



2023/2024

# MUNICIPAL PLAN

Working together for a  
greener, safer, smarter city



# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

*City of Darwin acknowledges the Larrakia people as the Traditional Owners of all the land and waters of the Greater Darwin region.*

To the Larrakia, Darwin is known as Garramilla. The original language of the Larrakia is Gulumirgin (pronounced Goo-loo-midgin).

Often referred to as “Saltwater People”, the Larrakia lived, loved, birthed, hunted and survived a life on pristine coastal and inland areas. Established ‘song lines’ connecting Larrakia people to Country penetrate throughout their land and sea, allowing stories and histories to be told and retold for future generations. Scientific evidence dates Aboriginal presence in northern Australia to 60,000 years.

The Larrakia culture and identity is rich and vibrant. In the footsteps of the Larrakia people, City of Darwin will continue to foster this culture and identity by creating a vibrant community together.



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# INTRODUCTION



# MUNICIPAL PLAN 2023/24

## Purpose

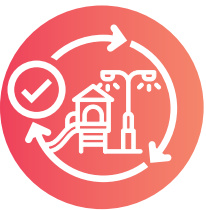
The Municipal Plan presents the Lord Mayor and Councillor's strategic resourcing decisions for the City of Darwin team to pursue across the 2023/24 financial year. Through this annual document a set of commitments is made to the community – which will be reported in the Annual Report to be published in November 2024.

## Mission

*We will work with the community and partners, provide leadership, and deliver services that create opportunities to enhance the economic, cultural and environmental sustainability of Darwin.*

## DARWIN 2030 - CITY FOR PEOPLE. CITY OF COLOUR.

This set of strategic directions were established in collaboration with the community that began with the Living Darwin Summit. Within the Council and City of Darwin they act as a guide to inform priorities and decision making.



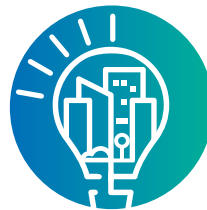
A capital city  
with best  
practice and  
sustainable  
infrastructure



A safe,  
liveable and  
healthy city



A cool, clean  
and green city



A smart and  
prosperous city



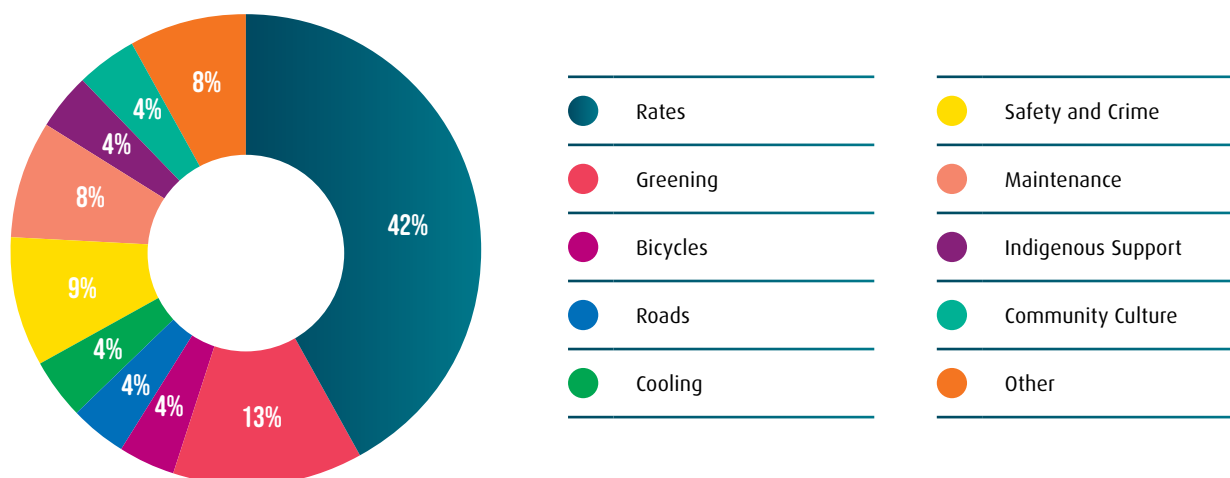
A vibrant and  
creative city

## CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION THROUGH CONSULTATION

To maintain the conversation, and ensure that Council, Officers, and the community continue to align on their vision for Darwin's future, Council takes the opportunity each year to check-in and invite feedback on the Draft Municipal Plan.

During the 21-day consultation period from 27 April 2023, Council received 19 survey responses and 5 formal submissions; Facebook and LinkedIn posts achieved 5,107 impressions, 39 engagements, 32 reactions and reposts / shares and 66 clicks through. There were 556 visits to the Municipal Plan page on City of Darwin website and 274 downloads of the draft document.

The feedback topics from the 24 submissions can be broken down into ten (10) topics as per below.



During the 21-day consultation period the need to make an administrative amendment to the Fees & Charges was identified for tyre charges. Car tyres and 4x4 tyres were incorrectly listed under Commercial instead of Domestic. This was found and corrected on the Engage website.

Expansion of topics:

- Commentary on the increase of rates
- Level of Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility charges
- Requests for increased First Nations profile and activities
- More activities for teenagers, not just toddlers. Activities in air-conditioning during the wet season for teenagers. Weekend activities and sausage sizzles to get teenagers off the streets
- A safer Darwin
- Bicycle Service Stations strategically located around Darwin, including shelter from the rain and sun, lighting, security cameras, tools, and tyre pumps
- Implement Asset Management Principles to effectively manage assets for the duration of their lifecycle and improve operational performance, safety and sustainability of the asset
- Taking space from parking and cars and giving priority to pedestrians and active transport
- Concerns regarding not adequately funding the Greening Strategy.

The user-pays pricing of Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility reflects the cost of the service provided as Council seeks to shift towards better cost recovery of waste management services. Ratepayers are currently required to subsidise the operations of Shoal Bay in addition to access fees paid for through their rates. City of Darwin is seeking to more equitably distribute the cost of managing the Top End region's only landfill to reduce the level of cost currently covered by ratepayers.

Council Officers therefore recommend to Council that the draft Fees & Charges remain unchanged.

Adopted by resolution of Council ORD 312/23 on 13 June 2023.





# LORD MAYOR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

## *Welcome to City of Darwin's Municipal Plan and 2023/24 Annual Budget*

We are proud to present our Municipal Plan and Annual Budget for 2023/24. In developing this year's Municipal Plan, we sought to strike the right balance between navigating the current economic climate and pursuing our 2030 vision for Darwin: *City for People. City of Colour.*

The work by Elected Members and City of Darwin officers across the past few months has produced a Municipal Plan and Annual Budget we believe is both responsive and responsible. The result is a Municipal Plan that continues to deliver valuable services for Darwin while balancing our funding requirements.

This year's Municipal Plan is underpinned by a sound set of financial statements and includes operating expenditure of \$139.28 million to continue providing works and initiatives that benefit the Darwin community, while maintaining our custodianship of more than \$1.25 billion in community assets.

In addition to delivering for the community, this year's capital program of \$19 million will help assist the business sector and stimulate the Darwin economy.

As always, community feedback continues to be a major factor in determining the programs we target in our Municipal Plan.

The Darwin community consistently tells us they want a cool, clean, green city. So, again this year we will build upon components of the *2030 Greening of Darwin Strategy*, which has seen us embark on an ambitious plan to grow our urban forest. This year we will invest another \$1 million on additional trees and revegetation across Darwin. This outlay forms part of our \$3.3 million tree planting and maintenance budget.

We will also spend \$9.4 million in the ongoing maintenance of Darwin's 221 parks and recreational spaces.

City of Darwin's significant network of roads and pathways will benefit from a \$5.7 million investment this year, while our program to maintain some 420 kilometres of stormwater infrastructure will receive an investment injection of \$1.75 million.

We will continue our program to extend the life of the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility, the only facility of its type in the Top End. Our program at Shoal Bay has been essential in not only maximising its lifespan but in stabilising and reversing legacy waste issues and managing environmental risk.

This year our program at Shoal Bay will see an investment of \$180,000 on a cardboard compactor. The compactor will be another element in our plan to develop a circular economy at the facility.

We are also working to better serve our community by enhancing our customer experience. This involves laying the groundwork for an ICT upgrade roadmap, which will be underpinned by a \$3.15 million investment across the next 12-18 months.

Our tropical environment, heritage and cultural mix help make Darwin unique. They are also keys to our wonderful lifestyle. We have set aside \$1.56 million this year to help fund community events and activities including the annual Bombing of Darwin commemoration, Darwin Festival, and the Christmas in Darwin pageant, which we will deliver again this year in partnership with the Northern Territory Government.

In recent times there has been an understandable community focus on the challenges of law and order and anti-social behaviour in Darwin. As a local government we have limited powers to deal with many of these problems, but we are intent on working with the Northern Territory Government to do what we can to improve outcomes for our community. This year we will inject another \$950,000 into our Creating a Safer Darwin initiative, which will see increased public places patrols on weekends.

In continuing to enhance our safer Darwin plan and approach we will invest a further \$800,000 into street and public lighting, an important element in not only liveability but also in enhancing public safety.

In addition to programs detailed within this year's Municipal Plan and Annual Budget our planning includes major planned capital works of \$80 million across the next five years.



Headlining this future is capital investment is the \$26.7 million Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre, currently under construction on the site of the old Casuarina swimming pool. Due for completion at the end of 2024, the Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre will deliver 2,500 square metres of community pool space and a new level of amenity for northern suburbs' residents.

Also included in our long-term strategy is planning to upgrade the Civic Centre building, which opened in 1969. The building's design reflects 1960s architecture and after more than 50 years of use it is showing obvious signs of age. We have committed \$15 million to the Civic Centre redevelopment and \$26 million to increase parking, including public parking space in the precinct. Our long-term financial plan also includes provision for additional parking across the municipality.

Our long-term financial plan will also see a continuation of the comprehensive redevelopment of the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility through our Stage Two expansion.

Inflationary pressures will continue to affect costs for goods and services across the next 12 months. Among our key goals was to develop a plan allowing us to minimise increases in rates. In the face of a 7 percent CPI increase (at the time of writing) we have managed to keep the increase in the general rate to 5 percent. This equates to an increase only of \$1.72 per week for the average residential property.

City of Darwin's planning for the future builds strongly on the successes of previous Municipal Plans. Despite the current economic challenges, we are confident the 2023/24 Municipal Plan will be another important plank as we build towards our 2030 vision for Darwin as a *City for People. City of Colour.*

Again, this year the Elected Members of City of Darwin played a critical role in shaping our Municipal Plan. For many of our Elected Members this was just their second Municipal Plan, however, their understanding of the Darwin community and public aspirations were clear as they worked on this year's document. The contributions of our Elected Members proved invaluable, and we thank them for their effort and insights.

With the planning now in place we look forward to delivering for the people of Darwin.

**Simone Saunders**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**Kon Vatskalis**

LORD MAYOR



# OUR CITY



**483.9KM**

Footpaths



**36,263**

Rateable Properties



**3**

Swimming  
Pool Facilities

**15.9KM**

Walkways

**420.8KM**

stormwater  
infrastructure



**590**

Green Space (ha)



**221**

parks



**10,042**

Street and  
Public Lighting



**18.6KM**

Paths in parks

**91.9KM**

Shared paths



**22,021**

Driveways

627KW

Rooftop Solar

8 Tennis Courts (each)  
at 3 locations

1 velodrome

475

Roads(km)



4

Libraries



19

Sporting Grounds  
and Ovals385 play items  
at 135 locations

1



skate park

7

Child Care  
Centres

3

Community  
Centres

1,755

Smart Devices



41

Public Amenity  
Facilities



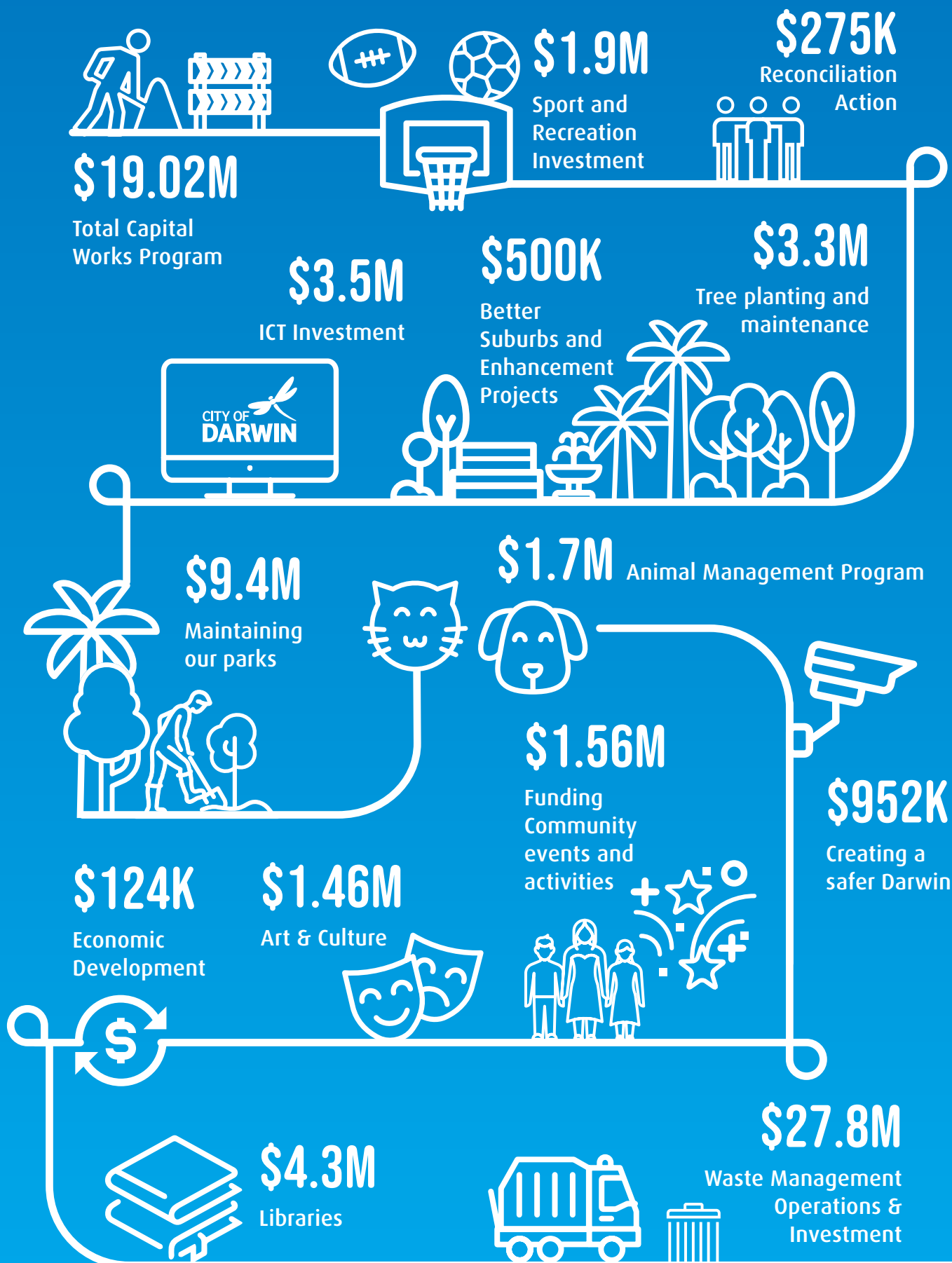
# OUR HIGHLIGHTS

*A snapshot of where you will see and experience Council investing in activities, programs and improvements across the city in the upcoming year.*

*More comprehensive details can be found in the Service Delivery Plan and Budget sections of this document.*



# HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE YEAR AHEAD



# PRIORITIES TO PROGRESS

## New Initiatives



### CASUARINA AQUATIC AND LEISURE CENTRE

City of Darwin is redeveloping the Casuarina Pool into the Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre. The redevelopment of the 45-year-old Casuarina pool is a key focus for Council in the coming year.

This project will deliver the Darwin public a total of 2,500 square metres of community pool space including: an eight-lane 50-metre pool, resort-style lagoon pool, a dedicated learn to swim pool, half-court basketball and BBQ facilities.



### ENTERPRISE IT SYSTEM

City of Darwin will embark on a four (4) year transformation program to deliver an enhanced user experience, customer service, data and information management, and improved process integration and transparency.

Initiatives include a dedicated Customer Relationship Management Solution (CRM), Learning and Development platform, enhanced document and record management capabilities.

*Darwin 2030. City for People. City of Colour.* will serve as a key input into the journey which will also require change management, a strong governance framework and quality assurance.



### PLAY SPACE

City of Darwin Draft Play Space Strategy 2023 – 2030 is the framework for the development and management of play spaces and active recreations sites within the Darwin municipality. The Strategy will assist Council to prioritise works within available resources whilst setting a long-term vision to meet the future needs of the community.

During 2023/24 \$420,000 will be invested in refurbishing parks and softfall based on inspections and condition assessments.





## FOOTPATHS

Contributing towards a safer, vibrant and inclusive community, City of Darwin is committed to providing safe and accessible footpaths throughout the municipality. Over \$750,000 is being invested in renewing footpaths throughout 2023/24 to enhance accessibility and safety of pedestrians.

Under the footpath renewal program various locations including Packard Street, Larrakeyah, Sanders Street, Jingili and Bayview Street, Fannie Bay are due for replacement.

An additional \$600,000 will be spent directly addressing outcomes from the 2030 Movement Strategy including Trower Road Tiwi – Stage 1 and designing outcomes for the 2024/25 year.



## STORMWATER AND ROADS

Continuing on a four-year program to survey the stormwater network, \$1.75m will be invested in storm water renewal and a further \$1.8m will be spent on road surfacing and renewal program. City of Darwin owns and maintains 475km of roads and 420km of Stormwater within the municipality. These are essential community infrastructure which requires continuous extension, maintenance, repair and replacement works.



## BETTER SUBURBS & GREENING

2023/24 marks the fourth year of the Better Suburbs Program to deliver an annual streetscape beautification program.

Projects are focussed on improving the amenity of Darwin and delivering services specific to each Ward. Small projects have arisen from the community's effective engagement with Elected Members and identifying priorities that are important to the community.

Greening our municipality continues to be at the forefront of Elected Member priorities. Over 4,500 trees are anticipated to be planted during 2023/24. A selection of the 2023/24 projects in planning are detailed on page 20.



## SHOAL BAY WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY

The Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility provides waste management services for residential and commercial customers across the Greater Darwin Region.

A significant round of capital investments, totalling \$17.7M, commenced in FY23 and will be finalised this financial year along with the development of landfill cell expansion plans. These upgrades support both environmental compliance and long-term sustainability of Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility.

City of Darwin will also undertake activities outlined in the Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy that reduce contamination rates, divert waste from landfill and support the circular economy. This includes the delivery of a new waste education program, improvements to kerbside collections and additional onsite materials processing.

In addition, City of Darwin will continue to engage with NTG on their waste management initiatives that support the greater Darwin community in achieving ambitious national recycling and resource recovery targets.



## SMART DARWIN

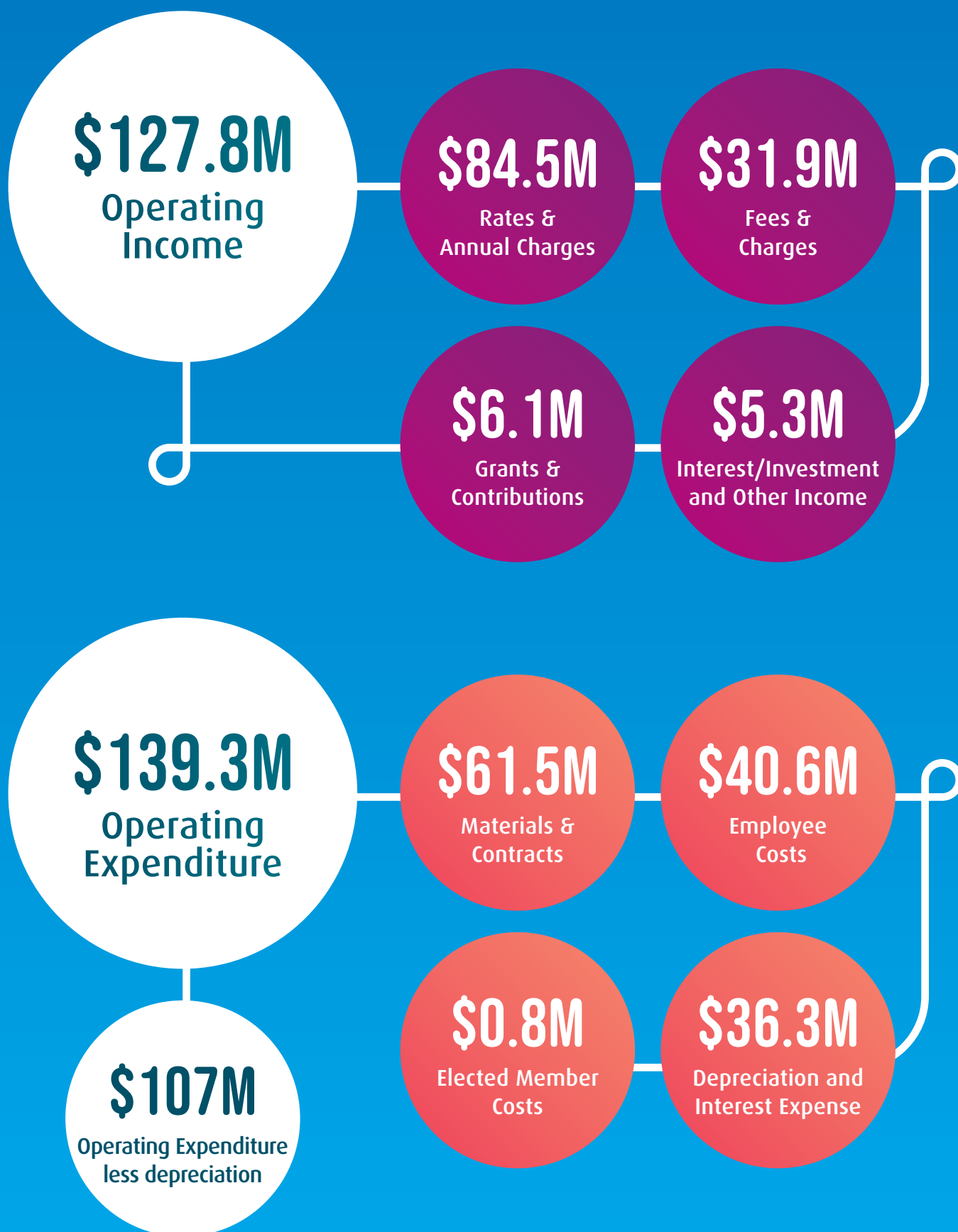
City of Darwin is placing a strong emphasis on Smart City in our 2023/24 Municipal Plan. To achieve this, we are increasing our data capabilities with the expansion of sensors and other technology to gather valuable insights. These insights will be used to inform decisions and strategies to improve the city's liveability, sustainability and economic growth.

To make these insights easily accessible we are creating interactive dashboards that will provide real-time information to stakeholders. YourDarwin platform will also be updated to ensure it remains an effective tool for engaging with the community and sharing information about city developments.

A vital aspect of our Smart City initiative is developing a comprehensive Smart City Action Plan. This plan will consider how our Smart City interacts with all Strategic Directions, ensuring we prioritise the needs of our residents and businesses.

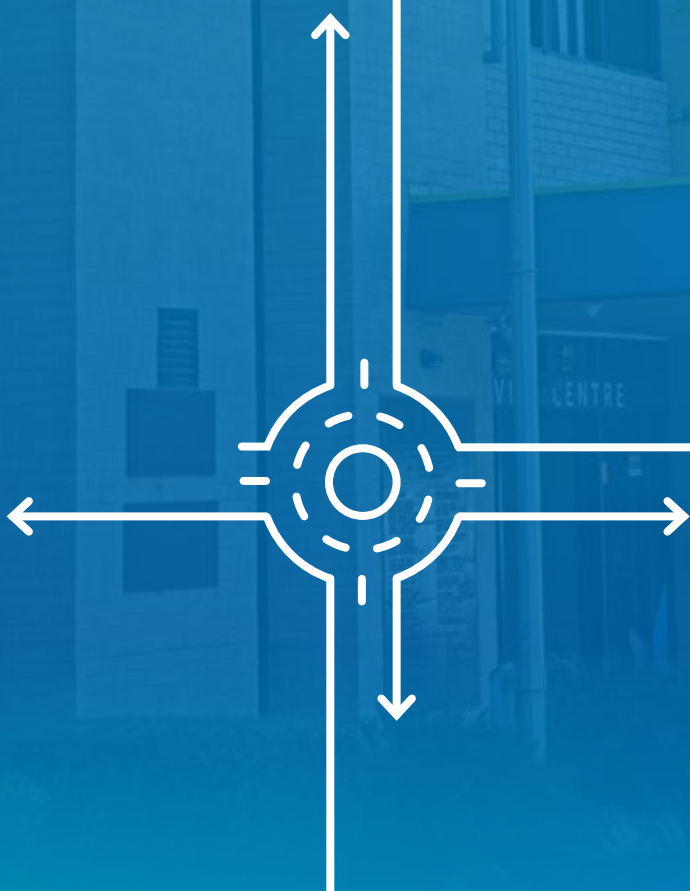
By investing in our Smart City, City of Darwin is set to continuing growing and prospering while maintaining a high quality of life for its residents.

# OVERVIEW OF OPERATING BUDGET





# OUR COUNCIL



# CITY OF DARWIN COUNCIL

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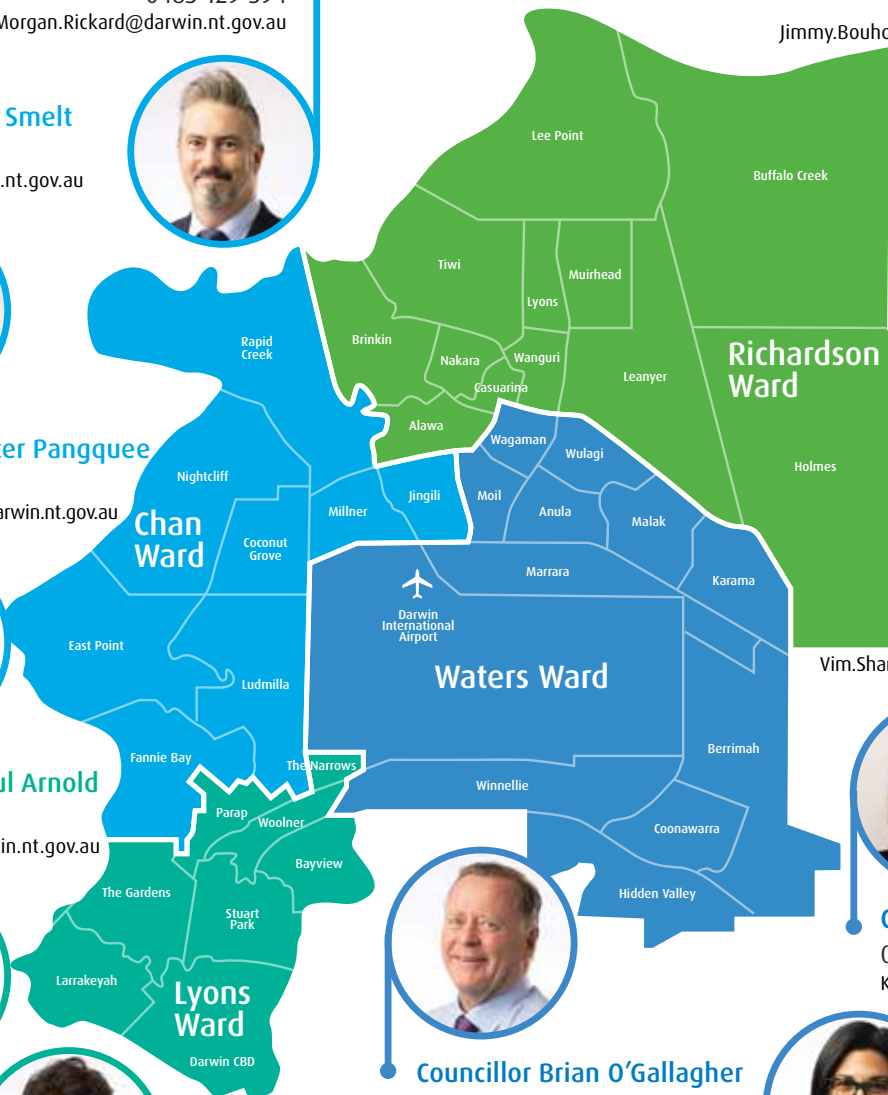
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# BETTER SUBURBS

## LORD MAYOR

### Chung Wah Temple Entrance

City of Darwin is providing \$100,000 contribution to the Chung Wah Society for enhancement works within the roads reserve which are complimentary to the Temple Moon Gate along Woods Street. Given the Temple's historic links and tourism potential, the works are considered as beautification in the vicinity of one of the entrances to Darwin City. The concept design demonstrates universal access is achieved within the constraints of the existing mature trees.

### Cavenagh Streetscape

Beautification works will be undertaken to the median strip along this busy thoroughfare and shopping precinct that includes the GPO and what will eventually be the approach to a university campus in our city. The landscaping improvements will continue greening and cooling enhancements along Cavenagh St.



CONCEPT DESIGN CAVENAGH STREET



# WATERS WARD

## Oval and Park Upgrades

Waters Ward has a strong focus on providing practical solutions to issues and opportunities identified by residents. To support creating a safer environment and building a safe and healthy lifestyle by providing interactive activities and equipment activating play spaces and improving accessibility to council facilities.

### Freycinet Park, Karama

Water bubblers and seating and bin to be installed at the playground near the basketball shooting court.

### Malak Greenbelt Park Warrior obstacle course

Water bubbler and seating will be installed in the vicinity of the bubblers for patrons to enjoy whilst taking a break from the newly established exercise warrior course.

### Robyn Lesley Park, Karama

Installation of low impact weight exercise station to replace previous exercise station for the seniors to take advantage of the early morning shade in the park.

### Wagaman Oval Stage 1 – Beautification Project

Wagaman Oval will undergo Stage 1 of the Beautification Project during 2023/24. Initial upgrades include irrigation, tree planting, seat lighting and shelter improvements.

The improvements to the Waters Ward parks amenities will allow greater use of the public space for outdoor recreational activities consistent with a Territory lifestyle.



CONCEPT DESIGN WARRIOR OBSTACLE COURSE

# CHAN WARD

## Fitzger Drive Community Planting

To continue the greening and beautification of our city, a Community Planting Day is scheduled for late in 2023 to take advantage of wet season and the ability of the plants to establish. This is a great opportunity for the community to come together and plant native trees to benefit our environment and beautify our streetscapes.

## Nightcliff Masterplan

A masterplan for Nightcliff Shopping Village will establish the next raft of initiatives for Council to deliver and create a pipeline of shovel ready projects so that Council can move quickly when grants and other funding opportunities arise.



CONCEPT DESIGN NIGHTCLIFF



# LYONS WARD

## McMinn Street Landscaping Upgrades

McMinn Street is one of the first major streets seen when entering the city using Tiger Brennan Drive. During 2023/24 McMinn Street between Garramilla Boulevard and Carey Street will receive a facelift which includes irrigation and turf and ground cover to improve the visual amenity of the space.

## Park Seating

Targeted improvements to seating and water bubblers across various areas of the Lyons Ward will be conducted during 2023/24 as requested by the community.

## Goyder Road

Goyder Road in Lyons Ward is a key connector road running between Gilruth Avenue and the Stuart Highway in Parap. Amongst other things, Goyder Road is a site of the Northern Territory's first official cemetery. Darwin's Pioneer Cemetery is a reflection of the beginnings of Darwin's proud multicultural community as it is the resting site of diverse cultural and religious groups. City of Darwin has already invested \$246,000 through Better Suburbs in beautifications works on Goyder Road and now a further \$55,000 will be invested into enhancements.

Streetscaping works including irrigation to traffic islands are planned to brighten and maximise the impact of the broad road design and generous surrounding space.



# RICHARDSON WARD

## Muirhead Dog Park Upgrades

There are a number of options for exercising your furry friend and a dog park is one. Dog parks offer a space for dogs to frolic in safety while fostering opportunities for social inclusion.

## Garamanak Park Basketball Half-Court

Located adjacent to the Lyons Community Centre, the Garamanak Park basketball court will have court surfacing to improve its use for residents of the area.

## Portable Smart Pole Trial

A portable smart pole will be introduced into the Richardson Ward. The pole includes features such as solar light, movement and people counting abilities and environmental sensors. When strategically placed throughout the area, the pole can inform council officers on matters such as the amount and timing of use of a play area, how frequently a BBQ is being used or how many people pass through a space. Having the ability to understand how our public open spaces and facilities are being used will allow City of Darwin to make more informed, data driven decisions.









# ELECTED MEMBER ALLOWANCES

The Remuneration Tribunal Report and Determination No. 1 of 2023 – Allowances for Members of Local Government Councils was made on 24 January 2023 and tabled in the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly on 14 February 2023.

The Determination sets the value of Elected Member Allowances, Deputy Principal Members Allowance and Principal Members Allowance. Allowances are paid in accordance with City of Darwin Elected Members Expenses, Facilities and Support Policy.

Table 1 shows the maximum amount payable for the 2023/24 financial year.

PRINCIPAL MEMBER (LORD MAYOR)	
Type of Allowance	Principal Member Allowances from July 2023
Principal Member Allowance	\$127,200.00
Councillor Allowance	\$31,000.00
Vehicle Allowance	\$25,000.00
Professional Development Allowance	\$4,000.00
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL MEMBER (DEPUTY LORD MAYOR)	
Type of Allowance	Deputy Principal Member Allowances from July 2023
Deputy Principal Member Allowance	\$23,800.00
Councillor Allowance	\$31,000.00
Extra Meeting allowance	up to 2 hours   \$200.00 between 2 to 4 hours   \$300.00 more than 4 hours   \$500.00 capped at \$10,000 per financial year
Professional Development Allowance	\$4,000.00
ELECTED MEMBERS	
Type of Allowance	Elected Member Ordinary Base Allowances from July 2023
Councillor Allowance	\$31,000.00
Extra Meeting Allowance	up to 2 hours   \$200.00 between 2 to 4 hours   \$300.00 more than 4 hours   \$500.00 capped at \$10,000 per financial year
Professional Development Allowance	\$4,000.00
Vehicle allowance	Capped at \$5,000.00 per financial year involves travel 50km from home base

Table 1 2023/24 Elected Member Allowances

# CITY OF DARWIN

Operating on a three-hub structure plus the Office of the Lord Mayor and Chief Executive Officer, has allowed City of Darwin to align to the priorities in the *Local Government Act 2019* and also create a more agile organisation focused on collaboration and streamlined decision making to ultimately deliver better services to our community.

## Corporate Structure

**OFFICE OF THE  
LORD MAYOR AND  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
OFFICER**

**Simone  
Saunders –  
Chief Executive  
Officer**



- Lord Mayor's Office
- Secretariat, Strategy and Corporate Affairs
- Marketing, Communications & Engagement

The Office of the Lord Mayor and Chief Executive Officer leads Strategy and Council secretariat services.

This area also manages Council's marketing, media, brand, communications and engagement programs.

**CORPORATE**

**Steve Thacker –  
General Manager**



- Human Resources and Safety
- Customer and Corporate Services
- Finance
- Assets and Infrastructure
- Information Communication and Technology

The Corporate Hub is responsible for delivering the annual capital works program and support functions to ensure continued excellence in internal and external customer service.

**INNOVATION**

**Alice Percy –  
General Manager**



- Digital Innovation and Records
- Environment, Climate and Waste
- Technical Services
- Growth and Development

The Innovation Hub delivers innovative services, programs and projects which take into consideration sustainability and the future of Darwin.

**COMMUNITY**

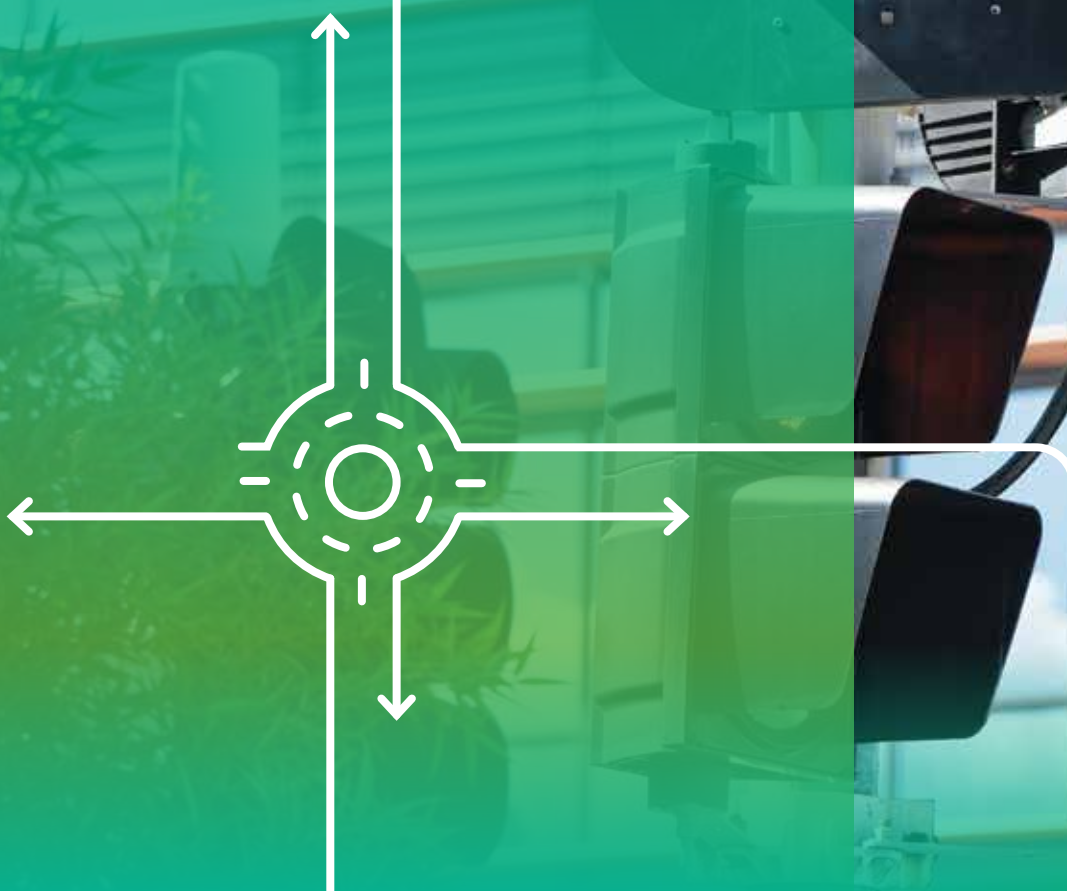
**Matt Grassmayr –  
General Manager**



- Community and Cultural Services
- Library and Family Services
- Operations
- Regulatory Services

The Community Hub provides a diverse range of services, programs and activities that enhance the wellbeing and safety of the community and is responsible for the maintenance of all City of Darwin's assets and civil infrastructure.

# OUR APPROACH TO PLANNING





# STRATEGIC PLANNING FRAMEWORK

**Darwin 2030: City for People. City of Colour.**  
Strategic Plan

## Endorsed Strategies



**Municipal Plan**  
(including Annual Budget)

**Quarterly Reporting**

**Annual Report**

**Review & Update**

### Informed by:

Legislation  
(Australia and NT)

NT Government  
strategies and policies

City of Darwin  
Long Term Financial Plan

Long Term Asset  
Management Plans

Other Council  
strategies and policies

# OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR SERVICE DELIVERY

Each year Council considers opportunities and challenges for service delivery as part of its annual review of the [Long Term Financial Plan 2021 - 30 | City of Darwin | Darwin Council, Northern Territory](#) and budget process.

Other external challenges for planning and budgeting practices are:

- > Increasing community expectations which require digital transformation to deliver services in the same way as the private sector such as banks, insurers and telecommunication companies
- > Increased competition for access to the skills and contractors needed to deliver works including maintenance
- > Highly competitive employment market
- > Rising community expectations and increased community engagement on Council matters and decisions which require additional officer resources to accommodate
- > Internal and external cost pressures including for construction and whole of life asset maintenance
- > Increased threats of cyclonic and extreme weather from climate change
- > Waste minimisation strategies and management of landfill diversion activities to leverage a circular economy
- > Demographic changes to community composition

## MANAGING RISK

City of Darwin's Governance Framework incorporates Council's Risk Management Framework. Strategic risk assessments and mitigation strategies have been considered when developing the municipal plan.

The Risk Management and Audit Committee provides independent assurance and assistance to Council and the CEO in matters relating to:

- > Monitoring the risk management framework
- > Financial reporting processes
- > Compliance
- > Audit program and the performance of auditors
- > Monitoring emerging risks

Risk Management is a fundamental component of managing our operations.

Our process to identify, assess and manage risk include:

- > A broad-based risk assessment process which is used to develop a rolling three-year internal audit plan and to inform risk management activities
- > The corporate planning process which prioritise actions based on assessed risks
- > Continued development and review of strategic and operational risk registers, including controls and actions
- > The project control framework provides a governance process for managing projects. This includes the creation of a project risk register, where relevant, and the active management of identified risks
- > Use of a dedicated system for monitoring and reporting against Strategic, Operational and Project Risk Registers.

# LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

City of Darwin's Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) is available on Council's website at: [Long Term Financial Plan 2021 - 30 | City of Darwin | Darwin Council, Northern Territory](#)

Council's LTFP extends over a ten (10) year period to ensure that City of Darwin maintains a focus on managing the medium and long-term financial position of City of Darwin, so that successive Councils inherit a financially sound organisation that has exercised financial prudence in the execution of its duties.

Given the changing nature of many of the assumptions, the LTFP is a living document that is periodically updated to ensure it remains fit for purpose. Unforeseen events, changes in strategic direction or additional grants need to be evaluated in relation to the currency of the LTFP as seemingly minor changes may have a compounding effect on City of Darwin's capital plans.

The plan outlines the assumptions that the financial model is based on and the subsequent impact of those assumptions on future revenue, operational and capital expenditure.

## ADVOCACY AND COLLABORATION

City of Darwin partners with a range of bodies to provide leadership; secure funding and investment, and influence policy outcomes with other tiers of government.

- > Key partnerships include representation on: **The Council of Capital City Lord Mayors (CCCLM)** provides national leadership for the effective co-ordination and representation of the interests of Capital Cities of the Australian States and Territories, especially in their relations with other spheres of government. The strategic priorities for CCCLM are securing ongoing Federal Government engagement, partnerships, alliance and investment in capital cities as well as securing Federal Government investment in nation building infrastructure in capital cities and encouraging smart growth in urban Australia.
- > **The Northern Australia Capital City Committee (NACC)** provides an opportunity for City of Darwin and Northern Territory Government to work together to enhance the productivity, sustainability and liveability of Darwin.
- > **The Top End Regional Organisation of Councils (TOPROC)**. TOPROC comprises of six (6) Top End Council's Belyuen Community Government Council, City of Darwin, City of Palmerston, Coomalie Community Government Council, Litchfield Council and Wagait Shire Council. It is committed to the sustainable development of our Greater Darwin Regional and meets on a regular basis to progress common issues.
- > **Local Government Association of the NT (LGANT)** is the peak body representing Local Government in the Northern Territory. City of Darwin appoints two Elected Members to the Executive Committee each year.

# OUR SERVICE DELIVERY





# OUR SERVICE DELIVERY

*In developing the budget, Council considers where we are on the path towards achieving the Darwin 2030 strategy.*

The Lord Mayor and Councillors then set the strategic direction for the range of services City of Darwin will provide over the coming year and the projects, programs and initiatives they are resourced to deliver as priority deliverables.

The CEO then manages the implementation, delivery and performance reporting to Council and community throughout the year.

## HOW OUR SERVICES ARE STRUCTURED

SERVICE	DESCRIPTION	HUB
Arts and Culture	Enable and foster creativity to flourish and grow by facilitating arts and culture opportunities; building capacity; and acting as a caretaker of our communities' cultural assets	Community
Assets	Manage City of Darwin's Asset Management Framework to develop priority plans for the maintenance of Council owned assets to ensure whole of life sustainability	Corporate
Buildings	Maintain Council owned building and facilities in accordance with leases and tenancies, building, safety and security requirements, legislation, standards, and Council's Asset Management Plans	Community
Cemeteries	Manage cemeteries in accordance with the Burial and Cremation Act 2022	Community
City Parking	Effectively manage City of Darwin's parking strategy for on and off-street car parking	Innovation
City Planning	Undertake a range of strategic, social, and statutory town planning functions including Development Assessments, Planning Scheme Amendments, strategic land use planning review and formulation and long-term social infrastructure planning	Innovation
Climate and Environment	Manage City of Darwin's response to climate change and environmental conditions through a strategy-based approach employing an adaption, resilience, and decarbonisation tactics	Innovation
Community and Cultural Development	Provide support to the community development sector to create opportunity and choice for the Darwin community through the creation of culturally appropriate, accessible, and inclusive spaces, facilities, and programs	Community
Community Infrastructure	Design, construct and maintain community infrastructure to provide safe, efficient, and sustainable assets in accordance with legislation, standards, and Council policies	Corporate / Community / Innovation
Corporate Records and Freedom of Information	Ensure comprehensive records management systems are maintained to achieve transparency and privacy requirements in line with legislated obligations	Innovation
Customer Service	Provide an overarching business approach for customer service and feedback management. Ensure responsive customer service that values continuous improvement	Corporate

SERVICE	DESCRIPTION	HUB
Darwin Entertainment Centre and Darwin Amphitheatre	Fund and monitor the delivery of cultural outcomes through programming undertaken by Darwin Entertainment Centre and the Darwin Amphitheatre	Community
Digital Innovation	Deliver a Smart Darwin Action Plan 2030 to advance Darwin as a smart city	Innovation
Economic Development	Manage and implement City of Darwin's Economic Development Strategy to influence and drive economic growth	Innovation
Emergency Planning and Response	Provide an overarching business approach to Emergency Planning and Response covering natural disasters, critical events, business continuity and security management	Corporate
Engagement	Manage City of Darwin's community engagement program to position Elected Members to confidently make decisions with a clear understanding of community and stakeholder issue and sentiment	Office of the Lord Mayor and CEO
Events	Manage and deliver City of Darwin's event program and support events that engage locals and attract visitors through advice and permits	Innovation
Family and Children Services	Enhance the wellbeing of children and their families by providing family and children's services and programs	Community
Finance	Provide financial services and oversight in relation to Financial and Budgetary planning and management. Ensure appropriate systems are in place to enable Council to make informed decisions and meet strategic directions and community expectations.  Provide financial oversight and guidance in relation to revenue strategy, analysis, reporting, and performance.	Corporate
Human Resource Services	Provide Human Resource Services, oversight, and expertise to assist in the management of City of Darwin's workforce. Including: employee recruitment, management, learning and development and payroll services	Corporate
Information Communication and Technology	Manage the provision of City of Darwin's software and hardware technology including internal customer support, cybersecurity, network infrastructure and external facing ICT services.	Corporate
International Relations	Develop City of Darwin's international relations program to strengthen cultural ties, leverage business growth and economic development opportunities for the city	Innovation
Libraries	Manage libraries and deliver services that promote and support the lifelong learning, culture and wellbeing needs of our community	Community
Marketing and Communications	Manage Council's marketing, media, brand, and communication requirements, including public relations and external affairs, social and digital media	Office of the Lord Mayor and CEO
Parks and Reserves	Provide and maintain City of Darwin's open spaces, including parks, reserves, and recreational spaces in accordance with Asset Management Plans	Community
Procurement	Provide a strategic procurement and contract management framework that ensures transparent, equitable and value driven expenditure	Corporate
Property	Manage and oversee Council land and property holdings	Innovation

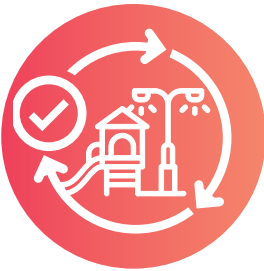
SERVICE	DESCRIPTION	HUB
Reconciliation	Build trusting and meaningful partnerships to create social, employment and economic outcomes for First Nations people. Work toward and improved shared future and greater understanding	Community
Recreation and Leisure	Manage City of Darwin's recreation and sporting facilities, and deliver programs to support the health and wellbeing of the community	Community
Regulatory Services	Regulate and manage regulatory compliance with Council By-Laws to maintain and promote public safety and amenity	Community
Risk and Assurance	Manage City of Darwin's Enterprise Risk Management Framework. Provide Corporate Governance, guidance and assurance in fraud prevention, internal audit, legal services, insurance, privacy and internal policy, procedures, and compliance	Corporate
Safer City Program	Manage and implement the Darwin Safer City Program including assertive outreach and support services, advocacy, and policy development to improve outcomes for vulnerable people and provide safe public spaces	Community
Secretariat, Strategy and Corporate Affairs	Manage the City of Darwin Governance Framework, Strategic and Municipal Plans, Statutory Council and Committee Structures, Local Government Elections, Lord Mayor's Office and Elected Member support, strategic issues and key relationship management, advocacy, funding submissions and grant acquittals	Office of the Lord Mayor and CEO
Strategy and Performance	Manage the implementation of the City of Darwin Integrated Planning and Performance Framework, Service Review and Strategy Platforms	Corporate
Waste Management	Deliver Council's waste collection, recycling and management programs and manage the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility in accordance with legislative requirements, standards, and policies	Innovation
Work Health and Safety	Provide support and expertise to assist in the delivery of City of Darwin's work health and safety management and enterprise systems	Corporate
Youth Services	Deliver programs that celebrate young Darwin, support participation of young people in our community and build the capacity of young people to shape their lives and the community around them	Community



# OUR DELIVERY COMMITMENTS

*Council set the budget to resource the annual program of delivering commitments.*

Officers work throughout the year to deliver on these commitments and provide regular reporting to Councillors and the community on the progress, performance and issues arising.



## SD1 - A CAPITAL CITY WITH BEST PRACTICE AND SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE

**BY 2030, A NUMBER OF STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS WILL BE DEVELOPED AND DELIVERED**

2023/24 DELIVERABLES	HUB	PROGRAM LEAD
Deliver the 2023/24 Capital Works Program	Corporate	Infrastructure
Deliver the 2023/24 Better Suburbs and Enhancement Projects	Corporate	Infrastructure
Deliver the Lee Point Road Project	Corporate	Infrastructure
Continue asset condition assessments for Council's stormwater infrastructure	Corporate	Assets
Implement a Strategic Property Plan 2030 for City of Darwin properties to ensure sustainability	Innovation	Growth & Development



## SD2 - A SAFE, LIVEABLE AND HEALTHY CITY

### BY 2030, DARWIN WILL BE A SAFER PLACE TO LIVE AND VISIT

2023/24 DELIVERABLES	HUB	PROGRAM LEAD
Deliver the Making Mindil Safe Project - Stage 2	Corporate	Infrastructure
Deliver the 2023/24 animal management program and services	Community	Regulatory Services
Continue to partner with the Northern Territory Government to deliver City Safe Security Patrol Services in the city centre	Community	Community & Cultural Services

### BY 2030, DARWIN WILL BE INCREASINGLY RECOGNISED AS A LIVEABLE CITY

2023/24 DELIVERABLES	HUB	PROGRAM LEAD
Deliver the 2023/24 Movement Strategy annual funded program	Innovation	Growth & Development
Deliver the 2023/24 Play Space Strategy annual funded program	Community	Community & Cultural Services
Deliver placemaking planning and opportunities across the municipality	Innovation	Growth & Development
Participate in City Deal initiatives, including the State Square and Civic Precinct Redevelopment	Innovation	Growth & Development

### BY 2030, DARWIN RESIDENTS WILL BE MORE ACTIVE AND HEALTHY

2023/24 DELIVERABLES	HUB	PROGRAM LEAD
Deliver the annual milestone progress on the Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre Project	Corporate	Infrastructure
Deliver the Healthy Darwin program across the municipality	Community	Community & Cultural Services
Complete an audit which identifies locations for cycling and micromobility infrastructure opportunities	Innovation	Growth & Development

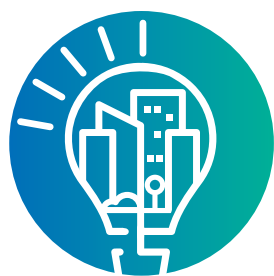


# SD3 - A COOL, CLEAN AND GREEN CITY

BY 2030, DARWIN WILL BE RECOGNISED AS A CLEAN AND ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE CITY

2023/24 DELIVERABLES	HUB	PROGRAM LEAD
Deliver the 2023/24 Greening Darwin Strategy annual funded programs	Community	Operations
Deliver the 2023/24 Climate Strategy annual funded programs	Innovation	Environment
Deliver the 2023/24 Waste Management and Resource Recovery annual funded program	Innovation	Waste
Deliver the final capping on landfill areas Stage 3/4 at Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility	Corporate	Infrastructure
Stage 2 expansion and Stage 7 Design of Landfill Cells for Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility	Corporate	Infrastructure
Finalise a best practice Environmental Management System for City of Darwin operations	Innovation	Environment
Partner with City Deal Partners to deliver the Heat Mitigation and Adaption Strategy and Urban Living priorities	Innovation	Environment





## SD4 - A SMART AND PROSPEROUS CITY

### BY 2030, DARWIN WILL BE RECOGNISED GLOBALLY AS A SMART CITY

2023/24 DELIVERABLES	HUB	PROGRAM LEAD
Deliver 2023/24 components of the Smart City Initiatives	Innovation	Records and Digital Innovation
Implement Customer Service Strategy annual actions	Corporate	Corporate & Customer Service
Implement Library Strategy annual actions	Community	Library & Family Services
Deliver 2023/24 outcomes from the ICT Roadmap	Corporate	Information Services
Upgrade City of Darwin's Electronic Records Management System	Corporate	Information Services
Develop a Innovation Toolkit to empower City of Darwin Staff and the Community to deliver innovative outcomes	Innovation	Records and Digital Innovation

### BY 2030, DARWIN WILL HAVE ATTRACTED AND RETAINED MORE RESIDENTS AND WILL OFFER SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

2023/24 DELIVERABLES	HUB	PROGRAM LEAD
Promote Darwin as a great destination to live, work, study, visit and invest through various channels	Innovation	Growth & Development
Deliver an International Relations Program	Innovation	Growth & Development
Promote City of Darwin via official website & social media accounts	OCEOLM	Marketing & Communications



## SD5 - A VIBRANT AND CREATIVE CITY

### BY 2030, DARWIN WILL BE RECOGNISED AS AN ICONIC DESTINATION

2023/24 DELIVERABLES	HUB	PROGRAM LEAD
Deliver a City of Darwin annual events program and events management, including partnering with NTG to deliver the Christmas pageant	Innovation	Growth & Development
Partner with key stakeholders through the Cruise Tourism Working Group and Destination Darwin Working Group	Innovation	Growth & Development
Develop and implement a Creative Strategy	Community	Community & Cultural Services

### BY 2030, DARWIN WILL BE A MORE CONNECTED COMMUNITY AND HAVE PRIDE IN OUR CULTURAL IDENTITY

2023/24 DELIVERABLES	HUB	PROGRAM LEAD
Develop the new Innovation Reconciliation Action Plan	Community	Community & Cultural Services
Deliver the 2023/24 Community Grants Program to support and enable community events and programs including those celebrating culture, arts and diversity	Community	Community & Cultural Services
Deliver the 2023/24 Youth Strategy annual actions	Community	Community & Cultural Services
Develop the next Access & Inclusion Strategy	Community	Community & Cultural Services
Deliver the 2023/24 communications, media and marketing program	OCEOLM	Marketing & Communications

# CITY OF DARWIN GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK

## Vision and Culture

2023/24 DELIVERABLES	HUB	PROGRAM LEAD
Continue to implement Council's integrated Strategic Planning Framework	Corporate	Corporate & Customer Service
Proactive risk management in supporting operations and project delivery	Corporate	Corporate & Customer Service

## Roles and Relationships

2023/24 DELIVERABLES	HUB	PROGRAM LEAD
Establish and maintain productive and positive relationships with Larrakia Nation, First Nations and Government Stakeholders to work in collaboration to improve public amenity	Community	Community & Cultural Services
Provide Operating Subsidies and Sponsorships in line with City of Darwin's Funding Guidelines	All	Growth & Development
Advocate Council's position at National and Local Levels for the benefit of the Darwin community	OCEOLM	Secretariat

## Decision Making and Management

2023/24 DELIVERABLES	HUB	PROGRAM LEAD
Implement new City of Darwin By-Laws in compliance with legislative requirements	Community	Regulatory
Review and refine Workplace Health & Safety Management Framework and document suite	Corporate	Human Resources
Implement Council's Privacy Management Framework and annual actions	Corporate	Corporate & Customer Service

## Accountability

2023/24 DELIVERABLES	HUB	PROGRAM LEAD
Deliver Unqualified 2022/23 City of Darwin Audited Financial Statements	Corporate	Finance
Deliver the 2022/23 Annual Report	Corporate	Corporate & Customer Service
Deliver the 2023/24 Internal Audit Program	Corporate	Corporate & Customer Service

# 2023/24 BUDGETED CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM

PROGRAM NAME	2023/24 TOTAL PROGRAM BUDGET	FUNDING SOURCE		
		REVENUE	RESERVE	GRANT
ROADS & PATHWAYS				
ACCESS PROGRAM	55,000	55,000		
As prioritised by Access and Inclusion Committee				
SHARED PATHS PROGRAM	600,000	600,000		
Movement Strategy Actions - Operational Action Development				
Movement Strategy Outcomes - Design for 2024/25 Projects				
Trower Road Tiwi - Stage 1, Delemere Street to Erldunda Street				
DRIVEWAY PROGRAM	220,000	220,000		
Fannie Bay				
Millner				
Brinkin				
Urgent minor works				
FOOTPATH RECONSTRUCTION	750,000	750,000		
Packard St - Larrakeyah				
Sanders St Jingili				
Bayview Street, Fannie Bay				
Urgent minor works				
WALKWAYS RESURFACING	120,000	120,000		
Asset renewal program				
MINOR CAPITAL WORKS	150,000	150,000		
Emergency repairs as needed				
LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT	600,000	600,000		
Feasibility Study - Progress Dr/Dickward Drive refuge				
Mitchell Street Childcare School Crossing				
Casuarina Dr/Chapman Road Carpark				
Dickward Drive Old McMillans refuge				
TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADES AND REPLACEMENT	50,000	50,000		
System asset renewal				



PROGRAM NAME	2023/24 TOTAL PROGRAM BUDGET	FUNDING SOURCE		
		REVENUE	RESERVE	GRANT
ROADS & PATHWAYS				
ROAD RESURFACING & RENEWAL	1,800,000	1,540,000	260,000	
Asphalt Program				
Lee Point Road				
Trower Road Inbound - Delamere Street to Bradshaw				
Trower Road Outbound - Bradshaw to Delamere Street				
Spray Seal Program				
Allen St Fannie Bay				
Hinkler Cres Fannie Bay				
Willaroo Cres Tiwi				
Mullen Gardens Alawa				
Trower Road Service Road Brinkin				
ROAD RECONSTRUCTION	500,000	500,000		
Lee Point Road Duplication				
LCRI - Phase Four	862,000			862,000
STORMWATER				
STORMWATER UPGRADES AND RECONSTRUCTION	1,750,000	1,750,000		
Asset survey and cleaning program - investigation of faults				
Jingili - displaced				
Dick Ward Drive				
BUILDINGS				
CASUARINA AQUATIC & LEISURE CENTRE	1,300,000	900,000	400,000	
DARWIN ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE; UPGRADES & REFURBISHMENT	143,000		143,000	
Goods lift and building certification projects				
COUNCIL BUILDINGS - EXTERIOR RENEWAL	165,000	165,000		
COUNCIL BUILDINGS - INTERIOR RENEWAL	150,000	150,000		
COUNCIL BUILDINGS - SERVICES RENEWALS	135,000	135,000		
COUNCIL BUILDING - STRUCTURAL RENEWAL	60,000	60,000		
DARWIN GENERAL CEMETERY UPGRADE & REFURBISHMENT	20,000	20,000		
STREET LIGHTING				
STREET & PUBLIC LIGHTING CAPITAL REPLACEMENT	800,000	800,000		
City Touch to PlaNet migration - CBD lighting control system due to terminate due to cancellation of 3G network				
Making Mindil Safe Stage 2 - Casino to Mindil carpark lighting				
Nightcliff/Rapid Creek Foreshore Lighting Upgrade Projects				
Luminaire Replacement				

PROGRAM NAME	2023/24 TOTAL PROGRAM BUDGET	FUNDING SOURCE		
		REVENUE	RESERVE	GRANT
RECREATIONAL				
SPORTS FACILITY UPGRADES & REFURBISHMENT Nightcliff and Bagot Ovals	150,000	150,000		
PLAYGROUND REFURBISHMENT	260,000	230,000	30,000	
SOFTFALL UNDER PLAY EQUIPMENT Linked with playground refurbishment program	160,000	130,000	30,000	
IRRIGATION INFRASTRUCTURE	250,000	250,000		
PARKS INFRASTRUCTURE REFURBISHMENT Juliet Shields Park Minor Park furniture - i.e. bubblers etc	150,000	150,000		
BETTER SUBURBS Better Suburbs	500,000	500,000		
FENCING Foreshore and pine log	140,000	140,000		
WASTE				
SHOAL BAY WASTE MANAGEMENT SITE Stage Cell 7 expansion design	100,000		100,000	
SHOAL BAY WASTE MANAGEMENT SITE Cardboard Compactor	180,000		90,000	90,000
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT				
PLANT & EQUIPMENT; REPLACEMENT PROGRAM	3,200,000		3,200,000	
IT INFRASTRUCTURE Domain Server Replacement Network Switch Upgrade Wi-Fi Infrastructure upgrade	320,000	320,000		
SMART CITIES INFRASTRUCTURE	65,000	65,000		
Enterprise IT Upgrades	3,155,000		3,155,000	
PUBLIC ART				
PUBLIC ART DEVELOPMENT	160,000	160,000		
Total	19,020,000	10,660,000	7,408,000	952,000





# COMMUNITY FUNDING AND SUPPORT

City of Darwin is committed to supporting the Darwin community through the provision of direct funding through sponsorships, grants and operating subsidies across a variety of categories which reflect the 2030 vision.

Council provides in-kind support for one-off community events and projects throughout the year, but also aspired to provide support of a kind that builds capacity and capability among passionate community members to create self-sustaining events which become a much loved and respected tradition for community and visitors to our city.

Table 2 reflects the Grant, Sponsorship and Operational Subsidies program already committed in formal agreements.

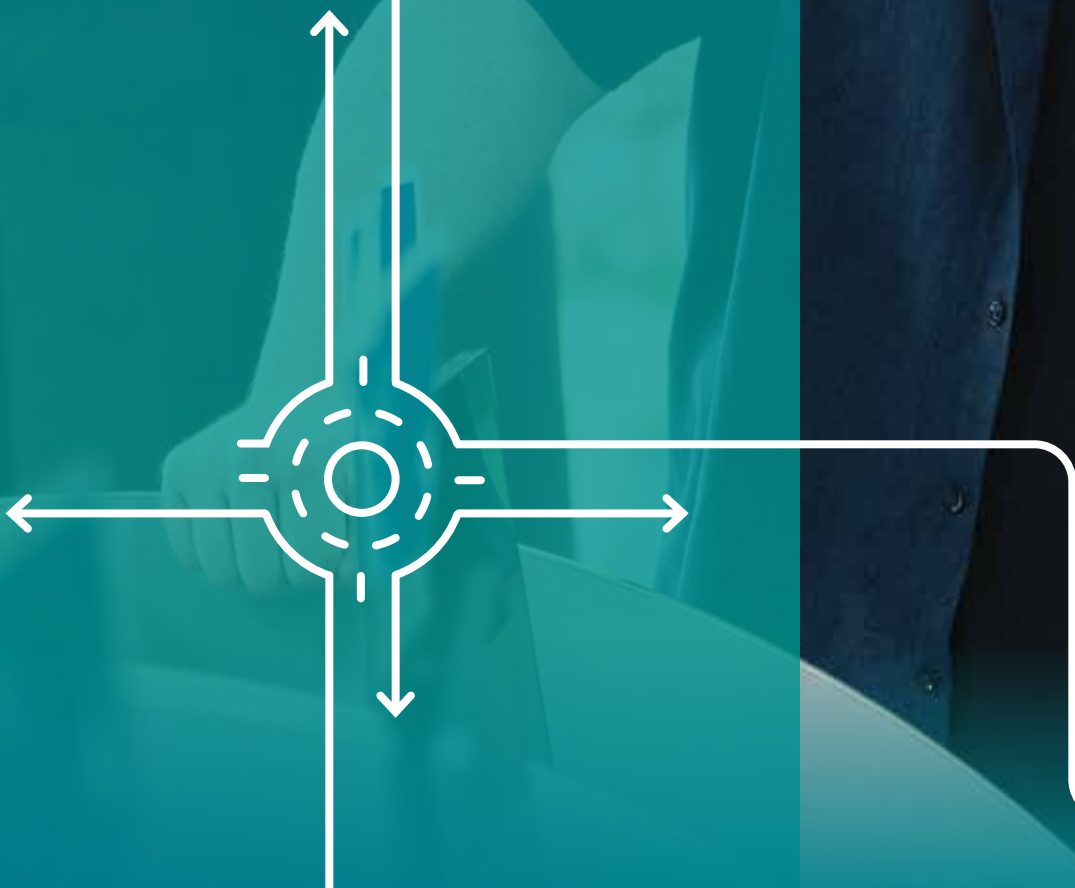




ORGANISATION	EVENT / PROJECT	AGREEMENT EXPIRY DATE	TOTAL SPONSORSHIP CASH \$	TOTAL SPONSORSHIP IN KIND \$	TOTAL
City of Darwin	Community Grants	30-Jun-24	100,000		100,000
Darwin Cycling Club Incorporated	Sunbuild Top End Gran Fondo	30-Jun-24	10,000		10,000
Darwin Fringe Festival	Darwin Fringe Festival	30-Jun-24	10,000	1,500	11,500
The Rotary Club of Darwin and School Children's Arts Education Foundation Incorporated	The Beat Festival	30-Jun-24	5,000		5,000
Foldback Magazine Incorporated	Imagine Seaside Carnival	30-Jun-24	11,000	1,102	12,102
Tourism Top End	Visitor Information Centre	30-Jun-24	87,500		87,500
Darwin City Retailer Association	Renew Darwin City	30-Jun-24	40,000		40,000
The Royal Agricultural Society of the Northern Territory Incorporated	Royal Darwin Show	30-Jun-24	15,000		15,000
The Darwin Festival Ltd	Darwin festival	30-Jun-24	150,000	18,000	168,000
Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair Foundation	Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair	30-Jun-24	10,000		10,000
Brown's Mart Arts Ltd	Browns Mart	30-Jun-24	10,000	1,000	11,000
Climate Change and Environment Grants	Annual Grants Program	30-Jun-24	50,000		50,000
George Brown Memorial Scholarship	Scholarship	30-Jun-24	3,000		3,000
Christmas in Darwin	Carols by Candlelight	30-Jun-25	31,530		31,530
RSL of Australia (SA Branch), Darwin Sub Branch	ANZAC Day	30-Sep-23	28,000	7,000	35,000
Darwin Entertainment Centre	Operate & Manage Darwin Entertainment Centre	30-Jun-24	680,000		680,000
Nightcliff Arts Music and Culture Inc.	Seabreeze Festival	30-Jun-24	20,000	15,000	35,000
Darwin City Brass Band		30-Jun-24	30,000		30,000
RSPCA Darwin		30-Jun-24	120,000		120,000
Paws Darwin		30-Jun-24	30,000		30,000
Surf Lifesaving NT		30-Jun-24	30,000		30,000
NT Major Events Company	Various	30-Jun-24	9,000		9,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>1,480,030</b>	<b>43,602</b>	<b>1,523,632</b>

Table 2 2023/24 Sponsorships, Grants and Operating Subsidies

# BUDGET





*The 2023/24 is a challenging economic budget environment that has seen the highest inflation levels in nearly 40 years and increases to the cash rate from unprecedented lows of 0.1% to level not seen in over 10 years.*

Despite these challenges the 2023/24 Annual Budget demonstrates Council's commitment in supporting the community by maintaining its current service levels to the community and its responsible stewardship of over \$1.25B in Community assets. This has been achieved by assessing all operational expenditure to identify efficiencies and incorporating increases on an identified needs only basis. Fees and charges have increased to also alleviate the burden to the general rate payer and further align with a user pay system for services. The combination of these measures has enabled Council to minimise the rate increase to 5%, which is 2% below the CPI indexation. This means that the average residential property will be an indicative weekly increase in the General Rate of \$1.72; and including the Kerbside Waste Collection Rate the overall indicative weekly increase is \$2.14.

The Annual Budget is presented in the new required format of Guideline 5: Budgets of the Local Government Act 2019.

# 2023/24 OPERATING BUDGET OVERVIEW

The operating budget provides details of the income receives to fund its operations and the expenses it incurs in delivering services to the community.

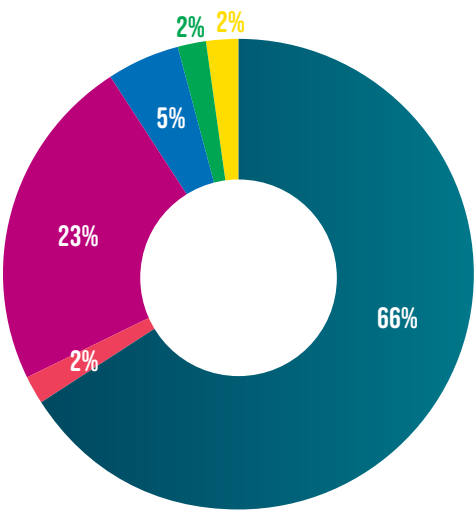
## Analysis of Operating Budget

### WHERE THE FUNDS COME FROM

#### OPERATING INCOME (EXCLUDING INCOME FOR CAPITAL PURPOSES)

2023/24 Total Operating Income \$127,765

## INCOME



**Figure 1** 2023/24 Operating Income (Excluding Income for Capital Purposes)

<div></div>	Rates & Annual Charges	\$84.52m
<div></div>	Statutory Charges	\$2.34m
<div></div>	User Fees & Charges	\$29.53m
<div></div>	Operating Grants & Subsidies	\$6.12m
<div></div>	Interest / Investment Income	\$3.10m
<div></div>	Other Income	\$2.15m

**Table 3** 2023/24 Operating Income (Excluding Income for Capital Purposes)



## Draft Annual Budget Income and Expenditure

OPERATING INCOME	BUDGET	ORIGINAL BUDGET	\$	%
	2023/24 \$'000	2022/23 \$'000	2022/23 - Variance to - \$ '+INC (-DEC)	2022/23 % '+INC (-DEC)
Rates	75,118	71,424	3,694	5.2%
Charges	9,406	8,791	615	7.0%
Statutory Charges	2,338	2,282	56	2.4%
User Fees and Charges	29,532	24,521	5,011	20.4%
Operating Grants and Subsidies	6,116	5,760	356	6.2%
Interest/Investment Income	3,104	1,633	1,471	90.1%
Commercial & Other Income	2,151	1,763	388	22.0%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>127,765</b>	<b>116,174</b>	<b>11,591</b>	<b>10.0%</b>

Rates and Charges increase in the General Rate 5%, the general kerbside garbage collection charge 7% and the CBD carparking shortfall rate increase of 7%.

Statutory Charges consist of regulatory income from infringements, planning and street food and development permits and animal management registrations.

User Fees and Charges encompasses a wide range of fees including domestic and commercial access fees for the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility (SBWMF), parking fees, community venue hire fees, recreational facilities hire fees and cemetery fees. User Fee and Charges increase is predominately related to the SBWMF with increases to manage and operate the site, environmental monitoring, the servicing of significant infrastructure and the requirement to rehabilitate, remediate and manage the site 30 years post closure.

### OPERATING AND CAPITAL GRANTS

Council continues to receive support from the Australian and Northern Territory Governments and other sources in the provision of its services to the community. The budget anticipates \$6.1M in operating grants and \$0.95M in capital grants. Operating grants include Financial Assistance Grant (FAA), Public Library Services grant, Fun Bus, and the Mosquito Control subsidy. The budget includes capital grant funding for LRCI Phase 4 and a 50/50 contribution towards the Cardboard Compactor project at Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility.

Through its ongoing advocacy and engagement efforts with the Australian and Northern Territory Government, Council continues to seek new sources of funding and apply for grants when opportunities arise throughout the year.

Interest on Investments is calculated on forecast cash and investment balances. Interest income reflects the rapid increase in interest rates seen in the 2022/23 FY and assumes the RBA cash rate will remain high.

Other income consists of property lease income, reimbursements, and sundry income.

# EXPENDITURE

## WHERE THE INCOME GOES

### COMPARISON TO LAST YEAR’S COUNCIL BUDGET

Expenditure 2023/24 \$139,279

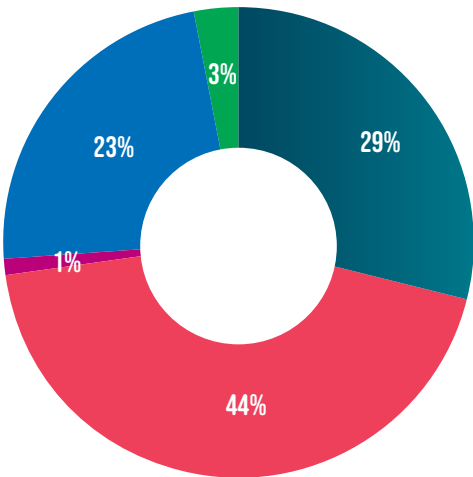


Figure 2 2023/24 Operating Expenditure

Employee Expenses	\$40.56m
Materials and Contracts	\$61.48m
Elected Member Allowances & Expenses	\$0.86m
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	\$32.43m
Interest Expense	\$3.95m

Table 4 2023/24 Operating Expenses

### OPERATING EXPENSES

OPERATING EXPENSES	BUDGET 2023/24 \$'000	ORIGINAL BUDGET 2022/23 \$'000	\$ 2022/23 - Variance to - \$ '+inc (-dec)	% 2022/23 % '+inc (-dec)
Employee Expenses	40,560	38,893	1,667	4.3%
Materials, Contracts & Services	61,477	57,591	3,886	6.7%
Elected Member Allowances	795	733	62	8.5%
Elected Member Expenses	64	64	0	0.3%
Council Committee Allowances	10	12	(2)	-16.7%
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	32,425	33,971	(1,546)	-4.6%
Interest Expenses	3,948	2,354	1,594	67.7%
Total Expenses	139,279	133,618	5,661	4.2%

Employee expenses factor in increases in line with the City of Darwin Enterprise Agreement 2022 and step increments. In addition the budget includes the creation of four (4) new positions for the Project Management Office to deliver the Enterprise IT Upgrade project and a Revenue Officer position to support the delivery of services undertaken by the Revenue team.

Materials, Contracts & Services continue to increase significantly with the highest inflation in nearly 40 years. City of Darwin has managed to balance the cost of delivering community services whilst retaining the overall increase to below inflation rates. This has been achieved by assessing all operational expenditure to identify efficiencies and incorporating increases on an identified needs only basis. New initiatives can be found on page 14 and a list of delivery commitments can be found on page 36.

Elected Member Allowances, detailed on page 26, are set by the Remuneration Tribunal Report and in accordance with Determination No. 1 of 2023 – Allowances for Members of Local Government Councils. Elected Member Expenses are in accordance with Council Policy 0017 Elected Members Expenses, Facilities and Support Policy.

The depreciation budget is based on actual assets owned by Council with adjustments in relation to additions, work in progress and assets reaching maturity (fully depreciated). The reduction in depreciation is a result of the valuation of assets undertaken as part of the 2022 FY end of year process.

Interest Expenses includes interest on loans as per existing loan schedules plus new borrowings factored in for Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility Stage 2 Expansion Phase 1. The annual unwinding of the discount for waste post closure and capping provisions to net present value is also included in this category in accordance with AASB requirements.

# CAPITAL WORKS

## DELIVERING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Each year Council embarks on an ambitious program of capital works. It is the income streams of rates, grants, charges and external borrowings that fund the vast network of Council infrastructural costs.

The use of external debt to fund capital projects is a tool Council uses to maintain intergenerational equity, which means allocating the costs of funding assets to the future community who will benefit from the project.

We build and maintain the assets that support liveability in Darwin as we strive to meet community expectations for the level of amenity a modern city provides.

The program includes a broad range of categories.

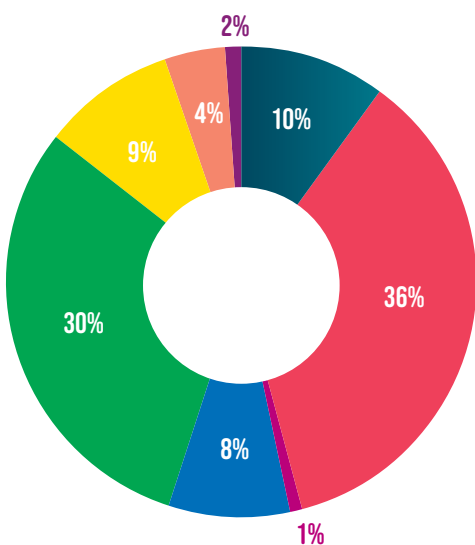


Figure 3 Capital Works by asset category

Buildings & Structure
Plant and Equipment
Public Art
Parks, Playgrounds and Reserves
Roads & Pathways
Stormwater Infrastructure
Street & Public Lighting
Waste Management

Table 5 Capital Works by asset category

The full Capital Works program can be found on page 42.

# ASSETS

**\$1.97M**

Buildings &  
Structures

**\$1.75M**

Stormwater  
Infrastructure

**\$5.71M**

Roads &  
Pathways

**\$6.74M**

Plant &  
Equipment

**\$19M**

Total Capital

**\$800K**

Street & Public  
Lighting

**\$1.61M**

Parks, Playgrounds  
and Reserves

**\$280K**

Waste  
Management

**\$160K**

Public Art





# BUDGETED FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2023/24

The Annual Budget is presented in the new required format of Guideline 5: Budgets of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

Budget financial statements for 2023/24 on the following pages are:

## A. Annual Budget Income and Expenditure

This statement outlines:

- > All sources of Council's operating income
- > All operating expenses. These expenses relate to Council operations and do not include capital expenditure. Depreciation, being the annual allocation of wear and tear on assets is included and is a non-cash item.

The Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit) for the year is a measure of Council's financial performance. This figure is determined by deducting total operating expenses from total operating income

## B. Annual Budget Operating Position

This statement summarises the actual flows of funds for the year and is crucial in explaining how Council meets its statutory obligation of having a balanced budget. The statement also explains the change in the cash / funds balance held from the start of the year through to the end of the year. The report shows where Council received its cash / funds from and what it plans to spend it on.

## C. Budgeted Statement of Financial Position

The Statement of Financial Position details what Council owns (assets) and what it owes (liabilities) at a point in time. In this case, as at 30 June 2024. Council's net worth is determined by deducting total liabilities from total assets, this is Council's Equity. The larger the equity, the more assets Council own outright.

## D. Budgeted Statement of Reserves

This statement provides details of Council's reserve balances at the start of the year and the transfer from / to reserves for the year. These reserves represent part of the cash assets and investments balance shown on the balance sheet, as they are cash-backed. They are generally held to provide for the future upgrade or provision of new infrastructure and assets.

## E. Budgeted Statement of Borrowings (external & internal)

This statement provides details of Council's existing borrowings as well as any proposed new borrowings. Council's Borrowing Policy describes the set of circumstances under which new borrowings can be considered

## F. Capital Expenditure and Funding

This statement outlines Council's planned capital expenditure for the year by asset class. The statement projects the capital expenditure for the following 4 years and how it is intending to fund this capital investment.

## G. Planned Major Capital Works and Projected Costing

This statement outlines major capital works projects that are either in progress, that will continue over more than one financial year or will be completed in the 2023/24 financial year. Council's minimum major projects threshold is \$5M.

### Budget Assumptions

As a budget is an estimation on the income and the expenses that Council will incur in the forthcoming year, a number of assumptions for uncertain conditions must be made in order to develop an achievable budget.

One of the main assumptions adopted at City of Darwin is that the service delivery levels (with the exception of New Initiatives) to the Community remains at the same level as the current year. This has been undertaken in a climate of economic uncertainty, with high levels of inflation, and increasing cash rates from the Reserve Bank of Australia. This both directly and indirectly impacts the costs to Council to deliver these services and estimations based on the nature and type of service has been included in the budget to ensure continued quality service delivery.

In order to find efficiencies and savings to help offset the expected rise in costs, Council has reviewed each individual program, and increased the budget only where it is deemed justifiable and has applied an employee vacancy factor of 2.0% across Council to account for usual staff turnover.

City of Darwin has also assumed that demand for Council's 'user pay' services with particular reference to parking and waste disposal at Shoal Bay remains consistent with the current year, noting that there is assumed to be no large 'one-off' income streams obtained such as a large land development.

As economic conditions remain potentially volatile for 2023/24, Council will be vigilant in reviewing actual expenses incurred closely against this budget and make necessary amendments and any required rectification actions as needed to ensure continued responsible financial management of community assets and services.

# OUR RATING STRATEGY

City of Darwin has adopted a rating strategy covering the 2023/24 financial year with the goals of:

- > Delivery projects and services within a financially sustainable framework
- > Serving community needs and expectations in delivering priority capital works
- > Setting out the principles considered by Council in deciding on the mix of rates and annual charges
- > Consideration of future Council's needs to fund ongoing maintenance, replacement and rehabilitation

Council's rate setting and charging structure are based on the following principles:

- > **Equity:** defined as broad based and reasonable stakeholder acceptance of each rate of charge structure, derived from a balance of the principles and user pays versus capacity to pay (or deemed capacity to pay) on a case-by-case basis.
- > **Effectiveness / Efficiency:** defined as meeting the financial, cultural, social, economic, environmental or other corporate objectives of the Council as stated in its long-term plans or policies.
- > **Simplicity:** to ensure widespread community of stakeholder understanding and minimise perceived inequities and hidden costs of a complex system.
- > **Sustainability:** revenue decisions support the financial strategies for the deliver of infrastructure and services identified in Council's long-term planning

In collating and refining the budget, Council is supported by the CEO and Finance team in a series of workshops over many months to:

- > Examine the social context of the community, its needs, priorities and expectations
- > Discuss the economic context of its ratepayer base and business community
- > Consider NT Government Department of Treasury and Finance public economic outlook
- > Gain an awareness of the long-term financial plan
- > Consider and align to future plans of other tiers of government including their estimates for population growth
- > Review mix of services, capital works and other priority initiatives it wants to deliver for the coming year

Together, these elements are considered to arrive at a final program to be funded from rates.

Throughout the year a regime of monthly and quarterly financial reporting which includes cashflow and debtor trends is provided to Council. Carry forward recommendation from officers and a budget variations process include the formal adoption of changes by Council.

Together these transparent governance practices stimulate regular conversations relating to the social and economic effects of the budgeted rating strategy.

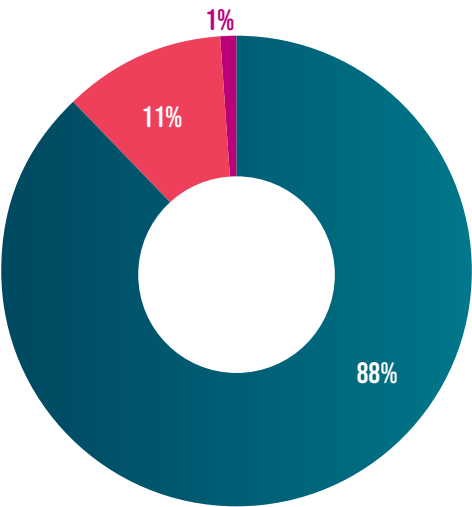
Regular reporting ensures that Councillors maintain a constant cycle of vigilance over the current year rating strategy implications and create an understanding that then carries into the next cycle of budget preparation and planning.

Rates and charges annual income in 2022/23 was budgeted at \$80.22m. In 2023/24, the amount of income Council has budgeted to receive from rates and charges has increased by \$4.3m to \$84.52m.

Refer to page 59 for rates and charges for 2023/24.



RATES AND CHARGES BY MAJOR CATEGORY



RATES AND CHARGES BY MAJOR CATEGORY	
General Rates and Charges	74,018
Kerbside Annual Waste Levy	9,406
Parking shortfall special rate	1,100
Total	84,524

Table 6 Rates & Charges by Major Category

Figure 4 Rates & Charges by Major Category

For the 2023/24 financial year, Council proposes to increase the revenue generated by general rates by 5%.

The general rates on the average rateable property will be \$1,900.54 and the kerbside garbage collection charge \$333.68. Combined the average annual increase is \$111.48 from the previous year, which equates to an increase of \$2.14 per week.

The kerbside garbage collection charge increase reflects the current and future costs of operating, maintaining, and rehabilitating the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility.

To deliver its plan of works, programs, projects, asset maintenance and services to the community Council needs to raise \$84.5M from Rates and Charges.

Not all properties are charged all of these services. Each property's rates are determined by a range of criteria including the location, value, use, zoning and whether there is a kerbside collection in place.

TOWN PLANNING ZONE	Code	Indicative Minimum Rate	Indicative Rate in the Dollar	\$000'S ESTIMATED INCOME 2023-24
Single Dwelling Residential; Rural Residential; Rural Living; Rural	LR; RR; RL; R	\$1,302	0.006179163	\$26,515
Multiple Dwelling Residential; Medium Dwelling Residential; High Density Residential	MR; LMR; HR	\$1,367	0.006179163	\$17,329
Central Business	CB	\$1,649	0.007727372	\$14,371
Future Development; Specific Use; Community Purposes; Restricted Development; Utilities; Community Living	FD; SU; CP; RD; U; CL	\$1,367	0.006179163	\$6,199
Tourist Commercial; Heritage	TC; HT	\$1,358	0.006849287	\$488
Commercial; Service Commercial	C; SC	\$1,358	0.008243376	\$3,228
Major Shopping Centres (equal to or greater than 40,000m2)		\$1,358	0.015307943	\$496
Caravan Parks	CV	\$1,302	0.005790375	\$47
Public Open Space; Conservation	PS; CN	\$1,358	0.0060127	\$18
Organised Recreation	OR	\$538	0.00559784	\$487
General Industry; Development	GI; DV	\$1,358	0.005080246	\$2,775
Light Industry	LI	\$1,358	0.005985148	\$1,380
GI Special Minimum	GI Special Minimum	\$338	0.005080246	\$94
Other Rates				\$600
Estimated General Rate Income 2023/24				\$74,028
Rate Waivers				-\$10
<b>Total Estimated General Rate Income 2023/24</b>				<b>\$74,018</b>

For the average residential and commercial property, the weekly increase in the General Rate for the coming year is \$1.72.

EXAMPLE BASED ON AVERAGE RATES FOR A SINGLE PROPERTY (RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL)	2022/2023 \$	2023/2024 \$	\$ Increase	% Increase
General Rates per year	\$1,810.89	\$1,900.54	\$89.65	5.0%
General Rates per week	\$34.82	\$36.55	\$1.72	5.0%
Annual Kerbside Garbage Collection & Recycling Service	\$311.85	\$333.68	\$21.83	7.0%
Combined Rates & Kerbside Waste Collection	\$2,122.74	\$2,234.22	\$111.48	5.3%
Combined amount per week	\$40.82	\$42.97	\$2.14	5.3%

## GENERAL RATES

A Differential General Rate shall be levied on all rateable properties based on the Unimproved Capital Value (UCV) of the land falling within the above Town Planning Zones under the Northern Territory Planning Scheme as referred to in the *Planning Act 1999*.

## OTHER RATES

The Municipal Parking Rate is assessed and levied in accordance with the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*.

The Municipal Parking Rate may be levied on all land within Central Darwin as defined in Part 4 of the Regulations and as published in the parking usage schedule, available for inspection at City of Darwin's offices.

The proceeds of the Municipal Parking Rate are used for the provision, operation and maintenance of land, facilities, services and improvements in relation to the parking of vehicles in Central Darwin.

## WASTE MANAGEMENT CHARGES

City of Darwin residents are provided with domestic waste and recycling collection services, the annual Pre-Cyclone Clean Up and free disposal of domestic quantities of household waste (up to 200kg per load) in a non-commercial vehicle via Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility Access Tags.

Both the domestic and commercial waste management fees for 2023/24 are published in the Fees and Charges booklet, and in the back of the Municipal Plan.

Waste management charges support both operational costs and the significant capital investments that support environmental compliance and long-term sustainability of Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility.

## A. Annual Budget Income and Expenditure

	Budget 2023/24 \$'000	Original Budget 2022/23 \$'000
<b>Operating Income</b>		
Rates	75,118	71,424
Charges	9,406	8,791
Statutory Charges	2,338	2,282
User Fees and Charges	29,532	24,521
Operating Grants and Subsidies	6,116	5,760
Interest/Investment Income	3,104	1,633
Commercial & Other Income	2,151	1,763
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>127,765</b>	<b>116,174</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Employee Expenses	40,560	38,893
Materials, Contracts & Services	61,477	57,591
Elected Member Allowances	795	733
Elected Member Expenses	64	64
Council Committee Allowances	10	12
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	32,425	33,971
Interest Expenses	3,948	2,354
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>139,279</b>	<b>133,618</b>
<b>Budgeted Operating Surplus/ (Deficit)</b>	<b>(11,514)</b>	<b>(17,444)</b>



## B. Budget Operating Position

	Budget 2023/24 \$'000	Adopted Budget 2022/23 \$'000
Operating result from Income Statement	(11,514)	(17,444)
<b>From Operating Activities</b>		
Add back Other Non Cash Items	904	708
Add back Depreciation (non cash)	32,425	33,971
<b>Total Non-Cash Items</b>	<b>33,329</b>	<b>34,679</b>
<b>Less additional outflows</b>		
Capital Expenditure	(19,020)	(60,499)
Repayment of Borrowings & Advances	(5,614)	(5,248)
<b>Total additional outflows</b>	<b>(24,634)</b>	<b>(65,747)</b>
<b>Add additional inflows</b>		
<b>Receipts:</b>		
Capital Grant Income	952	9,360
Prior Year Carry Forward Tied Funding	0	0
Proceeds from Borrowings & Advances	0	35,500
Sale of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	500	736
Net Transfers from (-to) Reserves	1,367	2,916
<b>Total additional inflows</b>	<b>2,819</b>	<b>48,512</b>
<b>Net Budgeted Operating Position</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### Notes:

1. Numbers in statements may include minor rounding differences

## C. Budgeted Statement of Financial Position

BUDGETED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION As at 30 June 2024	Audited 30/6/2022 \$000's	Budget 30/6/2024 \$000's
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash & Investments - unrestricted	19,965	18,811
Cash & Investments - externally restricted	43,752	39,080
Cash & Investments - internally restricted	47,778	39,172
Trade & Other Receivables	12,089	11,759
Inventories	304	300
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>123,888</b>	<b>109,122</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>		
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	1,253,060	1,267,733
<b>Total Non Current Assets</b>	<b>1,253,060</b>	<b>1,267,733</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,376,948</b>	<b>1,376,855</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Trade & Other Payables	20,254	18,286
Borrowings	2,770	5,451
Provisions	12,182	7,689
Lease Liabilities	837	888
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>36,043</b>	<b>32,314</b>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>		
Trade & Other Payables	14	
Borrowings	32,244	55,960
Provisions	51,048	52,738
Lease Liabilities	3,004	1,254
<b>Total Non Current Liabilities</b>	<b>86,310</b>	<b>109,952</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>122,353</b>	<b>142,266</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>1,254,595</b>	<b>1,234,589</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Accumulated Surplus	300,937	294,209
Asset Revaluation Reserve	862,128	862,128
Other Reserves	91,530	78,252
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>1,254,595</b>	<b>1,234,589</b>

\* As per 2nd Quarter Budget Review adjusted for known variations. Assumes no additional carry forwards.

## D. Budgeted Statement of Reserves

Externally Restricted Reserves \$000	Opening Balance Bdgt 01/07/2023	Transfers To ( - From )	Closing Balance Bdgt 30/06/2024
CBD Carparking Shortfall - Developer Cont.	13,523	338	13,862
CBD Carparking Shortfall - Rate Levy	15,540	1,498	17,038
Developer Contributions	1,824	46	1,869
Highway/Commercial Carparking Shortfall	52	1	54
Market Site Development	519	59	578
Other Carparking Shortfall	383	10	393
Unspent Grants	17	0	17
Waste Management	882	67	950
Waste Remediation	2,916	1,403	4,319
<b>Total Externally Restricted Reserves</b>	<b>35,657</b>	<b>3,422</b>	<b>39,080</b>

Internally Restricted Reserves \$000	Opening Balance Bdgt 01/07/2023	Transfers To ( - From )	Closing Balance Bdgt 30/06/2024
Asset Replacement & Refurbishment	2,370	482	2,852
Carry Forward	13,673	(760)	12,913
DEC Asset Replacement/Refurbishment	143	(143)	0
Disaster Contingency	2,060	144	2,204
Election Expense	130	130	260
Environmental	36	0	36
IT Strategy	4,711	(3,505)	1,206
Nightcliff Community Hall	101	16	117
Off & On Street Carparking	1,760	(89)	1,671
Plant & Vehicle Replacement	4,744	(1,064)	3,680
Public Art	132	0	132
Sale of Land	14,100	0	14,100
<b>TOTAL INTERNALLY RESTRICTED RESERVES</b>	<b>43,962</b>	<b>(4,789)</b>	<b>39,173</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL RESERVES \$000</b>	<b>79,620</b>	<b>(1,367)</b>	<b>78,253</b>

1. Opening balance as at 2nd Budget Review with known/pending adjustments
2. Reserves with budgeted nil balances and movements are not listed
3. Numbers in statements may include minor rounding differences

The purpose of reserve funds in general are to:

- > Ensure, where applicable, that funds are held separately and only utilised for the proper legal purposes. The main examples of such funds are developer contributions for specific purposes.
- > To assist the Council to avoid sudden changes in rates and enable a stable pricing path throughout its long-term financial plans<sup>(1)</sup>.
- > To provide a contingency or provision for unexpected events such as natural disasters, cyclones or events that are likely to take place but cannot be predicted reliably into any particular year.

The opening balances in 2023/24 Budgeted Statement of Reserves are projected as at 30/06/2023.

Only those reserves with an anticipated opening balance above zero or known movements to occur are included in the 2023/24 budget. As outlined in Council Policy 067 Financial Reserves, reserves may be deactivated and reactivated from time to time where there is a nil balance or a Council resolution.

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<sup>1</sup> For example, replacements of assets are not necessarily regular but may be cyclical or irregular. Elections happen every 4 years, so Council makes some provision each year towards this cost.



E. Budgeted Statement of External Borrowing

STATEMENT OF EXTERNAL BORROWING for the year ending 30 June 2024	
Loans	\$000's
Opening Balance	61,025
New Borrowing 2023/24	6,000
Principal Repayments	5,614
Closing Balance	61,411

TABLE OF INTERNAL LOANS

Loans by function/service										1/7/2023		30/6/2024	
Name	Original Amount \$	Date Borrowed	Term/ Yrs	Interest Rate	No. Repymts PA	P+I \$ 2023/24	Reserve Lent From	Purpose	Opening balance \$	Principal Raised	Principal Repaid \$	Closing balance \$	
IL1 2015 (set)	1,000,000	30/6/2015	10.0	2.90%	4	115,559	ARR	Waste	196,490	0	111,062	85,428	
IL2 2015 (set)	1,164,115	30/6/2015	10.0	2.90%	4	134,524	Parking	Waste	260,479	0	128,358	132,121	
IL4 2017 (set)	4,000,000	30/6/2017	10.0	2.90%	4	462,238	Parking	Waste	1,739,799	0	416,283	1,323,516	
IL5 2017 (set)	227,000	30/6/2017	15.0	2.90%	4	18,717	ARR	Waste	147,793	0	14,588	133,204	
IL10 2022 (set)	1,000,000	30/6/2022	2.0	0.75%	4	504,228	Plant	Waste	501,873	0	501,873	0	
IL11 2023 (set)	1,500,000	30/6/2023	3.0	0.00%	4	500,000	Waste R	Waste	1,500,000		500,000	1,000,000	
IL12 2023 (set)	500,000	30/6/2023	1.0	0.00%	4	500,000	ARR	Waste	500,000		500,000	0	
IL9 2022 Parklets	210,000	30/6/2022	3.0	0.00%	4		Plant	Parklets	210,000	40,000	0	250,000	
Total internal loans to Waste Facility	9,391,115					2,235,266			4,846,434	0	2,172,165	2,674,270	
IL3 2016 Nightcliff Café (set)	1,442,437	30/6/2016	17.0	2.90%	4	107,777	ARR	NC Café	932,657	0	81,612	851,045	
IL9 2022 Parklets	210,000	30/6/2022	3.0	0.00%	4	0	Plant	Parklets	250,000	0	0	250,000	
Grand total internal loans	11,043,552					2,343,043			6,029,091	0	2,253,777	3,775,314	
Summary of Loans by lending reserve													
Asset Replacement & Refurbishment (ARR)						742,053			1,776,939	0	707,263	1,069,677	
Off & On Street Parking (Parking)						596,762			2,000,279	0	544,641	1,455,637	
Plant Replacement (Plant)						504,228			751,873	0	501,873	250,000	
Waste Remediation (Waste R)						500,000			1,500,000	0	500,000	1,000,000	
Grand total internal loans						2,343,043			6,029,091	0	2,253,777	3,775,314	

**Notes**

- 1 All above internal loans are based on opportunity cost of investments at time loan was established
- 2 All above internal loans are based on 4 quarterly repayments per annum
- 3 Loans IL9 Parklets \$250K with \$210K in 21/22. P+I repayment assumes commences when fees are received

## F. Capital Expenditure by Funding

ASSET CATEGORY	2023-24 FINANCIAL YEAR	2024-25 FINANCIAL YEAR	2025-26 FINANCIAL YEAR	2026-27 FINANCIAL YEAR	2027-28 FINANCIAL YEAR
Buildings & Structure	1,973,000	16,456,000	9,120,000	4,344,000	4,299,000
Environmental	-	334,000	335,000	336,000	338,000
Plant and Equipment	6,740,000	3,234,000	2,727,000	3,318,000	2,809,000
Public Art	160,000	170,000	173,000	175,000	178,000
Parks, Playgrounds and Reserves	1,610,000	1,798,000	1,618,000	1,989,000	1,509,000
Roads & Pathways	5,707,000	5,738,000	5,831,000	6,396,000	7,492,000
Stormwater Infrastructure	1,750,000	2,167,000	2,303,000	2,447,000	2,484,000
Street & Public Lighting	800,000	1,148,000	1,149,000	1,151,000	1,153,000
Parking Infrastructure*	-	26,000,000	-	-	-
Waste Management	280,000	3,650,000	2,000,000	2,150,000	3,500,000
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>19,020,000</b>	<b>60,695,000</b>	<b>25,256,000</b>	<b>22,306,000</b>	<b>23,762,000</b>

\* Data sourced from the Long Term Financial Plan - these amounts will be reviewed and will change as part of the adoption of each annual budget in line with Council priority and asset renewal requirements

### Total Capital Expenditure Funded By:

Operational Income	10,660,000	12,405,000	17,679,000	13,422,000	14,697,000
Capital Grants	952,000	92,000	93,000	95,000	96,000
Transfers from Reserves	7,408,000	48,198,000	7,484,000	8,789,000	8,969,000
Borrowings					
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>19,020,000</b>	<b>60,695,000</b>	<b>25,256,000</b>	<b>22,306,000</b>	<b>23,762,000</b>

\* Parking Infrastructure expenditure has been brought forward from the Long Term Financial Plan to coincide with the Civic Centre Redevelopment

## G. Planned Major Capital Works & Projected Costing

Class of Assets	By Major Capital Project*	Total Prior Year(s) Actuals**	Previous Allocated Budget (\$)^	2023-24 Financial Year Budget	2024-25 Financial Year Budget	2025-26 Financial Year Budget	2026-27 Financial Year Budget	2027-28 Financial Year Budget	Total Planned Budget \$ (G = A+B+C+D+E+F)	Expected Project Completion Date
Buildings	Casuarina Aquatic & Leisure Centre	4,408,943	25,440,000	1,300,000					26,740,000	30/6/2024
Waste Management	Shoal Bay - Stage 2 Expansion ^	21,000	12,000,000						12,000,000	30/6/2026
Buildings	Civic Centre Redevelopment				14,600,000				14,600,000	30/6/2027
Parking	Civic Centre Parking^^				12,000,000				12,000,000	30/6/2027
Parking	Additional Parking^^				14,000,000				14,000,000	30/6/2027
	TOTAL	4,429,943	37,440,000	1,300,000	40,600,000	0	0	0	79,340,000	

\*Actuals Information correct as at February 2023

\*\*Previous allocated budget includes original budgets, any amendments to the project budget but excludes transfers to carryover reserves.

^ Project to be undertaken in two phases. Phase 1 is expected to be undertaken in 2023-24, and Phase 2 in 2025-26. This project is dependant on Ministerial approval for external borrowings

^^ Parking Infrastructure expenditure has been brought forward from the Long Term Financial Plan to coincide with the Civic Centre Redevelopment



# 2023/24 ANNUAL BUDGET

## Financial Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

### BUDGETED FINANCIAL KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPI'S)

% OF RATE DEBTORS OUTSTANDING	Target	Actual 2021/22	Budget 2022/23	Budget 2023/24
	<5%	6.5%	6.9%	6.6%

This indicator is designed to measure Council's effectiveness in recovering debts legally owed to it.

DEBT SERVICING RATIO	Target	Actual 2021/22	Budget 2022/23	Budget 2023/24
	<10%	2.6%	5.9%	6.8%

This indicator is designed to show what proportion of revenue is required as a commitment to fund Council's loan repayments. Finance costs excludes interest expense of unwinding Waste remediation liabilities as a non cash item.

LIQUIDITY RATIO - UNRESTRICTED	Target	Actual 2021/22	Budget 2022/23	Budget 2023/24
	≥1.50	2.22	2.05	2.16

This indicator is designed to measure whether Council has the ability to pay its debts as they fall due expressed as a factor of one; (Current Assets minus Externally Restricted Reserves)/Current Liabilities.

RATES RATIO	Target	Actual 2021/22	Budget 2022/23	Budget 2023/24
	60%-70%	61.4%	60.0%	60.7%

This indicator is designed to measure Council's ability to cover its day to day expenses through its own tax/rates and annual charges.

OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	Target	Actual 2021/22	Budget 2022/23	Budget 2023/24
	Break-even	(\$7.80M)	(\$17.44M)	(\$11.51M)

This indicator is designed to provide information on the result of ordinary operations including depreciation, which is a non cash expense. Council does not fund depreciation rather it funds the capital expenditure program.

OPERATING SURPLUS BEFORE DEPRECIATION	Target	Actual 2021/22	Budget 2022/23	Budget 2023/24
	\$25M - \$35M	\$23.9M	\$16.5M	\$20.9M

This indicator is designed to provide information on the result of ordinary operations before depreciation, which is a non cash expense. Excluding depreciation gives the amount of operating income over and above operating expenses that is available to fund capital expenditure.

ASSET SUSTAINABILITY RATIO	Target	Actual 2021/22	Budget 2022/23	Budget 2023/24
	100%	16.1%	54.1%	33.3%

This indicator is designed to indicate the extent to which Council is renewing its assets. A ratio of 100% or more indicates that Council spends at least the amount of depreciation each year on renewing assets. Depreciation is an annual estimated consumption that does not necessarily reflect the renewal spend actually required each year. Council is currently updating the Asset Management Plans which will provide the appropriate annual renewal targets. Depreciation in the calculation excludes ROU assets.

Limits are as per the Long Term Financial Plan 2021 to 2030

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# ABOUT THIS MUNICIPAL PLAN

Each year the Municipal Plan is developed by Councillors under the leadership of the Lord Mayor. It establishes the strategic direction, resourcing, funds available and income streams for the coming year to deliver programs, projects and actions that work towards achieving the 2030 vision.

It is Council's commitment to the community, Minister and Agency about the annual strategic resourcing decisions it has decided as the next steps towards achieving the adopted long term strategy, Darwin 2030 City for People. City of Colour.



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2023/2024

# FEES AND CHARGES



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The following General Conditions apply to ALL Council Fees & Charges.

# GENERAL CONDITIONS

## Fees

Facility hire, within this document, states three levels of fees.

These are:-

- the full fee payable,
- the concessional fee for regular weekday use by non-profit community organisations, and
- a concessional fee for either one-off events on Friday evenings or weekends, or events which span more than the sessional use specified.

Non-profit organisations requesting concession fees to be negotiated will need to put their request in writing.

## Not-for-profit Organisations

The definition for eligibility for concession fees is:-

A self-help group (not operated by commercial interests and stated as non-profit by statutory declaration), or a non-profit community organisation (incorporated under the Associations Incorporations Act).

## Pension Concessions

Some fees and charges within this document allow a concession for pensioners. All people seeking such concession must provide appropriate proof of eligibility, i.e. A Commonwealth Health Care Card, or a Northern Territory Pensioner Concession Card.

## Indemnity

Organisations hiring Council facilities are required to have public liability insurance cover.

Groups and individuals without their own public liability insurance must be aware that City of Darwin will not be held liable for any accident occurring through the actions or negligence of group members or guests.

## Credit Card Surcharge

City of Darwin may impose a surcharge of 0.4% on payments made using a credit card.

# GENERAL CONDITIONS (cont'd...)

## Responsibility for Damage to Council Property

The cost of damage to Council property will be recovered from the party responsible. In the case of hire of Council property the hirer will be held responsible and in the case of a permit/licence holder the holder will be held responsible. The cost of repairs will be calculated as the:

- Actual invoiced cost to Council of materials and services used; **plus**
- Cost of Council labour, plant and stores used including overheads
- = Sub Total
- Add 15% to Sub-Total
- = Total Cost that will be recovered.

## Seasonal Oval Allocations

Council ovals are made available for sporting organisations to use for Wet and Dry seasons competition, training and pre-season use.

Seasons: Wet Season 1 October to 31 March  
Dry Season 1 April to 30 September

In the first instance Council allocates ovals through peak sporting bodies so that they may then arrange club fixtures.

The definition of a peak sporting body is –

“An organisation representing the interests of those involved in the nominated sport and one affiliated with a national body that recognises the peak body for the sport in the NT.

A peak body will also be registered as an incorporated body with Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities and hold a current public liability insurance policy.”

## Single Use Plastics

In January 2019, City of Darwin implemented a ban on all single use plastics at Council events and events held on Council land including markets. These changes have been implemented to reduce the amount of single use plastic used and protect Darwin’s unique environment.

The ban in single use plastics will relate to all Council permits and leases and these were updated from 1 January 2019 to reflect this change. Further information on how to conduct an event without single use plastics is available at [www.darwin.nt.gov.au](http://www.darwin.nt.gov.au).

# ADMINISTRATION FEES

## Assessment Record Inspection Fee

Pursuant to Section 230(4) the *Local Government Act 2019* any person with sufficient interest is entitled, when the Council office is open to the public, to inspect or copy the Assessment Record at a fee fixed by the Council.

ASSESSMENT RECORD INSPECTION FEE	2023/2024 Including GST
	\$
Assessment Record Inspection	20.00 <span>×</span>

## Rate Book - Fees for Written Confirmation

A charge of \$60.00 (\$115.00 for an urgent request) for each property will be levied for the furnishing of written information of details from the Rate Book. This information will only be supplied upon receipt of the required sum together with the written request in the required format.

RATE BOOK - FEES FOR WRITTEN CONFIRMATION	2023/2024 Including GST
	\$

### Rate Search Fee – per property

• 1 Business Day Prior Notice	60.00 <span>×</span>
• Urgent Same Day Request	115.00 <span>×</span>

### Reprint of Rate Notice

• Per copy	
Current Rating Year	<b>25.00</b>
Prior Rating Years	<b>30.00</b>
Provision of Written Confirmation by facsimile, email or post – per request	<b>25.00</b>



# ADMINISTRATION FEES (cont'd...)

DISHONoured CHEQUE/DIRECT DEBIT FEES		2023/2024 Including GST
		\$
Administration Fee – per instance		50.00
PREPARATION OF LICENCE & AGREEMENT CONDITIONS		2023/2024 Including GST
		\$
Prepared by External Solicitor		<b>Solicitors costs + GST</b>
Prepared In-house		<b>350.00 + GST</b>
RESEARCH AND/OR RETRIEVAL OF COUNCIL RECORDS		2023/2024 Including GST
		\$
To conduct research of Council records where due to the nature of the research and/or staff time involved other published charges are inadequate, charge is on a per staff member/ hour charge or part thereof. Archive retrieval costs are additional.		<b>Actual cost at hourly rate +15%</b>
CANCELLATION OF HIRE OF COUNCIL FACILITIES		2023/2024 Including GST
		\$
Cancellation fee (if notification is received less than two weeks prior to date of hire)		<b>30.00</b>
Permit Administration Fee (per amendment, in excess of 1x initial change for one-off bookings, or in excess of 5x changes for ongoing bookings)		<b>30.00</b>
INTEREST ON OVERDUE DEBTOR ACCOUNTS		2023/2024 Including GST
		\$
Charged on Debtor account balances overdue in excess of 30 days, if no default rate otherwise specified in debt creation documentation.		18.0%pa <span>✗</span>

# APPLICATIONS UNDER FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION		2023/2024 Including GST
		\$
Application Fee	Free	×
<b>Supervised Inspection</b>		
• First 2 hours	Free	×
• Per hour thereafter	25.00	×
NON-PERSONAL INFORMATION		2023/2024 Including GST
		\$
Application Fee	30.00	×
Searching and decision making (per hour)	25.00	×
Retrieval from storage	Actual Cost +15%	×
Supervised Inspection (for every hour or part of an hour)	25.00	×
Application Fee for combined Personal and Non-Personal Information	30.00	×



× = Item is exempt from GST per ATO Division 81.

Amounts in **BOLD** indicate GST is applicable and has been included

# APPLICATIONS UNDER FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (cont'd...)

OTHER SERVICES		2023/2024 Including GST
		\$
Packaging materials for delivering or posting articles	Actual Cost +15%	×
Delivery or postage charges	Actual Cost +15%	×
Retrieval from storage	Actual Cost +15%	×
Supervised Inspection (for every hour or part of an hour)	25.00	×
<b>Photocopies of Documentation</b>		
Per page of Black & White A4 paper.	0.20	×
Other	Actual Cost +15%	×
Copies of disks, films or tapes, written transcripts, other services to enable the applicant to physically access information, hiring out equipment or facilities to enable applicant to view or listen to disk, film or tape.	Actual Cost +15%	×
Operating equipment to copy disk, film or tape or to enable applicant to view or listen to disk, film or tape (per hour or part of an hour)	25.00	×
DEPOSIT FOR PROCESSING FEES		2023/2024 Including GST
		\$
If the processing fee is estimated to be greater than \$25 and less than \$100	25.00	×
If the processing fee is estimated to be more than \$100	50% of the estimate	×

# ADVERTISING SIGNS

SIGNS ON PRIVATE OR PUBLIC LAND THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT		2023/2024 Including GST
		\$
Application Fee		180.00 ✕
Removal, custody and release fee for unauthorised movable signs		<b>170.00</b>
Removal, custody and release fee for unauthorised fixed sign		<b>170.00</b> In addition to <b>Costs (+15%)</b> <b>incurred</b>
Public Land minimum rate per year		180.00 ✕
<b>OR</b>		
Rate per square metre (which ever is greater) per year		70.00 ✕

**Note:** Specifications and requirements available from City of Darwin.

MISCELLANEOUS SIGN FEES		2023/2024 Including GST
		\$
<b>Banner Sites</b>		
Permit Fee per week		
• Commercial		195.00 ✕
• Not-for-profit organisation		60.00 ✕
• Release fee for unauthorised banners (By-law 202)		<b>155.00</b>
• Cancellation fee		<b>30.00</b>
Street Light Banners – Per Banner (includes costs to erect, maintain & remove)		<b>160.00</b>



# BINS – ADDITIONAL DOMESTIC SERVICE

BINS – ADDITIONAL DOMESTIC SERVICE		2023/2024 Including GST
		\$
240 litre Garbage Bin – Kerbside Service - per annum		<b>560.00</b>
240 litre Recycling Bin – Kerbside Service - per annum		<b>130.00</b>
240 litre Garbage Bin – Manual Service - per annum		<b>625.00</b>
240 litre Recycling Bin – Manual Service - per annum		<b>455.00</b>
1,100 litre Garbage Bin – per annum		<b>2,595.00</b>
1,100 litre Recycling Bin – per annum		<b>1,860.00</b>
BINS – RETURN COLLECTION SERVICE		2023/2024 Including GST
		\$
Return Collection Service		<b>35.00</b>

**Note:** Additional services costs will be invoiced annually directly to the Body Corporate (for strata titled units). The Body Corporate will distribute additional waste service expenses equally among all owners of a development through the Body Corporate fees. Additional services costs for non-strata titled units will be charged annually in conjunction with the municipal rates and charges, appearing on the Annual Notice of Rates and Charges.



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# CAR PARKS

## OFF STREET CAR PARKS

2023/2024  
Including GST

\$

### Permit Parking

West Lane – 12 Month Permit	<b>180.00/month</b>
Dragonfly – 12 Month Permit	<b>125.00/month</b>
Nichols Pl, Darwin Oval – 12 Month Permit	<b>95.00/month</b>
Mitchell/Daly St – 12 Month Permit	<b>60.00/month</b>

### Quarterly - Permit Parking

West Lane – Quarterly Permit	<b>200.00/month</b>
Dragonfly – Quarterly Permit	<b>140.00/month</b>
Nichols Pl, Darwin Oval – Quarterly Permit	<b>105.00/month</b>
Mitchell/Daly St – Quarterly Permit	<b>65.00/month</b>

### All Day Parking

Early Bird – Monday to Friday, Park & Pay before 9.00am – West Lane	<b>10.00/day</b>
Early Bird – Monday to Friday, Park & Pay before 9.00am – Dragonfly	<b>7.00/day</b>
Nichols Pl, McLachlan St, Darwin Oval	<b>5.30/day</b>
McMinn St, Mitchell St, Woods/Daly St, Daly/Mitchell St	<b>5.00/day</b>

### Casual Parking

(Monday to Friday per hour – up to 7 hours or pro rata)

West Lane Per Hour	<b>2.00</b>
Dragonfly Per Hour	<b>1.50</b>

### Overnight Parking

5.00pm to 8.00am the following day, Mon to Thurs Inclusive

West Lane – per night	<b>10.00</b>
Dragonfly – per night	<b>8.50</b>

### Additional/Replacement

Permit – All Off Street Car Parks	<b>14.00</b>
Access Card – off-street Car Parking	<b>27.50</b>

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# CAR PARKS (cont'd...)

## OFF STREET CAR PARKS

2023/2024  
Including GST

\$

### Weekends & Public Holidays

West Lane – Saturday, Sunday, Public Holidays (7.00am – 7.00pm closing time)	Free
Dragonfly – Saturday (7.00am – 10.00pm closing time)	Free
Dragonfly – Sunday (7.00am – 8.00pm closing time)	Free

### Release of Vehicle

West Lane	<b>135.00</b>
Dragonfly	<b>135.00</b>

### Motorcycle Parking

Off-street Car Parking	<b>50.00/month</b>
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### Access to Bicycle Facility – The Pod (Dragonfly)

Bike Pod access fee	<b>10.00/month</b>
Bike Pod Access Card (initial issue)	<b>15.00</b>
Bike Pod Access Card replacement fee	<b>30.00</b>

## Conditions of Parking

1. All vehicles are parked at the risk of the person parking the same and in respect of vehicles parked in this car park, no employee or agent of the City of Darwin is liable for any loss or damage, whether occasioned by negligence or otherwise.
2. No person employed by the City of Darwin has authority to accept vehicles or articles for safekeeping.
3. The Common Law as to bailment of goods does not apply in respect of the parking of a vehicle with its contents in this car park.
4. Subject to NT Traffic Management Act, The Manager or any person having the authority of the City of Darwin has authority to enter any vehicle in this car park and move or drive it to another place.
5. The Manager or any person having the authority of the City of Darwin, may deliver a vehicle to any person offering evidence of ownership or authority to receive the vehicle and may refuse to deliver a vehicle unless he or she is so satisfied and no servant or agent of the City of Darwin shall be liable for such delivery detention or failure to deliver.
6. No person has authority to vary these conditions.
7. All vehicles are subject to NT Traffic Regulations.
8. Vehicles displaying a Disability Parking Permit may park in a disabled bay in all off-street car parks all day free of charge, except West Lane Car Park and Dragonfly Car Park. Persons displaying a valid Disability Parking Permit who park in a disabled bay in either West Lane Car Park or Dragonfly Car Park may park for twice the time paid for, however parking fees apply.

# CAR PARKING AREAS - ALTERNATIVE USES

City of Darwin will determine a hiring rate for commercial or non-profit users.

West Lane Car Park is unavailable for alternate use.

Persons hiring Car Parks for alternative use shall pay to City of Darwin all costs associated with City of Darwin providing car park attendants and supervisors and other necessary expenses such as electricity occasioned by the alternative use. The General Manager Innovation shall provide estimates to the person requiring alternative use prior to approval for the alternative use being granted.

These persons shall abide by and follow all the requirements and directions of the General Manager Innovation or their representative in the use of the car park.

The area required for the alternative use shall be left in a condition equal to that before the use was approved (i.e. in a clean and tidy condition). The person requiring alternative use shall be made aware that water or any liquid cannot be used in cleaning the area approved.

Persons requiring this use shall make arrangements for their own electrical supply where portable generators are used, these generators shall be adequately silenced.

Hirers shall make arrangements for toilet facilities outside of normal working hours and shall make contact with and follow the requirements of the NT Department of Health for the alternative use.





# CAR PARKING – ON STREET

Metered parking is available within the Central Business District (CBD) area, which is divided into three (3) separate zones for charging purposes. Details of the zone boundaries are available at the Civic Centre during opening hours.

A number of bays are available at no charge with a 15 minute time limit. These bays are individually signposted.

Motorcycles may park at no charge within designated motorcycle parking bays. Motorcycles parking within metered bays must pay the applicable charge.

Vehicles displaying a Disabled Persons Parking Permit may park at **no charge for twice the time** indicated on signage within metered bays in Zones A and B. These vehicles may park all day at no charge within Zone C. Vehicles must have the Disabled Persons Parking Permit prominently displayed.

METERED ON-STREET CAR PARKING WITHIN CBD	2023/2024 Including GST
	\$
<b>Zone A - Per hour per bay</b> 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday excludes weekends and public holidays	<b>3.00</b>
<b>Zone A - Saturday Per hour per bay</b> 8.00am - 2.00pm Saturday excludes Sunday and public holidays per hour with a 2 hour limit	<b>2.00</b>
<b>Zone B - Per hour per bay</b> 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday excludes weekends and public holidays	<b>2.25</b>
<b>Zone C - Per hour per bay</b> 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday excludes weekends and public holidays	<b>1.75</b>
Maximum daily charge	<b>9.50</b>
<b>Zone B &amp; C</b> All day Public Holidays and Weekends	Free
PARKING EXEMPTION PERMIT	2023/2024 Including GST
	\$
Permitted Vehicle Parking Permit	1975.00 <span>×</span>
Parking Exemption Permit - Media Permitted Vehicle (x 3 permits)	1975.00 <span>×</span>

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# CAR PARKING – ON STREET (cont'd...)

TEMPORARY PARKING BAY HIRE FOR CONSTRUCTION/SERVICE REPAIR PURPOSES		2023/2024 Including GST
		\$
Hire of Parking Bay – Zone A - Per Car Bay Per Day – Up to one week		<b>35.00</b>
Hire of Parking Bay – Zone B – Per Car Bay Per Day – Up to one week		<b>25.00</b>
Hire of Parking Bay – Zone C – Per Car Bay Per Day – Up to one week		<b>15.00</b>
MISCELLANEOUS		2023/2024 Including GST
		\$
Loading Zone Permit		180.00 ✕
Parking Permit for totally & permanently incapacitated soldier association members for 5 years		20.00 ✕
Parking Permit - Disabled Persons for 3 yrs (Renewal of existing Permit free of charge per Council Decision 18\4797 25/03/03)		20.00 ✕
TOURIST COACH PARKING PERMITS		2023/2024 Including GST
		\$
Tourist Coach per Quarter		<b>650.00</b>

# CEMETERY CHARGES

CEMETERY CHARGES		2023/2024 Including GST
		\$
<b>Reserved Graves</b>		
1st Burial - (excavation & ground maintenance)		<b>2,725.00</b>
2nd Burial - (excavation & ground maintenance)		<b>2,270.00</b>
Rock Breaker Charge – when required	Cost of Contractor + GST + 15% administration fee	
Issue of Exclusive Right of 2nd Bural Fee		100.00 ✕
Transfer of Exclusive Right Certificate/Reservation		<b>90.00</b>
Burial of Ashes and site preparation		360.00 ✕
<b>Exhumation</b> - Exhumation Fee of Remains and Exhumation Overseer Cost		<b>3,975.00</b>
<b>Memorials</b>		
• Memorial Permit Fee		140.00 ✕
• Installation of plaque onto concrete head beam		<b>150.00</b>
• Manufacture of concrete headstone		<b>620.00</b>
• Manufacture of concrete memorial foundation		<b>310.00</b>
After hours surcharge (after 4.00pm weekdays and all day weekends, public holidays)		<b>600.00</b>
<b>Funeral Providers</b>		
Commission for the collection of full burial fees		<b>170.00</b>
<b>**Infant Subsidy**</b>		Subsidy available for cremation or burial of infants up to the age of 2 years in accordance with conditions

# CEMETERY CHARGES (cont'd...)

APPROVED BURIALS Burial and Cremation Act 2022	2023/2024 Including GST
	\$

<b>Second or Third Burial</b>	<b>3,105.00</b>
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where soil depth cover does not require a concrete seal". Soil cover is >/= 600mm

<b>Second or third burial</b>	<b>3,105.00</b>
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where soil depth cover requires a concrete seal.

Soil cover is only 500mm and 100mm of concrete is required

<b>Concrete Seal</b>	<b>1,290.00</b>
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Required when a minimum of only 500mm of soil cover is achievable

<b>Grave Investigation</b>	<b>850.00</b>
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To ascertain depth and compliance with Legislation

<b>Approved Burials - administration fee</b>	<b>145.00</b>
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MEMORIAL NICHE WALL	2023/2024 Including GST
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Memorial/Niche Wall - Reservation	<b>1,085.00</b>
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Memorial/Niche Wall - Interment of Ashes & Plaque - Permit Fee (Includes installation)	770.00 ✕
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Memorial/Niche Wall - Removal/Installation of Memorial Plaque for 2nd Interment	<b>290.00</b>
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Memorial/Niche Wall Transfer of Reservation	<b>90.00</b>
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Memorial/Niche Wall supply and installation of vase	<b>200.00</b>
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## Note:

Overtime rates will apply if burials are carried out on a weekend, or on a public holiday. Charges are subject to change dependent on contract variation.

Extra charge for rock breaker if required, will be cost of contractor plus 15% administration charge + GST.

Installation of Plaques and Headstones does not include supply of memorial.

After Hours surcharge applies for services at 4.00pm or later on weekdays and all day weekends, public holidays.

Exhumations to coffin depth only.

ALL fees are inclusive of GST, except where otherwise indicated by ✕ symbol.



## Infant Subsidy

- The subsidy is applicable for the burial or cremation costs of children up to the age of two years, with the following conditions.
- The subsidy is applicable for the burial or cremation costs of children up to the age of two years whose parent or legal guardian is a resident within the municipality of Darwin subject to the following being met.
- A subsidy will be available for the interment or cremation cost of a child under the age of two years whose parent or legal guardian is a resident within the municipality of Darwin subject to the following being met.
- The subsidy will be available up to a maximum of \$900 or 50% of the interment or cremation costs whichever is the lesser value within any section of Thorak Regional Cemetery, Gardens Road Cemetery or Darwin General Cemetery.
- The subsidy will be for the interment or cremation costs only (not both) and will be applicable at the time of service as a one-off payment. Only one claim will be approved for any one infant.
- The subsidy will be available for a parent or legal guardian of a child residing within the Darwin Municipality and will include stillborn children.
- The subsidy will be paid to individual residents only and will not be available for organisations or government agencies carrying out interments or cremations for children in their care.
- The subsidy will only be available on receipt of proof of residence within the Darwin Municipality. Proof of residence will require photo identification with a current address shown, or a letter or account for utilities service including Power and/or Water, a current rental agreement, Rates notice or any other identification document as approved by the Superintendent of Cemeteries.

# COMMUNITY CENTRES CHARGES

City of Darwin has community centres at Lyons, Nightcliff and Malak available for hire from 6am to midnight daily. Council aims to ensure that a range of user groups and/or individuals have fair and equitable access to Council's services and facilities. These facilities provide spaces for a diverse mix of activities and encourage community connectedness, participation in community life and enhance individual and community wellbeing.

There are two levels of charges:

- Non Profit/Community Benefit: Community organisations/groups or individual that is intending to not charge or charge a low cost for an activity where there is a community benefit, such as health and wellbeing benefit.
- Commercial/Private: Business or individual who provide a service or sell products with the intention of making a profit. Private also includes, use for private functions or events, not open to the community, such as Birthday parties.

Council requires any community group, organisations or individual entering into an agreement for the use of a community centre ("Hirer") to comply with the conditions of use.

Cancellation of bookings must be provided in writing 5 working days prior to the date of hire, otherwise the full hire charge will be forfeited.

Where Council officers or contractors are required after hours, additional cleaning or replacement of keys is required, or where the hirer fails to comply with the Terms and Conditions set out within their permit and negatively impacts subsequent users, the hirer will be required to meet these expenses.

COMMUNITY CENTRES Lyons (Hall Area), Malak (Small Area & Large Area), Nightcliff (Boab & Pandanas Meeting Rooms), Alawa	2023/2024 Including GST \$
Not for Profit - per hour (minimum charge 2 hours)	<b>20.00</b>
Not for Profit - all day (any day until 5.00pm)	<b>100.00</b>
Commercial/Private - per hour (minimum charge 2 hours)	<b>40.00</b>
Commercial/Private - all day (any day until 5.00pm)	<b>225.00</b>
Office Tenancies - Office Rental per annum	<b>150.00/m<sup>2</sup></b>
Private Functions Entire Centre Fri-Sat Eve from 5.00pm (Sundays as per weekday bookings, does not apply Nightcliff)	<b>260.00</b>
Storage - (per annum) payable in advance 1 July each year. Quarterly pro rata or part thereof	<b>85.00</b>

# CONDUCT BUSINESS IN A PUBLIC PLACE

CONDUCT BUSINESS IN PUBLIC PLACE - PERMIT		2023/2024 Including GST
		\$
Conduct Business in Public Place – Per day – Not-for-profit	40.00	×
Conduct Business in Public Place – Per day – Commercial	65.00	×
Commercial Tours – Per Annum (Pro-rata)	1,160.00	×
The Mall - Commercial Displays – Per Day	605.00	×
The Mall - Commercial Displays – Per Week	1,525.00	×
The Mall - Entertainment Buskers – Annual (12 months) permit	30.00	×
The Mall - Entertainment Buskers – Seasonal (4 months) permit	20.00	×
The Mall - Entertainment Buskers – Weekly (7 days) permit	5.00	×
Handbill Poster - Permit	30.00	×
FILMING IN A PUBLIC PLACE – PERMIT		2023/2024 Including GST
		\$
Commercial Filming – per day	<b>170.00</b>	
STREET FOOD VENDING PERMIT		2023/2024 Including GST
		\$
Per Quarter	925.00	×
Per 6 months	1855.00	×
Per Annum	3,600.00	×

× = Item is exempt from GST per ATO Division 81.

Amounts in **BOLD** indicate GST is applicable and has been included

# DOG/CAT FEES & CHARGES

REGISTRATION FEES	2023/2024 Including GST
	\$

Entire Dog / Cat - Annual	140.00	×
De-sexed Dog / Cat - Over 12 months of age	30.00	×
De-sexed Dog / Cat less than 12 months of age	Free	
Declared Dog Category 1	305.00	×
Declared Dog Category 2	235.00	×
Declared Dog Category 3	150.00	×

CONCESSIONS	2023/2024 Including GST
	\$

Guide Dog/ Assistance Dog (Entire & De-sexed) – Subject to application & approval by Council Authorised Officer	Free
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## Concessions, also Totally and Permanently Incapacitated (TPI) Gold Card Holders.

*Entire Dog / Cat – Renewal – Annual	80.00	×
De-sexed Dog / Cat - Annual	15.00	×
De-sexed Dog / Cat rehomed from an accredited rehoming organisation	Free for the first registration period	

**\*Note:** The discounted/concession fee for entire dog registration renewals only applies for dogs registered prior to 1 July 2018. No concessions will apply to entire dogs registered after 1 July 2018.



# DOG/CAT FEES & CHARGES (cont'd...)

LICENCE FEES - ANNUALLY	2023/2024 Including GST
	\$

Licence to keep more than 2 dogs or 2 cats 150.00 ✕  
**Plus registration fees for each dog/cat**

MISCELLANEOUS	2023/2024 Including GST
	\$

Microchipping for dogs and cats – per animal **45.00**

Registration is transferable on application if the registered dog dies and the owner acquires a replacement animal.

IMPOUNDING FEES & CHARGES	2023/2024 Including GST
	\$

Registered Dogs / Cats Release Fee – per animal 120.00 ✕

Unregistered Dogs / Cats Release Fee – per animal 295.00 ✕

Additional Fee if animal is impounded outside of Council hours 95.00 ✕

Animal Surrender Fee 65.00 ✕

Maintenance Fee for each Impounded Dog / Cat – applied after expiration of 4 impounding days 30.00 ✕

**Note:**

1.All dogs & cats released from or purchased at the Pound must be registered.

# LIBRARIES

Casuarina Library has available a meeting room for general hire by the public, organisations and groups.

LIBRARY MEETING ROOMS	2023/2024 Including GST
	\$
Not-for-profit/Community Organisations Hourly rate (up to 3 hours) – Min Charge 2 hours	<b>20.00/hour</b> Min Charge 2 Hours
Not-for-profit/Community Organisations Full day (8 Hours)	<b>100.00</b>
Commercial Use hourly rate (up to 3 hours)	<b>40.00/hour</b>
Commercial Use full day (8 hours)	<b>225.00</b>

INTER LIBRARY LOAN CHARGES	2023/2024 Including GST
	\$
Standard Inter-library loan – per item	<b>30.00</b>
<b>Journal Articles</b>	
• Up to 50 pages	<b>15.00</b>
• Each additional 50 pages	<b>5.00</b>



# LIBRARIES (cont'd...)

LIBRARY REPLACEMENT	2023/2024 Including GST \$
Library Replacement - Collection Items (from Library Management System)	<b>Purchase Price</b>
Library Replacement - IT & STEAM Items eg: laptop, tablet, robot (from Library Management System)	<b>Purchase Price</b>
Library Replacement - Inter-Library Loan Item + Process Fee	<b>Replacement Cost + \$65.00</b>
Recovery fee for overdue loans – Debt Collection & Processing Fee	<b>20.00</b>
3D Printing	<b>2.00/hour</b>
Library – Photocopying & Printing - Black & White A4	<b>0.20/side</b>
Library - Photocopying & Printing - Black & White A3	<b>0.40/side</b>
Library - Photocopying & Printing - Colour A4	<b>1.00/side</b>
Library - Photocopying & Printing - Colour A3	<b>2.00/side</b>
Library merchandise	<b>Purchase Price</b>

## Note 1:

General Manager Community has delegated authority to reduce/waive fees in particular circumstances for unfunded charitable organisations and other associations closely affiliated with the Libraries objectives and functions.

## Note 2:

Where the security firm is called out, or additional cleaning or replacement of keys is required (after use of the room) Council will recover the cost incurred.

## Inter-Library Loan Charges

The City of Darwin Libraries will charge the following fees in the following instances.

1. No more than two items are requested on interstate inter-library loan for any one borrower at a time. Customers requesting more than two items will be charged according to the Australian Interlibrary Resource Sharing Code recommended schedule for each additional item.
2. There needs to be a six months gap before the Library inter-library loans the same title for the same person. The Library will only process this inter-library loan request within the six months if the patron is prepared to pay for any inter-library loan charge incurred.
3. Customers requesting urgently required inter-library loans will be charged at the recommended Australian Interlibrary Resource Sharing Code rates for fast track service.
4. Any cost incurred in obtaining information from specialised service suppliers will be passed on to customers.

# OUTDOOR TRADING PERMIT

## OUTDOOR TRADING – CHARGED PER ANNUM

2023/2024  
Including GST

\$

### Licenced

Outdoor Dining – Within CBD Café / Restaurant	115.00/m <sup>2</sup>	×
Outdoor Dining – Within CBD Hotel / Bar	170.00/m <sup>2</sup>	×
Outdoor Dining – Outside CBD Café / Restaurant	80.00/m <sup>2</sup>	×
Outdoor Dining – Outside CBD Hotel / Bar	115.00/m <sup>2</sup>	×

### Unlicenced

Outdoor Dining – Within CBD	65.00/m <sup>2</sup>	×
Outdoor Dining – Outside CBD	40.00/m <sup>2</sup>	×

### Preparation of Licence & Agreement Conditions

(See 'Administration Fees' for full costing)

## MINI BUS LOCATIONS

2023/2024  
Including GST

\$

Signage Costs (Payable on application, non-recurring)	<b>340.00</b>
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## MISCELLANEOUS PERMIT FEES

2023/2024  
Including GST

\$

Site inspection for all permits – per inspection	<b>115.00</b>
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### Note:

If the work is not to the satisfaction of the Council Officer, additional inspections may be required.

A security deposit will be charged. This deposit will be assessed by the Council officer and based upon the scope of the work involved. Inspection fee and other costs will be deducted from this deposit at the completion of the work.

# OUTDOOR VENUE HIRE & EVENTS

All fees & charges associated with outdoor venue hire and events are subject to terms and conditions contained with the application/permit process. Applicants will adhere to all conditions at all times.

Single use plastic items including cups, plates, cutlery, containers and straws are not to be introduced or used on site.

OUTDOOR VENUE HIRE	2023/2024 Including GST \$
Outdoor Venue Hire - Non-commercial – Under 100 attendees	Free
Outdoor Venue Hire - Non-commercial – Over 100 attendees - per event day	<b>120.00</b>
Outdoor Venue Hire - Commercial – Between 20 to 100 attendees - per event day	<b>325.00</b>
Outdoor Venue Hire - Commercial – Over 100 attendees - per event day	<b>645.00</b>
MINDIL CARNIVAL AREA	2023/2024 Including GST \$
Mindil Carnival Area – Attendance of less than 1000 persons – per event	<b>1,250.00</b>
Mindil Carnival Area – Significant National Event Level – Greater than 1000 persons attending – per event	<b>8,250.00</b>
<b>Bump In/Bump Out Fee</b>	<b>25%</b> of hire fee per day
Applies to events - % of Hire Fee – per day	



# OUTDOOR VENUE HIRE & EVENTS (cont'd....)

GARDENS OVAL COMPLEX		2023/2024 Including GST
		\$
Gardens Oval Hire – Special events outside seasonal usage – Sporting or Territory/National championships – per day		<b>590.00</b>
Gardens Oval Hire – Special events outside seasonal usage – Fund Raising / Community Events – per day		<b>310.00</b>
Gardens Oval Hire – Special events outside seasonal usage – Commercial Events – per day		<b>3,700.00</b>
GARDENS AMPHITHEATRE		2023/2024 Including GST
		\$
<b>Bump In/Bump Out Fee</b>		<b>0% to 50%</b>
Applies to events - % of Hire Fee – per day		of hire fee per day, to be negotiated
<b>Booking Fee – per day/ night</b>		
Community Organisations		<b>560.00</b>
<b>Booking Fee - Commercial Hirer Fee</b>		Greater of
Greater of <b>\$7,500.00</b> or 5% of net box office,		<b>\$7,500.00</b> or
capped at a total of <b>\$15,000.00</b>		5% of net box office, capped at a total of <b>\$15,000.00</b>
<b>Hire Fee - Wedding Receptions/Ceremonies/Private Functions</b>		
• Per day/night		<b>300.00</b>
<b>Security Deposit</b>		
• Community Organisations		Free
• Commercial Operations		2,600.00 ✕
Electricity charge is calculated on units used + GST		<b>Per current</b>
Private or Community Organisations		<b>tariff</b>

All enquiries and bookings are to be made through the Darwin Entertainment Centre on (08) 8980 3333. The Darwin Entertainment Centre manages the Gardens Amphitheatre on behalf of City of Darwin.

# OUTDOOR VENUE HIRE & EVENTS (cont'd....)

OUTDOOR FITNESS CLASSES – ANNUAL PERMIT		2023/2024 Including GST
		\$
Commercial – 1 to 3 sessions per week – Maximum of 20 participants		635.00 ✕
Commercial – 4+ sessions per week – Maximum of 20 participants		950.00 ✕
Non-commercial – Maximum of 20 participants		Free
OUTDOOR FITNESS CLASSES – HALF YEAR PERMIT		2023/2024 Including GST
		\$
Commercial – 1 to 3 sessions per week – Maximum of 20 participants		320.00 ✕
Commercial – 4+ sessions per week – Maximum of 20 participants		480.00 ✕
Non-commercial – Maximum of 20 participants		Free
EVENT EQUIPMENT HIRE		2023/2024 Including GST
		\$
MiPRO – Hire – per event		<b>65.00</b>
Access to power - per day charged for comprehensive event permits only – Low/Small scale event permit not required to charge hirers power usage		<b>75.00</b>
Cruise event transport - shuttle bus parking permits application fee		20.00 ✕
OTHER VENUE HIRE CHARGES		2023/2024 Including GST
		\$
Access to Power – Commercial/Non-commercial – per day		<b>65.00</b>
Access to Lighting – Commercial/Non-commercial – per day		<b>120.00</b>
Road Closure/Traffic Management – Events – Permit – per day		50.00 ✕
Lost/Stolen Key Replacement Fee		<b>Actual Cost</b>

# PARAP RECREATION FACILITY

The Parap Recreational Facility is fully occupied. (Note: Parap Recreation Facility is located at 77 Ross Smith Avenue, Parap.)  
For casual hire of Council facilities at alternate venues refer to Page 96 - Community Centre Charges.

PARAP RECREATIONAL FACILITY	2023/2024 Including GST \$
Office Rental for the Parap Recreation Facility Building - per annum	<b>150.00/m<sup>2</sup></b>

## PARKS

COUNCIL CHARGES FOR AFTER HOURS CALLOUTS	2023/2024 Including GST \$
After Hours On-call Officer Attendance per person/hr (min 4 hours)	<b>205.00</b>

MEMORIALS	2023/2024 Including GST \$
Memorial Plaque - supply and install on the Cenotaph Civilian Memorial Wall	<b>Actual Cost</b>
Memorial Seat and plaque - supply and install	<b>Actual Cost</b>
Memorial Tree and plaque - supply and install	<b>Actual Cost</b>

# PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS

## COUNCIL OPERATED PUBLIC POOLS

2023/2024  
Including GST

\$

### Public Sessions

• Adults (18 years & over)	<b>5.40</b>
• Children (Secondary students require photographic identification)	<b>2.70</b>
• Children under 4 years (must be supervised in the water by a paying adult)	Free
• Concession (full time NT tertiary students, Commonwealth Health Care Card, Northern Territory Concession Scheme. DVA Gold Card, DVA White Card. Photographic ID must be presented)	<b>2.70</b>
• One carer accompanying a person with a disability or persons accompanying holders of NT Companion Card	Free
• Seniors Card Holders (must present Seniors Card)	<b>4.30</b>
• Family Concession 2 adults & 2 children	<b>15.00</b>
• School Swim Concession (per head Mon to Fri)	<b>2.20</b>
• Spectators	Free

### 30 Swim Pass

• Adult	<b>105.00</b>
• Seniors Card Holders	<b>100.00</b>
• Concession/Child	<b>50.00</b>

### Yearly Pass

• Adult	<b>510.00</b>
• Seniors Card Holders	<b>465.00</b>
• Concession/Child	<b>290.00</b>

### Half Yearly Pass

• Adult	<b>290.00</b>
• Seniors Card Holders	<b>265.00</b>
• Concession/Child	<b>155.00</b>

✕ = Item is exempt from GST per ATO Division 81.

Amounts in **BOLD** indicate GST is applicable and has been included

# PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS (cont'd...)

GENERAL HIRE		2023/2024 Including GST
Does not guarantee exclusive use of the facility		\$
Public Pools - Lane Hire per 50m lane per hour or part thereof (during public opening hours & participants must pay entry fees)		20.00
Public Pools - Lane Hire per 25m lane per hour or part thereof (during public opening hours & participants must pay entry fees)		10.00
Public Pools - Whole pool facility per day (during public opening hours)		1,475.00
Public Pools - Whole facility per hour or part thereof (during public opening hours)		170.00
Use of pool grounds ONLY – per session up to 2 hours (no swimming).		30.00
Security Deposit		645.00 <b>×</b>
Hire of whole pool outside of operating hours (price and approval on application)		Price on Application
WATER SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS		2023/2024 Including GST
Any not-for-profit water sporting, school, life-saving or learn-to-swim organisation utilising the pool for aquatic activities (excluding social fund-raising events) during operating hours.		\$
Hire of a 50 metre lane, per lane per hour or part thereof (during operating hours only, & participants must pay entry fees)		8.00
Hire of a 25 metre lane, per lane per hour or part thereof (during operating hours only, & participants must pay entry fees)		4.00
Water and Canoe Polo hire of half of a 50 metre pool per hour (during operating hours only, & participants must pay entry fees).		29.00
Hire of whole 50 metre pool, per hour or part thereof (during operating hours).		80.00
Hire of whole 25 metre pool, per hour or part thereof (during operating hours).		40.00
Overrun on booked time of hire of whole 50 metre pool, per hour or part thereof (during operating hours).		103.00
Overrun on booked time of hire of whole 25 metre pool, per hour or part thereof (during operating hours).		50.00
ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY		2023/2024 Including GST
		\$
School swimming and water safety program – per student (includes lane hire)		2.00

**×** = Item is exempt from GST per ATO Division 81.

Amounts in **BOLD** indicate GST is applicable and has been included



# REGULATORY SERVICES FEES & CHARGES

UNTIDY ALLOTMENTS		2023/2024 Including GST
		\$
Untidy Allotment Clearance Costs		<b>Cost + 15 %</b>
Untidy Allotment Inspection		<b>335.00</b>
MISCELLANEOUS		2023/2024 Including GST
		\$
General Permit Fee (various)		30.00 ✕
Includes Horse and Carriage Tours Operated from The Mall. Weekly Permit Fee		
Shopping Trolley Release fee (left in public place)		155.00 ✕
Vehicle Impounding Release fee for standard sized vehicle (e.g. sedan, s/wagon, van) that will fit on a standard sized tilt tray. If heavier tow vehicle is required for a larger vehicle (e.g. bus), price will be adjusted accordingly. Plus cost of any advertisement in NT News		410.00 ✕ (plus advertising costs)
Impounded vehicle maintenance fee – Applied after expiration of 28 impounding days – Per day		<b>5.40</b>

# COURT COSTS

COMPLAINT AND SUMMONS		2023/2024 Including GST
		\$
Motor Vehicle Registry (118) certificate (Proof of Ownership)		20.00 ✕
Lodgement of the Complaint and Summons with the Court of Summary Jurisdiction		150.00 ✕
Administration		<b>80.00</b>
Other direct costs to Council determined as necessary.		

# PRIVATE WORKS

	2023/2024 Including GST
	\$

Works permit application fee per application - includes review of all supporting documents such as Traffic Guidance Schemes	75.00	×
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INSPECTIONS FOR PROPOSED WORKS AS A CONDITION OF WORKS PERMITS	2023/2024 Including GST
	\$

Inspection fee when required as a condition of works permit during week day	<b>85.00</b>
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Inspection fee when required as a condition of works permit during weekend	<b>200.00</b>
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WORKS WITHIN ROAD RESERVE	2023/2024 Including GST
	\$

Residential works within verge/nature strip. No impact on pedestrians. Weekly rate. Includes skip bins, shipping containers, driveway replacement/alterations – Maximum period 1 week	90.00	×
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Works undertaken by others per day eg. Commercial entities and public utilities, where flow of traffic (pedestrians and motorists included) is not interrupted.	<b>60.00</b>
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Works undertaken by others per day eg. Commercial entities and public utilities, where flow of traffic (pedestrians and motorists included) is interrupted. Revamped	<b>115.00</b>
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Works whereby the commercial entity or public utility is traversing the road reserve to access a worksite on private property per day	<b>20.00</b>
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**Note:** In addition to the above charges the applicant is liable for the hire of any parking bays at the current hire rate.

The applicant will also be responsible for the cost of erecting the appropriate signs.

# PRIVATE WORKS WITHIN ROAD RESERVE AND DEVELOPMENT

WORKS WITHIN PUBLIC OPEN SPACES	2023/2024 Including GST
	\$

Works within Council controlled public open space (excluding road reserve) per day	<b>85.00</b>
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CONSTRUCTION CHARGES	2023/2024 Including GST
	\$

Construction of road pavement, driveways, kerbs and paving	<b>Per Quote + 15%</b>
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FEES ASSOCIATED WITH ISSUED DEVELOPMENT PERMITS WHICH INCLUDE ASSESSMENT AND PLAN APPROVALS	2023/2024 Including GST
Includes plan approvals, assessments and clearances. 2 inspections included	\$

Extensions and sheds/carports – for small additions to existing residential and commercial structures	110.00	×
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SD – Single Dwelling, MD – Multiple Dwelling up to 3 units, RR – Rural Residential, CP – Community Purposes	280.00	×
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MD – Multiple Dwelling 4 units or more	405.00	×
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MR – Medium Residential, CV – Caravan Parks, C – Commercial, TC – Tourist Commercial, LI – Light Industry, GI – General Industry, DV – Development, all other zones	470.00	×
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HR – High Density, CB – Central Business	880.00	×
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Subdivison/Consolidation – No construction	110.00	×
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ASSESSMENT AND APPROVAL OF SUBDIVISIONS	2023/2024 Including GST
	\$

Subdivision Plan Approval Fee (of the estimated value)	1%	×
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Subdivision Handover Fee (Council Infrastructure)	1%	×
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# PRIVATE WORKS WITHIN ROAD RESERVE AND DEVELOPMENT (cont'd...)

	2023/2024 Including GST
	\$
Assessment of Traffic Management Plans	340.00 ✕
Assessment of traffic impact assessments outside CBD per assessment	<b>600.00</b>
Undertake Traffic Modelling for development proposals within CBD	<b>Cost + 15%</b>
Undertake Lighting and Electrical Design Assessment	<b>Cost + 15%</b>
Clearance Letter (includes 1 inspection)	110.00 ✕
Additional Inspection	<b>90.00</b>
<b>DISPLAY GOODS ON PUBLIC LAND (COMMERCIAL)</b> (May be removed with review of Outdoor Dining Policy) Annual Fee	2023/2024 Including GST
	\$
Per square metre	<b>70.00</b>
Minimum Charge	<b>165.00</b>

## SPORTING OVALS

### Sporting Grounds, Ovals

Council's sporting ovals are allocated to Peak Sporting Organisations for seasonal and casual usage, in the first instance Seasonal allocations take precedence over pre-season allocation requests and will be arranged so that any overlapping use, especially with regard to finals, is avoided. Seasonal charges are payable immediately at the beginning of each season.

Wet Season: 1 October to 31 March

Dry Season: 1 April to 30 September



# SPORTING OVALS (cont'd...)

## Gardens Oval Building Hire

Including Hunter Harrison Grandstand office space/kiosk for rental/lease (per annum) – **As determined by Council.**

GARDENS OVAL COMPLEX (for sporting use only)	2023/2024 Including GST \$
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<b>Seasonal User</b>	<b>2,600.00</b>
• Seasonal Group Allocation	

### Special Events (Outside Seasonal Usage)

Refer to OUTDOOR VENUE HIRE section

REGIONAL OVALS (GARDENS OVAL ONE) Seasonal Training & Competition Allocations	2023/2024 Including GST \$
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### Training 1 Night per week

• Seniors	<b>510.00</b>
• Juniors	<b>260.00</b>
• Combined Seniors & Juniors	<b>760.00</b>

### Multiple Training

• Seniors	<b>1,025.00</b>
• Juniors	<b>515.00</b>
• Combined Seniors & Juniors	<b>1,540.00</b>

### Competition Use

• Seniors	<b>1,000.00</b>
• Juniors	<b>500.00</b>
• Combined Seniors & Juniors	<b>1,380.00</b>

### Competition & Training Use

• Seniors	<b>1,605.00</b>
• Juniors	<b>810.00</b>
• Combined Seniors & Juniors	<b>2,490.00</b>

✕ = Item is exempt from GST per ATO Division 81.

Amounts in **BOLD** indicate GST is applicable and has been included

# SPORTING OVALS (cont'd...)

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## DISTRICT AND LOCAL (GARDENS OVAL TWO AND ALL OTHER OVALS)

2023/2024  
Including GST

### Seasonal Training & Competition Allocations

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#### Training for 1 night per week

• Seniors	480.00
• Juniors	240.00
• Combined Seniors & Juniors	705.00

#### Multiple Training Use

• Seniors	955.00
• Juniors	480.00
• Combined Seniors & Juniors	1,330.00

#### Competition Use Only

• Seniors	955.00
• Juniors	480.00
• Combined Seniors & Juniors	1,330.00

#### Competition and Training use

• Seniors	1,205.00
• Juniors	605.00
• Combined Seniors & Juniors	1,805.00

#### Pre-Season

• 1 Night per week – up to 6 weeks	170.00
• Multiple training – up to 6 weeks	315.00

#### Casual Hire

• Per Session up to 2 hours	80.00
• Per Day	110.00

#### Darwin School Bookings

##### (Including Darwin School Sports Associations)

Free

Monday – Friday, 7.30am-4.00pm only, subject to availability. Bookings can only be made up to one school term in advance.

✕ = Item is exempt from GST per ATO Division 81.

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# SPORTING OVALS (cont'd...)

## SPORTING OVALS SIGNAGE

2023/2024  
Including GST

\$

### Boundary Fence Signage – Per Season

• Nightcliff Oval	<b>800.00</b>
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## SPORTS FIELD LIGHTING

2023/2024  
Including GST

\$

Oval Lights 100 Lux – per hour (Gardens Oval 1, Bagot Oval, Nightcliff Oval, Malak Oval)	<b>25.00</b>
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Oval Lights 200 Lux – per hour (Bagot Oval, Nightcliff Oval)	<b>40.00</b>
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### Gardens Oval 1

• 300 Lux – Per hour	<b>50.00</b>
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• 500 Lux – Per hour	<b>65.00</b>
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Cricket Training Net Lights – per hour	<b>15.00</b>
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Velodrome Lights – per hour	<b>20.00</b>
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# TENNIS COURTS

- Parap – Free of Charge ✕
- Aralia Street – Free of Charge ✕
- Chrisp Street – Free of Charge ✕

Tennis Courts are available for use by social players during daylight hours.

No bookings required - all courts to operate on first come first served basis.

**Note:** Use of the tennis courts for commercial coaching or tuition purposes is not permitted.

# TREES, SHRUBS

VALUATION OF STOLEN/DAMAGED TREES, SHRUBS AS FOLLOWS -		2023/2024 Including GST
		\$
Stolen/Damaged trees, Shrubs		<b>Current Value + GST</b>

## Street Trees & Trees in Parks

Assessed at current local nursery prices + replacement cost and administration + 20% or where trees are mature an evaluation using Australian Draft Tree Evaluation Standard AAA.

## Shrubs

Assessed at current local nursery prices + replacement cost and administration + 20% for each.

## Palms, Cycads

Assessed at current local nursery prices + replacement cost and administration + 20% for each.

In all cases GST will be added to the cost of replacement.

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# WASTE DISPOSAL – SHOAL BAY

DOMESTIC ACCESS		2023/2024 Including GST
		\$
Access Tag - Darwin Municipal Residents who have paid the waste levy		Free
Lost or misplaced domestic access tags		<b>30.00</b>
Annual Access Tag for residential customers that have not paid a waste levy		<b>325.00</b>
General waste - Domestic vehicles, including with trailer, up to 1 tonne capacity		<b>55.00</b>
Green waste - Domestic vehicles, including with trailer, up to 1 tonne capacity		<b>35.00</b>
Car tyres (per tyre)*		<b>20.00</b>
4x4 tyres (per tyre)*		<b>40.00</b>

\*residential customers that have not paid a waste levy



# WASTE DISPOSAL – SHOAL BAY (cont'd...)

COMMERCIAL	2023/2024 Including GST \$
Green waste - Uncontaminated (per tonne)	90.00
Green waste – Uncontaminated (minimum fee)	40.00
Green waste - Contaminated per tonne	190.00
Green waste – Contaminated (minimum fee)	80.00
Tree stumps greater than 300mm diameter (per tonne)	190.00
Tyres - whole (per tonne)	1,180.00
General waste (all vehicles per tonne)	150.00
General waste contaminated with green waste (all vehicles per tonne)	190.00
Special Waste (per tonne)	290.00
Soil - clean fill (by arrangement)	Free
Soil - contaminated (by arrangement)	150.00
Recyclables (per tonne)	350.00
Steel - clean	Free
Asbestos (per tonne)	480.00
Concrete, clean without reo or other contaminants - per tonne	60.00
Concrete contaminated (per tonne)	190.00
Construction waste - contaminated (per tonne)	190.00
Mattresses (all sizes per item)	35.00
Regulated waste assessments (per assessment)	50.00
Reprinting of weighbridge docket (per docket)	20.00



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