks

Council Charges for Clearing Away Rubbish	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
Standard business hours Monday to Friday excluding public holidays 7:30AM – 4:00PM per person/hr (min 4 hours)	130.00	T666
After hours including weekends & public holidays per person/hr (min 4 hours)	180.00	T667
Council Charges for After Hours Callouts	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
Per person per hour (min 4hours)	180.00	T666
Bicentennial Park – Civilian Memorial Wall	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
Plaque production and mounting	Actual cost	T670

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

Public Swimming Pools

Council Operated Public Pools	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
Public Sessions		
• Adults (18 years & over)	5.00	
• Children (Secondary students require photographic identification)	2.50	
• Children under 4 years (must be supervised in the water by a paying adult)	Free	
• Concession (full time NT tertiary students, Commonwealth Health Care Card, Northern Territory Concession Scheme, DVA Gold Card, DVA White Card. Photographic ID must be presented)	2.50	
• One carer accompanying a person with a disability or persons accompanying holders of NT Companion Card	Free	
• Seniors Card Holders (must present Seniors Card)	4.00	
• Family Concession 2 adults & 2 children	12.50	
• School Swim Concession (per head Mon to Fri)	2.00	
• Spectators	Free	
30 Swim Pass		
• Adult	95.00	
• Seniors Card Holders	90.00	
• Concession/Child	47.00	
Yearly Pass		
• Adult	475.00	
• Seniors Card Holders	430.00	
• Concession/Child	270.00	
Half Yearly Pass		
• Adult	270.00	
• Seniors Card Holders	244.00	
• Concession/Child	145.00	

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



Public Swimming Pools (cont'd...)

General Hire	2021/22 Including GST	COD Internal Code
Does not guarantee exclusive use of the facility	\$	

Lane Hire Fee per lane per hour (Maximum of 4 lanes at any time. Applies in public operating hours only. Participants must pay entry fees).	15.00	
Lane Hire Fee per 25m lane at Parap per hour	8.00	
Hire of whole pool per day (during public operating hours).	1,376.00	
Hire of whole pool per hour (during public operating hours).	157.00	
Use of pool grounds ONLY – per session up to 2 hours (no swimming).	25.00	
Security Deposit	600.00 ✕	T413
Hire of whole pool outside of operating hours (price and approval on application).	Price on Application	

Water Sports Associations	2021/22 Including GST	COD Internal Code
Any not-for-profit water sporting, school, life-saving or learn-to-swim organisation utilising the pool for aquatic activities (excluding social fund-raising events) during operating hours.	\$	

Hire of a 50 metre lane, per lane per hour or part thereof (during operating hours only, & participants must pay entry fees).	8.00	T688
Hire of a 25 metre lane, per lane per hour or part thereof (during operating hours only, & participants must pay entry fees).	4.00	
Water and Canoe Polo hire of Half of a 50 metre pool per hour (during operating hours only, & participants must pay entry fees).	29.00	T689
Hire of whole 50 metre pool, per hour or part thereof (during operating hours).	80.00	T690
Hire of whole 25 metre pool, per hour or part thereof (during operating hours).	40.00	
Overrun on booked time of hire of whole 50 metre pool, per hour or part thereof (during operating hours).	103.00	T691
Overrun on booked time of hire of whole 25 metre pool, per hour or part thereof (during operating hours).	50.00	

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

Public Swimming Pools (cont'd...)

Royal Life Saving Society	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
School swimming and water safety program – per student (includes lane hire)	1.85	
Lane Use – Half the learners pool at Casuarina – per hour	8.00	



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



Untidy Allotments	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
Untidy Allotments Clearance Costs	Cost + 15 %	T710
Untidy Allotment Inspection	295.00	T711
Miscellaneous		
	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
Loading Zone Permit	155.00 ✕	T721
General Permit Fee (various) Includes Horse and Carriage Tours Operated from The Mall. Weekly Permit Fee	25.00 ✕	T722
Shopping Trolley Release fee (left in public place)	135.00 ✕	T723
Vehicle Impounding Release fee for standard sized vehicle (e.g. sedan, s/wagon, van) that will fit on a standard sized tilt tray. If heavier tow vehicle is required for a larger vehicle (e.g. bus), price will be adjusted accordingly. Plus cost of any advertisement in NT News	360.00 ✕ (plus advertising costs)	T724
Impounded vehicle maintenance fee – Applied after expiration of 28 impounding days – Per day	5.00	T725
Parking Permit for Totally & Permanently Incapacitated Soldier Association Members for 5 years	15.00 ✕	T544
Parking Permit for Disabled Persons for 3 yrs (Renewal of existing Permit free of charge per Council Decision 18\4797 25/03/03.)	15.00 ✕	T544

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

Court Costs - Complaints and Summons	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
Motor Vehicle Registry (118) certificate (Proof of Ownership)	18.00 ✕	
Lodgement of the Complaint and Summons with the Court of Summary Jurisdiction	132.00 ✕	
Administration	71.00	
<i>Other direct costs to Council determined as necessary.</i>		



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



Private Works Within Road Reserve and Development

Works Within Road Reserve	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
Residential works within verge/nature strip. No impact on pedestrians. Weekly rate. Includes skip bins, shipping containers, driveway replacement/alterations – Maximum period 1 week	75.00 ✕	T745
Works within the verge or carriageway – no interruption to flow of traffic. Application fee and 1 day's work	100.00 ✕	T745
Works within the verge or carriageway – no interruption to flow of traffic. Additional day (fee per additional day)	50.00 ✕	T745
Works within the verge or carriageway – with interruption to flow of traffic. Application fee and 1 day's work	150.00 ✕	T745
Works within the verge or carriageway – with interruption to flow of traffic. Additional day (fee per additional day)	100.00 ✕	T745
Works within Council controlled public open space (road reserve excluded). Application fee and 1 day's work	125.00 ✕	T745
Works within Council controlled public open space (road reserve excluded). Additional day (fee per additional day).	75.00 ✕	T745
Additional inspection fee – each site visit	76.00	T745
Additional inspection fee – each site visit (Saturday) subject to availability. Minimum 48 hours prior notice required.	210.00	T745
Security Deposit – As assessed by Council Officer	Minimum \$2,000.00 or to Be Assessed ✕	T415

In addition to the above charges the applicant is liable for the hire of any parking bays at the current hire rate.

The applicant will also be responsible for the cost of erecting the appropriate signs.

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

Private Works Within Road Reserve and Development (cont'd...)

Construction Charges	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
Construction of road pavement, driveways, kerbs and paving	Per Quote + 15%	1746
With Development Permit Includes plan approvals, assessments and clearances. 2 inspections included	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
Extensions and sheds/carports – for small additions to existing residential and commercial structures	96.00 ✕	1747
SD – Single Dwelling, MD – Multiple Dwelling up to 3 units, RR – Rural Residential, CP – Community Purposes	245.00 ✕	1747
MD – Multiple Dwelling 4 units or more	355.00 ✕	1747
MR – Medium Residential, CV – Caravan Parks, C – Commercial, TC – Tourist Commercial, LI – Light Industry, GI – General Industry, DV – Development, all other zones	410.00 ✕	1747
HR – High Density, CB – Central Business	775.00 ✕	1747
Subdivision/Consolidation – No construction	96.00 ✕	1747

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Private Works Within Road Reserve and Development (cont'd...)

Assessment and Approval – No Development Permit	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
Subdivision Plan Approval Fee (of the estimated value)	0.75% ✕	T747
Subdivision Handover Fee (Council Infrastructure)	0.75% ✕	T747
Assessment of traffic Management Plans outside City Centre – per TMP	300.00 ✕	T747
Undertake Traffic Modelling for development proposals within City Centre	Cost + 15%	
Undertake Lighting and Electrical Design Assessment	Cost + 15%	
Clearance Letter (includes 1 inspection)	96.00 ✕	T747
Additional Inspection	76.00	T747
Use of Council Road Reserve (Commercial) Exclusive use of each section of the road reserve which lies between road intersections	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
Per 24 hour period for up to 100 linear metres (Minimum Charge)	920.00	T583
Per linear metre thereafter for areas in excess of 100 metres	15.00	T584
Display Goods on Public Land (Commercial) Annual Fee	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
Per square metre	60.00	
Minimum Charge	145.00	

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Sporting Ovals

SPORTING GROUNDS, OVALS

Council's sporting ovals are allocated to Peak Sporting Organisations for seasonal and casual usage, in the first instance

Seasonal allocations take precedence over pre-season allocation requests and will be arranged so that any overlapping use, especially with regard to finals, is avoided. Seasonal charges are payable immediately at the beginning of each season.

Wet Season: 1 October to 31 March

Dry Season: 1 April to 30 September

GARDENS OVAL BUILDING HIRE

Including Hunter Harrison Grandstand office space/kiosk for rental/lease (per annum) –
As determined by Council.

Gardens Oval Complex (for sporting use only)	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
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Seasonal User

• Seasonal Group Allocation	2,290.00	T874
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Special Events (Outside seasonal Usage)

Refer to OUTDOOR VENUE HIRE section



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Sporting Ovals (cont'd...)

Gardens Oval One Seasonal Training & Competition Allocations	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
Training 1 Night per week		
• Seniors	445.00	T856
• Juniors	225.00	
• Combined Seniors & Juniors	670.00	
Multiple Training		
• Seniors	900.00	T857
• Juniors	450.00	
• Combined Seniors & Juniors	1,355.00	
Competition Use		
• Seniors	880.00	
• Juniors	440.00	
• Combined Seniors & Juniors	1,215.00	
Competition & Training Use		
• Seniors	1,410.00	
• Juniors	710.00	
• Combined Seniors & Juniors	2,190.00	



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Sporting Ovals (cont'd...)

Gardens Two and Other Ovals Seasonal Training & Competition Allocations	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
Training for 1 night per week		
• Seniors	420.00	T862
• Juniors	210.00	T862
• Combined Seniors & Juniors	620.00	T863
Multiple Training Use		
• Seniors	840.00	T862
• Juniors	420.00	T864
• Combined Seniors & Juniors	1,170.00	T865
Competition Use Only		
• Seniors	840.00	T866
• Juniors	420.00	T866
• Combined Seniors & Juniors	1,170.00	T867
Competition and Training use		
• Seniors	1,060.00	T868
• Juniors	530.00	T868
• Combined Seniors & Juniors	1,590.00	T869
Pre-Season		
• 1 Night per week – up to 6 weeks	150.00	
• Multiple training – up to 6 weeks	275.00	
Casual Hire		
• Per Session up to 2 hours	75.00	T872
• Per Day	100.00	T873
Darwin School Bookings (Including Darwin School Sports Associations)		
Monday – Friday, 7.30am-4.00pm only, subject to availability. Bookings can only be made up to one school term in advance.	Free	

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Sporting Ovals (cont'd...)

Sporting Ovals Signage	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
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Boundary Fence Signage – Per Season

• Nightcliff Oval	705.00	T875
• Gardens Oval One	705.00	

Oval Lighting	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
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Bagot Oval

T663

• 200 Lux – Per hour	32.00	
• 100 Lux – Per hour	22.00	

Gardens Oval 1

T663

• 500 Lux – Per hour	56.00	
• 300 Lux – Per hour	42.00	
• 100 Lux – Per hour	22.00	

Malak Oval

T663

• Per Hour	22.00	
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Nightcliff Oval

T663

• 200 Lux – Per hour	32.00	
• 100 Lux – Per hour	22.00	

Nightcliff Cricket Training Net Lights – per hour

T663

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Tennis Courts

- Parap – Free of Charge ✕
- Aralia Street – Free of Charge ✕
- Chrisp Street – Free of Charge ✕

Tennis Courts are available for use by social players during daylight hours.

No bookings required – all courts to operate on first come first served basis.

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



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Trees & Shrubs

Valuation of stolen/damaged trees, shrubs as follows –

	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
Street trees & trees in parks	Current Value + GST	T980
Shrubs	Current Value + GST	T981
Palms, Cycads	Current Value + GST	T982
Unscheduled Tree Pruning or removal (including stump) works on Council property – per hour	Actual cost	

STREET TREES & TREES IN PARKS

Assessed at current local nursery prices + replacement cost and administration + 20% or where trees are mature an evaluation using Australian Draft Tree Evaluation Standard AAA

SHRUBS

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

PALMS, CYCADS

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

In all cases GST will be added to the cost of replacement.

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Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility

Domestic Access	2021/22 Including GST \$	COD Internal Code
Access Tag – Domestic vehicles, including with trailer, up to 1 tonne capacity	Free	
Lost or misplaced domestic access tags	22.00	T113
Annual Access Tag fee for non-Waste Levy Darwin Municipality Residents	284.00	T114
Annual Access Tag fee for non-Darwin and non-Waste Charge users	284.00	T114

Domestic Access – Vehicle Type (non-Darwin and non-Waste Charge Users)	Load Volume	Waste type	
		General Waste \$	Green Waste \$
Car Boot	All	10.00	5.00
Station Wagon/4WD	All	20.00	10.00
Ute/Vans	All	35.00	20.00
Single Axle 6 x 4 Trailer	Level	35.00	20.00
	Heaped	50.00	30.00
	Full	65.00	40.00
Single Axle Trailer greater than 6 x 4 less than 8 x 5	Level	40.00	30.00
	Heaped	55.00	40.00
	Full	75.00	60.00
Double Axle Trailers Up to 8 x 5	Level	55.00	40.00
	Heaped	70.00	50.00
	Full	90.00	60.00
Single & Double Axle Trailers Greater than 8 x 5	Level	75.00	55.00
	Heaped	90.00	65.00
	Full	105.00	75.00

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Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility (cont'd...)

Commercial – Including non-domestic vehicles and waste	2021/22 Including GST \$
Uncontaminated greenwaste (per tonne)	72.00
Unshredded tyres (per tonne)	551.00
Partially shredded tyres (per tonne)	281.00
Road/Street Sweeper waste (per tonne)	103.00
Commercial garbage (other vehicles per tonne)	103.00
MINIMUM fee for Commercial vehicles	103.00
Liquid Waste – Not accepted	Not accepted
Car bodies (per body or part thereof)	Not accepted
Special Waste (per tonne)	216.00
MINIMUM fee for Special Waste	113.00
Clean Fill (by arrangement)	Free
Recyclables (per tonne)	263.00
MINIMUM fee for Recyclables	79.00
Asbestos (per tonne)	417.00
Steel, Clean	Free
MINIMUM fee for Asbestos	128.00
Concrete, Clean (without reo or other contaminants) – per tonne	37.00
Concrete, Mixed (with contaminants) – per tonne	103.00
Ticket Reprint	7.00

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14.9 ADVOCACY & PARTNERSHIPS STRATEGY

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Attachments: 1. Draft Advocacy & Partnership Strategy 2030 [↓](#)
2. Priority Projects 2021-2023 [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report entitled Advocacy and Partnerships Strategy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve the Advocacy and Partnerships Strategy and note the Priority Projects document for the purposes of high-level advocacy activities.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval of the Advocacy and Partnerships Strategy 2030 and to note the Priority Projects 2021-2023.

KEY ISSUES

- Council has not, historically, had a strategic approach to advocacy.
- As a capital city Council, it is important that Council is able to demonstrate its advocacy platforms and program to its community.
- Council's strategic plan *Darwin 2030: City for People. City of Colour.* outlines the roles that Council takes in the way that it delivers against its strategic actions.
- The Advocacy and Partnerships Strategy sets 5 objectives and 5 principles that guide the way in which Council advocates and is at **Attachment 1**.
- Council has a significant project portfolio of strategic and capital projects developed through Council's response to the COVID-19 stimulus initiatives.
- The Priority Projects 2021-2023 provides a structured publication to enable advocacy and partnership activities, at **Attachment 2**.

DISCUSSION


Council has not, historically, had a strategic approach to advocacy.

As a capital city Council, it is important that Council is able to demonstrate its advocacy platforms and program to its community.

For Elected Members, it is important that Council's platform is clear and able to be a tool in engagement with the community. It is also important that a plan that outlines how Council advocates and what Council advocates for on the community's behalf.

Council's strategic plan *Darwin 2030: City for People. City of Colour.* outlines the roles that Council takes in the way that it delivers against its strategic actions.

Darwin 2030 CITY FOR PEOPLE. CITY OF COLOUR.









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A capital city with best practice and sustainable infrastructure

Council will actively pursue opportunities to fund strategic projects through Public Private Partnerships, Joint Ventures, government grant programs and other suitable funding mechanisms.


TARGET: BY 2030, A NUMBER OF STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS WILL BE DEVELOPED AND DELIVERED

To achieve this City of Darwin will:


Strategic Actions	     
Implement Council's City Deal infrastructure projects	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; width: 100%;"> <div style="width: 33%;"><div style="background-color: #008080; height: 15px; border-radius: 50%;"></div></div> <div style="width: 33%;"><div style="background-color: #008080; height: 15px; border-radius: 50%;"></div></div> <div style="width: 33%;"><div style="background-color: #008080; height: 15px; border-radius: 50%;"></div></div> </div>
Develop a Priority Infrastructure Plan	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; width: 100%;"> <div style="width: 33%;"><div style="background-color: #008080; height: 15px; border-radius: 50%;"></div></div> <div style="width: 33%;"><div style="background-color: #008080; height: 15px; border-radius: 50%;"></div></div> <div style="width: 33%;"><div style="background-color: #008080; height: 15px; border-radius: 50%;"></div></div> </div>
Finalise an Asset Management Framework for Council assets	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; width: 100%;"> <div style="width: 33%;"><div style="background-color: #008080; height: 15px; border-radius: 50%;"></div></div> <div style="width: 33%;"><div style="background-color: #008080; height: 15px; border-radius: 50%;"></div></div> <div style="width: 33%;"><div style="background-color: #008080; height: 15px; border-radius: 50%;"></div></div> </div>
Increase City of Darwin's procurement within the local economy to 95% of all Council expenditure, injecting an additional \$6 - \$8m into the local economy	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; width: 100%;"> <div style="width: 33%;"><div style="background-color: #008080; height: 15px; border-radius: 50%;"></div></div> <div style="width: 33%;"><div style="background-color: #008080; height: 15px; border-radius: 50%;"></div></div> <div style="width: 33%;"><div style="background-color: #008080; height: 15px; border-radius: 50%;"></div></div> </div>
Implement a City of Darwin 'Buy Local' policy which has a weighting of 30% local content requirements	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; width: 100%;"> <div style="width: 33%;"><div style="background-color: #008080; height: 15px; border-radius: 50%;"></div></div> <div style="width: 33%;"><div style="background-color: #ff8c00; height: 15px; border-radius: 50%;"></div></div> <div style="width: 33%;"><div style="background-color: #008080; height: 15px; border-radius: 50%;"></div></div> </div>
Review Council land holdings to ensure their commercial value and advantage are put to the best economic benefit for the city	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; width: 100%;"> <div style="width: 33%;"><div style="background-color: #008080; height: 15px; border-radius: 50%;"></div></div> <div style="width: 33%;"><div style="background-color: #008080; height: 15px; border-radius: 50%;"></div></div> <div style="width: 33%;"><div style="background-color: #008080; height: 15px; border-radius: 50%;"></div></div> </div>
Maintain existing Council assets to ensure best value for money and utilisation is achieved	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; width: 100%;"> <div style="width: 33%;"><div style="background-color: #008080; height: 15px; border-radius: 50%;"></div></div> <div style="width: 33%;"><div style="background-color: #008080; height: 15px; border-radius: 50%;"></div></div> <div style="width: 33%;"><div style="background-color: #008080; height: 15px; border-radius: 50%;"></div></div> </div>
Increase utilisation of the City of Darwin's land and community assets	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; width: 100%;"> <div style="width: 33%;"><div style="background-color: #008080; height: 15px; border-radius: 50%;"></div></div> <div style="width: 33%;"><div style="background-color: #008080; height: 15px; border-radius: 50%;"></div></div> <div style="width: 33%;"><div style="background-color: #008080; height: 15px; border-radius: 50%;"></div></div> </div>




Provider




Funder




Regulator



Partner



Facilitator



Advocate

The Advocacy and Partnerships Strategy sets 5 objectives and 5 principles that guide the way in which Council advocates.

They are:

Advocacy Objectives

- ✓ Promote council's advocacy agenda and its priorities;
- ✓ Positively influence the Darwin economy and influence job creation and statutory or policy outcomes for the community;
- ✓ Increase funding for infrastructure or services from other levels of government to benefit the community to meet their needs and aspirations;
- ✓ Influence Australian and Northern Territory legislation and social policy to improve community wellbeing; and
- ✓ Keep our community informed about our advocacy agenda and activities through council performance reporting.

Advocacy Principles

- ✓ **Engaging our community** – understanding needs and aspirations;
- ✓ **Government for Darwin** – leading as the Territory's largest LGA;
- ✓ **Leveraging our role** – partnerships with Australian and Northern Territory Governments to collaborate to achieve the best outcomes for our community;
- ✓ **Innovative and agile** – lead in local government space to develop innovative solutions; and
- ✓ **Open and transparent** – open and transparent in our advocacy objectives and priorities and our reporting to the community.

There are many different ways in which Council has, in the past, and more recently, undertaken significant advocacy positions. The basis for this has largely been for funding purposes or on matters that affect Council and the community. From a funding perspective, in grant applications and as part of our major projects planning, like the Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre and more recently Lamerook Beach and Baths. Similarly, on matters of policy, when invited (by a stakeholder like NT Government) or at the will of Council, like the policy position on the 9 refugees at Winnellie or anti-social behaviour in the community and our advocacy to the NT Government and partnership in providing funding for security services for our CBD.

The themes for Council's advocacy have been derived through a desktop review of past advocacy successes, feedback from the Living Darwin Summit in 2018, which was the community's position that formed the basis of our strategic plan; *Darwin 2030: City for People. City of Colour*. They are framed as 'Why Darwin?' and outlined on pages 6 and 7 of the strategy:

- ✓ Strategically located
- ✓ Young, diverse, vibrant
- ✓ Full of potential
- ✓ Growth-ready
- ✓ Investment destination
- ✓ Exciting future
- ✓ Strong history
- ✓ Valued cultural heritage

The Priority Projects 2021-2023 provides a structured publication to enable advocacy and partnership activities. It has been designed as a tool in its own right, but also to enable separate project sheets to be used for specific advocacy discussions. This document will be important in key funding submissions Council makes and as a reference for Federal, Territory and Local Government candidates in elections to gain an understanding of the advocacy opportunities for Darwin. It also allows planning for campaigns associated with investment attraction and marketing of Darwin as a destination and signals people interacting with that strategy to engage with Council's other key strategic pillars, including our Economic Development Strategy 2030, Municipal Plan 2021-22, Long Term Financial Plan and Long Term Capital Plan. This is particularly important for companies and businesses wishing to do business with Council.

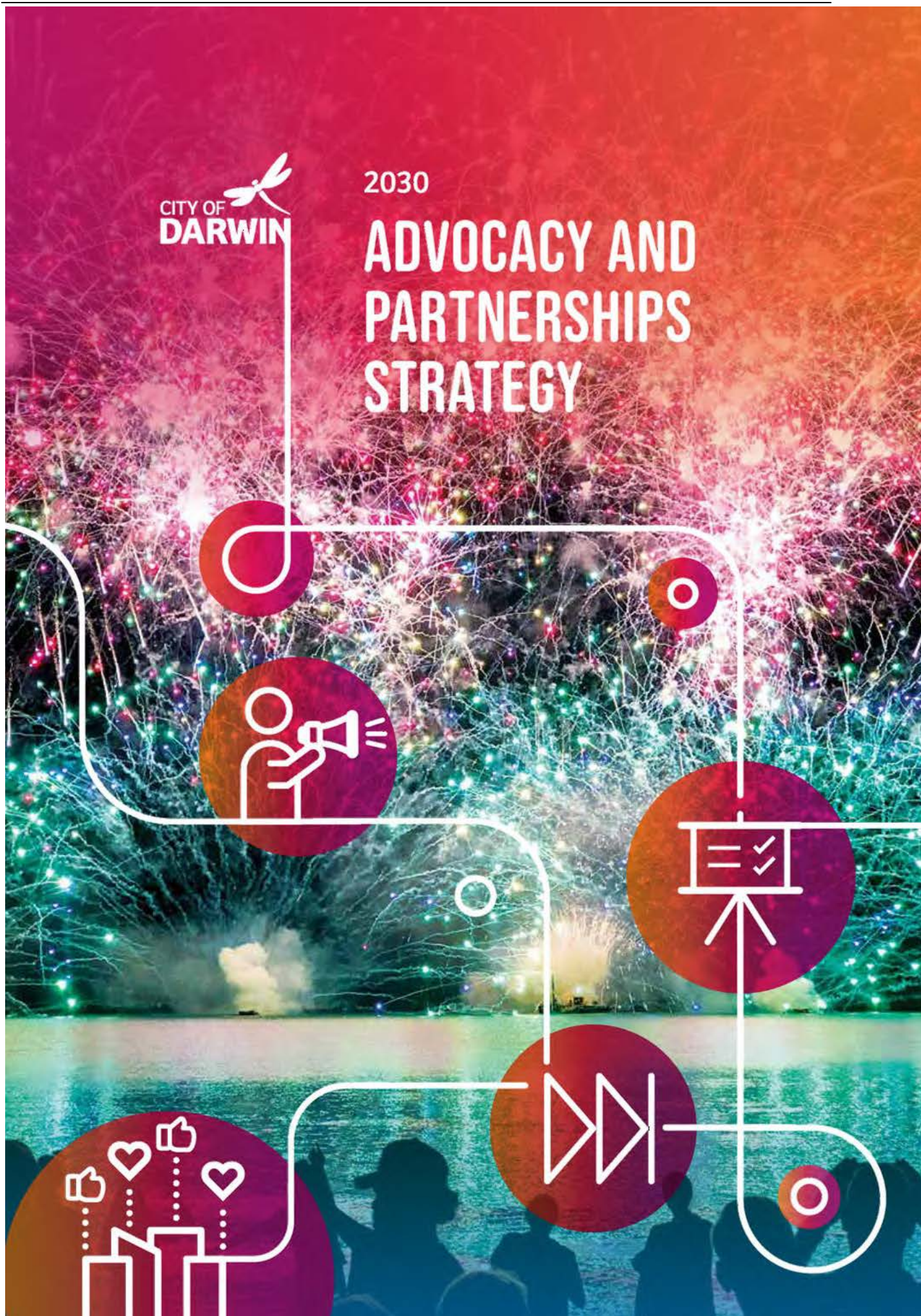
Council currently has a Strategic Projects Prospectus. That document was developed in 2019 and since that time, Council has increased its strategic project portfolio, with resolutions to endorse a large platform of strategic and capital projects that were developed through Council's response to the COVID-19 stimulus initiatives in a bid to source Australian Government funding.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	6 Governance Framework 6.2 Roles and Relationships
CRITICAL DATES	Approval of the Advocacy and Partnerships Strategy 2030 for the upcoming August 2021 Local Government Elections and in anticipation for a potential September 2021 early Federal Election will be important.
BUDGET / FINANCIAL	<p>Budget/Funding: \$30,000</p> <p>Is Funding identified: Yes</p> <p>An economic consultant was engaged to validate the work done by staff to develop the strategy and to benchmark with other capital city and like-regional councils nationally to ensure Council has a contemporary and effective advocacy platform.</p>

RISK ASSESSMENT	<p> Assets & Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Environment & Waste <input type="checkbox"/> Financial <input type="checkbox"/> Info Comms & Tech <input type="checkbox"/> Legal & Compliance <input type="checkbox"/> Ops & Service Delivery <input type="checkbox"/> Reputation & Brand <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Work Health & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> </p> <p>In accordance with City of Darwin Risk Management Framework, the post treatment, mitigation risk is: Low</p> <p>Risks identified, in relation to this report, will be managed through communications to accompany use of the strategy with stakeholders and the community.</p>
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	N/A
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	<p>Contractor:</p> <p>Karen Green Consulting (Karen Green, past partner of Deloitte was engaged to develop Council's Economic Development Strategy and has significant background in the development of the Northern Territory's Economic Framework. As the Advocacy and Partnerships Strategy is closely link with Council's EDS, Karen was engaged to ensure alignment and economic legitimacy).</p>
CONSULTATION & ENGAGEMENT	Engagement with the community will be on an inform basis once the strategy is published as part of a communications and engagement plan.
COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR THIS INITIATIVE	<p>Internal</p> <p>Strategic Direction Group and Senior Leadership Team have had key input into the strategy.</p> <p>External</p> <p>On publication a campaign to promote the document will be developed.</p>
PLACE SCORE STATEMENT	N/A
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	<p>The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).</p>



Acknowledgement of Country

City of Darwin acknowledges the Larrakia people as the traditional owners of all the land and waters of the Greater Darwin region.

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

Often referred to as "Saltwater People", the Larrakia lived, loved, birthed, hunted and survived a life on pristine coastal and inland areas. Established 'song lines' connecting Larrakia people to Country penetrate throughout their land and sea, allowing stories and histories to be told and retold for future generations.

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

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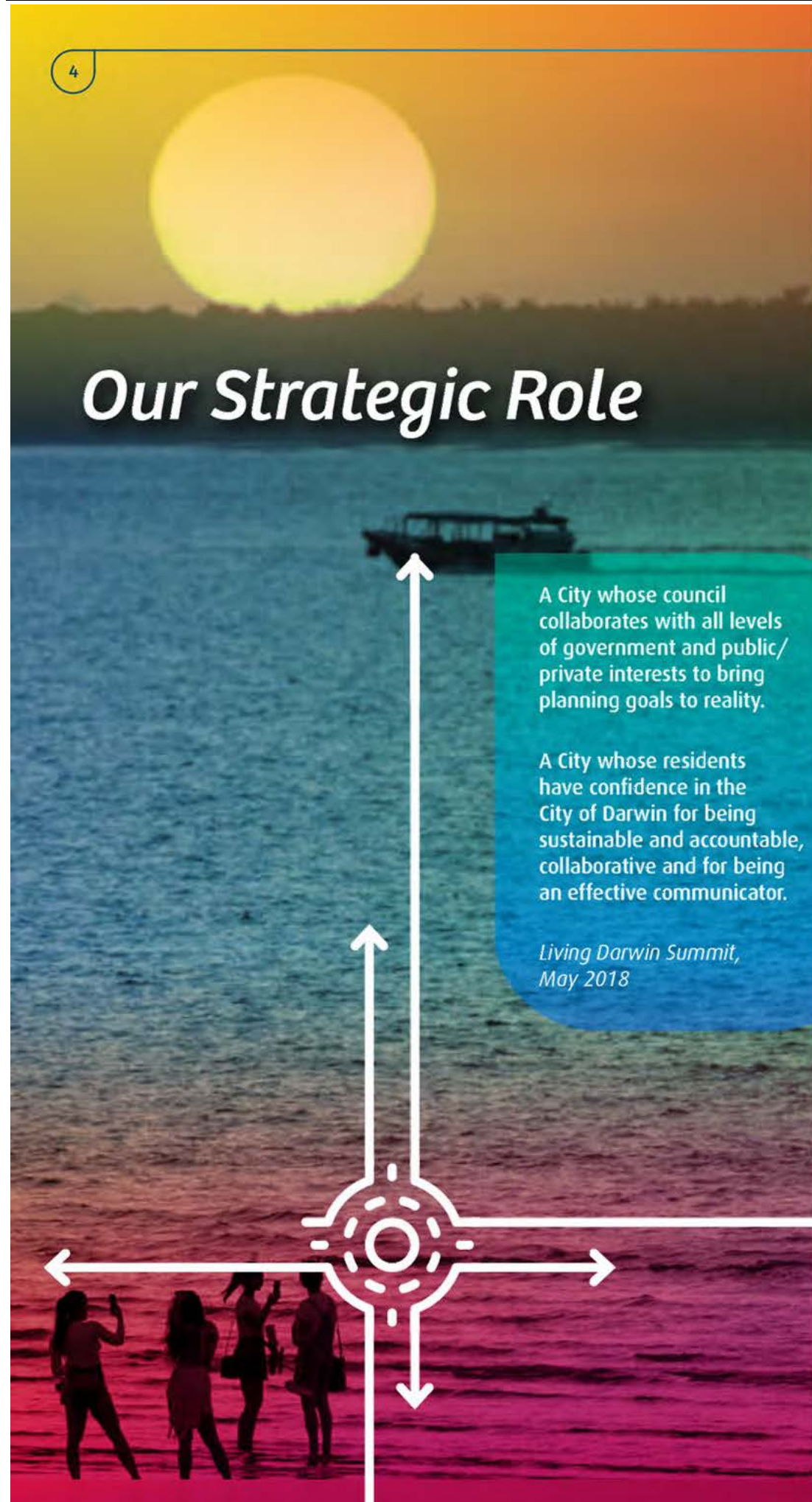
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Our Strategic Role

A City whose council collaborates with all levels of government and public/private interests to bring planning goals to reality.

A City whose residents have confidence in the City of Darwin for being sustainable and accountable, collaborative and for being an effective communicator.

*Living Darwin Summit,
May 2018*





People, Economy and Environment

PEOPLE



ECONOMY



ENVIRONMENT



Lord Mayor's Foreword

City of Darwin, the Government for Darwin City, established its vision for Darwin in the ten-year strategic plan to 2030, *'City for People. City of Colour'*. The plan recognises Darwin as the most culturally diverse and inclusive city in Australia with a vibrant event season and significant landscape across the City. Our city and suburbs will be transformed as City of Darwin implements progressive, community-focused strategies and programs to deliver long-term economic prosperity and sustainable growth.

City of Darwin has recently invested in a range of initiatives to encourage economic growth in the City, including the #SmartDarwin initiative, providing our City with enabling infrastructure for innovation; investment in renewable energy at the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility; and our contribution to Vibrant Darwin and the activation of our City. Many of these initiatives were fast-tracked because of successful advocacy campaigns by City of Darwin to help secure funding and strategic partnerships.

Securing external funding is an important function of City of Darwin and a key outcome of advocacy. Boosting Council's annual budget with external funds provides an opportunity for Council to deliver on community expectations by fast-tracking socially and economically beneficial projects whilst keeping rates increases to a minimum.

City of Darwin has identified a number of strategic projects that will improve the community's lifestyle, develop existing assets and create opportunities for local business. The projects are outlined in more detail in the Priority Projects 2021-2023 which in turn works to guide delivery of Council's strategic directions; to develop a cool, green and clean city; create a smart and prosperous city; promote a vibrant and creative city; support a safe, liveable and healthy city; and develop a capital city with best practice and sustainable infrastructure.

We believe the time is right for major investment in our city and City of Darwin has developed the Advocacy and Partnership Strategy as a framework to plan and deliver our advocacy agenda of building relationships, influencing policy, promoting investment and ultimately achieving our 2030 vision.



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Lord Mayor

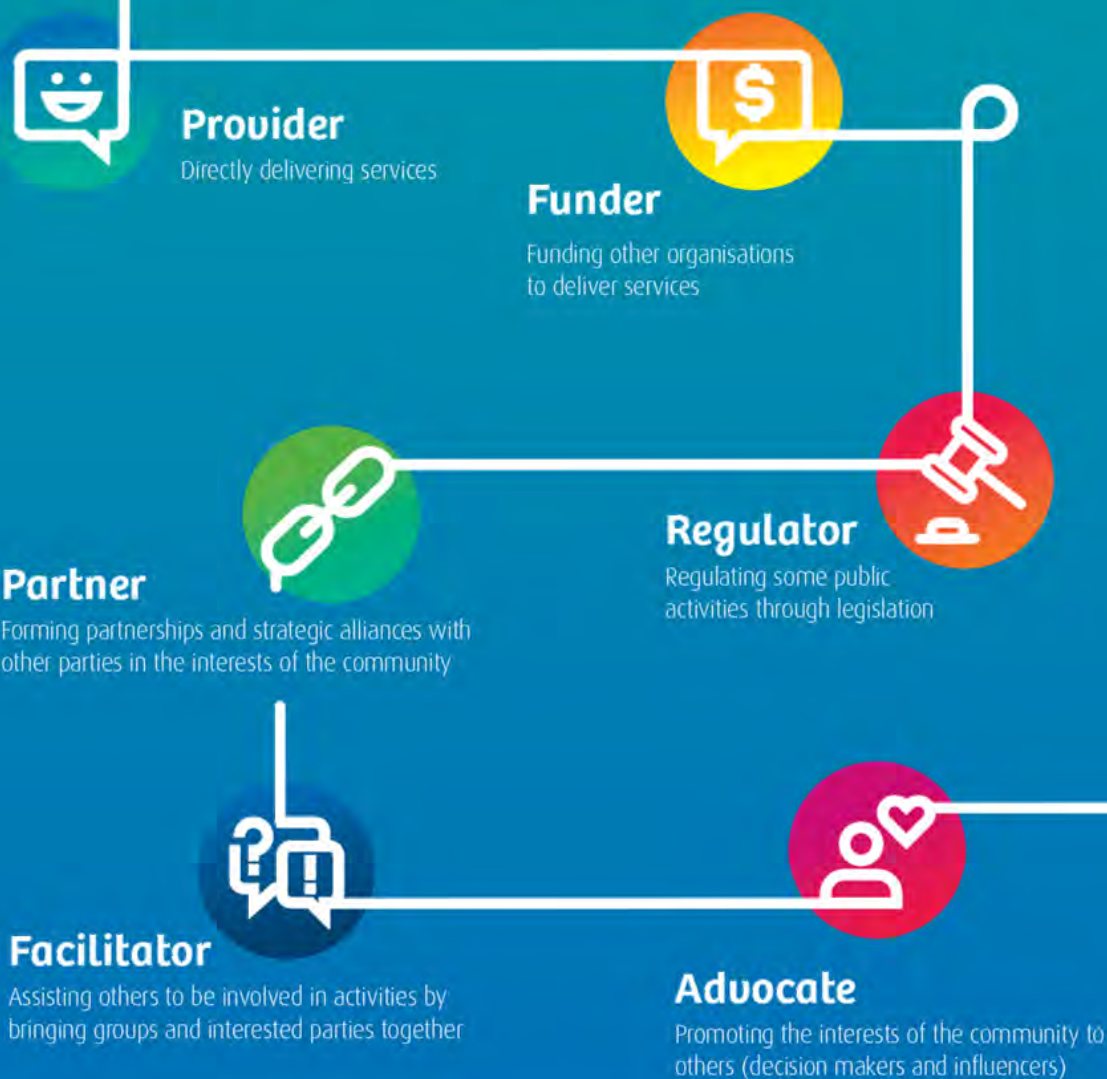




Our Strategic Role

The community have given Council a clear mandate to advocate and partner and have identified this as part of City of Darwin's role to deliver on the Darwin 2030 – *City for People. City of Colour.* Strategic Plan.

CITY OF DARWIN'S STRATEGIC ROLES ARE:



We are the Government for Darwin

The role of local government has changed considerably in recent times from a focus on delivering historically core community services such as waste management, road maintenance, playgrounds and libraries, to being increasingly focused on transformative policy and projects that will create a whole-of-city impact and drive economic development.

Our local
focus
achieves a
wide reach

As the closest level of government to local businesses and residents, City of Darwin has a strategic leadership role in responding to the needs, interests and aspirations of its community and is at the forefront of various major strategic, infrastructure, social and economic development and investment initiatives. City of Darwin can leverage connections and influence across all levels of government, industry groups, business leaders and internationally to advance the interests of the Northern Territory generally and of the City of Darwin specifically.

Within the City our primary stakeholders and customers are ratepayers and more broadly we have stakeholder groups including other residents, other levels of government, business and industry, and community groups. Our Customer First Strategy demonstrates our local focus and our ongoing commitment to providing excellence in customer service to our community.

We play an important role in enabling social, economic and environmental outcomes for our City. City of Darwin, as a representative of ratepayers and the broader community, has a responsibility along with other levels of government, to ensure that Darwin prospers and grows.

To do this we are committed to taking a leadership role and working with key strategic partners, including the Australian and Northern Territory Governments, to promote Darwin to investors, industries and businesses that may wish to establish in Darwin.

There are several avenues in which local government can influence social, economic and environmental outcomes, such as:

- Infrastructure and asset development
- Land use planning
- Strategic planning and implementation
- Data collection and sharing
- Business and industry support
- Social cohesion and collaboration
- Social needs



Legislative Context

The principal role of councils is outlined in the *Local Government Act 2019* and provides the legislative basis for the City of Darwin Advocacy and Partnerships Strategy. The City also complies with other relevant legislation at a Northern Territory and Australian Government level.

The principal role of local government in the Northern Territory is to:

- Represent, inform and make responsible decisions in the interests of the community;
- Develop a strong and cohesive social life for residents and allocate resources in a fair, socially inclusive and sustainable way; and
- Provide and coordinate public facilities and services
- Encourage and develop initiatives for improving quality of life; and
- Represent the interests of the its area to the wider community.

To fulfil these obligations, City of Darwin advocates the interests of the local community to other communities and governments and advocates and promotes proposals which are in the best interests of the local community. In a local government context, this most often means seeking the support of Australian and Northern Territory Governments for services and infrastructure that are a high priority for our community.

Advocating and working in partnership with government, industry and the community across the City and the region is fundamental to achieving our vision.

Strategic Context

City of Darwin's Darwin 2030 – *City for People. City of Colour.* Strategic Plan leads all other plans and strategies for Council.

It informs Council's Long Term Financial Plan and Asset Management Plan which in turn—along with other foundational plans and strategies—guide the formulation of the Municipal Plan which includes our annual delivery plan and annual budget.

All of City of Darwin's strategies and plans recognise Council's advocacy role in supporting and enhancing the social, economic and environmental health and wellbeing of the community.

Why Darwin?

Darwin is the capital of the Northern Territory and Australia's northernmost capital city. Darwin is the social, cultural and economic heart of the Northern Territory



Strategically Located

Bordering the Timor Sea, Darwin is Australia's closest connection to key trading markets in Asia made accessible through a 24/7 international airport and a large shipping port. The city is primarily a residential, commercial and military area. Host to three Defence bases within the City, Darwin holds a strategic location in Australia's defence and national security interests.

Young, Diverse, Vibrant

The population of Darwin is younger than other Australian capital cities and 7.4% of the population identifies as Indigenous. In addition, many residents were born overseas and speak a language other than English.

Residents enjoy a temperate climate with two European named seasons; the Wet which sees high temperatures and humidity and the Dry which offers cooler temperatures and beautiful sea breezes.



Full of Potential

Darwin is strategically positioned to support the Australian Government's Northern Australia and Asia Pacific agenda. Darwin also has an important role to play in alleviating the pressures being experienced in some of the nation's metropolitan cities as a result of population growth and migration. To enable Darwin and the surrounding regions enormous potential to be realized, investment in infrastructure and projects will be essential. The Australian Government, Northern Territory Government and domestic and international investment in Darwin region will not only support the local community but will deliver benefits for Australia.





Growth Ready

The combination of superior COVID-19 management, economic potential, renewable energy advantages and inclusive society means Darwin is ideally positioned as a growth centre of strategic significance in Northern Australia. However, in order to realise this potential, the City of Darwin requires investment in the infrastructure, innovation and community that will provide the foundations for future growth.



Investment Destination

The City of Darwin is seeking to create opportunities to enhance the economic, cultural and environmental sustainability of Darwin. The city will work with the community and partners, provide leadership and deliver services to achieve these outcomes and is seeking funding partners to achieve these goals.



Exciting Future

The development of this Priority Projects Advocacy Plan from 2021 to 2023 allows all stakeholders and investors to understand the opportunities and future project plans for the City of Darwin as it realises its vision as *City of Colour. City for People.*

Strong History

Darwin's strong history, built from its original inhabitants, the Larrakia, the historical Bombing of Darwin in 1942 and Cyclone Tracy in 1974 have shaped our city. This is why, in the face of natural disasters and historic events such as the 2019 global pandemic we are able to demonstrate resilience and strength from a social, economic and environmental perspective. City of Darwin will utilise our strong history to advocate for an even better future.



Valued Cultural Heritage

As one of the most multicultural cities in Australia, Darwin people value the benefits that cultural heritage brings to the community to create connections, build relationships and celebrate diversity.

Darwin's traditional owners, the Larrakia, are landowners and custodians of the City and are valued stakeholders in Council's advocacy agenda. City of Darwin aims to both respect and celebrate its first nation people and other cultures for the city's future.

Our Strategic Planning Framework

Darwin 2030 City for People. City of Colour.

DELIVERED THROUGH FIVE KEY STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND TARGETS:



A capital city with best practice and sustainable infrastructure

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



A safe, liveable and healthy city

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

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

TARGET: By 2030, Darwin residents will be more active and healthy



A cool, clean and green city

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



A smart and prosperous city

TARGET: By 2030, Darwin will be recognised globally as a Smart City

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



A vibrant and creative city

TARGET: By 2030, Darwin will be recognised as an iconic destination

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

Underpinned by City of Darwin's Governance Framework





Funding our Plans

Local government has limited capacity to generate revenue for major capital works projects. The majority of City of Darwin's operating income is raised through rates, fees and charges with only 4% coming from Australian Government operational grants.

To ensure City of Darwin has the capacity to responsibly and sustainably fund day-to-day operations as well as strategic projects Council maintains a Long Term Financial Plan ("LTFP"). The LTFP forecasts and aligns long term financial viability over a 10-year period against the targets and objectives set through the Strategic Planning Framework.

Our asset management strategy places a significant emphasis on costs associated with replacing and refurbishing existing infrastructure and in addition, plans for a range of new capital expenditure to meet the needs of our rapidly growing population.

The 10-year Capital Works Plan includes various road, path, waste, recreational and stormwater initiatives and indicates a \$31M spend demand. The LTFP illustrates that City of Darwin is able to, on average, sustain \$25M+ of capital expenditure per annum over the ten-year model period, with rates increases capped at 2.0% and assumed dwellings growth of 1.5%.

Although City of Darwin is provided with capital grants to fund or subsidise capital works projects, these grants have typically been uneven regarding amount, timing and frequency over past periods. Consequently, the LTFP makes no provision for projects which rely on full-funding from unconfirmed capital grants (i.e. where City of Darwin has a role other than "Provider" or "Funder")

In order to activate high-capital strategic projects in support of the strategic direction targets, the City of Darwin must either draw funds from the historical cash reserves and/or source additional external funding through loans, donations, grants and partnered funding.

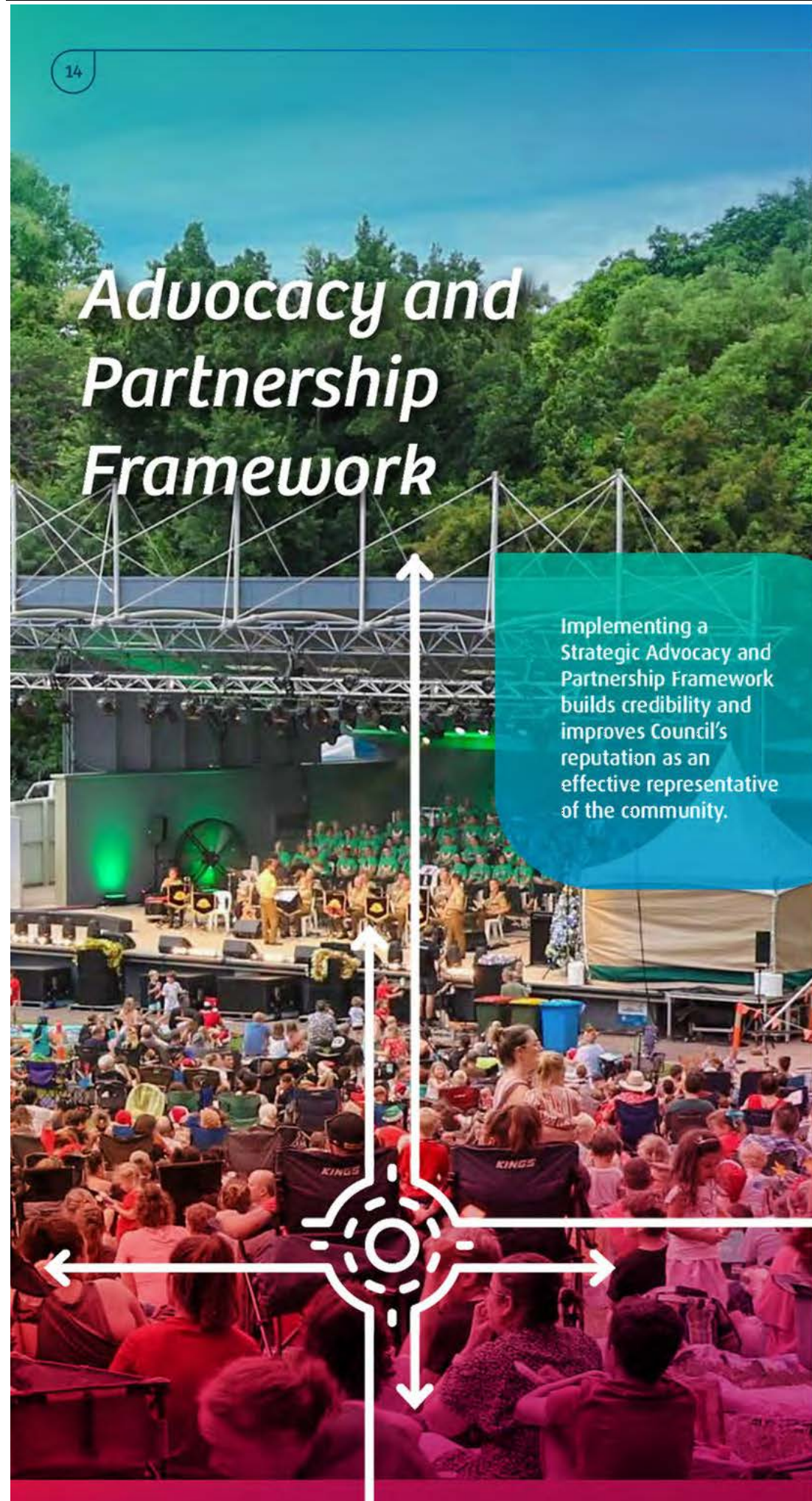
Boosting Council's annual budget with external funds provides an opportunity for Council to fast-track key projects and deliver on community expectations whilst keeping rates increases to a minimum.

Securing external funding is an important function of City of Darwin and will continue to be a key outcome of its advocacy agenda.

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Advocacy and Partnership Framework

Implementing a Strategic Advocacy and Partnership Framework builds credibility and improves Council's reputation as an effective representative of the community.





Developing a strategic approach is essential to effective advocacy by creating a deliberate effort to determine priorities, actions and activities. Planning for advocacy also helps us to understand the stakeholders involved for an issue and how the organisation can work together with partners and the community to achieve desired outcomes.

The Advocacy and Partnership Framework strives to achieve these outcomes by:

- Establishing an agreed approach to determining which community issues or needs are advocacy priorities for Council
- Identifying key timing for reviewing and determining priorities
- Gaining agreement on the priorities and clarity about roles and communication when advocating on behalf of the community.
- Building effective and reciprocating relationships with key partners and stakeholders.

The end goal of developing an Advocacy Framework is to prioritise and gain support in addressing issues and achieving aspirations important to our community.



Principles

Our advocacy and partnerships principles guide our approach to delivering on our Darwin 2030 vision, strategies and plans within our broader strategic planning framework. These principles shape our response to unforeseen or emerging issues.

Government for Darwin

We are focussed on advocating for the City of Darwin but will consider supporting broader advocacy causes based on their merit and importance to the community. We recognise the influence that we can bring to campaigns by virtue of representing a capital city and diverse community and by being the most populous City in the Northern Territory.

We will work with other advocacy organisations and local community groups where our interest aligns, to build support for our priorities.



Engaging our community

We want to strengthen relationships and build a better understanding of community needs, views and aspirations. We will keep our community informed of our advocacy priorities and welcome community ideas, input and feedback.

Our priorities will demonstrate a clear community need and benefit, backed up by evidence, and will enjoy broad community support.





Open and transparent

Our advocacy objectives and priorities will have a rational and sound basis and our approach to advocacy and our reporting to the community will be open and transparent, based on our ability to legitimately speak on behalf of issues and priorities.

Our advocacy priorities will directly support the objectives of our Strategic Plan and will be reflected in other relevant policies, plans and strategies adopted by City of Darwin.



Innovative and agile

Our advocacy agenda will be agile with priorities responsive to the community's needs and changing political and social landscape. We will be recognised as a leader in the local government space for developing innovative solutions to contemporary issues.

Our priorities will be realistic and attainable, in the short to medium term and we will progress larger and longer-term priority projects in manageable stages.



Leveraging our role

We will maintain beneficial networks and alliances and use our strategic role when partnering with the Australian and Northern Territory Governments to achieve our advocacy objective or seek the best possible outcomes for the community.

When our priorities align, we will work with the Australian and Northern Territory Governments in partnership and utilise events such as elections to advocate for these priorities.

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Advocacy

As the only capital city in Northern Australia, it is imperative that City of Darwin demonstrates leadership and advocacy in the Northern Territory and nationally.





Advocacy Process

Advocacy is a process of collaboratively and actively working with communities and key stakeholders to bring about change in policy, process, practice, attitudes and funding in order to better meet the communities needs and aspirations.

Advocacy can take many forms, from private conversations to public rallies, but all are intended to sway opinion and engender support for a cause (usually something needing to change—or not) and ultimately influence decision-makers to act in support of that cause.

Advocacy activities can involve:

- writing to government departments and political leaders
- making submissions and meeting with decision-makers
- participating and leading networking activities
- community engagement and increasing local awareness with communication.

Advocacy is also about working in partnership with other government authorities, community organisations, peak bodies and philanthropists in order to empower our communities.

Advocacy priorities can change over time and by adopting a regular prioritisation review process City of Darwin will be ready to engage on any new or emerging issues that impact our community and the wider region.

Our Advocacy Role

City of Darwin has been fulfilling its role as advocate for the community in a range of ways over many years. Projects, policies and priorities have been identified and supported by City of Darwin to influence outcomes for the community, and many achievements have been realised through a significant number of funding grants and projects including the flagship 10-year \$200M Darwin City Deal in 2018.

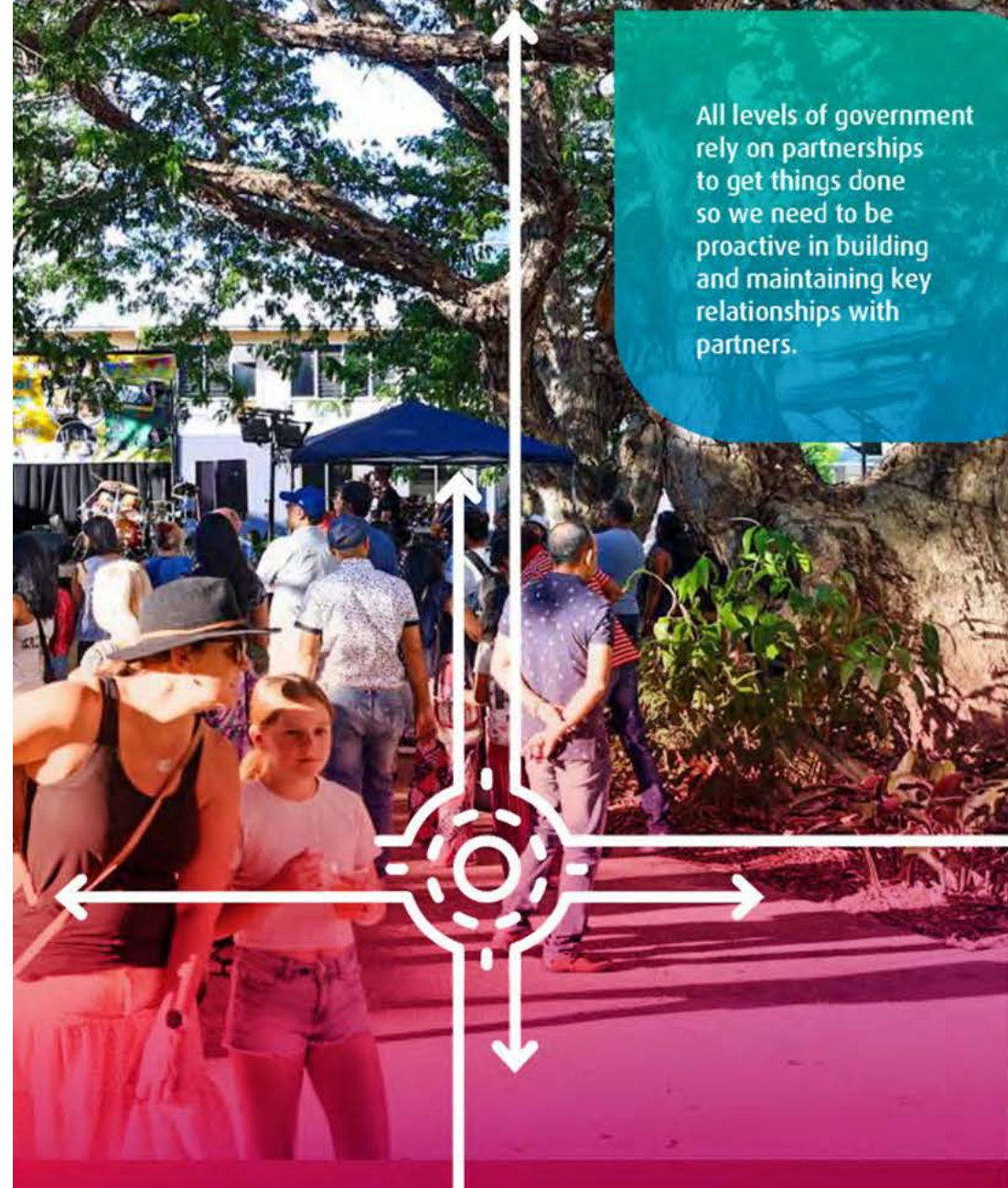
City of Darwin adopts proven strategies for progressing its advocacy agenda through building relationships, influencing policy, and promoting investment to unlock the full potential of the City. Our advocacy programs are more likely to achieve successful outcomes where:

- Council commits to building strong relationships with key political, industry and community representatives that foster positive collaborations between all stakeholders
- Council develops partnerships with peak industry bodies and community groups who are aligned with our advocacy agenda
- Council's advocacy activities are action-orientated and mobilise both the public and the policy influencers to advocate to decision makers for commitments in support of the agenda
- Council adopts an evidence-based framework by collecting facts and relevant information on each advocacy priority from a range of sources to present a well-researched and articulated advocacy ask that keeps data and evidence at the core of decision making
- Council raises the profile of the City of Darwin with key decision makers at the Australian and Northern Territory Government level and clearly articulating the priority need, advocacy ask, and the benefits of investment.

By advocating to Australian and Northern Territory Governments, the needs of the City of Darwin are brought to the foreground of the decision-making process. Ongoing advocacy and relationship building will pave the way for City of Darwin to have a greater voice in the political landscape, leading to the realisation of our vision for the City of Darwin.

Partnerships

All levels of government rely on partnerships to get things done so we need to be proactive in building and maintaining key relationships with partners.





Partner Relationships

Identifying new strategic partnerships and supporting our existing networks enables City of Darwin to best position the City for future challenges and opportunities. We focus on developing mutually beneficial relationships with decision makers and key influencers, making them aware of joint opportunities for project delivery, community projects or initiatives and investment opportunities.

Due to City of Darwin's location and economic strengths, we are well positioned to collaborate and connect with local industry and businesses, universities, subject matter NGOs, experts, peak community groups and government agencies/departments. Often each sector works in silo, rarely integrating efforts. Where it can, City of Darwin will connect community leaders and organisations, NGOs or philanthropic groups and service providers to achieve positive and effective long-term change.

By representing the interests of the community in a range of forums, we can increase our capacity to attract additional resources to the City and aim to resolve complex issues that affect liveability. City of Darwin is committed to advocating to the Australian and Northern Territory Governments on key issues, and supporting proposals that best serve the interests of the city as a whole.

As a capital city council, City of Darwin is well placed to ensure opportunities are realised through co-operation with the Australian and Northern Territory Governments. Membership on various strategic council and external committees, strengthen local government collaboration and ensure Council can advocate locally, regionally and nationally for our community.

As the only capital city in Northern Australia, it is critical that City of Darwin demonstrates leadership and advocacy in the Northern Territory and nationally. Council does this through its representation on external committees and by promoting strategic opportunities for external funding. Participation with external partners included the Council of Capital City Lord Mayors (CCCLM), Northern Australia Capital City Committee (NACCC) and Top End Regional Organisation of Councils (TOPROC), as valued partner relationships.

City of Darwin will continue to lead policy debate in the local government sector on areas of strategic interest and importance to the City, our local community and the Greater Darwin local government areas.

City of Darwin as an innovative, creative and solutions-focused Council works with its partners to harness opportunities and manage the challenges presented by population growth (or decline), provide support to vulnerable people in our city, protect and enhance City of Darwin's heritage and culture whilst reducing the city's environmental footprint.

PARTNERSHIP CONNECTIONS AND STAKEHOLDERS



Figure 1 City of Darwin Key Partners, Stakeholders and Connections.



Key Partners

COUNCIL OF CAPITAL CITY LORD MAYORS (CCCLM)

Provide a national corporate entity for the effective co-ordination and representation of the special interests of the Capital Cities of the Australian States and the Northern Territory in their relations with other spheres of government.

The key activities of CCCLM are to input into the Australian Government's Smart Cities and City Deals programs, contribute to national policy priorities for economic development, infrastructure, climate action and city resilience, and facilitate political and stakeholder engagement activities with Federal Members.

NORTHERN AUSTRALIA CAPITAL CITY COMMITTEE (NACCC)

Provides a mechanism for co-ordination, planning and co-operation between the Northern Territory Government and City of Darwin.

Council works with the Chief Minister of the Northern Territory through the NACCC to enhance the attraction, productivity, resilience and liveability of Darwin. Primary objectives of the committee are revitalisation of the City Centre and progressing the City Deal with the Australian Government.

TOP END REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (TOPROC)

TOPROC comprises six (6) Top End Council's; Belyuen Community Government Council, City of Darwin, City of Palmerston, Coomalie Community Government Council, Litchfield Council and Wagait Shire Council. It is committed to the sustainable development of our Greater Darwin Region and meets on a regular basis to progress common issues.

City of Darwin contributes to this important Advocacy Forum which represents more than 57% of the Northern Territory's population. TOPROC is a valuable forum for collaborating on regional issues and provides a united voice for Top End Council's. City of Darwin is the secretariat for TOPROC.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE NT (LGANT)

The peak body representing local government in the Northern Territory to initiate, promote and foster the development of strong, effective local government throughout the Territory. The Lord Mayor is the current President of LGANT.

Local Partnerships

Supporting City of Darwin's community or local regional groups to build capacity in advocating for change, is an important component in influencing decision makers.

It is also the basis for enabling grassroots community advocacy which improves the lives of those involved and builds trust and confidence in Council.

City of Darwin recognises that when addressing advocacy issues, success will more likely be achieved by collaborating and leveraging the collective capability with our community and other local organisations with similar aims.

This will be achieved through ongoing dedicated resourcing and contribution to the advocacy objectives (where aligned with City of Darwin) of the Local Government Association of the NT (LGANT), The Top End Regional Organisation of Councils (TOPROC), Northern Australia Capital City Committee (NACCC).

National Partnerships

City of Darwin has membership on various national councils and external committees which strengthen local government collaboration and ensure Council can advocate nationally for our community.

City of Darwin, as an Australian capital city, is an active member of the Council of Capital City Lord Mayors (CCCLM). The CCCLM work together to develop effective advocacy and leadership to influence policy on issues affecting their capital cities and surrounding regions.

City of Darwin is also a member of the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) which is the national voice of local government representing 537 councils across Australia. ALGA provides a local government perspective on national affairs, as well as providing submissions and representation to government and parliamentary inquiries and national bodies. The Lord Mayor of the City of Darwin is an ex-officio board member of ALGA.



Australian and Northern Territory Government Partnerships

Relationship and reputation management are critical in advocacy. How well we work with other tiers of government shapes how government engages with us. Working in partnership with other tiers of government results in greater community benefits and we take a proactive approach to ensure we have strong relationships with our key partners.

City of Darwin seeks to enhance and build long term politically strategic partnerships by identifying opportunities for governments to participate, showcase, pilot or partner with City of Darwin to deliver critical projects or policies.

City of Darwin dedicates significant effort advocating to the Australian and Northern Territory members of Parliament.

The Northern Territory Government is responsible for legislation and policies for the sustainability and growth of the Northern Territory. The legislation and policy affects areas such as planning, education, major projects, housing, police and emergency services, health, infrastructure, environment and aboriginal affairs.

The Australian Government plays a major role in legislation and policy that impacts City of Darwin in areas like economic and jobs growth, infrastructure funding, health, aged care, children, defence and climate change.

Regional Development Australia (RDA) is an Australian Government initiative that brings together all levels of government to enhance the development of Australia's regions. City of Darwin works closely with RDA NT.

International Relationships

City of Darwin has six Sister Cities around the globe that share historic, social, cultural and geographical similarities to Darwin. Through the educational, cultural, professional, economic and humanitarian exchange, it aims to enhance cross-cultural understanding and build vibrant and connected communities and generating mutual benefits for both cities. The cities are Ambon, Indonesia; Anchorage, USA; Dili, Timor Leste; Haikou, China; Kalymnos, Greece and Milikapiti, NT.

City of Darwin has established Friendship City Relationships with five cities based on historical, cultural, and economic ties as well as strategic partnerships to build connections and understanding between these communities for the benefit of the Darwin as a city. The five Friendship Cities are Qingdao, China; Honolulu, USA; Santa Cruz-Galapagos, Ecuador; Guangzhou, China and Shenzhen, China.

City of Darwin also actively participates in the World Cities Summit (WCS). WCS is an exclusive platform for government leaders and industry experts to address liveable and sustainable city challenges, share integrated urban solutions and forge new partnerships. The WCS is anchored by the World Cities Summit Mayors Forum for mayors to discuss pressing urban challenges and share best practices. There is a Smart Cities Workshop as part of the program, which provides a valuable global interface for City of Darwin.

Key Stakeholders

Local

Ratepayers

Residents

Visitors

Retailers and traders (including market traders)

Businesses and industry

Not for profit organisations

Charles Darwin University

Community groups

Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation

Bagot Community

Multicultural and diversity groups and organisations

Defence Force bases located at Berrimah,
Larrakeyah and RAAF Base Darwin

Defence Community Organisation

Northern Territory

All Northern Territory Government Departments

Members of the Northern Territory Parliament

Members of Opposition

Tourism Top End

Property Council NT

Development Consent Authority

Local divisions of industry and advocacy
bodies (for example Planning Institute of
Australia, Australian Hotels Association)

National

Australian Prime Minister

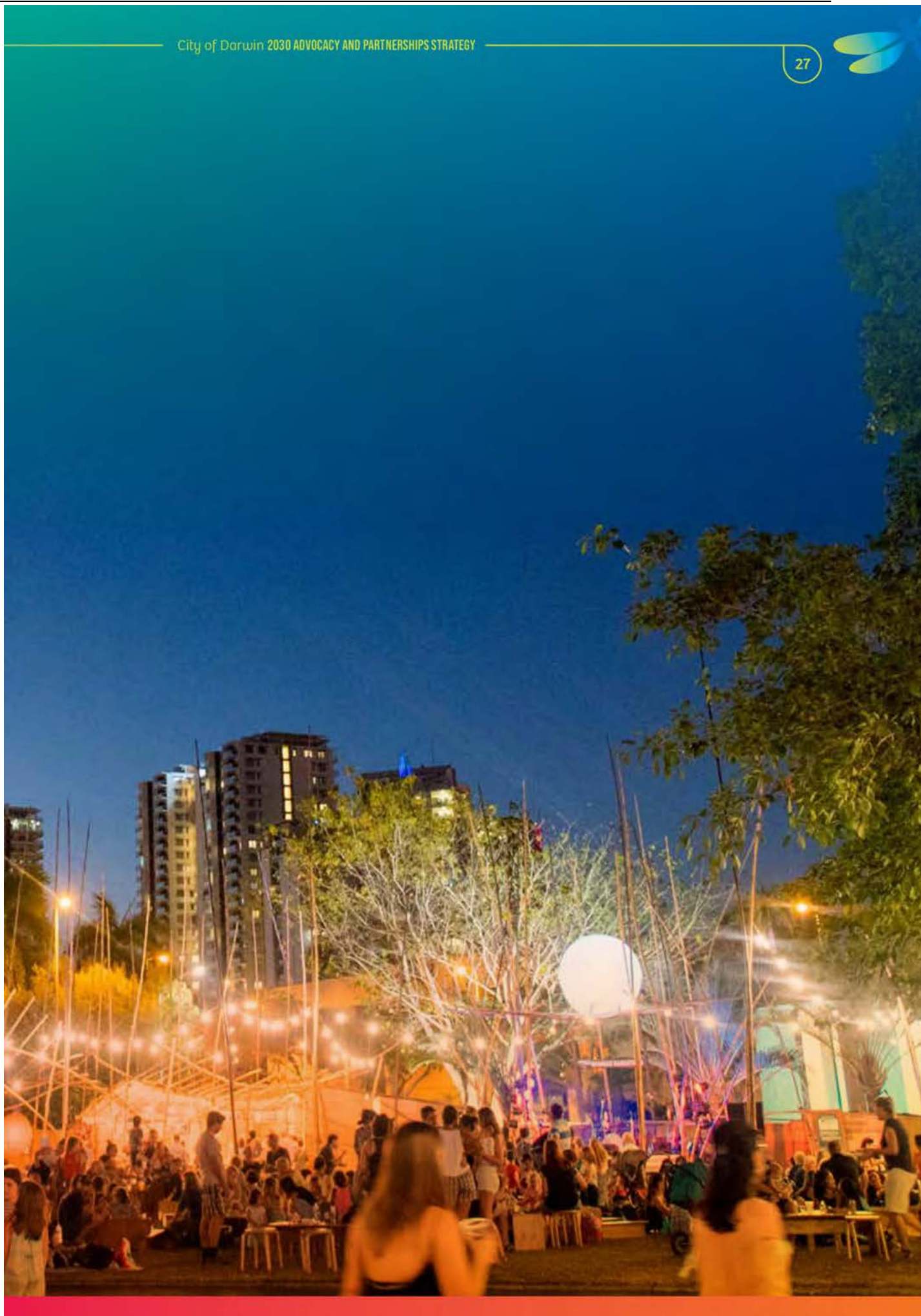
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Department of Defence

All Australian Government Departments

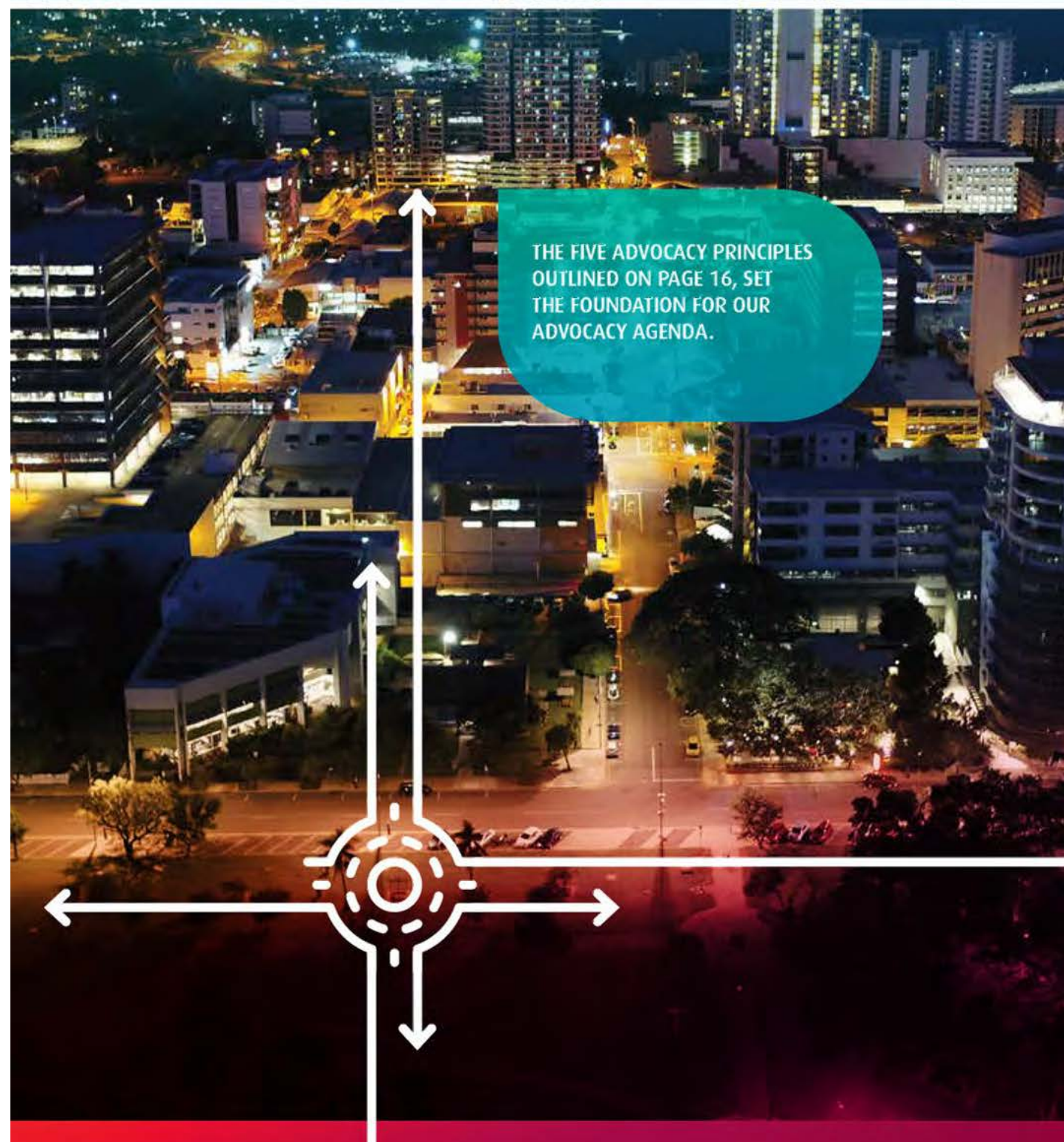
CSIRO

Regional Development Australia



Our Advocacy Agenda

THE FIVE ADVOCACY PRINCIPLES
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THE FOUNDATION FOR OUR
ADVOCACY AGENDA.





OUR ADVOCACY AGENDA IS TO:

Deliver our Darwin 2030 vision

Deliver our Darwin 2030 vision and strategic directions for our community and stakeholders



Influence Darwin's economy

Positively influence the Darwin economy and create jobs and outcomes for the community



Increase grant and funding from other sources

Increase funding for infrastructure and services from other levels of government and stakeholders to benefit the community and meet their needs and aspirations



Influence legislation and policy

Influence Australian and Northern Territory Government legislation policy to improve our city outcomes



Inform our community

Keep our community informed about our advocacy activities through Council reporting



Deliver our Darwin 2030 vision

Deliver our Darwin 2030 vision and strategic directions for our community and stakeholders.

ACTIONS

Priority	Actions	Outcome
Set the advocacy agenda and priorities	Identify the issue, need or aspiration.	Agreed priority advocacy issues and projects
	Understand our community.	
	Refer community submissions, consultation, Council Plan / strategies, policy gaps, Council resolutions	Development of an advocacy priorities document
	Understand the policy landscape	
	Identify connection between Council and Government priorities	Advocacy plans support each activity
	Refer Strategic Project Selection Matrix and Place Score	
Advancement of agreed priority projects	Workshop with SDG and Aldermen to determine priorities	Engagement communications plan supports each priority
	Share priorities within the organisation and with the community	
	Define roles and form individual action plans for each priority	
	Develop communications plan for each priority including produce collateral	

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

Strategic Partners	Responsibility	Frequency
Community members	Council	NTG Priorities agenda
Government (Politicians and Bureaucrats)	Chief Executive Officer	Review twice annually
Regional Partners	Government Relations and External Affairs	with consideration given to known events
Media	General Manager Innovation, Growth and Development Services	

SUPPORTING PRINCIPLES



Engaging our Community



Open and Transparent



Innovative and Agile



Leveraging our Role



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Positively influence the Darwin economy and create jobs and outcomes for the community

ACTIONS

Priority	Actions	Outcome
Agreed messaging and imagery that describes our place and people	Identify and build strong strategic relationships	High level messaging and collateral developed
	Express the City of Darwin's identity and advocacy story in partnership with the community	Local and regional media positively engaged
	Share the City of Darwin story to strengthen understanding and partnerships	
Agreed advocacy partner matrix and relationship plan for relevant key partners	Identify key partners based on importance and quality of relationship	Partnership / stakeholder matrix developed
	Map out a relationship action plan for key partners	Plans in place to effectively manage relationships
	Identify key third parties who may be able to assist, and assign a relationship manager	

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

Strategic Partners	Responsibility	Frequency
Government (politicians and bureaucrats) Community members LGANT Regional Planning Groups Media Business and Industry Service Providers	Strategic Directions Group General Manager Government Relations and External Affairs General Manager Innovation, Growth and Development Services	Review annually

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**Government
for Darwin**



**Engaging our
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**Leveraging
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Increase grant and funding from other sources

Increase funding for infrastructure and services from other levels of government and stakeholders to benefit the community and meet their needs and aspirations

ACTIONS

Priority	Actions	Outcome
City of Darwin projects funded	Identify Territory / Australian Government funding sources and other funding partners	Government funding register developed
		Grant submission calendar developed
	Consider timing in relation to Government budget and policy cycles, policy announcements, election cycles	Action plan and communications plan implemented for each priority
	Assign project manager for each priority	Funding secured
	Implement action plan and communications plan for each priority.	
	Complete grant applications as required	
	Sign funding agreement	

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

Strategic Partners	Responsibility	Frequency
Government (politicians and bureaucrats)	Chief Executive Officer	Ongoing
	Chief Financial Officer	
Community groups	General Manager Government Relations and External Affairs	
Media		

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Leveraging our Role



Influence legislation and policy

Influence Australian and Northern Territory Government legislation, policy to improve our community wellbeing

ACTIONS

Priority	Actions	Outcome
Structured meetings with key advocacy partners and decision makers	<p>Share the City of Darwin story and vision with key decision makers to confirm City of Darwin's aspirations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite key partners / decision makers to meet regularly with our senior representatives • Prepare notes for meetings with relevant decision makers to provide up to date message to influence their decisions • Adopt carefully planned and resourced advocacy campaigns/ actions which could include for example, correspondence, delegations, council resolutions, strategic partnerships, marketing and promotion. 	<p>Minimum of bi-monthly meetings with local Members of Parliament</p> <p>Representation at regional planning level</p> <p>Strengthened relationships with key decision makers</p>

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

Strategic Partners	Responsibility	Frequency
Government (politicians and bureaucrats)	Council Chief Executive Officer	Monthly
Community lobby groups	General Manager Government Relations and External Affairs	
Regional Planning Groups	General Manager Innovation, Growth and Development Services	
Business and Industry		

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ACTIONS

Priority	Actions	Outcome
Measurable improvement in community view of Council's advocacy effort and reputation	Build community trust and confidence in Council	Increased media coverage of advocacy effort
	Share appropriate information of Council's advocacy program with the community	Community involvement when celebrating advocacy success
	Share and celebrate successes with community members	Improved Customer Satisfaction Survey results
	Continue the conversation with community about need and aspirations	
	Produce quarterly advocacy report for SDG and Council	
	Measure results in customer satisfaction survey	

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Strategic Partners	Responsibility	Frequency
Media	CEO	Review annually
Community	General Manager Government Relations & External Affairs	

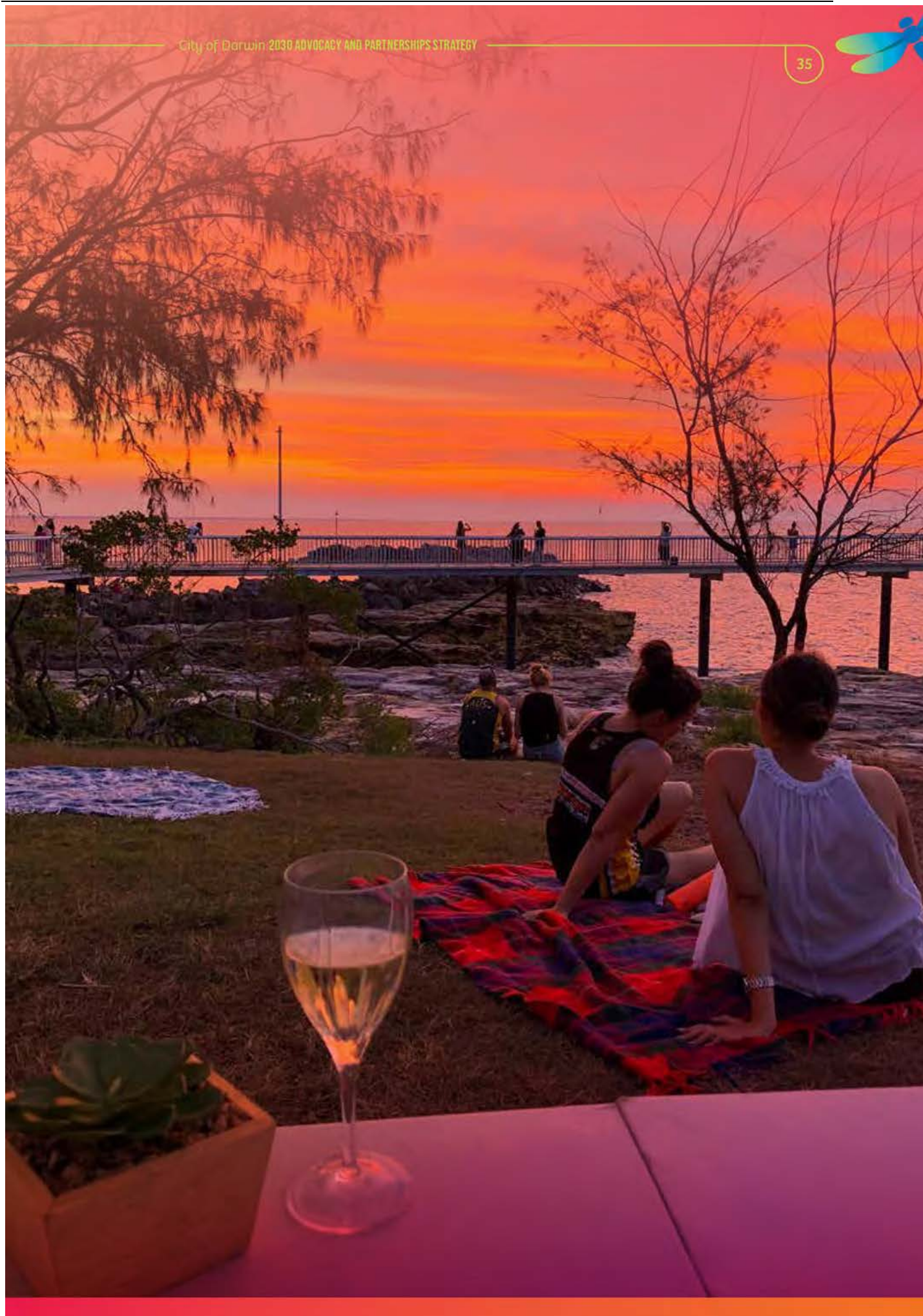
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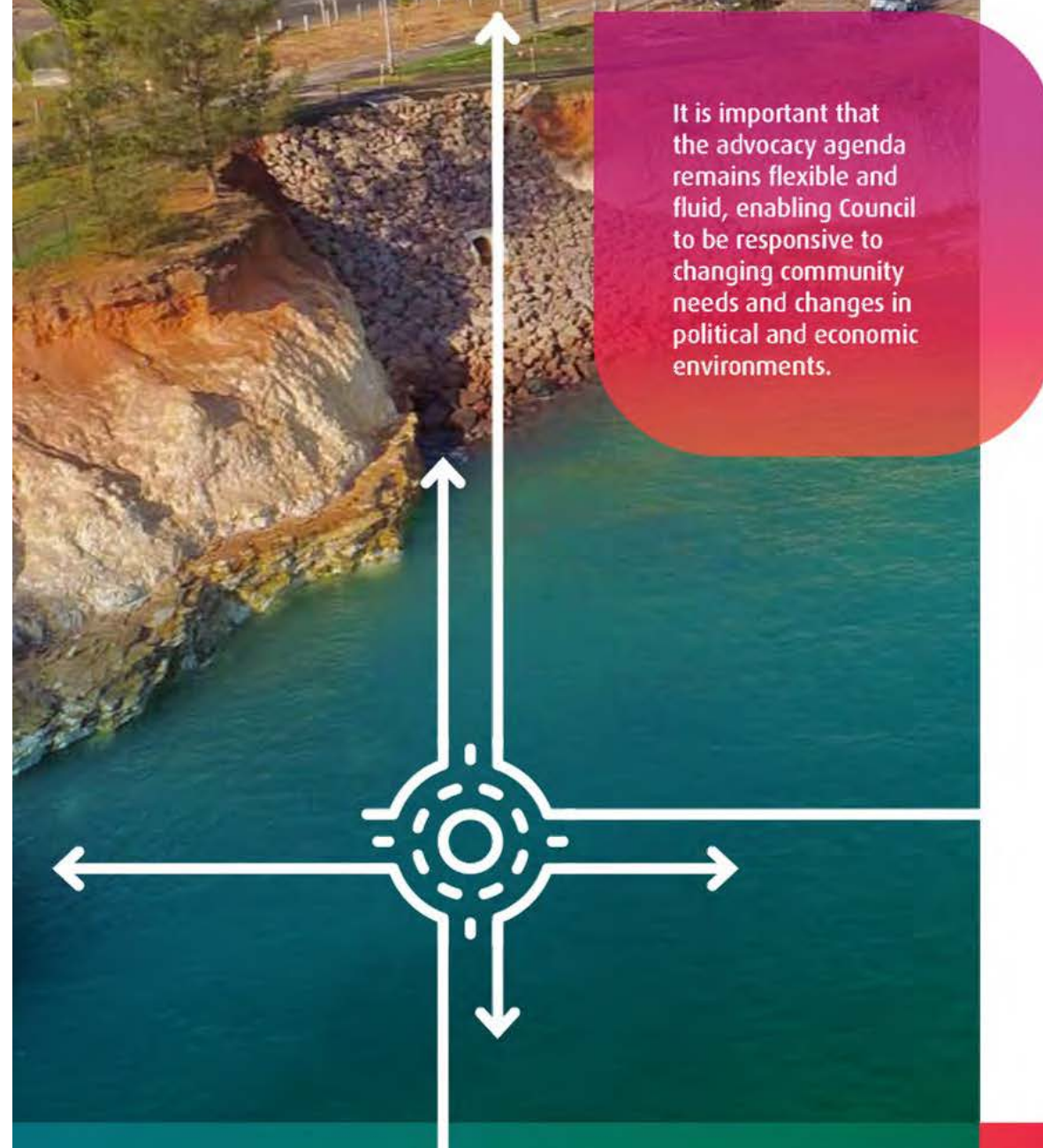
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Our Advocacy Priorities

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Strategic Priority Projects

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The Territory's growth rate is expected to be one of the highest in the country over the next several years and this—coupled with the opportunities presented by the Australian Government's economic stimulus funding for infrastructure development—presents a very positive outlook for Darwin. City of Darwin will use this opportunity to bid for funding to fast-track its long-term capital and strategic projects identified in this plan.

As a result, City of Darwin is seeking to create opportunities to enhance the economic, cultural and environmental sustainability of Darwin. The City will work with the community and partners, provide leadership, and deliver services to achieve these outcomes. As part of this endeavour, the City is seeking investors and funding partners to support the delivery of a number of major projects for the City.

City of Darwin has drawn on the outputs of previous infrastructure planning programs, community consultations and the knowledge of its Elected members—and taken into consideration the Darwin City Deal—to put forward six priority projects that will excite the community, be transformative and draw investment into Darwin to boost its economy and appeal.

Further detail is provided in the City of Darwin Strategic Projects Prospectus.



CASUARINA AQUATIC AND LEISURE CENTRE

Redevelop the Casuarina pool into an all-seasons aquatic, exercise and leisure community precinct.



LAMERLOO BEACH SEASCAPE

A transformation of the underutilised and largely inaccessible lower Esplanade and Lamerloo Beach area into a vibrant logical extension of the iconic Waterfront tourism precinct.



BUNDILLA/VESTHEY'S RESERVE

Opportunity for government-private partnerships to develop a substantial and innovative recreational mixed-use facility to attract tourists, provide economic opportunities and retain residents.



SMART NORTHERN SUBURBS

Establishing technology enabled infrastructure across Darwin's northern suburbs enhancing amenities and enabling data-driven decision making in the management of public assets.



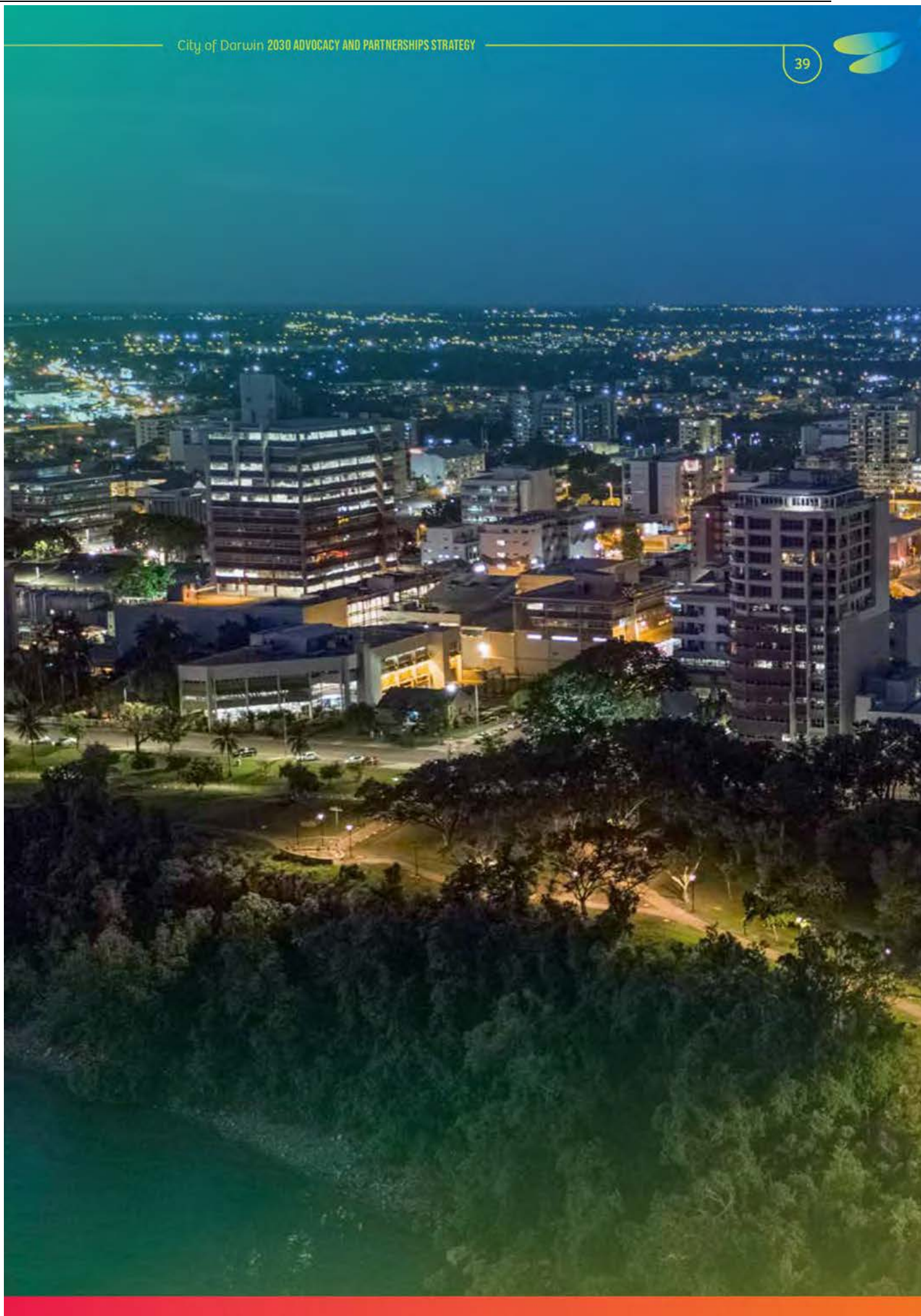
SERVICE COMMERCIALISATION

A project by City of Darwin to establish a commercialisation framework to guide decision making when considering non-rate revenue generation alongside service provision and community need.



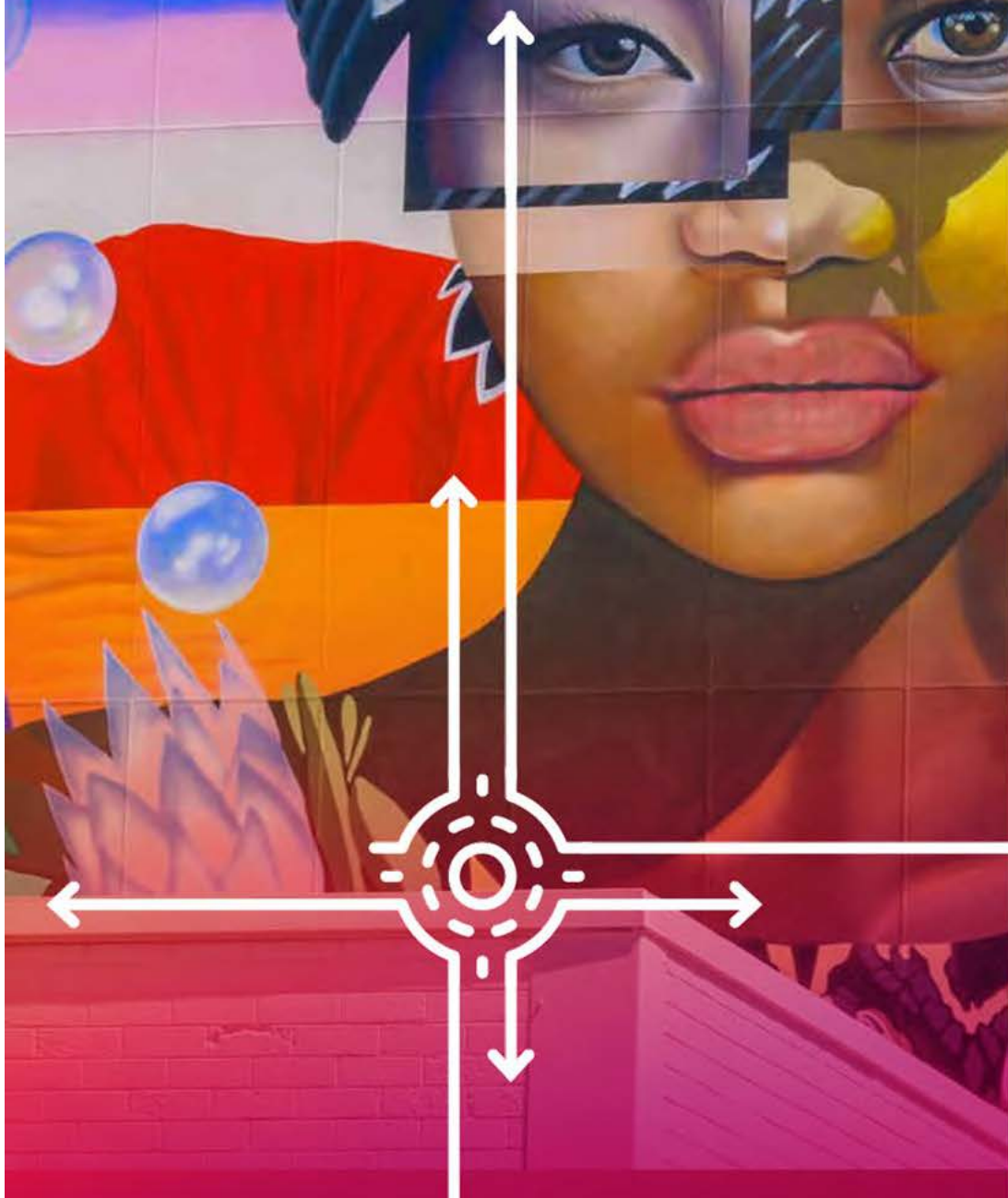
RENEWABLE ENERGY HUBS

Invoking transformative renewable energy generation projects and consumption, emission and waste reduction initiatives across the City of Darwin.



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Our short term advocacy outlook





Major Projects



DICK WARD DRIVE REHABILITATION

The biggest single road project by the City of Darwin involves full pavement rehabilitation, road safety improvements, intersection and storm water upgrades, landscaping and beautification.

\$24.0M
Budget



LEE POINT ROAD DUPLICATION

Lee Point Road lane duplication and footpath upgrades to deliver greater safety and capacity for users of this major commuter route to the expanding far-northern suburbs.

\$10.0M
Budget



MINDIL MARKETS UPGRADE

Modernisation of this iconic tourist attraction with upgrades to public amenities, lighting, road pavements, all-ability beach accessways and the installation of a new playground.

\$8.0M
Budget



NIGHTCLIFF BEACH REDEVELOPMENT

Redevelopment to improve this popular residential destination with upgrades to public amenities and community facilities, including all-ability beach accessways, plus improved lighting and security.

\$8.0M
Budget

**LAKE ALEXANDER UPGRADE**

Upgrades will enable greater use of this recreational area by providing improved public lighting and security, all-ability access to East Point beach, upgrades to road pavement, public amenities, playgrounds and community facilities.

\$7.0M
Budget

**COASTAL EROSION PROTECTION**

Development of a masterplan for climate adaption and the subsequent ongoing coastal erosion mitigation and protection measures required at multiple foreshore locations around Darwin.

\$10.0M
Budget

**GARDENS OVAL UPGRADES**

Upgrades to deliver long-overdue modernising of all facilities and playing surfaces at these much-used ovals as called for by multiple impacted sporting bodies.

\$7.0M
Budget

**NIGHTCLIFF OVAL UPGRADES**

Deliver necessary improvements and upgrades at the oval in support of the increasing use of the facility, particularly into the evening/night once the oval-lights project is complete.

\$5.0M
Budget



SHOAL BAY WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY UPGRADES

Innovative and sustainable upgrades are critical to the ongoing operation of the facility as it enables diversion and commercialisation of green-waste and metals from landfill.

\$10.0M
Budget



DARWIN CITY CENTRE MASTERPLAN UPDATE

Secure tripartite funding to update the Darwin City Centre Master Plan so it continues to be a roadmap positioning Darwin as a vibrant and liveable tropical capital city, supported by a growing population and diversified economy.

\$1.0
Budget



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Acknowledgement of Country

City of Darwin acknowledges the Larrakia people as the traditional owners of all the land and waters of the Greater Darwin region.

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

Often referred to as "Saltwater People", the Larrakia lived, loved, birthed, hunted and survived a life on pristine coastal and inland areas. Established 'song lines' connecting Larrakia people to Country penetrate throughout their land and sea, allowing stories and histories to be told and retold for future generations.

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

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Our Strategic Planning Framework

Darwin 2030 *City for People. City of Colour.*

DELIVERED THROUGH FIVE KEY STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND TARGETS:



A capital city with best practice and sustainable infrastructure

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



A safe, liveable and healthy city

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

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

TARGET: By 2030, Darwin residents will be more active and healthy



A cool, clean and green city

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



A smart and prosperous city

TARGET: By 2030, Darwin will be recognised globally as a Smart City

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



A vibrant and creative city

TARGET: By 2030, Darwin will be recognised as an iconic destination

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

Underpinned by City of Darwin's Governance Framework





Our Strategic Role

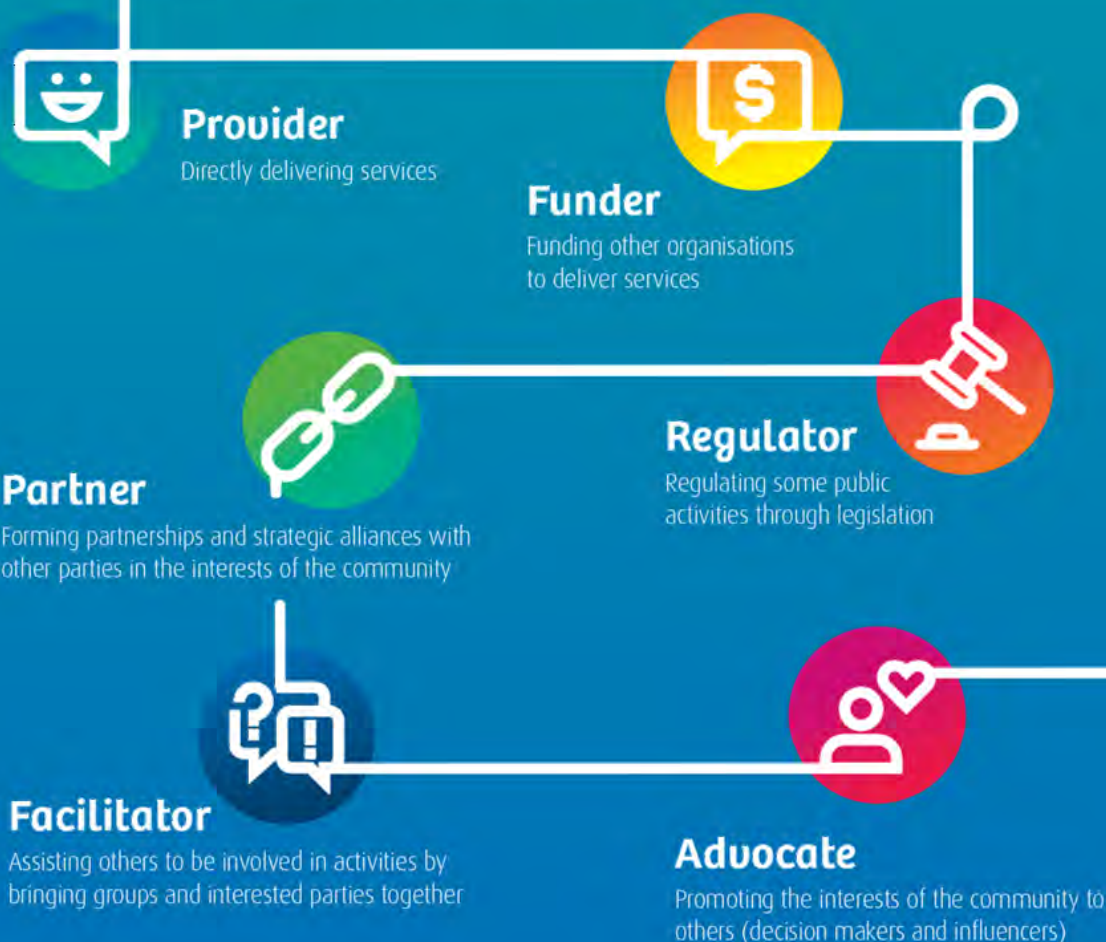
A City whose council collaborates with all levels of government and public/private interests to bring planning goals to reality.

"A city whose residents have confidence in the City of Darwin for being sustainable and accountable, collaborative and for being an effective communicator."

Living Darwin Summit, May 2018

The community have given Council a clear mandate to advocate and partner and have identified this as part of City of Darwin's role to deliver on the Darwin 2030 – *City for People. City of Colour.* Strategic Plan.

CITY OF DARWIN'S STRATEGIC ROLES ARE:





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Why Darwin?

Darwin is the capital of the Northern Territory and Australia's northernmost capital city.
Darwin is the social, cultural and economic heart of the Northern Territory



Strategically Located

Bordering the Timor Sea, Darwin is Australia's closest connection to key trading markets in Asia made accessible through a 24/7 international airport and a large shipping port. The city is primarily a residential, commercial and military area. Host to three Defence bases within the municipality, Darwin holds a strategic location in Australia's defence and national security interests.

Young, Diverse, Vibrant

The population of Darwin is younger than for other Australian capital cities and 7.4% of the population identifies as Indigenous. In addition, many residents were born overseas and speak a language other than English.

Residents enjoy a temperate climate with two European named seasons; the Wet which sees high temperatures and humidity and the Dry which offers cooler temperatures and beautiful sea breezes.



Full of Potential

Darwin is strategically positioned to support the Federal Government's Northern Australia and Asia Pacific agenda. Darwin also has an important role to play in alleviating the pressures being experienced in some of the nation's metropolitan cities as a result of population growth and migration. To enable Darwin and the surrounding regions enormous potential to be realized, investment in enabling infrastructure and projects will be essential. The Federal Government, Northern Territory Government and domestic and international investment in Darwin region will not only support the local community but will deliver benefits for Australia.





Growth Ready

The combination of superior COVID-19 management, economic potential, renewable energy advantages and inclusive society means Darwin is ideally positioned as a growth centre of strategic significance in Northern Australia. However, in order to realise this potential, the City of Darwin requires investment in the infrastructure, innovation and community that will provide the foundations for future growth.



Investment Destination

The City of Darwin is seeking to create opportunities to enhance the economic, cultural and environmental sustainability of Darwin. The city will work with the community and partners, provide leadership and deliver services to achieve these outcomes and is seeking funding partners to achieve these goals.



Exciting Future

The development of this Priority Projects Advocacy Plan from 2021 to 2023 allows all stakeholders and investors to understand the opportunities and future project plans for the City of Darwin as it realises its vision as *City of Colour. City for People.*

Strong History

Darwin's strong history, built from its original inhabitants, the Larrakia, the historical Bombing of Darwin in 1942 and Cyclone Tracy in 1974 have shaped our city. This is why, in the face of natural disasters and historic events such as the 2019 global pandemic we are able to demonstrate resilience and strength from a social, economic and environmental perspective. City of Darwin will utilise our strong history to advocate for an even better future.



Valued Cultural Heritage

As one of the most multicultural cities in Australia, Darwin people value the benefits that cultural heritage brings to the community to create connections, build relationships and celebrate diversity.

Darwin's traditional owners, the Larrakia, are landowners and custodians of the City and are valued stakeholders in Council's advocacy agenda. City of Darwin aims to both respect and celebrate its first nation people and other cultures for the city's future.



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Project Map



Strategic Projects

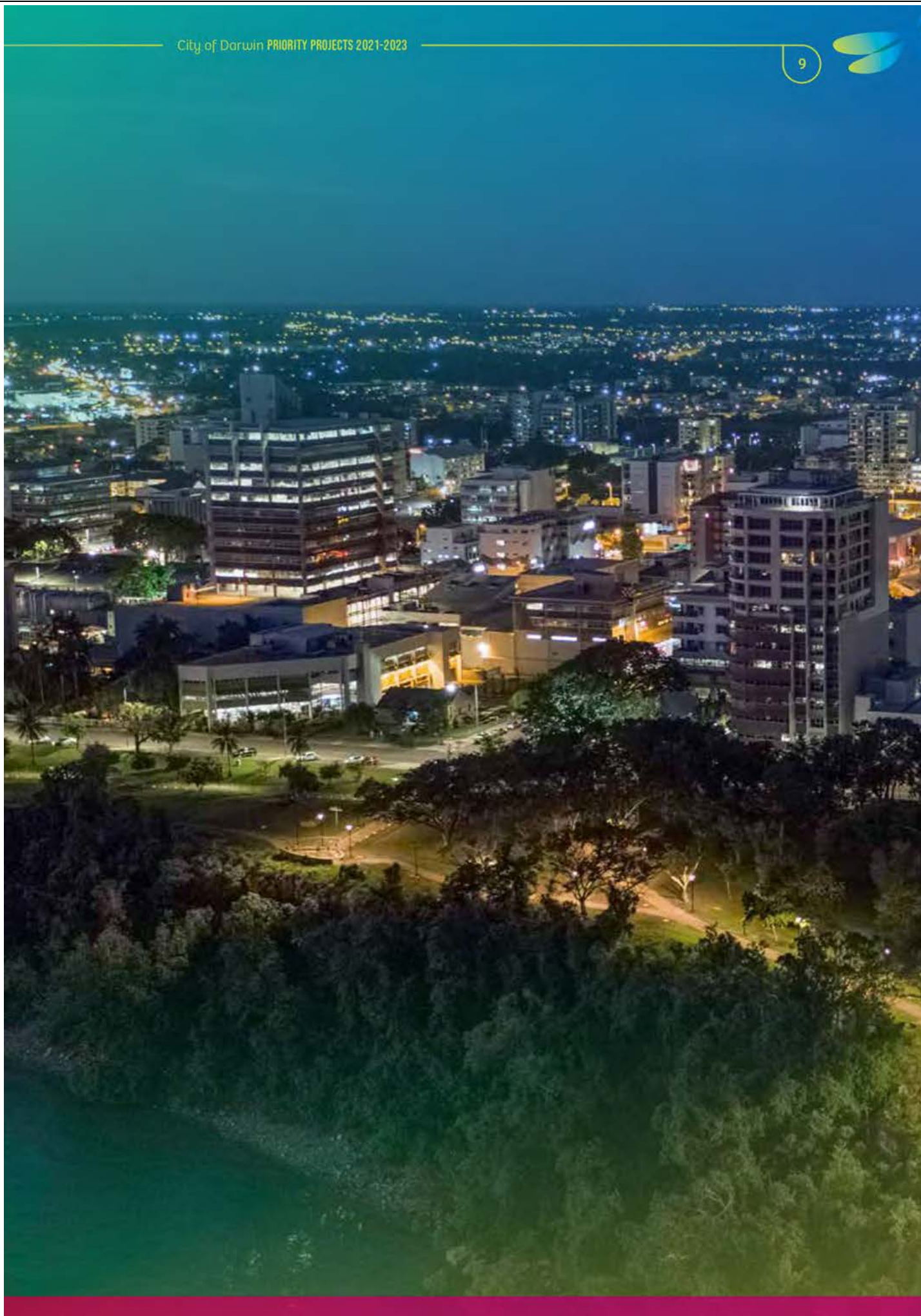
Location Project

1. Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre
2. Lamerloo Beach Seascape
3. Bundilla/Vestey's Reserve
4. Smart Northern Suburbs
5. Service Commercialisation
6. Renewable Energy Hubs

Major Projects

Location Project

- a. Dick Ward Drive Rehabilitation
- b. Lee Point Road Duplication
- c. Mindil Markets Upgrade
- d. Nightcliff Beach Redevelopment
- e. Lake Alexander Upgrade
- f. Coastal Erosion Protection
- g. Gardens Oval Upgrades
- h. Nightcliff Oval Upgrades
- i. Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility Upgrades





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Strategic Priority Projects

It is important that the advocacy agenda remains flexible and fluid, enabling Council to be responsive to changing community needs and changes in political and economic environments.

The Territory's growth rate is expected to be one of the highest in the country over the next several years and this—coupled with the opportunities presented by the Australian Government's economic stimulus funding for infrastructure development—presents a very positive outlook for Darwin. City of Darwin will use this opportunity to bid for funding to fast-track its long-term capital and strategic projects identified in this plan.

As a result, City of Darwin is seeking to create opportunities to enhance the economic, cultural and environmental sustainability of Darwin. The City will work with the community and partners, provide leadership, and deliver services to achieve these outcomes. As part of this endeavour, the City is seeking investors and funding partners to support the delivery of a number of major projects for the City.

City of Darwin has drawn on the outputs of previous infrastructure planning programs, community consultations and the knowledge of its Elected members—and taken into consideration the Darwin City Deal—to put forward six priority projects that will excite the community, be transformative and draw investment into Darwin to boost its economy and appeal.



CASUARINA AQUATIC AND LEISURE CENTRE

Redevelop the Casuarina pool into an all-seasons aquatic, exercise and leisure community precinct.

\$25.0M
Budget



LAMEROOK BEACH SEASCAPE

A transformation of the underutilised and largely inaccessible lower Esplanade and Lamerook Beach area into a vibrant logical extension of the iconic Waterfront tourism precinct.

\$150.0M
Budget



BUNDILLA/VESTEY'S RESERVE

Opportunity for government-private partnerships to develop a substantial and innovative recreational mixed-use facility to attract tourists, provide economic opportunities and retain residents.

\$40.0M
Budget



SMART NORTHERN SUBURBS

Establishing technology enabled infrastructure across Darwin's northern suburbs enhancing amenities and enabling data-driven decision making in the management of public assets.

\$10.0M
Budget



SERVICE COMMERCIALISATION

A project by City of Darwin to establish a commercialisation framework to guide decision making when considering non-rate revenue generation alongside service provision and community need.

\$1.0M
Budget



RENEWABLE ENERGY HUBS

Invoking transformative renewable energy generation projects and consumption, emission and waste reduction initiatives across the City of Darwin.

\$20.0M
Budget



PRIORITY PROJECTS 2021-2023

Strategic Project 1 - Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre

A unique new outdoor aquatic and leisure centre will be pivotal to improving liveability in Darwin's northern suburbs.

City of Darwin is seeking funding from the Australian Government to deliver its largest aquatic facility upgrade project to redevelop the Casuarina Pool into the Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre.

PROJECT LOCATION

Australian Government	Solomon Electorate
Northern Territory Government	Casuarina Electorate
City of Darwin	Richardson Ward

THE ASK

Australian Government	\$7.0M
Northern Territory Government	
City of Darwin	\$17.5M



PROJECT BACKGROUND

Casuarina is a northern suburb of the City of Darwin and is the home of Casuarina Square, the Territory's largest shopping centre. Casuarina is well resourced to support families, young adults and students at Charles Darwin University, with a broad range of commercial and public facilities made accessible by a major bus interchange. Leisure options include a cinema, a sports club, indoor activity and game centres, a library and the Casuarina pool.

The Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre is a project that will transform the space occupied by an under-utilised 70's-vintage lap-pool, into a contemporary, resort-style, youth and family aquatic recreation and leisure facility that is geared toward meeting the health and recreational needs of the resident community and visitors.

The inclusion of a variety of active-play options, picnic and BBQ areas, a café-restaurant, plus indoor community, club and health-oriented spaces, will create an activated, engaging precinct for families, community organisations and businesses alike.

Providing a greater diversity of lifestyle attractions and community engagement opportunities will serve to

enhance the attraction and retention of visitors and residents to Darwin's northern suburbs.

City of Darwin developed masterplans for each of its public swimming pools to provide differentiated appeal, with the focus on competition and training at Parap, and a relaxed tourism lifestyle at Nightcliff. The Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre will therefore complement, rather than compete with, the other built aquatic experiences available throughout the City of Darwin.

Having ready access to safe public swimming options when seeking relief from Darwin's tropical heat is an important community requirement and the physical and mental health benefits it delivers are significant.

Economic benefits will also flow from the project with 320 jobs created, an injection of an estimated \$87m into the economy with a \$19.3m impact on Darwin's GDP.

It is also estimated the facility will deliver improvements to the operational costs in the vicinity of \$300k per annum, resulting in an increased output to the Darwin economy of around \$500k p.a.

City of Darwin is calling for funding from Federal and Territory governments to enable delivery of this pivotal project.



PROJECT HISTORY

Opened in 1977 the Casuarina pool transformed the lives of residents of the newly constructed northern suburbs. At a time when private pool ownership was low, air-conditioned residences rare and youth seeking fun outdoor activities, the pool was a major and highly valued community asset that experienced high use in the first few decades.

Casuarina pool—one of three public pools owned by City of Darwin—was originally intended to be the main regional competition and training venue but was superseded in that capacity with the re-development of the Parap pool from 2015.

City of Darwin undertook broad community consultation between 2016 and 2018 on elements to enhance the appeal of a revised Casuarina Pool strategic redevelopment. It culminated in the Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre masterplan showcasing a reimagined resort-style complex designed to expand the overall aquatic market options in Darwin.

The venue is poised to once again become the focal point of community activity and engagement in the northern suburbs.

THE ISSUE

The Casuarina pool is the only pool in the outer northern suburbs of Darwin. The pool is more than 40 years old and near end of life. This prime real estate is significantly underutilized.

THE VISION

The vision is to create an inviting space where people of all ages and abilities can come together to exercise, socialise, relax or celebrate. Whether you want to cool down and relax with family and friends, enjoy a coffee or practice butterfly, Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre will be a place for everyone. The three pools are the heart of the design, which is linked by a leafy green arbour walkway that acts as a visual guide and central pathway through the site.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre Project will deliver:

- ✓ Eight lane 50m pool
- ✓ Heated six lane 25m pool
- ✓ A "resort-style" pool with graduated entry
- ✓ Shaded 50 metre lap; swimming pool
- ✓ Ample natural and man-made shade
- ✓ Fully accessible facilities
- ✓ Wet and dry play and recreation facilities.
- ✓ Community facilities such as safe, meeting spaces, sport club rooms, exercise facilities, fully inclusive amenities, and allied health facilities.

The Economic Impact

LOCAL INPUT

\$25.0M
Budget

53
Jobs

12
Months

LOCAL OUTPUT

\$48.85M
Output to the
Darwin Economy

132
Jobs
locally

\$18.07M
value add to the
local economy

NT OUTPUT

\$51.51M
Output to the
NT Economy

143
NT jobs

\$19.23M
value add to the
NT economy

NATIONAL OUTPUT

\$80.37M
Output to the
Australia Economy

245
Jobs
nationally

\$31.72M
value add to the
national economy



PRIORITY PROJECTS 2021-2023

Strategic Project 2 - Lameroo Beach Seascape

City of Darwin is seeking funding from the Australian Government to deliver this transformative tourism infrastructure project which will connect Darwin's esplanade foreshore and city centre.

PROJECT LOCATION

Australian Government	Solomon Electorate
Northern Territory Government	Port Darwin Electorate
City of Darwin	Lyons Ward

THE ASK

Australian Government	\$150.0M
Private Investment	Seeking for commercial opportunities



PROJECT BACKGROUND

The growth of Darwin from an economic, social and cultural perspective over the last 30 years cannot be challenged with the standout being a 4.6% pa growth from 2010 to 2020. Darwin has also become a globally recognised tourism destination.

Darwin's city centre offers entertainment, retail, dining and green parks. The Darwin city centre bordered by the blue waters of Darwin Harbour. To the south, the city centre links to the popular Darwin Waterfront precinct, an attractive location for tourists and residents, with a man-made beach, wave pool and parklands surrounded by restaurants and bars. The Waterfront precinct also hosts the cruise ships visiting Darwin.

Whilst the City is developed in other directions, to the west the Esplanade has limited development.

Bicentennial park weaves along the west of the city centre, and with its elevated position offers impressive views of the harbour and views out to the Timor Sea. At the base of Bicentennial Park is the iconic Lameroo Beach. The development of the near shovel-ready Lower Esplanade and Lameroo Baths would be a

key connective element of the City's sense of place as a world class destination and will play a key role in diversifying Darwin's tourism offerings in a pivot towards our domestic markets in the post-COVID world.

The space between the city centre and the harbour offers existing green space to be built upon to harness the beauty and attractiveness of the tropical features of Darwin. City of Darwin sees significant potential and opportunity for investors through the attraction and retention of resident and visitor populations to developments on the western corridor of Darwin CBD. With over one million visitors to the Darwin Waterfront in 2015/16 the potential for locations on the west of the City are high.

The development will be a catalyst for public and private investment in foreshore developments, giving existing business operators the confidence to expand, while attracting unique and contemporary offerings to the area.

There will be \$150.0M spend and approximately 316 direct jobs for the construction sector during construction with a ripple effect of 476 to other sectors such as retail, food and beverage, and manufacturing.



THE ISSUE

The western corridor of the Darwin city centre is underdeveloped, does not provide linkage to the Darwin Waterfront Precinct and there are few walkable connections between all city centre attractions. There is no beach access and for a harbour city there are few opportunities for safe swimming or year-round beach swimming.

THE SOLUTION

Near shovel-ready transformational project providing improved infrastructure and site activation that will help develop new opportunities for local supply chain businesses, revitalise tourism operators and further cement Darwin as the vibrant capital of the north. Improve environmental integrity by making the beachfront more resilient to cyclones and storm surges while increasing urban green space.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Creation of a safe swimming beach (Lameroo beach) in the cove below Parliament House. A sea wall would be required to keep poisonous jellyfish and crocodiles out of the swimming area.

Beachfront amenities such as public toilets, change rooms, surf lifesaving facilities and an iconic restaurant/café would also need to be developed.

Boardwalks creating connections from Centennial Park and Doctors Gully would also be constructed.

The project promises to deliver an attractive and connected location for tourists and residents with a man-made beach and associated amenities surrounded by green space and dining facilities.

The Lameroo Beach Seascape Project will deliver:

- ✓ A safe swimming area / manmade beach (Lameroo Beach)
- ✓ A new sea wall to protect swimmers from poisonous jellyfish and crocodiles
- ✓ Beachfront amenities such as public toilets and change rooms
- ✓ Surf lifesaving facilities
- ✓ A new iconic restaurant / café
- ✓ Boardwalks connecting Bicentennial Park and Doctors Gully
- ✓ An attractive tourist destination
- ✓ Enhanced green spaces in the city centre

The Economic Impact

LOCAL INPUT



LOCAL OUTPUT



NT OUTPUT



NATIONAL OUTPUT





PRIORITY PROJECTS 2021-2023

Strategic Project 3 - Bundilla/Vestey's Reserve

City of Darwin is seeking funding through a public / private partnership arrangement to develop unique public spaces on land adjacent to Darwin Harbour's Fannie Bay.

PROJECT LOCATION

Australian Government	Solomon Electorate
Northern Territory Government	Fannie Bay Electorate
City of Darwin	Chan Ward

THE ASK

Australian Government	\$10.0M
Northern Territory Government	\$10.0M
City of Darwin	Contribution to be determined
Private Investment	\$20.0M



PROJECT BACKGROUND

Bundilla Beach (Vestey's Reserve), offering more than 200,000 square metres of public open space, is a parcel of coastal land in Fannie Bay, just to the north of Darwin's famous Mindil Beach. The reserve includes a 1.75 Ha man-made lake, various walking and cycling tracks, a playground, seating and barbeque areas.

Bundilla Beach is a gently curving 2.2km stretch of foreshore extending north from Bullocky Point near the Museum and Art Gallery of the NT. Located between the Darwin Ski Club and Darwin Sailing Club, the beach has a 100m wide moderately steep high tide section, then a 400m wide tidal flat.

City of Darwin is pursuing investment that develops a substantive recreational facility whilst also strengthening and enhancing the natural values of the area. Improvement to existing amenities and any development of social infrastructure would be compatible with community expectations and would recognize and commemorate the history and Aboriginal cultural connection to the area.

The precinct has the opportunity to leverage its proximity to Mindil beach and the Mindil Beach Casino Resort to attract and retain the Darwin tourist market. This is also a unique opportunity to develop a large area of land close to the ocean as a drawcard to Darwin and the Territory of the nearby Asian market.

In addition to tourists, City of Darwin aims for the development to also meet the needs and wants of residents in the Darwin municipality and wider Darwin region. A new and innovative recreational facility provides a new and unique recreational space to attract and retain residents in the region seeking a greater range of facilities for recreation, community gathering and networking and leisure spaces.

Development ideas that would be suitable for exploration include; establishment of a facility utilising the existing beach; a small-scale hospitality development with outdoor eateries and cafés; development of park lands, playgrounds and open green space.



PROJECT HISTORY

In 2016, City of Darwin sought community insights into the value of the area, issues and views on future development. Environmental, social, historical and cultural values of the area were identified as important themes while issues regarding anti-social elements and poor maintenance detracted from the amenity and enjoyment of the reserve.

Future developments needed to enhance the areas natural 'green space' values, improve or add to the existing social infrastructure, recognise the areas rich history and Aboriginal cultural connections while working to fix the anti-social behaviour.

In 2021, City of Darwin will establish a dog-park in the area.

THE ISSUE

Bundilla Beach (Vestey's Reserve) is a beautiful parcel of public coastal land in Darwin that has not been utilised to its full potential for the community of Darwin.

THE SOLUTION

Bundilla Beach (Vestey's Reserve) development seeks to improve the existing social infrastructure and provides some new infrastructure that supports the enjoyment of the area whilst protecting this green space in Darwin's growing urban environment and recognises the Aboriginal culture and connection to the area.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Bundilla Beach (Vestey's Reserve) Development Project will deliver:

- ✓ A substantive water-based recreational opportunity for private investment
- ✓ Choices for residents and visitors to Darwin by adding variety to Darwin's aquatic infrastructure and recreational spaces
- ✓ Community facilities including café and restaurant

The Economic Impact

LOCAL INPUT

\$40.0M
Budget

84
Jobs

12
Months

LOCAL OUTPUT

\$78.17M
Output to the
Darwin Economy

211
Jobs
locally

\$28.92M
value add to the
local economy

NT OUTPUT

\$82.41M
Output to the
NT Economy

229
NT Jobs

\$30.77M
value add to the
NT economy

NATIONAL OUTPUT

\$128.59M
Output to the
Australia Economy

392
Jobs
nationally

\$50.76M
value add to the
national economy



PRIORITY PROJECTS 2021-2023

Strategic Project 4 - Smart Northern Suburbs

City of Darwin is seeking funding from the Australian and Northern Territory Governments to expand #SmartDarwin to the whole of the Municipality, commencing with the northern suburbs.

PROJECT LOCATION

Australian Government	Solomon Electorate
Northern Territory Government	Fannie Bay, Nightcliff, Johnston, Wanguri, Casuarina, Sanderson, Karama and Fong Lim Electorates
City of Darwin	Richardson, Chan and Waters Wards

THE ASK

Australian Government	\$5.0M (Smart Cities Plan)
Northern Territory Government	\$2.5M
City of Darwin	\$2.5M



PROJECT BACKGROUND

As the capital of Northern Australia, Darwin is a smart, liveable, productive and sustainable global city and Australia's gateway to South East Asia.

Through data-driven decisions, people-oriented design and increased public participation, City of Darwin is a destination of choice for businesses, investors, workers, visitors and residents.

To ensure the city's attributes and emerging opportunities are capitalised on, City of Darwin has developed #SmartDarwin—its first Smart City Strategy—to drive a new wave of prosperity that is supported by 21st century approaches to business, governance and community development. This is in line with the Australian government Smart Cities Plan and Smart Cities and Suburb Program which supports projects that apply innovative technology-based solutions to urban challenges.

#SmartDarwin provides a framework for governments, industries, and the community to overcome today's challenges whilst leveraging tomorrow's opportunities, ensuring the city is prepared for a digitally and data-enabled future.

#SmartDarwin will also enable City of Darwin to focus on improving service delivery to the community by increasing the quality of life for all residents, protecting the natural environment and ensuring that opportunities to succeed are ubiquitous across the community.

Phase 1 of the City of Darwin's #SmartDarwin strategy includes the roll-out of technologies and systems that build the capacity of the City to collect, store, analyse and use big data, including smart street lighting, public Wi-Fi, CCTV, parking sensors, environmental sensors, platforms and analytics to enhance the use of data.

The City of Darwin commenced phase 1 of the #SmartDarwin strategy in 2019 by deploying smart city technology across the CBD. To extend the potential of the #SmartDarwin across the municipality, smart city technology will be deployed across the city to the Northern Suburbs as a subsequent stage of the project.



PROJECT HISTORY

"Darwin smart sensors key to improving health"
Dr Erin Dunne - Darwin Living Lab

The Darwin Living Lab is a 10-year collaboration between CSIRO, the Australian and Territory Governments and City of Darwin. It will test and evaluate urban innovation ideas from the Territory and around the world in 'real world' experiments.

A network of smart sensors around Darwin provides localised information on heat, humidity, rain, noise and smoke pollution empowering people to manage their exposure and look after their health using real-time data from the AirRater app.

"There's a lot of work on the health cost of extreme heat and smoke pollution. Indigenous people, asthmatics, and outdoor workers can be particularly vulnerable."

But it's not just a health issue, it's also about liveability and the data will play a pivotal role in making informed decisions on the effectiveness of heat mitigation and other greening strategies to support Darwin to become cooler, more energy and water-efficient and better able to cope with future climate challenges.

THE ISSUE

Darwin has faced a number of challenges, including slowing economic and population growth and increased safety concerns.

THE SOLUTION

The solution is to promote vibrancy and activation across Darwin's northern suburbs after the successful deployment of smart city technology across the Darwin CBD. Switching on the northern suburbs allows Council to Council to understand and plan infrastructure to mitigate heat, enhance public space participation and safety, improve service delivery and provide connectivity for people. These outcomes position Darwin as a data-driven, smart and prosperous city.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Smart Northern Suburbs Project will deliver:

- ✓ New smart city technology deployed across Darwin's northern suburbs
- ✓ Installation of environmental sensors and lighting upgrades
- ✓ Expanded CCTV networks across the city to enhance public safety
- ✓ Utilisation of data to enhance planning and coordination of parks and recreational facilities
- ✓ Utilisation of data to enhance planning and coordination of the green and wildlife corridors

The Economic Impact

LOCAL INPUT

\$10.0M
Budget

40
Jobs

6
Months

LOCAL OUTPUT

\$19.54M
Output to the
Darwin Economy

53
Jobs
locally

\$7.23M
value add to the
local economy

NT OUTPUT

\$20.6M
Output to the
NT Economy

57
NT jobs

\$7.69M
value add to the
NT economy

NATIONAL OUTPUT

\$32.15M
Output to the
Australia Economy

98
Jobs
nationally

\$12.69M
value add to the
national economy



PRIORITY PROJECTS 2021-2023

Strategic Project 5 - Service Commercialisation

City of Darwin will fund a business case to consider opportunities to commercialise business activities and will seek private investment to partner with City of Darwin to implement opportunities.

PROJECT LOCATION

Australian Government	Solomon Electorate
Northern Territory Government	City of Darwin
City of Darwin	City of Darwin

THE ASK

City of Darwin	\$1.0M
Private Investment	Seeking for commercial opportunities



PROJECT BACKGROUND

Council has four areas of asset classes and operations that provide a semi-commercial return, including waste management, property, car parking and streetlight assets.

To ensure the best management of the City's assets and strategic approaches to funding future developments in the City, it is prudent to consider opportunities to commercialise business activities and establish a dedicated commercial unit within the Council. A unit would provide the framework through which the Council can leverage opportunities to capitalise on development, commercial and funding opportunities.

The funding constraints that have been piled on to local authorities over the last few years have caused a significant amount of difficulty for finance managers, but this pressure has also acted as a driver for creative solutions right across the country.

Stripping away waste and ensuring services are delivered efficiently, with optimal value for money is, simply put, a good idea, but as funds continue to dwindle, councils must look for more enterprising approaches in order to balance their budgets. Many are looking beyond service efficiencies and actively seek new revenue streams.

As a concept for delivering public services, 'commercialisation' is by no means a new idea, but how it has been

interpreted and adopted over the years has varied widely. It comes down to income generation or, at least, a return on investment. This can take several forms, from establishing partnerships with commercial organisations, to council's setting up independent, autonomous profit-making companies.

Innovation must be allowed to bridge the increasing funding gap and, providing any corporate strategy is developed with due regard to existing Council policies and social inclusion minimums when delivering its services, commercialisation has its place in today's local government landscape.

Commercialisation provides a structured approach to the generation and diversification of non-rate revenue for the City of Darwin. Consideration of revenue streams by the City of Darwin is important to reduce the burden of service provision on rate payers, enable the City to continue to respond to the expectations of the community for quality services, and to counter risks of cost shifting to local governments.



PROJECT HISTORY

City of Darwin are responsible for the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility and awarded contracts to four private enterprises to commercially operate interconnected parts of the facility; Waste Management, Recycle Shop, Mulch Generation, and Methane Power conversion.

Veolia are recognised as world leaders in environmental services, and the contract highlights City of Darwin's commitment to improving the sustainability outcomes for the local community. The new partnerships are a major win for the City, resulting in greater efficiency in operating costs, and a range of improved sustainability outcomes through increased diversion of recyclable waste from landfill, the production of organic composting products for local markets and energy generation for the site and community.

City of Darwin declared a climate emergency in 2019 and lead change in this area by integrating sustainable principals into its operations and encouraging recycling and reuse of materials to promote a circular local economy.

THE ISSUE

With diminishing budgets and rising demands local government service delivery is getting more and more challenged.

THE SOLUTION

Commercialisation results in improved outcomes such as greater efficiency, higher quality of service, a clearer focus on customers and better value for money whilst retaining important social objectives.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Service Commercialisation Project will deliver:

- ✓ a structured and strategic approach to the management of the City's commercial assets
- ✓ development of a framework to guide decision making to for non-rate revenue

The following will be considered in relation to the commercialisation review:

- ✓ Acquisition mix of residential, commercial and industrial properties
- ✓ Divestment or development of identified City owned land
- ✓ Investment of seed capital to encourage development
- ✓ Increase commercial viability of existing facilities (better utilisation)
- ✓ Retention of financially viable land holdings
- ✓ Delivery of services and provision of infrastructure
- ✓ Creation of new business opportunities; and
- ✓ Improvement of existing business service.

The Economic Impact

LOCAL INPUT



LOCAL OUTPUT



NT OUTPUT



NATIONAL OUTPUT





PRIORITY PROJECTS 2021-2023

Strategic Project 6 - Renewable Energy Hubs

City of Darwin is seeking funding from the Australian and Northern Territory Governments and private investment to deliver a renewable energy hub which will position Council to realise its renewable energy targets for Darwin.

PROJECT LOCATION

Australian Government	Solomon Electorate
Northern Territory Government	City of Darwin
City of Darwin	City of Darwin

THE ASK

Australian Government	\$10.0M
Northern Territory Government	Contribution to be requested
City of Darwin	\$10.0M
Private Investment	Seeking for commercial opportunities



PROJECT BACKGROUND

Globally there are increasing commitments to emission reductions and an increasing focus on the importance of addressing climate change. The Australian government has pledged to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 26-28 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030. The NT government has committed to a renewable energy target of 50 per cent by 2030.

The City of Darwin is a major user of electricity, with an annual spend of approximately \$2 million on electricity and is keen to develop strategies to reduce its overall energy bill and reduce its Greenhouse Gas footprint. The Council's Climate Emergency Strategy aims for the City to reduce its carbon footprint, through multiple efforts, including conversion to renewable energies. The City recognises that there is a greater opportunity for Council to lead the community in reducing carbon emissions and creating renewable energy. The City will strategically utilise its assets, facilities and technologies to achieve this change.

The City of Darwin has implemented a number of strategies to reduce its carbon footprint, including the establishment of the first waste to energy facility in a tropical region, at the City's Shoal Bay waste management precinct. The Darwin Renewable energy facility created in partnership with Landfill Management Services produces electricity from methane gas harvested from the landfill, which powers 1,000 Darwin homes. The City has also installed solar panels on Council assets to generate electricity as well as implementing behaviour change initiatives targeting staff members.

The City of Darwin wishes to develop renewable energy hubs which will provide an analysis of opportunities, a renewable energy target and a plan for achievement of this target over the next 10 years. The hub whilst reducing the City of Darwin's energy footprint will provide innovation and research that can be used more broadly across the Northern Territory.



PROJECT HISTORY

Large scale solar installations are becoming more prevalent throughout Darwin as the private sector leads the way in offsetting and reducing carbon emissions using renewable energy technology.

Casuarina Shopping Centre, operated by the GPT Group, boasts Australia's largest roof-top solar system at 1.25MW while the Darwin Airport Corporation has two airside solar farms and various rooftop arrays totalling over 6MW—soon to be over 10MW—which last financial year produced 8,297 MWh of renewable energy—enough to support 84 per cent of the airport operations, including the terminal.

THE ISSUE

City of Darwin under its Climate Emergency Strategy is aiming to reduce its carbon footprint, through multiple efforts, including conversion to renewable energies.

THE SOLUTION

The solution is to reduce the City of Darwin's carbon footprint, show leadership and urgency in taking climate change action in Darwin and use innovation to transition to a reduced carbon emission state.

The City of Darwin will strategically utilise its assets, facilities and technology to achieve this change.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Renewable Energy Hubs Project will deliver:

- ✓ A renewable energy hub
- ✓ Installation of rooftop solar across Council buildings and facilities
- ✓ Investment in smart and clean technologies to reduce power use, emissions and waste
- ✓ Provision of Council land holdings for solar farm investment and development
- ✓ Application of waste to energy technologies.

The Economic Impact

LOCAL INPUT



LOCAL OUTPUT



NT OUTPUT



NATIONAL OUTPUT





PRIORITY PROJECTS 2021-2023

Major Projects



DICK WARD DRIVE REHABILITATION

The biggest single road project by the City of Darwin involves full pavement rehabilitation, road safety improvements, intersection and storm water upgrades, landscaping and beautification.

\$24.0M
Budget



LEE POINT ROAD DUPLICATION

Lee Point Road lane duplication and footpath upgrades to deliver greater safety and capacity for users of this major commuter route to the expanding far-northern suburbs.

\$10.0M
Budget



MINDIL MARKETS UPGRADE

Modernisation of this iconic tourist attraction with upgrades to public amenities, lighting, road pavements, all-ability beach accessways and the installation of a new playground.

\$8.0M
Budget



NIGHTCLIFF BEACH REDEVELOPMENT

Redevelopment to improve this popular residential destination with upgrades to public amenities and community facilities, including all-ability beach accessways, plus improved lighting and security.

\$8.0M
Budget

**LAKE ALEXANDER UPGRADE**

Upgrades will enable greater use of this recreational area by providing improved public lighting and security, all-ability access to East Point beach, upgrades to road pavement, public amenities, playgrounds and community facilities.

\$7.0M
Budget

**COASTAL EROSION PROTECTION**

Development of a masterplan for climate adaption and the subsequent ongoing coastal erosion mitigation and protection measures required at multiple foreshore locations around Darwin.

\$10.0M
Budget

**GARDENS OVAL UPGRADES**

Upgrades to deliver long-overdue modernising of all facilities and playing surfaces at these much-used ovals as called for by multiple impacted sporting bodies.

\$7.0M
Budget

**NIGHTCLIFF OVAL UPGRADES**

Deliver necessary improvements and upgrades at the oval in support of the increasing use of the facility, particularly into the evening/night once the oval-lights project is complete.

\$5.0M
Budget



PRIORITY PROJECTS 2021-2023



SHOAL BAY WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY UPGRADES

Innovative and sustainable upgrades are critical to the ongoing operation of the facility as it enables diversion and commercialisation of green-waste and metals from landfill.



\$10.0M

Budget



DARWIN CITY CENTRE MASTERPLAN UPDATE

Secure tripartite funding to update the Darwin City Centre Master Plan so it continues to be a roadmap positioning Darwin as a vibrant and liveable tropical capital city, supported by a growing population and diversified economy.



\$1.0

Budget





PRIORITY PROJECTS 2021-2023

Major Project 1 – Dick Ward Drive Rehabilitation

City of Darwin is seeking funding from the Australian and Northern Territory Governments to deliver its single biggest road project to rehabilitate Dick Ward Drive as a major commuter connection between the Darwin City Centre and northern suburbs.

PROJECT LOCATION

Australian Government	Solomon Electorate
Northern Territory Government	Fannie Bay Electorate
City of Darwin	Chan Ward

ASK

\$24.0M
TBD
TBD



THE ISSUE

Dick Ward Drive is a major commuter connection between Darwin city centre and the northern suburbs for both vehicles and cyclists. The road crosses environmentally significant mangroves and ends at the picturesque Fannie Bay.

The road pavement is 40 years old and has reached the end of its life.

THE VISION

The vision is to create a key route which boosts Darwin's resilience during tropical storms and cyclones

through storm water system upgrades, improved connectivity and pedestrian and cyclist safety through intersection upgrades and a green and beautified route.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Dick Ward Drive Rehabilitation Project will deliver:

- ✓ XX km of full pavement rehabilitation
- ✓ road safety improvements
- ✓ four intersection upgrades
- ✓ storm water system upgrades

The Economic Impact

LOCAL INPUT



LOCAL OUTPUT



NT OUTPUT



NATIONAL OUTPUT



Major Project 2 – Lee Point Road Duplication

City of Darwin is seeking funding from the Australian and Northern Territory Governments to duplicate Lee Point Road to improve safety and prepare for future growth in Darwin's northern suburbs.

PROJECT LOCATION

Australian Government	Solomon Electorate	\$5.0M
Northern Territory Government	Casuarina and Wanguri Electorates	\$1.7M
City of Darwin	Richardson Ward	\$3.3M

ASK



THE ISSUE

Lee Point Road is an important commuter route for Darwin's northern suburbs for all road users. Darwin's northern suburbs are experiencing higher than average population growth with the construction of a new residential development in Lyons and Muirhead putting pressure on the existing road.

THE SOLUTION

Capacity enhancing works which improve the safety and amenity of this major road which takes into consideration the higher development density and accommodate for the growth and demand on the existing infrastructure.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Lee Point Road Duplication Project will deliver:

- ✓ 3.5km of full pavement rehabilitation
- ✓ 3.5 km of new road
- ✓ rehabilitation and duplication of Lee Point Road between Asche Street and Lee Point Beach car park
- ✓ Intersection improvements
- ✓ Footpath / shared path upgrades
- ✓ Improved safety and amenity of major arterial road
- ✓ Developer contribution plan supporting the Lee Point Road upgrades

The Economic Impact

LOCAL INPUT

\$10.0M
Budget

40
Jobs

6
Months

LOCAL OUTPUT

\$19.54M
Output to the
Darwin Economy

53
Jobs
locally

\$7.23M
value add to the
local economy

NT OUTPUT

\$20.6M
Output to the
NT Economy

57
NT jobs

\$7.69M
value add to the
NT economy

NATIONAL OUTPUT

\$32.15M
Output to the
Australia Economy

98
Jobs
nationally

\$12.69M
value add to the
national economy



PRIORITY PROJECTS 2021-2023

Major Project 3 – Mindil Markets Upgrade

City of Darwin is seeking funding from the Australian and Northern Territory Governments to upgrade the Mindil Markets site to better attract people to this iconic tourist site and upgrade amenity of the site.

PROJECT LOCATION

Australian Government	Solomon Electorate
Northern Territory Government	Fannie Bay Electorate
City of Darwin	Chan Ward

ASK

\$8.0M
TBD
TBD



THE ISSUE

Mindil Beach is a large green reserve that runs adjacent to the most well-known beach in Darwin. Mindil Beach Sunset Market is the heart of Darwin's cultural melting pot and truly epitomizes the multicultural nature of Darwin. The market is Darwin's largest running along the foreshore of Mindil Beach, famous for its stunning sunset over the Timor Sea.

The site is also popular for community events, fun runs and festivals.

This site does not cater for people with disabilities or recognize the indigenous significance of the site whilst also being. The site has not been upgraded for quite some time.

THE SOLUTION

Enhance this iconic tourist attraction by recognizing the significance of this sacred site to the local Larrakia

people. to this iconic tourist attraction.

People of all abilities can access and enjoy Mindil Beach.

The Market is updated to provide further support and opportunity to Darwin and regional NT artists from all genres of creative and performing arts to showcase their talent alongside the congregation of over 200 unique stalls.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Mindil Markets Upgrade Project will deliver:

- ✓ Upgrades to public amenities
- ✓ Upgrades to public and security lighting
- ✓ New road pavements
- ✓ New playground
- ✓ Various beach access updates and treatments
- ✓ Recognising the cultural significance of the site

The Economic Impact

LOCAL INPUT



LOCAL OUTPUT



NT OUTPUT



NATIONAL OUTPUT



Major Project 4 – Nightcliff Beach Redevelopment

City of Darwin is seeking funding from the Australian and Northern Territory Governments to deliver enhanced community infrastructure and amenity along the Nightcliff Beach and foreshore.

PROJECT LOCATION

Australian Government	Solomon Electorate
Northern Territory Government	Nightcliff Electorate
City of Darwin	Chan Ward

ASK

\$8.0M
TBD
TBD



THE ISSUE

Nightcliff Foreshore is a stretch of stunning coastline 10km north of the city and a local favourite for festivals, recreation, exercise and al fresco dining. There are bike paths, outdoor exercise equipment, a pool, café and even food trucks and open-air restaurants.

The area is not adequately lit at night for public safety and people with disabilities are unable to access the beach.

THE SOLUTION

The solution is to enhance the use of what exists along the foreshore of Nightcliff. The long footpath used for walking and cycling can be used later in the evening

after work. People of all abilities will be able to access well known places such as the Nightcliff Jetty and Nightcliff Beach.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Nightcliff Beach Redevelopment Project will deliver:

- ✓ Improved amenity
- ✓ Improved public lighting and public safety
- ✓ Increased investment in Darwin's suburbs
- ✓ Improved access for pedestrians of all abilities to access the beach
- ✓ Upgraded public amenities and community facilities

The Economic Impact

LOCAL INPUT



LOCAL OUTPUT



NT OUTPUT



NATIONAL OUTPUT





PRIORITY PROJECTS 2021-2023

Major Project 5 – Lake Alexander Upgrade

City of Darwin is seeking funding from the Australian and Northern Territory Governments to redevelop Lake Alexander as a popular community recreation destination so that it can be used all year round.

PROJECT LOCATION

Australian Government	Solomon Electorate
Northern Territory Government	Fannie Bay Electorate
City of Darwin	Chan Ward

ASK

\$7.0M
TBD
TBD



THE ISSUE

Lake Alexander is a man-made lake named in honour of Alec Fong Lim who was Lord Mayor of Darwin from 1984 to 1990. The lake was officially opened on the 21 July 1991 for recreational use by the people of Darwin. Lake Alexander is a popular location for recreation activities, both in the water and around the shores.

The area is not adequately lit at night for public safety and people with disabilities are unable to access the East Point beach.

The playgrounds and community facilities need to be upgraded.

THE SOLUTION

The solution is to enhance the use of what exists in the Lake Alexander Recreation Area. Recreational activities can be used later in the evening after work. People of all abilities will be able to access the East Point Beach.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- ✓ The Lake Alexander Upgrade Project will deliver:
- ✓ Upgrades to road pavement
- ✓ Upgrades to public amenities
- ✓ Playground upgrades
- ✓ Improved community facilities
- ✓ Improved public lighting and public safety
- ✓ Improved access for all pedestrians

The Economic Impact

LOCAL INPUT



LOCAL OUTPUT



NT OUTPUT



NATIONAL OUTPUT



Major Project 6 – Coastal Erosion Protection

City of Darwin is seeking funding from the Australian and Northern Territory Governments to develop and implement a strategy to protect Darwin's coastal foreshores from erosion.

PROJECT LOCATION

Australian Government	Solomon Electorate
Northern Territory Government	Fannie Bay, Nightcliff and Port Darwin Electorates
City of Darwin	Lyons and Chan Wards

ASK

\$10.0M
TBD
TBD



THE ISSUE

Darwin has kilometres of unspoilt beaches with endless views of the beautiful coastline. Coastal erosion, which threatens public and private infrastructure, is one of the major problems along the harbour beaches. This is a key environmental priority alongside responding to other effects of climate change.

THE SOLUTION

The solution is to develop a Masterplan for Climate Adaption which includes measures aimed at improving foreshore protection across Darwin, provide protection

of nationally significant military heritage and improves community resilience in response to climate change and the effects on the Darwin municipality.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Coastal Erosion Protection Project will deliver:

- ✓ A masterplan for mitigating coastal erosion
- ✓ Improved foreshore protection
- ✓ Better long-term management of coastal areas through risk prioritisation, prevention and restoration of coastal foreshores

The Economic Impact

LOCAL INPUT



LOCAL OUTPUT



NT OUTPUT



NATIONAL OUTPUT





PRIORITY PROJECTS 2021-2023

Major Project 7 – Gardens Oval Upgrades

City of Darwin is seeking funding from the Australian and Northern Territory Governments to deliver improved sport and recreation facilities at Gardens Oval contributing to the wellbeing of our community.

PROJECT LOCATION

Australian Government	Solomon Electorate
Northern Territory Government	Fannie Bay Electorate
City of Darwin	Lyons Ward

ASK

\$7.0M
TBD
TBD



THE ISSUE

Gardens Ovals were originally an Australian Football oval and now is used to play and train for cricket, AFL and soccer.

Gardens Ovals are some of the most highly valued and utilised of all Darwin's sporting ovals. The facilities are long overdue for an upgrade and the proposal is also called for by sporting bodies of the Northern Territory.

THE SOLUTION

The solution is to significantly upgrade facilities and improve the amenity of the area. The project would

provide economic, social and environmental value for the community.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Gardens Oval Upgrades Project will deliver:

- ✓ upgrades to facilities including unisex changes rooms, umpires' rooms, first aid rooms, club room facilities and female/male accessible toilets
- ✓ refurbishment of Gardens Oval 2 full playing surface

The Economic Impact

LOCAL INPUT



LOCAL OUTPUT



NT OUTPUT



NATIONAL OUTPUT



Major Project 8 – Nightcliff Oval Upgrades

City of Darwin is seeking funding from the Australian and Northern Territory Governments to deliver its single biggest road project to rehabilitate Dick Ward Drive as a major commuter connection between the Darwin City Centre and northern suburbs.

PROJECT LOCATION

Australian Government	Solomon Electorate
Northern Territory Government	Nightcliff Electorate
City of Darwin	Chan Ward

ASK

\$5.0M
TBD
TBD



THE ISSUE

Nightcliff Oval is highly valued and utilised by many sporting codes throughout the year. The facilities are due for an upgrade. There is no seating with shade for spectators and additional car parking is required to accommodate existing and future requirements.

THE SOLUTION

The solution is to significantly upgrade facilities and improve the amenity of the area. The project would improve the quality of life and wellbeing of those who live nearby and users of the facility

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Nightcliff Oval Upgrades Project will deliver:

- ✓ upgrades to facilities including change rooms, umpires' rooms, first aid rooms, club room facilities and canteen facilities
- ✓ installation of seating with shade
- ✓ construction of new car parking.
- ✓ Refurbishment of the full playing surface Nightcliff Oval

The Economic Impact

LOCAL INPUT



LOCAL OUTPUT



NT OUTPUT



NATIONAL OUTPUT





PRIORITY PROJECTS 2021-2023

Major Project 9 – Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility Upgrades

City of Darwin is seeking funding from the Australian and Northern Territory Governments to continue to deliver upgrades to the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility, ensuring longevity and providing opportunities to continue to divert material from land fill in the short and long term.

PROJECT LOCATION

Australian Government	Solomon Electorate
Northern Territory Government	Wanguri Electorate
City of Darwin	Richardson Ward

ASK

\$10.0M
TBD
TBD



THE ISSUE

The Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility services the greater Darwin region and is the only licensed landfill in the area. The facility receives over 190,000 tonnes of waste per annum has a forecasted operational life to 2034. To improve ongoing operational management and meet increasing regulatory and environmental standards several upgrades are required

THE SOLUTION

The solution is that the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility is focused on integrating the latest recycling methods and practices into all aspects of operation to address climate change. The upgrade ensure longevity

and provides opportunities to continue to divert material from land fill in the short and long term.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility Upgrades Project will deliver:

- ✓ new recycling methods including commercial compost production,
- ✓ diversion of green waste from landfill
- ✓ commercialises steel removed from land fill
- ✓ development of additional landfill cells
- ✓ establishment of a long-term site masterplan

The Economic Impact

LOCAL INPUT



LOCAL OUTPUT



NT OUTPUT



NATIONAL OUTPUT



Major Project 10 – Darwin City Centre Master Plan Update

City of Darwin is seeking funding from the Australian and Northern Territory Governments to deliver its single biggest road project to rehabilitate Dick Ward Drive as a major commuter connection between the Darwin City Centre and northern suburbs.

PROJECT LOCATION

Australian Government	Solomon Electorate
Northern Territory Government	Port Darwin Electorate
City of Darwin	Lyons Ward

ASK

\$500K
\$250K
\$250K



THE ISSUE

The Darwin City Centre Masterplan was completed in May 2015. The Masterplan lets governments plan for new infrastructure, upgrade the existing public realm and create certainty for private sector investment.

This plan whilst excellent at the time needs to be reviewed due to new technology, infrastructure and economic and social changes. The Masterplan also needs to consider the recently adopted Central Darwin Area Plan.

This commitment is part of the Darwin City Deal.

THE SOLUTION

The solution is that the Master Plan is updated and continues to be a roadmap to position Darwin as a vibrant and liveable tropical capital city, supported by a growing population and diversified economy.

The plan is about people, and the plan is an attempt to improve the quality of life of people by improving the range of choices people have in the City Centre of Darwin.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Darwin City Centre Master Plan Update Project will deliver:

- ✓ a refreshed roadmap for Darwin's future

The Economic Impact

LOCAL INPUT



LOCAL OUTPUT



NT OUTPUT



NATIONAL OUTPUT





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14.10 SEARCY STREET ROAD WIDENING AND WOOLWORTHS ACCESS

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Authoriser: General Manager Engineering and City Services

Attachments:

1. Attachment 1 - City of Darwin Advice to DCA 25 November 2020 [↓](#)
2. Attachment 2 - Woolworths Car Park Layout Revised [↓](#)
3. Attachment 3 - Searcy Street Concept Plan Revised [↓](#)
4. Attachment 4 - Letter to the Lord Mayor from Woolworths 11 June 2021 - Closed (under separate cover)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report entitled Searcy Street Road Widening and Woolworths Access be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the widening of Searcy Street in accordance with Concept Plans dated March 2021.
3. THAT Council advise the Development Consent Authority that it does not object to access for the Woolworths development from Searcy Street, noting that the revised proposal from Woolworths Ltd demonstrates sufficient shading within the carpark, that there is now no requirement to remove trees along Searcy Street and that Council will accept widening and indented parking along Searcy Street.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement of a revised plan for Searcy Street, with widening and indented parking and a revised access to the new Woolworths development and for Council to send a revised letter to the Development Consent Authority (DCA) stating that it does not object to the development, noting that; the access location has changed eliminating the need to remove street trees, that shading will be provided within the car park that Council will now accept widening and indented parking along Searcy Street.

KEY ISSUES

- Woolworths Ltd has made an application to the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL) to expand their car park area which includes a new ingress/egress point onto Searcy Street, Darwin City.
- Council previously resolved to advise the DCA that it has no objection to the development, subject to a number of conditions being satisfied.
- Subsequent to this advice, Woolworths Ltd modified their development proposal to address the driveway location and car park shading and activation issues and presented it to Council on 8 December 2020.
- Without widening along Searcy Street, or the removal of existing car parking, the additional traffic generated by the Woolworths car park development could not safely and efficiently be accommodated by Searcy Street.
- In order to retain the car parking and minimise the extent of widening required, a revised plan has been developed for the Searcy Street upgrading works, by rationalising lane widths.
- The revised proposal shows a repositioned driveway for the Woolworths car park development eliminating the need to remove existing street trees, also showing trees screening the car park along its frontage.

- The proposal also shows the conversion of the Smith Street end of Searcy Street to a one-way exit only, in order to align with parking and to create a pedestrian path around the existing large Banyan Tree. This work has been undertaken.
- As the previous Searcy Street decision of Council (made on 24 November 2020) is more than three months old, a new stand-alone decision can be made with regards to this matter and a rescission of the previous decision is not required.

DISCUSSION

A Development Application was made by Woolworths Ltd to DIPL to expand their car park at the Darwin City store on Cavenagh Street. The expanded car park area would be located on Lots 1515 and 1516 (Nos. 7 and 5) Searcy Street respectively, which Woolworths have acquired for this purpose, with access from Searcy Street. The intention is to improve both internal site circulation and also to lessen the impacts on the surrounding road network, by providing an alternative access along Searcy Street.

This application has been deferred twice by the DCA, pending resolution of various issues, including, impacts on the surrounding road network and stakeholder consultation.

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 September 2020, a report was requested by Elected Members into the proposed development which was subsequently presented at the Confidential Ordinary Council Meeting on 24 November 2020. Council resolved as follows:

26.4 Searcy Street Upgrade Works

RESOLUTION ORD419/20

1. THAT the report entitled Searcy Street Upgrade Works be received and noted.
2. THAT Council advise the Development Consent Authority that there is no objection to the application made by Woolworths Ltd in relation to the upgrading of Searcy Street subject to the following conditions:
 - a. that Woolworths Ltd demonstrate sufficient shading throughout the carpark site to align to Council's strategic priority of a cool, clean and green city.
 - b. that any trees removed in relation to the upgrading of Searcy Street be offset with additional planting in and around the carpark site, this is in addition to any landscaping requirements.
 - c. that indented car parking is not approved and car parking is not removed from the street.
 - d. that the tree in the nature strip at 5 Searcy Street (Lot 1516) is not removed.
3. THAT Council note that the primary issues raised by the Development Consent Authority in determining this application relate to the upgrading of Searcy Street, has been the focus of City of Darwin officers in addressing this Development Application.
4. THAT should the Development Consent Authority not determine or approve the Development Application in the near future the path works around the banyan tree and exit-only onto Smith Street will be programmed for construction as soon as practicable.
5. THAT Council note the objector being a substantial land holder in Searcy Street would trigger the same changes to the street should their future advised development be submitted for assessment.

6. THAT Council note the impact of the upgrade has been modelled through Council's CBD traffic model and that these conditions and any future proposed developments by the objector can be facilitated via the changes that are proposed to be made in this application.
7. THAT this report be deemed a confidential document and be treated as such in accordance with Section 75 and 76 of the Local Government Act 2008 and that the document remains confidential unless Council decides otherwise by resolution.

CARRIED 11/0

City of Darwin subsequently advised the DCA of this decision not to object to the Woolworths car park development, subject to the conditions in Part 2 of the above Decision being satisfied (**Attachment 1**).

Following City of Darwin's advice to the DCA, Woolworths Ltd presented to Council at the Confidential Ordinary Meeting on 8 December 2020 with regards to the issues raised by Council and subsequent to the Meeting, they updated their concept designs in response to these concerns.

To address the conditions communicated to the DCA by City of Darwin, Woolworths developed a revised layout of their proposed car park expansion that provided a combination of artificial and natural shade (also for screening) within the car park and relocated the driveway (to be at verge level, with pedestrian priority) in order to eliminate the need to remove any street trees (**Attachment 2**).

With the new car park driveway location and minimising the travel lane widths along Searcy Street to minimise the indentation width, a new concept design was developed. The existing width of Searcy Street is 7.3 metres which incorporates a 2.3 metre wide parking lanes and a trafficable carriageway width of 5.0 metres. These through lane widths of 2.5 metres do not meet the minimum traffic lane width under Austroads road design guidelines and need widening to meet the minimum standard width. The new design provides a wider trafficable carriageway width of 6.0 metres (2 x 3.0 metre traffic lanes) and a 2.3 metre wide parking lane. This results in an overall widening of Searcy Street roadway of 1.0 metre. There is no net loss of on-street parking along this section of Searcy Street as the result of the concept design. Although formal occupancy data (based on Pay Stay and parking metre data) could not be obtained in time to submit this report, site observations confirm that most or not all of these bays are generally occupied during the course of a normal business day.

It may be possible to install trees (in tree cells) along the verge on the eastern side of Searcy Street (opposite the proposed Woolworths car park). However, there are existing services in the area which will likely not make this feasible. In addition, there is no existing stormwater drainage system in the immediate vicinity, meaning that these tree pits will not be able to be drained (which is an undesirable outcome). The cost of installing these tree plantings is also not within the scope of the project budget and would require additional funding.

This design also included additional works at the Smith Street end of Searcy Street, to put a pedestrian path around the existing large Banyan Tree (**Attachment 3**). In order to accommodate the pedestrian path and align with the direction of parking along Searcy Street, this section of Searcy Street was converted to one-way exit only. These works have now been completed. An alternative surface treatment to delineate the exit only at Smith Street (e.g. coloured asphalt or stencilled concrete) was considered, but was beyond the scope deliverable under the project budget and so was not implemented at this time. These works could be implemented at a later stage, in conjunction with future profiling/resurfacing of Searcy Street (will be in the 2021/22 Resurfacing Programme), subject to funding.

Without widening along Searcy Street, or the removal of existing car parking, the additional traffic generated by the Woolworths car park development could not safely and efficiently be accommodated by Searcy Street.

The traffic modelling undertaken considered the PM peak traffic volumes as the governing criterion as this would be the period of maximum traffic along Searcy Street. The modelled current traffic on Searcy Street (at current development level) is estimated at 114 vehicles/in PM hour (5-6 pm). Upon opening of the proposed Woolworths car park expansion, this is estimated to increase to 478 vehicles per hour.

With an additional assumed 5,000 square metres of future development (assumed commercial) on Lots 1521 and 1522 Searcy Street, a further estimated 94 vehicles/hour are estimated to be generated. The potential overall peak hour traffic is estimated to be 572 vehicles/hour. Consequently, as the new Woolworths car park would generate approximately 60% of the potential overall traffic under this scenario, in line with the in-principle agreement with Woolworths Limited, they would contribute this proportion of the overall upgrade cost of Searcy Street widening.

Further modelling was undertaken, whereby scenarios of up to 15,000 square metres of future development (assumed commercial) on Lots 1521 and 1522, to determine whether the overall traffic volumes could be accommodated by the proposed upgraded road network. Although it is unlikely that this level of development would occur for the foreseeable future, it was determined that an upgrade of Searcy Street could accommodate this additional development. It would be appropriate that the developer of these works would be expected to pay a contribution (proportional to the future development traffic generation) as part of any future development approval.

As the previous Searcy Street decision of Council (made on 24 November 2020) is more than three months old, a new stand-alone decision can be made with regards to this matter and a rescission of the previous decision made is not required.

Woolworths Group has recently written to City of Darwin (**Attachment 4**) regarding their revised proposal and requesting that Council reconsider its previous position on the matter in light of the changes made as outlined in this report. Should the Woolworths car park development application be approved, Woolworths Ltd has agreed in principle previously, to contribute to the cost of the road widening works on a proportion of traffic generated basis.

The widening is not required if this development does not proceed.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION	<p>At the 2nd Ordinary Meeting on 16 March 2021 the below recommendation was recorded:</p> <p>26.8 SEARCY STREET ROAD WIDENING AND WOOLWORTHS ACCESS</p> <div> <p>RECOMMENDATIONS</p> <p>THAT the report entitled Searcy Street Road Widening and Woolworths Access be administratively withdrawn as directed by the Chief Executive Officer in accordance to Section 59 of the Local Government Act 2008.</p> </div>
STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	<p>1 A capital city with best practice and sustainable infrastructure</p> <p>1.1 By 2030, a number of strategic infrastructure projects will be developed and delivered</p>
CRITICAL DATES	<p>The widening of Searcy Street is necessary to facilitate the new Woolworths car park access and so this matter needs review and resolution as soon as practicable in order for Woolworths Ltd to re-submit their Planning Application.</p>

BUDGET / FINANCIAL	<div>Budget/Funding: \$240,000</div> <div>Is Funding identified: Yes</div>
RISK ASSESSMENT	<div><div>Assets & Infrastructure<input checked="" type="checkbox"/></div><div>Environment & Waste<input checked="" type="checkbox"/></div><div>Financial<input checked="" type="checkbox"/></div><div>Info Comms & Tech<input type="checkbox"/></div><div>Legal & Compliance<input type="checkbox"/></div><div>Ops & Service Delivery<input type="checkbox"/></div><div>Reputation & Brand<input checked="" type="checkbox"/></div><div>Work Health & Safety<input type="checkbox"/></div></div> <div>In accordance with City of Darwin Risk Management Framework, the post treatment, mitigation risk is: Low</div>
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	<div>Legislation:</div> <div>N/A</div> <div>Policy:</div> <div>011 – Outdoor Dining</div>
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	<div>Existing Position No: N/A</div> <div>Contractor: N/A</div>
CONSULTATION & ENGAGEMENT	<div>Engagement Level: Inform</div> <div>Tactics: Flyers/letters/meetingsFurther information would need to be provided on the Searcy Street upgrade proposals to adjacent land/business owners, prior to any construction of the works.</div>
COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR THIS INITIATIVE	<div>Internal</div> <div>Various COD officers.</div> <div>External</div> <div>Adjacent landowners / business operators, Elected Members</div>
PLACE SCORE STATEMENT	<div>LYONS WARD</div> <div>#3 – Sense of Safety – the widening of Searcy Street will improve vehicle safety and improve traffic flows by providing defined two-way traffic flow for the expected increased traffic volume as a result of the Woolworths car park development.</div> <div>#4 – Vegetation and Natural Elements – the street tree outside Lot 1516 will be maintained, vegetation screening will be provided along the property boundary and shade structures will be provided over the car parking within the site.</div>
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	<div>The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</div> <div>The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</div> <div>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).</div>



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25 November 2020

Please quote: PA2019/0085 BS:hd

Mrs Ann-Marie Reynolds
Manager Urban Planning
Department of Infrastructure, Planning & Logistics
GPO Box 1680
DARWIN NT 0801

Dear Mrs Reynolds

Parcel Description: **Lots 1515 & 1516 - Town of Darwin**
 7 & 5 Searcy Street, Darwin
 Lot 7118 - Town of Darwin
 47 Cavenagh Street, Darwin

Proposed Development: **Changes to the car parking area associated with**
 an existing commercial development
 (Woolworths)

Revised Response

This letter replaces City of Darwin's response sent to Development Assessment Services on 23 November 2020.

Council considered the proposed Searcy Street road works at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 24 November 2020.

Council resolved not to object to the application in relation to the upgrading of Searcy Street, subject to the following conditions:

- a. Woolworths Ltd demonstrate sufficient shading throughout the carpark site to align to Council's strategic priority of a cool, clean and green city,
- b. Any street trees removed in relation to the upgrading of Searcy Street, be offset with additional planting in and around the carpark site, this is in addition to any landscaping requirements,
- c. Indented car parking is not approved and car parking is not to be removed from Searcy Street, and



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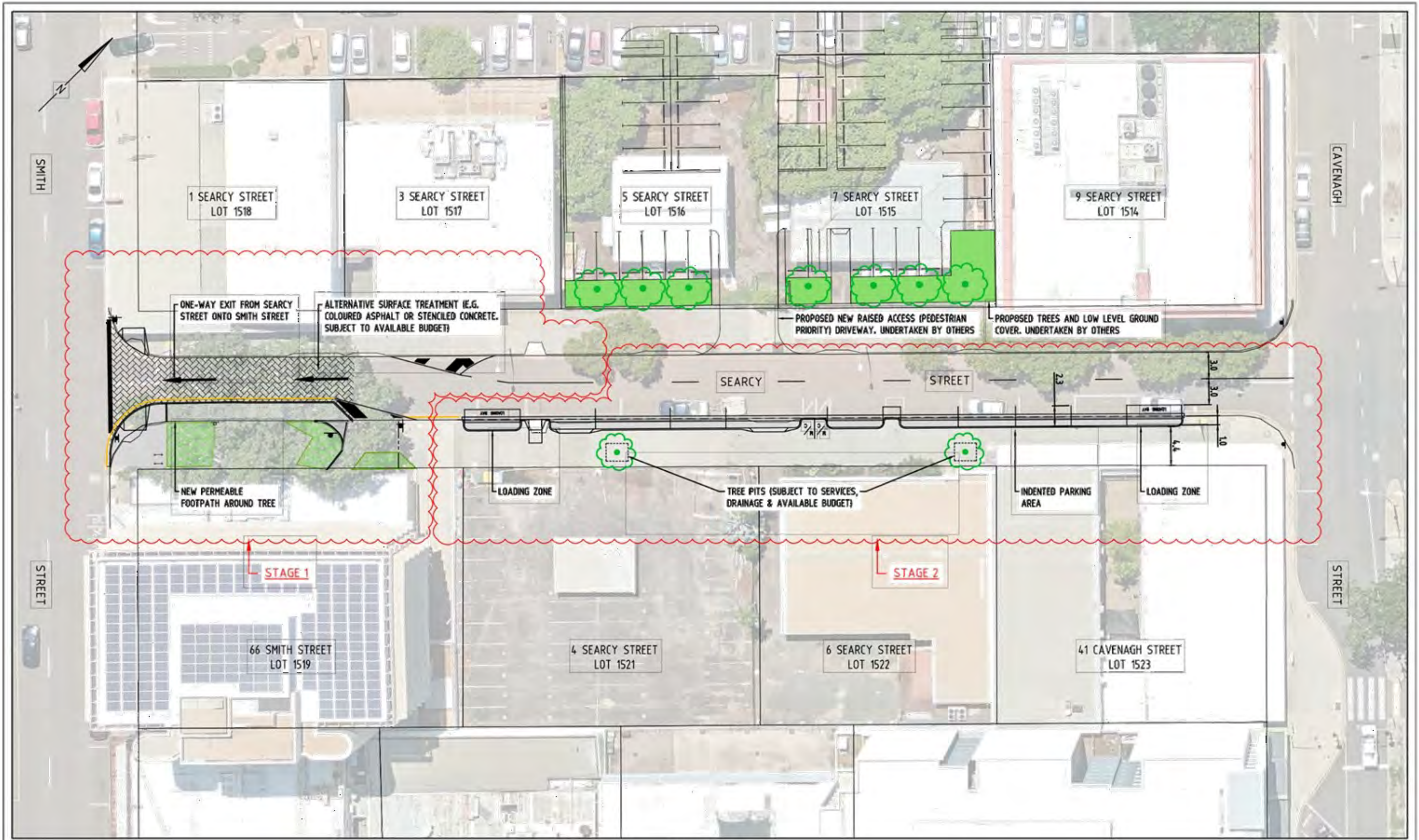
- d. The Council street tree in the nature strip adjacent Lot 1516 (5) Searcy Street, cannot be removed.

If you require any further discussion in relation to this application, please feel free to contact me on 8930 0528.

Yours faithfully

CINDY ROBSON
MANAGER CITY PLANNING





CONCEPT PLAN

AMENDMENTS				WARNING		DRAWN		DESIGNED		SEARCY STREET, DARWIN CITY ROAD MODIFICATIONS CONCEPT PLAN				
Rev.	Description	Date	Initial											
1	ISSUED FOR COUNCIL REPORT	02/03/21	RM	ALL REASONABLE CARE HAS BEEN TAKEN TO ACCURATELY SHOW THE POSITION OF EXISTING SERVICES. HOWEVER, THE POSITION OF SUCH SERVICES SHOULD BE PROVEN ON SITE AND NO GUARANTEE CAN BE GIVEN THAT ALL EXISTING SERVICES ARE SHOWN.		1	RM	1	RM					
2	ISSUED FOR CONSULTATION PURPOSES	27/01/21	RM			2	RM	2	RM					
3						3	RM	3	RM					
4						4	RM	4	RM					

15 RECEIVE & NOTE REPORTS**15.1 YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES - 10 JUNE 2021**

Author: Youth Engagement Officer

Authoriser: General Manager Community and Regulatory Services

Attachments: 1. Unconfirmed Minutes Youth Advisory Committee 10 June 2021 [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the report entitled Youth Advisory Committee Minutes - 10 June 2021 be received and noted

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the Unconfirmed Minutes from the Youth Advisory Committee meeting on 10 June 2021.

KEY ISSUES

- The Youth Advisory Committee Unconfirmed Minutes of the 10 June meeting are presented at **Attachment 1**.
- The Committee recommended a new member be appointed to the Youth Advisory Committee as a Community Representatives for the period 29 June 2021 to 31 June 2023.
- The Committee contributed to the development of the 2022 – 2026 Youth Strategy.

DISCUSSION

The Youth Advisory Committee Unconfirmed Minutes of 10 June 2021 are presented at **Attachment 1** for Council's information.

Creative Accomplice provided the draft Youth Strategy for review and feedback. The consultant will take the Committees feedback on board, make appropriate amendments, and provide a final draft of the Youth Strategy at the July 2021 meeting.

The Youth Strategy consultation took the Committee through to after 7pm when members needed to leave, and quorum was no longer met. The Committee informally met with the UN Youth Listening Tour following the meeting to provide feedback and insight into life for young people in Darwin.

The Committee saw the retirement of Anneke Putri, due to other commitments. The Committee wished Anneke well on her future endeavours.

A separate report regarding the appointment of one new member will be presented to Council.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Nil

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
CRITICAL DATES	Nil
BUDGET / FINANCIAL	Nil
RISK ASSESSMENT	<p> Assets & Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Environment & Waste <input type="checkbox"/> Financial <input type="checkbox"/> Info Comms & Tech <input type="checkbox"/> Legal & Compliance <input type="checkbox"/> Ops & Service Delivery <input type="checkbox"/> Reputation & Brand <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Work Health & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> </p> <p>In accordance with City of Darwin Risk Management Framework, the post treatment, mitigation risk is: Low</p> <p>Risks identified, in relation to this report, will be managed through ongoing meetings with YAC members.</p>
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	<p>Legislation: Local Government Act 2008</p> <p>Policy: Policy – Advisory and other Committees Policy 008 – Community Inclusion Youth Strategy 2016-2021</p>
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	Nil
CONSULTATION & ENGAGEMENT	Nil
COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR THIS INITIATIVE	Nil
PLACE SCORE STATEMENT	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

Thursday 10 June 2021
5.30pm – 7.30pm
Council Chambers

1. MEETING OPENED

The meeting of the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) was opened at 5:40pm by Chair Henry Longden

2. PRESENT

Alderman Want De Rowe	Elected Member
Alderman George Lambrinidis	Elected Member (Alternate)
Henry Longden	YAC Member
Anais Henry-Martin	YAC Member
Emily Ford	YAC Member
Jemima Fernandes	YAC Member (via Webex)

Officers

Teresa Helm	Youth Engagement Officer
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Guests

Britt Guy	Creative Accomplice – Youth Strategy Consultation
Dylan Storer	UN Listening Tour – Consultation
Lucy Stonach	UN Listening Tour – Consultation
Anitha Selvma	Observer
Ruizhe Zhao	Observer
Netra Gajmer	Observer

APOLOGIES

Megan Rollings	YAC Member
David Ninan	YAC Member
Manoj Rajkumar	YAC Member
Anneke Putri	YAC Member

WELCOME OBSERVERS AND GUESTS

Welcome guests Britt Guy, Dylan Storer, Lucy Stonach, Anitha Selvma, Netra Gajmer and Ruizhe Zhao

Minutes Youth Advisory Committee Meeting 10 June 2021

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the 14 May meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record by the following members:

Henry (Moved), Anais (Seconded)

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 Retirement of YAC Member

Anneke Putri has requested retirement from the YAC due to other commitments.

ACTION	YEO to send letter of thanks to Anneke.
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5.2 Endorsement of New Member

Ruiz Zhao has submitted his application for YAC membership. Members voted in favour of his endorsement.

ACTION	YEO to forward endorsement with report to Council Ordinary
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5.48pm Alderman Want De Rowe entered the meeting

5.3 Britt Guy – Creative Accomplice. Youth Strategy Update

Members were provided with a draft of the key priorities to review and provide feedback. Consultant to take feedback on board, make appropriate amendments and provide a final strategic plan for the YAC members to review at the July meeting.

ACTION	YEO to invite Youth Programs Coordinator and Manager Engagement and Events to July meeting to answer members' questions regarding consultation processes and to respond to further feedback.
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6.25 Guest Consultants Lucy Stonach and Dylan Storer entered the meeting

7.03 Consultant Britt Guy and Alderman Want De Rowe left the meeting

7.05 Alderman Lambrinidis left the meeting

Minutes Youth Advisory Committee Meeting 10 June 2021

7. MEETING CLOSED

Quorum was no longer met. Meeting closed at 7:05pm by Chair Henry Longden.

YAC continued to meet informally to provide feedback to the YN Youth Representative Darwin Listening Tour until 7.45pm.

Next YAC meeting scheduled:

5.30pm – 7.30pm

Thursday 08 July 2021

Council Chambers, City of Darwin Civic Centre

UNCONFIRMED

15.2 EAST POINT RESERVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Author: Senior Climate Change & Environment Officer
Executive Manager Environment, Climate and Waste Services

Authoriser: General Manager Engineering and City Services

Attachments: 1. East Point Reserve Advisory Committee - Unconfirmed Meeting Minutes 27 May 2021 [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the report entitled East Point Reserve Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – 27 May 2021 be received and noted.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the East Point Reserve Advisory Committee unconfirmed meeting minutes of 27 May 2021.

KEY ISSUES

- The East Point Reserve Advisory Committee (the Committee) were provided with an update of all action items from the East Point Biodiversity Management Plan 2019-2024.
- The Committee representative from BirdLife NT would like to further discuss locations and possibilities around the Biodiversity Plan action “Install a Bird Watching Platform in the Reserve.”
- The Committee requested a copy of the East Point Reserve research database developed by Council staff.

DISCUSSION

The East Point Reserve Advisory Committee unconfirmed minutes of 27 May 2021 are presented at **Attachment 1** for Council’s information.

The Committee was informed of the status of each of the Biodiversity plan actions.

The development of a strategic plan for the area is a key item for future discussions in the committee, incorporating fire management planning, review of antisocial behaviour and the most appropriate development to support and promote shorebird roosting areas.

The Committee has been pivotal in providing guidance on the important biodiversity assessments on site to be undertaken this calendar year. Prioritising a cane toad survey and development of a cane toad management plan and undertaking a revegetation health survey prior to developing a new revegetation plan for the area.

The next Committee meeting will be scheduled after the local government elections in August.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held 16 June 2020, Council resolved as follows:

13.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - EAST POINT RESERVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

I, Alderman Andrew Arthur, give notice that at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 16 June 2020, I will move the following motion:-

RESOLUTION ORD001/20

Moved: Alderman Andrew Arthur

Seconded: Alderman Justine Glover

1. That Council establish the East Point Reserve Advisory Committee, and that an inaugural meeting is held in September, 2020.
2. That Council invite the following organisations to form the committee membership:
 - a. East Point Aero Modellers Club Inc.
 - b. Fannie Bay Equestrian Club Inc.
 - c. Pee Wee's at the Point
 - d. Darwin Military Museum
 - e. Friends of East Point
 - f. Northern Territory Naturalist's Club
 - g. Top End Native Plant Society
 - h. Birdlife Top End
 - i. NTG Department of Environment and Natural Resources
 - j. Research organisations including CDU
 - k. Larrakia Nation
 - l. 1 Elected Member
 - m. 2 Community representatives via expression of interest
 - n. Museums and Art Galleries of the Northern Territory
3. THAT the East Point Reserve Advisory Committee establish a Terms of Reference at their first meeting for Council's approval in consultation with Council Officers, based on the following objectives:
 - Bring stakeholders together to share knowledge, experience and opportunities
 - Monitor the implementation of the East Point Reserve Biodiversity Management Plan 2019-2024
 - Inform and advise Council of issues within and around the reserve

CARRIED 10/3

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	3 A Cool, Clean and Green City 3.1 By 2030, Darwin will be recognised as a clean and environmentally responsible city
CRITICAL DATES	Future committee meeting dates will be determined post local government elections on 28 August 2021.

BUDGET / FINANCIAL	Budget/Funding: N/A Is Funding identified: N/A
RISK ASSESSMENT	<p> Assets & Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Environment & Waste <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Financial <input type="checkbox"/> Info Comms & Tech <input type="checkbox"/> Legal & Compliance <input type="checkbox"/> Ops & Service Delivery <input type="checkbox"/> Reputation & Brand <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Work Health & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> </p> <p>In accordance with City of Darwin Risk Management Framework, the post treatment, mitigation risk is: Very Low</p>
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	Legislation: Local Government Act 2008 Policy: Policy – Advisory and Other Committees
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	N/A
CONSULTATION & ENGAGEMENT	N/A
COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR THIS INITIATIVE	N/A
PLACE SCORE STATEMENT	Celebrate Darwin's unique climate, vegetation, and natural features as an authentic point of difference.
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

East Point Reserve Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday, 27 May 2021

Time: 4:30pm

Location: City of Darwin Civic Centre
Meeting Room 1
17 Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin



**MINUTES
EAST POINT RESERVE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday 27 May 2021
4.30pm**

MEMBERS

Organisation	Representative
Birdlife NT	Lou Martini
City of Darwin	Alderman Mick Palmer (Chair)
Community Representative	Lorraine Corowa
Community Representative	Serena Ragosta
Darwin Military Museum	Norman Cramp
Darwin Triathlon Club	Gary Wall
Fannie Bay Equestrian Club	Inge Gardiner
Friends of East Point	Helen Haritos (Deputy Chair)
Larrakia Nation	Ben Smith
MAGNT	Marcus Schutenko
Mindil Beach Life Savers NT	Teresa Hall
NTG – Crown Lands	Kelly Benham
NTG - Heritage Branch	Michael Wells
NTG – Weeds Branch	Chris Collins
Pee Wees Restaurant	Simon Mathews
Researcher	John Rawsthorne
Researcher	Patricia Blackwell
Top End Native Plants	Lon Wallis

City of Darwin Officers

Dr Emma Young	Executive Manager Environment Climate and Waste Services
Jade Leask	Senior Climate Change & Environmental Officer
Janine Honner	Senior Administration Officer (Secretariat)

GUESTS/ OBSERVERS

1. WELCOME

2. APOLOGIES

Darwin Military Museum – Norman Cramp
 Friends of East Point – Helen Haritos
 NTG Weeds Branch – Chris Collins
 Pee Wees Restaurant – Simon Mathews
 Senior Coordinator Parks & Reserves – Jamie Lewis

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We the members of the East Point Reserve Advisory Committee 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.

4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Lorraine Corowa declared that her position is as a senior public servant. The views expressed at this committee are personal views and nothing to do with her Government position.

5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes were confirmed by Lou Martini and seconded by Alderman Mick Palmer.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Action	Responsible Persons	Raised	Outcome	Date closed
Ensure vehicle gate past Pee Wees is in the security patrol lock up.	Jade Leask	3/3/21	Complete – CoD Property Officer confirmed it is part of the contract to lock this gate. Any instances noted by stakeholders of it not locked to be reported to CoD.	27/5/21
Meet with Equestrian club and Military museum regarding weed management	Jamie Lewis	3/3/21	Complete - Corrections Services will be engaged in the dry season to assist with weed management focussing on Coffee bush.	27/5/21
Biodiversity Survey	Jade Leask	3/3/21	In Progress - Revegetation health survey and Cane Toad Management Plan. EOI's for both the Cane Toad and Revegetation Management Plans are being assessed.	
Revegetation Plan	Committee	3/3/21	Ongoing – waiting on vegetation health survey outcomes.	
Crown Land acquisition	Jade Leask	3/3/21	Ongoing	

Strategic Plan	Committee	3/3/21	Ongoing – Committee to discuss and action if deemed appropriate.	
Bird viewing platform	Jade Leask	27/5/21	The proposed location may impact on birds.	
Revegetation survey	Jade Leask	27/5/21	A request for the committee to have access to the survey and the new revegetation plan.	

Other items raised:

- Mangrove studies and management – committee members discussed the importance of public education from mangrove monitoring and research. Committee members offered to assist Patricia Blackwell with educational items.
- The database of all research undertaken at East Point. Jade has a listing of all research papers. This will be forwarded once approval to distribute is confirmed.
- Development of a Fire Management Plans and/or policy that include Indigenous fire management practices

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Committee Correspondence received at (Attachment C).

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

Ms Corowa asked to discuss the correspondence that was submitted by email on 16/3/21. The main point requested to be discussed was anti-social behaviour and the impacts on the area near Lake Alexander and onto the beach. It was requested by the Chairperson to raise these concerns at the next meeting.

9. NEXT MEETING

The Chairperson requested by the Chairperson to be held at the end of September. The date will be confirmed and the committee advised.

15.3	DARWIN MILITARY AND CIVILIAN HISTORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES - 9 JUNE 2021
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Author: Executive Assistant Community & Regulatory Services

Authoriser: General Manager Community and Regulatory Services

Attachments: 1. Unconfirmed Minutes Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee 9 June 2021 [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the report entitled Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee Minutes – 9 June 2021 be received and noted.

The purpose of this report is to present the Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee Unconfirmed Minutes of 9 June 2021.

KEY ISSUES

- The Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee Unconfirmed Minutes 9 June 2021 are presented at **Attachment 1**.
- The Committee received an update on the planning of the 80th anniversary of Bombing of Darwin Day in February 2022.
- Representatives provided updates on upcoming activities.

The Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee Unconfirmed Minutes of 9 June 2021 are presented at **Attachment 1** for Council's information.

Representatives were provided with an overview of the planning for the 80th anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin Day in February 2022 as well as military community events scheduled between now and August 2021.

Representative Ms Meg Cotter from Tourism NT informed the Committee that this was her last meeting as the representative as she is leaving the organisation in August. The Committee acknowledged and thanked her for her contribution and wished her well in the future.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DECISIONS

At the 11 May 2021 Ordinary meeting Council resolved:

RESOLUTION ORD205/21

THAT the report entitled Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee Minutes – 14 April 2021 be received and noted

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

CRITICAL DATES	Next meeting to be scheduled following the Local Government elections.
BUDGET / FINANCIAL	Nil
RISK ASSESSMENT	<p> Assets & Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Environment & Waste <input type="checkbox"/> Financial <input type="checkbox"/> Info Comms & Tech <input type="checkbox"/> Legal & Compliance <input type="checkbox"/> Ops & Service Delivery <input type="checkbox"/> Reputation & Brand <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Work Health & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> </p> <p>In accordance with City of Darwin Risk Management Framework, the post treatment, mitigation risk is: Very Low</p> <p>Risks identified, in relation to this report, will be managed by the General Manager Community & Regulatory Services</p>
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	<p>Legislation: Local Government Act 2008</p> <p>Policy: Policy – Advisory and other Committees</p>
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	Nil
CONSULTATION & ENGAGEMENT	Nil
COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR THIS INITIATIVE	Nil
PLACE SCORE STATEMENT	Highlight the cultural, historic, economic and physical diversity that makes Darwin unique
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

Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday, 9 June 2021

**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN
DARWIN MILITARY AND CIVILIAN HISTORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE MEETING ROOM 1, LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE, HARRY CHAN AVENUE,
DARWIN
ON WEDNESDAY, 9 JUNE 2021 AT 11.00 AM**

PRESENT:

The Right Worshipful, The Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis (Chair)
Alderman Paul Arnold
Mr John Hart, Aviation Historical Society of the NT, President
Ms Meg Cotter, Tourism NT, Trade and Industry, Marketing Executive
Ms Meghan Bailey, Department of Veterans' Affairs, Deputy Commissioner NT
Ms Linda Fazldeen, Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade, Defence NT, Director Community Engagement
Ms Jo Madin, City of Darwin Manager Engagement and Events
Mr Matt Grassmayr, City of Darwin General Manager Community and Regulatory Services

OFFICERS:

Ms Kylie Salisbury, Community Events Producer
Mrs Karen Long, Senior Administration Officer

Order Of Business

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1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

The Chair declared the meeting open at 11.02 am.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

3 APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 Apologies

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION BODMH014/21

Moved: Alderman Paul Arnold

Seconded: Matt Grassmayr

That the apologies from Mr Stephen Gloster, Mr Norm Cramp and Mr Peter Stanek be received.

CARRIED 8/0

3.2 Leave of Absence Granted

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION BODMH015/21

Moved: Alderman Paul Arnold

Seconded: Matt Grassmayr

That it be noted Mr Michael Wells is an apology due to a Leave of Absence notified on 14 April 2021 for this meeting.

CARRIED 8/0

3.3 Leave of Absence Notified

Nil

4 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE

Nil

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

Nil

5.2 Declaration of Interest by Staff

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION BODMH016/21**

Moved: John Hart

Seconded: Meg Cotter

That the Minutes of the Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee Meeting held on 14 April 2021 be confirmed.

CARRIED 8/0**7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Nil

8 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 OFFICER REPORTS

9.1 KEY MILITARY EVENTS AND PLANNING FOR THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOMBING OF DARWIN DAY

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION BODMH017/21

Moved: Alderman Paul Arnold

Seconded: Meg Cotter

1. THAT the report entitled Key Military Events and Planning for the 80th Anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin Day be received and noted.

CARRIED 8/0

10 MEMBER REPORTS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION BODMH018/21

Moved: John Hart

Seconded: Alderman Paul Arnold

1. That the Members' verbal reports be received and noted.

CARRIED 8/0

Discussion

John Hart

- Hosting Back to the Track in August. Military vehicles to be parked at the Aviation Museum and combined with Museum Open Day
- Spit Fire will be back on display by August following refurbishment
- Masterplaning underway
- Australian American Association planning a plaque for Bombing of Darwin commemorations next year on the wall at the Aviation Museum

Megan Bailey

- Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide – focusing on the Terms of Reference
- Commemorative service held to mark the 50th anniversary of the Battle for Long Hai (Operation Hammersley)

Meg Cotter

- Finalised the heritage link attraction pass through Tourism Top End
- History and heritage plan factsheet (tabled)
- Working with Tourism Top End promoting local touring to visiting naval ships

Linda Fazldeen

- Assisting Royal Commission
- Military study tour from Victoria visiting Darwin in late June/early July
- Alternative study tours planned for NT students this year
- Met with new President Council of Veterans
- Defence NT new Senior Director appointed

- Receiving enquiries about Bombing of Darwin commemorations next year
- Australian Japanese Association NT – planning a commemorative ceremony during the Bombing of Darwin next year at the current plaque site in Brinkin. The Association is working with Michael Wells.

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 REPRESENTATIVE TOURISM NT

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION BODMH019/21

Moved: Alderman Paul Arnold

Seconded: Linda Fazldeen

Representative for Tourism NT, Meg Cotter expressed thanks to the Committee and advised that she will be leaving Tourism NT in August.

.CARRIED 8/0

11.2 CIVILIAN MEMORIAL WALL

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION BODMH020/21

Moved: Alderman Paul Arnold

Seconded: John Hart

General Manager Community and Regulatory Services Matt Grassmayr provided an update on the civilian memorial wall. Once detailed design has been completed the Committee will be consulted for feedback.

CARRIED 8/0

10 NEXT MEETING

To be advised following the Local Government elections in August 2021 and the new Council resolving Council Committees and Elected Member appointments.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 11.29 am

15.4 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - MAY 2021

Author: Executive Manager Finance
Senior Accountant

Authoriser: Chief Financial Officer

Attachments: 1. Monthly Financial Report - May 2021 [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the report entitled Monthly Financial Report – May 2021 be received and noted.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the financial position of Council for the period ended 31 May 2021.

Further this report and the contents are required to be presented to Council in compliance with the Local Government (Accounting) Regulations 2008.

KEY ISSUES

The Monthly Financial Report includes:

- Income Statement, which compares actual income and expenditure year to date (YTD) against amended budget.
- Statement of Cash Flows, which groups items into operating, investing and financing. It eliminates the depreciation calculation and discloses totals for asset sales and purchases as well as loan raising and repayments. Finally, it discloses the transfers to & from cash backed reserves.
- Statement of Financial Position, which outlines what Council owns (assets) and what it owes (liabilities) at a point in time.
- Investments and Receivables Report, which provides details of Treasury activities, Investments and Debtors.

DISCUSSION

May 2021 – Year to Date Result

Result - Operating Result YTD to May 2021 is a **deficit of (\$4.9M)**.

After including capital grants the Net Surplus/(Deficit) is displaying a **deficit of (\$277k)**:

	YTD Actual \$'000	YTD Amended Budget \$'000	YTD Variance \$'000
Net Surplus/ (Deficit)	(277)	(11,907)	11,629 Favourable

Commentary

The Net Operating Position has a favourable variance to the YTD amended budget of \$11.6M. The variance results from higher than budgeted income and lower than budgeted expenses. It is anticipated that due to the timing of receipts/expenses and our end of year adjustments the favourable variance will come back into line with budget for most category lines by the 30 June 2021. Hence, this will increase the net deficit. Please find below additional commentary for the category lines:

IncomeRates Revenue

Rates revenue is tracking slightly above YTD expectation.

User Charges & Fees

Waste Fees continue to track above forecast YTD \$3.9M. This stems from an increase in previous periods for commercial weighbridge charges arising with larger volume of disposal material including asbestos, tyres and recyclables.

Permits & Road Reserves Income is showing a positive YTD budget variance of \$106k due to increased consent given to builders/contractors to carry out works in a council road reserve.

City Parking fees is showing a positive YTD budget variance of \$322k and is due to the downward budget revision.

Statutory Charges

This includes fines and animal management income. The variance of \$195k is attributed to animal management income below anticipated levels.

Other Income

Includes lease income, reimbursements (e.g. insurance recovery, fuel tax credits), sale of small plant proceeds and other miscellaneous income. This category is on track with a minor variance.

Grants & Contributions Operating

Operating grants & contribution are tracking in line with the YTD budget.

Expense

Total Expenses are tracking below YTD budget by \$6.6M. The significant categories below budget are Depreciation (\$2.8M), Materials & Services (\$3.0M), Employee Costs (\$609k) and Finance Costs (\$64k).

Employee Costs

Employee costs display a positive variance of \$609k but it is expected that year-end adjustments for leave & entitlements will fully expend the budget provision.

Finance Costs

Finance costs (interest expense) is in-line with the amended budget.

Materials, Services & Other Expenses

Materials, Services and Other expenses has an amended annual budget of \$54.7M and this line incorporates various expenditure types. At the end of May this is well below budget with a YTD variance of \$3M. The programs tracking as underspent include Civil Infrastructure, Operations, Growth and Development Services, City Maintenance, Asset Management, Finance, Buildings and Facilities, Leisure & Regulatory Services and Innovation and Information Services. We note that Waste Management is overspent, however this is offset by an increase in revenue. We currently have a significant amount of outstanding committed expenditure for this category, and we anticipate materials and services expenditure will increase by year end.

Depreciation and Amortisation

Depreciation is under budget mainly due to several assets that have not yet been capitalised and or completed.

Statement of Cash Flows

This Statement provides the cash position after removing non-cash items such as depreciation. It also includes capital purchases and disposals, such as the Cavenagh St Carpark.

Purchase of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment (capital expenditure) expended is \$22M, or 53% of the FY Amended Budget \$42M.

Treasury Comment

The national economic data continues to be strong. However, the threat of economic disruption due to a COVID-19 outbreak remains an ongoing risk. The RBA have commented that they will likely remain cautious and that interest rates will not rise until at least 2024.

City of Darwin has achieved 0.45% on weighted average interest rate on its May investment portfolio of \$101M. There have been no investment policy breaches in this year.

Accounts Receivable (Debtors)

This section considers the receipt timing of Rates collection and any general Debtors outstanding. The performance on Rates recovery is compared to the prior year. The report also includes information on, aged debtors including general debtors, infringements, and Rates arrears.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	6 Governance Framework 6.3 Decision Making and Management
CRITICAL DATES	N/A
BUDGET / FINANCIAL	N/A

RISK ASSESSMENT	<p> Assets & Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Environment & Waste <input type="checkbox"/> Financial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Info Comms & Tech <input type="checkbox"/> Legal & Compliance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ops & Service Delivery <input type="checkbox"/> Reputation & Brand <input type="checkbox"/> Work Health & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> </p> <p>In accordance with City of Darwin Risk Management Framework, the post treatment, mitigation risk is: Very Low</p>
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	<p>Part 8 of the Local Government (Accounting) Regulations 2008 require that a monthly financial report is presented to Council.</p> <p>Regulation 18 states:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The CEO must, in each month, lay before a meeting of the council a report, in a form approved by the Council, setting out: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The actual income and expenditure of the council for the period from the commencement of the financial year to the end of the previous month; and b) The forecast income and expenditure for the whole of the financial year 2. The report must include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Details of all cash and investments held by the Council (including money held in trust); and b) A statement on the debts owed to the Council including the aggregate amount owed under each category with a general indication of the age of the debts; and c) Other information required by the Council. <p>This report is considered to be of a higher level of statutory compliance as outlined above.</p>
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	N/A
CONSULTATION & ENGAGEMENT	N/A
COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR THIS INITIATIVE	N/A
PLACE SCORE STATEMENT	N/A
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	<p>The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).</p>

Income Statement

For the Period Ended 31 May 2021

	2020/21							2019/20	
	YTD May 2021 Actual \$'000		YTD May 2021 Amended Budget \$'000		YTD Variance \$'000	FY Original Budget \$'000	FY Amended Budget \$'000	YTD Act v Amend Budget %	LY Actual
Income from Continuing Operations									
Rates Revenue (Rates, Waste & Carparking Shortfall)	68,221	68%	67,891	71%	330	70,393	74,091	100% On forecast	74,119
User Charges & Fees (Parking, Waste & other)	23,516	23%	19,259	20%	4,257	21,587	20,901	122% Above forecast	18,979
Statutory Charges (Fines, Registrations)	1,479	1%	1,674	2%	(195)	1,806	1,806	88% 	1,906
Other Income	1,654	2%	1,555	2%	99	1,654	1,698	106% Above forecast	1,932
Interest & Investment Revenue	1,379	1%	1,177	1%	202	1,913	1,287	117% Above forecast	2,469
Grants & Contributions - Operating	4,348	4%	4,365	5%	(17)	9,461	4,386	100% On forecast	7,286
Total Income from Continuing Operations	100,596		95,921		4,675	106,814	104,169	105%	106,691
Less Expenses from Continuing Operations									
Employee Costs	32,232	32%	32,841	34%	609	35,527	35,852	98% On forecast	34,709
Finance Costs	320	0%	384	0%	64	1,607	997	83% 	1,125
Materials, Services & Other Expenses	46,472	46%	49,510	52%	3,038	50,909	54,706	94% 	53,284
Depreciation and Amortisation	26,499	26%	29,359	31%	2,860	32,974	32,147	90% 	32,777
Total Expenses from Continuing Operations	105,522		112,094		6,572	121,017	123,702	94%	121,895
Operating Surplus/(Deficit) - Continuing Operations	(4,926)		(16,173)		11,247	(14,203)	(19,532)	30%	(15,204)
Grants & Contributions - Capital	3,545		4,266		(721)	12,730	4,266	83% 	1,206
Asset Disposal Income (Loss) & Fair Value Adjustments	1,104		-		1,104	-	-		(2,382)
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(277)		(11,907)		11,629	(1,473)	(15,267)	2%	(16,380)

Statement of Cash Flows

For the Period Ended 31 May 2021

	2020/21			
	YTD May 2021	FY	FY	YTD v Amend
	Actual \$'000	Original Budget \$'000	Amended Budget \$'000	Budget %
Funds From Operating Activities				
Net Operating Result From Above	(277)	(1,473)	(15,267)	
Add back depreciation (not cash)	26,499	32,974	32,147	
Add back Other Non Cash Items	(1,104)	613	613	
Net Funds Provided (or used in) Operating Activities	25,117	32,114	17,493	
Funds From Investing activities				
Sale of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	14,711	15,298	15,298	96%
Purchase of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	(22,045)	(57,166)	(41,957)	53%
Net Funds Provided (or used in) Investing Activities	(7,334)	(41,868)	(26,659)	
Funds From Financing Activities				
Proceeds from borrowings & advances	-	12,500	7,640	0%
Repayment of borrowings & advances	(841)	(1,889)	(841)	100%
Net Funds Provided (or used in) Financing Activities	(841)	10,611	6,799	
Net Increase (-Decrease) in Funds Before Transfers	16,942	857	(2,365)	
Transfers from (-to) Reserves	(3,597)	(857)	2,365	
Net Increase (-Decrease) in Funds After Transfers	13,345	0	0	

Statement of Financial Position
as at 31 May 2021

	2020/21			2019/20
	YTD May 2021	FY	FY	Audited
	Actual \$'000	Original Budget \$'000	Amended Budget \$'000	Actual \$'000
Current Assets				
Cash at Bank & Investments	26,455	29,989	29,741	25,989
Cash at Bank & Investments - externally restricted	43,359	43,361	42,616	47,206
Cash at Bank & Investments - internally restricted	34,673	28,474	29,454	27,228
Trade & Other Receivables	7,571	12,186	9,859	9,859
Inventories	405	200	427	427
Non Current Assets Held for Sale	-	-	13,506	13,506
Total Current Assets	112,462	114,210	125,603	124,215
Non-Current Assets				
Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment	975,776	999,952	975,111	980,600
Lease Right of Use Assets	5,355	-	5,355	5,355
Total Non Current Assets	981,132	999,952	980,466	985,955
TOTAL ASSETS	1,093,594	1,114,162	1,106,069	1,110,170
Current Liabilities				
Trade & Other Payables	14,683	16,371	27,268	30,093
Borrowings	459	2,295	1,245	841
Provisions	7,762	6,800	7,814	7,814
Lease Liabilities	806	-	787	787
Total Current Liabilities	23,710	25,466	37,114	39,535
Non-Current Liabilities				
Trade & Other Payables	-	-	19	19
Borrowings	6,928	34,741	18,449	7,384
Provisions	26,895	25,303	26,894	26,894
Lease Liabilities	4,644	-	4,644	4,644
Total Non Current Liabilities	38,467	60,044	50,006	38,941
TOTAL LIABILITIES	62,177	85,510	87,120	78,476
NET ASSETS	1,031,417	1,028,652	1,018,950	1,031,694
Equity				
Accumulated Surplus	340,146	356,265	330,044	340,424
Asset Revaluation Reserve	616,836	600,552	616,836	616,836
Other Reserves	74,435	71,835	72,070	74,434
TOTAL EQUITY	1,031,417	1,028,652	1,018,950	1,031,694

**INVESTMENTS REPORT TO COUNCIL
AS AT
31 May 2021**

Investment Distribution by Term to Maturity

Term to Maturity Policy Limits

There have been no breaches in Term to Maturity Policy limits for the month of May 2021

Term to Maturity Category	% of Total Portfolio	Term to Maturity (Policy Max.)	Term to Maturity (Policy Min.)
Less than 1 Year			
Term Deposits	68%		
Business Online Saver Accounts	28%		
Floating Rate Notes	0%		
Less than 1 Year Total	96%	100%	30%
Greater than 1 Year less than 3 Years			
Term Deposits	0%		
Business Online Saver Accounts	0%		
Floating Rate Notes	2.97%		
Greater than 1 Year less than 3 Years Total	2.97%	50%	0%
Greater than 3 Years			
Term Deposits	0%		
Business Online Saver Accounts	0%		
Floating Rate Notes	0.99%		
Greater than 3 Years Total	0.99%	30%	0%
Greater than 5 Years			
Term Deposits	0%		
Business Online Saver Accounts	0%		
Floating Rate Notes	0%		
Greater than 5 Years	0.00%	10%	0%
Total	100.00%		

Investment Distribution by Portfolio Credit Rating

Portfolio Distribution Credit Rating Limits

There have been no breaches in Portfolio Credit Rating Limits for the month of May 2021

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	36.76%	50.00%
	National Australia Bank Ltd	National Australia Bank Ltd	27.44%	50.00%
	Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	BankSA	8.97%	50.00%
	Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	0.99%	50.00%
	ANZ Banking Group Ltd	ANZ Banking Group Ltd	2.97%	50.00%
A+	Macquarie Bank	Macquarie Bank	0.99%	30.00%
	Suncorp Metway Limited	Suncorp Bank	2.97%	30.00%
BBB+	Bank of Queensland Ltd	Bank of Queensland Ltd	7.48%	10.00%
	Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd	Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd	7.46%	10.00%
	Members Equity Bank Ltd	Members Equity Bank Ltd	0.00%	10.00%
BBB	Teachers Mutual Bank Limited	Teachers Mutual Bank Limited	0.99%	10.00%
	AMP Bank Ltd	AMP Bank Ltd	2.97%	10.00%
Grand Total			100.00%	

Credit Rating - Maximum Portfolio Limit	% of Total Portfolio	Policy Limit
AAA to AA-	77.13%	100.00%
A+ to A-	3.96%	45.00%
BBB+ to BBB	18.91%	30.00%
BBB-	0.00%	0.00%
Total	100.00%	

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Institution Category	Counterparty	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Credit Rating (LT)	Credit Rating (\$T)	Inv Type	FRN ONLY (Maturity Date - last pmt)	Principal \$	% Portfolio
MAJOR BANK	ANZ Banking Group Ltd	22 June 2021	0.73%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,500,000	1.49%
		27 July 2021	0.73%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,500,000	1.49%
	ANZ Banking Group Ltd Total							\$3,000,000	2.97%
	BankSA	1 June 2021	0.52%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,519,627	1.51%
		15 June 2021	0.70%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,500,000	1.49%
		22 June 2021	0.52%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,509,426	1.50%
		20 July 2021	0.32%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,521,613	1.51%
		26 September 2021	0.35%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,500,000	1.49%
		26 October 2021	0.35%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,500,000	1.49%
								\$9,050,666	8.97%
	BankSA Total								
	Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd	12 July 2021	1.17%	AA-	A1+	FRN	11 January 2024	\$1,000,000	0.99%
		28 September 2021	0.38%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,500,000	1.49%
		26 October 2021	0.40%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,500,000	1.49%
		23 November 2021	0.40%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,500,000	1.49%
		18 January 2022	0.38%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,500,000	1.49%
		22 February 2022	0.41%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,500,000	1.49%
		2 June 2021	0.30%	AA-	A1+	BOS		\$28,607,373	28.34%
	Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd Total							\$37,107,373	36.76%
	National Australia Bank Ltd	22 June 2021	0.75%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$5,039,284	4.99%
		29 June 2021	0.38%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$2,000,000	1.98%
		13 July 2021	0.93%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,500,000	1.49%
		3 August 2021	0.70%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,506,835	1.49%
		10 August 2021	0.40%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,536,136	1.52%
		26 October 2021	0.50%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$5,536,684	5.49%
		23 November 2021	0.50%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$3,000,000	2.97%
		22 February 2022	0.32%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,536,592	1.52%
		22 March 2022	0.34%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,500,000	1.49%
		26 April 2022	0.32%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,513,873	1.50%
		26 April 2022	0.33%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,500,000	1.49%
		17 May 2022	0.34%	AA-	A1+	TD		\$1,529,073	1.51%
	National Australia Bank Ltd Total							\$27,698,478	27.44%
	Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd							\$1,000,000	0.99%
	Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd Total							\$1,000,000	0.99%
MAJOR BANK Total								\$77,856,517	77.13%
OTHER	AMP Bank Ltd	26 October 2021	0.65%	BBB	A2	TD		\$1,500,000	1.49%
		30 November 2021	0.65%	BBB	A2	TD		\$1,500,000	1.49%
	AMP Bank Ltd Total							\$3,000,000	2.97%
	Bank of Queensland Ltd	1 June 2021	0.47%	BBB+	A2	TD		\$1,500,000	1.49%
		24 August 2021	0.52%	BBB+	A2	TD		\$1,500,000	1.49%
		28 September 2021	0.52%	BBB+	A2	TD		\$1,500,000	1.49%
		23 November 2021	0.53%	BBB+	A2	TD		\$1,520,809	1.51%
		30 November 2021	0.40%	BBB+	A2	TD		\$1,529,940	1.52%
								\$7,550,748	7.48%
	Bank of Queensland Ltd Total								
	Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd	1 June 2021	0.50%	BBB+	A2	TD		\$1,533,549	1.52%
		18 January 2022	0.35%	BBB+	A2	TD		\$1,500,000	1.49%
		22 February 2022	0.35%	BBB+	A2	TD		\$1,500,000	1.49%
		22 March 2022	0.35%	BBB+	A2	TD		\$1,500,000	1.49%
		15 February 2022	0.35%	BBB+	A2	TD		\$1,500,000	1.49%
	Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd Total							\$7,533,549	7.46%
	Macquarie Bank							\$1,000,000	0.99%
	Macquarie Bank Total							\$1,000,000	0.99%
	Suncorp Bank	15 June 2021	0.33%	A+	A1	TD		\$1,500,000	1.49%
		27 July 2021	0.33%	A+	A1	TD		\$1,500,000	1.49%
	Suncorp Bank Total							\$3,000,000	2.97%
	Teachers Mutual Bank Limited							\$1,000,000	0.99%
	Teachers Mutual Bank Limited Total							\$1,000,000	0.99%
OTHER Total								\$23,084,297	22.87%
Grand Total								\$100,940,814	100.00%

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).

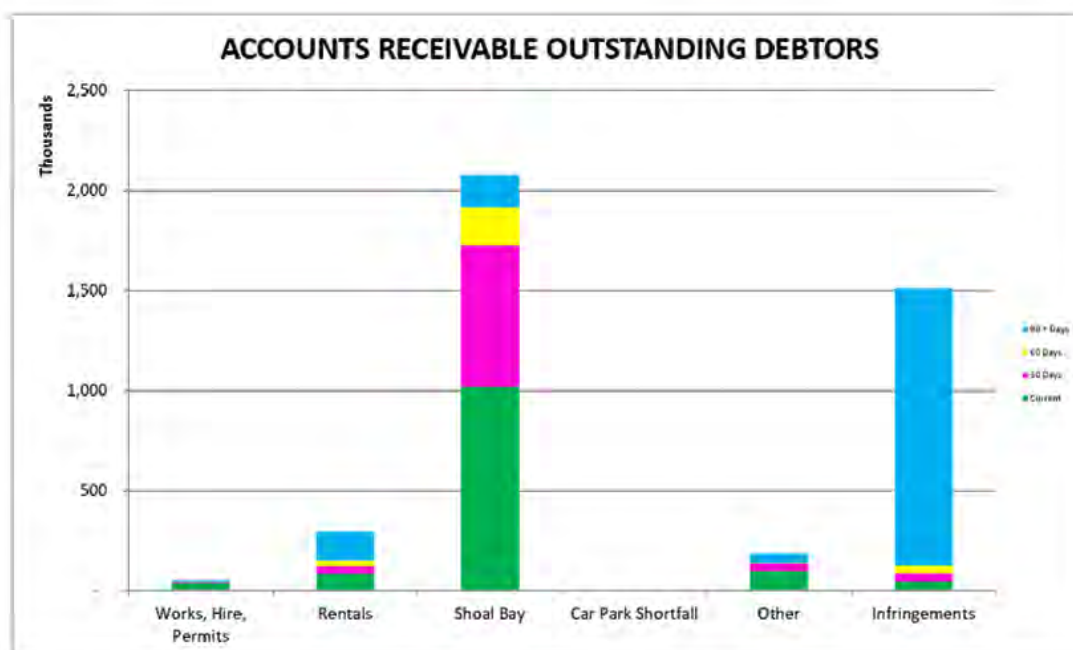
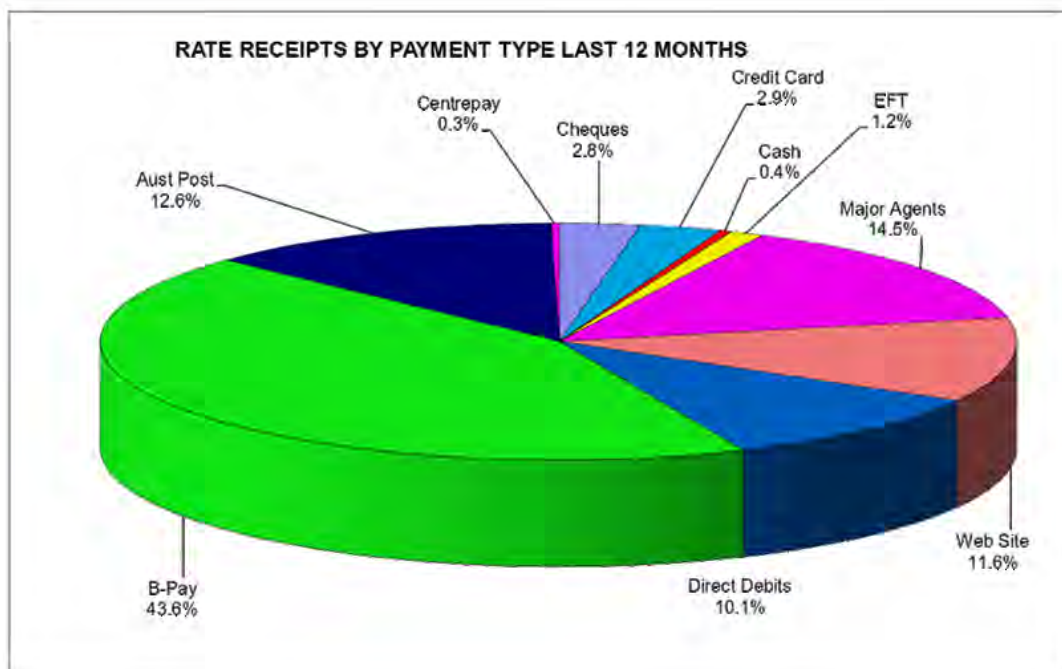
General Bank Funds	\$3,324,333
Total Funds	\$3,324,333
Total Budgeted Investment Earnings	\$1,531,881
Year to Date Investment Earnings	\$683,429
Weighted Ave Rate	0.45%
BBSW 90 Day Rate	0.04%
Bloomberg AusBond (B	0.05%

Council has an arrangement with its financial institution the Commonwealth Bank of Australia to offset Council's overdraft facility against pooled funds held in Council's Trust Account and General Account

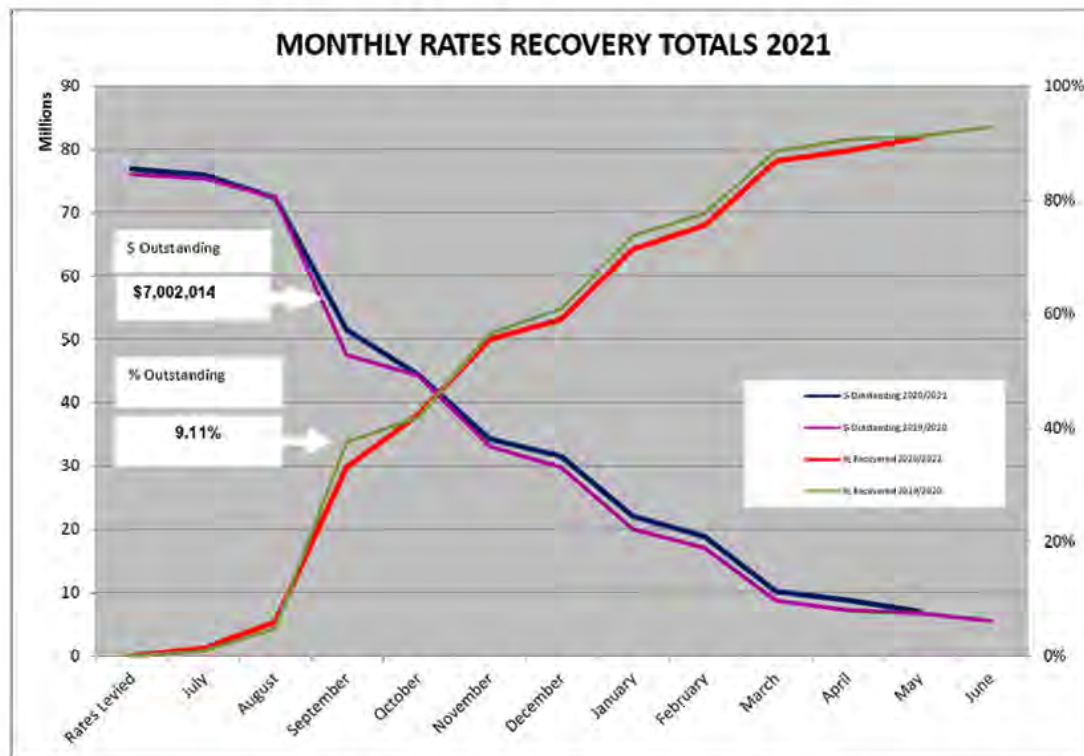
Trust Bank Account	\$456,989
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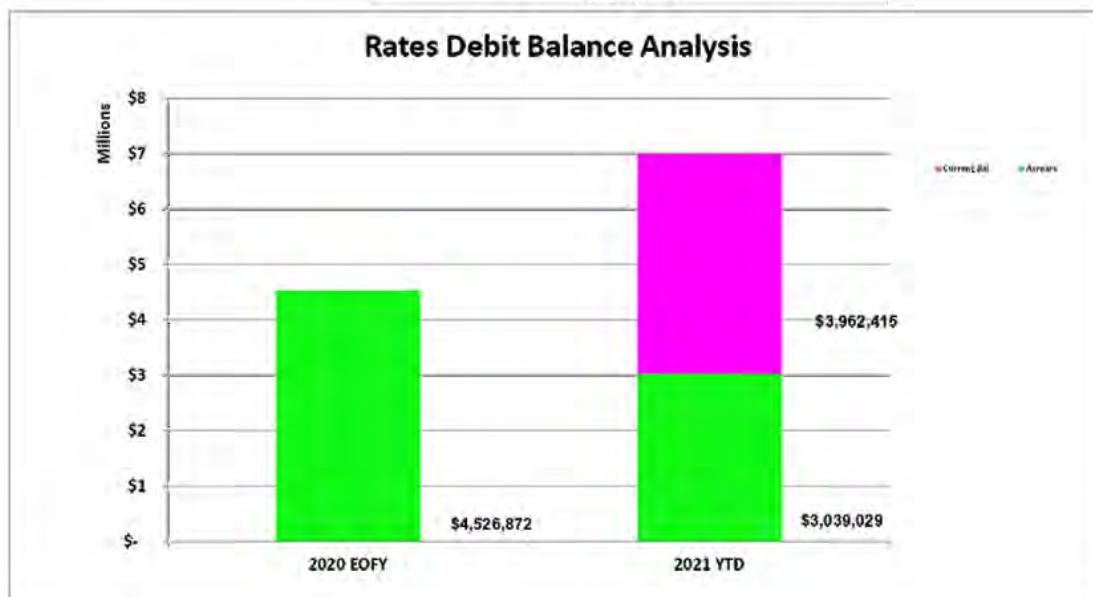
**DEBTORS/ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE REPORT
AS AT 31 MAY 2021**



Pursuant to Local Government (Accounting) Regulations Sec 18(2)(b) the chart labelled "Accounts Receivable Outstanding Debtors" represents sundry debts owed to Council on an "aged" basis.



The chart labelled "Monthly Rates Recovery Totals" represents the amounts currently outstanding in Rates to Council, rates are either due or overdue and no further "ageing" is possible.



15.5 CITY OF DARWIN - 'WHAT'S ON' EVENTS PAGE

Author: Manager Marketing and Communications

Authoriser: General Manager Government Relations & External Affairs

Attachments: 1. New Website - Events Pages and Promotion Opportunities [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the report City of Darwin 'What's on' Events Page be received and noted.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the City of Darwin What's On Events Page being developed as part of the new website as a one stop shop for Darwin municipality events.

KEY ISSUES

- Events in Darwin are promoted across digital platforms including the internet, social media platforms including Facebook and Instagram and a variety of other applications.
- There is considerable overlap of events across various websites for Darwin, but there isn't a single website or digital platform that is a one-stop-shop for all Darwin events.
- The challenge with creating a website that has a very comprehensive event listing is getting the event organisers to upload their event information.
- Several of the more popular websites for Darwin events use the Australian Tourism Data Warehouse (ATDW).
- With ATDW, event organisers subscribe to this platform to upload information themselves and manage the currency of that information.
- With the focus for specific data, events on this platform have a tourism focus generally.
- There are a number of other local event pages which City of Darwin can link to so that a centralised place can be created.
- Council staff are currently working on integrating ATDW event data into Council's new website at www.darwin.nt.gov.au/events so that general and tourism-focused events can be included alongside City of Darwin events and our much-loved community events.
- The target audience extends beyond Darwin to capture both locals and visitors alike.
- Council's new website will be launched in mid-July 2021 and will include City of Darwin Events, with the What's On Events Page being launched in October 2021.

DISCUSSION**Improving City of Darwin website events page**

The current City of Darwin What's On Events page includes Council events and community events. The goal is to create an engaging vibrant What's On Events page that includes a range of events for both locals and visitors, with a broad audience to promote Darwin as a destination.

City of Darwin What's On Events page had over 70,000 hits in the past 12 months and is currently #2 and #3 on google search of Darwin events and has an SEO Ranking of 100%

Despite receiving a significant amount of web traffic, it is recognised that the page needs improvements and the number of non-Council events on the website is low. That being said, there has not been a concerted effort or campaign historically to develop this, but the new website will be backed by a clear plan for promotion.

The new website has several improvements to the homepage and events page for promoting events and things to do in Darwin. A snapshot of the proposed page visual is provided at Attachment 1. As well as a visual improvement, the new website also has significantly improved functionality. City of Darwin's new Website will be launched in mid-July 2021.

Integrating the ATDW events will mean that all the Darwin events currently on websites such as northernterritory.com and activatedarwin.com will appear alongside Council events on our platform.

Event organisers will have the option of either uploading their events through ATDW or direct onto Council's website (which is aimed to be a much simpler process).

It is planned that the page can also link directly to other platforms that have events not listed on either ATDW or City of Darwin sites.

The launch will include a marketing campaign to promote the integrated platform. Event organisers need to see the benefit of adding their events to platforms such as ATDW and City of Darwin's website to motivate them to spend time to upload. In this regard, we have engaged with key stakeholders within NT Government Departments for the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet (Activate Darwin), NT Major Events, Department of Trade, Business and Investment and Tourism NT.

Events are an integral part of the economic activation of our cities and as a result, the new website provides multiple opportunities to promote tourism, community and council-led events at a scale that can be managed and maintained within existing staffing levels and funding.

As City of Darwin's destination management and tourism strategies come to fruition, there is an opportunity for the events page to take a different format and migration could occur once that project has been approved by Council.

The plan for City of Darwin's What's On Events web page builds on the existing website.

Creating a new website for events would mean the significant benefits of number of hits, SEO and search ranking would be lost. City of Darwin's website is one of the most visited sites in the Northern Territory, with an average of 1,218,774 page views a year.

The events page alone received 72,277 visits from 3 June 2020 to 3 June 2021.

The number of visits a page receives plays a role in their ranking on search engine results pages (SERP). Search engines like Google have a ranking system known as Search Engine Optimisation (SEO) that categorises content based on different criteria.

City of Darwin Website has an SEO Ranking of 100% and it features prominently on SERPs. For example, if a user searches for "Events in Darwin," the City of Darwin website will appear second on the search results. Higher than other popular sites like, NT Major Events, Off the Leash, Activate Darwin, Tourism Top End and even major international sites such as Eventbrite and Facebook. This is important, as City of Darwin's Events Page will offer clear linkage to these resources as well, to keep the events listing on City of Darwin's Website to take advantage of the ranking.

Some Councils have created a separate website for events; however only recommended when you have a product or service that lives independently from your brand and targets a niche interest group or audience. A separate website splits your audience. It has been noted that whilst other capital city councils have separate business units for economic development, there is still a strong linkage to their base council website, however their pages appear to be separate. This is an aspiration by City of Darwin in the future and work has commenced for the establishment of such for this financial year.

The events section of City of Darwin's website promotes external events run by community groups, businesses and organisations, as well as Council-led events. Its current objective is not solely to promote Darwin as a travel destination but to keep our community informed about programs and events that City of Darwin manage, such as Libraries, Council Meetings, etc. This is why the separation between Council and Darwin events is important. An events page that integrates the Australian Tourism Data Warehouse (ATDW) tourism focused events with City of Darwin's Council and community events will create a good result for locals and visitors alike with minimal additional resources.

Currently events in Darwin are listed across a range of platforms. There is considerable overlap of events but there isn't a single platform that contains all events. There has been significant effort by agencies and organisations over time to do this.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

At the 11 May 2021 meeting Council resolved:

18.1 DESTINATION CITY OF DARWIN EVENTS PAGE

RESOLUTION ORD001/21

Moved: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Alderman Paul Arnold

THAT Council request through the Chief Executive Officer, Council Officers investigate and provide a report to Council in June 2021 on the feasibility and any associated costs to develop, host and manage on a suitable digital platform, internally or via a third party, all event information in the Darwin municipality.

CARRIED 10/0

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	5 A Vibrant and Creative City 5.1 By 2030, Darwin will be recognised as an iconic destination.
CRITICAL DATES	Launch of City of Darwin's new website – mid-July 2021
BUDGET / FINANCIAL	Budget/Funding: \$10,000 Is Funding identified: Yes in 2021/22 Web Development budget

RISK ASSESSMENT	<p> Assets & Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Environment & Waste <input type="checkbox"/> Financial <input type="checkbox"/> Info Comms & Tech <input type="checkbox"/> Legal & Compliance <input type="checkbox"/> Ops & Service Delivery <input type="checkbox"/> Reputation & Brand <input type="checkbox"/> Work Health & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> </p> <p>In accordance with City of Darwin Risk Management Framework, the post treatment, mitigation risk is: Very Low</p>
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	N/A
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	The What's on Events page is already being designed and developed as part of Council's new website within existing resources.
CONSULTATION & ENGAGEMENT	Nil
COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR THIS INITIATIVE	<p>Internal</p> <p>Council staff from each Department have been part of the working group and the content development for the new website.</p> <p>External</p> <p>A marketing strategy will be developed for the launch of new website and an ongoing strategy incorporating strong branding, like myDarwin will be further explored to leverage existing following for City of Darwin activities and promote Darwin as a destination.</p>
PLACE SCORE STATEMENT	Protect and build on the valued community activities occurring in town centres across the Local Government Area.
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>

City of Darwin New Website: Events Pages & Promotion Opportunities

Hero Banner - Homepage

Through the website project discovery phase, it was highlighted that the homepage banner was not utilised to its full potential.

As the most prominent section of our website we have created a sliding banner that will allow us to promote multiple messages including major events with click to action buttons to pages with more information.

It also allows for customisation of images and backgrounds based on the colours and icons of our strategic directions.

It is expected that the homepage banner will increase awareness and traffic to other sections of our website.



Upcoming events - Homepage

The upcoming events block will make it easy for people to find out about the latest events without having to navigate away from our homepage.

People can scroll through a list of upcoming events or click through our full listing on the What's On Page.



Things to see and do - Homepage

The brand new things to see and do section is all about telling the Darwin story visually while also promoting Darwin's greatest selling point as a destination to work, live, study and invest- the lifestyle.

This is a very flexible section as we can change the tiles based on seasonal events and different things we want to promote throughout the year with an emphasis on our vibrant community and our unique tropical lifestyle.

The tiles are clickable and can be directed to events, pages and even external links.



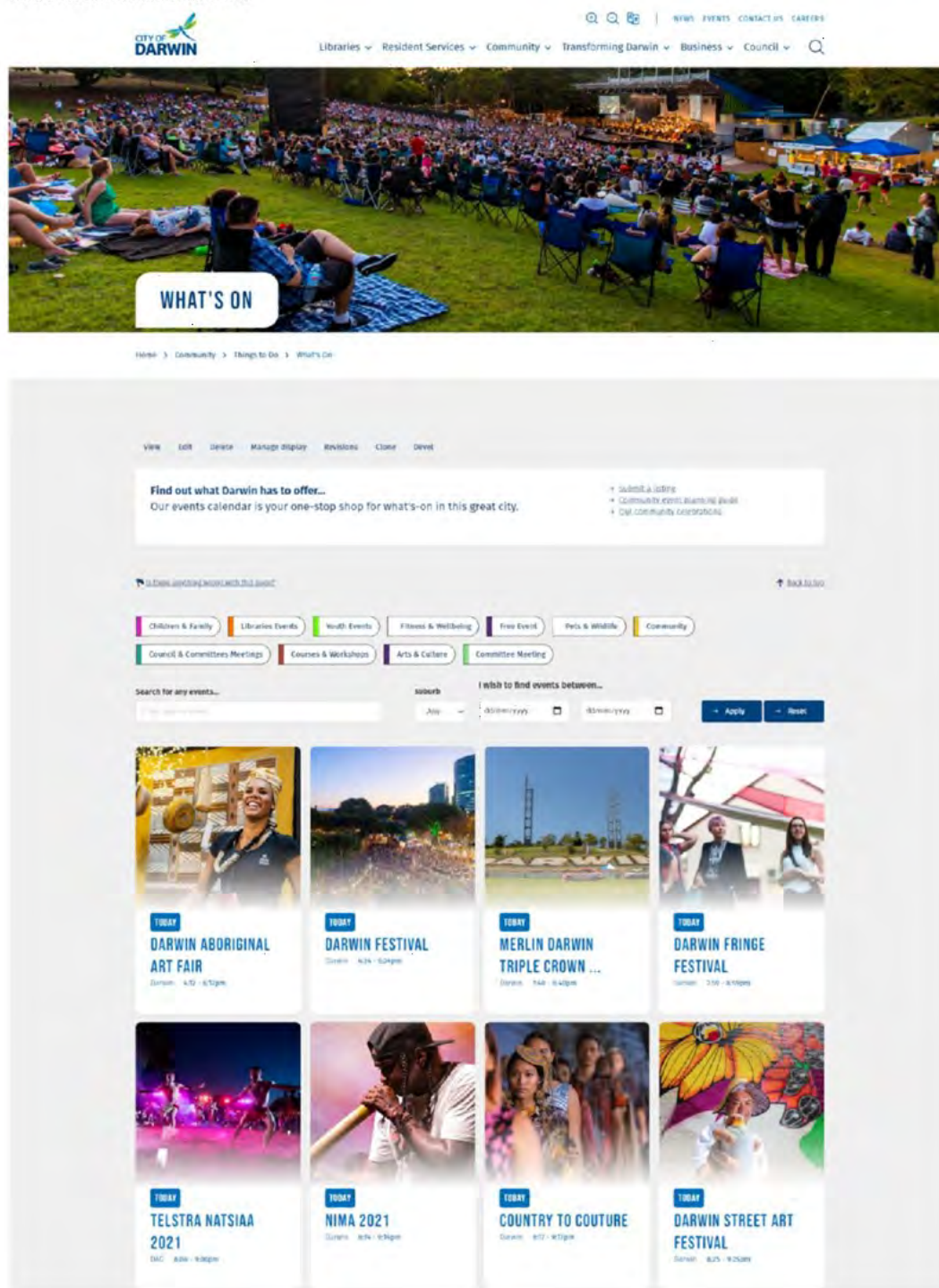
What's On Page - internal landing page

The What's On page is the central point for all events in Darwin.

The page has links to submit an event webform that any community member can use to add their event to our calendar.

The listing can be filtered based on themes like library, arts, fitness, children, community, etc. As well as date and suburb. Users can customised their search to fit their needs.

The card view includes some information about the event with title, location, time and date. Presented in a very visual and aesthetically pleasing way. The cards are clickable to a page with more information.



15.6 2021 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY (NGA) - MOTIONS

Author: Executive Manager Governance Strategy & Performance
Authoriser: General Manager Government Relations & External Affairs
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the report entitled 2021 National General Assembly (NGA) – Motions be received and noted.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the 2021 National General Assembly (NGA) – Motions and outcome of Council's motion.

KEY ISSUES

- The annual National General Assembly of Local Government provides an important mechanism to local governments across Australia to influence the national policy agenda.
- The National General Assembly of Local Government 2021 will be held from 20 to 23 June 2021 in Canberra. Each year, City of Darwin is represented by the Lord Mayor and any Elected Members appointed to the LGANT executive. The Chief Executive Officer also attends.
- The theme for 2020 was Working Together for Our Communities. The 2020 NGA was cancelled due to Coronavirus (COVID-19). As a result, the 2020 theme is carried forward to the 2021 NGA.
- Calls for Motions closed on Friday 26 March 2021. Council submitted a motion seeking support at the national level for Reconciliation Action Plans and Cultural Safety and Awareness Training for every local government Elected Member and Staff member across Australia.
- The business papers outlining all motions for consideration at the NGA were distributed by ALGA on Thursday 10 June 2021. The business papers were made available at <https://conferenceco.eventsair.com/nga2021/>

DISCUSSION

The theme for the National General Assembly of Local Government 2021 is *Working Together for Our Communities*.

The Business Papers, Attachment 1, provides all motions to be considered by the National General Assembly.

The business papers include City of Darwin's motion on page 63 of the business papers. Motion 41 submitted by City of Darwin proposes the following:

That this National General Assembly

- a) Calls on Australian Local Government Association, as the lead member and advocacy body for Local Government in Australia to develop a Reconciliation Action Plan for the Australian Local Government Association.**
- b) Calls on the Australian Government to fund a national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Awareness and Safety Training Program for all Local Government Elected Members and Council Staff as an act of reconciliation between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples**

and the wider Australian community.

This motion was moved by Alderman Pangquee on behalf of City of Darwin at the National General Assembly meeting. The motion was seconded by Mildura Rural City Council and passed with no opposition. This motion will now be forwarded by ALGA to the Australian Government for consideration.

A review of the motions was undertaken in the lead up to the NGA on 20 June. Given the limited timing that staff and Elected Members had to review the motions this report is provided retrospectively for Council's information.

Consistent themes arising from the motions included:

- Local Government representation on National Cabinet
- Financial Assistance Grants to be restored to a level equal to at least 1% of Commonwealth taxation revenue by 2022/23 financial year
- Recognise the ability of Local Government to expend stimulus funding efficiently and fairly to those industries most impacted by COVID-19, namely arts, entertainment and events industries
- Adopt a national approach to management of the COVID-19 pandemic to eliminate the closure of State and Territory borders
- Urban Forest Strategies, climate adaptation and mitigation
- Funding for innovative solutions for alternative water sources to provide for water security
- Sponsor, promote and support visual and public art projects
- Current job seeker payment is inadequate and trapping millions of Australians in unnecessary poverty
- Federal Government to collaboratively develop a single independent Aged Care Assessment program with sufficient funding for rural and remote localities
- Establishment of a LG Volunteer Strategy
- Call upon the Australian Government to sign and ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear weapons

Full conference details can be found here: <https://conferenceco.eventsair.com/nga2021/>

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

At the 16 March 2021 meeting Council resolved:

Resolution ORD001/21

1. THAT the report entitled Notices of Motion for the National General Assembly (NGA) – June 2021 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the following Notice of Motion to be prepared for submission to the 2021 National General Assembly:

THAT City of Darwin:

- (a) Calls on Australian Local Government Association, as the lead member and advocacy body for Local Government in Australia to develop a Reconciliation Action Plan for the Australian Local Government Association.
- (b) Requests Australian Local Government Association to call on the Australian Government to fund a national Cultural Awareness Training Program for all Local Government Elected Members and Staff in recognition of the national importance of reconciliation with Australia's first nation people.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	6 Governance Framework 6.2 Roles and Relationships
CRITICAL DATES	National General Assembly will be held from 20 – 23 June 2021, Canberra
BUDGET / FINANCIAL	N/A
RISK ASSESSMENT	<p> Assets & Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Environment & Waste <input type="checkbox"/> Financial <input type="checkbox"/> Info Comms & Tech <input type="checkbox"/> Legal & Compliance <input type="checkbox"/> Ops & Service Delivery <input type="checkbox"/> Reputation & Brand <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Work Health & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> </p> <p>In accordance with City of Darwin Risk Management Framework, the post treatment, mitigation risk is: Low</p> <p>Risks identified, in relation to this report, will be managed by ensuring City of Darwin, as the Capital of the Northern Territory demonstrates leadership at a national level.</p>
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	<p>Legislation: N/A</p> <p>Policy: Lord Mayor is the current President of LGANT Council's motion is consistent with the actions outlined in the City of Darwin Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan.</p>
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	N/A
CONSULTATION & ENGAGEMENT	N/A
COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR THIS INITIATIVE	<p>Internal Nil</p> <p>External A media release was issued as an announcement by the Lord Mayor on the acceptance of the Motion.</p>
PLACE SCORE STATEMENT	N/A
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	<p>The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).</p>

15.7 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2019 (AND REGULATIONS) - JUNE 2021 UPDATE

Author: Executive Manager Governance Strategy & Performance
Authoriser: General Manager Government Relations & External Affairs
Attachments: 1. LG Act 2019 - Transitional Matters [↓](#)
2. Breach of Code of Conduct Sample Documents [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the report entitled Local Government Act 2019 (and Regulations) – June 2021 Update be received and noted.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to Council on the implementation of the new Local Government Act 2019.

KEY ISSUES

- The Local Government Act 2019 has passed and will commence on 1 July 2021.
- An amendment to the Local Government Act entitled the Local Government Amendment Bill 2021 has passed and amends the Local Government Act 2019 effective 1 July 2021. This amendment will ensure that 'On the day voting' for eligible voters can occur at the August 28, 2021 Local Government Election.
- Local Government (Election) and Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 are still be finalised. Proposed to be adopted by July 2021.
- Council has now received three batches of sample documents. An outline of sample documents is provided in the report discussion.
- Chapter 21 of the Local Government Act 2021 outlines transitional matters. An outline of Council's requirement is provided within the report. Attachment 1 also provides a high level outline of transitional matters.

DISCUSSION

The Local Government Act 2019 (the Act) was introduced into the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly on 18 September 2019 and assented to on 3 December 2019. At that time the Act was due to commence on 1 July 2020, however due to Coronavirus, the commencement of the Act was deferred to commence on 1 July 2021.

During the last 12 months, the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet, Local Government has been finalising the Regulations and developing a vast array of supporting documents to assist Council with transitioning to the new Act.

Chapter 21 of the Act outlines 'transitional matters'. A summary is provided at **Attachment 1**. For the most part, the Act has a 12-month transitional period. The following sections of the Act are required to be met within the first 12 months:

Section	Requirement	Due Date
LGANT must form Prescribed Corporation Panel		Within xxx
Section 358	Complaints of breach of code of conduct applies if a person lodges a complaint under section 120 of the new Act after the commencement Subsection 3 applies regardless of when the complaint was made.	On commencement
Section 359	Eligibility requirements for CEO, Deputy CEO and chief executive apply if the CEO, Deputy CEO or chief executive is reappointed or enters into a renewal of the CEO or Deputy CEOs contract of employment after the commencement of the new Act	On reappointment, new appointment or renewal of contract of employment

The new act outlines a number of new or amended requirements as follows. This information is to highlight the key requirements that will directly impact Council. A number of legislative amendments will be addressed operationally.

Establishment of Local Government Representation Committee

The new Act establishes a Local Government Representation Committee. The purpose of the committee is to consider elected member representation within a local government area.

The Committee will not have the power to determine the number of elected members per local government area, it will however be able to determine the ward composition and ward boundaries within local government areas.

The power to determine the local government area boundaries and number of elected members per local government will rest with the Minister for Local Government.

The committee membership will consist of the Chief Executive Officer of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT), the Northern Territory Surveyor General and the Electoral Commissioner.

The Committee must invite submissions relating to ward compositions within Local Government Areas within 10 months post a Local Government General Election. Submissions must be invited in June 2022.

Elected Member Mandatory Training

The Department has established a Local Government Training and Learning Steering Committee which membership includes nominees from across the sector. Executive Manager Governance, Strategy and Performance has been nominated by the Chief Executive Officer to this committee.

The purpose of the Steering Committee is to establish a four-year strategy of continuous learning and development for elected members.

A Mandatory Training Package for Elected Members will be approved by the Department post the 2021 Local Government General Elections.

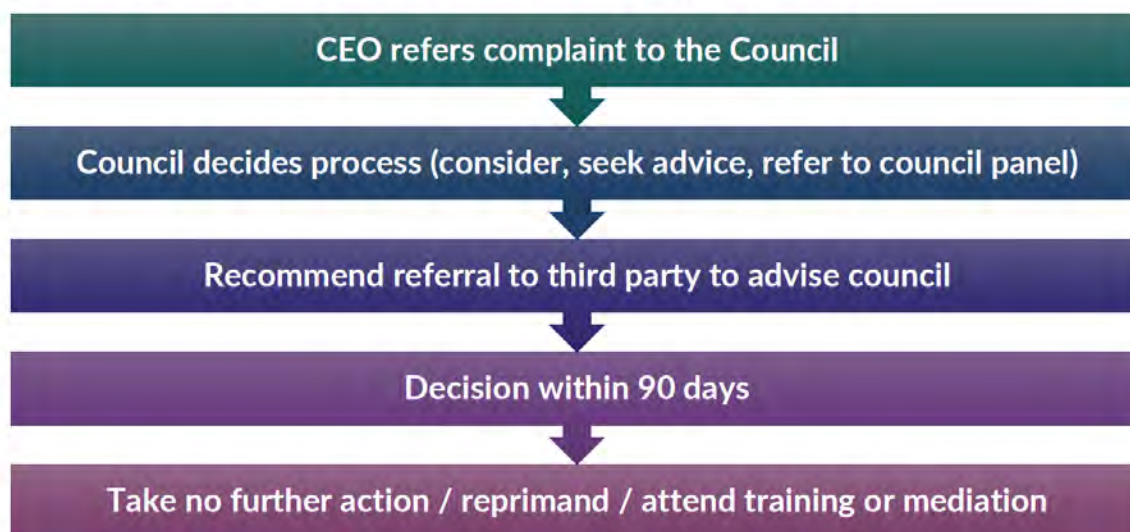
Breach of Code of Conduct Policy

Section 120 of the new Act requires Council to adopt a Policy for Elected Member Contravention of Code of Conduct. The Department has provided sample documents for consideration by Council. There are two policy options, one of which focuses on referrals to third parties. A sample Complaint form has also been provided. Sample documents are provided at **Attachment 2** for feedback by Council.

The new Code of Conduct is provided at Schedule 1 to the new Act and Council cannot adopt a Code of Conduct that differs from Schedule 1.

The new process for complaints of breach of code of conduct is outlined in a simple format below.

Code of Conduct – New process

***Council Panel***

If the complaint is referred to a council panel, the panel is to be established by Council and consist of at least three (3) members of the council.

Council may appoint this panel through the policy, or it may establish the structure of the panel by policy, or it may by policy, determine that the panel will be structured and appointed on a case by case basis.

It is preferred that a panel structure be established by policy with individual Elected Members appointed to the panel on a case by case basis.

Decide Complaint

Section 122(2) outlines that once the CEO refers the complaint to Council, Council must:

1. Decide the complaint; or
2. Refer the complaint to a council panel for the panel to decide the complaint; or
3. Refer the complaint to a third party

If Council or the Council panel decide the complaint, the decision must be:

1. Take no action; or
2. Determine that no breach or contravention of the code of conduct occurred; or
3. That a breach of contravention of code of conduct did occur

It is to be noted that if Council or the Council Panel decide to take no action, they are not required to determine if a breach / contravention of the code of conduct did or did not occur.

If Council or the Council Panel determines that a beach / contravention of the code of conduct did occur, Council or the Council Panel must decide whether to:

1. Take no action; or
2. Either or both of
 - a) Issue a reprimand to the respondent; and / or
 - b) Recommend that the complainant, respondent or any other person attends training, mediation or counselling by a specified date.

At any point, the complainant or respondent may request the Council to refer the complaint to a third party before Council decides the complaint. Council may decline this request.

If the complainant is an Elected Member, the complainant may refer the complaint to the Prescribed Corporation (LGANT) before Council decides the complaint. Likewise, the respondent may refer the complaint to the Prescribed Corporation.

The new Act further outlines procedures that third party, prescribed corporations and NTCAT must follow.

A policy position for beach of code of conduct will be drafted and presented to Council at the first Ordinary Meeting in July 2021.

The principle of the revised approach to complaints for beach of code of conduct are designed to take a restorative approach, focussing on constructive outcomes.

New Regulations

The Department have advised that the Electoral and General Regulations are being finalised and are expected to be available from 1 July 2021.

There have been a number of amendments made to the last drafts of these documents as a result of sector engagement and feedback. Council is still awaiting final versions to ascertain the final impacts from the regulations.

It is however anticipated that the regulations will require further updates to a number of policies and operational processes across Council.

Elections – Local Government Amendment Act 2021

The recent Local Government Amendment Act 2021 has passed. The primary purpose of this amendment is to amend the process for voting on election day to allow eligible votes to “vote on the day”.

Based on the last Northern Territory Government Election where this provision was in place, the Department expects that this will assist in increased voter numbers on election day on 28 August

2021.

Ministerial Guidelines

A range of Ministerial Guidelines are being finalised. Council expects to receive notification of their completion shortly. The suite of guidelines are:

1. Guideline 1: Local Authorities
2. Guideline 2: Appointing a CEO
3. Guideline 3: Borrowing
4. Guideline 4: Assets
5. Guideline 5: Budgets
6. Guideline 6: Annual financial statements

Key Actions / Supporting Documents for the next 6+ months

The key actions / documents outlined below has been provided by the Department. It outlines the key actions for Council for the first six months of the new Act.

The Policy for Beach of Code of Conduct and Council / CEO delegations will be presented to the first Ordinary Meeting in July 2021.

Key dates for the next 6+ months

1 July 2021	•Commencement of the new Act, Regulations and Guidelines
31 July 2021	•Annual municipal, regional and shire plans
31 July 2021	•Adoption of budget
31 July 2021	•Declaration of rates
5 August 2021	•Start of caretaker period
28 August 2021	•Local government general elections (election day)
13 September 2021	•Declaration of election results (to be confirmed)
13 September 2021	•End of caretaker period
30 September 2021	•Annual return of interests – CEO and senior staff
4 October 2021	•First council meeting deadline – casting vote policy
4 October 2021	•First council meeting deadline – appointing a principal member (if not elected)
4 October 2021	•First council meeting deadline – set schedule for ordinary meetings
12 November 2021	•Annual return of interests – members (60 days after election)
15 November 2021	•Annual financial statement (including copy to NT Grants Commission)
15 November 2021	•Annual report
31 December 2021	•Deadline for first review of budget (between 1 July – 31 December)
31 December 2021	•Deadline for submissions to Minister in relation to conditional rates
13 March 2022	•Deadline for council to review delegations

In addition, the Department has provided Councils with 49 sample policies, registers and explanatory papers to assist Council's with implementation of the Act. Governance is currently working to develop a new page on the Elected Member Intranet for Elected Members to have access to this information.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION	
Nil	
STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	6 Governance Framework 6.4 Accountability
CRITICAL DATES	Refer to key dates above.
BUDGET / FINANCIAL	Budget/Funding: Not assessed at this stage. Is Funding identified: No
RISK ASSESSMENT	<p> Assets & Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Environment & Waste <input type="checkbox"/> Financial <input type="checkbox"/> Info Comms & Tech <input type="checkbox"/> Legal & Compliance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ops & Service Delivery <input type="checkbox"/> Reputation & Brand <input type="checkbox"/> Work Health & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> </p> <p>In accordance with City of Darwin Risk Management Framework, the post treatment, mitigation risk is: Medium</p> <p>Risks identified, in relation to this report, will be managed by implementing the requirements of the new Act prior to 30 June 2022.</p>
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	<p>Legislation:</p> <p>Local Government Act 2019</p> <p>Local Government Amendment Act 2021</p> <p>Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 <i>Awaiting final version July 2021</i></p> <p>Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2021 <i>Awaiting final version July 2021</i></p> <p>Policy:</p> <p>Various policy implications</p>
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	<p>Existing Position No:</p> <p>Government Relations and External Affairs will lead implementation and compliance with the new legislation.</p>
CONSULTATION & ENGAGEMENT	<p>Engagement Level: Inform</p> <p>Tactics: Elected Members Intranet dedicated page is under development.</p>
COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR THIS INITIATIVE	N/A
PLACE SCORE STATEMENT	N/A

DECLARATION OF INTEREST	<p>The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).</p>
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ANNUAL MUNICIPAL, REGIONAL AND SHIRE PLANS (INCLUDES LONG-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN)

- Councils are to adopt the annual plan for 2021-22 in accordance with the sections of the 2008 Act
- Councils must adopt their annual plans on or before **31 July 2021**

DECLARING RATES

- Councils are to declare rates in accordance with the sections of the 2008 Act
- 2008 Act rules for general rates, special rates, charges and rate notices (including rules for exempt land) apply for 2021-22
- Councils must declare rates for 2021-22 on or before **31 July 2021**

2020-21 ANNUAL REPORT

- The 2008 Act rules will apply, however councils may choose to prepare in accordance with the 2019 Act rules

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

- Council committees established by council resolution before **1 July 2021** become council committees under the 2019 Act



ADOPTING BUDGET

- Councils are to adopt the budget for 2021-22 in accordance with the sections of the 2008 Act
- Councils must adopt their budgets on or before **31 July 2021**

2020-21 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

- The 2008 Act rules will apply – however, councils may choose to prepare in accordance with the 2019 Act rules and the new *Guideline 6: Annual financial statements*

COUNCIL MEMBER ALLOWANCES

- Rules for council member allowances in the current Minister's Guideline on council member allowances continue until the Remuneration Tribunal makes its first report

AUTHORISED PERSONS

- Authorised persons under the 2008 Act become authorised persons under the 2019 Act

Breach of Code of Conduct policy

[Version A takes a general policy approach in which the Council can consider third party referral, council panel referral or to decide the matter as the Council – delete this text]

Council decision (reference):	
Date to take effect:	1 July 2021
Legislative reference:	Section 121 of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i>
Policy reference:	LGA7.4.2
Records number:	
Review date:	

1. Purpose

This policy sets out how the Council will manage a complaint in relation to a breach of the Code of Conduct.

2. Definitions

For the purposes of this policy:

Code of Conduct means the Code of Conduct set out in Schedule 1 of the Act.

Complainant means the person who lodges a Code of Conduct complaint against a council member (this person can be a council member or a member of the public).

Respondent means the council member who is alleged to have breached the Code of Conduct.

3. Guiding principles

In managing complaints and breaches of the Code of Conduct, Council's guiding principles are to:

- promote behaviour among all council members that meets the standards set out in the Code of Conduct, with a restorative approach that seeks to focus on constructive outcomes;
- emphasise a preference that disputes and allegations be identified and resolved before they escalate to the stage of a formal complaint; and
- recognise the leadership role of the *[Mayor/President]* and the responsibility of all members to work together collaboratively pursuant to their corporate responsibilities.

4. Promoting appropriate behaviour

The *[Mayor/President]* is to promote behaviour amongst all council members that meets the standards set out in the Code of Conduct.

Any council member aggrieved in relation to a potential Code of Conduct matter should raise the grievance in the first instance with the *[Mayor/President]* to seek a resolution. If the grievance is in relation to the *[Mayor/President]*, the grievance should be raised with the Deputy *[Mayor/President]*.

In response to a potential Code of Conduct complaint matter, the *[Mayor/President]* (or Deputy *[Mayor/President]*) will engage in informal discussions with the affected parties, as appropriate, to seek to resolve the matter.

5. Confidentiality

Information regarding a complaint is confidential, including the complaint form, statements from any parties, and reports provided by the CEO regarding the status of a complaint.

Complaints will only be formally discussed by the Council or council panel during confidential sessions. Minutes kept by the Council or a council panel are confidential information in accordance with *regulation 49(f)* of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*.

6. Complaint requirements

The Act requires that a complaint alleging a breach of a Code of Conduct must:

– Sample policy only –

- (a) be in the approved form (available on the council website); and
- (b) be made within three (3) months of the alleged breach of the Code of Conduct.

A Code of Conduct complaint must be lodged with the CEO, who will assess whether or not the complaint complies with the above requirements. If it appears that a complaint does not comply with the above requirements, the CEO will notify the complainant of the issues with the form of the complaint as soon as practicable and allow the complainant the opportunity to lodge a revised complaint.

7. Notifications to parties

When a complaint is received, the CEO will provide notifications to the complainant and the respondent, in accordance with the requirements of the Act and *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*.

The CEO carries out the role of secretariat in relation to a complaint and communicates with complainant, respondent and any relevant witnesses on behalf of the Council or council panel.

8. Referral to LGANT

The CEO will refer the matter to LGANT if a complainant council member or respondent has elected to refer the complaint to LGANT under section 124(3) of the Act.

Note: A complainant who is not a council member does not have the option to request referral to LGANT.

9. Initial consideration by Council

The CEO will refer the complaint to the Council for consideration in confidential session in the next council meeting, unless the complaint has been referred to LGANT in accordance with clause 8 above.

Before the council meeting, the CEO will establish a list of suitable third parties who do not have a conflict of interest and are willing to accept a referral of the matter (if the council decides to refer the matter).

The CEO will provide a copy of the complaint and any response from the respondent, the list of suitable third parties and a draft terms of reference for Council's consideration.

The complainant, respondent and any council member with a conflict of interest in relation to the complaint are required to leave the meeting room during any discussion, consideration or decision relating to the complaint.

When considering a Code of Conduct complaint, Council has the following three options:

- (a) refer the complaint to a third party for advice – with Council to decide the complaint (see clause 9.1); or
- (b) refer the complaint to a council panel – for the panel to decide the complaint (see clause 9.2); or
- (c) decide the matter as the Council (see clause 10).

9.1 Referral to third party

Council may decide to refer the complaint to an independent third party for advice and recommendations by taking into the consideration the following:

- (a) whether the complainant or respondent requested the involvement of a third party;
- (b) the costs, if any, of referring the matter to a third party;
- (c) whether the advice of a third party is reasonably expected to assist in achieving constructive outcomes for the parties involved;
- (d) whether advice of a third party is reasonably expected to be received and able to be considered by the Council prior to the expiry of the 90 day period.

Council will not refer the matter to a third party unless satisfied of (c) and (d).

Examples of a third party are: an alternative dispute practitioner; a mediator; a person experienced in local government matters; and a person experienced in conflict resolution.

– Sample policy only –

Where the matter is referred to a third party, the terms of reference will include that the third party is to do the following:

- (a) consider the complaint and discuss with each of the parties;
- (b) explore and follow up avenues for resolution between the parties;
- (c) if resolution is not achievable, then the third party is to:
 - (i) ensure natural justice is provided to both parties;
 - (ii) interview any witnesses if necessary to form a view;
 - (iii) provide a written report to Council by a specified date covering the process, summary of evidence, attempts to resolve and recommendation;
 - (iv) provide a draft decision notice that may be used if council decide to adopt the recommendation.

Upon receiving the advice and any recommendations from the third party, provided the Council is satisfied that each party has been able to put their case and respond to any allegations of the other party, the Council will then decide the complaint. The Council is not bound by any advice or recommendations received from the third party.

Once the written report and draft decision notice is provided to the third party, the Council must decide the complaint (see clause 10.2).

9.2 Referral to council panel

Council may decide to refer the complaint to a council panel for decision.

In order to fulfil the secretariat role in managing the Code of Conduct complaints process, the CEO will be in attendance at council panel meetings.

If the Council decides to refer the complaint to a council panel, the Council will establish a council panel for the complaint.

The composition of the council panel will be the following:

- (a) the [Mayor/President] (as chair of the council panel) – unless the [Mayor/President] is the complainant, respondent or has a conflict of interest;
- (b) if the [Mayor/President] is the complainant, respondent or has a conflict of interest – the Deputy [Mayor/President] will be the chair of the council panel.
- (c) if neither the [Mayor/President] or Deputy [Mayor/President] meet the requirements – the Council will choose a council member who is not the complainant or respondent and does not have a conflict of interest to chair the council panel;
- (d) two other council members – who are not the complainant or respondent and do not have a conflict of interest.

10. Council or council panel process

The Council or the council panel will consider the complainant's written complaint and, if received, the respondent's written response to the complaint. In keeping with natural justice principles, the CEO will ensure that each party has a fair opportunity to provide comment on submissions from the other party.

10.1 Requests for information

If the Council or council panel requires further information to determine whether a breach of the Code of Conduct occurred, the Council or council panel may request information from the complainant, respondent, or any relevant witnesses. The request for information will specify:

- (a) the information that is being sought;
- (b) that the information is to be provided as a written statement (including a statutory declaration); and

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(c) a reasonable timeframe to receive the statement (between 3 and 14 days).

Any requests for information from council staff members will be appropriately directed and facilitated through the CEO. The Council or council panel will not make direct requests to a council staff member.

10.2 Decision

The Council or council panel will decide the complaint after the following steps have been completed:

- (a) the members have considered the written complaint;
- (b) the members have considered all written submissions and statements; and
- (c) the members have read and considered the report from the third party (if applicable).

The Council can make the following decisions:

- (a) to take no action (and not make a decision about whether the respondent breached the Code of Conduct);
- (b) that the respondent did not breach the Code of Conduct; or
- (c) that the respondent breached the Code of Conduct.

If the complainant is found by the Council or council panel to have breached the Code of Conduct, the Council or council panel may decide to:

- (a) take no action (for example, if it is evident that appropriate steps have already taken place to address the conduct or the issues has been resolved between the affected parties); or
- (b) either or both of the following:
 - (i) issue a reprimand to the respondent (for example, a reprimand may be a formal expression of disapproval in writing in the decision notice);
 - (ii) recommend that the complainant, respondent or any other person attend training, mediation or counselling by a specified date.

In choosing from the above options, preference will be given to the option that the Council or council panel considers most likely to result in a constructive outcome.

If training, mediation or counselling is recommended to a council member, the council member may use their professional development allowance, if available, towards the cost of the training, mediation or counselling.

10.3 Decision notice

After the Council or council panel decides the complaint, the CEO will, as soon as practicable, draft a written decision notice that sets out the following matters:

- (a) the Council or council panel's decision and the reasons for it; and
- (b) any right the person to whom the notice is to be given has, under the *Local Government Act 2019* or another Act, to apply for a review of the decision, to apply for a consideration of the matter or to appeal the decision.

The draft decision notice is to be electronically provided to the council member who chaired the meeting in which the Council decided the complaint, or if a council panel decided the complaint, to all members of the council panel. The decision notice is to be authorised by the chair or the council panel and may be authorised remotely, if this is more practicable in the circumstances.

Within 90 days of receipt of the complaint was initially received by the CEO, and as soon as practicable after a decision has been authorised by the chair or council panel, the CEO will provide the authorised decision notice to the complainant and the respondent.

The decision notice will set out the decision and the reasons for the decision. It will also state that within 28 days of receiving the notice, either party may apply to LGANT to reconsider the complaint.

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10.4 Summary of decision

After the expiry of the 28 day appeal period, the CEO will seek advice from LGANT as to whether any of the parties have applied to LGANT for consideration of the complaint under section 126(3) of the Act.

If no parties have applied to LGANT for consideration of the complaint, the CEO will prepare a summary of the decision to be reviewed by the Council or council panel in the confidential session of the next meeting of the Council or council panel.

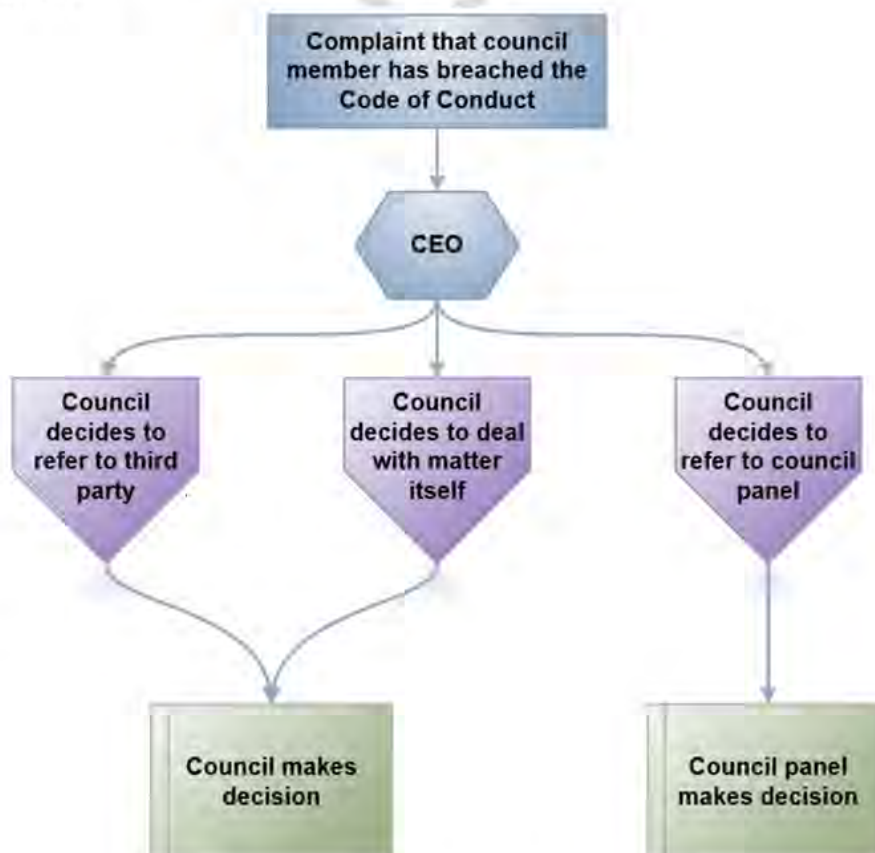
The summary of the decision is to set out the following information:

- (a) the names of the complainant and respondent;
- (b) the date of the decision;
- (c) a concise description of the conduct alleged to have been a breach of the Code of Conduct;
- (d) if a Code of Conduct was found to be breached – the item(s) of the Code of Conduct that the respondent breached; or
- (e) if a Code of Conduct was not found to be breached – that no breach of the Code of Conduct was established by the Council or council panel; and
- (f) any actions or recommendations made by the Council or council panel.

The Council or council panel will consider the summary of the decision and, subject to the Council's or council panel's approval of the information that is to be included, finalise the summary.

The approved summary is to be tabled in the open section of the next ordinary council meeting as part of Council's public business papers.

11. Flowchart



Breach of Code of Conduct policy

[Version B takes a specific policy stance in which the Council automatically refers all complaints to a third party for advice – delete this text]

Council decision (reference):	
Date to take effect:	1 July 2021
Legislative reference:	Section 121 of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i>
Policy reference:	LGA7.4.2
Records number:	
Review date:	

1. Purpose

This policy sets out how the Council will manage a complaint in relation to a breach of the Code of Conduct.

2. Definitions

For the purposes of this policy:

Code of Conduct means the Code of Conduct set out in Schedule 1 of the Act.

Complainant means the person who lodges a Code of Conduct complaint against a council member (this person can be a council member or a member of the public).

Respondent means the council member who is alleged to have breached the Code of Conduct.

3. Guiding principles

In managing complaints and breaches of the Code of Conduct, Council's guiding principles are to:

- promote behaviour among all council members that meets the standards set out in the Code of Conduct, with a restorative approach that seeks to focus on constructive outcomes;
- emphasise a preference that disputes and allegations be identified and resolved before they escalate to the stage of a formal complaint; and
- recognise the leadership role of the *[Mayor/President]* and the responsibility of all members to work together collaboratively pursuant to their corporate responsibilities.

4. Promoting appropriate behaviour

The *[Mayor/President]* is to promote behaviour amongst all council members that meets the standards set out in the Code of Conduct.

Any council member aggrieved in relation to a potential Code of Conduct matter should raise the grievance in the first instance with the *[Mayor/President]* to seek a resolution. If the grievance is in relation to the *[Mayor/President]*, the grievance should be raised with the Deputy *[Mayor/President]*.

In response to a potential Code of Conduct complaint matter, the *[Mayor/President]* (or Deputy *[Mayor/President]*) will engage in informal discussions with the affected parties, as appropriate, to seek to resolve the matter.

5. Confidentiality

Information regarding a complaint is confidential, including the complaint form, statements from any parties, and reports provided by the CEO regarding the status of a complaint.

Complaints will only be formally discussed by the Council or council panel during confidential sessions. Minutes kept by the Council or a council panel are confidential information in accordance with regulation 49(f) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*.

6. Complaint requirements

The Act requires that a complaint alleging a breach of a Code of Conduct must:

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- (a) be in the approved form (available on the council website); and
- (b) be made within three (3) months of the alleged breach of the Code of Conduct.

A Code of Conduct complaint must be lodged with the CEO, who will assess whether or not the complaint complies with the above requirements. If it appears that a complaint does not comply with the above requirements, the CEO will notify the complainant of the issues with the form of the complaint as soon as practicable and allow the complainant the opportunity to lodge a revised complaint.

7. Notifications to parties

When a complaint is received, the CEO will provide notifications to the complainant and the respondent, in accordance with the requirements of the Act and *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*.

The CEO carries out the role of secretariat in relation to a complaint and communicates with complainant, respondent and any relevant witnesses on behalf of the Council or council panel.

8. Referral to LGANT

The CEO will refer the matter to LGANT if a complainant council member or respondent has elected to refer the complaint to LGANT under section 124(3) of the Act.

Note: A complainant who is not a council member does not have the option to request referral to LGANT.

9. Initial consideration by Council

The CEO will refer the complaint to the Council for consideration in a confidential session in the next council meeting, unless the complaint has been referred to LGANT in accordance with clause 8 above.

Before the council meeting, the CEO will establish a list of suitable third parties who do not have a conflict of interest and are willing to accept a referral of the matter.

The CEO will provide a copy of the complaint and any response from the respondent, the list of suitable third parties and a draft terms of reference for Council's consideration.

The complainant, respondent and any council member with a conflict of interest in relation to the complaint are required to leave the meeting room during any discussion, consideration or decision relating to the complaint.

9.1 Referral to third party

Despite having other options under the Act, Council will refer all complaints to an independent third party for advice and recommendation.

Examples of a third party are: an alternative dispute practitioner; a mediator; a person experienced in local government matters; and a person experienced in conflict resolution.

The terms of reference will include that the third party is to do the following:

- (a) consider the complaint and discuss with each of the parties;
- (b) explore and follow up avenues for resolution between the parties;
- (c) if resolution is not achievable, then the third party is to:
 - (i) ensure natural justice is provided to both parties;
 - (ii) interview any witnesses if necessary to form a view;
 - (iii) provide a written report to Council by a specified date covering the process, summary of evidence, attempts to resolve and recommendation;
 - (iv) provide a draft decision notice that may be used if council decide to adopt the recommendation.

Any requests for information from council staff members will be appropriately directed and facilitated through the CEO.

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10. Council process

Upon receiving the advice and any recommendations from the third party, provided the Council is satisfied that each party has been able to put their case and respond to any allegations of the other party, the Council will then decide the complaint.

The Council is not bound by any advice or recommendations received from the third party.

10.1 Decision

The Council will decide the complaint after the following steps have been completed:

- (a) the members have considered the written complaint;
- (b) the members have considered all written submissions and statements; and
- (c) the members have read and considered the report from the third party.

The Council can make the following decisions:

- (a) to take no action (and not make a decision about whether the respondent breached the Code of Conduct);
- (b) that the respondent did not breach the Code of Conduct; or
- (c) that the respondent breached the Code of Conduct.

If the complainant is found by the Council to have breached the Code of Conduct, the Council may decide to:

- (a) take no action (for example, if it is evident that appropriate steps have already taken place to address the conduct or the issues has been resolved between the affected parties); or
- (b) either or both of the following:
 - (i) issue a reprimand to the respondent (for example, a reprimand may be a formal expression of disapproval in writing in the decision notice);
 - (ii) recommend that the complainant, respondent or any other person attend training, mediation or counselling by a specified date.

In choosing from the above options, preference will be given to the option that the Council considers most likely to result in a constructive outcome.

If training, mediation or counselling is recommended to a council member, the council member may use their professional development allowance, if available, towards the cost of the training, mediation or counselling.

10.2 Decision notice

After the Council decides the complaint, the CEO will, as soon as practicable, draft a written decision notice that sets out the following matters:

- (a) the Council's decision and the reasons for it; and
- (b) any right the person to whom the notice is to be given has, under the *Local Government Act 2019* or another Act, to apply for a review of the decision, to apply for a consideration of the matter or to appeal the decision.

The draft decision notice is to be electronically provided to all members of the council panel. The decision notice is to be authorised by the council panel and may be authorised remotely, if this is more practicable in the circumstances.

Within 90 days of receipt of the complaint by the CEO, and as soon as practicable after a decision has been authorised by the council panel, the CEO will provide the authorised decision notice to the complainant and the respondent.

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The decision notice will set out the decision and the reasons for the decision. It will also state that within 28 days of receiving the notice, either party may apply to LGANT to reconsider the complaint.

10.3 Summary of decision

After the expiry of the 28 day appeal period, the CEO will seek advice from LGANT as to whether any of the parties have applied to LGANT for consideration of the complaint under section 126(3) of the Act.

If no parties have applied to LGANT for consideration of the complaint, the CEO will prepare a summary of the decision to be reviewed by the Council in the confidential session of the next meeting of the Council.

The summary of the decision is to set out the following information:

- (a) the names of the complainant and respondent;
- (b) the date of the decision;
- (c) a concise description of the conduct alleged to have been a breach of the Code of Conduct;
- (d) if a Code of Conduct was found to be breached – the item(s) of the Code of Conduct that the respondent contravened; or
- (e) if a Code of Conduct was not found to be breached – that no contravention of the Code of Conduct was established by the Council or council panel; and
- (f) any actions or recommendations made by the Council.

The Council will consider the summary of the decision and, subject to the Council's approval of the information that is to be included, finalise the summary.

The approved summary is to be tabled in the open section of the next ordinary council meeting as part of Council's public business papers.

Breach of Code of Conduct complaint form

1. Your name: <i>You are the complainant.</i>	
2. Name of the council member who is alleged to have breached the Code of Conduct: <i>This person is the respondent.</i>	
3. Name of the relevant council:	
4. List the item number(s) of the Code of Conduct that you allege the respondent has breached:	
5. Do you <u>request</u> that the Council refer your complaint to a third party for advice before the Council decides your complaint? <i>Note: this is only a request – it is a council decision whether to refer your complaint to a third party.</i>	Please select one: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6. Are you a council member of the relevant council? Relevant council means the local government council in which the respondent is a council member.	Please select one: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (<i>proceed to question 7</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> No (<i>proceed to next page</i>)
Only answer Question 7 if you are a council member of the relevant council	
7. Do you want your complaint <u>referred</u> to the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) for a decision, rather than the Council? <i>If a council member of the Council selects 'Yes', the complaint will automatically be referred to LGANT.</i>	Please select one: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Please proceed to the next page.

NOTES:

1. Your complaint must be made within 3 months of the alleged breach.
2. You must give full particulars of the alleged breach, or breaches, explain the basis of your complaint with reference to which item(s) of the Code of Conduct you allege have been breached, state the evidence on which your complaint relies, and complete the required statutory declaration.
3. If additional pages or documents are attached, you must number and identify each extra page as part of your declaration. You must sign and date each page and ensure that it is signed and dated by a witness.
4. If witness statements are attached, a separate statutory declaration must be provided from each witness.
5. To lodge your complaint, attach this form, any attachments and the statutory declaration to an email and send the email to the CEO of the Council (or otherwise print all documents, address your complaint to the CEO of the Council and post it to the Council). Request acknowledgement of receipt of your complaint.
6. Lodging a complaint does not relieve you from a legal obligation to make other reports (if relevant), including mandatory reporting requirements under legislation.

.....
Your signature

Date:

Signature of witness

Date:

8. Details of the respondent's alleged breach, or breaches, of the Code of Conduct:

*Detail in full, by stating each item of Code of Conduct alledged to have been breached.
Support your claim in relation to each breach with full particulars.*

.....

Your signature

Date:

Signature of witness

Date:

THE NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
STATUTORY DECLARATION

I,
(Your full name and address)

solemnly and sincerely declare that
(Name of the respondent council member)

has committed a breach, or breaches, of the Code of Conduct as described in the completed Code of Conduct complaint form and attachments.

I further solemnly and sincerely declare that all of the information attached and provided in relation to this statutory declaration is true.

This declaration is true and I know it is an offence to make a statutory declaration knowing it is false in a material particular.

Declared at the day of 20.....
(Place you are making the declaration) (Date) (Month) (Year)

Signed:
(Your signature)

Witnessed by:
(Signature of the person before whom the declaration is made)

.....
(Full name of witness)

.....
(Contact address or phone number of witness)

NOTES:

- 1. This declaration may be witnessed by any person who is at least 18 years of age.**
- 2. This written statutory declaration must comply with Part 4 of the *Oaths Affidavits and Declarations Act 2010*.**
- 3. Making a declaration knowing it is false in a material particular is an offence for which you may be fined or imprisoned.**

16 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**17 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS****18 GENERAL BUSINESS**

18.1 Appointment of Deputy Lord Mayor for the period 1 July To 27 August 2021 (inclusive)

19 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 13 July 2021, at 5:30PM (Open Section followed by the Confidential Section), Council Chambers, Level 1, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin.

20 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

THAT pursuant to Section 65 (2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) 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 65(2) of the Local Government Act:

26.1 Bicentennial Park Public Art Project Concept Design

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 65(2) - 8(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.

26.2 Youth Advisory Committee - Appointment of New Member

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 65(2) - 8(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 prejudice the interests of council or some other person.

26.3 Parklets Review and Program

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 65(2) - 8(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.

26.4 Walkway Closure Assessment Procedure

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 65(2) - 8(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 prejudice the interests of council or some other person.

26.5 City of Darwin Draft By-Laws - Options for Progression of By-Law Drafting and Finalisation

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 65(2) - 8(c)(ii) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law.

26.6 Prospective Land Acquisition - Berrimah Industrial Estate

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 65(2) - 8(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 Outcome of Tender Award - Maintenance of Street and Public Lighting

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 65(2) - 8(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 City Safe Patrols - May 2021

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 65(2) - 8(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 prejudice the interests of council or some other person.

27.3 Corporate Services Report - May 2021

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 65(2) - 8(a), 8(c)(i), 8(c)(iv) and 8(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 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, information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person, information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person and information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential.

21 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON



MINUTES

**Ordinary Council Meeting
Tuesday, 15 June 2021**

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**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE, HARRY CHAN AVENUE,
DARWIN
ON TUESDAY, 15 JUNE 2021 AT 5:30PM**

- PRESENT:** Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis, Alderman Paul Arnold, Alderman Andrew Arthur, Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris, Alderman Gary Haslett, Alderman Robin Knox, Alderman George Lambrinidis, Alderman Simon Niblock, Alderman Mick Palmer, Alderman Peter Pangquee, Alderman Rebecca Want de Rowe
- OFFICERS:** Scott Waters (Chief Executive Officer), Simone Saunders (Chief Financial Officer), Joshua Sattler (General Manager Innovation Growth & Development Services), Melissa Reiter (General Manager Government Relations & External Affairs), Ron Grinsell (General Manager Engineering & City Services), Matt Grassmayr (General Manager Community & Regulatory Services)
- Jessica Eves (Governance Business Partner), Paula Strong (Public Relations and External Affairs), Russell Holden (Executive Manager Finance), Alice Percy (Executive Manager Growth and Development)
- APOLOGY:** Alderman Justine Glover
- GUESTS:** Nil

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1 Acknowledgement of Country

2 **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

3 **MEETING DECLARED OPEN**

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

4 **APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

4.1 **APOLOGIES**

RESOLUTION ORD272/21

Moved: Alderman Gary Haslett
Seconded: Alderman Andrew Arthur

THAT the apology from Alderman Justine Glover, be received.

CARRIED 10/0

4.2 **LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED**

Nil

4.3 **LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED**

RESOLUTION ORD273/21

Moved: Alderman Peter Pangquee
Seconded: Alderman Paul Arnold

THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for Alderman Paul Arnold for the period 4 July 2021 to 9 July 2021.

CARRIED 10/0

5 **ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE**

5.1 **ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE GRANTED**

Nil

5.2 **ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE REQUESTED**

Nil

6 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

6.1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

RESOLUTION ORD274/21

Moved: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Alderman Paul Arnold

A. THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 73 & 74 of the Local Government Act, Alderman George Lambrinidis, declared a Conflict of Interest to:

- Item 14.9 - Anglicare NT and Proper Creative Community Art Project Proposal;
- Item 27.2 - Darwin City Deal - Request for \$5M Funding & Fee Waiver by NT Government and Charles Darwin University for the Education & Civic Precinct and;
- Item 27.3 - Darwin City Deal - Minister Paul Fletcher MP Correspondence to Lord Mayor and Lord Mayor Response.

B. THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 73 & 74 of the Local Government Act, Alderman Simon Niblock, declared a Conflict of Interest in Item 27.1 - Road Reserve Purchase Enquiry - 27 Lambell Terrace, Larrakeyah.

C. THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 73 & 74 of the Local Government Act, Alderman Peter Pangquee, declared a Conflict of Interest in Item 27.1 - Road Reserve Purchase Enquiry - 27 Lambell Terrace, Larrakeyah.

CARRIED 10/0

6.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY STAFF

RESOLUTION ORD275/21

Moved: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Alderman Paul Arnold

A. THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 107 of the Local Government Act, General Manager Government Relations & External Affairs declared a Conflict of Interest in Item 27.1 - Road Reserve Purchase Enquiry - 27 Lambell Terrace, Larrakeyah.

CARRIED 10/0

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLUTION ORD276/21

Moved: Alderman Andrew Arthur

Seconded: Alderman George Lambrinidis

That the minutes of the Open Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 May 2021 be confirmed.

CARRIED 10/0

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

Nil

8.2 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS MOVED INTO OPEN

Nil

9 MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE / LORD MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil

10 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

11 PETITIONS

Nil

12 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS

Nil

13 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

14 ACTION REPORTS**14.1 REVIEW OF POLICY 051 - VERGES****RESOLUTION ORD277/21**

Moved: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Alderman Rebecca Want de Rowe

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

CARRIED 10/0

14.2 REVIEW OF POLICY 050 - TREES ON VERGES - CONSERVATION**RESOLUTION ORD278/21**

Moved: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Alderman Paul Arnold

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

CARRIED 10/0

14.3 REVIEW OF POLICY 088 - UNSOLICITED PROPOSALS**RESOLUTION ORD279/21**

Moved: Alderman George Lambrinidis

Seconded: Alderman Paul Arnold

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Policy 088 - Unsolicited Proposals be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the revised Policy 088 - Unsolicited Proposals.

CARRIED 10/0

14.4 REVIEW OF POLICY 070 - PROCUREMENT POLICY**RESOLUTION ORD280/21**

Moved: Alderman George Lambrinidis

Seconded: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Policy 070 - Procurement Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the draft revised Policy 070 - Procurement.

CARRIED 10/0

14.5 REVIEW OF POLICY 024 - INVESTMENT POLICY**RESOLUTION ORD281/21**

Moved: Alderman Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Policy 024 – Investment Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the revised Policy 024 – Investment.

CARRIED 10/0

Alderman Mick Palmer entered the meeting at 5:44pm

14.6 REVIEW OF POLICY 019 - FEES & CHARGES**RESOLUTION ORD282/21**

Moved: Alderman Gary Haslett

Seconded: Alderman Rebecca Want de Rowe

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Policy 019 – Fees & Charges be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the revised Policy 019 – Fees & Charges.

CARRIED 11/0**14.7 3RD BUDGET REVIEW 2020/2021****RESOLUTION ORD283/21**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Alderman Gary Haslett

1. THAT the report entitled 3rd Budget Review 2020/21 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council amend the 2020/2021 budget, in accordance with Section 128 of the Local Government Act 2008, as detailed in report entitled 3rd Budget Review 2020/2021 and associated attachments.

CARRIED 11/0**14.8 WESTLANE CAR PARK - REVIEW OF OPENING HOURS AND SMART PAYMENT SYSTEM****RESOLUTION ORD284/21**

Moved: Alderman Paul Arnold

Seconded: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled Westlane Car Park – Review of Opening Hours and Smart Payment System be received and noted.

CARRIED 11/0*Alderman George Lambrinidis departed the meeting at 5:54 pm.***14.9 ANGLICARE NT AND PROPER CREATIVE COMMUNITY ART PROJECT PROPOSAL****RESOLUTION ORD285/21**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Alderman Rebecca Want de Rowe

1. THAT the report entitled Anglicare NT and Proper Creative Community Art Project Proposal be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the Anglicare NT and Proper Creative Community Art Project Proposal to repaint the Nakara Oval Amenity Building.
3. THAT Council endorse that all future Council Amenity Building mural upgrades be approved operationally, subject to appropriate style and content as determined by the Chief Executive

Officer.

CARRIED 10/0**14.10 GARDENS OVAL 500 LUX TRIAL****RESOLUTION ORD286/21**

Moved: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Alderman Paul Arnold

1. THAT the report entitled Garden Oval 500 Lux Trial be received and noted.
2. THAT the hours of use be restricted to no later than 9pm Monday to Saturday.
3. THAT agreements with sporting associations detail the following lighting operational parameters, to be reviewed on an annual basis:

Day	Time	Maximum Lux Level
Monday	4 - 9pm	100 lux (training)
Tuesday	4 - 9pm	100 lux (training)
Wednesday	4 - 9pm	100 lux (training)
Thursday	4 - 9pm	500 lux (junior & senior matches)
Friday	4 - 9pm	500 lux (junior & senior matches)
Saturday	4 - 9pm	500 lux (junior & senior matches)
Sunday	Not in use	

4. THAT Council only consider applications for use of Gardens Oval lights up to 500 lux on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday for one-off events.

CARRIED 10/0**14.11 WALKWAY CLOSURE REQUEST - WALKWAY 29 KAILIS STREET TO LEE POINT ROAD, WANGURI****RESOLUTION ORD287/21**

Moved: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Alderman Robin Knox

1. THAT the report entitled Walkway Closure Request – Walkway 29 Kailis Court to Lee Point Road, Wanguri be received and noted.
2. THAT the residents are provided a response advising that a night-time closure of Walkway 29 Kailis Street to Lee Point Road in Wanguri will not be undertaken at this time.

CARRIED 10/0

14.12 WALKWAY COMMUNITY CONSULTATION OUTCOME - WALKWAY 49 HUMBERT CIRCUIT TO ROSEWOOD CRESCENT, LEANYER**RESOLUTION ORD288/21**

Moved: Alderman Rebecca Want de Rowe

Seconded: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

1. THAT the report entitled Walkway Community Consultation Outcome – Walkway 49 Humbert Circuit to Rosewood Crescent, Leanyer be received and noted.
2. THAT Council undertakes a trial closure of Walkway 49 Humbert Circuit to Rosewood Crescent Leanyer for a period of six months.
3. THAT a report be provided to Council after the trial period to determine further action.
4. THAT the residents who provided feedback through the consultation process be informed of Council's decision.

CARRIED 10/0

Alderman George Lambrinidis re-joined the meeting at 5:59 pm.

15 RECEIVE & NOTE REPORTS**15.1 RATIONALISATION OF PARKING METERS****RESOLUTION ORD289/21**

Moved: Alderman Rebecca Want de Rowe

Seconded: Alderman Paul Arnold

THAT the report entitled Rationalisation of Parking Meters be received and noted.

CARRIED 11/0**15.2 MOVEMENT STRATEGY CONSULTATION REPORT****RESOLUTION ORD290/21**

Moved: Alderman Andrew Arthur

Seconded: Alderman George Lambrinidis

THAT the report entitled Movement Strategy Consultation Report be received and noted.

CARRIED 11/0**15.3 CLIMATE EMERGENCY CONSULTATION REPORT****RESOLUTION ORD291/21**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Alderman Andrew Arthur

THAT the report entitled Climate Emergency Consultation Report be received and noted.

CARRIED 11/0

15.4 YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES - 13 MAY 2021**RESOLUTION ORD292/21**

Moved: Alderman Rebecca Want de Rowe

Seconded: Alderman George Lambrinidis

THAT the report entitled Youth Advisory Committee Minutes - 13 May 2021 be received and noted.

CARRIED 11/0

16 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**16.1 NT Water Safety Advisory Committee**

Alderman Robin Knox reported on attendance to the NT Water Safety Advisory Committee meeting and extended an invitation of behalf of the committee for Council to attend:

- World Drowning Prevention Day on 25 July 2021.
- Splash Fest on 19 September 2021.

Alderman Robin Knox discussed statistics relating to learn to swim participation and encouraged support from Council.

16.2 Greek Glenti Sister City / International Relations Advisory Committee Stand

Alderman George Lambrinidis reported on attendance at the Greek Glenti with an International/Sister City Committee stand, Alderman George Lambrinidis advised it was a wonderful opportunity to engage with the Community and praised the well run event.

Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris commented that the stand saw high interaction with the public and extended thanks to staff members, Alice Percy and Cherry Cai for organising the stand. Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris advised he will consider a motion for funding of a mobile stand display for Sister City Committee to be utilised for Council events.

16.3 Reconciliation Action Week

Alderman Peter Pangquee reported attendance on 3 June 2021 to Council's Reconciliation Action Week at the Operations Centre with guest speaker Phil Brown and advised it was well attended with positive feedback received. Alderman Peter Pangquee acknowledged the work of Anneke Barnes, Manager Community and Cultural Development.

17 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**17.1 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS BUDGET****RESOLUTION ORD293/21**

Moved: Alderman Rebecca Want de Rowe

Seconded: Alderman Andrew Arthur

Alderman Robin Knox asked what is the budget for International Relations work for next year?

General Manager Innovation Growth & Development Services took the item on notice.

CARRIED 11/0

17.2 CASUARINA SWIMMING AND LEISURE CENTRE - ELECTED MEMBER INCLUSION PRIOR TO CONTRACT AWARD**RESOLUTION ORD294/21**

Moved: Alderman Rebecca Want de Rowe

Seconded: Alderman Andrew Arthur

Alderman Robin Knox asked if Elected Members will receive the Financial Modelling that includes pay back periods on loan borrowings for Casuarina Swimming and Leisure Centre before a contract is signed.

Chief Executive Officer advised yes and that Council will need to approve the contract award which will include financial modelling.

CARRIED 11/0

17.3 ELECTED MEMBER INVITATIONS TO COUNCIL EVENTS**RESOLUTION ORD295/21**

Moved: Alderman Rebecca Want de Rowe

Seconded: Alderman Andrew Arthur

Alderman Gary Haslett queried whether Elected Members had received an invitation to attend the Greek Glenti event and advised previously Elected Members were extended invitations to these sort of events.

General Manager Innovation Growth & Development Services doesn't believe invitations were extended Elected Members outside of the Sister City Advisory Committee on this occasion.

Alderman George Lambrinidis requested that invitations be extended to all Elected Members next year for better inclusion.

CARRIED 11/0

18 GENERAL BUSINESS**18.1 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS LIST****RESOLUTION ORD296/21**

Moved: Alderman Paul Arnold

Seconded: Alderman George Lambrinidis

Lord Mayor raised that a number of Territorians had been included on the Queen's Birthday Honours List this year and proposed Council write to those Territorians to extend their congratulations to them.

CARRIED 11/0

18.2 MINISTER FYLES CHAN WARD CORRESPONDANCE**RESOLUTION ORD297/21**

Moved: Alderman Paul Arnold

Seconded: Alderman George Lambrinidis

Alderman Robin Knox raised that Council has received a number of recent letters from Minister Fyles in relation to Chan Ward and asked if it would be possible to arrange a meeting with Minister Fyles to discuss these matters?

Chief Executive Officer advised the Alderman Support Officer will compile and provide a summary of correspondence received from Minister Fyles matters relating to Chan Ward and distribute responses to Chan Ward Aldermen and a meeting request will be extended to Minister Fyles office.

CARRIED 11/0

18.3 FIRE CRACKER NIGHT SAFETY**RESOLUTION ORD298/21**

Moved: Alderman Paul Arnold

Seconded: Alderman George Lambrinidis

Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris requested Council arrange communications to the public to remind and inform safety requirements and public responsibility related to the upcoming Fire Cracker night.

CARRIED 11/0

18.4 CONDOLENCE TO CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**RESOLUTION ORD299/21**

Moved: Alderman Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Alderman Peter Pangquee passed his condolences to the Chief Executive Officer for the recent passing of his grandmother.

CARRIED 11/0

19 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 29 June 2021, at 5:30PM (Open Section followed by the Confidential Section), Council Chambers, Level 1, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin.

20 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

THAT pursuant to Section 65 (2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

RESOLUTION ORD300/21

Moved: Alderman Gary Haslett

Seconded: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act:

26.1 Youth Advisory Committee - Appointment of Two New Members

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 65(2) - 8(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 prejudice the interests of council or some other person.

26.2 Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee - Appointment of Community Members

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 65(2) - 8(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 prejudice the interests of council or some other person.

26.3 Sister City Advisory Committee - Appointment of Chair

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 65(2) - 8(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 prejudice the interests of council or some other person.

26.4 Disbursements - Persons Authorised

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 65(2) - 8(c)(iii) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff.

26.5 Legal Advice Pertaining to the Northern Territory Government – Northcrest (Berrimah Farm) Incorporated Process

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 65(2) - 8(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 prejudice the interests of council or some other person.

27.1 Road Reserve Purchase Enquiry - 27 Lambell Terrace, Larrakeyah

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 65(2) - 8(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 information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential.

27.2 Darwin City Deal - Request for \$5M Funding & Fee Waiver by NT Government and Charles Darwin University for the Education & Civic Precinct

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 65(2) - 8(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 prejudice the interests of council or some other person.

27.3 Darwin City Deal - Minister Paul Fletcher MP Correspondence to Lord Mayor and Lord Mayor Response

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 65(2) - 8(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 prejudice the interests of council or some other person.

CARRIED 11/0

21 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

RESOLUTION ORD301/21

Moved: Alderman Gary Haslett

Seconded: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

The open section of the meeting adjourned at 6.28pm.

CARRIED 11/0

31 RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING

RESOLUTION ORD302/21

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Alderman Rebecca Want de Rowe

The open section of the meeting resumed at 8:03pm.

CARRIED 11/0

32 CLOSURE OF MEETING

RESOLUTION ORD303/21

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Alderman Rebecca Want de Rowe

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8:03pm.

CARRIED 11/0