

1st ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

NOTICE OF MEETING

TUESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2020

The Ordinary Meeting of the City of Palmerston will be held in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston commencing at 5.30pm.



LUCCIO CERCARELLI
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- 3.1 Apologies
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4 REQUEST FOR TELECONFERENCE

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

- 5.1 Elected Members
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6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

THAT the Minutes of its Council Meeting held on 21 January 2020 pages 9978 to 9986 be confirmed.

6.2 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

7 MAYORAL REPORT

8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 8.1 Introduction to the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption
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9 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS)

10 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

- 10.1 Moving Confidential Items into Open
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10.3 Confidential Items

THAT pursuant to *Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the following confidential items.

ITEM	REGULATION	REASON
23.1	8(e)	This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to <i>Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act and 8(e) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations</i> , which states municipal council may close to the public only so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to, information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential.
25.2.1	8(a)	This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to <i>Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act and 8(a) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations</i> , which states municipal council may close to the public only so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to, information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual.
	8(b)	This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to <i>Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act and 8(b) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations</i> , which states municipal council may close to the public only so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to, information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.
	8(c)(i)	This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to <i>Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act and 8(c)(i) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations</i> , which states municipal council may close to the public only so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to, information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.
	8(c)(ii)	This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to <i>Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act and 8(c)(ii) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations</i> , which states municipal council may close to the public only so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to, information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law.
	8(c)(iii)	This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to <i>Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act and 8(c)(iii) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations</i> , which states municipal council may close to the public only so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to, information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff.

	8(c)(iv)	This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to <i>Section 65(2)</i> of the <i>Local Government Act</i> and 8(c)(iv) of the <i>Local Government (Administration) Regulations</i> , which states municipal council may close to the public only so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to, information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of the council or some other person is discussed.
	8(d)	This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to <i>Section 65(2)</i> of the <i>Local Government Act</i> and 8(d) of the <i>Local Government (Administration) Regulations</i> , which states municipal council may close to the public only so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to, information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity
	8(e)	This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to <i>Section 65(2)</i> of the <i>Local Government Act</i> and 8(e) of the <i>Local Government (Administration) Regulations</i> , which states municipal council may close to the public only so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to, information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential.

11 PETITIONS

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

12.1 Preservation of Trees of Significance in Palmerston

THAT a report be prepared outlining existing measures and processes available for the identification and protection of trees of significance under the care and control of the City of Palmerston including but not limited to the need for Council policy, information regarding level of protection provided, any criteria to determine a significant tree, responsibilities, and who administers and controls the processes, be presented to Council by the 1st Ordinary Council Meeting in May 2020.

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 4 February 2020

TOPIC: Preservation of Trees of Significance in Palmerston

BACKGROUND:

Since being elected this Council, the 9th Council, has been committed to improving the livability, lifestyle and environment of our wonderful city by making improvements to the public domain for the benefit of the community, local businesses and visitors.

This has included new programs, and extensive expansion and investment into programs to green and cool our city and protect its biodiversity. Since the commencement of our term these programs have included but are not limited to:

- Temple Terrace Landscaping Upgrades.
- Zuccoli Parade Landscaping Upgrades.
- Over 1000 trees to be planted in our streets and open spaces by 30 June 2020.
- Introduction of Edible Community Garden Policy.
- Provision of Community orchard in Moulden.
- Provision of Community Garden in City Centre.
- Retention and care of natural vegetation.
- Collaboration with NTG to develop a preservation and maintenance strategy for Mitchell Creek Reserve.

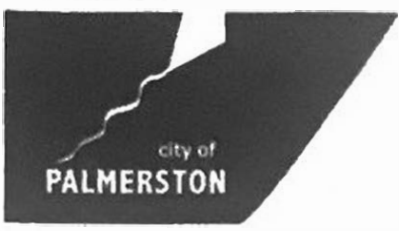
Trees contribute to their environment by providing oxygen, improving air quality, conserving water, preserving soil and supporting wildlife. Trees also lower the air temperature and reduce the heat intensity of the greenhouse effect by maintaining low levels of carbon dioxide. They are also enjoyed by the community for their peaceful beauty. In fact, many places for people are created around significant trees.

This work is having immediate positive impacts in our community, however it must be acknowledged that it will take several years before the trees we are planting today mature and we realise the full benefit to our lifestyles, health and the environment.

In considering future generations we must continue this important work but also protect what we have. Therefore as custodians of community assets we should understand what measures exist to protect and preserve any trees of significance within our community to ensure they are enjoyed for many years to come and by future generations.

OBJECTIVE:

The objective of this Notice of Motion is for the Council to better understand what measures exist to identify and protect, for future generations, any trees of significance in Palmerston on land under the care and control of Council.



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Signature

BENJAMIN GIESECKE

Print Name

29/1/2020

Date

NOTE: NOTICES OF MOTION MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER 5 CLEAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT WHICH THE MOTION IS TO BE MOVED.

13 OFFICER REPORTS

13.1 Receive and Note Reports

Nil.

13.2 Action Reports

13.2.1	Proposed Civic Plaza Solar Photovoltaic System	9/0360
13.2.2	Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly 2020	9/0361
13.2.3	The World Library and Information Congress International Travel for Library Services Manager	9/0364

AGENDA ITEM:	13.2.1
REPORT TITLE:	Proposed Civic Plaza Solar Photovoltaic System
REPORT NUMBER:	9/0360
MEETING DATE:	4/02/2020
AUTHOR:	City Sustainability Manager, Katie O'Neill
APPROVER:	Director City Growth and Operations, Kathy Jarrett

COMMUNITY PLAN

Environmental Sustainability: Palmerston is an environmentally friendly, liveable city that promotes renewable practices and sustainability.

PURPOSE

This report seeks to inform Council of the intent to invite a design and construct tender for the provision of a solar panel roof structure over a portion of the Civic Plaza carpark bays.

KEY MESSAGES

- Council is committed to reducing its carbon footprint and started rolling out the installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) systems at the City of Palmerston Library and Recreation Centre in 2018 and 2019. These systems have exceeded expectations by providing close to 40% of the Library and Recreation Centre's electricity needs.
- The next buildings scheduled for the installation of solar PV systems are the Civic Plaza and the Palmerston Swimming and Fitness Centre. Due to the upcoming Palmerston Swimming and Fitness Centre redevelopment, the Civic Plaza building is the more viable location for solar PV system installation in the short term.
- This report informs Council of the intent to invite a design and construct tender for the provision of solar PV systems at the Civic Plaza site on proposed roof structures over the carpark bays within the Civic Plaza allotment.
- The proposal will generate an estimated 50% of peak energy thereby saving in the operations of the Civic Plaza.
- The proposal also provides dual benefits by reducing Council's environmental footprint, cooling and greening the city and future focussing our infrastructure.

RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT Report Number 9/0360 entitled Proposed Civic Plaza Solar Photovoltaic System be received and noted.
2. THAT Council note the intent to invite a design and construct tender for the provision of solar panel roof structures over parking bays within the Civic Plaza allotment as presented in this report entitled Proposed Civic Plaza Solar Photovoltaic System, with a view to work being completed by September 2020 pending satisfactory submissions being received.

BACKGROUND

Council is committed to sustainability and to reducing its footprint on the environment. One of the strategies adopted to contribute to this objective is the installation of solar PV systems on Council buildings. The first solar PV systems were installed at the City of Palmerston Library and Palmerston Recreation Centre, with these systems exceeding expectations by providing close to 40% of the Library and Recreation Centre needs.

As identified in the 2019/2020 Municipal Plan and Budget, the next buildings scheduled for the installation of solar PV systems are:

- Civic Plaza
- Palmerston Swimming and Fitness Centre

The Palmerston Swimming and Fitness Centre is undergoing a redesign and ultimate refurbishment. Installation of PV systems prior to this upgrade is not a cost-effective long-term option. As such, the Civic Plaza has been identified as the next building that can feasibly accommodate a solar PV system.

The City's current Civic Plaza electricity costs are approximately \$80,000 annually. By installing a PV system Council could expect to save up to 50% of power costs. This is equivalent to removing 11.52 tonnes of CO² from the atmosphere annually.

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of viable options for installation of a solar PV system that will offset the Civic Plaza's electricity consumption and thereby reducing Council's environmental footprint. The report also provides a cost benefit analysis of each option and informs Council of the preferred option (being the installation of a solar PV system on constructed shade structures across the Civic Plaza's neighbouring carpark).

DISCUSSION

PV system installation must align with Power and Water requirements, including the need to restrict power generation and allocation to within individual allotments. The Civic Plaza building is in the following allotment (figure 1.), which incorporates the neighbouring public use car park.



Figure 1: Civic Plaza Power and Water Allotment

As such, options considered for the installation of solar PV systems have been kept within the allotment's footprint boundary. Two options were explored:

1. Installation on the roof of the Civic Plaza; and
2. Installation on shade structures to be constructed across portions of the Civic Plaza carpark.

The following represents an analysis of each of these options.

Civic Plaza Roof

Description

As the Civic Plaza roof is a flat structure, there are little restrictions to accessing available sunlight. Approximately 15% of the roof area is occupied by the air-conditioning systems. The solar panel installation would involve nominally five groups of panels. Recent discussions with contractors indicated that a 99kVa solar PV system is achievable on this roof for a cost of up to \$150,000.

Benefits of Roof Mounted Option

This system could generate approximately 60% of the Civic Plaza's peak energy requirements, saving approximately \$48,000 annually. This would ensure a payback period of just three years.

Costs/Constraints

Whilst the installation of the roof mounted system meets the City's objective of reducing its environmental footprint, the program is finite. There is no further capacity to reduce electricity consumption or contribute to achieving Council's other community outcomes.

Additionally, with a flat pitch roof, the costs for maintenance and replacement (of both roof sheets and panels) should be factored into long term costs. Generally, panels are anticipated to have an operational life of around 25 years (commercial grade).

Shade Structures Across the Civic Plaza Car Park

Description

Solar carparking structures are a viable renewable energy option for many businesses across Australia. They activate the earning potential/cost savings of under-utilised carparks. They are also easy to install as there is no retrofitting required to existing structures. Two examples of recently installed parking shade structure are listed below.



Figure 2: Coleman Printing, Darwin NT



Figure 3: Dunsborough Shopping Centre, WA

The Civic Plaza carpark is a public user pays carpark. A small portion of the carpark already has undercover parking (8 bays) with a total of 124 bays within the Civic Plaza carpark. The carpark is also used during the dry season for events such as Reboot-your-loot.

The current configuration of the carparking bays is in figure 4. Below.

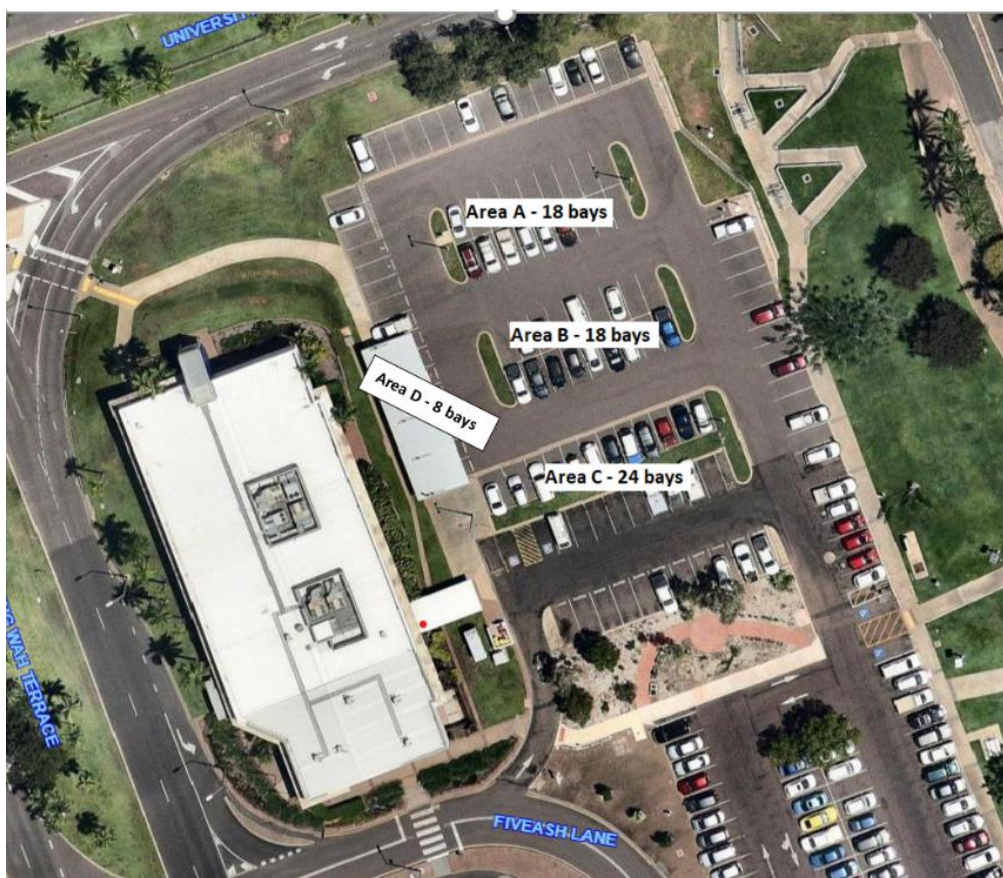


Figure 4: Configuration of Car Parking Bays

Four areas have been identified for potential shade structures and/or PV cell installation. Area (A and B) with 18 car bays each, Area C with 24 car bays and Area D with 8 bays (and an existing shade structure).

Preliminary investigations indicate that separate roof structures with solar panels could provide:

- Area A – 60kW providing approximately 40% of the Civic Plaza’s energy requirements at peak demand;
- Area B – 60kW providing a further 40% of the Civic Plaza’s energy requirements at peak demand;
- Area C – 75kW providing approximately 50% of the Civic Plaza’s energy requirements at peak demand; and
- Area D – 30kW providing approximately 20% of the Civic Plaza’s energy requirements at peak demand.

If all structures are implemented, energy production would be in excess of the Civic Plaza’s needs with excess production having the potential to be applied to the Civic Plaza’s tenant electricity needs. Any excess production on top of this could be stored and used for lighting needs in the surrounding precinct.

Implementing this option would be undertaken in stages, with stage 1 being Area C where the general public/visitor parking short term bays are located. In addition, an investigation into the feasibility of retrofitting the current shade structure (Area D) will be initiated. Development of other areas within the carpark (Areas A and B) would be dependent on power demand for the Civic Centre (both Council and tenant requirements) and how solar power subsidies can be sought.

In addition to shade structures and solar panels, it is proposed that provision also be made for a re-charge station for electric vehicles (EV's) within the development. EV use in the NT is in its infancy. In February 2019 only 35 EVs were registered in the NT. However, there are charging points across the length of the territory (see figure 5.). Installation of charging stations will future proof Palmerston for the emerging EV industry and include Palmerston in the current EV transport route that stretches across the NT.

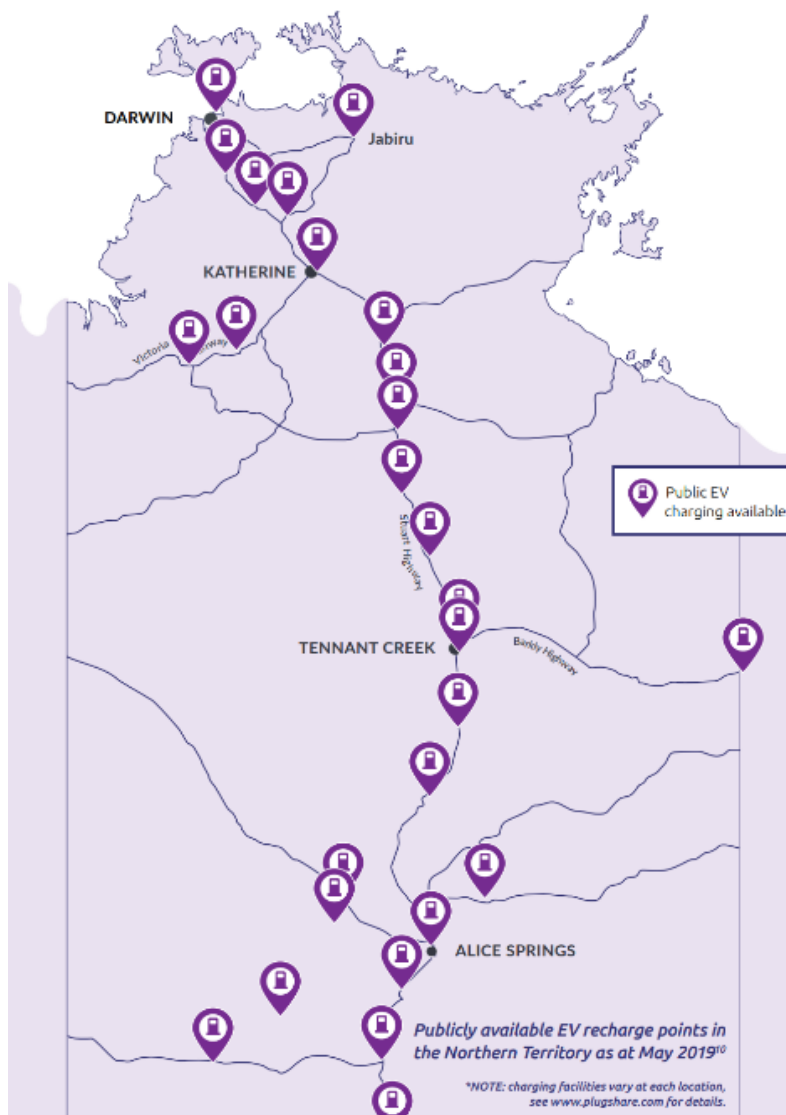


Figure 5: EV Charging Points

Benefits of the Solar Carparking Option

The construction of solar shade structures in the Civic Plaza car park aids in the achievement of several desired community outcomes, including:

- Reducing Council's environmental footprint.
- Cooling and greening of the City. Heat mitigation is a key deliverable for Council and car parks are well known heat sinks, significantly increasing localised temperatures. The provision of these shade structures works towards the goal of a cool city. If beneficial this program can be rolled out across other car parks in the municipality.

- Future focusing our infrastructure. The staged installation of the shade structures allows for generation of electricity across the whole of the allotment. Should all stages be implemented the Civic Plaza building will ultimately become carbon neutral. Installation of all solar shade structures also opens the possibility of battery storage and use at other sites.

There are also potential solar panel subsidies associated with the solar car parking option. Generally single site PV systems are kept below 100kVA. Above 100kVA has a different funding model with requirements for increased monitoring, reporting and claiming for subsidy payments. Below 100kVA allows the subsidy to be claimed as a single payment without ongoing external reporting. For example, the solar power subsidy is applicable per installation per consumer. Where there are two or more consumers on the one site (as is the case at Civic Plaza) there is potential for additional subsidies. The ability to use this eligibility criteria will be included within the proposed procurement process, based on a design and construct tender.

The use of the carpark by providing the dual benefits of power generation and shade has the potential to provide a scalable and longer-term benefit albeit with a higher upfront capital cost. Generally commercial grade roof top solar systems have a payback period of between five and seven years. Ground based systems have a longer return on investment period due to the higher costs of providing the support frames. Based on research, the likely return period is anticipated to be 10 to 12 years, representing approximately 50% of the service life for the panels. This will be confirmed during the procurement process. The steel support structure would have a 50 to 60-year service life.

Costs/Constraints

The installation of shade structures will require an additional outlay of up to \$150,000. This additional capital cost will increase as the project moves through the implementation stages, should power demands indicate the need for additional solar PV systems.

Conclusion

Given the dual benefits provided by installing solar panel roof shade structures across the public car park within the Civic Plaza allotment, a design and construct tender for the provision of solar PV systems at the Civic Plaza site on roof structures over the car park bays within the Civic Plaza allotment will be invited.

To ensure a value for money approach, there will be careful consideration around the tendering requirements for the design and construct. Innovative construction designs and competitive pricing will be sought to ensure that Council gets the best possible outcomes. The aim will be to achieve the installation of the maximum possible number of solar cells within the allocated budget.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

There was no consultation required during the preparation of this report.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications for this report.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

At present the budget allocation for 2019/2020 has approximately \$370,000 available funds for the implementation of Council's solar PV system program.

This amount will cover both a Civic Centre roof mounted system (up to \$150,000, to be further tested) or a solar panel roof shade structure for Area C (which preliminary estimates suggest will cost up to \$300,000).

The differential in costs is the construction of the support structure being built to cyclone standards.

RISK, LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

To investigate further the option of solar panel roof shade structures, the design and construct procurement process will provide for hold points at which time decisions can be made as to whether proceeding is the best option in comparison to a solar PV system being installed on the roof of the Civic Plaza building.

ENVIRONMENT SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Consistent with projects already undertaken by the Council with solar panel installations, the objective is to manage Council's environmental footprint and this project continues that objective by increasing our renewable energy consumption together with providing shaded parking bays for the benefit of visitors to the building.

COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

We the author and approving officer declare that we do not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

AGENDA ITEM:	13.2.2
REPORT TITLE:	Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly 2020
REPORT NUMBER:	9/0361
MEETING DATE:	4/02/2020
AUTHOR:	Executive Assistant to Chief Executive Officer, Caroline Hocking
APPROVER:	Chief Executive Officer, Luccio Cercarelli

COMMUNITY PLAN

Governance: Council is trusted by the community and invests in things that the public value.

PURPOSE

This report seeks Council endorsement for City of Palmerston representation at the Australian Local Government Association's (ALGA) National General Assembly (NGA) in Canberra on 14 to 17 June 2020.

KEY MESSAGES

- ALGA considers the NGA to be Australia's largest and most influential gathering of Local Government Elected Members, Chairs and Officials.
- The 2020 NGA theme is 'Working Together for our Communities'.
- The NGA will provide important input to strengthen the capacity of local government to provide services and infrastructure in Australia.
- Council has previously attended the NGA as it is considered significant to Local Government and provides a unique networking opportunity.
- Councils are entitled to one voting delegate in debating sessions.
- Elected Members are encouraged to attend the assembly given the unique opportunity for networking, advocacy and exchanging of ideas.

RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT Report Number 9/0361 entitled Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly 2020 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse Mayor Pascoe-Bell or her representative, Alderman _____ and Alderman _____ attendance to the 2020 Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly in Canberra being held 14 to 17 June 2019.
3. THAT Council endorses the Mayor or her representative to vote on behalf of the City of Palmerston at the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly 2020 debating sessions, taking into consideration the interests of the Community and Council.
4. THAT the leave of absence from Mayor Pascoe-Bell or her representative, Alderman _____ and Alderman _____ for period 14 June to 17 June 2020 (inclusive) be received and granted.

BACKGROUND

The ALGA NGA is Australia's largest and most influential gathering of Local Government Elected Members, Chairs and Officials and attracts more than 870 representatives from councils across the states and territories.

This year's theme 'Working Together for our Communities' acknowledges the need to come together and with other partners, including the Federal Government, to deliver for our communities.

In previous years the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer have travelled to Canberra to represent the City of Palmerston. Representation has provided Council with an opportunity to network with Federal Government and keep abreast of current and contemporary local government issues.

DISCUSSION

This year's conference is themed 'Working Together for our Communities'. The conference's final program and list of keynote speakers are still being finalised, however due to popular demand and to benefit from its early bird offers and accommodation availability, early endorsement from Council is being sought.

The primary focus of the conference and its motions for debate is to come together and with partners, including the Federal Government, to deliver for our communities.

ALGA opened its call for motions end of November 2019 and will accept motions until 27 March 2020. Should Council wish to submit a motion, the motion must address at least one of the issues identified in the NGA discussion paper. A copy of the discussion paper has been provided at **Attachment A**, should Council wish to formulate a motion, a further report can be brought to Council.

Once its motions have been collated, ALGA will formulate its Business Papers and distribute approximately two weeks prior to the NGA. A copy of the business papers will be made available to Elected Members.

The conference dates will fall over the second Ordinary Council meeting in June, Council officers are mindful of the critical timing of the budget and Municipal Plan and will ensure any critical documents will not be presented at a meeting where the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer are absent.

Elected Members are encouraged to attend given the large representation of Local Government's state and Australian Government representatives, this provides a unique opportunity for networking, advocacy and exchanging of ideas.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

There was no consultation required during the preparation of this report.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Council Policy EM02 Elected Members Benefits and Support, identifies that Elected Members wishing to attend a conference incurring travel costs are to apply to the Chief Executive Officer.

As good practise and to ensure valuable professional development and networking opportunities are available to Elected Members, attendance to the annual ALGA NGA will be placed to Council for endorsement and available to all Elected Members who wish to attend.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The Mayor and any other Elected Member wishing to attend will be accompanied by the Chief Executive Officer.

Attendance is estimated at a cost of \$3,850 per person, which includes flexible flights, three nights' accommodation, early bird registration and incidentals.

The cost can be accommodated within the existing operating budget.

RISK, LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Each Council will be entitled to one vote in debating sessions. It is recommended that Council endorse the Mayor or her representative to vote on behalf of the City of Palmerston.

It should be noted the date of the Assembly conflicts with the Second Ordinary Council Meeting in June. Five Elected Members are required to be present at a meeting to hold quorum.

There is an opportunity for an additional two members to participate in the assembly, should more members wish to attend the date of the Council meeting in June could be altered, however this is not being recommended.

ENVIRONMENT SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no environment sustainability implications for this report.

COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

We the author and approving officer declare that we do not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: National General Assembly – Call for Motions Discussion Paper 2020

**WORKING
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NGA20**

Call for Motions
Discussion Paper 2020

14-17 June 2020
National Convention Centre Caberra

nga20.com.au



**AUSTRALIAN
LOCAL GOVERNMENT
ASSOCIATION**

KEY DATES

18 November 2019

Opening of Call for Motions

27 March 2020

Acceptance of motions close

14 - 17 June 2020

National General Assembly

To submit your motion go to:

alga.asn.au/nga20-motions/

SUBMITTING MOTIONS

The National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) is an important opportunity for you and your council to influence the national policy agenda.

To assist you to identify motions that address the theme of the 2020 NGA – Working Together for Our Communities, the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) Secretariat has prepared this short discussion paper. You are encouraged to read all the sections of the paper but are not expected to respond to every question. Your motion/s can address one or more of the issues identified in the discussion paper.

Remember that the focus of the NGA is on partnerships and working together so your questions could focus on how Local Governments can work in partnership with the Australian Government to address the challenges our communities face, or the opportunities that are arising as we approach the crossroads before us.

Criteria for motions

To be eligible for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers, and subsequent debate on the floor of the NGA, motions must meet the following criteria:

1. be relevant to the work of local government nationally
2. not be focussed on a specific location or region – unless the project has national implications. You will be asked to justify why your motion has strategic importance and should be discussed at a national conference
3. be consistent with the themes of the NGA
4. complement or build on the policy objectives of your state and territory local government association
5. be submitted by a council which is a financial member of their state or territory local government association
6. propose a clear action and outcome i.e. call on the Australian Government to do something
7. not be advanced on behalf of external third parties that may seek to use the NGA to apply pressure to Board members, or to gain national political exposure for positions that are not directly relevant to the work of, or in the national interests of, local government.

OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER

Motions should generally be in a form that seeks the NGA's support for a particular action or policy change at the Federal level which will assist local governments to meet local community needs. Motions should commence as follows - This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to

e.g. This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to restore funding for local government Financial Assistance Grants to a level equal to at least 1% of Commonwealth taxation revenue.

In order to ensure efficient and effective debate where there are numerous motions on a similar issue, the ALGA Board NGA Subcommittee will group the motions together under an overarching strategic motion. The strategic motions have either been drafted by ALGA or are based on a motion submitted by a council which best summarises the subject matter. Debate will focus on the strategic motions. Associated sub-motions will be debated by exception only.

Motions should be lodged electronically using the online form available on the NGA website at: www.alga.asn.au. All motions require, among other things, a contact officer, a clear national objective, a summary of the key arguments in support of the motion, and endorsement of your council. **Motions should be received no later than 11:59pm AEST on Friday 27 March 2020.**

Please note that for every motion it is important to complete the background section on the form. Submitters of motions should not assume knowledge. The background section helps all delegates, including those with no previous knowledge of the issue, in their consideration of the motion.

All motions submitted will be reviewed by the ALGA Board's NGA Sub-Committee, as well as by state and territory local government associations to determine their eligibility for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers. When reviewing motions, the Sub-Committee considers the importance and relevance of the issue to local government.

Please note that motions should not be prescriptive in directing how the matter should be pursued. With the agreement of the relevant council, motions may be edited before inclusion in the NGA Business Papers to ensure consistency. If there are any questions about the substance or intent of a motion, ALGA will raise these with the nominated contact officer.

Any motion deemed to be primarily concerned with local or state issues will be referred to the relevant state or territory local government association and will not be included in the NGA Business Papers.

There is an expectation that any Council that submits a motion will be present at the National General Assembly to move and speak to the motion.

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this discussion paper is to provide guidance to councils developing Motions for Debate at the 2020 National General Assembly (NGA). This NGA will focus on working together for our communities and how local governments can achieve success through partnerships. It will consider how strategic partnerships can assist councils to address the challenges and opportunities we are facing today and tomorrow.

Some of the challenges and opportunities facing Australia were outlined in the CSIRO's Australian National Outlook 2019. Many of the challenges have direct implications for local governments and the communities they represent and provide services for. These challenges can also be opportunities that, if seized and managed appropriately, can ensure that our councils and communities thrive. This will require long-term planning, significant effort, and a cultural shift that will rebuild trust in institutions and all tiers of government, encourage healthy risk taking, and incorporate environmental and social outcomes in decision-making.

Collaboration and partnerships across sectors and with a diverse range of organisations will be vital to develop and implement solutions to the challenges ahead and to seizing the opportunities that emerge.

The National Outlook

The Australia National Outlook 2019 released by the CSIRO¹ revealed that Australia is at a crossroads. The research highlighted that we need to think and act differently if we are to ensure a bright future where GDP per capita could be as much as 36% higher in 2060 and growth is environmentally sustainable and inclusive. Failure to adequately address the significant economic, environmental and social challenges identified would result in a slow decline.

The CSIRO identified six important challenges that are already taking hold or on the horizon:

- **The rise of Asia** – The development boom in China that fuelled strong demand for Australian commodities (particularly resource and energy exports) is tapering off as China transitions to a new phase of growth fuelled by domestic consumption and services. However, growth in Asia could also create significant opportunities for Australia. By 2030, the Asia-Pacific region is set to consume more than half of the world's food, 40% of its energy, and be home to an estimated 65% of the world's middle class, resulting in increased demand for Australia's quality produce and service exports including tourism, education, health and aged care services, entertainment and financial and professional services.

How can local government position its communities to reap the benefits of the rise of the Asian middle class and manage any impacts? What partnerships are important?

- **Technological change** – New disruptive technologies are transforming industries and the way people live, work, and interact with each other. They are also changing the skills that will be needed in the workforce of the future. In the face of declining academic results Australia faces difficulties in ensuring that the workforce is prepared for the jobs of the future. With adaptation strategies in place embracing technology can have a net positive outlook for jobs.

What are the pre-requisites for commitments to take advantage of technological change?

What adaptation strategies are required at a local level to ensure councils and local communities are ready for the jobs of the future? What partnerships may be required?

- **Climate change and environment** – a broad range of impacts will be experienced in Australia as a result of global climate change, the severity of which will depend on the effectiveness of global emission reductions and local adaptation. The impacts include more extremely high temperatures and few extremely low temperatures, less rainfall and more droughts in southern Australia, less snow, more intense rainfall and fire weather, and fewer but stronger cyclones, and sea level rise. These changes will increase stress on Australia's ecosystems that are already threatened, and significantly affect agriculture, forestry, fisheries, transport, health, tourism, finance and disaster risk management. It is possible to strive towards zero emissions through a range of actions that target key sectors including energy, land use, urban infrastructure and industrial systems.

How do we work together to ensure that there is local adaptation to climate change and climate extremes? What partnerships are available to achieve zero emissions?

- **Demographics** – Australia's population is estimated to reach 41 million by 2060. This increase will be accompanied by an ageing of the population resulting in a reduction in the proportion of working age people from 66% in 2018 to an estimated 60% in 2060. This will impact economic output and infrastructure requirements and place pressure on government budgets. The impacts of population growth are likely to be felt most strongly in urban environments, with Sydney and Melbourne projected to be home to 8-9 million people and Brisbane and Perth increasing to 4-5 million people. If density does not increase, more and more people will be distanced from jobs, higher education, health services and transport.

What partnerships and forward planning are required to manage the impact of population growth in urban areas? How do regional and rural areas work in partnership to realise the benefit of population growth?

- **Trust** – Trust in institutions including governments, businesses, non-government organisations and the media has declined significantly since 1993 when 42% trusted government compared with just 26% in 2016. The loss of trust threatens the social licence to operate for Australia's institutions, restricting their ability to enact long term strategies.

How can local governments utilise partnerships to strengthen our social licence to operate?

- **Social cohesion** – like trust, social cohesion has declined falling from a baseline of 100 in 2007 to 88.5 in 2017, according to the Scanlon Foundation Index. This index considers survey respondents' sense of belonging and worth, social justice and equity, political participation and attitudes towards minorities and newcomers. The drivers of social cohesion are not fully understood but the following factors may all play a role: issues related to trust; financial stress, slow wage growth; poor housing affordability and its disproportionate affect on low income earners; and the rise of inequity.

How can local governments work in partnership with their communities and others to build and maintain social cohesion?

If Australia tackles these six challenges head on using a collaborative approach, we can achieve a bright future as a nation. However, there are five major shifts or changes that must occur. Each of these shifts have several “levers” that support their attainment. Local government has a role in some of the levers.

- An industry shift to enable a productive, inclusive and resilient economy with new strengths in both the domestic and export sectors
 - Increase the adoption of technology to boost productivity in existing industries that have historically supported Australia’s growth, as well as new industries.
 - Invest in skills to ensure a globally competitive workforce that is prepared for technology-enabled jobs of the future.
 - Develop export-facing growth industries that draw on Australia’s strengths and build competitive advantage in global markets and value chains.

What can be achieved through partnerships that can address the gap between regions that are struggling and those that are well-off?

- An urban shift to enable well-connected, affordable cities that offer more equal access to quality jobs, lifestyle amenities, education and other services.
 - Plan for higher-density, multicentre and well-connected capital cities to reduce urban sprawl and congestion.
 - Create mixed land use zones with diverse high-quality housing options to bring people closer to jobs, services and amenities.
 - Invest in transportation infrastructure, including mass-transit, autonomous vehicles and active transit, such as walking and cycling.

Rural communities are essential to Australia’s wellbeing. What is required to ensure equitable access to quality jobs, lifestyle amenities, education and other services? What role do partnerships have to play in this?

Local governments are vital partners in achieving the urban shift? What needs to be brought to the partnerships by other parties? What policies need to be developed or changed?

- An ENERGY shift to manage Australia’s transition to a reliable, affordable, low-emissions energy economy that builds on Australia’s existing sources of comparative advantage.
 - Manage the transition to renewable sources of electricity, which will be driven by declining technology costs for generation, storage and grid support.
 - Improve energy productivity using available technologies to reduce household and industrial energy use.
 - Develop new low-emissions energy exports, such as hydrogen and high-voltage direct current power.

What role do local governments play in the energy shift? How will local governments and communities benefit?

- A LAND shift to create a profitable and sustainable mosaic of food, fibre and fuel production, carbon sequestration and biodiversity.
 - Invest in food and fibre productivity by harnessing digital and genomic technology, as well as using natural assets more efficiently.
 - Participate in new agricultural and environmental markets, such as carbon forestry, to capitalise on Australia's unique opportunities in global carbon markets.
 - Maintain, restore and invest in biodiversity and ecosystem health, which will be necessary to achieve increased productivity.

How can rural and regional communities' benefit from the land shift? What partnerships are required to achieve this shift?

- A CULTURE shift to encourage more engagement, curiosity, collaboration and solutions, and should be supported by inclusive civic and political institutions.
 - Rebuild trust and respect in Australia's political, business and social institutions.
 - Encourage a healthy culture of risk taking, curiosity and an acceptance of fear of failure to support entrepreneurship and innovation.
 - Recognise and include social and environmental outcomes in decision-making processes.

How can local governments build partnerships with their local communities that also benefit the nation as a whole?

How can local governments work in partnership with the Australian Government and other key stakeholders to achieve these shifts and other significant policy challenges?

Can a partnership approach address the current infrastructure backlog and ensure that infrastructure (including transport infrastructure) is available and fit for the future?

Trust

To effectively implement the scale of change and reform that will be required for the growing Australian population, government needs to focus on rebuilding trust. According to the *Edelman Trust Barometer*², trust in government around the world fell to record lows in 2018. While modest increases were reported in the 2019 study including in Australia, citizens around the world are struggling to trust that their governments are working in their best interest.

The 2018 report *Trust and Democracy in Australia: Democratic decline and renewal*³ revealed that Members of the Australian Parliament (MPs) in general are distrusted by nearly half the population (48 per cent) with only one in five (21 per cent) are willing to express that they trust them "a little bit". For State MPs and local councillors, the figure is slightly better with 31 % and 29 % respectively indicating they "trust them a little bit". Table 1 details the level of trust in different generations.

	Generation Z (1995-present)	Millennials (1980-94)	Generation X (1965-79)	Baby Boomers (1946-64)	Builders (1925-45)
State/Territory Government	38.5%	40.0%	26.7%	35.7%	44.1%
Federal Government	39.5%	31.5%	21.5%	30.8%	39.2%
Political parties	26.9%	15.6%	12.2%	16.7%	15.7%
Local Government	66.5%	47.1%	33.6%	47.5%	54.9%
Government ministers	27.5%	24.5%	15.7%	24.3%	31.1%
MPs in general	26.9%	23.2%	16.1%	20.2%	22.3%
Local Councillors	33.8%	31.7%	24.7%	27.2%	33.3%
Public Servants	45.4%	40.4%	34.4%	39.4%	35.9%
Your local MP	29.2%	30.5%	27.5%	31.2%	39.8%

Table 1: Levels of political trust in different generations (source: Stoker et al 2018)

The report revealed that one thing that appears to unite most Australians is complaining about their politicians with the three biggest grievances being:

- politicians are not accountable for broken promises;
- that they don't deal with the issues that really matter; and
- that big business/trade unions have too much power.

Professor Ken Smith, the Dean and CEO of the Australia and New Zealand School of Government (ANZSOG), is intent on understanding the factors that drive distrust in government and developing innovative ways to counter some of these trends. He has highlighted⁴ that people look at central government and see bureaucrats far removed from their own local circumstances. In Australia, where people live in very varied conditions, it is crucial for policymaking to be based in local realities. Yet locally-based solutions have not been the method of choice so far in Australian politics. The answer, according to Professor Smith, is devolved government, or subsidiarity where “policies are driven by and tailored to the needs of the local community – to avoid the problem of service provision that completely misses the mark”.

Some commentary suggests that declining trust and confidence is driven by a perceived failure of our institutions to uphold promises and deliver outcomes. Research undertaken for *Trust and Democracy in Australia: Democratic decline and renewal*⁵ revealed a significant appetite for reform including the co-design of policies with ordinary Australians, citizen juries, to solve complex problems that parliament can't fix, and reforms aimed at creating a stronger community or local focus to decision-making.

The Review into the Australian Public Service (APS) had a focus on delivering local solutions⁶ not only in terms of place-based policy making but also by paying attention to communities (often specific communities determined by interest or identity). The review found that there is currently no guiding set of administrative principles or coordinated holistic architecture either within the APS or across the APS and other levels of government to fully support and enable local delivery solutions.

The report⁷ went on “evidence suggest the need for increasing localised solutions in genuine partnership with communities to achieve best social, economic and environmental outcomes. Top down policy making is no longer sufficient alone to deal with community expectations or the complexity of challenges faced in community settings. Communities themselves need to be part of the solutions, right from problem conception to design, implementation and evaluation”. “There are opportunities for the APS to get closer to the communities it services directly and indirectly (through effective partnerships with other levels of government and civil society”.

How can local governments address the trust deficit with their local communities and assist the Australian Government to do the same?

How can the Australian Government and local governments maximise the strengths and abilities of the public service (including council staff) and deliver in partnership for our communities?

How can we draw on the strengths and resourcefulness of local governments and local communities to work in partnership with the Australian Government to tackle issues of national significance and lift key economic and social indicators?

What do local governments bring to the table to tackle issues of national significance?

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AGENDA ITEM:	13.2.3
REPORT TITLE:	The World Library and Information Congress- International Travel for Library Services Manager
REPORT NUMBER:	9/0364
MEETING DATE:	4/02/2020
AUTHOR:	Director Lifestyle and Community, Amelia Vellar
APPROVER:	Chief Executive Officer, Luccio Cercarelli

COMMUNITY PLAN

Future Focused: Palmerston is an innovative city that sustains itself through the challenges of the future.

PURPOSE

This report requests approval for the Library Services Manager to travel to Dublin, Ireland for an international library conference.

KEY MESSAGES

- The Library Services Manager is requesting approval to attend the World Library and Information Congress in Dublin, Ireland from 14-21 August 2020.
- Benefits of attendance at this conference are both to the Library Services Manager in terms of professional development, and also to Council, by representation at an international level, as well as information and knowledge gathering at the premier library conference for contemporary library practice and innovation.
- The Library Services Manager is self-funding flights and associated travel costs.
- The Library Services Manager is requesting financial assistance for the conference registration and accommodation costs to be approved as per Council's internal training and development policy.

RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT Report Number 9/0364 entitled The World Library and Information Congress- International Travel for Library Services Manager be received and noted.
2. THAT approval is granted for the Library Services Manager to travel internationally to attend The World and Library Information Congress as outlined in Report Number 9/0364.

BACKGROUND

The Library Services Manager in consultation with the Director Lifestyle and Community have identified attendance at The World Library and Information Congress as desired and appropriate professional development. This was identified as a means of gaining inspiration and knowledge about the latest in contemporary library practice with a view to informing future projects in the library, particularly the Library Modernisation project.

DISCUSSION

The WLIC is the 86th Conference and Assembly of IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions) and is the premier conference for library professionals in the world. The theme for 2020 is 'Inspire, Engage, Enable, Connect'.

From the IFLA website:

*The IFLA World Library and Information Congress is the **international flagship** professional and trade event for the library and information services sector.*

*It brings together over 3,500 participants from more than 120 countries. It sets the **international agenda** for the profession and offers opportunities for networking and professional development to all delegates.*

*It is an opportunity for the host country to **showcase** the status of libraries and information science in their country and region as well as to have their professionals **experience** international librarianship and international relations in a unique way.*

*The congress also offers an **international trade exhibition** with over 80 exhibitors and an exhibition of approximately 1000 m² (square metres). The combined buying power of all delegates can be estimated at more than 1.2 billion dollars.*

Attendance at this conference will enhance the Library Services Manager's current knowledge of contemporary library trends and best practice and will be a source of inspiration for future strategic planning initiatives for the City of Palmerston and Taminmin Community Libraries. It will also enable the City of Palmerston to participate in international level networking through her attendance.

This aligns with Outcomes 4 and 6 of the City of Palmerston's Community Plan:

4. A Future Focus: Palmerston is an innovative city that can sustain itself through the challenges of the future.

Objective 4.1: We support and foster innovation

- We focus on developing our people
- We will support the establishment of a network of experts and innovators who can influence innovation and encourage forward thinking

6. Governance: Council is trusted by the community and invests in things that that public value.

Objective 6.1: Ensure we have a leading governance model

- Be courageous – try new solutions take measured risks, adopt new technologies, be flexible and adaptable

As the conference is being held outside of Australia approval is being sought from Council noting that the travel costs will be self-funded from by the Manager Library Services.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

The following City of Palmerston staff were consulted in preparing this report:

- Library Services Manager, Anna Ingram.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The Library Services Manager is requesting financial assistance for the conference registration and accommodation costs to be approved as per the Council policy *HR02.2 International Training and Development*.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The Library Services Manager will be self-funding flights and associated travel costs and is currently seeking grant funding for the registration costs. However, if the Library Services Manager is unsuccessful in securing this funding, she is requesting support for:

- Conference registration: €510 EUR (Approximately \$823 AUD as at 24/1/20)
- Full or partial accommodation costs: Approximately €1500 EUR (Approximately \$2,400 AUD as at 24/1/20)
- Total cost: Approximately \$3,223 AUD

Given the nature and standing of the conference these costs are commensurate to those if the Manager attended a similar conference in Australia.

RISK, LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Dublin, Ireland is considered a safe city, and any risk will be mitigated by the purchase of international travel insurance.

ENVIRONMENT SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no environment sustainability implications for this report.

COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

We the author and approving officer declare that we do not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

14 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

15 REPORT OF DELEGATES

16 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

17 GENERAL BUSINESS

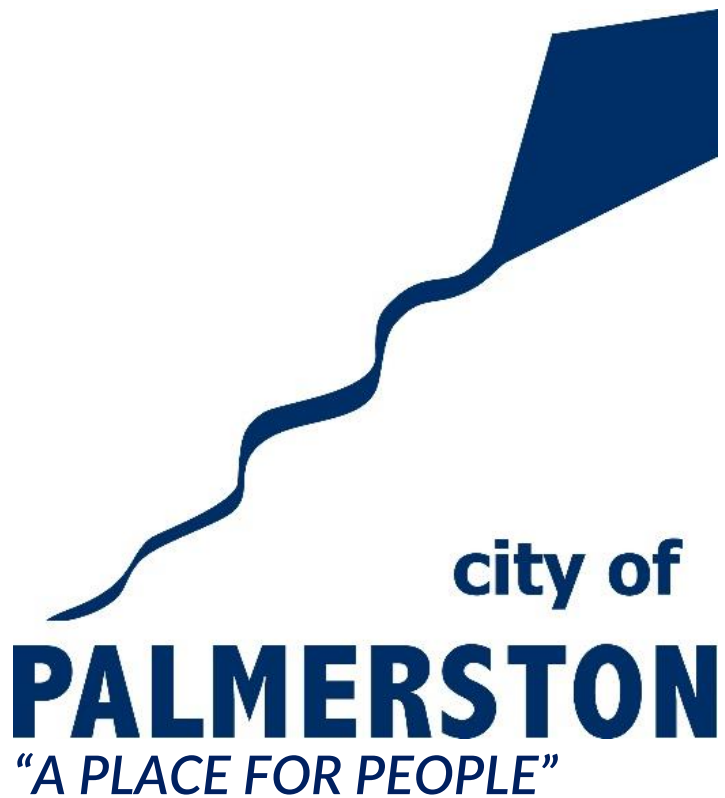
18 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 18 February 2019 at 5.30pm in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston.

19 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

THAT pursuant to Section 65(2) of the *Local Government Act* and Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations*, the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential item of the Agenda.

20 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON



**COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, 21 JANUARY 2020**

CITY OF PALMERSTON

**Minutes of Council Meeting
held in Council Chambers
Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston
on Tuesday 21 January 2020 at 5:30pm.**

ELECTED MEMBERS

Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell (Chair)
Deputy Mayor Lucy Morrison
Alderman Amber Garden
Alderman Benjamin Giesecke
Alderman Damian Hale
Alderman Tom Lewis
Alderman Mick Spick

STAFF

Chief Executive Officer, Luccio Cercarelli
Director City Growth and Operations, Kathy Jarrett
Director Lifestyle and Community, Amelia Vellar
Communications Media and Marketing Lead, Samantha Abdic
City Operations Manager, Travis Jolly
City Sustainability Manager, Katie O'Neill
People and Customer Lead, Kylie Cardinal
Minute Secretary, Alexandra Briley

GALLERY

Sowaibah Hanifie, ABC

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I respectfully acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we are meeting – the Larrakia People – and pay my respects to their elders, past, present and future.

2 OPENING OF MEETING

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5:30pm.

Initials: _____

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 Apologies

Nil.

3.2 Leave of Absence Previously Granted

Nil.

3.3 Leave of Absence Request

Moved: Alderman Garden

Seconded: Alderman Spick

1. THAT the leave of absence received from Alderman Garden for 19 December 2020 to 27 January 2021 inclusive be received and noted.
2. THAT the leave of absence received from Alderman Garden for 26 July to 10 August 2020 inclusive be received and noted.
3. THAT the leave of absence received from Alderman Garden for 13 September to 18 September 2020 inclusive be received and noted.
4. THAT the leave of absence received from Alderman Henderson for 6 January to 26 January 2020 inclusive be received and noted.

CARRIED 9/0954 – 21/01/2020

4 REQUEST FOR TELECONFERENCING

Nil.

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

5.1 Elected Members

Nil.

5.2 Staff

Nil.

Initials: _____

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved: Deputy Mayor Morrison
Seconded: Alderman Giesecke

THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 10 December 2019 pages 9961 to 9974, be confirmed.

CARRIED 9/0955 – 21/01/2020

6.2 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

Nil.

7 MAYORAL REPORT

Nil.

8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

9 PUBLIC QUESTIONS (WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS)

Nil.

10 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

10.1 Moving Confidential Items into Open

10.1.1 *Lease of Part of Lot 4201, 31 Tilston Avenue, Moulden* C9/0159

1. *THAT Report Number C9/0159 entitled Lease of Part of Lot 4201, 31 Tilston Avenue, Moulden be received and noted.*
2. *THAT Council offer a lease to Northern Territory Government for three (3) years on terms and conditions, including community consultation, outlined in Report Number C9/0159 entitled Lease of Part of Lot 4201, 31 Tilston Avenue, Moulden, with the option of two (2) one (1) year extensions subject to approval by Council resolution.*

Initials: _____

10.1.1 Lease of Part of Lot 4201, 31 Tilston Avenue, Moulden (continued) C9/0159

3. *THAT Council pursuant to Section 32(2) of the Local Government Act, delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to negotiate a lease with the Northern Territory Government for three (3) years on terms and conditions outlined in Report Number C9/0159 entitled Lease of Part of Lot 4201, 31 Tilston Avenue, Moulden, with the option of two (2) one (1) year extensions subject to approval by Council resolution.*
4. *THAT the Council Decisions relating to Report Number C9/0159 entitled Lease of Part of Lot 4201, 31 Tilston Avenue, Moulden be moved to the Open Minutes at the time of a related announcement by the Northern Territory Government.*

CARRIED 9/0452 – 29/01/2019

10.1.2 Lease of Part of Lot 4201, 31 Tilston Avenue, Moulden C9/0259

1. *THAT Report Number C9/0259 entitled Lease of Part of Lot 4201, 31 Tilston Avenue, Moulden be received and noted.*
2. *THAT Council commit \$400,000 for renewal works specifically to the Palmerston Swimming and Fitness Centre hall spaces to bring them to an acceptable standard to be funded from Council Reserves as identified within Report 9/0269 entitled Lease of Part of Lot 4201, 31 Tilston Avenue, Moulden dated 16 July 2019.*
3. *THAT Council waive the requirement for the Northern Territory Government to pay rent on the hall spaces of the Palmerston Swimming and Fitness Centre for the term of their lease.*
4. *THAT Council decisions relating to Report Number C9/0259 entitled Lease of Part of Lot 4201, 31 Tilston Avenue, Moulden be moved to the Open Minutes at the time of a related announcement by the Northern Territory Government.*

CARRIED 9/0746 – 16/07/2019

10.2 Moving Open Items into Confidential

Nil.

10.3 Confidential Items

Nil.

11 PETITIONS

Nil.

Initials: _____

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

13 OFFICERS REPORTS

13.1 Receive and Note Reports

13.1.1 Palmerston Animal Management Advisory Committee Meeting – November 2019 9/0059

Moved: Alderman Garden
Seconded: Alderman Hale

THAT Report Number 9/0059 entitled Palmerston Animal Management Advisory Committee Meeting – November 2019 be received and noted.

CARRIED 9/0956 – 21/01/2020

13.1.2 Organisational Services and Finance Quarterly Report – October to December 2019 9/0341

Moved: Deputy Mayor Morrison
Seconded: Alderman Garden

THAT Report Number 9/0341 entitled Organisational Services and Finance Quarterly Report – October to December 2019 be received and noted.

CARRIED 9/0957 – 21/01/2020

13.1.3 Financial Report for the Month of December 2019 9/0359

Moved: Alderman Giesecke
Seconded: Alderman Hale

THAT Report Number 9/0359 entitled Financial Report for the Month of December 2019 be received and noted.

CARRIED 9/0958 – 21/01/2020

Initials: _____

13.1.4 *Prójects* – Making the Switch, Update January 2020 9/0362

Moved: Deputy Mayor Morrison
Seconded: Alderman Garden

THAT Report Number 9/0362 entitled *Prójects* – Making the Switch, Update January 2020 be received and noted.

CARRIED 9/0959 – 21/01/2020

13.2 Action Reports

13.2.1 City Growth and Operations Quarterly Report October – December 2019 9/0355

Moved: Alderman Garden
Seconded: Alderman Spick

1. THAT Report Number 9/0355 entitled City Growth and Operations Quarterly Report October – December 2019 be received and noted.
2. THAT the current treatment in place at the laneway between Bonson Terrace to Staghorn Court, Moulden as resolved by Council on 19 November 2019 (being temporary night-time closure) be extended to a temporary full-time closure, and that this extended trial treatment be reviewed with the outcomes being presented to the Second Ordinary Meeting in March 2020.

CARRIED 9/0960 – 21/01/2020

13.2.2 Outdoor City Dining Experience - On Frances Series 9/0357

Moved: Deputy Mayor Morrison
Seconded: Alderman Giesecke

1. THAT Report Number 9/0357 entitled Outdoor City Dining Experience - On Frances Series be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve three (3) On Frances Series events in 2020, held in May, June and August.
3. THAT Council write to the Chief Minister seeking financial support for the 2020 'On Frances Series' to assist with its delivery.

CARRIED 9/0961 – 21/01/2020

Initials: _____

13.2.3 Development of Local Government Strategy 2030

9/0358

Moved: Alderman Lewis
Seconded: Alderman Garden

1. THAT Report Number 9/0358 entitled Development of Local Government Strategy 2030 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council advise the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development that it supports the intent of the *Local Government Strategy 2030* project and looks forward to actively collaborating and participating as the project progresses.
3. THAT Council nominate Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell and the Chief Executive Officer as the City of Palmerston representatives on the Steering Group for the Development of a *Local Government Strategy 2030*.

CARRIED 9/0962 – 21/01/2020

14 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 Information

14.1.1 LGANT Draft Executive Meeting Minutes – 16 December 2019

Moved: Deputy Mayor Morrison
Seconded: Alderman Garden

THAT Council receive and note Item 14.1.1 entitled LGANT Draft General Meeting Minutes – 16 December 2019.

CARRIED 9/0963 – 21/01/2020

14.2 Correspondence

14.2.1 August 2020 Legislative Assembly Election

Moved: Deputy Mayor Morrison
Seconded: Alderman Garden

THAT Council receive and note correspondence received from Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development being Item 14.2.1 entitled August 2020 Legislative Assembly Election.

CARRIED 9/0964 – 21/01/2020

Initials: _____

15 REPORT OF DELEGATES

Nil.

16 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

16.1 Archer Waste Management Facility

Moved: Deputy Mayor Morrison
Seconded: Alderman Giesecke

THAT the question asked by Deputy Mayor Morrison regarding the Christmas use of the Archer Waste Management Facility, and the response provided by the Director City Growth and Operations be received and noted.

CARRIED 9/0965 – 21/01/2020

17 GENERAL BUSINESS

17.1 LGANT Minutes

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Alderman Garden

THAT LGANT Minutes no longer be included in Council Meeting Agendas but be circulated via email to Elected Members.

CARRIED 9/0966 – 21/01/2020

17.2 Lake Update

Moved: Alderman Hale
Seconded: Alderman Spick

THAT Council seek an update on the development of a recreational lake in Palmerston from Northern Territory Chief Minister and that this matter also be considered as part of Council's Northern Territory Election 2020 Strategy.

CARRIED 9/0967 – 21/01/2020

Initials: _____

18 NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Alderman Hale
Seconded: Alderman Giesecke

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 4 February 2020 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, First Floor, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace Palmerston.

CARRIED 9/0968 – 21/01/2020

19 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

Moved: Deputy Mayor Morrison
Seconded: Alderman Lewis

THAT pursuant to Section 65(2) of the *Local Government Act* and Regulation 9 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

CARRIED 9/0969 – 21/01/2020

20 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Moved: Alderman Spick
Seconded: Alderman Giesecke

THAT the meeting be adjourned for 10 minutes for media liaison.

CARRIED 9/0970 – 21/01/2020

The meeting adjourned at 5:56pm.

The open section of the meeting closed at 5:56pm for the discussion of confidential matters.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6:13pm.



Athina Pascoe-Bell
MAYOR

Date: