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Draft Municipal Plan and Budget 2022-23

City of Palmerston has released its Draft Municipal Plan and Budget 2022-23 for community consultation.

The Municipal Plan is a key publication which represents Council's strategic vision and outlines project, event, and service priorities over the next year. It also contains Council's annual budget, including proposed rates, fees and charges.

The Municipal Plan and budget ensures that Council continues to deliver and build on services to the community and invest in an ongoing Capital Works program worth \$27.1M.

Municipal Plan highlights include:

- 2.9% rate increase, with an increase of \$30 to the minimum rate
- No increase to residential waste charge
- Continue to offer free entry to the Palmerston Pool and free parking in the CBD
- Continue to offer free facility hire to non-commercial users.
- Inclusion of services to new areas of the Municipality
- Construction to begin on the \$15M SWELL development
- Construction to begin on the Zuccoli Community Hub – Dog Park and Pump Park
- \$500,000 public lighting improvements
- \$250,000 worth of community grants through the Community Benefits Scheme
- Youth Festival and Christmas in Palmerston

Council has also released its Draft Long-Term Financial Plan 2023-32 for consultation. This document outlines how Council will ensure its financial sustainability over the next 10 years.

City of Palmerston Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell explained that Council continually aims to identify opportunities and efficiencies to meet the needs of our growing community.

"The 2022-23 Municipal Plan has a strong focus on community, sustainability and innovative practices, that makes Palmerston an attractive and liveable city, as well as a prime investment opportunity.

The next year fills me with excitement as we continue to stimulate the local economy through the implementation of a wide range of projects, partnerships and initiatives.

Palmerston is 'A Place for People'. As the community is at the centre of all we do, we take every opportunity to consult with our residents and involve them in decision-making. I encourage the community to read Council's draft plans and provide feedback to ensure Council continues to meet community needs," she said.

The Draft Municipal Plan and Draft Long-Term Financial Plan are available to view at Council's website, palmerston.nt.gov.au, with feedback closing 2 June 2022.

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