



# **AGENDA**

## **Ordinary Council Meeting Tuesday, 12 October 2021**

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

**Date: Tuesday, 12 October 2021**

**Time: 5:30pm**

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

**Webcasting: [MS Teams Link to Webcast](#)**

**Scott Waters  
Chief Executive Officer**

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**1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

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**4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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Nil

**10 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**11 PETITIONS**

**12 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS**

**12.1**

*Ian Redmond and Gayle Laidlaw from Friends of Lee Point will be in attendance from 5:30pm to brief the Council on The Planning of Lee Point.*

## 13 NOTICES OF MOTION

### 13.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - SAVE LEE POINT

**Common No.:**

**Attachments:** Nil

I, Alderman Rebecca Want de Rowe, give notice that at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 12 October 2021, I will move the following motion:-

#### **MOTION**

That Council

1. Write to the Minister for Lands, Planning and Environment, calling for the Northern Territory Government to place a moratorium on the current development of Lee Point until the Northern Territory Planning Commission has developed a comprehensive area plan for Lee Point that reflects the long term wishes and needs of the community.

#### **REASON:**

On the 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021, the City of Darwin unanimously supported and adopted three key strategies:

- Climate Emergency Strategy
- Greening Darwin Strategy
- Waste and Resources Recovery Strategy.

On the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019, the Lord Mayor, Kon Vatskalis declared a climate emergency. These strategies were developed in response to the declarations and took 2 years to develop. Together, the three strategies will guide the actions and targets Council aims to achieve by 2030 as it strives for a cool, clean and green city.

The Greening Darwin Strategy has three main points.

1. Encourages more tree planting to cool our city
2. A target to increase our tree canopy over 10 years
3. Protection of our urban Forrest.

The destruction of Lee Point completely goes against our Green Darwin Strategy and the goals we are trying to implement.

This motion is asking the Minister to put a moratorium on the current development of Lee Point until the NT Planning Commission, an independent authority, has developed a comprehensive area plan for the whole of Lee Point as it has done with other published area plans such as the Central Palmerston Area Plan and the Humpty Doo Rural Activity Centre Master Plan.

Signed by me at Darwin this 7 October 2021

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca Want de Rowe', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**ALDERMAN REBECCA WANT DE ROWE**

## 14 ACTION REPORTS

### 14.1 DARWIN CITY CENTRE MASTER PLAN REVIEW 2021

**Author:** Strategic Planning Officer  
Executive Manager Growth & Development Services

**Authoriser:** Chief Executive Officer

**Attachments:**

1. Alignment with key strategies and plans [↓](#)
2. Concept list [↓](#)
3. City of Darwin Concept Priorities [↓](#)
4. NTG & DWC Concept Priorities [↓](#)

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report entitled 'Darwin City Centre Master Plan Review 2021' be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse a review of the Darwin City Centre Master Plan to align with the Central Darwin Area Plan and Darwin 2030 Strategic Plan as part of the deliverables under the city deal agreement.
3. THAT project concepts in the Darwin City Centre Master Plan not yet commenced, be reviewed in terms of feasibility, cost/benefit, relevance to community priorities and any other relevant strategic documents.
4. THAT Council endorse initial investigations to determine the feasibility and appropriateness of a Darwin Municipality Master Plan 2030 and that a further report be brought back to Council outlining the findings, including any recommended 2021/2022 budget allocation to prepare a municipal wide master plan.

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the review of the Darwin City Centre Master Plan (2015), as identified in the Darwin City Deal.

#### KEY ISSUES

- In May 2015, City of Darwin in partnership with the Australian and Northern Territory Governments, released the Darwin City Centre Master Plan (Master Plan).
- The Master Plan is a holistic planning document developed to provide a roadmap for development in the Darwin City Centre for 20 to 30 years. In facilitating investment and growth the plan also identifies opportunity for broader community benefit to improve quality of life and promote Darwin as a place to live, work and play.
- Initially the Master Plan was intended to be included in the NT Planning Scheme as a 'Reference Document'. However, the Minister for Lands and Planning withdrew the NT Planning Scheme Amendment and instead included it as a 'Background Document', which have limited ability to influence development outcomes.
- The NTG then developed the Central Darwin Area Plan and inserted it in the NTPS, as a 'Reference Document'.

- In 2018, a Special Council Workshop was “held to discuss renewing and reviving the Darwin City Master Plan.” The Special Council Workshop identified a list of eight concepts for prioritisation. These were allocated into four concepts for scoping (budget and timeframe) and reporting back to Council, three concepts for completion within two to five years, and one for both scoping and completion. The projects associated with this list is not complete.
- The 2019 Darwin City Deal committed the City of Darwin to “review and update the Darwin City Centre Masterplan, to aligning with the Central Darwin Area Plan and consistent with the City Deal.”
- Currently 12 concepts are identified as complete, 23 have commenced and 37 have not yet commenced. Of the 37 concepts not commenced, 12 identify City of Darwin as the Lead Agency.

## DISCUSSION

Since the Darwin City Centre Master Plan (Master Plan) was first envisioned and subsequently adopted, City of Darwin has experienced shifts in strategic priorities, as identified in the Darwin 2030 Strategic Plan.

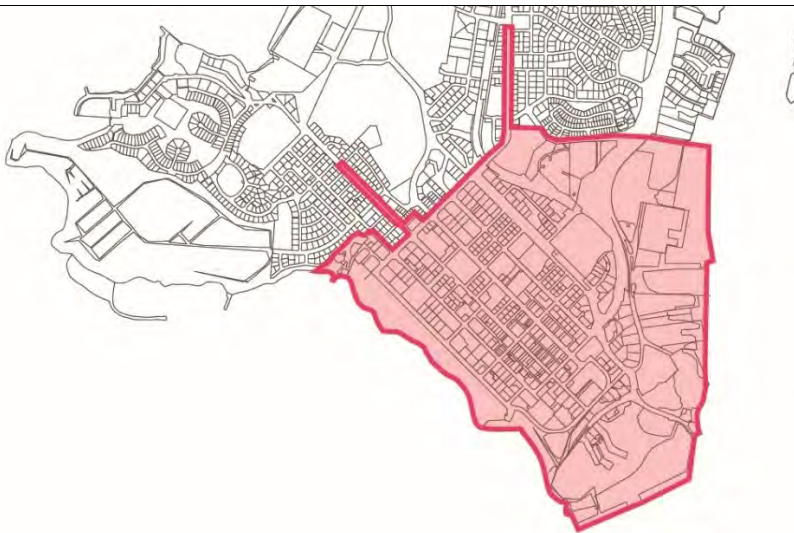
A range of strategic plans and strategies developed since the Master Plan was introduced also enact specific concepts in the Master Plan or align strategically with the Master Plan.

- Enact specific concepts in the Master Plan:
  - o Greening Darwin Strategy
  - o Movement Strategy
  - o Municipal Plan 2021/22
  - o 2021-2023 Priority Projects
  - o 2030 Advocacy and Partnerships Strategy
  - o Strategic Projects Prospectus
- Align strategically with the Master Plan:
  - o Strategic Plan 2030
  - o Access and Inclusion Plan
  - o Economic Development Strategy

Both the Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) and the Climate Emergency Strategy have goals and actions that will have an impact across the entirety of the Master Plan. All the documents listed will affect the outcomes of individual concepts in the Master Plan, but not necessarily the original intent.

Refer **Attachment 1** ‘Alignment with key strategies and plans’ for further information.

The most recent community consultations were conducted as part of the development of the Strategic Plan in 2018, and the Place Scores conducted in 2019. These consultations were not as extensive as those conducted as part of the Master Plan.



*Diagram 1: Darwin City Centre Master Plan – study area*

### **Northern Territory Government Plans**

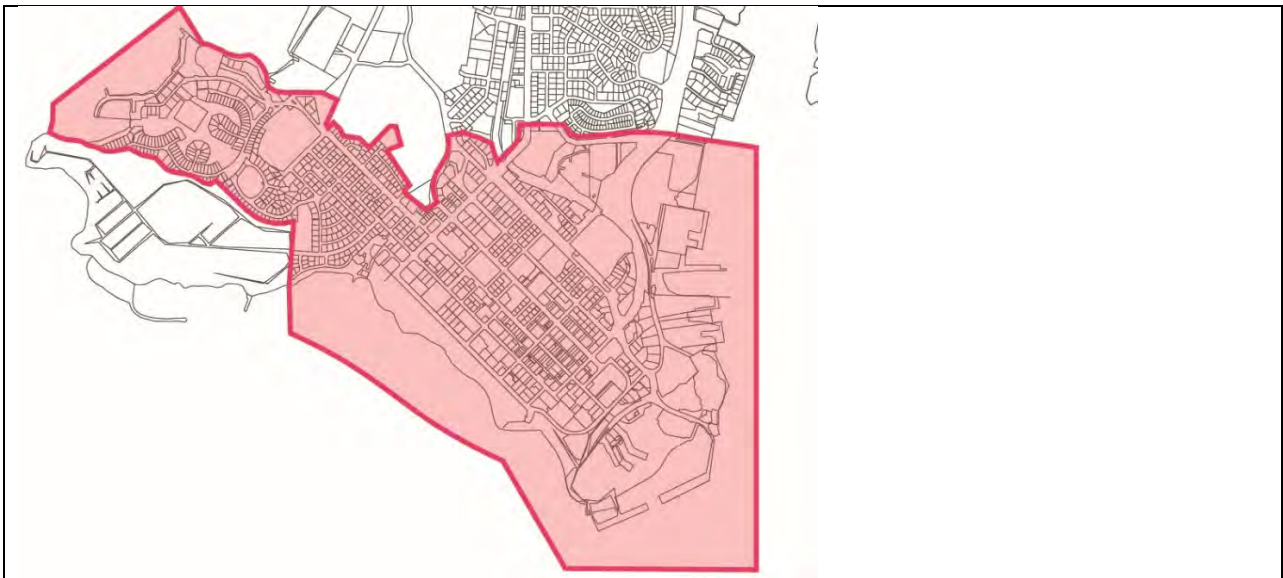
In 2015, the Northern Territory Government and the Northern Territory Planning Commission released a Darwin Regional Land Use Plan. This plan covers all areas from the Arafura Sea in the north, to the Adelaide River in the east and the Finniss River to the west. The Land Use Plan aims to identify essential characteristics and needs that will shape future development of the region. It establishes an overarching framework with four strategic goals:

- International and National Centre of Strategic Importance
- Prosperous Regional Economy
- Strong Society and Confident Culture
- Balanced Protection and Use of Regional Environment

The plan is then separated into eight key land use objective areas:

- Residential
- Urban and Peri-Urban Residential
- Rural Lifestyle
- Industrial
- Primary Industry
- Open Space and Natural Areas
- Community Facilities and Services
- Infrastructure

In 2019, the Northern Territory Planning Commission released the Central Darwin Area Plan (Area Plan). This plan covers the area of the Master Plan (as outlined in Diagram 1) and extends to include Larrakeyah and Cullen Bay.



*Diagram 2: Central Darwin Area Plan – study area*

The Area Plan outlines key land uses, future guides, needs and focus areas for development. It is underpinned by seven Themes:

- Residential
- Mixed
- Social Infrastructure
- Culture and Heritage
- Environment
- Movement and Transport
- Essential Infrastructure

It also outlines eight Focus Areas.



*Diagram 3: Central Darwin Area Plan - Focus Areas*

The Northern Territory Government (NTG) is currently undertaking a Planning Reform process, where it is likely that the Central Darwin Area Plan will be reviewed and appropriate sections included in Part 5 of the Northern Territory Planning Scheme (NTPS.)

NTG are also currently developing a Precinct Plan from the Waterfront to Cullen Bay. NTG engaged KPMG to undertake a Precincts Review in 2020. City of Darwin formally responded to that Review and KPMG presented to Council on behalf of the Activate Darwin Board on 10

November 2020.

### Darwin City Centre Master Plan Background

The Master Plan is underpinned by eight Design Rationales, to be implemented through the 72 project concepts. Each concept has a nominated:

- Lead Agency: City of Darwin (CoD), Northern Territory Government (NTG), Darwin Waterfront Corporation (DWC) and Private Developers.
- Timeframe: short-term (1-3 years), medium-term (3-10 years) or long-term (10+ years), and;
- Status: critical, desirable, or discretionary.

These concepts are in response to initial research and mapping by City of Darwin and Northern Territory Government staff, followed by extensive consultation with stakeholders throughout the community including: traders, private land owners, the Property Council, Chamber of Commerce, young people, seniors, the Larrakia people, professional contributors and environmental groups.

### City Centre Master Plan Progress

Currently 13 concepts are identified as 'Complete', 22 have 'Commenced' and 37 have 'Not Commenced' However, this division is too simple to effectively describe the complex variances across the concepts. Refer to **Attachment 2** 'Concept List' for further detail.

Lead Agency	Complete	Commenced	Not Commenced
City of Darwin	7	13	12
Northern Territory Government	5	8	22
Darwin Waterfront Corporation	0	1	3
Private	0	1	0

A desktop review of the concepts has been completed based on their relevance to current City of Darwin Strategies and Plans.

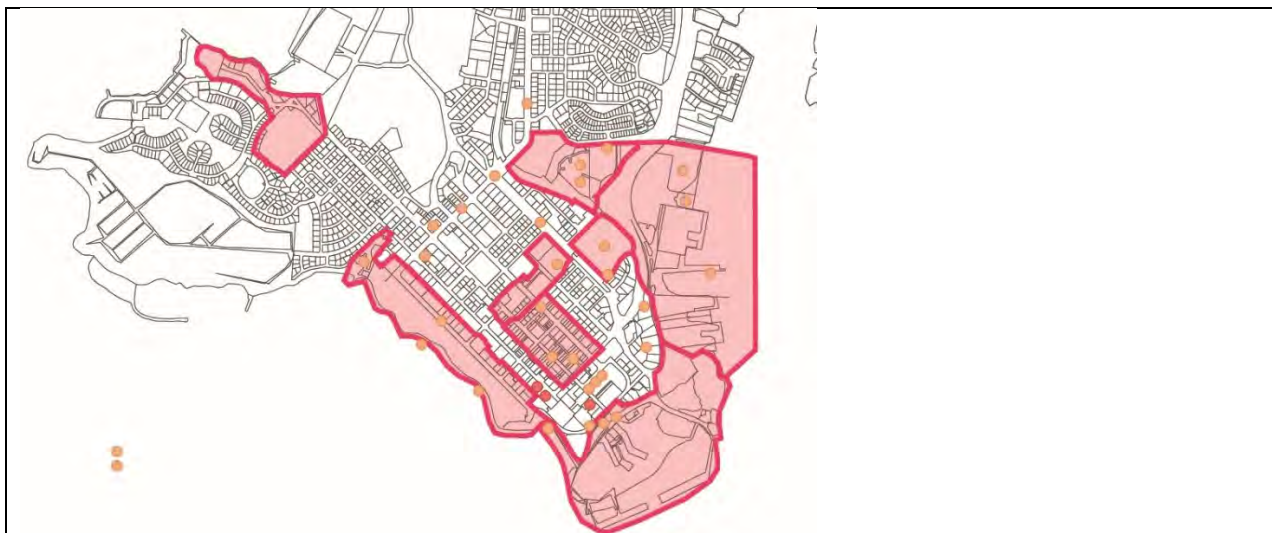
A more detailed analysis has been completed based on the Community Place Priorities identified by Place Score, City of Darwin Strategic Plan 2030 and Municipal Plan 2021/22, the Darwin City Deal and the Northern Territory Government's Central Darwin Area Plan. This analysis could be used to determine priority City of Darwin infrastructure projects over the next 8 years.

Of the 37 that have not commenced, 12 list the City of Darwin as the lead agency. All have been prioritised in relation to both the 'Timeframe' and 'Status' allocated in the City Centre Master Plan 2015. Each concept has then been scored against Strategic Directions (Strategic Plan 2030) and Community Liveability Priorities for the Lyons Ward (Place Score – Performance Measurement Framework 2019) as per the 'Sample Project Selection Matrix' in Appendix A of the Strategic Plan 2030. Refer to **Attachment 3** 'City of Darwin Concept Prioritisation' and **Attachment 4** 'NTG & DWC Concept Prioritisation' for further detail.

Parallel to this the Governance team are having discussions with Place Score about assessing the remaining concepts of the Master Plan upon completion of the internal review.

The majority of the remaining concepts not yet commenced fit into, or relate to, the Themes and/or Focus Areas of the Area Plan. Of the remaining concepts to be commenced 23 occur across, or directly in, the Focus Areas and 14 occur outside of these areas predominantly as part of the State Square Masterplan, the Civic Centre redevelopment or at the North-West entry of the City Centre: the Stuart Highway, McMinn Street and Daly Street.





*Diagram 4: Not Commenced projects with Central Darwin Area Plan Focus Areas*

The following concepts are located within the Focus Areas of the Area Plan, but the outcome of the concept has changed significantly:

- MP005 Darwin Central Park - listed as a park in the Master Plan, but a combination of Medium Density, High Density and 'Potential Area for Change' in the Area Plan.
- MP031 Sextant Park and Sadgroves Creek Park – listed as a park in the Master Plan, but Mixed Use in the Area Plan
- MP071 – Hughes Avenue Improvement – not mentioned in the Area Plan

Refer to **Attachment 1** and **Attachment 2** for further detail.

### **Recommendations**

Strategic planning in the Darwin municipality is complex. There are multiple agencies that play a role in infrastructure planning and delivery. With multiple strategies and plans that affect the municipality, it is essential that the City of Darwin keeps track of strategic planning projects across all levels of government, works with NTG on a long term plan for Council to take on an increased role in strategic planning decisions within the municipality, and determines the priority strategic planning projects for Council. The identification of priority strategic planning projects will involve a thorough review of project feasibility, cost/benefit and relevance to current community priorities on a rolling annual basis.

It is recommended that City of Darwin aligns its infrastructure planning and delivery to the Northern Territory Government's Area Plans and Northern Territory Infrastructure Plan 2021, to create efficiencies and cost savings for developers and infrastructure provider.

It is also recommended that as a part of the current NT Planning Reform process, City of Darwin advocate for the inclusion of additional focus areas across the Central Darwin Area and the prioritisation of concepts that strongly align with community priorities, City of Darwin's Strategic Plan 2030, and subsequent strategies, plans and policies.

The goal should be for infrastructure to be planned, coordinated, and developed to support desired city centre growth in an efficient, effective and community engaged manner.

A risk for land use planning occurring in isolation is that infrastructure is not provided when required or at all. In a worst-case scenario uncoordinated planning may result in development occurring without adequate or timely access to infrastructure services such as water, sewerage, electricity, telecommunications, roads etc.

Consideration of infrastructure costs and efficiencies during the planning process can significantly assist in ensuring infrastructure costs are reduced, while community benefits are increased.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION****Darwin City Centre Master Plan Review**

29 January 2019. DECISION NO.22\1283

- A. THAT Report Number 18CF0104 CR:hd entitled Darwin City Centre Master Plan Review, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council endorse Option 2, as amended to include Project 007 Daly Street Upgrade and Project 060 Bike Network, within Report Number 18CF0104 CR:hd entitled Darwin City Centre Master Plan Review, to further investigate the listed projects and report back to Council with estimated costs and timeframes.

**Questions by Members: Darwin City Centre Master Plan**

27 November 2018. DECISION NO.22\1242

THAT the following Questions by Members be received and noted.

Member G Lambrinidis noted with the review of the Darwin City Centre Master Plan that prior to the current document there was a different design for the waterfront in the Francis Bay area. It included traffic flow and walkability, but as the majority of the land was privately owned this design was not possible. There are currently portions of land for sale in this area. Can this be considered as part of the review of the Master Plan?

The General Manager Innovation advised that this is the next step in the Master Plan and that past designs can be taken into account.

**Darwin City Centre Master Plan**

9 October 2018. DECISION No.22\1131

- A. THAT Report Number 18CF0090 CR:hd entitled Darwin City Centre Master Plan, be received and noted.
- B. THAT a workshop be held to discuss renewing and reviving the Darwin City Centre Master Plan.

**CDB Masterplan Reboot**

11 September 2018. DECISION NO.22\1079

THAT a report outlining options to review and revive the CBD Masterplan be prepared and presented to Council by 16 October 2018.

**Darwin City Centre Master Plan and 2016/2017 Projects Update**

28 March 2017. DECISION No. 21\5278

- A. THAT Report Number 17TS0034 NK:tz entitled Darwin City Centre Master Plan and 2016/2017 Projects Update, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council endorse the allocation of \$1 million to the following Master Plan Projects as identified in Report Number 17TS0034 NK:tz entitled Darwin City Centre Master Plan and 2016/2017 Projects Update:
  - i. MP012 Esplanade Parade Path \$500,000.
  - ii. MP033 Harriet Place Revitalisation \$100,000.
  - iii. MP044 Cooling Weather Protection (Cavenagh Street/Bennett Street Intersection Upgrade) \$400,000.
- C. THAT Council endorse placing on hold projects MP013 Smith Street Upgrade, MP036 Smith/Bennett Street Intersection, MP044 Cooling Weather Protection and MP046 Urban Forest Project while opportunities relating to City Deal are explored as identified in Report Number 17TS0034 NK:tz entitled Darwin City Centre Master Plan and 2016/2017

*Projects Update.*

- D. That Council reallocate \$1.35 million from the Master Plan Projects on hold for consideration of projects associated with a Darwin City Deal as part of the 2016/17 third quarter budget variation process.

**Review of Daly Street/Smith Street Intersection**

13 December 2016. DECISION No.21\5098

- A. THAT Report Number 16TS0153 LC:If entitled Review of Daly Street/Smith Street Intersection, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council not proceed with the upgrade of Daly Street/Smith Street to a signalised intersection at this time.
- C. THAT Council undertake the following improvements at the Daly Street/Smith Street intersection to improve connectivity and safety:
- i. installation of warning signs on all approaches,
  - ii. installation of grab rails at all cyclist/pedestrian crossing points,
  - iii. replacement of existing street lighting luminaires to ensure lighting levels are maximised as per existing lighting design,
  - iv. replacing the existing regulatory roundabout signs with larger, more visible signs, and
  - v. trimming vegetation to increase sight lines on all approaches.
- D. THAT Council write to the Northern Territory Government advising that it does not wish to utilise the approved \$550,277 in Black Spot funding for the construction of the Daly Street/Smith signalised intersection and request that these funds instead be allocated to the projects included in City of Darwin's 2017/2018 Black Spot funding submission.
- E. THAT Council monitor pedestrian, cyclist and motorist activity along Daly Street to inform the need and timing of future improvements at the Daly Street/Smith Street intersection.
- F. THAT it be noted that Council considered the petition tabled as Item 13.1 in making this decision.

**Status of all Darwin City Centre Master Plan Projects**

6 December, 2016 DECISION No. 21\5084

- A. THAT a report come to the next Strategic Town Planning Committee Meeting regarding the status of all Darwin City Centre Master Plan projects.
- B. THAT from 2017 the Darwin City Centre Master Plan be a standing agenda item on the Strategic Town Planning Committee Meeting agenda.

<b>STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT</b>	2 A Safe, Liveable and Healthy City 2.2 By 2030, Darwin will be increasingly recognised as a liveable city
<b>CRITICAL DATES</b>	Darwin City Deal – Annual Progress Report 2020: - Q3 2021: Completion of the review and update of the existing Darwin City Centre Master Plan to also consider the recently adopted Central Darwin Area Plan
<b>BUDGET / FINANCIAL</b>	<b>Budget/Funding:</b> Potential future funding of approximately \$800,000 for a municipal wide Master Plan. <b>Is Funding identified:</b> Funding needs to be sought. City of Darwin is seeking funding from the Australian and Northern Territory Government.
<b>RISK ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>Assets &amp; Infrastructure</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Environment &amp; Waste</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Financial</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Info Comms &amp; Tech</b> <input type="checkbox"/>

	<p><b>Legal &amp; Compliance</b>    <input type="checkbox"/>    <b>Ops &amp; Service Delivery</b>    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>Reputation &amp; Brand</b>    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>    <b>Work Health &amp; Safety</b>    <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 developed a new refreshed Master Plan that correlates with all other plans and strategies across all governments.</p>
<b>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</b>	<p><b>Legislation:</b> N/A</p> <p><b>Policy:</b> N/A</p>
<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	<p><b>Existing Position No:</b></p> <p><b>Contractor:</b></p> <p>A Strategic Planning Officer is currently appointed three days a week until May 2022. In order to ensure long term strategic planning for the municipality additional funds will be requested for a permanent position post May 2022.</p>
<b>CONSULTATION &amp; ENGAGEMENT</b>	<p><b>Engagement Level:</b> Consult</p> <p><b>Tactics:</b> Initial desktop and internal review. Internal staff consulted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Strategic Planning Officer (previous)</li> <li>- Manager City Planning</li> <li>- Executive Manager Government Relations &amp; External Affairs</li> <li>- General Manager Government Relations &amp; External Affairs</li> <li>- Senior Climate Change Officer</li> <li>- Executive Manager Technical Services</li> <li>- Coordinator Youth Programs</li> <li>- Manager Community &amp; Cultural Development (previous)</li> <li>- Acting Manager Programs</li> </ul>
<b>COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR THIS INITIATIVE</b>	<p>If endorsed by Council, a Communications Plan will be developed.</p>
<b>PLACE SCORE STATEMENT</b>	<p>Refer Attachment 1</p>
<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>	<p><a href="https://intranet.darwin.nt.gov.au/document/3331/view">https://intranet.darwin.nt.gov.au/document/3331/view</a></p> <p>The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).</p>

## NTG & DWC PLANS

State Square
Civic Centre
Daly Street
Stuart Highway
McMinn Street
Former Railway Station

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City of Darwin - City Centre Master Plan 2015										
Design Rationales		Lead Agency	Category	Status		Timeframe	Reviewed	Outcome a part of	Cross Referenced Conc	External Plans Alignment
1 Base the future on the past										
MP001	Extend the City Grid	NTG	Critical	Commenced: Ongoing		Medium				
MP002	Smith Street / Esplanade intersection	CoD	Desirable	Complete: Adjusted		Short	14/15 (C)			
MP003	Doctors Gully Beach Repair	NTG	Desirable	Not Commenced		Medium				
MP004	Damoe-Ra Park Restoration	CoD	Desirable	Not Commenced		Short				
MP005	Darwin Central Park	NTG	Critical	Not Commenced		Short			MP006	Area Plan: changed from park to Mixed Use
MP006	Central Park Restoration & Stormwater Management	NTG	Critical	Not Commenced		Medium			MP005	Area Plan: 15.5
2 Link the green and blue networks										
MP007	Daly Street Upgrade	CoD	Critical	Complete		Medium	18 (S)		MP013, 032, 033	Area Plan: no Focus Area
MP008	Bicentennial Park Foreshore Boardwalk	NTG	Desirable	Not Commenced		Medium				Area Plan: 12.4.i
MP009	Bicentennial Park Playground	CoD	Desirable	Complete		Short	14/15 (C)		MP012	
MP010	Bicentennial Park View Corridors	CoD	Desirable	Commenced: Direction Required		Short	14/15 (C)			
MP011	Cenotaph Ugrapde	CoD	Desirable	Complete		Medium				
MP012	Esplanade Parade	CoD	Desirable	Not Commenced		Short	14/15 (NP), 16/17 (NP)		MP009	Area Plan: 3.2.ii, 11.1.ii, 11.2
MP013	Smith Street Upgrade	CoD/NTG	Critical	Commenced: Direction Required		Medium	15/16 (DR), 18 (CD)	Greening Strategy. City Deal	MP007, 032, 033	
3 Make new connections and links										
MP014	Barneson Boulevard	NTG	Critical	Complete		Medium		City Deal		
MP015	Knuckey Street Extension	NTG	Critical	Not Commenced		Medium				Area Plan: 9.3.ii
MP016	Fisherman's Wharf Redevelopment	NTG	Desirable	Not Commenced		Long				Area Plan: 14
MP017	Knuckey Street Public Transport Node	NTG	Desirable	Not Commenced		Long				
MP018	Stuart Highway Realignment	NTG	Critical	Not Commenced: Reinvisioned		Medium				Area Plan: 15.4. No Focus Areaa
MP019	Transit Corridor	NTG	Desirable	Not Commenced: Reinvisioned		Medium				
MP020	McMinn Street Upgrade	NTG	Desirable	Not Commenced		Medium				Area Plan: 10.3.i. No Focus Area
MP021	Tiger Brennan Boulevard	NTG	Critical	Complete: with Garramilla		Medium				Area Plan: 14.2.ii
MP022	Frog Hollow Park Expansion	NTG	Critical	Complete		Short	18 (CD)	City Deal		Area Plan: 10.4.ii
MP023	Multi-storey School Project	NTG	Desirable	Not Commenced		Medium				Area Plan: 3.1.i
MP024	Cavenagh Street Car Park Redevelopment	CoD	Critical	Commenced: with NTG		Medium		City Deal		Area Plan: 3.1.ii
MP025	Bennett Street Pedestrian Link	CoD	Critical	Not Commenced		Medium				
MP026	Review of Bennett Street Link to the Esplanade	CoD/NTG	Desirable	Not Completed		Medium		City Deal. State Square Masterplan	MP027, 028	Area Plan: no Focus Area
MP027	Parliament Car Park on Bennett Street	NTG	Desirable	Complete		Medium		State Square Masterplan	MP026, 028	Area Plan: no Focus Area
MP028	Herbert Street Development	NTG	Desirable	Not Completed		Medium		City Deal. State Square Masterplan	MP026, 027	Area Plan: no Focus Area
4 Make a resource-efficient walkable city										
MP029	Mitchell Street/Waterfront Link	DWC	Desirable	Not Commenced		Short				
MP030	Smith Street/Waterfront Connection	DWC	Desirable	Not Commenced		Medium				
MP031	Sextant Park and Sadgrove Creek Park	NTG	Desirable	Not Commenced		Medium				Area Plan: changed from park to Mixed Use
MP032	Smith/Daly Street Intersection	CoD	Critical	Commenced: Reinvisioned		Short	14/15(NP), 18		MP007, 013, 033	Area Plan: no Focus Area
MP033	Harriet Place Revitalisation	CoD	Desirable	Not Commenced: Reinvisioned		Medium	14/15 (DR), 16/17 (DR), 18		MP007, 013, 032	Area Plan: no Focus Area
MP034	Mitchell Street Redevelopment	CoD	Desirable	Not Commenced		Long				Area Plan: no Focus Area
MP035	Smith Street North Upgrade	CoD	Desirable	Commenced		Medium	18 (R - 013)	Better Suburbs Program		Area Plan: no Focus Area
MP036	Smith - Bennett Street Intersection	CoD	Desirable	Commenced: Direction Required		Short	14/15 (DR), 18		MP049	
MP037	Tamarind Park Upgrade	CoD	Desirable	Complete		Short	14/15 (C)			
MP038	Chapel Lane/West Lane Improvement	CoD	Desirable	Not Commenced		Short	18 (R)	Small Streets Activation	MP039	Laneway Strategy
MP039	West Lane direction change	CoD	Desirable	Complete: Adjusted		Short			MP038	Laneway Strategy
MP040	Star Arcade/Austin Lane Improvement	NTG	Desirable	Complete		Short				Laneway Strategy
MP041	Bus Interchange location investigation	NTG	Critical	Commenced		Medium		State Square Masterplan	MP042, 043, 049	Area Plan: no Focus Area
MP042	Integrated Public Transport Plan	NTG	Critical	Commenced		Medium			MP041, 043, 049	
MP043	Potential Loop Bus Service	NTG	Critical	Not Commenced		Medium		Movement Strategy	MP041, 042, 049	
5 Cool the city										
MP044	Cooling weather protection prototype	CoD	Critical	Commenced		Short	14/15 (DR), 16/17 (C), 18 (S&R)	Climate Emergency	MP045, 047	Area Plan: 1.3, 2.6.v., 2.9, 2.10.i.c)
MP045	The Mall Living Room	CoD	Desirable	Not Commenced		Medium	2018 (S)		MP044, 048	
MP046	Urban Forest Project	CoD	Desirable	Commenced: Ongoing		Medium	15/16 (DR), 18 (R)	Greening Strategy. City Deal		Area Plan: 3.2.v, 6.4,
6 Integrate parking, shopping and moving about										
MP047	Integrate Parking, Walking and Shopping	CoD	Critical	Commenced		Short	18 (R)	Movement Strategy	MP044, 048	Area Plan: 2.6.v, 13.4, 15.3.ii
MP048	Alresco Dining Policy Review	CoD	Critical	Complete		Short			MP045, 047	Area Plan: 3.2.i.b)
7 Plan a smart, cultural city										
MP049	Charles Darwin Court Development	CoD	Desirable	Not Commenced		Medium		State Square Masterplan	MP036, 041	Area Plan: no Focus Area
MP050	Art, Culture and youth precinct	CoD	Desirable	Not Commenced		Medium		State Square Masterplan	MP041	Area Plan: 3.4. No Focus Area
MP051	A Skate-able Landscape	CoD	Desirable	Not Commenced		Medium		State Square Masterplan	MP041	Area Plan: no Focus Area
MP052	Library Extension	CoD	Desirable	Commenced: Investigation Stage		Short				Area Plan: 3.1.iii. No Focus Area
MP053	Civic Centre Car Park Redevelopment	CoD	Desirable	Commenced: Investigation Stage		Short		Municipal Plan	MP055	Area Plan: 3.4. No Focus Area
MP054	Fish Trap Cultural Centre	NTG	Desirable	Commenced: Relocated		Medium		City Deal		
MP055	Civic and State Square Masterplan	NTG	Desirable	Commenced		Medium		State Square Masterplan	MP053, 056, 057	Area Plan: no Focus Area

MP056	State Square Underground Carpark	NTG	Desirable	Complete		Medium		State Square Masterplan	MP055	Area Plan: no Focus Area
MP057	Federal Court Building	NTG	Discretionary	Not Completed		Long		State Square Masterplan	MP055	Area Plan: no Focus Area
MP058	Lameroo (Lamaroo) Swimming Beach	CoD	Desirable	Commenced: Investigation Stage		Long		Strategic Projects		
MP059	Lameroo (Lamaroo) Beach Facilities	CoD	Desirable	Commenced: Investigation Stage		Long		Strategic Projects		
MP060	Bike Network	CoD	Desirable	Commenced: Investigation Stage		Medium	18 (S)	Movement Strategy		Area Plan: 2.6.iv, 3.2.iv, 9.4, 13.1.ii.e)
MP061	Social History of Darwin's families	CoD	Discretionary	Not Commenced		Short				Area Plan: 4.3, 13.3.i
<b>8 Clarify the urban structure</b>										
MP062	Clear Urban Structure	NTG	Critical	Not Commenced		Short				Area Plan: different structure
MP063	Clear Hierarchy of Streets	NTG	Critical	Commenced		Short				Area Plan: different hierarchy
MP064	56 Smith Street Redevelopment	Private	Critical	Commenced: Ongoing		Medium				
MP065	Daly Street Gateway Project	NTG	Desirable	Not Commenced		Medium				Area Plan: no Focus Area.
MP066	Stuart Park South Development	NTG	Desirable	Not Commenced		Medium				Area Plan: adjusted area
MP067	Frances Bay Development	NTG	Critical	Not Commenced		Long			MP015, 016, 025, 069	
MP068	Daly/Smith Urban Centre	NTG	Critical	Not Commenced		Medium	18		MP007 & 032	Area Plan: no Focus Area
MP069	Former Railway Station Site	NTG	Desirable	Not Commenced		Medium			MP067	Area Plan: no Focus Area
MP070	Waterfront Master Plan	DWC	Desirable	Commenced		Short			MP071	
MP071	Hughes Avenue Improvement	DWC	Desirable	Not Commenced		Short			MP070	Area Plan: not included
MP072	City Centre North Development	NTG	Critical	Not Commenced		Medium				Area Plan: no Focus Area

Complete

Commenced

Not Commenced

Not Completed

Short: 1 - 3 yrs (2018)

Medium: 3 - 10 years (2018-2025)

Long: 10 + (2025 onwards)



City of Darwin - City Centre Master Plan 2015					Strategic Directions					Community Liveability Priorities				Score
Design Rationales	Category	Timeframe	Priority		1	2	3	4	5	#1	#2	#3	#4	/45
MP004 Damoe-Ra Park Restoration	Desirable	Short	H		1	5	4	0	5	3	5	4	5	32
MP012 Esplanade Parade	Desirable	Short	H		2	5	5	1	0	2	4	5	4	28
MP025 Bennett Street Pedestrian Link	Critical	Medium	L		3	5	3	0	2	2	4	1	1	21
MP033 Harriet Place Revitalisation	Desirable	Medium	M		3	5	4	1	2	4	3	5	4	31
MP034 Mitchell Street Redevelopment	Desirable	Long	L		5	4	3	2	0	3	2	3	3	25
MP038 Chapel Lane/West Lane Improvement	Desirable	Short	H		3	4	5	1	0	4	0	2	2	21
MP045 The Mall Living Room	Desirable	Medium	M		4	4	3	3	2	5	0	3	3	27
MP049 Charles Darwin Court Development	Desirable	Medium	M		3	4	2	3	3	2	0	2	2	21
MP050 Art, Culture and youth precinct	Desirable	Medium	M		4	5	3	2	5	2	0	3	3	27
MP051 A Skate-able Landscape	Desirable	Medium	M		2	4	2	1	5	2	0	0	0	16
MP061 Social History of Darwin's families	Discretionary	Short	M		2	4	1	3	5	0	0	0	0	15

	Critical	Desirable	Discretionary
Short	Very High	High	Medium
Medium	High	Medium	Low
Long	Medium	Low	Very Low

37 to 45	
28 to 36	
19 to 27	
10 to 18	
1 to 9	

City of Darwin - City Centre Master Plan 2015					
Design	Rationales	Lead Agency	Category	Timeframe	Priority
MP003	Doctors Gully Beach Repair	NTG	Desirable	Medium	M
MP005	Darwin Central Park	NTG	Critical	Short	VH
MP006	Central Park Restoration & Stormwater Management	NTG	Critical	Medium	H
MP008	Bicentennial Park Foreshore Boardwalk	NTG	Desirable	Medium	M
MP015	Knuckey Street Extension	NTG	Critical	Medium	H
MP016	Fisherman's Wharf Redevelopment	NTG	Desirable	Long	L
MP017	Knuckey Street Public Transport Node	NTG	Desirable	Long	L
MP018	Stuart Highway Realignment	NTG	Critical	Medium	H
MP019	Transit Corridor	NTG	Desirable	Medium	M
MP020	McMinn Street Upgrade	NTG	Desirable	Medium	M
MP023	Multi-storey School Project	NTG	Desirable	Medium	M
MP028	Herbert Street Development	NTG	Desirable	Medium	M
MP029	Mitchell Street/Waterfront Link	DWC	Desirable	Short	H
MP030	Smith Street/Waterfront Connection	DWC	Desirable	Medium	M
MP031	Sextant Park and Sadgrove Creek Park	NTG	Desirable	Medium	M
MP041	Bus Interchange location investigation	NTG	Critical	Medium	H
MP042	Integrated Public Transport Plan	NTG	Critical	Medium	H
MP043	Potential Loop Bus Service	NTG	Critical	Medium	L
MP057	Federal Court Building	NTG	Discretionary	Long	VL
MP062	Clear Urban Structure	NTG	Critical	Short	VH
MP065	Daly Street Gateway Project	NTG	Desirable	Medium	M
MP066	Stuart Park South Development	NTG	Desirable	Medium	M
MP067	Frances Bay Development	NTG	Critical	Long	M
MP068	Daly/Smith Urban Centre	NTG	Critical	Medium	H
MP069	Former Railway Station Site	NTG	Desirable	Medium	M
MP070	Waterfront Master Plan	DWC	Desirable	Short	H
MP071	Hughes Avenue Improvement	DWC	Desirable	Short	H
MP072	City Centre North Development	NTG	Critical	Medium	H

	Critical	Desirable	Discretionary
Short	Very High	High	Medium
Medium	High	Medium	Low
Long	Medium	Low	Very Low

**14.2 AUSTIN LANE & SPAIN PLACE ACTIVITY NODE - MOVEABLE SIGNS**

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**Attachments:** 1. Austin Lane - Spain Place Site Plan [↓](#)  
2. Charlie's of Darwin - Advertising Sign [↓](#)

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. THAT the report entitled Austin Lane & Spain Place Activity Node – Moveable Signs be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse Option One: Prohibit moveable signs from being placed within the Austin Lane & Spain Place Activity Node.
3. THAT Council therefore decline the moveable sign application from Charlie's of Darwin.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a moveable sign application and decide if moveable signs are appropriate for placement within the recently completed Austin Lane and Spain Place Activity Node.

**KEY ISSUES**

- City of Darwin has received a moveable sign application, which is considered a discretionary sign under the Outdoor Advertising Signs Code (Signs Code).
- The application proposes a moveable sign within the recently revitalised Austin Lane road reserve.
- The activity node is classified as a shared zone, in which pedestrians have right of way.
- Four applications have been received and approved for licensed outdoor dining/bar areas within the Austin Lane and Spain Place road reserves.
- Two options have been included in this report, with the recommendation that Council endorse Option One, and prohibit moveable signs from being placed within the Austin Lane & Spain Place Activity Node.
- Prohibiting moveable signs in this Activity Node aligns with City of Darwin's Access and Inclusion Plan 2010-2022, Movement Strategy and Darwin City Centre Master Plan.
- Opportunities still exist for businesses to consider other types of unique and innovative methods of advertising to help increase promotion, activation and character of the lanes after normal business hours.

**DISCUSSION**

The Austin Lane (Knuckey to Edmund Street) and Spain Place revitalisation project is now completed. So far four businesses have applied for licensed outdoor dining/bar areas within the road reserve of the new activity node, refer to the site plan at **Attachment 1**. Another two businesses, adjacent the activity node, have shown interest.

## Sign Application

Charlie's of Darwin is located on the first floor of the old Woolworths building, Lot 2322 (56) Smith Street, Darwin City. They have applied to place a moveable sign within the Austin Lane road reserve adjacent to their entrance, from opening to 12.00am, Wednesday's to Sunday's.

The sign application as submitted, complies with Policy No. 042 - Outdoor Advertising Signs Code; however, City of Darwin officers are requesting Council consider whether moveable signs are appropriate for the new activity node.

The revitalised Austin Lane and Spain Place area is now considered an activity node and has been declared a shared zone. Shared zones are for the use of both pedestrians and vehicles at the same time, providing great walking links without unduly restricting traffic. Vehicles are required to give way to pedestrians at all times.

The major advantages of shared zones include:

- increased pedestrian safety,
- reduced vehicle speed environment,
- improved amenity without reducing access, and
- activation of a public place.

Rules for shared zones include:

- vehicles (cars, buses, bikes, service vehicles) must slow down to a maximum speed of 10km/hour (Australian Road Rules Reg. 24. Speed limit in a shared zone),
- vehicles must give way to pedestrians, stopping if necessary (Reg. 83. Give Way to Pedestrians in a shared zone apply),
- the road does not need to be clear of pedestrians for a vehicle to manoeuvre through, however, the vehicle can only move when safe to do so, and
- pedestrians need to be aware that this is a shared zone and remain alert.

## Options

Two options are provided to Council:

**Option One** - Prohibit the placement of moveable signs in the activity node.

As the activity node will activate the lanes after normal business hours, with businesses obtaining liquor licenses until 2.00 am in the morning, prohibiting movable signs from the activity node will:

- place a priority on public safety,
- ensure pedestrian movement is unimpeded,
- remove trip hazards, and
- improve visual amenity.

This option aligns with City of Darwin's Access and Inclusion Plan 2019-2022 to ensure Council's services and facilities are accessible and inclusive for the whole community. Limiting infrastructure and objects within the road reserve also aligns the Movement Strategy and Darwin City Centre Master Plan, which promote equitable access and removal of any unnecessary elements along pathways.

No moveable sign permits have been issued within the subject area.

An investigation of moveable sign requirements in other jurisdictions, has shown a consistent approach, where moveable signs are prohibited in malls and high pedestrian areas throughout CBD's.

There are currently three businesses that have placed a moveable sign within Austin Lane in the public pedestrian thoroughfare.

If endorsed, enforcement of moveable signs in the activity node will be undertaken as per Council's direction, which currently is:

*Continue enforcing the Outdoor Advertising Signs Code (Signs Code) based on complaint, public safety, or unacceptable risk considerations.*

If the recommendation is endorsed by Council, changes reflecting the decision will be required in updating Policy No. 042 - Outdoor Advertising Signs Code.

Option One will still allow businesses the opportunity to place menu type signage within their licensed area.

The 10km speed limit reduces vehicle hazards, resulting in businesses being able to consider unique and innovative methods of advertising such as higher levels of illumination, neon and animated signs to help increase business promotion, activation and character of the lanes after normal business hours. Electronic message boards are increasingly being used by businesses in other cities, allowing businesses to communicate more information and increase business customer performance. Technology use would align strongly with City of Darwin's Smart City Strategy.

This is evident with the recent advertising signs installed in front of Charlie's, as included in **Attachment 2**, which demonstrates the Lane at night and the effect the signage has on the amenity. The sign projects a rotating circle of light with the business name, onto the ground adjacent the entrance to the premises.

The activity node is a shared zone, with slow traffic speeds, opening up opportunities for businesses to consider other types of unique and innovative methods of advertising to help increase promotion, activation and character of the lanes after normal business hours, that may not be appropriate in higher speed zones and residential areas.

#### **Option Two** - Approve the moveable sign application

As the moveable sign is located within the road reserve, the Signs Code considers the sign a discretionary sign. The application complies with all other aspects of the Signs Code, and a signs permit would normally be issued to the applicant by City of Darwin officers.

If Council approves the moveable sign application and permits moveable signs to be placed within the activity node, a minimum of eight businesses have the opportunity to place moveable signs in Austin Lane & Spain Place. This does not include the businesses located in the Air Raid Arcade.

#### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

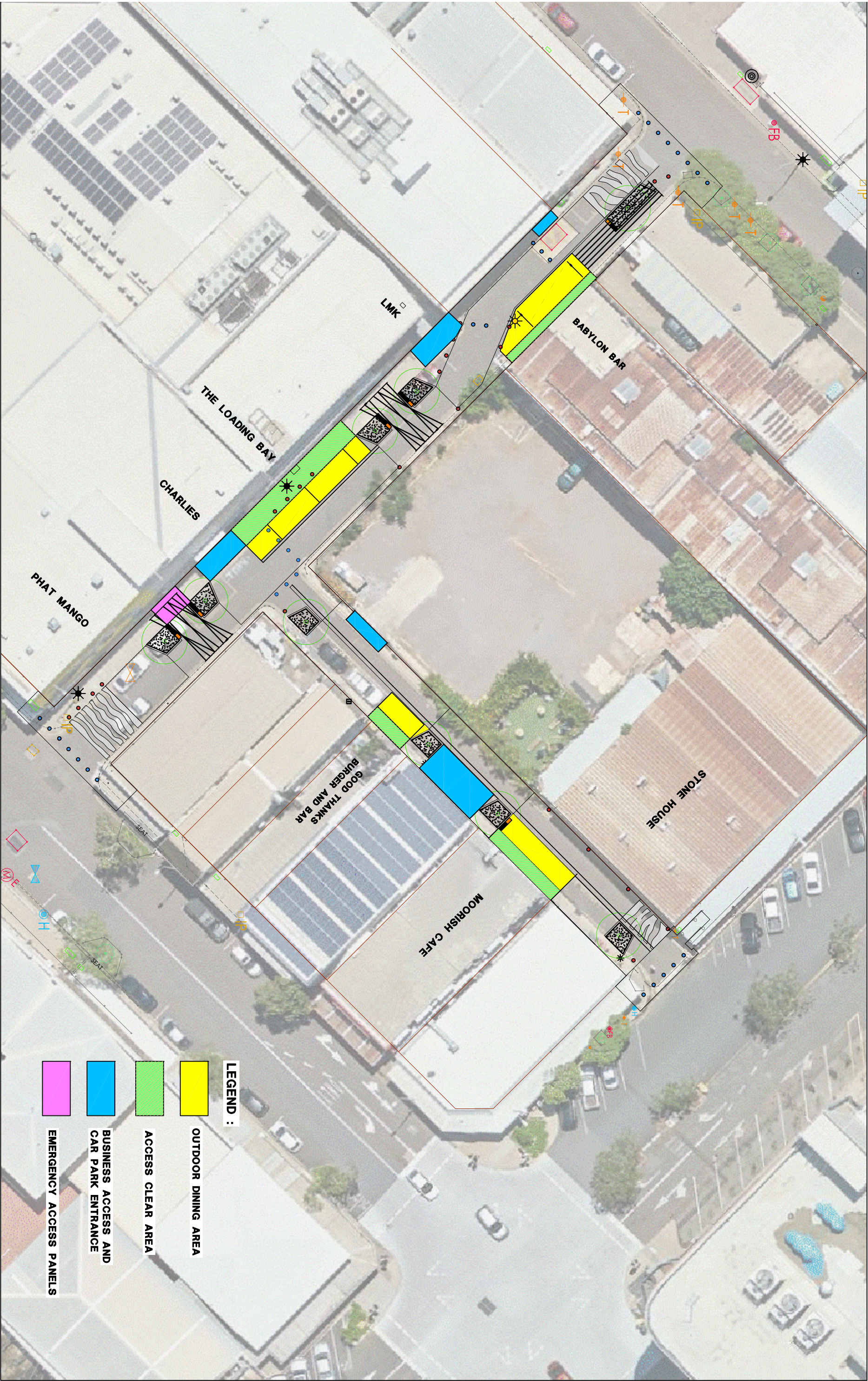
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<b>STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT</b>	5 A Vibrant and Creative City 5.1 By 2030, Darwin will be recognised as an iconic destination.
<b>CRITICAL DATES</b>	N/A
<b>BUDGET / FINANCIAL</b>	N/A

<b>RISK ASSESSMENT</b>	<p> <b>Assets &amp; Infrastructure</b> <input type="checkbox"/>    <b>Environment &amp; Waste</b> <input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Financial</b> <input type="checkbox"/>    <b>Info Comms &amp; Tech</b> <input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Legal &amp; Compliance</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>    <b>Ops &amp; Service Delivery</b> <input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Reputation &amp; Brand</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>    <b>Work Health &amp; Safety</b> <input checked="" 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 the business owner, if Council approves the application for a moveable sign in the activity node.</p>
<b>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</b>	<p><b>Legislation:</b> Local Government Act 2019</p> <p><b>Policy:</b> Policy No 042 - Outdoor Advertising Signs Code</p>
<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	<p><b>Existing Position No:</b> Nil</p> <p><b>Contractor:</b> Nil</p>
<b>CONSULTATION &amp; ENGAGEMENT</b>	<p><b>Engagement Level:</b> Inform</p> <p><b>Tactics:</b> Nil</p>
<b>COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR THIS INITIATIVE</b>	N/A
<b>PLACE SCORE STATEMENT</b>	<p>In the Darwin town centre, the Community values are:</p> <p>6. Evidence of public events happening here (markets, street entertainers etc.)</p> <p>7. Maintenance of public spaces and street furniture</p> <p>8. Outdoor restaurant, cafe and/or bar seating</p> <p>10. Overall look and visual character of the area</p>
<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>	<p>The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).</p>



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DRAWN HC	DESIGNED	AUSTIN LANE AND SPAIN PLACE OUTDOOR DINING AREAS CONCEPT LAYOUT	
SCALE NTS	CHECKED		
APPROVED	DATE MAR 21		

LEGEND :

- OUTDOOR DINING AREA
- ACCESS CLEAR AREA
- BUSINESS ACCESS AND CAR PARK ENTRANCE
- EMERGENCY ACCESS PANELS

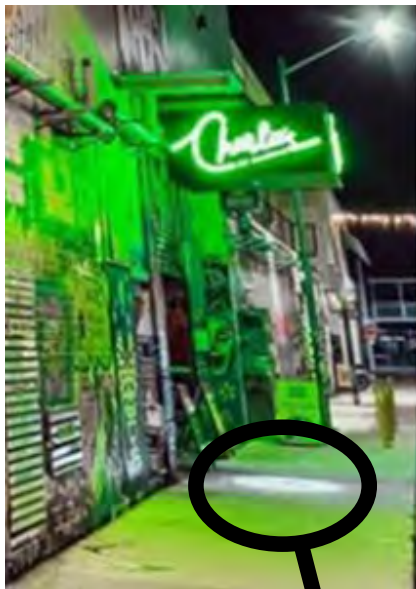


Charlies of Darwin - laneway signage



Image from Charlie's of Darwin's Facebook page





Charlie's of Darwin Rotating Sign

**14.3 LEE POINT SUBDIVISION PLACE NAMES APPLICATION**

**Author:** Executive Manager Growth & Development Services  
**Authoriser:** General Manager Innovation Growth & Development Services  
**Attachments:** 1. Lee Point Subdivision Place Names Application [↓](#)

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. THAT the report entitled Lee Point Subdivision Place Names Application be received and noted.
2. THAT Council support the four road names for stage one, already approved by the Northern Territory Place Names Committee:
  - (a) Road A – Melaleuca Street
  - (b) Road B – Cycad Circuit
  - (c) Road C – Monsoon Road
  - (d) Road D – Teatree Street
3. THAT Council support the proposed five road names for stages six and seven that are yet to be approved by the Northern Territory Place Names Committee:

Stage six

  - (a) Vine Street
  - (b) Mangrove Way

Stage seven

  - (a) Rainforest Court
  - (b) Canopy Crescent
  - (c) Thicket Street
4. THAT Council support the alternative road name, as a substitute for any road names that may not meet the Place Names Committee approval:
  - (a) Sanctuary Court

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider an application to name roads for the new residential subdivision at Lee Point, in Darwin's Northern Suburbs.

**KEY ISSUES**

- Defence Housing Australia (DHA) is seeking Council's support to name nine roads and an alternative road name in stages one, six and seven which are located in the portion of the subdivision contained within lot 9370 (544) Lee Point Road, located on the east side of Lee Point Road.
- The subdivision proposes eight stages.
- A further application will be submitted by DHA, at a later date, for the remainder of the roads located within lot 4873 (577) Lee Point Road, and all the park names.
- All of the proposed road names comply with the Guidelines for NT Place Naming, administered by the Northern Territory Government.
- It is recommended that Council support the proposed nine road names and the alternative road name in line with the proposed themes of terrestrial vegetation, noting potential Larrakia

names to be presented in precincts **2 and 8**.

- Following completion of the development, all constructed roads and parks will be handed to City of Darwin.

## DISCUSSION

Defence Housing Australia (DHA), owner of lots 9370 & 4873 (544 & 577) Lee Point Road, Lee Point, is seeking Council's support in naming nine roads and one alternative road name, for the Lee Point subdivision. Refer to **Attachment 1**.

The NT Place Naming Guidelines refer to the following regarding duplicating names:

Names should not, in general, duplicate or nearly duplicate either in sound or spelling an existing name in the same local government area or an adjacent locality or suburb in an adjoining local government area.

Adjoining local government areas include Palmerston and Litchfield and of all the proposed road names comply with this clause.

Eight stages (also referred to as precincts) have been proposed, each with a naming concept related to sky, earth or ocean, reflecting the natural surroundings or heritage of the locality as it relates. The presiding themes for stages one, six and seven are natural habitat or native vegetation.

The Place Names Committee has considered and supported the four road names for stage one, and will consider the proposed names for stages six, seven and the alternative road name on the 4 October 2021.

Any unnamed roads or parks in the subdivision will be submitted to Council for support, as the development proceeds.

Further details of the proposed road names and their locations are provided in **Attachment 1**.

The naming theme and 'sub-branding' of each of the eight development stages is as follows:

**Precinct 1 – Darwin****Theme: EARTH - terrestrial vegetation.**

Precinct 2 – Lee Point Aurora

Theme: SKY – lights.

Precinct 3 – Lee Point Crest

Theme: OCEAN – migratory marine species.

Precinct 4 – Lee Point Shores

Theme: OCEAN – coastal marine species.

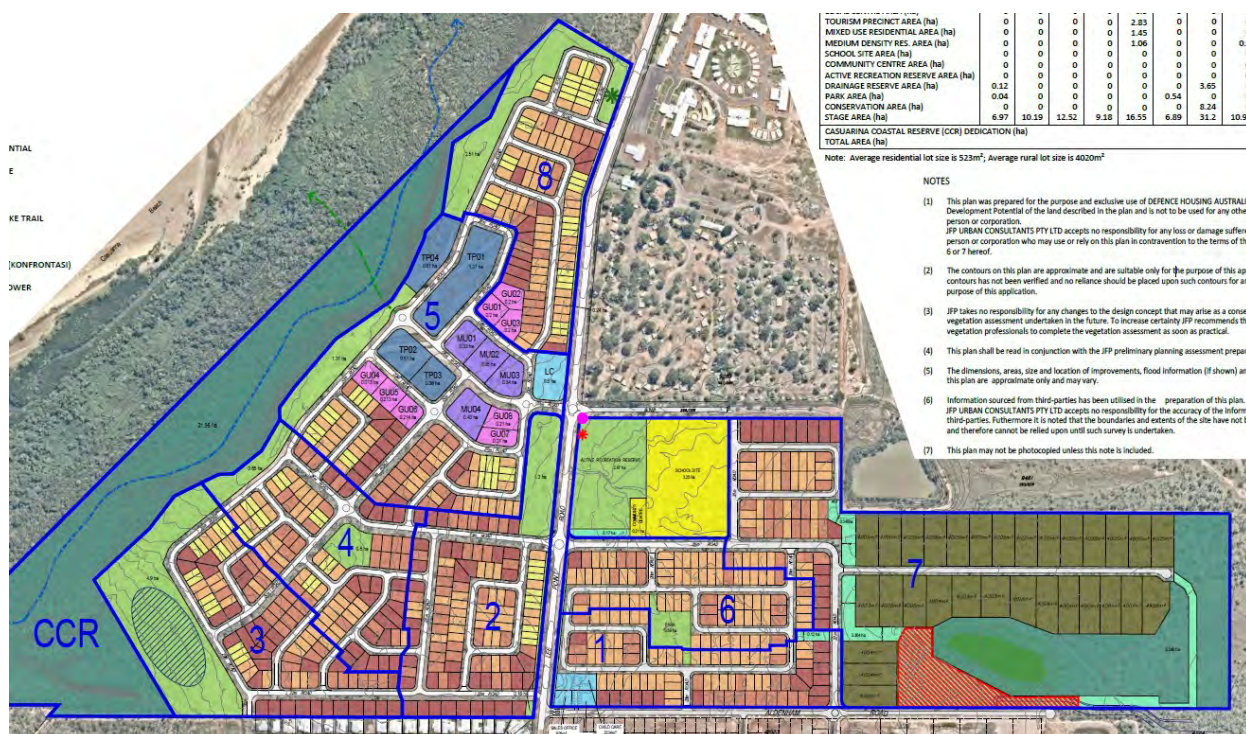
Precinct 5 – Lee Point Boardwalk

Theme: EARTH – military history.

**Precinct 6 – Lee Point Habitat****Theme: EARTH – terrestrial vegetation.****Precinct 7 – Lee Point Sanctuary****Theme: EARTH – terrestrial vegetation.**

Precinct 8 – Lee Point Horizons

Theme: SKY – dreamtime.



Lee Point Subdivision

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

The previous application made by DHA to City of Darwin, included 32 road names, four park names and four alternative road names as substitutes for any roads names that may not of met the Place Names Committee approval.

The previous application included Indigenous names and Council, at their meeting on the 27 July resolved:

1. THAT the report entitled Lee Point Subdivision Place Names Application be received and noted.



<p>2. THAT DHA consult with Larrakia Nation on the proposed place names for Lee Point subdivision prior to submitting to the Place Names Committee</p> <p>3. THAT Council not support the name Konfrontasi Oval.</p> <p>4. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 40 of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i>, delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to provide final support for a replacement name, of a sporting theme, for the oval in Precinct 6.</p> <p>5. THAT a further report be provided to Council.</p> <p>Culturally significant Indigenous names relating to the sky, will be investigated for <b>stages two and eight</b> and will be presented to Council for consideration at a future Council meeting.</p>	
<b>STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT</b>	<p>6 Governance Framework</p> <p>6.2 Roles and Relationships</p>
<b>CRITICAL DATES</b>	N/A
<b>BUDGET / FINANCIAL</b>	<p><b>Budget/Funding:</b> N/A</p> <p><b>Is Funding identified:</b> N/A</p>
<b>RISK ASSESSMENT</b>	<p> <b>Assets &amp; Infrastructure</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>    <b>Environment &amp; Waste</b> <input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Financial</b> <input type="checkbox"/>    <b>Info Comms &amp; Tech</b> <input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Legal &amp; Compliance</b> <input type="checkbox"/>    <b>Ops &amp; Service Delivery</b> <input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Reputation &amp; Brand</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>    <b>Work Health &amp; Safety</b> <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 Place Names Committee of the Northern Territory.</p>
<b>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</b>	<p><b>Legislation:</b> Place Names Act 1967</p> <p><b>Policy:</b> Guidelines for NT Place Naming</p>
<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	<p><b>Existing Position No:</b> N/A</p> <p><b>Contractor:</b> N/A</p>
<b>CONSULTATION &amp; ENGAGEMENT</b>	<p><b>Engagement Level:</b> Consult</p> <p><b>Tactics:</b> The Place Names Committee of the Northern Territory is responsible for consultation regarding place names applications.</p>
<b>COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR THIS INITIATIVE</b>	<p><b>Internal</b> Planning Coordinator Manager City Planning</p> <p><b>External</b> N/A</p>

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

**OFFICIAL****PLACE NAMING FOR ROADS AT LEE POINT, DARWIN – LOT 9370 TOWN OF NIGHTCLIFF.****PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider an application to name 9 roads in the new residential subdivision at Lee Point, in Darwin's Northern Suburbs.

**BACKGROUND**

Lee Point Darwin is a new master-planned community that will be developed in the Northern Suburbs of Darwin, over the course of several years (see below Master Plan). The site is located approximately 17 kilometres north of Darwin's CBD and it borders Lee Point Road to the West and DHA's Breezes Muirhead residential community to the South.

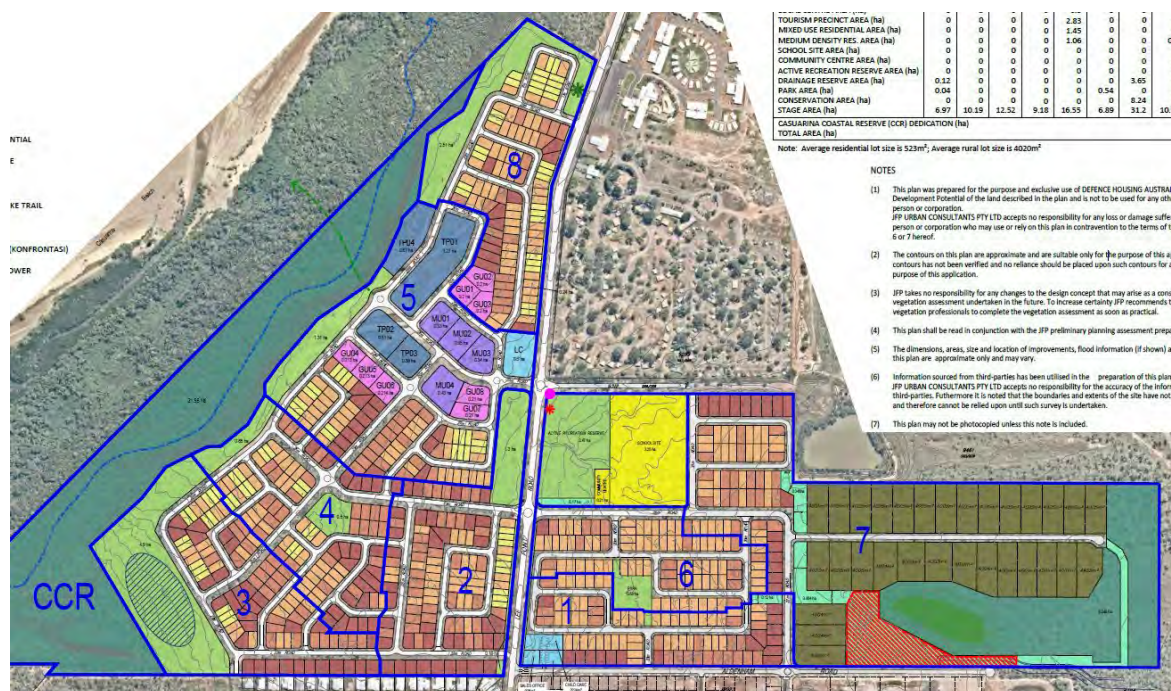
The project site is situated on 132.5 hectares, and consists of two properties bisected by Lee Point Road: a former Department of Defence (Defence) installation that was operated by the 2 Control and Reporting Unit (2CRU) on the Western side (Lot 4873, Town of Nightcliff – Lee Point West Map), and vacant crown land on the east side referred to as Muirhead North (Lot 9370, Town of Nightcliff – Lee Point East Map).

The project is approved to deliver residential lots at a range of densities and includes a Main Street that will feature a tourism precinct containing restaurants, cafes, hotels, self-contained apartments and retail shops, which will capitalise on close proximity to Lee Point and the Casuarina Coastal Reserve, Darwin's most popular area of public open space. The project will also deliver serviced allotments to the NT Government that will be dedicated to a primary school, community centre and recreational/sports reserve.

Defence Housing Australia (DHA) has commenced development of Stage 1 Lee Point located in Lot 9370. Civil works will include the construction of several interrelating roads across the Eastern portion of the development (refer to Precinct 1, 6 and 7 on the Master Plan Map). Title registration for Stage 1 is anticipated in early 2022.

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Note: Lot 9370 Town of Nightcliff is represented as 1, 6 and 7 on the Masterplan Map above.

## INITIAL CONSIDERATIONS

While a Migratory Shorebird theme for Lee Point Place Names was initially considered, this has already been used in Wulagi and would therefore be a significant duplication within the Darwin LGA.

Another area of exploration was the use of indigenous language. Unfortunately, the adjoining suburb of Lyons already commemorates Larrakia language words for local flora and fauna. With this route already taken, and a limited source of Larrakia words to draw from, there are insufficient options to pursue Indigenous names for all 36 streets and parks across the masterplan development.

Instead, Indigenous names will be explored in future stages, specifically Precinct 2 and 8, which will be themed with culturally significant names that relate to the Sky. The Sky is very important in Aboriginal Culture storytelling. Dreamtime **stories** teach about ancestors, the spirit world and the Aboriginal peoples place in that world. The objects and natural phenomena in the **sky** also provide a blueprint for Aboriginal peoples to navigate long journeys across the lands, seas and waterways.

## CONSULTATION

In preparing this report, DHA consulted with Liann Stephenson from NT Government Place Names.

The NT Place Names Committee have supported the four names submitted for Stage 1 roads at their meeting on 26 July, 2021:

Road A – Melaleuca Street  
 Road B – Cycad Circuit  
 Road C – Monsoon Road  
 Road D – Teatree Street

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DHA will be submitting an application for the remaining five roads in the Eastern side of the development (ie. Precincts 6 and Stage 7) to NT Place Names for consideration at their next meeting on 4 October 2021.

**PLACE NAMING RATIONALE**

Each precinct at Lee Point Darwin is associated with an abstract naming concept related to sky, earth or ocean. The place names within each precinct are designed to imitate the natural surroundings or heritage of the locality as it relates to these abstract concepts. The natural habitat or native vegetation is the presiding theme for Precincts 1, 6 and 7, which make up the Eastern side of the development (Lot 9370 Town of Nightcliff).

**PLACE NAMING RECOMMENDATION**

Precinct/naming theme	Streets	Recommended Name
Stage 1 Theme: EARTH terrestrial vegetation.	A, B, C, D	(A) Melaleuca Street (B) Cycad Circuit (C) Monsoon Drive (D) Teatree Road
Stage 2 Theme: SKY Aboriginal names to be proposed	Future Stage	6 street names
Stage 3 Theme: OCEAN – migratory marine species.	Future Stage	5 street names
Stage 4 Theme: OCEAN – marine and local fauna.	Future Stage	4 street names
Stage 5 Theme EARTH - military history.	Future Stage	5 street names
Stage 6 Theme: EARTH terrestrial vegetation.	E, J	(E) Vine Street (J) Mangrove Way
Stage 7 Theme: EARTH terrestrial vegetation.	F, G, H	(F) Thicket Street (G) Canopy Crescent (H) Rainforest Court
Stage 8 Theme: SKY Aboriginal names to be proposed	Future stage	3 street names

**Stage 1 Theme: Earth - Terrestrial vegetation**

**Melaleuca Street:** named after the paperbark tree, a member of the Melaleuca family, which is prevalent at Lee Point. The Melaleucas are an important food source for nectarivorous insects, birds, and mammals.

There are no roads in the Darwin LGA containing the word Melaleuca.

**Cycad Circuit:** named after the Darwin Cycad (*Cycas armstrongii*) a medium-sized cycad up to 6 m tall with a slender trunk 6-12 cm in diameter. It is present within both the 2CRU and Muirhead North sites and is endemic to the Top End of the Northern Territory (Kerrigan *et al.* 2006). This species occurs in open grassy woodland where adequate drainage appears to be a limiting factor.

There are no roads in the Darwin Council LGA containing the word Cycad.

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**Monsoon Drive:** named after the Monsoon Rainforest patch located on the Eastern Side of the Lee Point development site. This significant and sensitive vegetation type (monsoon rainforest, which includes monsoon vine thicket, or coastal vine thicket) will be preserved in dedicated Conservation Areas at Lee Point.

There are no roads in the NT Register containing the word Monsoon.

**Teatree Road:** named after the Melaleuca Low Woodland vegetation found in the Muirhead North area. Melaleuca is a genus of nearly 300 species of plants in the myrtle family. Myrtaceae, commonly known as **paperbarks**, **honey-myrtles** or **tea-trees** and has been identified as having particular cultural significance.

While there is a Teatree Court in Alice Springs Council, this is not an adjoining suburb or LGA.

**Stage 6 Theme: Earth – Terrestrial vegetation**

**Vine Street:** there is both monsoon vine thicket and monsoon rainforest located in this area.

There are zero conflicts with this name in the NT Place Names Register.

**Mangrove Way:** named for the mangrove forest that lines Buffalo Creek and extends up behind the sand dunes of **Lee Point** beach.

There are no roads in the Darwin Council LGA containing the word Mangrove.

**Stage 7 Theme: Earth – Terrestrial vegetation.**

**Rainforest Court:** This culdesac is named to reflect the adjacent monsoon rainforest patch that will be retained and protected within a '11.24 ha conservation area' to be rezoned as 'open space' (OS zone).

There are no roads in the Darwin Council LGA containing the word Rainforest.

**Canopy Crescent:** named for the rich, thick canopy of woodland and forest vegetation communities located in this area.

There are zero conflicts with this name in the NT Place Names Registry.

**Thicket Street:** Dry monsoon rainforests, also referred to as monsoon vine thickets, occur on sites where moisture is seasonally scarce, and can be found at Lee Point. The Territory has the largest area of monsoon forest in Australia (2 700 km<sup>2</sup>), yet it only covers 0.2 per cent of the Territory.

There are zero conflicts with this name in the NT Place Names Register.

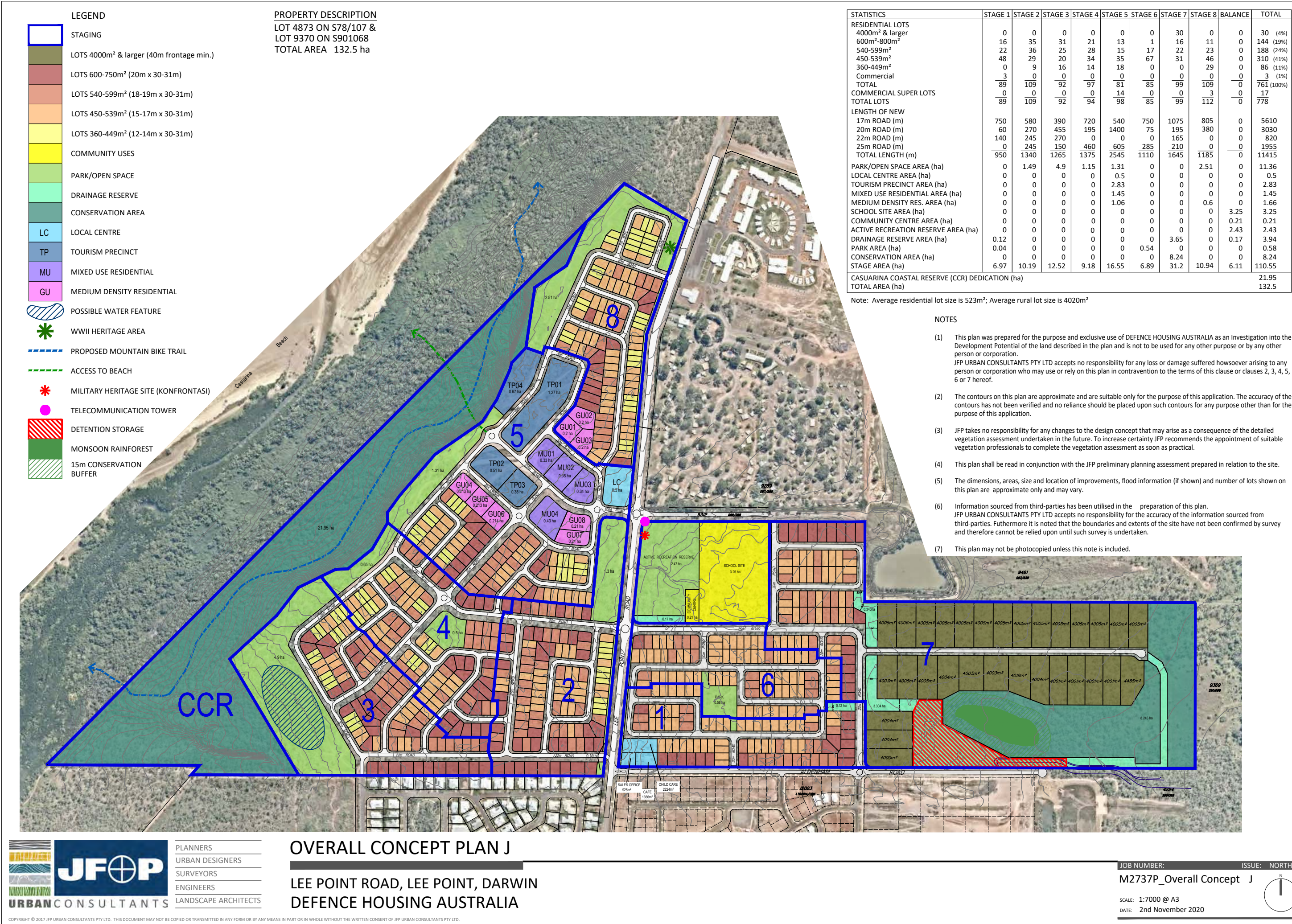
**Alternative name**

**Sanctuary Court:** This culdesac is named to reflect the sub-division's location, which is adjacent to a conservation area, providing refuge and protection for local wildlife and sensitive vegetation. The name also reflects the housing typology in the area, typified by expansive acreage lots providing a natural serene retreat.

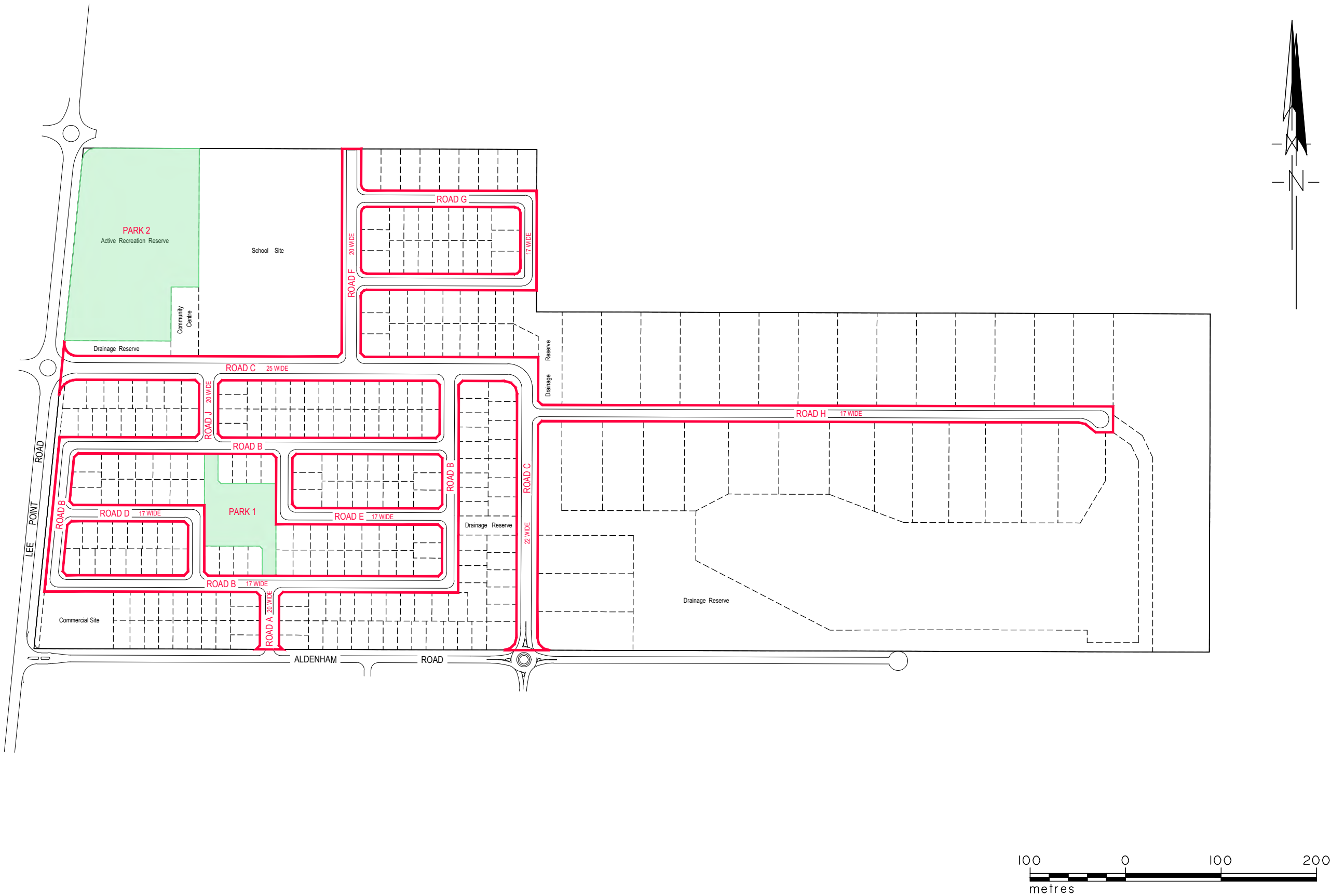
There are no roads in the Darwin Council LGA containing the word Sanctuary.

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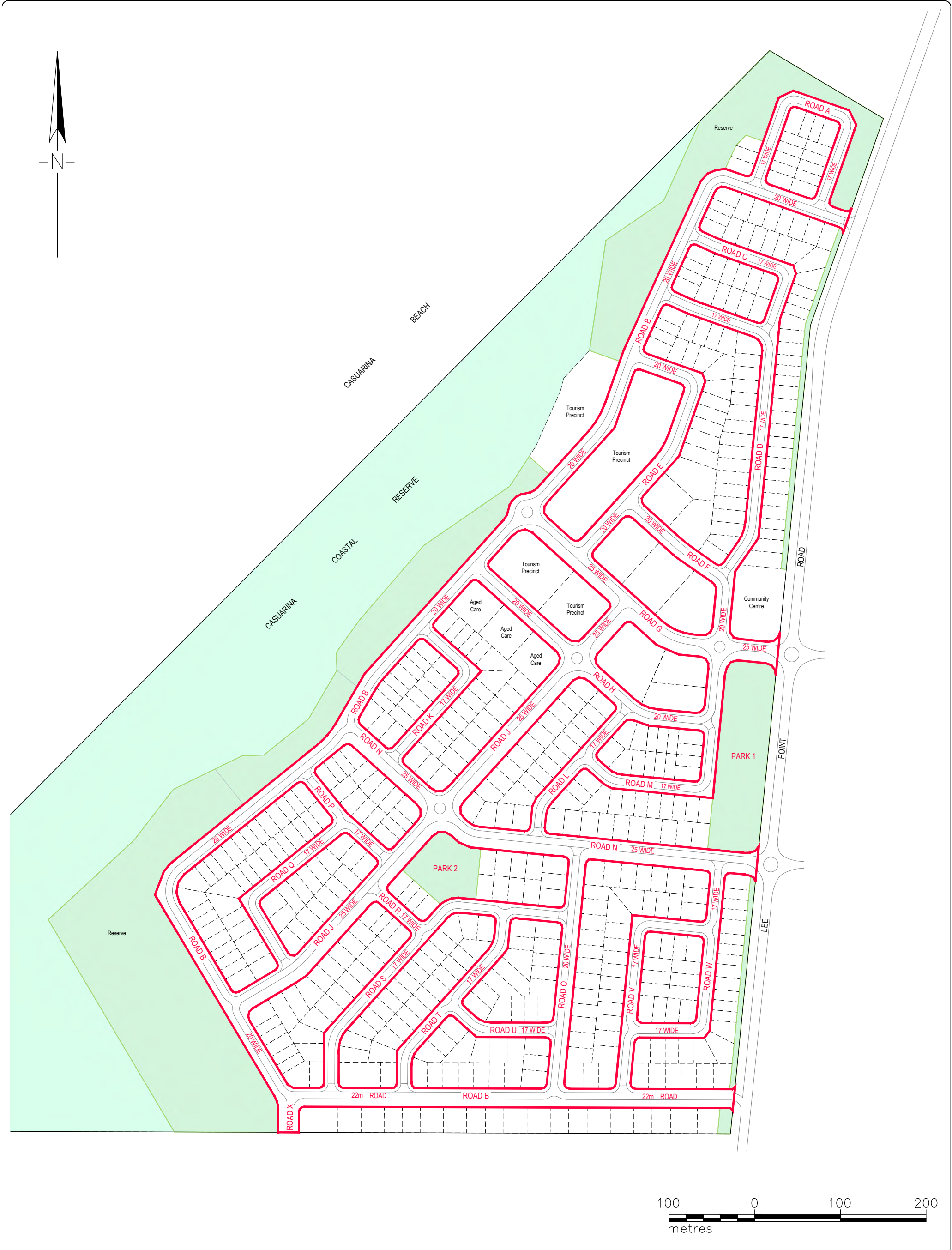
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**14.4 WALKWAY COMMUNITY CONSULTATION OUTCOME - WALKWAY 187 KAPOOL CRESCENT TO MUELLER ROAD, MALAK**

**Author:** Darwin Safer City Program Coordinator  
**Authoriser:** General Manager Community and Regulatory Services  
**Attachments:** 1. CONSULTATION LETTER [↓](#)

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. THAT the report entitled Walkway Community Consultation Outcome – Walkway 187 Kapool Crescent to Mueller Road, Malak be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve a night-time closure from 9pm to 5:30am of Walkway 187 Kapool Crescent to Mueller Road, Malak.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the outcomes of the community consultation undertaken during August/September 2021 in response to a residential petition for the night-time closure of Walkway 187 Kapool Crescent to Mueller Road, Malak.

**KEY ISSUES**

- Due to ongoing antisocial behaviour in Walkway 187 a group of residents provided a petition to Council requesting night-time closure of the walkway in July 2021. The petition had 25 signatures of residents in the area.
- Upon receipt of a walkway closure request, a process is undertaken as per City of Darwin's Procedure - Walkway Closure Assessment.
- In August and September 2021, City of Darwin Officers undertook a community consultation process to determine community impact and/or support for a night-time closure of Walkway 187.
- The community consultation outcome determined support for a night-time closure for this walkway.

**DISCUSSION**

Council manages 246 walkways across the municipality. This includes 14 walkways which are closed on an ongoing 24/7 basis, 15 which are closed each night and reopened in the morning and two that are currently on temporary trial closure.

Council owned walkways are an integral part of Darwin's pedestrian network. Many provide critical connectivity between residential areas and community facilities such as schools, shopping centres and public transport. Suburban walkways were originally designed to provide the shortest, most convenient pedestrian access within the suburbs, as opposed to pedestrians following the road network.

Council's management of walkways must balance the requirement of maintaining an accessible pedestrian network with sustainable asset management and protection, also taking into account public safety and community amenity.

As any closure will affect pedestrian access and neighbourhood amenity, a number of factors are considered to ensure there is sufficient evidence to recommend a closure. Without substantive evidence Council will work closely with residents, relevant authorities and stakeholders to address public safety issues rather than closing walkways.

**Consideration of Closures**

Factors considered prior to the ongoing, temporary, or night-time closure of a walkway include:

- value of the walkway connecting pedestrian to essential community infrastructure
- future suburban planning or growth of suburbs
- recognition that closing one walkway often shifts 'problem' behaviour to the next closest walkway or another part of the suburb and that these areas may see an escalation of issues
- the potential impact night-time closure may have on residents whose properties directly adjoin the walkways (especially relevant if residents' adjoining fences are shorter than the height of the installed walkway gates), and the increased risk of people accessing private property to circumvent a walkway closure.

**Antisocial Behaviour and Walkways**

The presence of walkways in a neighbourhood does not automatically assume and/or create antisocial behaviour (ASB) in walkways. ASB is changeable and related to a range of community factors such as:

- neighbourhood composition
- the proximity of community amenities
- seasonal factors.

Night-time walkway closures are supported if there is evidence of sustained and significant negative impact to residents. Consideration to closure is given when large numbers of community complaints are received, or proactive petitions presented supporting closure of a particular walkway.

**Relevant Information Related to Walkway 187**

- Walkway 187 provides pedestrian connectivity to, and from, Mueller Road within a residential area including Kapool Crescent, Squier Court and Bee Court, Malak.
- Some residents of Paqualin Road and Chambers Crescent use the walkway to reduce walking or cycling distance to access Mueller Road, including to and from local schools and public transport.
- As Walkway 187 provides direct access to schools and public transport, an ongoing 24/7 closure of this walkway is not viable. Therefore, consideration can only be given to a

night-time closure to reduce issues.

- Council and NT Police regularly receive complaints related to ASB in Malak's public spaces, including walkways and parklands.

### Community Consultation

In July 2021, Council received a petition signed by 25 residents requesting consideration of a night-time closure of Walkway 187. Two emails were received in support of the night-time closure in response to the signage placed in the walkway. City of Darwin received three separate formal complaints about this Walkway in early 2021, including requests for closure from the Member for Karama.

In August and September 2021, City of Darwin Officers undertook a community consultation process to determine community impact and/or support for a night-time closure of Walkway 187. Local residents were advised through signage at the walkway and via direct correspondence,

### Attachment 1.

### Summary of Adjacent Resident Consultation

Residents who live directly on a walkway are often the people most impacted by ASB in the walkway. They are also the most likely to be impacted when walkways are closed. The residents living directly by Walkway 187 were engaged by City of Darwin Officers during August/September 2021 through direct interview and via phone or email to determine how a possible closure could affect them.

All four properties provided responses as below:

<b>Resident 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support a night-time closure.</li> <li>• ASB in the walkway during the day and the night, including assaults and disruptive noise.</li> <li>• Reported that young adolescents regularly run from the police using the walkway as an escape route.</li> <li>• Stolen property has been dumped in the walkway.</li> <li>• People throwing bottles and rocks at their property, as well as terrorising the dogs.</li> <li>• People fighting and domestic violence incidents.</li> <li>• People urinating along the fence line.</li> </ul>
<b>Resident 2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support a night-time closure.</li> <li>• Numerous incidences of ASB.</li> <li>• Violent assaults where they have had to render assistance and call Police.</li> <li>• People running through the laneway to get away from police.</li> <li>• Cleaning up smashed glass to prevent immediate injury to users.</li> <li>• Rendered first aid to intoxicated people due to broken glass.</li> <li>• Fires being lit in the walkway.</li> <li>• Trespass onto property from walkway (3 times in two years).</li> <li>• Baiting of dog which we believe was done from the walkway.</li> <li>• Car windows smashed and cars broken into.</li> <li>• Installed CCTV at their own cost.</li> </ul>



<b>Resident 3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support night-time closure.</li> <li>• Sick of issues at night and having to call the Police all the time.</li> <li>• Does not feel safe at home a lot of the time due to the bad behaviour and because family works away regularly.</li> <li>• Issues of ongoing ASB including fighting, drinking, swearing.</li> <li>• Lots of people 'partying' in the walkway at night (starts around 8pm).</li> <li>• Alcohol bottles thrown weekly into the pool and/or back yard.</li> </ul>
<b>Resident 4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support night-time closure.</li> <li>• Constant ASB in and around the walkway, with most people moving through (however groups do stop and drink in the walkway regularly).</li> <li>• Regularly calls Police who do not attend for some time (if at all).</li> <li>• Lots of noise and nuisance behaviour, as well as some violent incidences which have been very confronting and scary.</li> <li>• Worried about retribution from individual/groups if they report to Police.</li> <li>• Most issues/risk occur late at night.</li> </ul>

### Officer Recommendations

There is sufficient evidence to support a night-time closure for this walkway. Community consultation with residents, ongoing complaints about Walkway 187 and a community petition requesting consideration of a night-time closure all support this recommendation.

Engagement with residents determined significant and ongoing issues of antisocial behaviour directly attributed to inappropriate use of the walkway late at night.

Night-time closure involves the installation of gates at either end of Walkway 187 and engaging outside security contractors to lock these between 9pm and 5:30am. Operational budget has been allocated.

### PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

At the 13 July 2021 meeting Council resolved:

#### RESOLUTION ORD319/21

- A. THAT the Petition, requesting to implement a night time closure of Walkway 187 from Kapool Crescent to Mueller Road, Malak, be accepted.
- B. THAT, in accordance with By-law 153(7)(a), the Petition regarding request to implement a night time closure of Walkway 187 from Kapool Crescent to Mueller Road, Malak be referred to Community and Regulatory Services for consideration and a report to Council.

#### RESOLUTION ORD365/21

1. THAT the report entitled Walkway Closure Assessment Procedure be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the Walkway Closure Assessment Procedure.
3. THAT this report be deemed a confidential document and be treated as such in accordance with Section 99 of the Local Government Act 2019 and that the document remains Confidential unless Council decides otherwise by resolution.
4. THAT the Decision be moved into Open at the conclusion of the meeting

### STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

2 A Safe, Liveable and Healthy City

	2.1 By 2030, Darwin will be a safer place to live and visit
<b>CRITICAL DATES</b>	Nil
<b>BUDGET / FINANCIAL</b>	<p><b>Budget/Funding:</b></p> <p>Costs will be met within current operational budgets.</p> <p>Should Council approve the night-time closure, costs will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Installation of gates: between \$3,000 - \$7,500 per set of gates</li> <li>• Ongoing contractor fees to lock and unlock gates: \$1,700 to \$2,700 per annum</li> </ul>
<b>RISK ASSESSMENT</b>	<p> <b>Assets &amp; Infrastructure</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>    <b>Environment &amp; Waste</b> <input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Financial</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>    <b>Info Comms &amp; Tech</b> <input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Legal &amp; Compliance</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>    <b>Ops &amp; Service Delivery</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  <b>Reputation &amp; Brand</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>    <b>Work Health &amp; Safety</b> <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 as they arise. This may include escalation and management of issues through internal staff/external security and external stakeholders (such as NT Police).</p>
<b>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</b>	<p><b>Legislation:</b></p> <p>Local Government Act 2019 (Section 270) and the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 (Section 64).</p> <p><b>Policy:</b></p> <p>Walkway Closure Assessment Procedure</p>
<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	Met within existing operational budgets
<b>CONSULTATION &amp; ENGAGEMENT</b>	<p><b>Engagement Level:</b> Consult</p> <p>Community consultation in response to the petition for closure, included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signage placed in the walkway requesting community engagement and information in relation to the use of the walkway.</li> <li>• A letterbox drop was undertaken to 67 properties in the immediate area.</li> <li>• Direct and indirect engagement with residents, including phone calls, emails, and face to face contact.</li> </ul>
<b>COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR THIS INITIATIVE</b>	<p>The Council decision regarding closure status of Walkway 187 will be advised to the following stakeholders:</p> <p><b>Internal</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Customer Service</li> <li>• Operations Centre</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Property Services</li> </ul> <p><b>External</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All stakeholders who provided feedback through the consultation and petition process</li> </ul>
<b>PLACE SCORE STATEMENT</b>	A Safe, Liveable and Healthy City – Physical Safety
<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>	<p>The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).</p>

30 August 2021

Dear Resident,

**Re: Community consultation – proposed night-time closure of Walkway 187**

City of Darwin maintains walkways across the Darwin municipality to ensure accessibility and connectivity of public spaces. Some of these walkways are closed at night due to issues with anti-social behaviour.

City of Darwin has received a request (via a petition) to consider the night-time closure of **Walkway 187 (Kapool Crescent Mueller Road, Malak)**. If approved by Council, the night time closure would be from approximately 9.00pm to 5.30am the following day.

Understanding how people use walkways near them helps Council determine the potential impact of a night-time closure. We are seeking your feedback on how a possible night-time closure of this walkway may impact you and your family.

Feedback provided will be included in a consultation report that will be prepared for Council to inform a decision on a possible night-time closure. Please note, any feedback is confidential and individuals are not identified in the consultation report.

Feedback can be provided by 12th September 2021 via an email to [safercity@darwin.nt.gov.au](mailto:safercity@darwin.nt.gov.au) or phone (08) 8930 0300.

Yours sincerely



Matt Grassmayr  
**General Manager Community and Regulatory Services**

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**14.5 WALKWAY CLOSURE TRIAL OUTCOME - WALKWAY 104 LITCHFIELD COURT TO CRAIG CRESCENT COCONUT GROVE**

**Author:** Darwin Safer City Program Coordinator  
**Authoriser:** General Manager Community and Regulatory Services  
**Attachments:** Nil

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. THAT the report entitled Walkway Trial Closure Outcome – Walkway 104 Litchfield Court to Craig Crescent, Coconut Grove be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve the ongoing 24/7 closure of Walkway 104 Litchfield Court to Craig Crescent, Coconut Grove.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide to Council the outcome of the trial closure of Walkway 104 Litchfield Court to Craig Crescent, Coconut Grove and to seek approval of an ongoing 24/7 closure.

**KEY ISSUES**

- Council resolved at the Ordinary meeting on 16 June 2020 that Walkway 104 Litchfield Court to Craig Crescent, Coconut Grove be closed on a 24/7 basis for a trial period.
- Walkway 104 had been under a night-time closure from July 2018, but this measure did not resolve all issues at the walkway.
- The trial 24/7 closure of Walkway 104 commenced in September 2020 following works undertaken by the Northern Territory Government (NTG) to upgrade the fencing around the Litchfield Court housing complex.
- Consultation during the trial closure confirms that NT Police, NTG's Housing Safety Unit and effected residents all support the ongoing 24/7 closure of this walkway.
- The ongoing 24/7 closure does not unduly affect residents of Litchfield Court accessing nearby public transport and shopping centres.

**DISCUSSION**

Council's management of walkways must balance the requirement of maintaining an accessible pedestrian network with sustainable asset management and protection, also taking into account public safety and community amenity.

Walkway 104 was originally designed to connect Litchfield Court public housing to nearby community facilities, including Esther Park, public transport, and the nearby Nightcliff Shopping Centre.

Litchfield Court housing complex is high-density public housing providing long term accommodation to approximately 140 tenants. The complex and its residents experience a range of complex social issues. In late 2018, following complaints of anti-social behaviour in the walkway, Council agreed to night-time closure of Walkway 104 and installed gates and paid external security contractors to close the walkway from approximately 9pm to 5:30am. While the night-time closure assisted, instances were still reported such as trespass and verbal and physical abuse of security contractors.

Following complaints and request from the Member for Nightcliff, Council agreed to a trial 24/7 closure in June 2020 for six months, with a report to be provided to Council of the outcome. The trial period commenced September 2020 following fencing upgrades, due to report scheduling for the Local Government Elections, the trial period was extended.

**Trial Outcome**

City of Darwin Officers have consulted with stakeholders and confirm strong support for the ongoing 24/7 closure of Walkway 104. Officers have engaged with residents in Craig Court, NT Police, Territory Housing Managers and the Public Housing Safety Unit and all support an ongoing 24/7 closure. No opposition to the trial closure has been reported.

Should Council consider the permanent disposal (sale) of Walkway 104 the process will be delegated to the appropriate Department within City of Darwin for further action.

**Officer Recommendations**

No opposition to the trial has been received or reported.

Strong support from residents to the ongoing 24/7 closure has been confirmed through consultation with residents. NT Police, Territory Housing Managers and the Public Housing Safety Unit support this approach.

It is recommended that Council approve the ongoing 24/7 closure of Walkway 104 Litchfield Court to Craig Crescent, Coconut Grove to reduce negative impacts on residents and minimise antisocial behaviour. Stakeholders will be notified of Council's decision in writing.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

At the 16 June 2020 meeting Council resolved:

**RESOLUTION ORD218/20**

1. THAT Council close the laneway between Litchfield Court and Craig Crescent, Coconut Grove 24 hours per day for a 6-month trial period.
2. THAT the laneway closure commences once the problem fencing has been rectified, as discussed with Northern Territory Government
3. THAT a report be brought to Council after the trial period to determine further action.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

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**CRITICAL DATES**

Nil

<b>BUDGET / FINANCIAL</b>	<p><b>Budget/Funding:</b> Maintenance and cleaning costs for the walkway will be managed within current operational budgets.</p> <p>The infrastructure required to maintain closure of this walkway has already been installed and a 24/7 closure will not require the services of an external contractor to manage the opening/closing of the gates under a night- time closure.</p>
<b>RISK ASSESSMENT</b>	<p> <b>Assets &amp; Infrastructure</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>    <b>Environment &amp; Waste</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  <b>Financial</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>    <b>Info Comms &amp; Tech</b> <input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Legal &amp; Compliance</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>    <b>Ops &amp; Service Delivery</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  <b>Reputation &amp; Brand</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>    <b>Work Health &amp; Safety</b> <input type="checkbox"/> </p> <p>In accordance with City of Darwin Risk Management Framework, the post treatment, mitigation risk is: Low</p>
<b>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</b>	<p><b>Legislation:</b></p> <p>Local Government Act 2019 (Section 270) and the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 (Section 64).</p> <p><b>Policy:</b> Walkways Closure Assessment Procedure</p>
<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	Nil
<b>CONSULTATION &amp; ENGAGEMENT</b>	<p><b>Engagement Level:</b> Consult</p> <p>City of Darwin Officers undertook consultation with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the residents in Craig Crescent whose properties directly adjoin the walkway</li> <li>residents living in Litchfield Court Complex</li> <li>NT Police Officers, Territory Housing Managers and the Public Housing Safety Unit</li> </ul>
<b>COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR THIS INITIATIVE</b>	<p>The Council decision regarding closure status of Walkway 104 will be advised to the following stakeholders:</p> <p><b>Internal</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Customer Service</li> <li>Operations Centre (for maintenance)</li> <li>Property Services</li> </ul> <p><b>External</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents whose properties directly adjoin the walkway.</li> <li>NT Police</li> <li>Manager of the Public Housing Safety Unit at Territory Housing.</li> <li>The Member for Nightcliff</li> </ul>

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

**14.6 CARRY FORWARD BUDGET 2020-2021 AND RESERVE BALANCES AS AT 30 JUNE 2021**

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**Authoriser:** Chief Financial Officer

**Attachments:**

1. [Attachment 1 Carry forward Budget 2021 to 2022](#)
2. [Attachment 2 Carry Forward Budget 2021 to 2022 \(Early Adopted\)](#)
3. [Attachment 3 Reserve Balances as at 30 June 2021](#)

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. THAT the report entitled Carry Forward Budget 2020-2021 and Reserve Balances as at 30 June 2021 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council resolve to carry forward the items listed in Attachments 1 of report Carry Forward Budget 2020-2021 and Reserve Balances as at 30 June 2021, totalling \$9,759,502 by their inclusion in the 2021/22 Municipal Budget.
3. THAT Council resolve to adopt the Reserve Balances total of \$80,955,349 listed in Attachment 3 of report Carry Forward Budget 2020-2021 and Reserve Balances as at 30 June 2021.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to present unexpended 2020-21 capital and operational budget allocations requested to be carried forward into the 2021-22 year for completion (with some exceptions). The report also details the 30 June 2021 closing reserve balances reconciled with carry forward recommendations included in the balances.

**KEY ISSUES**

- End of year additional Carry Forward requests net increase to the 2021/22 Municipal Budget totals \$9,759,502.
- Carry forward requests adopted in prior budget reviews or pre-empted in the 2021/22 Municipal Plan total \$3,022,274. Of these requests some have already been included in the 21/22 Municipal Budget (revised to reflect final available funds) with the net adjusted additional requirement to 2021/22 budget being \$623,960.
- End of year reserve balances total \$80,955,349 with an increase from the 20/21 budgeted closing balance of \$72,069,200. The increase mainly relates to the carry forward requests for works progressing in the 21/22 financial year.



## DISCUSSION

Each year Council considers the unexpended budgets to be carried forward to ensure the completion of committed projects and other requirements.

The Year-End final Reserve balances, included in the Annual Financial Statements, are then calculated to include the results of Council Decisions with regard committed but unexpended budgets, and the Financial Reserves Policy (Policy No 067).

### Carry Forward Budget Variations

#### Early Adopted Carry Forward Requests – Attachment 2

Carry forwards, formally adopted by Council as part of budget reviews during 2020/21 or in the 2021/22 Municipal Budget, originally total \$2.6M. These are automatically carried forward into 2021/22. Noting that these previously approved carry forwards have been adjusted to reflect variance to estimates at end of year with the revised total amount now being \$3.02M. These are included as information in Attachment 2. They are not included again in Attachment 1 numbers.

#### End of Year Carry Forward Requests – Attachment 1

Additional recommended carry forwards, Attachment 1, are mainly for projects that are underway but incomplete as at 30 June 2021 and as such are identified for carry forward into the 2021/22 projects budget.

The proposed Year End carry forward requests from 2020/21 to 2021/22 total \$9.76M consisting of \$7.31M net capital income and expenditure, and \$2.45M net operational income and expenditure

In the 2019/20 financial year the new accounting standard AASB 1058 came into effect. The new standard requires grant income to be recognised as project milestones are achieved in accordance with funding agreements, whereby previously the income was recognised on receipt of the funds. Unspent grant funds at year end are now recognised as a liability in the financial statements as opposed to a transfer to the Unspent Grants Reserve. As such the carry forward requests now include the recognition of capital grant income budget of \$1.8M offset by capital expenditure.

The new carry forwards from 30/06/21 are funded as follows:

Carry Forwards EOY - 2020/21 to 2021/22					
	General Funds	Grant	Reserve	Loan	Total
Operational	473,085	1,980,859	-	-	2,453,944
Capital	3,814,142	66,672	3,406,480	18,264	7,305,558
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,287,227</b>	<b>2,047,531</b>	<b>3,406,480</b>	<b>18,264</b>	<b>9,759,502</b>
Note: net of capital expenditure offset by grant income					

**Total 2021/22 Budget Amendments**

The amendment to the 2021/22 Municipal Budget will be as follows:

	MP 2021/22	Att 2 Early CF Q1 - 3/or MP adjust	Att 1 EOY Carry Forward	Proposed Amended Bdgt 2021/22
Operational Income	109,264	-	(1,963)	107,301
Capital Grant Income	12,173	-	1,799	13,972
Operational Expenses	(123,312)	(419)	(491)	(124,222)
<b>Budgeted Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(1,875)</b>	<b>(419)</b>	<b>(655)</b>	<b>(2,949)</b>
<b>Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>(91,466)</b>	<b>(73)</b>	<b>(9,105)</b>	<b>(100,644)</b>
<b>Net Transfers from (-to) Reserves</b>	<b>32,537</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>9,760</b>	<b>42,789</b>

Note: rounding adjustments

**Reserves****Financial Statement 30 June 2021 Reserve Balances**

Externally Restricted Reserves	\$ 40,653,884
Internally Restricted Reserves	<u>\$ 40,301,464</u>
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b><u>\$ 80,955,349</u> (Attachment 3).</b>

The reserve balances calculated as at 30 June 2021 total \$80.96M. This is an increase over the previous year of \$6.5M (closing balance 30 June 2020 was \$74.4M). Each reserve end of year result will transfer as the available opening balance into 2021/22 on finalisation of the Annual Financial Statements.

The opening balances as per the 2021/22 Municipal Budget (the Budget) are in line with the end of year results with exceptions of the Carry Forward Reserve as the Budget assumes balances as per 2nd Budget Review with known/significant amendments at the time.

Other significant movements from the anticipated budget position include:

- Incomplete capital works funded from specific reserves in the 2020/21 financial year results in higher balances on these reserves. This includes the Asset Replacement & Refurbishment \$1.8M (higher than Budget), Public Art Reserve \$343k and Unspent Grants \$271k. Incomplete capital works have been requested as carry forwards to be completed in the 2021/22 year.
- Plant & Vehicle Replacement Reserve - \$1.8M higher than budget with \$1M being the carry forward for the purchase of land as per 2nd Budget Review.
- Waste Management Reserve – \$1.1M higher than budget mainly from additional income across the Weighbridge. Due to the timing of invoices for the Leachate Treatment System \$975k has been temporarily borrowed from the reserve at year end pending the next draw down of loan funding in July (funds will then be returned to the reserve).
- Off & On Street Carparking Reserve - \$486k above budget with income higher than anticipated (noting income budgets were decreased at 2nd Budget Review).

Details of reserve balances are presented incorporating the requested carry forwards and are provided in Attachment 3.

<b>PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION</b>	
Nil	
<b>STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT</b>	6 Governance Framework 6.3 Decision Making and Management
<b>CRITICAL DATES</b>	The Reserve balances and carry forward requests should be adopted by September 2021 to provide alignment with the 30 June 2021 Annual Financial Statements.
<b>BUDGET / FINANCIAL</b>	<b>Budget/Funding:</b> Detailed within the body of the report <b>Is Funding identified:</b> Adoption of the Carry Forward requests and Reserve Balances will amend the 2021/22 Municipal Budget as discussed in the report.
<b>RISK ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>Assets &amp; Infrastructure</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Environment &amp; Waste</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Financial</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Info Comms &amp; Tech</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Legal &amp; Compliance</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Ops &amp; Service Delivery</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Reputation &amp; Brand</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Work Health &amp; Safety</b> <input type="checkbox"/> In accordance with City of Darwin Risk Management Framework, the post treatment, mitigation risk is: Low Risks identified, in relation to this report, will be managed N/A
<b>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</b>	<b>Legislation:</b> Adoption of the recommendations in this report will result in Council amending the budget in accordance with Section 203 of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> . Section 202) of the Local Government Act 2019 prohibits Council from adopting a deficit budget.
<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	Nil
<b>CONSULTATION &amp; ENGAGEMENT</b>	<b>Engagement Level:</b> Consult Email request to all Departments for submission of Carry Forward projects.
<b>COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR THIS INITIATIVE</b>	<b>Internal</b> N/A <b>External</b> N/A
<b>PLACE SCORE STATEMENT</b>	N/A

<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>	<p><a href="https://intranet.darwin.nt.gov.au/document/3331/view">https://intranet.darwin.nt.gov.au/document/3331/view</a></p> <p>The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).</p>
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OPERATIONAL CARRY FORWARDS FROM 2020/21 TO 2021/22										
Ref	Dept.	Project Name	Description	Master	Total	General Funds	Grant	Reserve	Loan	Reserve Name
1	GREa	Corporate Uniforms	Request to carry forward unspent Corporate Uniforms budget NI	130040	150,000	150,000				
2	IGDS	Movement Strategy	Delay in finalisation of the Movement Strategy was due to an unforeseen injury of the project manager and consequential long-term leave during the year.	321040	117,270	117,270				
3	IGDS	International Relations	The International Sister City Expo development was hindered due to delays in recruitment of a project manager and technical difficulties in development of the website.	224009	8,165	8,165				
4	CRS	Indigenous Projects	Carry forward for reconciliation action plan deliverables, additional staff and elected member training modules reallocated to21/22 FY.	221005	15,845	15,845				
5	CRS	Healthy Lifestyle Grant	Grant received towards end of 20/21 financial year, funds to be spent in 21/22	223041	15,000		15,000			Unspent Grants
6	CRS	Karama Pilot - Afterschool engagement program	Carry forward unspent grant funds	222011	1,296		1,296			Unspent Grants
7	CRS	Get Online Week (Be Connected)	Carry forward unspent grant funds	235000	1,098		1,098			Unspent Grants
8	CRS	Seniors Month	Carry forward unspent grant funds	235000	617		617			Unspent Grants
9	CRS	Youth Strategy Development	Carry forward for external consultant contract for community engagement and development of Youth Strategy.	222010	5,063	5,063				
9	ECS	Assets - Stormwater Infrastructure Surveys	<p>In the interests of maximising benefit to COD, the project was designed to undertake system cleaning/clearing at the same time as the asset survey was undertaken, where necessary. When the project commenced (in early April 2021) it was expected that that the level of pipe clearing/cleaning would not be significant enough to slow the project down (particularly as the survey was timed to allow the Wet Season rains to also clear debris). However, it has become apparent that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There are significant discrepancies with the GIS mapping that is having to be redone as we go-which is time consuming;</li><li>• There are significantly higher debris levels within the system than expected, which is delaying the survey work as this clearing needs to occur first (some pipes a up to 80% blocked-due for example to wet concrete being washed into stormwater drains after works are done within road reserves);</li><li>• A large proportion of the pit lids are requiring replacement due to their fragility when lifted;</li><li>• In order to address occurring on-site, additional specialist has had to be ordered-with significant delivery times. Once this equipment is acquired (early in 2021/22) , it is expected that these survey and clearing operations will be significantly expedited.</li><li>• Due to COVID lockdowns.</li></ul> <p>These extra care a attention employed in these works will result in a much better outcome for Council and the community will have significant LOS improvements-through maintenance and the identification of issues that can easily be solved-thereby postponing the need to undertake major upgrading works In the short to medium term. Furthermore, COD’s GIS system information will be much more accurate, resulting in a robust digital twin of COD’s stormwater drainage network.</p>	312000	126,742	126,742				
10	ECS	Solar Audit	\$50,000 was moved from the Capital program to OpEx as a 3rd qtr variation. The scope of this project is still to be determined.	333045	50,000	50,000				
11	ECS	FAA Early Release income - Roads	Payment of the first and second quarter allocations of the 2021/22 FAA Roads component received in 2020/21 financial year.	331030	1,052,304		1,052,304			
12	CS	FAA Early Release income - General	Payment of the first and second quarter allocations of the 2021/22 FAA grant General Purpose component received in 2020/21 financial year.	421030	910,544		910,544			
TOTAL OPERATIONAL CARRY FORWARDS FROM 2020/21 TO 2021/22					2,453,944	473,085	1,980,859	0	0	



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## CAPITAL CARRY FORWARDS FROM 2020/21 TO 2021/22

Ref	Dept.	Project Name	Description	Account	Total	General Funds	Grant	Reserve	Loan	Reserve
1	GREa	AV Upgrades Chambers	Request to carry forward unspent funds from capital website project to video conferencing equipment upgrades in Chambers. Works completed September 2021.	110060	53,300	53,300				
2	IGDS	Microsoft 365	Project commenced in May 20/21 with Phase 1 complete of user mailboxes and essential Apps. Phase 2 to be completed 2021/22, including InTune device management and decommissioning old systems.	431060	42,539	42,539				
3	IGDS	AP Workflow Project	Project delivery spanning the two financial years, will be completed 2021/22.	431060	17,923	17,923				
4	IGDS	Property Capital	Acquisition of land Bagot Berrimah Industrial Estate	455060	1,000,000			1,000,000		Plant Replacement
5	IGDS	Dragon Fly Carpark Upgrade	Construction ongoing and project delivery spanning the financial years. Will be completed in 2021/22.	453065	46,597			46,597		CBD Car Parking Shortfall - Rate Levy
6	IGDS	Street Food Upgrades	Project delivery spanning the two financial years, will be completed 2021/22.	322061	41,218	41,218				
7	CRS	Public Art Capital	Project delivery spanning the financial years.	221061	410,388	200,204		210,184		Public Art
8	CRS	Amphitheatre Project	Grant funding carry forward.	223065	71,492	4,820	66,672			
9.1	ECS	LRCI Phase 1 - Wulagi Terrace Raised Intersection Platforms	Works commenced, delays to completing the lighting component of the traffic calming are due to supply of streetlight poles, as a result of COVID-19. Current advice received from supplier is that poles will in Darwin late October, the project completion is currently scheduled for November 2021.	322064	285,221		285,221			
9.2	ECS	LRCI Phase 1 - Smith Street Pedestrian Crossing	Works commenced, delays to completing the lighting component of the traffic calming are due to supply of streetlight poles, as a result of COVID-19. Current advice received from supplier is that poles will in Darwin late October, the project completion is currently scheduled for November 2021.	322064	123,625		123,625			
9.3	ECS	LRCI Phase 1 - Fitzmaurice Drive LATM	Federal Government approval for this project to proceed has been granted. These funds are required to complete the project.	322064	39,706		39,706			
9.4	ECS	Local Roads Community Infrastructure Fund Phase 1 grant income	Local Roads Community Infrastructure Fund Phase 1 grant income - remaining income due to be received in August 2021.	322031	(448,552)		(448,552)			
10	ECS	Bicentennial Park - Memorial Plaque Wall and Path	Project underway and will be completed by 31 December 2021	322062	60,000	60,000				
11	ECS	Chan Ward - Chrisp Street Oval Toilet Block & Shade Structure Over Basketball Court	Better Suburbs Project - contract in place for delivery of toilet block, delays due to CV19 lock down in NSW awaiting delivery and construction timeframe update once lock down and travel restrictions are lifted. Shade structure component of works exceeded budget available for works, project has been rescoped and has gone back to market. Funds required to deliver project.	311060	249,864	71,185		178,679		Asset Replacement & Refurbishment
12	ECS	Chan Ward - Nightcliff Oval Demolition & Install Demountable Canteen	Awaiting advice from Nightcliff Cricket Club to proceed. The design has been modified from the original scope and City of Darwin are waiting to review the new design.	311060	54,787	15,608		39,179		Asset Replacement & Refurbishment

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Ref	Dept.	Project Name	Description	Account	Total	General Funds	Grant	Reserve	Loan	Reserve
13	ECS	Malak Community Centre Car Parking Lighting Upgrades	Better Suburbs Project - Design complete. Construction complete July 2021.	311060	5,920	1,687		4,233		Asset Replacement & Refurbishment
14	ECS	Holzerland Park Basketball Court Lighting and Associated Works	Better Suburbs Project - Construction commenced June, project completion end of September.	311060	200,640	57,161		143,479		Asset Replacement & Refurbishment
15	ECS	Malak Oval Club Room Awning	Better Suburbs Project - Design to be complete end of April. Procurement finalised construction to be scheduled.	311060	134,580	38,341		96,239		Asset Replacement & Refurbishment
16	ECS	Greenbelt Exercise Stations	Better Suburbs Project - Tender closed, under assessment, materials procured construction scheduled February 2022	311060	149,387	42,559		106,828		Asset Replacement & Refurbishment
17	ECS	Robyn Lesley Park Exercise Equipment Replacement	Better Suburbs Project - Procurement completed, awaiting delivery of materials, construction scheduled for October 2021	311060	39,900	11,367		28,533		Asset Replacement & Refurbishment
18	ECS	Nightcliff Shops Laneways Beautification	Better Suburbs Project - Finalisation of the project scope was delayed. The project is currently under procurement for delivery by 31 October.	311060	170,000	48,432		121,568		Asset Replacement & Refurbishment
19	ECS	Nightcliff Laneway Access Rectifications	Better Suburbs Project - Revised project scope sent for EM endorsement, project for construction October 2021	311060	30,000	8,547		21,453		Asset Replacement & Refurbishment
20	ECS	Nightcliff Foreshore Tree planting	Better Suburbs Project - Works completed July 2021	311060	8,524	2,428		6,096		Asset Replacement & Refurbishment
21	ECS	Parap Shops Upgrade	Better Suburbs Project - Finalisation of the project scope was delayed. Engagement with stakeholders has further delayed the project. The project is currently in the design concept stage with short term actions identified for delivery in October and the masterplan is to be delivered by 31 October prior to presentation to Council.	311060	438,636	124,965		313,671		Asset Replacement & Refurbishment
22	ECS	Goyder Road Streetscape	Better Suburbs Project - Finalisation of the project scope has been delayed due to service connection complications. The design was unable to be finalised to allow construction to be completed before the end of the financial year. The project is currently under procurement for delivery by 31 October.	311060	231,471	65,945		165,526		Asset Replacement & Refurbishment
23	ECS	Buffalo Creek Road - Shoulder Widening & Boat Ramp Improvements	Better Suburbs Project - Detailed design complete, project on hold awaiting AAPA approval, expected certificate receipt end of September, procurement finalised construction scheduling awaiting receipt of authority certificate. Balance of Richardson Ward funds to be consolidated into project work order.	311060	699,192	199,196		499,996		Asset Replacement & Refurbishment
24	ECS	Animal Pound Upgrades	Better Suburbs Project, Project scope and product details finalised, procurement underway for delivery September once materials received in to Darwin.	311060	60,000	17,094		42,906		Asset Replacement & Refurbishment
25	ECS	Streetscape Beautification - Rothdale Road	Concept design complete, negotiations with NTG for maintenance agreement underway, Alderman request for revision of plant species and scope of project. All remaining unallocated funds for Chan Ward to be consolidated into work order & carried forward.	322063	101,085	101,085				
26	ECS	Streetscape Beautification - Malak Community Centre	Design complete - construction underway, project completion October	322063	101,196	101,196				
27	ECS	Streetscape Beautification - Malak Shops Carpark	Design complete - construction underway, project completion October	322063	114,580	114,580				

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Ref	Dept.	Project Name	Description	Account	Total	General Funds	Grant	Reserve	Loan	Reserve
28	ECS	Streetscape Beautification - Dripstone Road	Landscape design and utility services requires further analysis to determine if project can proceed. Requires consultation with Richardson Ward Elected Members	322063	78,717	78,717				
29	ECS	Streetscape Beautification - Parap Shopping Centre	Project linked with Parap Shopping Village (Item Ref 21).	322063	40,000	40,000				
30	ECS	East Point Sewer Rising Main	Design nearing completion. Funds identified to be included with an additional \$200k from 21/22 budget to complete construction works. Council decision to complete project.	332060	73,869	73,869				
31	ECS	West Lane FCU Replacement	Part payment of \$20k made. Item is being delivered from interstate. Covid restrictions have delayed the project.	332060	31,590	31,590				
32	ECS	Westlane PFU	This work (PFU) is a Power and Water mandatory requirement for council to install PV solar onto this building. This preliminary project did not commence in 20/21 as the previously identified funds, to install Solar PV at the West Lane Car Park roof, were put on hold by the CEO as part of the 21/22 program funding deliberations. Once further feasibility and design works are completed, the Solar PV system at West Lane shall then be funded through the Car Parking Reserve.	332060	20,000	20,000				
33	ECS	Westlane and Dragon Fly carparks Fire Compliance	Works required to bring systems up to current compliance standards and to improve functionality of the system in place. Westlane works complete, Dragon Fly Carpark works nearing completions, est October 2021.	332060	70,000	70,000				
34	ECS	Parap Pool Lighting System	Design completed, procurement of equipment underway. Completion December 2021.	332080	135,000	135,000				
35	ECS	Operation Centre Security Gate	Delays due to design issues. Works to be completed in early 21/22 FY. Contractors engaged, works expected to be completed by mid-October.	332084	260,316	260,316				
36	ECS	Nightcliff Firewall	Significant delays due to change of Building Certifier. Working through specifications. Construction now expected to be completed end of calendar year.	332085	75,000	30,000		45,000		Nightcliff Community Hall
37	ECS	DEC CCTV Replacement	Part Payment made. Completed September 2021.	332089	16,373	16,373				
38	ECS	Darwin Entertainment Centre Soffit Rectification	Delay due to structural design. Initial tender did not receive any responses, reissued tender closed 15/07/2021. The price that came through was too high and now discussions are taking place with the Body Corporate as to how to resolve moving forward.	332089	237,290	137,290		100,000		DEC Asset Replacement/ Refurbishment
39	ECS	Dick Ward Drive Culvert Upgrade	Project under construction, scheduled across two financial years due to funding requirement above single year budget. Delays encountered in coordination of relocation of underground services.	334060	363,404	363,404				
40	ECS	Jingili Regional Playground Upgrade	Contract has been entered into, construction has commenced in part. Construction of playground commenced September; finalisation November 2021.	341062	457,613	457,613				
41	ECS	Bike Racks Installation	Scheduled completion October 2021.	322068	11,239	11,239				

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## CAPITAL CARRY FORWARDS FROM 2020/21 TO 2021/22

Ref	Dept.	Project Name	Description	Account	Total	General Funds	Grant	Reserve	Loan	Reserve
42.1	ECS	R2R - Ross Smith Avenue Resurfacing	Project completed September 2021.	322066	1,185,236	158,491	1,026,745			
42.2	ECS	R2R - Ross Smith Avenue Resurfacing	Grant funds offset	322031	(1,026,745)		(1,026,745)			
43	ECS	Marina Boulevard (No. 40 - Ferry Terminal Car Park	Finalisation of works ongoing.	331065	60,269	60,269				
44	ECS	Public Lighting Infrastructure	Ongoing programme for installation of control systems for street light luminaires, replacement of existing luminaires to LEDs replace wiring where required and installation of asset labels on park lights.	331066	294,417	217,102		59,051	18,264	Street Lighting
45	ECS	Searcy Street Stage 2	Awaiting DCA approval.	322067	90,000	90,000				
46.1	ECS	SBWMF - Perimeter Fence	Receipt of clearance certificate from AAPA required before the works are able to proceed, current advice is that the certificate will be received early October 2021.	333062	499,932		322,670	177,262		Waste Management
46.2	ECS	SBWMF - Perimeter Fence	Grant funds offset	333062	(322,670)		(322,670)			
47	ECS	Irrigation Infrastructure - Driffield Park - New Power Supply, Irrigation Pump, Tank & Shed	Completed August 2021	341065	65,425	65,425				
48	ECS	Irrigation Infrastructure - Yanyula Greenbelt (Matthews Park) - New 3 Phase Power Supply	Completed August 2021	341065	7,334	7,334				
49	ECS	Accessible Parking CBD	Project finalised, invoice received subsequent to end of financial year.	331062	40,000	40,000				
50	ECS	Gardens Cemetery Plot Markers	Project finalised, invoice received subsequent to end of financial year.	332063	8,730	8,730				
TOTAL CAPITAL CARRY FORWARDS FROM 2020/21 TO 2021/22					7,305,558	3,814,142	66,672	3,406,480	18,264	

ATTACHMENT 2

EARLY CARRY FORWARDS ADOPTED FROM (Q1 - Q3) 2020/21 TO 2021/22

Ref	Dept.	QTR	Project Names	Description	Initial Carry Forward Qtr1 -3	Adjusted CF Impact on 21/22 Budget	Reserve Transferred To	Comments
Operational								
1	GREA	3	LG Election	2021 Local Government General Election - 28 August 2021	93,314	-	Elections	Included in MP 21/22 Reserve balance, no impact
2	ECS	3	Energy Efficiency Program	Energy Efficiency budget for Climate Change Response actions in 21/22 (note \$100k capex \$100k opex; revised to \$200k opex)	200,000	200,000	Carry Forward	Will be rolled out to opex
3	ECS	3	Greening Strategy	Transfer unspent Greening Strategy to Environmental Reserve to be spent in 2021/22	190,000	190,000	Environmental	Included in MP 21/22 Reserve balance, and now rolled out to opex
4	CS	3	Manager Emergency Planning & Response	Salary budget for Manager Emergency Planning & Response due to timing of recruitment of position. Note cf actual will be adjusted down from \$79k to \$29k as Municipal Budget estimate was \$50k and already included in 21/22.	78,547	28,547	Carry Forward	\$50k Included in MP 21/22 Reserve balance
Total Operational					561,861	418,547		
Capital								
5	CRS	3	Public Art	Funds untied to the Jingili Watergardens Green Ant and Bicentennial Park Sculpture public art projects to be transferred to the Public Arts Reserve for future projects.	132,483		Public Art	Will be retained in reserve
6	ECS	3	Velodrome	Returning unspent funds for the Velodrome project to the unspent grants reserve. Note total amount returned to unspent grants reserve will be adjusted to reflect unspent at EOFY to \$2.33M, as MP and early CF based on estimate at the time.	2,327,930	72,930	Unspent Grants	Included in MP 21/22 estimate \$2,255,000 - unspent at EOFY \$2,327,930; additional CF of \$73k net
Total Capital					2,460,413	72,930		
Total Early Carry Forwards					3,022,274	491,477		



## 2020-21 RESERVE SUMMARY

**For the period ended 30 June 2021**

Externally Restricted Reserves \$	Opening Balance Actuals	Transfers To ( - From )	Closing Balance Actuals	Budgeted Closing Balance	
CBD Carparking Shortfall - Developer Cont.	13,168,879	87,705	13,256,584	13,257,879	
CBD Carparking Shortfall - Rate Levy	14,476,199	-705,229	13,770,970	13,654,575	
Developer Contributions	1,798,737	5,491	1,804,228	1,804,222	
Highway/Commercial Carparking Shortfall	51,578	344	51,922	51,928	
Market Site Development	469,983	-22,432	447,551	466,992	
Other Carparking Shortfall	376,315	2,506	378,821	378,815	
Unspent Grants	10,668,704	-5,975,796	4,692,908	7,171,076	1
Waste Management	6,195,391	55,510	6,250,901	5,829,965	2
<b>Total Externally Restricted Reserves</b>	<b>47,205,786</b>	<b>-6,551,902</b>	<b>40,653,884</b>	<b>42,615,452</b>	

Internally Restricted Reserves \$	Opening Balance Actuals	Transfers To ( - From )	Closing Balance Actuals	Budgeted Closing Balance	
Asset Replacement & Refurbishment	4,908,807	-1,713,815	3,194,992	1,424,205	3
Carry Forward	7,119,127	-572,241	6,546,886	278,547	4
DEC Air Conditioning Replacement	96,000	0	96,000	96,000	
DEC Asset Replacement/Refurbishment	102,658	0	102,658	2,658	5
Disaster Contingency	2,035,229	0	2,035,229	2,035,229	
Election Expense	232,814	193,314	426,128	426,128	
Environmental	101,963	169,628	271,591	270,830	
IT Strategy	84,136	-17,651	66,485	46,194	
Nightcliff Community Hall	61,973	14,430	76,403	30,293	
Off & On Street Carparking	3,552,122	-739,996	2,812,126	2,274,972	6
Plant & Vehicle Replacement	7,590,863	2,075,046	9,665,909	7,836,209	7
Public Art	406,996	-64,329	342,667	132,483	8
Sale of Land	0	14,600,000	14,600,000	14,600,000	
Street Lighting Reserve	936,624	-872,233	64,391	0	
<b>Total Internally Restricted Reserves</b>	<b>27,229,312</b>	<b>13,072,152</b>	<b>40,301,464</b>	<b>29,453,748</b>	

<b>TOTAL ALL RESERVES \$</b>	<b>74,435,098</b>	<b>6,520,251</b>	<b>80,955,349</b>	<b>72,069,200</b>	
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### Significant Movement from Budget

1. Unspent Grant net movement reflects lower unspent grant funds, with majority of capital grants transferred to liabilities in accordance with AASB 1058 at year end.
2. Waste Management higher income received and timing of capital projects has resulted in higher reserve balance at year end. Noting interim allocation of Leachate Treatment System expenditure from reserve (\$975k ) pending July drawdown of external loan funds.
3. Asset Replacement & Refurbishment higher than budget due to timing of expenditure COVID Stimulus Municipal Ward projects. Projects have been requested to be carried forward.
4. Carry Forward as per Carry Forward Budget 2020-2021 Report and included in the reserve pending final Council approval.
5. DEC Asset Replacement & Refurbishment - delays in soffit rectification project, carry forward requested.
6. Off & On Street Parking Reserve higher than anticipated budget with income exceeding amended budget. Noting income budgets were reduced at 2nd Budget Review.
7. Plant Replacement Reserve - higher than budget with lower operational expenses and a carry forward for land acquisition Bagot Berrimah Industrial Estate (\$1M).
8. Public Art Reserve - carry forward request for public art projects.

**14.7 GRANT ACQUITTALS - 2020/21 - DEPARTMENT OF CHIEF MINISTER AND CABINET - LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Author:** Executive Manager Governance Strategy & Performance

**Authoriser:** Chief Executive Officer

**Attachments:**

1. Energy Efficiency and Sustainability Grant (EESG) Special Purpose 2020/21 Grant Acquittal [↓](#)
2. Local Government Priority Infrastructure Fund 2020/21 Grant Acquittal [↓](#)

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. THAT the report entitled Grant Acquittals 2020/21 – Department of Local Government Regional Development be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the Chief Executive Officer to forward the Grant Acquittal at **Attachment 1** and **Attachment 2** to the report entitled Grant Acquittals 2020/21 – Department of Local Government and Regional Development, to the Department of Local Government and Regional Development
3. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 40 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to request an extension to the Local Government Priority Infrastructure Fund (LGPIF) – Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility Perimeter Fencing Grant (\$322,670) to 15 December 2022.
4. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 40 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to request that underspent grant funds of \$7,130 from the Energy Efficiency and Sustainability Grant (EESG) Program to be redirected to the existing Perimeter Fencing Project at the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement of Grant Acquittals for the 2020/21 financial year for grants received from the Northern Territory Government Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet, Local Government and Regional Development.

**KEY ISSUES**

- Council is currently in receipt of two approved grants from the Northern Territory Government Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet, Local Government and Regional Development.
- \$322,670 was awarded under the Local Government Priority Infrastructure Fund (LGPIF) as a contribution to the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility Perimeter Fencing Project.
- The Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility Perimeter Fencing Project is awaiting certification from the Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority (AAPA).
- \$145,916 was awarded under the Energy Efficiency and Sustainability Grant (EESG) Program to install 100kw roof mounted solar panel array at the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility.
- Installation of 100kw roof mounted solar panel array at Shoal Bay Waste Management

Facility is now complete

- Council is required to acquit all grants funds from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet, Local Government and Regional Development annually. Failure to acquit funding annually may compromise Council's ability to be successful with future funding applications.

## DISCUSSION

The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet, Local Government and Regional Development (LGRD) requires that City of Darwin submits acquittals for all DLGCD grants at the end of each financial year. It is a requirement of the DLGRD that the acquittals are laid before Council prior to being submitted to the Department.

### Energy Efficiency and Sustainability Grant (EESG) Program

In 2018/19 City of Darwin received \$145,916 under the Energy Efficiency and Sustainability Grant (EESG) Program to install 100kw roof mounted solar panel array at the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility. The total cost of the project was fully funded by grant funds and expenditure totalled \$138,786. The project is now complete, and the grant funds have been underspent by \$7,130 or around 5% of the total grant approved.

Generally, when grant funds are underspent Council is required to return unspent amounts to the relevant funding provider. However, prior to returning funds, Council staff will assess whether there are existing projects that meet the funding criteria and if so, seek approval from the relevant funding provider to reallocate unspent funds to those providers.

Staff have undertaken a review of current projects and council decisions and as a result recommend that Council seeks approval from the Department to reallocate unspent grant funds of \$7,130 to the Perimeter Fencing Project at Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility.

### Local Government Priority Infrastructure Fund (LGPIF)

In 2020/21 City of Darwin was awarded a grant under the Local Government Priority Infrastructure Fund (LGPIF) as a contribution to the construction of a Perimeter Fence at Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility. This project has a total budget of \$700,000 with \$322,670 funded by LGPIF and \$377,330 from waste reserves.

While the contract has been awarded and goods procured, construction of the Perimeter Fence has been unable to commence due to Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority (AAPA) not yet issuing the required certification. With wet season fast approaching it is highly unlikely this work will be complete in time to meet the original construction deadline of 31 October 2021.

Once the wet season commences, contractors will not be able to access the site with required machinery to construct the fence and commencement will be deferred until the next dry season (May 2022). As a result, Council requires a 12-month extension of the original grant construction deadline to 31 October 2022 and financial acquittal by 15 December 2022.

## PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

At the 27 April 2021 meeting Council resolved:

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report entitled Department of Local Government - Local Government Priority Infrastructure Fund (LGPIF) Grant Offer 2020/21 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council notes that the Chief Executive Officer has accepted the Grant Offer of \$ 322,670 towards the Installation of Security Perimeter and Vermin Control Fencing at the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility.
3. THAT Council notes that the funding application for the Casuarina Library Courtyard Upgrade

Project was unsuccessful.	
<b>STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT</b>	6 Governance Framework 6.4 Accountability
<b>CRITICAL DATES</b>	EESG Grant was to be acquitted by 31 August 2021, however this report has been delayed because of Caretaker periods for Council.  LGPIF project status report was due 31 August 2021 and acquittal is required on 15 December 2021. The project status report has been delayed because of Caretaker periods for Council. Council requires an extension to acquit the funding to December 2022.
<b>BUDGET / FINANCIAL</b>	<b>Budget/Funding:</b> An amount of \$7,130 may be required to be returned to the Department of Chief Minister, Local Government and Regional Development. <b>Is Funding identified:</b> Yes  There are no additional funds required to deliver the projects listed in this report.  If the Department declines Council's application to reallocate funds, an amount of \$7,130 will need to be returned to the Department.
<b>RISK ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>Assets &amp; Infrastructure</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Environment &amp; Waste</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Financial</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Info Comms &amp; Tech</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Legal &amp; Compliance</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Ops &amp; Service Delivery</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Reputation &amp; Brand</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Work Health &amp; Safety</b> <input type="checkbox"/>  In accordance with City of Darwin Risk Management Framework, the post treatment, mitigation risk is: Low  Risks identified, in relation to this report, will be managed through effective project management and governance practices.
<b>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</b>	<b>Legislation:</b> N/A <b>Policy:</b> N/A  It is a requirement of the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet, Local Government and Regional Development that all grant funding acquittals are laid before Council prior to being submitted to the Department.
<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	<b>Existing Position No:</b> All projects and management of grant funds are within existing resources. <b>Contractor:</b> Nil.
<b>CONSULTATION &amp; ENGAGEMENT</b>	<b>Engagement Level:</b> N/A <b>Tactics:</b>
<b>COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR THIS INITIATIVE</b>	<b>Internal</b> Finance

	<b>External</b> Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet, Local Government and Regional Development have been consulted on Council's current funding agreements.
<b>PLACE SCORE STATEMENT</b>	N/A to this decision.
<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>	<a href="https://intranet.darwin.nt.gov.au/document/3331/view">https://intranet.darwin.nt.gov.au/document/3331/view</a> The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. The report authoriser 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).



**CITY OF DARWIN**  
**ENERGY EFFICIENCY & SUSTAINABILITY GRANT (EESG) SPECIAL PURPOSE**  
**GRANT ACQUITTAL**  
**For the period ending 30th June 2021**

<u><b>INCOME</b></u>	<u><b>ACTUALS \$</b></u>
<b>Grants Received:</b>	
Grants - Capital Funding	145,916
 <u><b>EXPENDITURE</b></u>	
<b>2021</b>	136,843
<b>2022</b>	1,944
	<u><b>138,786</b></u>
 <b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	 <u><u><b>7,130</b></u></u>

**Project Manager:** Nik Kleine

**Position:** Executive Manager Program Management

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_





**CITY OF DARWIN**  
**LOCAL GOVERNMENT PRIORITY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND**  
**INSTALLATION OF SECURITY PERIMETER AND VERMIN CONTROL FENCING AT SHOAL BAY WASTE**  
**MANAGEMENT FACILITY**  
**GRANT ACQUITTAL**  
**For the period ending 30th June 2021**

**INCOME****ACTUALS \$****Grants Received:**

Grants - Capital Funding	322,670
City of Darwin Contribution	377,330
	<u>700,000</u>

**EXPENDITURE****2021**

200,068

200,068**Net Surplus/(Deficit)**499,932

*N.B. In accordance with AASB 1058 grant income will be recognised as performance obligations are satisfied*

**Project Manager:** Nik Kleine

**Position:** Executive Manager Program Management

**Signature:** 

**14.8 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY (LGANT) GENERAL MEETING - NOTICE OF MOTION**

**Author:** Executive Manager Governance Strategy & Performance  
Executive Manager Corporate & Customer Services

**Authoriser:** Chief Executive Officer

**Attachments:** 1. Notice of Motion - Proposed Boundary Adjustment [↓](#)  
2. Notice of Motion - Rates Exemption [↓](#)

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. THAT Council ENDORSE the following notices of motion to be submitted to the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) General Meeting in November 2021:
  - (a) THAT LGANT advocate to the Northern Territory Government to establish an independently administered, clear, transparent, and equitable process for all future changes to local government boundaries.
  - (b) THAT LGANT advocate to the Northern Territory Government to enhance legislative protections to ensure that local government continue to receive rates revenue for properties provided for public housing to ensure continued delivery of essential services and infrastructure to local communities.
  - (c) THAT LGANT advocate to the incoming Electoral Commissioner for enhanced planning and resources to be made available for future Local Government elections

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement of submitting two Notices of Motion to the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) General Meeting which is scheduled to be held in November 2021.

**KEY ISSUES**

- Council staff have considered matters of importance to the whole of Northern Territory local government and have determined that there are two notices of motion for consideration by Council.
- The first notice of motion relates to seeking the Northern Territory Government (NTG) to establish an independently administered, clear, transparent and equitable process for all future changes to local government boundaries. **Refer to Attachment 1**
- The second notice of motion relates to the risk that public housing properties currently rateable may not be in the future, affecting the financial sustainability of many local governments, including City of Darwin. **Refer to Attachment 2.**

**DISCUSSION**

The Local Government Association of the Northern Territory is the peak representative body for local government in the Northern Territory. One of the primary purposes of LGANT is to advocate and lobby other levels of government on behalf of its members. Council has an ability to submit policy issues to LGANT by way of notices of motions to one of its two general meetings held per year. Meetings are held in April/May and November and alternate between Darwin and Alice Springs as the venue.

LGANT has called upon Council's to submit notices of motion to the General Meeting scheduled for November 2021.

Council staff have considered matters of importance to the whole of Northern Territory local government and have determined that there are two notices of motion for consideration by Council.

Council may choose to submit additional notices of motion and these can be added to the resolution considered by Council at the meeting on 12 October 2021, however it is advisable to discuss any additional proposed notices of motion with Council's Chief Executive Officer in the first instance.

**Notice of Motion 1 – Process for Boundary Changes**

City of Darwin are of the view that the process for the proposal to move the unincorporated land known as the Northcrest Residential Development to within the boundaries of City of Palmerston has not been a fair, equitable and transparent process.

Despite any previous conversations on this matter, Council has observed that residents of the Northcrest Residential Development have not been fully informed of their options to enable them to provide input to whether they are accepting of the proposed boundary change.

Each surrounding Council should have been provided with an opportunity to express an interest in incorporating the development within their local government boundary. As a result, residents would have been provided with options regarding costs, service provision and the benefits for each existing local government Council.

Council is of the view that in order to ensure residents and ratepayers across the Northern Territory are able to make informed decisions, that the NTG should establish an independently administered, clear, transparent, and equitable process for all future changes to local government boundaries.

This would ensure that any future boundary changes are determined by procedural fairness and reasonable decision-making processes.

**Notice of Motion 2 – Rates Exemptions**

City of Darwin is aware that a number of local governments in the Northern Territory have received application from a privately owned entity managing public housing to receive a rates exemption. Under the Local Government Act, the Northern Territory Government is required to pay rates for public housing to the appropriate local government to ensure all residents, including those in public housing can benefit from the continued delivery of important services and infrastructure.

These local governments are in receipt of legal advice that says that this entity is not entitled to an exemption, however this position needs to be strengthened by legislation to ensure it remains and cannot be challenged.

As the Northern Territory has advised it is proposing to move up to 50% of its public housing stock into private management over the next ten years, it is estimated that City of Darwin may lose up to \$1.8 million or the equivalent of a 2.77% rates rise should this exemption be upheld. Remote local governments with larger percentages of public housing will be even more severely affected.

**Notice of Motion 3 – Local Government Elections**

The recent Local Government elections saw issues across the Northern Territory in relation to the capture of all willing and eligible voters due to timeframes of voting in community as well as availability of ballot papers. It is requested that LGANT advocate on behalf of the entire Local Government sector for enhanced planning and resources to capture as many voters as possible.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

At the 29 June 2021 meeting Council resolved:

1. THAT the report entitled Submission to the Proposed Expansion of the City of Palmerston Local Government Boundary (to include unincorporated land, Northcrest Residential Development) be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse City of Darwin's Submission to the proposed expansion, which seeks that the Northern Territory Government cease the current consultation and apply necessary due process, in accordance with previous undertakings, in an open and transparent manner.
3. THAT the Lord Mayor and Aldermen separately write to the Chief Minister requesting that:
  - The current process ceases;
  - A new process be commenced on an Expression of Interest basis, that has appropriate criteria, affording rights to all interested local government authorities and that includes engagement and feedback from the residents of Northcrest;
  - The new process for boundary consideration be conducted on an independent basis by an administrative authority or tribunal; and that
  - Findings are made publicly available; and that
  - The findings are implemented, and the unincorporated land is incorporated into the successful Local Government Area without delay.
4. THAT Council note legal advice in support of City of Darwin's response to the Proposed Expansion of the City of Palmerston Local Government Boundary (to include unincorporated land, Northcrest Residential Development) has underpinned its submission to the Northern Territory Government.
5. THAT Council note the outcome of City of Darwin's consultation through direct engagement with the residents of Northcrest, who have expressed a clear desire for their preferences to be taken into account in the Northern Territory Government's decision-making process with regard to municipal services for Northcrest.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

6 Governance Framework  
6.2 Roles and Relationships

**CRITICAL DATES**

LGANT Conference and General Meeting is being held in Alice Springs on 04 November 2021. Motions must be submitted 28 days prior to meeting, making Motion submission date no later than 07 October 2021.

Council has advised LGANT that proposed notices of motion will be submitted following the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 12 October 2021.

<b>BUDGET / FINANCIAL</b>	<p><b>Budget/Funding:</b> Nil</p> <p><b>Is Funding identified:</b> Nil</p> <p>There are no budget / financial impacts as a result of this decision. Advocacy is a key strategic role for Council and is generally facilitated within existing resources.</p>
<b>RISK ASSESSMENT</b>	<p> <b>Assets &amp; Infrastructure</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Environment &amp; Waste</b> <input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Financial</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Info Comms &amp; Tech</b> <input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Legal &amp; Compliance</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Ops &amp; Service Delivery</b> <input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Reputation &amp; Brand</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Work Health &amp; Safety</b> <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 Council's advocacy positions align to its Darwin 2030 Strategic Plan and Advocacy and Partnerships Strategy.</p>
<b>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</b>	<p><b>Legislation:</b></p> <p>There are no legislative impacts as a result of this decision.</p> <p><b>Policy:</b></p> <p>Advocacy is one of Council's key strategic roles and the foundation of its Advocacy and Partnerships Strategy. There are no direct policy implications.</p>
<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	<p><b>Existing Position No:</b> N/A</p> <p><b>Contractor:</b> N/A</p>
<b>CONSULTATION &amp; ENGAGEMENT</b>	N/A for this decision.
<b>COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR THIS INITIATIVE</b>	<p><b>Internal</b></p> <p>Nil</p> <p><b>External</b></p> <p>Any endorsed Notices of Motions will be submitted to LGANT.</p>
<b>PLACE SCORE STATEMENT</b>	N/A for this decision.
<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>	<p>The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).</p>

## LGANT CALL FOR POLICY AND 'ACTION' MOTIONS



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LGANT will assess each policy or action proposal and if necessary, discuss it with the proponent member council and the Executive will then later decide at one of its meetings whether to adopt the policy or not, or take the action or not, or to put it to a general meeting for decision.

### 1. *What is your Motion?*

THAT LGANT advocate to the Northern Territory Government to establish an independently administered, clear, transparent, and equitable process for all future changes to local government boundaries.

### 2. *How is the motion relevant to Northern Territory Local Government?*

Yes – this motion is proposed as a LGANT policy.

LGANT are the united voice of Local Government within the Northern Territory.

Local Government authorities across the Northern Territory should be afforded the opportunity to express interest in amendments to or growing their municipality.

In a recent proposal by the Northern Territory Government (NTG) regarding Northcrest unincorporated land, procedural fairness and a reasonable decision-making process has not been observed. The decision-making processes within the NT regarding Local Government should be fair and equitable.

### 3. *What are your key points in support of your motion?*

City of Darwin Council's have been in discussions with the NTG for several years regarding the Northcrest Development and its potential for inclusion in the Darwin Local Government Area. Council was briefed around the expectations on what might transpire into a public process for Expressions of Interest for the unincorporated land.

On 11 May 2021, the NTG opened a process for community consultation for the Proposed Expansion of the City of Palmerston Local Government Boundary (to include unincorporated land, Northcrest Residential Development).



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Council believes that the residents of Northcrest have not been afforded an opportunity to make an informed decision as to which local government area they view Northcrest should be included.

A fair and equitable process would have provided an opportunity for any interested local governments to submit an open and transparent expression of interest outlining the services and costs to residents, along with the benefits and opportunities each local government area could bring to the value of their assets.

Resident engagement would then be based on the expressions of interest ensuring that residents were fully informed of their options. The current process meant that residents were required to undertake their own research on what each local government can provide and provide a submission on that basis.

City of Darwin is advocating to LGANT to consider a notice of motion seeking the NTG develop and implement a consistent, transparent and equitable process for boundary changes across the whole of the Northern Territory.

**4. *Is there a Council Resolution in support of this motion?*** ☒ Yes ☐ No

**5. *Should the motion be LGANT policy?*** ☒ Yes ☐ No

**6. *Contact Information***

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### 1. *What is your Motion?*

THAT LGANT advocate to the Northern Territory Government to enhance legislative protections to ensure that local government continues to receive rates revenue for properties provided for public housing to ensure continued delivery of essential services and infrastructure to local communities.

### 2. *How is the motion relevant to Northern Territory Local Government?*

This motion is proposed as LGANT policy as this is a sector wide issue that will affect the financial sustainability of a number of local governments, in particular remote local governments with a large portfolio of public housing.

### 3. *What are your key points in support of your motion?*

Local governments in the Northern Territory provide core local government services, facilities and infrastructure. They are often the dominant level of government present in rural and remote communities, providing essential roads, waste disposal, libraries, parks, sporting fields and many community outreach services. They also provide services on behalf of the Commonwealth and Northern Territory governments and are often the largest employers in a region, particularly of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

A significant portion of the funding provided to deliver this comes from rates collected from property owners. This includes government owned public housing. It is estimated that there are over 13,000 properties in the public housing portfolio and the Northern Territory Government pay rates to the appropriate local government to ensure all residents, including those in public housing can benefit from the continued delivery of these important services and infrastructure. Public housing tenants rely on local government services and infrastructure and a contribution to sharing this cost with other community members is equitable.

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In March 2021, the Northern Territory Government (NTG) released the “*NT Community Housing Growth Strategy 2021-2030 Discussion Paper*” which indicated that the Northern Territory Government would seek to establish a transfer target (as a percentage of the total portfolio) to transition public housing to community housing by 2025-26. One of the major drivers for this was reduction in costs, including local government rates, which is a clear case of cost shifting.

There is also potential for a broader precedent to be established via this transfer process and potential for further cost shifting by the Northern Territory Government of other areas to PBIs to specifically avoid rates and create inequity for land holders. For consideration may be other communities currently not within local government rateable areas but on land administered by Northern Territory Government.

Several local governments have already been received a request from a privately owned entity managing housing, claiming an exemption from rates under the Local Government Act as they state they are a “registered charity” and a “public benevolent institution”.

These local governments have sought legal advice which has advised that these properties are not considered exempt and are therefore rateable. However, the legislation and the advice has not been tested in a Northern Territory court and there is a risk that should it be, an adverse finding against the local government sector may be made. Should this model of public housing be considered exempt from rating, this presents significant emerging financial sustainability challenge for local government in the Northern Territory, especially regional and remote local governments with a significant base of Northern Territory Government public housing currently. This is highlighted by the fact that the broader Darwin metropolitan area has approximately 50% of the Northern Territory’s population, and only 1/6<sup>th</sup> of the public housing portfolio.

LGANT acknowledges homelessness as a significant issue in the Northern Territory and advocate on this issue on a regular basis. LGANT is supportive of the continued delivery of public housing to address supply and affordability, however, does not support cost shifting onto local government to make the transfer of public housing more attractive to private entities. The Northern Territory Government needs to ensure that legislation such as the Local Government Act is strengthened to ensure that these properties remain rateable. Local governments are not opposed to any commercial reimbursement arrangements between the Northern Territory Government and privately owned entities, however in order to maintain the sustainability of the local government sector, these properties must continue to be rateable.

**4. Is there a Council Resolution in support of this motion?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

**5. Should the motion be LGANT policy?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

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**15 RECEIVE & NOTE REPORTS****15.1 DISCOVER DARWIN**

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**Attachments:** 1. Current analytics for City of Darwin website [↓](#)

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the report Discover Darwin be received and noted.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the Discover Darwin project and how it operates to promote Darwin as a place to study, invest, travel, live and to launch new businesses and initiatives.

**KEY ISSUES**

- The City of Darwin aims to provide leadership and deliver services that create opportunities to enhance the economic sustainability of Darwin
- Strategic Direction's 4 and 5 of Darwin 2030. City for People. City of Colour. And nine of the actions within in Economic Development Strategy 2030, aim to promote Darwin.
- The existing City of Darwin website data demonstrates that the audience primarily seeks information on the pools, libraries, scooters, permits, Council jobs, and myDarwin initiative, illustrating that the audience is primarily Darwin residents.
- A number of Councils across Australia are developing new websites or subdomains that promote their municipality to an external audience (outside of their community).
- A Discover Darwin website is being created to tell the Darwin story and welcome people to visit, live, study, invest and connect with Darwin. This website will complement the City of Darwin website and link to relevant Northern Territory Government sites.
- Stage 1 of the website has already been finalised and includes a Darwin Sister City International Expo that was proposed by the Sister City Committee and endorsed by the Chief Executive Officer in late 2020.
- Stage 2 of the website aims to showcase the Larrakia people and experiences including aligning strongly with the Destination Darwin tourism vision and framework. Importantly Stage 2 will be developed in collaboration with key stakeholders such as Tourism NT, Tourism Top End, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Study NT and others.
- The total cost is estimated to be up to \$50,000 for development including \$10,000 per annum for the hosting and subscription. Internal Growth and Development Services resources and budget would be utilised to develop and manage the website and associated social media. Further funding will be sought through grants, Neuron revenue and partnerships.

## DISCUSSION

Policy No. 031 details that Council manages other websites and subdomains that provide more additional targeted service. This [discover.darwin.nt.gov.au](https://discover.darwin.nt.gov.au) website would be targeted at an external audience – potential visitors, partners, investors, students and migrants. The website would be accompanied by a Discover Darwin social media platform as an effective way to engage with the external audience, to run campaigns and to deliver information.

There are numerous Councils across Australia that have separate websites and subdomains where they promote living, events and travelling to municipalities. For example:

[Live Capricorn Coast - Live your best life](#)

[We Are Gold Coast | Discover Events, Attractions and More](#)

[Home Advance Rockhampton](#)

[Tasmanian | The quiet pursuit of the extraordinary](#)

This is an opportunity to demonstrate to the Darwin community that we are serious about change and development and are setting Darwin on a path to long-term economic prosperity and sustainable growth. This website will help drive our economy forward.

- This website will incorporate:
  - [Darwin Virtual Reality \(nt.gov.au\)](#)
  - [City of Darwin \(grantguru.com.au\)](#)
  - an International Expo (already soft launched to our Sister and Friendship Cities – <https://www.discover.darwin.nt.gov.au> where people can connect with Darwin businesses and organisations)
  - a Darwin municipality events platform showcasing all of the tourism related events across the municipality
  - a uWorkin jobs platform,
  - information on investment and pop-up shop opportunities,
  - information on studying in Darwin, and
  - information on living in Darwin.





**City of Darwin**

Total grants worth over \$60.4B  
780 Community grants worth over \$46.9B  
621 Business grants worth over \$58.3B

Support Tools and Tricks Grants explained ★ MyGrantSpace

**Search Grants**

Community - Keyword e.g. agriculture, manufacturing, innovation Search

**QUICK LIST: CORONAVIRUS FUNDING**

### Grants for businesses and community

**Using the City of Darwin Grants Finder**

City of Darwin Grant Finder allows community groups and businesses to access opportunities from:

- City of Darwin, Territory and Federal Government
- Corporates
- Philanthropy
- International organisations

As part of City of Darwin's commitment to support our city and our people this portal is:

- Free
- Time responsive (users will see opportunities currently available and opening soon)
- Comprehensive

**Free email alerts!**

Grants open, close and are updated regularly. You don't need to keep coming back to search: we'll email you when grants are new or change.

Don't miss out on funding for your project!

**REGISTER**

Registration also includes:

- ★ Favourites: save grants to a shortlist.
- ▲ Prioritise: assign a priority to a grant.
- 📅 Diarise: keep track of opening and closing dates.
- 🔄 Track: organise by application stage.
- 📧 Stay informed when your favourites are updated.

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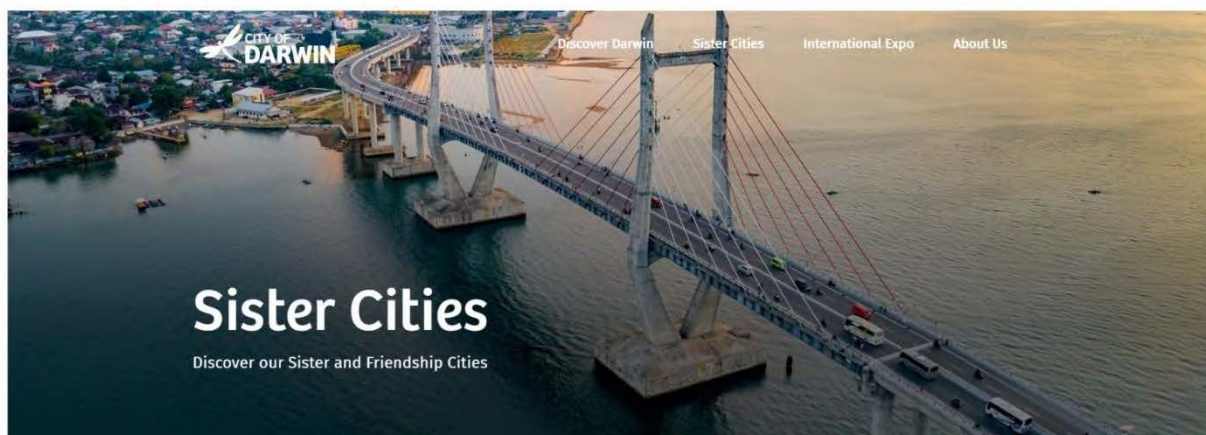
### City of Darwin website data

See **Attachment 1** for current data on the City of Darwin website. From the search results it is evident that the primary audience is current Darwin municipality residents.

### Project stages

**Stage 1** has been completed using the International Relations budget of \$10,000 + GST. The website includes the Sister City/Friendship City Expo – <https://discover.darwin.nt.gov.au>.





Home / Sister Cities

### OUR RELATIONSHIPS

Darwin has been developing strong ties with people and cities from across the world since 1982.

City of Darwin believes that increased understanding, exchange and people-to-people links between united cities creates opportunities for trade, investment, tourism and education. It is our firm belief that through these international relationships we are creating growth and development for ourselves and our Sister and Friendship Cities.

### Discover our Sister Cities

<p><b>Ambon</b> INDONESIA</p> <p>Ambon is known for its lively markets, coffee shops and surrounding green landscape.</p> <p><a href="#">Discover Ambon</a></p>	<p><b>Anchorage</b> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</p> <p>Anchorage is the largest city in Alaska with wild natural beauty and fascinating arts and culture.</p> <p><a href="#">Discover Anchorage</a></p>	<p><b>Dili</b> TIMOR-LESTE</p> <p>Dili is situated on the coast and is surrounded by lush green mountains and tropical waters.</p> <p><a href="#">Discover Dili</a></p>
<p><b>Haikou</b> CHINA</p> <p>Haikou is the capital city of Hainan Province, an island located at the southern tip of Chinese mainland.</p> <p><a href="#">Discover Haikou</a></p>	<p><b>Kalymnos</b> GREECE</p> <p>Kalymnos, an island of Greece and close to the Turkish coast, is known for its rock climbing and sponge diving.</p> <p><a href="#">Discover Kalymnos</a></p>	<p><b>Milikapiti</b> TIWI ISLANDS</p> <p>Milikapiti, or Snake Bay, is one of two Tiwi communities on Melville Island.</p> <p><a href="#">Discover Milikapiti</a></p>

**Stage 2** will incorporate information:

- information on visiting Darwin including Seven Seasons, Seven Senses, events and getting around
- information on living in Darwin including buy/rent, local events and local stories
- Information on studying in Darwin including exploring local schools, early childhood and tertiary education
- a jobs link and training opportunities in Darwin
- investment opportunities including incentives and development opportunities

- connecting with Darwin incorporating the sister cities and international expo

The cost for Stage 2 would be approximately \$30,000+GST for year one plus \$10,000 for production of videos and photography.

The ongoing costs for the website would be approximately \$10,000 + GST for subscription and hosting annually.



## DISCOVER DARWIN

Welcome to Darwin, a place of reinvention.

Darwin was destroyed twice in the last century. Together, we are recreating the city.

From across Australia and around the world, we arrive with nothing but ideas, ambitions, and a stronger than average sense of adventure. We want to take a risk, to start again, to try something new.

This is where Indigenous culture meets start-up culture.

## Events and jobs/training

Everi create and manages technology platforms power by automated content, including events, activities and business information for the tourism and economic development industry. Everi deliver a large collection of real-time, actionable and bookable content which is critical to turn intention into commerce.

Everi provide an Events Hub that would include 4,000+ events within a 20km radius of Darwin on a customisable web platform like Everi.

On the jobs side, uWorkin has over 2,200 jobs listed for Darwin and surrounding areas.

## Grant opportunities

City of Darwin have recently submitted two grant applications for this initiative:

- 1) National Priority Fund to include the uWorkin Talent community on the website. uWorkin consolidates the Australian job market to deliver localised solutions with more than 100 employment websites being drawn into one platform; supporting people to find work and create millions of dollars of economic benefit, social fairness and inclusion. The Talent Community platform includes job search, automated job alerts and shortlists, free options for employers to post a job, job seeker profiles, communication tools, engagement tools and user analytics. Additional features include training search, trending industries and careers, growth and skills in need, employer profiles, a resource centre and partner profiles.
- 2) Australian Cultural Diplomacy grant to:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Develop a creative technology platform that showcases Darwin</li> <li>ii. Build capability of businesses through training and workshops</li> <li>iii. Deliver a virtual trade show in 2022 and;</li> <li>iv. Delivers a live trade show in Darwin in 2023.</li> </ul> <p>It will further support linkages between Darwin and its Sister and Friendship Cities and have a strong focus on our Larrakia people and businesses, especially Larrakia artists and artisans, and our creative industries; leading to people to people links and exchanges globally.</p>	
<b>PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION</b> N/A	
<b>STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT</b>	A smart and prosperous city A vibrant and creative city
<b>CRITICAL DATES</b>	30 June the International Relations Expo (Stage 1) website needs to be developed. Stage 2 website will be finalised before the dry season.
<b>BUDGET / FINANCIAL</b>	<p><b>Budget/Funding:</b> \$50,000</p> <p><b>Is Funding identified:</b> Operationally funded together with potential grants</p> <p>The initial \$10,000 for Stage 1 was from the International Business Relations budget. \$30,000 has been set aside within the Sister Cities budget for an international virtual trade show to be held in June 2022.</p> <p>The remaining amount is to be allocated following a review of the car parking unrestricted reserves, grant opportunities, partnerships and the potential revenue created from e-scooters and e-bikes that is to be returned in this financial year.</p>
<b>RISK ASSESSMENT</b>	<p> <b>Assets &amp; Infrastructure</b> <input type="checkbox"/>    <b>Environment &amp; Waste</b> <input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Financial</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>    <b>Info Comms &amp; Tech</b> <input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Legal &amp; Compliance</b> <input type="checkbox"/>    <b>Ops &amp; Service Delivery</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  <b>Reputation &amp; Brand</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>    <b>Work Health &amp; Safety</b> <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 seeking funding through unrestricted reserves, grants, or e-scooter and e-bike revenue.</p> <p>The reputation and brand of Darwin will be improved following the launch of this website and associated social media. A social media procedure, guidelines and plan will be developed. A communications plan for the broader project will be developed prior to launch of the website and social media campaigns.</p> <p>The promotion of Darwin is a component of the Executive Manager Growth and Development Services and Manager Economic Development and International Relations position descriptions.</p>
<b>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS</b>	N/A

<b>OR IMPACTS</b>	
<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	<p><b>Existing Position No:</b> N/A</p> <p>The Manager Economic Development and International Relations, and Executive Manager Growth and Development Services will maintain the website and social media.</p> <p><b>Contractor:</b></p> <p>The procurement guidelines will be followed for contracting a website developer.</p>
<b>CONSULTATION &amp; ENGAGEMENT</b>	<p><b>Engagement Level:</b> Discuss</p> <p><b>Tactics:</b> Meeting</p> <p>The General Manager Innovation, Growth and Development Services and Executive Manager Growth and Development Services meet regularly with Study NT, Tourism Top End, Tourism NT and the Chamber of Commerce. These partners have been consulted on the Discover Darwin project and broadly support its aim.</p>
<b>COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR THIS INITIATIVE</b>	<p><b>Internal</b></p> <p>IT and Comms and Marketing are key to success of this project. They will be engaged throughout.</p> <p><b>External</b></p> <p>Stage 1 of the website will be promote via the Sister City Committee, International Relations Committee, sister and friendship city organisations and Darwin organisations that are added to the International Expo directory.</p> <p>A formal communications plan will be developed for Stage 2 project completion.</p>
<b>PLACE SCORE STATEMENT</b>	Aligns with Place Score attributes across A Smart and Prosperous City and a Vibrant and Creative City.
<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>	<p><a href="https://intranet.darwin.nt.gov.au/document/3331/view">https://intranet.darwin.nt.gov.au/document/3331/view</a></p> <p>The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).</p>

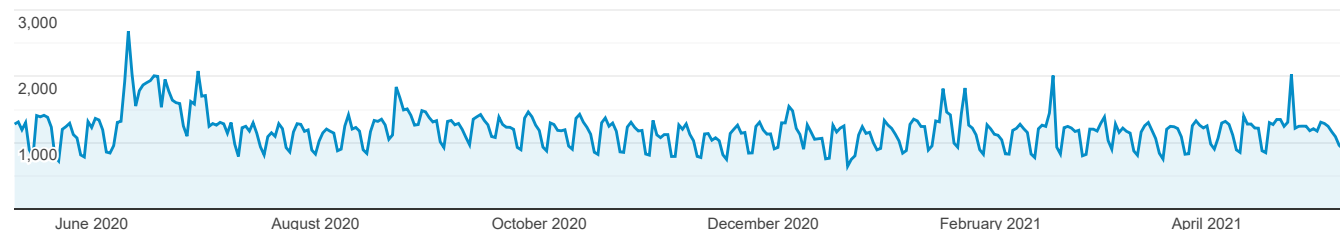
**Queries**

Google Search: Top 1,000 daily Landing Pages.

11 May 2020 - 11 May 2021

 All Users  
 100.00% Clicks
**Explorer**

● Clicks



Search Query	Clicks	Impressions	CTR	Average Position
	<b>196,923</b> % of Total: 45.14% (436,238)	<b>5,397,260</b> % of Total: 58.99% (9,149,591)	<b>3.65%</b> Avg for View: 4.77% (-23.51%)	<b>19</b> Avg for View: 19 (-0.37%)
1. darwin city council	<b>18,621</b> (9.46%)	25,883 (0.48%)	71.94%	1.2
2. city of darwin	<b>12,193</b> (6.19%)	17,594 (0.33%)	69.30%	1.1
3. parap pool	<b>5,669</b> (2.88%)	13,976 (0.26%)	40.56%	1.8
4. darwin library	<b>5,124</b> (2.60%)	13,414 (0.25%)	38.20%	2.4
5. darwin	<b>4,997</b> (2.54%)	897,668 (16.63%)	0.56%	8.7
6. darwin council	<b>3,576</b> (1.82%)	5,512 (0.10%)	64.88%	1.4
7. nightcliff pool	<b>3,460</b> (1.76%)	9,479 (0.18%)	36.50%	1.8
8. my darwin	<b>3,192</b> (1.62%)	32,983 (0.61%)	9.68%	2.0
9. darwin scooters	<b>2,266</b> (1.15%)	3,841 (0.07%)	59.00%	1.0
10. casuarina library	<b>2,145</b> (1.09%)	15,622 (0.29%)	13.73%	3.1
11. my darwin app	<b>2,014</b> (1.02%)	5,108 (0.09%)	39.43%	1.4
12. darwin city council jobs	<b>1,927</b> (0.98%)	3,055 (0.06%)	63.08%	1.3
13. casuarina pool	<b>1,821</b> (0.92%)	5,143 (0.10%)	35.41%	1.7
14. whats on in darwin	<b>1,627</b> (0.83%)	6,278 (0.12%)	25.92%	2.8
15. city of darwin libraries	<b>1,603</b> (0.81%)	1,946 (0.04%)	82.37%	1.1
16. darwin city library	<b>1,580</b> (0.80%)	4,616 (0.09%)	34.23%	2.9
17. city of darwin jobs	<b>1,557</b> (0.79%)	2,644 (0.05%)	58.89%	1.3
18. darwin city parking	<b>1,529</b> (0.78%)	2,079 (0.04%)	73.54%	1.1
19. mydarwin	<b>1,410</b> (0.72%)	39,914 (0.74%)	3.53%	2.1
20. darwin city	<b>1,348</b> (0.68%)	54,139 (1.00%)	2.49%	3.5

21. darwin australia	<b>1,248</b> (0.63%)	<b>381,679</b> (7.07%)	0.33%	7.8
22. fun bus darwin	<b>1,204</b> (0.61%)	<b>1,412</b> (0.03%)	85.27%	1.0
23. my darwin voucher	<b>1,149</b> (0.58%)	<b>15,998</b> (0.30%)	7.18%	2.1
24. parap swimming pool	<b>1,140</b> (0.58%)	<b>3,576</b> (0.07%)	31.88%	1.9
25. darwin council jobs	<b>1,125</b> (0.57%)	<b>1,534</b> (0.03%)	73.34%	1.0
26. shoal bay dump	<b>1,112</b> (0.56%)	<b>5,846</b> (0.11%)	19.02%	2.0
27. darwin libraries	<b>1,044</b> (0.53%)	<b>1,311</b> (0.02%)	79.63%	1.1
28. whats on darwin	<b>968</b> (0.49%)	<b>2,959</b> (0.05%)	32.71%	2.8
29. darwin city council vouchers	<b>860</b> (0.44%)	<b>1,513</b> (0.03%)	56.84%	1.3
30. darwin city council parking	<b>799</b> (0.41%)	<b>1,127</b> (0.02%)	70.90%	1.0
31. bombing of darwin	<b>765</b> (0.39%)	<b>14,563</b> (0.27%)	5.25%	4.8
32. parking darwin city	<b>761</b> (0.39%)	<b>1,338</b> (0.02%)	56.88%	1.5
33. darwin pound	<b>728</b> (0.37%)	<b>2,010</b> (0.04%)	36.22%	2.8
34. scooters darwin	<b>725</b> (0.37%)	<b>1,599</b> (0.03%)	45.34%	1.0
35. casuarina swimming pool	<b>711</b> (0.36%)	<b>2,425</b> (0.04%)	29.32%	1.8
36. city of darwin council	<b>700</b> (0.36%)	<b>1,038</b> (0.02%)	67.44%	1.3
37. darwin public library	<b>676</b> (0.34%)	<b>1,084</b> (0.02%)	62.36%	2.0
38. lyons community centre	<b>652</b> (0.33%)	<b>1,790</b> (0.03%)	36.42%	2.8
39. dog registration darwin	<b>649</b> (0.33%)	<b>781</b> (0.01%)	83.10%	1.0
40. www.darwin.nt.gov.au	<b>645</b> (0.33%)	<b>889</b> (0.02%)	72.55%	1.0
41. lemon scientific name	<b>628</b> (0.32%)	<b>45,523</b> (0.84%)	1.38%	4.3
42. darwin.nt.gov.au	<b>627</b> (0.32%)	<b>983</b> (0.02%)	63.78%	1.0
43. free parking darwin city	<b>627</b> (0.32%)	<b>1,036</b> (0.02%)	60.52%	1.0
44. cyclone clean up darwin	<b>616</b> (0.31%)	<b>793</b> (0.01%)	77.68%	1.0
45. darwin tip	<b>616</b> (0.31%)	<b>2,421</b> (0.04%)	25.44%	1.6
46. nightcliff swimming pool	<b>593</b> (0.30%)	<b>1,728</b> (0.03%)	34.32%	1.8
47. lake alexander darwin	<b>575</b> (0.29%)	<b>2,790</b> (0.05%)	20.61%	3.1
48. darwin parking	<b>536</b> (0.27%)	<b>934</b> (0.02%)	57.39%	1.3
49. scooter hire darwin	<b>535</b> (0.27%)	<b>1,528</b> (0.03%)	35.01%	2.3
50. neuron scooters darwin	<b>534</b> (0.27%)	<b>2,563</b> (0.05%)	20.83%	2.2
51. city of darwin library	<b>520</b> (0.26%)	<b>840</b> (0.02%)	61.90%	1.9
52. darwin library catalogue	<b>511</b> (0.26%)	<b>640</b> (0.01%)	79.84%	1.0
53. library darwin	<b>505</b> (0.26%)	<b>2,343</b> (0.04%)	21.55%	2.7
54. mydarwin app	<b>504</b> (0.26%)	<b>1,803</b> (0.03%)	27.95%	1.8
55. cyclone clean up darwin 2020	<b>492</b> (0.25%)	<b>597</b> (0.01%)	82.41%	1.0
56. darwin events	<b>481</b>	<b>27,614</b>	<b>1.74%</b>	<b>4.0</b>



56. darwin events	479 (0.24%)	844 (0.51%)	1.74%	4.8
57. food trucks darwin	479 (0.24%)	844 (0.02%)	56.75%	1.0
58. darwin cbd	467 (0.24%)	6,312 (0.12%)	7.40%	1.9
59. whats on in darwin today	462 (0.23%)	2,009 (0.04%)	23.00%	2.8
60. paystay darwin	459 (0.23%)	1,436 (0.03%)	31.96%	1.6
61. darwin city council rates	454 (0.23%)	529 (0.01%)	85.82%	1.0
62. darwin parking app	451 (0.23%)	619 (0.01%)	72.86%	1.0
63. nightcliff library	438 (0.22%)	3,629 (0.07%)	12.07%	3.0
64. darwin food trucks	433 (0.22%)	638 (0.01%)	67.87%	1.0
65. mydarwin vouchers	431 (0.22%)	7,631 (0.14%)	5.65%	2.3
66. darwin history	430 (0.22%)	2,551 (0.05%)	16.86%	1.8
67. my darwin vouchers	420 (0.21%)	5,833 (0.11%)	7.20%	2.1
68. east point reserve darwin	405 (0.21%)	1,741 (0.03%)	23.26%	2.1
69. scientific name of lemon	403 (0.20%)	29,116 (0.54%)	1.38%	4.1
70. my bin day darwin	396 (0.20%)	439 (0.01%)	90.21%	1.0
71. jingili water gardens	395 (0.20%)	1,866 (0.03%)	21.17%	2.1
72. lake alexander	392 (0.20%)	3,357 (0.06%)	11.68%	4.0
73. nightcliff foreshore food vans	380 (0.19%)	665 (0.01%)	57.14%	1.0
74. darwin mall	376 (0.19%)	2,117 (0.04%)	17.76%	2.6
75. east point reserve	372 (0.19%)	2,021 (0.04%)	18.41%	2.0
76. darwin council voucher	370 (0.19%)	572 (0.01%)	64.69%	1.5
77. darwin scooter app	369 (0.19%)	1,267 (0.02%)	29.12%	1.6
78. darwin city council dog registration	366 (0.19%)	419 (0.01%)	87.35%	1.0
79. city of darwin parking	365 (0.19%)	446 (0.01%)	81.84%	1.0
80. food vans darwin	355 (0.18%)	558 (0.01%)	63.62%	1.5
81. orange scooters darwin	351 (0.18%)	672 (0.01%)	52.23%	1.0
82. darwin city parking app	350 (0.18%)	508 (0.01%)	68.90%	1.0
83. darwin library login	348 (0.18%)	404 (0.01%)	86.14%	1.0
84. darwin voucher scheme	347 (0.18%)	1,279 (0.02%)	27.13%	2.2
85. smith street mall darwin	347 (0.18%)	1,238 (0.02%)	28.03%	2.0
86. east point darwin	344 (0.17%)	2,878 (0.05%)	11.95%	1.8
87. darwin city council contact	341 (0.17%)	1,178 (0.02%)	28.95%	1.0
88. bin day darwin	336 (0.17%)	363 (0.01%)	92.56%	1.0
89. darwin nt	334 (0.17%)	21,956 (0.41%)	1.52%	4.2
90. darwin dump	328 (0.17%)	1,583 (0.03%)	20.72%	1.5
91. darwin electric scooters	326 (0.17%)	620 (0.01%)	52.58%	1.0

92. my.darwin	<b>323</b> (0.16%)	<b>1,973</b> (0.04%)	16.37%	1.8
93. shoal bay mulch	<b>323</b> (0.16%)	<b>647</b> (0.01%)	49.92%	2.4
94. darwin bin day	<b>318</b> (0.16%)	<b>330</b> (0.01%)	96.36%	1.0
95. what's on in darwin	<b>318</b> (0.16%)	<b>1,072</b> (0.02%)	29.66%	2.6
96. territory day	<b>314</b> (0.16%)	<b>6,581</b> (0.12%)	4.77%	5.2
97. op shops darwin	<b>313</b> (0.16%)	<b>3,089</b> (0.06%)	10.13%	2.0
98. darwin dog registration	<b>312</b> (0.16%)	<b>393</b> (0.01%)	79.39%	1.0
99. nightcliff	<b>309</b> (0.16%)	<b>19,845</b> (0.37%)	1.56%	2.8
100. shoal bay waste management facility	<b>305</b> (0.15%)	<b>953</b> (0.02%)	32.00%	1.5

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**15.2 END OF YEAR CAR PARKING REVENUE RESULTS**

**Author:** Carpark Office Administrator

**Authoriser:** General Manager Innovation Growth & Development Services

**Attachments:** 1. Table 1 and Table 2 summary of on street and off street parking revenue [↓](#)

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. THAT the report End of Year Car Parking Revenue Results be received and noted.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the **on** and **off** street carparking financial revenue received during the 2020-21 financial year.

**KEY ISSUES**

- For the 2020-21 financial year, on street car parking only reached 32% of the maximum potential income. Off street parking achieved 93% of its maximum potential income.
- PayStay continues to be the preferred method of payment. All car parking areas in the Central Business District offer at least two different methods of payment.
- Council provides a total of 3363 car parking spaces across the Central Business District, with 1637 space on street, 1527 off street and 199 reserved/ permit car parking spaces.
- Further new initiatives for increased efficiencies will be presented to council for budget that include technologies for off street validation and entry/exit, on street parking meter rationalisation, consolidation of zones B and C and also the further deployment for on street parking sensors. All of which will be allocated from existing parking reserves for next financial year.

**DISCUSSION** For the 2020-21 financial year, Council generated a total of \$4.17 Million in on and off street car parking revenue, this represents an increase of \$693K from the previous financial year 2019-2020 where a total of \$3.48 Million was received by City of Darwin. The increase in revenue is due to the COVID-19 free parking period the council offered in the 2019-20 financial year and return of parking to the CBD due to the slow economic recovery from Covid-19 and captured domestic tourism market.

### **COVID-19 impact**

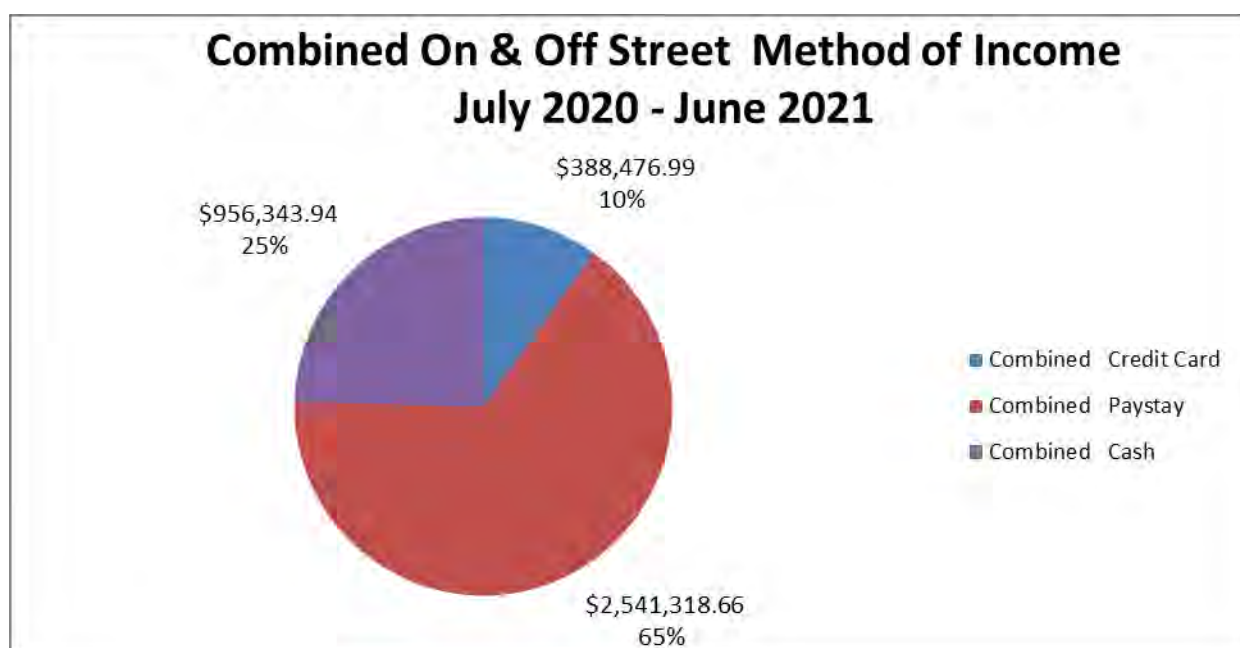
Darwin and surrounding regions were put into lockdown from the dates of Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021, for this period there was only 3 working days in the financial year that affected the annual revenue. Whilst Council did not offer a free parking period during this time, the lack of workers in the Central Business District (approx. 30%) did result in a small loss of revenue. When looking at the maximum potential of revenue for Off street parking there was an assumed position of loss of approximately \$51K and a further loss for on street parking of \$130K.

### **Method of Payment analysis**

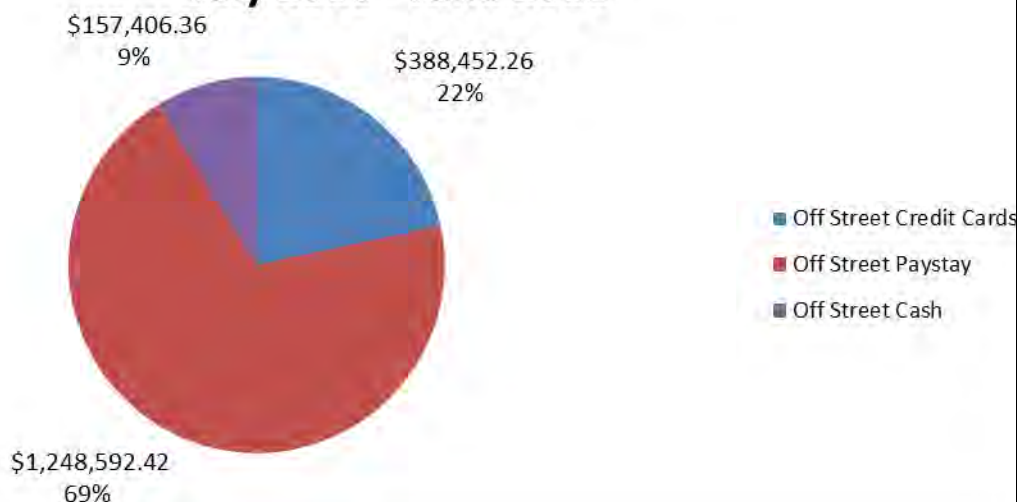
When combining both on & off street parking, Council received 25% of all car parking revenue in cash, 65% using PayStay and 10% via credit card.

When looking at the data separately, off street parking received revenue as 9% cash, 69% PayStay and 22% via credit card.

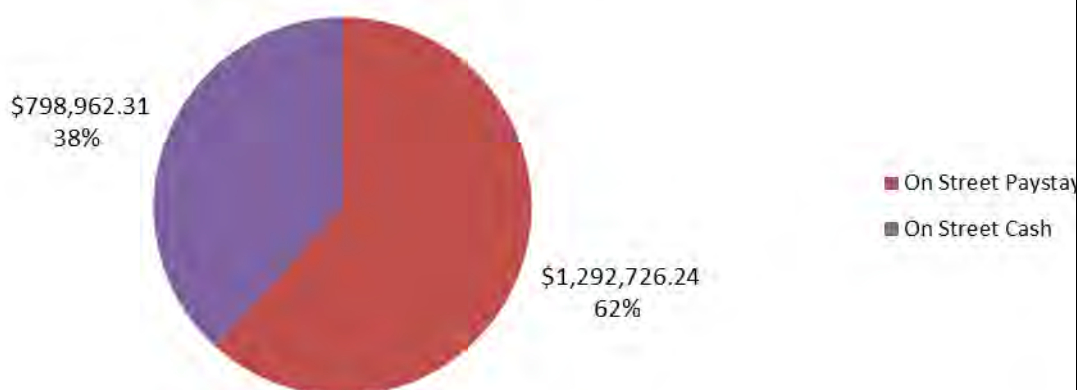
On street parking received 38% in cash and 62% as PayStay. There are no credit card facilities for on street parking only cash or PayStay. Please refer to the charts below.



### Off Street Method of Income Received July 2020 - June 2021



### On Street Method of Income Received July 2020- June 2021



#### **State Square Carpark**

City of Darwin commenced the management of the State Square Carpark on behalf of the Northern Territory Government from February 2020 under an interim operator agreement to which this is still currently the instrument in place. This development has had a direct impact on the revenue received from the Westlane Carpark as this facility is direct competition with similar pricing and a parallel parking precinct.

When comparing the revenue in the 2018-19 financial year (when there was no COVID impact) it shows that Council has had a revenue loss of \$85K this financial year. Part of this drop in revenue is due to State Square carpark being in operation within close proximity to the Westlane carpark. However it is also important to recognise that this is also due to the sale of the Cavenagh Street car park for the CDU city deal project and a change in parking behaviour with increased micro mobility offerings since 2020 enabling first and last mile transport options to reduce vehicle use in and around the CBD.

This greatly supports our climate change action response targets and increases economic consumption opportunities with 72% of e-scooter trips supporting a retail purchase in the CBD.

#### **Rationalisation of Parking Machines**

It has been 12 months since the last rationalisation of parking meters and zones was completed. Council now has 198 on street parking meters and 35 off street parking meters.

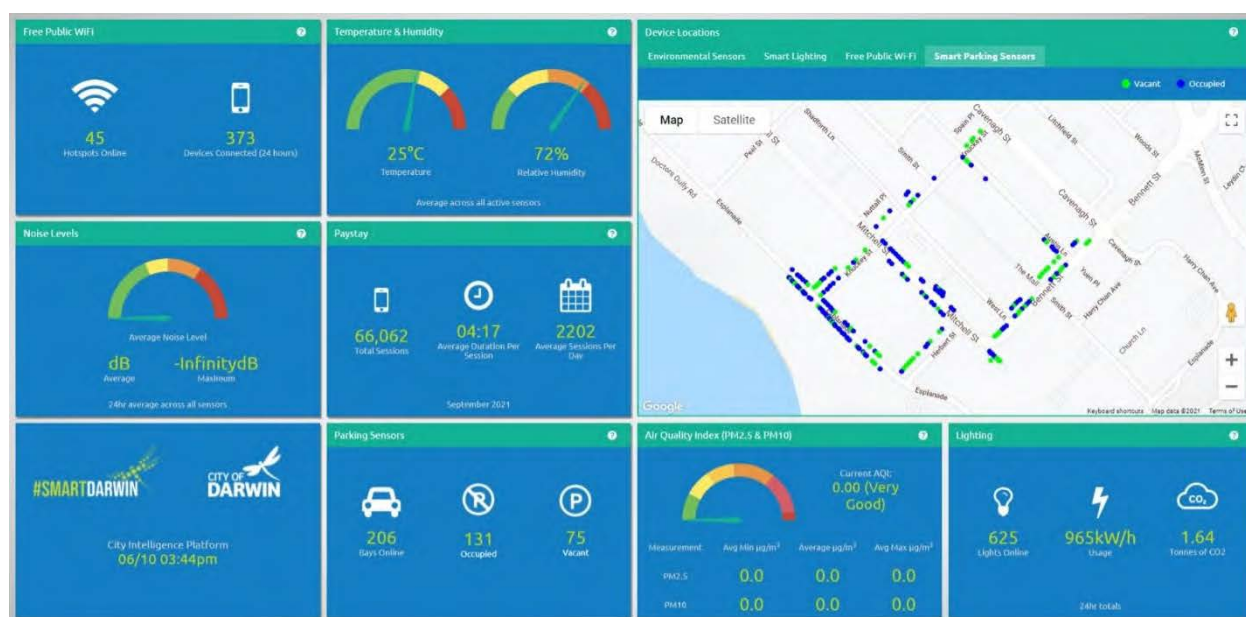
Further analysis and review of rationalisation will occur in the 2021-22 financial year and further report brought to council to determine a consolidation of zones B and C and the consultation required to continue such.

Previous reports presented to council note the operational costs associated with parking meters and the operational performance of individual parking meters within our CBD. This information has been analysed to determine where the rationalisation of these meters best occurs and together with community consultation, plans have now been developed by officers to continue with this initiative in early 2022.

On average the maintenance and servicing of each meter costs approximately \$2,200.00 per annum and with a total on 138 meters removed to date the operational savings represent in excess on \$300,000.00 annually.

### **On street car parking**

Council provides a total of 1637 on street parking bays in the City (250 sensors live).



For reference above the [Darwin Overview \(nt.gov.au\)](https://nt.gov.au) and smart IoT intelligence platform notes the current on street sensor locations in the CBD with a proposal to be brought to council to also increase this sensor network to all of Zone A (an additional 500-750 sensors) in the coming financial period. This will increase efficiencies in operational activities and promote greater visibility of parking spaces for our community, reducing vehicles circling the CBD for parking and turning parking spots over to keep businesses active.

For the full financial year, City of Darwin received \$2.091 Million from on street car parking which represents an increase of \$704K when compared to the 2019-20 financial year, again this increase is due to the free parking period offered.

Table 1 provides a summary of City of Darwin on street car parking revenue for the 2020-21 financial year. See **Attachment 1**.

### **Off street car parking**

Council provides a total of 1726 off street car parking bays in the City. Of these, 199 bays are reserved permit parking.



For the full 2020-21 financial year, City of Darwin received \$1.769 Million from off street car parking which represents an increase of \$70K when compared to the 2019-20 financial year.

Table 2 provides a summary of City of Darwin off street car parking revenue for the 2020-21 financial year. See **Attachment 1**.

The opportunity to implement CCTV licence plate recognition to our off street parking allotments will also allow operational efficiencies together with the notification of parking spaces available for our community. Further information will be presented to council for this solution in preparation of the next years budget.

#### PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

N/A

<b>STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT</b>	4 A Smart and Prosperous City 4.1 By 2030, Darwin will be recognised globally as a smart city
<b>CRITICAL DATES</b>	N/A
<b>BUDGET / FINANCIAL</b>	N/A – information report only
<b>RISK ASSESSMENT</b>	<p>Assets &amp; Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Environment &amp; Waste <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Financial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Info Comms &amp; Tech <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Legal &amp; Compliance <input type="checkbox"/> Ops &amp; Service Delivery <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Reputation &amp; Brand <input type="checkbox"/> Work Health &amp; Safety <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>In accordance with City of Darwin Risk Management Framework, the post treatment, mitigation risk is: Low</p>
<b>LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS</b>	<p><b>Legislation:</b> N/A</p> <p><b>Policy:</b> N/A</p>
<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	<p><b>Existing Position No:</b> N/A</p> <p><b>Contractor:</b> N/A</p>
<b>CONSULTATION &amp; ENGAGEMENT</b>	<p><b>Engagement Level:</b> Inform</p> <p><b>Tactics:</b> N/A</p>
<b>COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR THIS INITIATIVE</b>	<p><b>Internal</b> N/A</p> <p><b>External</b> N/A</p>
<b>PLACE SCORE STATEMENT</b>	N/A

<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>	<p><a href="https://intranet.darwin.nt.gov.au/document/3331/view">https://intranet.darwin.nt.gov.au/document/3331/view</a></p> <p>The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).</p>
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**TABLE 1 - ON STREET CAR PARKING REVENUE 2020-21**

		Number of Bays	Net Quarterly Income Apr - Jun 2021	Net YTD Income 2020/2021	Net Quarterly Income Apr - Jun 2020	Net YTD Income 2019/2020
<b>Zone A</b>	Actual Income	623	\$ 287,104	\$ 1,111,516	\$ -	\$ 770,200
	% of Potential Income		34%	32%	0%	21%
<b>Zone B</b>	Actual Income	512	\$ 136,090	\$ 493,244	\$ -	\$ 312,318
	% of Potential Income		27%	24%	0%	16%
<b>Zone C</b>	Actual Income	502	\$ 132,707	\$ 486,929	\$ -	\$ 304,499
	% of Potential Income		59%	52%	0%	39%
<b>Total</b>	Actual Income	1637	\$ 555,901	\$ 2,091,689	\$ -	\$ 1,387,017
	% of Potential Income		36%	32%	0%	22%

TABLE 2 - OFF STREET CAR PARKING REVENUE 2020-21

			Number of Bays	Net Quarterly Income Apr - June 2021	YTD Net Income 2020/21	Net Quarterly Income April - June 2020	YTD Net Income 2019/2020
Westlane	Reserved Bays	Actual Income	77	\$ 7,996	\$ 157,248	\$ 16,648	\$ 162,812
	Casual Bays	Actual Income	360	\$ 136,352	\$ 551,691	\$ 10,741	\$ 497,169
	% of Potential Income			59%	57%	5%	56%
Cavenagh St	Reserved Bays	Actual Income	39	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,816
	Casual Bays	Actual Income	352	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,044	\$ 348,668
	% of Potential Income			0%	0%	7%	76%
McLachlan St	Casual Bays	Actual Income	88	\$ 23,824	\$ 92,358	\$ 208	\$ 66,959
	% of Potential Income			79%	74%	1%	60%
McMinn St	Casual Bays	Actual Income	273	\$ 52,542	\$ 213,252	\$ 4,407	\$ 141,614
	% of Potential Income			94%	92%	8%	66%
Mitchell/Daly	Reserved Bays	Actual Income	10	\$ -	\$ 8,639	\$ 993	\$ 7,834
	Casual Bays	Actual Income	90	\$ 15,356	\$ 57,433	\$ 765	\$ 49,697
	% of Potential Income			84%	75%	5%	75%
Nichols Pl	Reserved Bays	Actual Income	30	\$ -	\$ 25,736	\$ -	\$ 24,382
	Casual Bays	Actual Income	114	\$ 36,159	\$ 146,579	\$ 1,883	\$ 116,202
	% of Potential Income			93%	90%	5%	81%
Chinatown	Reserved Bays	Actual Income	32	\$ -	\$ 44,676	\$ -	\$ 92,727
	Casual Bays	Actual Income	455	\$ 143,244	\$ 590,601	\$ 10,065	\$ 385,094
	% of Potential Income			70%	69%	5%	51%
Darwin Oval	Reserved Bays	Actual Income	17	\$ -	\$ 21,673	\$ -	\$ 23,027
	Casual Bays	Actual Income	54	\$ 16,401	\$ 67,031	\$ 1,075	\$ 54,441
	% of Potential Income			89%	87%	7%	80%
Woods St	Casual Bays	Actual Income	55	\$ 6,830	\$ 24,455	\$ 271	\$ 14,415
	% of Potential Income			61%	52%	3%	34%
Civic Ctr	Reserved Bays	Actual Income	33	\$ 13,704	\$ 55,053	\$ 1,084	\$ 43,493
96 Mitchell St	Casual Bays	Actual Income	38	\$ 6,125	\$ 25,900	\$ 2,267	\$ 24,821
	% of Potential Income			79%	80%	32%	84%
Total	Reserved Bays	Actual Income	199	\$ 21,700	\$ 313,025	\$ 16,739	\$ 394,091
	Casual Bays	Actual Income	1527	\$ 436,833	\$ 1,769,299	\$ 39,726	\$ 1,699,080
	% of Potential Income			71%	69%	6%	61%
GRAND TOTAL			1726	\$ 458,533	\$ 2,082,324	\$ 56,465	\$ 2,093,171
2020/21 number of reserved bays and price has altered compared to 2019/20							

**16      REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**17      QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**

## 18 GENERAL BUSINESS

### 18.1 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE - CHIEF MINISTER - PROPOSAL TO EXPAND THE CITY OF PALMERSTON BOUNDARY

**Author:** Governance Business Partner

**Authoriser:** Chief Executive Officer

**Attachments:** 1. Incoming Correspondence - Chief Minister [↓](#)

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

That Incoming Correspondence – Chief Minister - Proposal to Expand the City of Palmerston Boundary be RECEIVED AND NOTED.

Furthermore THAT the Chief Executive Officer provide an update at this briefing session





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The Right Worshipful The Lord Mayor  
The Hon Kon Vatskalis  
City of Darwin

Via email: [Lord.Mayor@darwin.nt.gov.au](mailto:Lord.Mayor@darwin.nt.gov.au)

Dear Lord Mayor

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding the proposal to expand the City of Palmerston boundary.

In essence, you have expressed concerns that:

- in 2018 and 2019, Northern Territory Government officials indicated that an expression of interest process was being developed in relation to the incorporation of the Northcrest area; and
- the Northern Territory Government failed to observe the principles of natural justice and procedural fairness because it made a decision to incorporate unincorporated land into Palmerston without first consulting with the City of Darwin.

Regarding the first of the above points, a decision to change a council boundary under the *Local Government Act 2019* can only be made by the responsible Minister or the Administrator. It is also the Northern Territory Government's prerogative to determine the process for making such a decision. Previous advice from officers does not bind the Northern Territory Government.

In relation to the principles of natural justice and procedural fairness, it is important to note that, while the Northern Territory Government has signalled its intention to make these boundary changes, a decision has not yet been made. This was the purpose of the 'Have Your Say' process. The City of Darwin has been afforded natural justice and procedural fairness as it has had the opportunity to make a submission as part of the public consultation process. The submission (and any other relevant information) will be considered before any decision is made.

Any suggestion that there was a legal requirement for the Northern Territory Government to separately consult with neighbouring local government councils before commencing the public consultation process is without merit.



It is the Northern Territory Government's prerogative to determine a boundary change of which the City of Darwin may not be in favour. However, I appreciate the cooperation and collaboration that has occurred between the Northern Territory Government and the City of Darwin on numerous projects in recent years and have confidence this will continue into the future.

Thank you for your interest in the incorporation of unincorporated land.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several stylized, overlapping loops and peaks, representing the name Michael Gunner.

MICHAEL GUNNER

13 SEP 2021

**18.2 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE - AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (ALGA) - NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY (NGA) - NOTICE OF MOTION - RECONCILIATION**

**Author:** Governance Business Partner

**Authoriser:** Chief Executive Officer

**Attachments:** 1. Incoming Correspondence - Australian Local Government Association - National General Assembly Notice of Motion - Reconciliation [↓](#)

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Incoming Correspondence – Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) – National General Assembly (NGA) - Notice of Motion – Reconciliation be RECEIVED AND NOTED.



8 September 2021

Mayor Kon Vatskalis  
Darwin City Council  
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Vanessa Green  
vanessa.green@darwin.nt.gov.au

Dear Mayor Vatskalis,

I write to provide an update on the motion(s) submitted by you on behalf of your Council to the 2021 Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly (NGA) held in June in Canberra.

Thank you for contributing to our debate on motions and for helping ALGA gain a greater understanding of the issues affecting Local Government across Australia.

Your Council's motion(s), carried as a resolution by the National General Assembly, has been noted by the ALGA Board. Resolutions help inform ALGA representations to Australian Government Ministers and their Departments. The [full list of resolutions is available on the ALGA website](#).

**I have written to The Hon. Ken Wyatt AM, MP, advising of your NGA resolution on an Indigenous cultural awareness and safety training program, and inviting a response.**

ALGA is working to promote coordination and engagement with Indigenous local government councils, to improve the delivery of all government services and infrastructure to Indigenous communities.

In November this year we will announce the dates and theme for the June 2022 NGA in Canberra. I hope you will consider submitting a new motion then, and that you will attend next year's Assembly.

Best wishes and thank you again for being part of the National General Assembly of Local Government.

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Cr Linda Scott  
ALGA President

**18.3 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE - MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS - REFUGEES IN DARWIN DETENTION FACILITY**

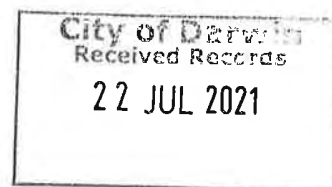
**Author:** Governance Business Partner

**Authoriser:** Chief Executive Officer

**Attachments:** 1. Incoming Correspondence - Minister for Home Affairs - Refugees in Darwin Detention Centre [↓](#)

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Incoming Correspondence – Minister for Home Affairs – Refugees in Darwin Detention Centre be RECEIVED AND NOTED.



**THE HON KAREN ANDREWS MP  
MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS**

Ref No: MC21-011735

The Hon Kon Vatskalis  
Lord Mayor  
City of Darwin  
GPO Box 84  
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Dear Lord Mayor

Thank you for your correspondence of 20 April 2021 concerning the City of Darwin supporting the immediate release of the nine declared refugees currently in detention in Darwin, and thank you for your support regarding my recent appointment as the Minister for Home Affairs.

As you may be aware, Home Affairs Portfolio Ministers have personal intervention powers under the *Migration Act 1958* that allow them to grant a visa to a person, if they think it is in the public interest to do so. The public interest powers are non-compellable, that is, the Ministers are not required to exercise these powers.

The Minister's guidelines describe the types of cases that might be referred for consideration. All requests are assessed against these guidelines. Only cases that meet the Ministerial guidelines are referred for my consideration. Each case is assessed against the guidelines based on the individual's circumstances.

Please be assured your support has been noted and the information you have provided has been forwarded to the relevant area of the Department of Home Affairs for consideration.

Thank you for raising this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Karen Andrews".

KAREN ANDREWS

2 / 7 / 2021



**18.4 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE - CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NORTHERN TERRITORY - CBD SECURITY SERVICES**

**Author:** Governance Business Partner

**Authoriser:** Chief Executive Officer

**Attachments:** 1. Incoming Correspondence - Chamber of Commerce Northern Territory - CBD Security Services [↓](#)

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Incoming Correspondence – Chamber of Commerce Northern Territory - CBD Security Services, be RECEIVED AND NOTED.



To the Darwin City Council,

We are writing in response to the extension of the Heightened Security Patrols present in the Darwin city centre.

In response to member comments, the Chamber of Commerce NT wish to endorse the Darwin City Council's heightened security presence in the Darwin CBD as an outstanding success.

Our members have expressed to us how the security presence directly benefits businesses, and adds substantially to the safety of shoppers, the broader public, and of course, our valued visitors. With the measures in place, it is easier to do business, run a business, and maintain a business, in the CBD as a result.

Co-owner of Phat Mango, Martin Bouchier's comment is typical of a daylight CBD business...

*"The situation of patrons being annoyed, and blocked, by itinerants is getting progressively worse. Since the increase in security, we still have the problem, but now there is a pathway to a resolution."*

The positive outcomes of the heightened patrols are well reflected by operations at the Double Tree by Hilton on the Esplanade.

*"The patrol presence has notably reduced the itinerants settling in the area" .... "the number of customer complaints, the amount of rubbish, and the vandalism have all been significantly reduced."*

*"In the past, the Police have had little effect, as their workloads have meant that response times have been well over two-hours"*

The common opinion of business operators in the CBD is the security presence is making a difference that far outweighs the additional cost.

The extension of the security presence due to the pandemic is appreciated, but a concern is that COVID has only highlighted a social scenario that pre-existed the crisis. Notably, although the negative effects of anti-social behaviour have been controlled through the heightened security, the root cause of the behaviours, and the potential perpetrators, are still present.

It would be advantageous to Darwin residents and businesses for root cause anti-social behaviour issues such as alcoholism and itinerancy be addressed with separate programs. Additionally, it is recommended the security presence to remain in place until there is significant reduction in the root cause presence.

The Chamber of Commerce NT supports, and applauds, the Darwin City Council's provision of the heightened security within the CBD. We encourage the continued use of the measure.

Yours,

Greg Ireland, CEO, Chamber of Commerce NT.

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

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 26 October 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 Risk Management and Audit Committee - Appointment of External Community Members**

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

**21      ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON**



# **MINUTES**

## **Ordinary Council Meeting Tuesday, 28 September 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, 28 SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 5:30PM**

- PRESENT:** Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis, Alderman Paul Arnold, Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris, Alderman Justine Glover, Alderman Sylvia Klonaris, Alderman Brian O'Gallagher, Alderman Mick Palmer, Alderman Peter Pangquee, Alderman Morgan Rickard, Alderman Vim Sharma, Alderman Ed Smelt, Alderman Amye Un, Alderman Rebecca Want de Rowe
- OFFICERS:** Scott Waters (Chief Executive Officer), Simone Saunders (Chief Financial Officer), Matt Grassmayr (General Manager Community & Regulatory Services), Emma Young (Acting General Manager Engineering & City Services), Alice Percy (Acting General Manager Innovation Growth & Development Services)
- Gemma Perkins (Governance Business Partner), Caitlyn Moulds (Alderman Liaison Officer)
- APOLOGY:** Melissa Reiter (General Manager Government Relations & External Affairs)
- GUESTS:** Richard Fejo (Larakia Nation), Nathaniel Chambers (NT News)

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**1 Acknowledgement of Country**

Richard Fejo, Larrakia Elder presented a Welcome to Country.

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

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

We support emerging Larrakia leaders now and into the future.

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

**2 THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

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

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

Amen.

**3 MEETING DECLARED OPEN****RESOLUTION ORD403/21**

Moved: Alderman Justine Glover

Seconded: Alderman Peter Pangquee

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5.34 pm.

**CARRIED 13/0**

**4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE****4.1 APOLOGIES**

Nil

**4.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED**

Nil

**4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED****RESOLUTION ORD404/21**

Moved: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Alderman Morgan Rickard

A. THAT a Leave of Absence be granted for Alderman Mick Palmer for 12 October 2021.

**CARRIED 13/0**

**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**

Nil

**6.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY STAFF**

Nil

**7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES****RESOLUTION ORD405/21**

Moved: Alderman Mick Palmer

Seconded: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 July 2021 and the Special Ordinary Council Meeting held on 3 August 2021 be confirmed.

**CARRIED 13/0**

**8 MOVING OF ITEMS**

**8.1 MOVING OF OPEN ITEMS INTO CONFIDENTIAL**

Nil

**8.2 MOVING OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS INTO OPEN**

Nil

**9 MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE / LORD MAYORAL MINUTE**

Nil

**10 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Nil

**11 PETITIONS**

**11.1 Petition**

Nil

**12 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS**

**12.1**

Nil

**13 NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil



## 14 ACTION REPORTS

### 14.1 23RD COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DARWIN - CASTING VOTE

#### RESOLUTION ORD406/21

Moved: Alderman Rebecca Want de Rowe

Seconded: Alderman Justine Glover

1. THAT pursuant to Section 95 (6) of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Council ADOPTS a policy position (**attachment 1**) of the 23<sup>rd</sup> City of Darwin Council and that the Chair of meetings of the Council shall have a second or casting vote where there is an inequality of votes on a matter before the Council.

**CARRIED 13/0**

### 14.2 23RD COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DARWIN - APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LORD MAYOR

#### RESOLUTION ORD407/21

Moved: Alderman Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Alderman Brian O'Gallagher

1. THAT Council APPOINTS Alderman Brian O'Gallagher as Deputy Lord Mayor for the City of Darwin for the period 28 September 2021 to 28 January 2022.
2. THAT Council ENDORSE an amendment to the Elected Member Protocols and Interactions – 015 Policy at clause 3.1.1 to update as follows:

#### **3.1.1 Appointment of Deputy Lord Mayor**

The Deputy Lord Mayor must be appointed at the first meeting of Council after the General Election. ~~For the current term of Council (through to declaration of the 2021 Election),~~ Council has determined that each of the 12 Alderman can be elected as Deputy Lord Mayor for a period of four months during the term of ~~the 22nd~~ Council.

**CARRIED 13/0**

**14.3 23RD COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DARWIN - MEETING SCHEDULE****RESOLUTION ORD408/21**

Moved: Alderman Ed Smelt

Seconded: Alderman Morgan Rickard

1. THAT Council ADOPTS the following schedule for the holding of City of Darwin Ordinary Meetings for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Term of Council:
  - (a) Two Ordinary Meetings to be held per month (excluding December and January).
  - (b) Ordinary Meetings for the month of February to be held on the first and last Tuesday of the month.
  - (c) Ordinary Meetings for March to November each year will be held on the last Tuesday of each month and the Tuesday two weeks prior.
  - (d) One Ordinary Meeting to be held per month in December on the first Tuesday of the month.
  - (e) Ordinary Meetings will commence at 5.30pm.
  - (f) Ordinary Meetings will be held in the Council Chambers located at the Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin unless amended from time to time.
  - (g) The Ordinary Meeting of Council scheduled for Tuesday 25 April 2023 (Anzac Day public holiday) be held on Wednesday 26 April 2023.
  - (h) A public forum will be held at the Civic Centre commencing at 5.00pm on the last Tuesday of each month.
  - (i) The second Tuesday of each February will be held for a Council workshop to commence the development of the annual municipal plan and budget.
2. THAT pursuant to Section 91 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Council APPROVES the Chief Executive Officer to convene a special ordinary meeting of Council on Tuesday 9 November 2021 to adopt the City of Darwin 2020/21 Annual Report.

**CARRIED 13/0**

**14.4 STATUTORY DELEGATIONS FOR THE 23RD COUNCIL****RESOLUTION ORD409/21**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Alderman Justine Glover

1. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 40 of the *Local Government Act 2019* delegates to the Chief Executive Officer's Performance Appraisal Committee the power to:
  - (a) conduct and finalise a performance evaluation and review of the Council's Chief Executive Officer; and
  - (b) any other powers and functions delegated to it under its Terms of Reference from time to time.

2. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 40 of the *Local Government Act 2019* delegates to the Administrative Review Committee its powers under section 324 of the *Local Government Act 2019* to:
  - (a) investigate, inquire into and make recommendations to Council on matters raised in an application to review a decision in accordance with Part 18.1 of the *Local Government Act 2019*; and
  - (b) any other powers and functions delegated to it under its Terms of Reference from time to time; and
  - (c) pursuant to Section 40 of the *Local Government Act 2019* delegates to the Administrative Review Committee its powers under Section 19 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*, to carry out, on behalf of the council, financial functions of the council in the months the Council does not hold an Ordinary Meeting.
3. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 40 of the *Local Government Act 2019* delegates to the Risk Management and Audit Committee its powers, functions and duties under Section 87 of the *Local Government Act 2019* to:
  - (a) Monitor compliance by the Council with the proper standards of financial management; and
  - (b) Monitor compliance by the Council with Northern Territory Local Government Legislation and Accounting Standards; and
  - (c) Authorise the Committee or its members to:
    - (i) obtain any information it requires from any member of staff and/or external party,
    - (ii) discuss any matters with the external auditor, or other external parties;
    - (iii) request, via the Chief Executive Officer, the attendance of any member of staff at committee meetings;
    - (iv) obtain external legal or other professional advice, as considered necessary to meet its responsibilities
  - (d) any other powers and functions delegated to it under its Terms of Reference from time to time
4. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 40 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, delegates to the Chief Executive Officer, or any person acting in the position of Chief Executive Officer, all of the powers, functions and duties under the *Local Government Act 2019* and *Local Government Regulations 2021* subject to any conditions and or limitations specified in legislation, Council Policy and Procedure or by Council resolution **with the exception of**:
  - (i) The powers, functions and duties under Sections 35, regarding the adoption of the Municipal Plan.
  - (ii) The powers, functions and duties in Section 64, appointment to fill a Casual Vacancy on the Council.
  - (iii) The powers, functions and duties under Section 82 to establish or abolish Council Committees; and
  - (iv) The powers, functions and duties under Section Part 6.4, meetings of electors.
  - (b) All of the powers, functions and duties of all other Acts and Regulations under which Council has a vested power, function or duty, subject to any legislative restrictions, conditions and limitation, Council Policy and Procedure.
  - (c) The powers and functions under the Darwin City Council By-Laws 1994, subject to any

legislative restrictions, conditions and limitation, Council Policy and Procedure.

- (d) That such powers and functions may be further delegated by the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with Section 168 of the *Local Government Act 2019* as the Chief Executive Officer determines, unless otherwise indicated herein.

5. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 183 of the *Local Government Act 2019* hereby appoints the Chief Executive Officer, or any person acting in the position of Chief Executive Officer, to be an Authorised Person with the powers and functions specified in the Local Government Act 2019.

**CARRIED 13/0**

#### **14.5 23RD COUNCIL - ESTABLISHMENT OF EXECUTIVE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

##### **RESOLUTION ORD410/21**

Moved: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Alderman Brian O'Gallagher

1. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 82 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, establishes the following Executive and Advisory Committees and that the respective terms of reference be ADOPTED:

(a) Executive Committees

- (i) Administrative Review Committee, Terms of Reference, **Attachment 1**
- (ii) Chief Executive Officer Performance Appraisal Committee, Terms of Reference, **Attachment 2**

(b) Advisory Committees

- (i) Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee, Terms of Reference, **Attachment 3**
- (ii) Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee, Terms of Reference, **Attachment 4**
- (iii) East Point Reserve Advisory Committee, Terms of Reference, **Attachment 5**
- (iv) International Relations Advisory Committee, Terms of Reference, **Attachment 6**
- (v) Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee, Terms of Reference, **Attachment 7**
- (vi) Sister City Advisory Committee, Terms of Reference, **Attachment 8**
- (vii) Youth Advisory Committee, Terms of Reference, **Attachment 9**

2. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 86 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, establishes the Risk Management and Audit Committee and ADOPTS the committee Terms of Reference provided at **Attachment 10**.

**CARRIED 13/0**

**14.6 23RD COUNCIL - APPOINTMENTS TO COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND EXTERNAL REPRESENTATIVE BODIES****RESOLUTION ORD411/21**

Moved: Alderman Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Alderman Morgan Rickard

1. THAT Council appoint the following Council members to the **Administrative Review Committee** for the period 28 September 2021 to 30 June 2022:

Lord Mayor (Chair);

Alderman Sylvia Klonaris,

Alderman Brian O’Gallagher; and

Alderman Morgan Rickard

And that all remaining Council members are appointed as alternate members to the committee.

2. THAT Council appoint the following Council members to the **Chief Executive Officer’s Performance Appraisal Committee** for the period 28 September 2021 to 30 June 2022:

Lord Mayor (Chair);

Alderman Justine Glover;

Alderman Paul Arnold;

Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris; and

Alderman Peter Pangquee

3. THAT Council note that the Lord Mayor holds the position of Ex-Officio for all Council Committees.

4. THAT Council appoint the following Council members to the **Risk Management and Audit Committee** for the following periods:

Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris for the period to 30 June 2023;

Alderman Brian O’Gallagher for the period to 30 June 2023;

Alderman Morgan Rickard for the period to 30 June 2023;

5. THAT Council appoint the following Council members to the **Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee** for the period 28 September 2021 to 30 June 2022:

Alderman Vim Sharma and

Alderman Sylvia Klonaris as Alternate

6. THAT Council appoint the following Council members to the **Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee** for the period 28 September 2021 to 30 June 2022:

Alderman Morgan Rickard and

Alderman Vim Sharma as Alternate

7. THAT Council appoint the following Council members to the **Youth Advisory Committee** for the period 28 September 2021 to 30 June 2022:  
Alderman Rebecca Want de Rowe and  
Alderman Sylvia Klonaris as Alternate
8. THAT Council appoint the following Council members to the **Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee** for the period 28 September 2021 to 30 June 2022:  
Alderman Paul Arnold and  
Alderman Ed Smelt as Alternate  
And that the Lord Mayor be appointed as member and Chair of the Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee.
9. THAT Council note that the following appointments to the **International Relations Advisory Committee** remain current until 31 July 2022  
Member and Chair, Lord Mayor  
Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris  
Alderman Mick Palmer (Alternate)
10. THAT Council notes that the following Council member appointments to the **Sister City Advisory Committee** remain current until 31 July 2022  
Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris  
Alderman Paul Arnold (Alternate)  
And that the following Council members be appointed to the **Sister City Advisory Committee** for the period 28 September 2021 to 31 July 2022  
Alderman Sylvia Klonaris and  
Alderman Vim Sharma as Alternate
11. THAT Council appoint the following Council members to the **Reconciliation Action Plan Committee** for the period 28 September 2021 to 30 June 2022:  
Alderman Peter Pangquee and  
Alderman Morgan Rickard as Alternate
12. THAT Council appoint the following Council members to the **East Point Reserve Advisory Committee** for the period 28 September 2021 to 30 June 2022:  
Alderman Mick Palmer as chair and  
Alderman Morgan Rickard as Alternate



13. THAT Council note that the Lord Mayor is directly appointed the following external committees for the whole of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Term of Council:

- a) Council of Capital City Lord Mayors (CCCLM)
- b) Northern Australia Capital City Committee (NACCC)
- c) Top End Regional Organisation of Councils (TOPROC)

14. (a) THAT Council notes that Alderman Peter Pangquee is an Executive Committee Member appointed to the **Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT)** and that his appointment remains current until 6 November 2022

(b) THAT Council appoint Council members to External Committees for the period 28 September 2021 to 6 December 2021 as follows:

External Committee	Member	Alternate Member
Council of the Ageing NT Board (COTA)	Alderman Sylvia Klonaris	Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris
Local Government Association of the NT (LGANT)		N/A
Rapid Creek Water Advisory Committee	Alderman Morgan Rickard	Alderman Vim Sharma
Tourism Top End	Alderman Peter Pangquee	Alderman Paul Arnold
Development Consent Authority (DCA)	Alderman Mick Palmer Alderman Peter Pangquee	Alderman Brian O'Gallagher

15. THAT Council nominate the following Council members to the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) for appointments to committees for the period 28 September 2021 to 30 June 2022:

LGANT Committee	Member	Alternate Member
NT Heritage Council	Alderman Morgan Rickard	Nil

**CARRIED 13/0**

#### 14.7 CEO (CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER) CODE OF CONDUCT - 100 POLICY

##### RESOLUTION ORD412/21

Moved: Alderman Justine Glover  
Seconded: Alderman Peter Pangquee

1. THAT pursuant to Section 175(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Council ADOPTS the CEO Code of Conduct – 100 policy, **Attachment 1**.

**CARRIED 13/0**

## 15 RECEIVE & NOTE REPORTS

### 15.1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - AUGUST 2021

**RESOLUTION ORD413/21**

Moved: Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Alderman Ed Smelt

THAT the report entitled Interim Monthly Financial Report – August 2021 be received and noted.

**CARRIED 13/0**

## 16 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Nil

## 17 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

### 17.1 PROCESS OF UNTIDY ALLOTMENT

**RESOLUTION ORD414/21**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Alderman Morgan Rickard

THAT the following Questions by Members be received and noted.

**Question**

Alderman Rebecca Want De Rowe queried when a resident reports an untidy lot, what is the process from there and how long should residents expect for it to be actioned?

**Answer**

The General Manager Community and Regulatory Services, Matt Grassmayr responded and advised when Council receives advice of an untidy property it is tasked to Regulatory Services, Public Places rangers to action. Rangers will attend to investigate and determine if further action is required, this normally occurs within 10 days of complaint. If further action is required the owner is sent a Notice to Clear Land which describes the work required and provides 14 days to carry out the works. At the end of the notice period rangers inspect again to ensure the works have been completed. If the works are still outstanding owners are provided a Final Notice which allows a further 14 days to complete works, otherwise owners are advised that failure to do so will result in Council undertaking the works at the owners expense. Rangers will then inspect again at the end of the final notice period and action accordingly. If Council needs to undertake works on private property a warrant is required to enter the property on at least two occasions, firstly to obtain a cost estimate and then to enter again at a later date or dates in order to carry out works. At completion of the works the owner is then invoiced for the costs of works plus 15% as set out in Council's Fees and Charges and an inspection fee of \$295.

Regarding your question from a residents perspective, if property owners are not cooperative with the notices to clear their land, it is approximately 6 to 8 weeks from complaint before Council would have completed statutory requirements to undertake action.

**CARRIED 13/0****17.2 UPDATE ON BUFFALO CREEK UPGRADE****RESOLUTION ORD415/21**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Alderman Morgan Rickard

THAT the following Questions by Members be received and noted.

**Question**

Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris requested an update regarding the Buffalo Creek upgrade and the status.

**Answer**

The Acting General Manager Engineering and City Services, Emma Young responded and advised that Council is currently waiting decisions from Aboriginal Area Protection Authority (AAPA). They met recently and progress should occur. **CARRIED 13/0**

**17.3 INVESTMENTS ALIGNMENTS****RESOLUTION ORD416/21**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Alderman Morgan Rickard

THAT the following Questions by Members be received and noted.

**Question**

Alderman Morgan Rickard queried how closely aligned is the investments strategy with the climate emergency strategy? Is there any alignment with the investment and greening strategy?

**Answer**

The Chief Financial Officer, Simone Saunders responded and advised there is a line item in regards to tree establishment. More broadly within the Engineering budget there are other tranches that align with the greening strategy. There are more actions coming out of the strategy that will need to be considered during the new initiative budget process .

The Chief Executive Officer also advised that current investments are put forward with a conservative approach. There isn't a specific investment that has the full green credential. Council is relying on the big four banks to ensure they are providing their due diligence. When raised previously, it was viewed that the return was for the ratepayer. It is an important view and happy to work through with this term of Council.

**CARRIED 13/0****17.4 UPDATE ON SHACKLE STREET PROPERTY****RESOLUTION ORD417/21**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Alderman Morgan Rickard

THAT the following Questions by Members be received and noted.

**Question**

Alderman Justine Glover queried the timeframe of six weeks provided in the above answer regarding untidy allotments. There is a property in Shackle Street that has been ongoing for twelve months. What is happening in Shackle Street?

**Answer**

The General Manager Community and Regulatory services, Matt Grassmayr responded and advised Shackle Street is not being actioned as an untidy allotment, it is being actioned as a regulatory order. This takes about 6-8 months. Shackle Street was attended to as part of emergency works. The full cost is in the \$15 - \$20k range. At that cost, Council switched to regulatory orders because Council is able to secure that debt. Untidy allotment is normally smaller clearances and unsecure debts of \$0 - \$5k. We have another property in Nightcliff, which the quote is around \$60k. We have to go through a regulatory order and that is the hold up with that particular property.

**CARRIED 13/0**

## 17.5 CAPITAL WORKS EXPENDITURE PLAN

**RESOLUTION ORD418/21**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Alderman Morgan Rickard

THAT the following Questions by Members be received and noted.

**Question**

Alderman Brian O’Gallagher queried if Council has a 10 year capital works plan and expenditure and if so, can Alderman get access to that?

**Answer**

The Chief Financial Officer, Simone Saunders responded and advised the ten year long term financial plan has an underlying ten year capital expenditure program. When you go out past five to six years, some of the expenditure is generic, that we will spend so much each year. There is the ability to report on it and it is reported within the long term financial plan but the detail when you go out longer term isn’t there, it’s more, so much per period but it is available.

**CARRIED 13/0**

## 17.6 LEE POINT WORKS

**RESOLUTION ORD419/21**

Moved: Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Seconded: Alderman Morgan Rickard

THAT the following Questions by Members be received and noted.

**Question**

Alderman Jimmy Bouhoris queried if Council have had any conversations with the Northern Territory Government in regards to the footpath installation in Lee Point to work together to create efficiencies.

**Answer**

The Acting General Manager Engineering and City Services, Emma Young responded and advised that there have been discussions, there are going to be up to three projects happening all at once. Shared paths, assessment of trees to protect as many as possible. The Northern Territory Government has advised that they will plant more trees. There are also delays regarding the roundabout project however that is an Northern Territory Government project.

**CARRIED 13/0**

## **18 GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil

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

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 12 October 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**

### **CLOSURE OF MEETING**

#### **RESOLUTION ORD420/21**

Moved: Alderman Justine Glover

Seconded: Alderman Ed Smelt

THAT the chair declare the meeting closed at 6.50pm.

**CARRIED 13/0**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 12 October 2021.**

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**CHAIR**