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Zuccoli and Surrounds Community Hub begins...

City of Palmerston is excited to announce construction of the first stage of the \$20m Zuccoli and Surrounds Community Hub development. The project includes an 'off-leash' dog park, with construction set to begin in the coming weeks. In a win for local industry, the construction tender was awarded to local company Sterling NT at a value of \$1.2 million.

Announcing the commencement of the dog park is an exciting time for City of Palmerston, providing residents with a large open space facility to take their dogs to run, jump, explore and socialize. The dog park will have two fenced areas and include sensory items such as digging pits and water play. A parking area will also be created, with new pathways and a public toilet.

Beyond this first stage of works, the Zuccoli and Surrounds Community Hub project is on track to be delivered over a 5 year period and is another example of the successful partnership between the Federal and NT Governments and City of Palmerston in providing valuable community assets. The Master Plan for the Zuccoli and Surrounds Community Hub, consulted on with the community in 2021, will incorporate walking trails, a skate park and pump track, a playground, children's boutique library, community centre and a garden of reflection. Further information, and a proposed works can be found on City of Palmerston's website.

Quote from City of Palmerston Mayor, Athina Pascoe-Bell

It's fantastic to be able to announce the news of the tender being awarded for the Zuccoli Dog Park. I'm sure the dog owners of the surrounding areas will see this as positive step and we are excited to deliver the first stage of the Zuccoli and Surrounds Community Hub. We again would like to acknowledge and thank the Australian and Northern Territory Governments for supporting the hub stages through the grant funding programs.

Quote from Federal Member for Lingjari, Marion Scrymgour

Projects like the Zuccoli Community Hub are imperative to delivering economic and workforce opportunities for all Territorians. This project demonstrates my commitment to building strong partnerships with local governments and supporting projects that foster better health and social outcomes, while improving living standards. I look forward to the overall development and the wide range of benefits City of Palmerston is set to receive.

Quote from the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics, Hon Eva Lawler

"The Zuccoli and Surrounds Community Hub will have something for everyone and the announcement of the tender for the first stage is an exciting step towards what is set to be a positive addition to Palmerston's community. Creating jobs for our local businesses and keeping

things in the Territory is one way that Palmerston is contributing to the NT's overall economy"

"This development will support our growing number of families in Palmerston and we are excited to see the Zuccoli and Surrounds Community Hub come to life."

Australian Government funding of \$350,000 was provided through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program. This program supports local councils to deliver priority local road and community infrastructure projects across Australia, supporting jobs and the resilience of local economies to help communities bounce back from the COVID-19 pandemic.

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