

AGENDA

2nd Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 17 August 2021

The Ordinary Meeting of the City of Palmerston will be held in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston, NT 0830 commencing at 5:30 PM.

COVID-19 Statement of Commitment

The Ordinary Meeting of Council will be open to the public and holds a Statement of Commitment to adhere to:

- Physical distancing measures
- Health and hygiene principles



LUCCIO CERCARELLI
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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5.1 Elected Members

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6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 3 August 2021 pages 10508 to 10528 be confirmed with the following amendment:

- Minute Book Page 10518 the last paragraph of the division read *"The Chair Declared the motion CARRIED"*.

6.2 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

7 MAYORAL REPORT

MAYORAL REPORT

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AGENDA ITEM:	7.1
REPORT TITLE:	Mayoral Update Report - Final Reflection
MEETING DATE:	Tuesday 17 August 2021
AUTHOR:	Mayor, Athina Pascoe-Bell

COMMUNITY PLAN

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

PURPOSE

This report provides reflection on the 9th Council Members.

KEY MESSAGES

- Members of the 9th Council are thankful for their time and experience over the last three and a half years.
- We have highlighted a number of achievements that are meaningful to us and our community.
- We wish to thank the community, our families and council staff for their continued support.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Report entitled Mayoral Update Report - Final Reflection be received and noted.

DISCUSSION

Reflections on the 9th Council

Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell

In April 2018, the City of Palmerston Council was re-established with a board of eight elected representatives who had not previously worked together. The 9th Council was faced with an enormous task of re-establishing a functional council that connected effectively with the community, a council that would meet all its legal obligations and obligations to the community, and a council that would over the course of three years set itself apart from other Local Governments as one of the best examples of what a functioning elected body could deliver.

There were many complex legacy issues to be dealt with, whilst at the same time re-gaining the confidence and trust of the Palmerston Community, determining a new strategic direction, re-aligning the administrative body of council to better service the community and bring leadership and innovation to the City of Palmerston. I'm extremely pleased that we have been able to rapidly deliver on many successes over the last three and a half years.

Our Community Plan, which set our Strategic Direction, won three awards for its innovative approach of using deliberative democracy including a Human Rights Award, and two Planning Institute of Australia Awards to ask the community what they wanted Council to deliver. I'm extraordinarily pleased that our Council gave control to the community and accepted the Community Plan as delivered by the Palmerston People's Forum, and that Council and its staff have adopted the Community Plan through everything they do. I would like to thank the community members who embraced this opportunity to speak on behalf of their peers and provided Council a respectable direction for serving the community.

Our relationships with our government stakeholders has seen a significant shift in the way we do business with both government agencies and elected representatives of both the Northern Territory and Commonwealth Governments. With a philosophy of being a proactive part of the solution, the City of Palmerston has worked closely with Police, Territory Families, Public Housing, MLAs, Ministers and other Councils to collectively work towards solutions to social issues. We have seen the introduction of the Palmerston Youth Centre, support Youth Drop-in Sports, addressing of anti-social behaviour issues, installation of additional CCTV cameras to support police, trialling of new and innovative technologies and the building of social cohesion in our community.

Council has undertaken significant work in assessing Council infrastructure to ensure that our infrastructure meets the needs of our community beyond a council term and long into the future. The redevelopment of Gray Community Hall is an example of an asset that had reached the end of its usefulness and is being redeveloped into a space that will serve the community for many years. With the replacement of public and streetlighting to Smart LED technology, plans to redevelop the swimming pool and construct new community assets in Zuccoli, the Council has been truly future focused, as we focus on the community of the future.

The success of the 9th Council could not have happened without dedicated staff to implement our requirements, and so, I would like to sincerely thank our CEO, Luccio Cercarelli, and the leadership team, and every one of our staff who have embraced the new direction of our council and are delivering services to our community.

I would also like to thank my husband, Shane, and kids Hayden and Keira for allowing me to fulfil my role as Mayor, which involved occasionally missing out on family time and milestones when council business came first.

Lastly, I would like to thank every member of the Council for being respectful of each other, taking risks, willingness to work collaboratively with our stakeholders and bringing their own unique and innovative ideas to the council. I wish you all the best with your future endeavours.

I have asked each Alderman to provide a personal reflection on their time on the 9th Council. These have been provided below.

Deputy Mayor Garden

I have been so proud and honoured to have served the Palmerston community over the last three and a half years.

Being a part of the new Council of eight people dedicated to improving services and programs, reducing crime and anti-social behaviour, making our city enjoyable for families, children, seniors and workers, and all adamant that we wanted to ensure that the Council was more open, honest, transparent, listened to the community's needs and be financially responsible, we have achieved that and a whole lot more since our inauguration.

Some of the outstanding achievements for me over the last three and a half years are:

- Advocating for improved facilities and dedicated new areas at Marlow Lagoon Dog Park (for which I look forward to the completed works in the coming weeks);
- Representing the Council and Mayor at various events including the opening of the Drop-In Youth Centre, Clontarf Awards, various Graduation Ceremonies, NAIDOC Week Official Opening and City of Palmerston Youth Festival;
- Being appointed to the position of Deputy Mayor for a second term;

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- As Acting Mayor participating in radio and press interviews and escorting the Honourable Vicki O'Halloran, Administrator of the Northern Territory for the opening of Urban Jams; and
- Speaking to a group of 15 attendees at ChangeFest 21 who were going to 'hack' the City of Palmerston Community Plan.

Despite the late nights reading council and committee agendas, representing Council at various community events, and speaking to residents at all hours of the day (including during my walks with my dog Andy), I could not have done it without the invaluable support of my family, friends, and incredible husband Tim.

I would like to take this moment to say a huge thank you to the CEO, Executive Team and staff for their knowledge, support, assistance and friendship during my term and I could not have asked for a better Council to work with whilst undertaking my duties and responsibilities as Alderman in making our community and city 'A Place for People' now and into the future.

Alderman Sarah Henderson

Looking back over the past three and a half years.
My first thought was what have I got myself into!

Our first couple of workshops laid our plans for how we intended to move forward as a team.
Laying down some important priorities.

Our first decision and the decision I am extremely proud of was to be open, transparent and to develop a community consultation policy to be used before making final decisions on projects.

This policy expanded to a community plan owned and developed by the community for the community which went on to be an Australian award-winning plan.

Palmerston was still in a state of distress from Cyclone Marcus, which enabled us to begin greening and planting. This has led to our beautification projects and continual planting programs. Palmerston now looks green and cared for.

Financial challenges were huge in the early days although by having shovel ready projects we were able to apply for grants to move the City forward.

Projects to improve the quality of life for all members of the community I am most proud of include free parking, improved street lighting (saving money and providing increased safety), problem laneway closures, free pool entry, our Youth Drop-in Centre, Youth Festival, our fabulous Recreation Centre and Library, increased community events for all members of the community and the fabulous Christmas Wonderland.

I have enjoyed working as part of a strong team of Aldermen who have strived together to make Palmerston a better place for the people. I wish to thank our Mayor for the work and dedication she has given this term to make Palmerston a better place.

Alderman Lucy Morrison

The last three years have been incredible. When I ran for Palmerston Council I did so because I wanted to make a difference.

I truly believe I, and our council, have done this. Through big projects, working with all tiers of government and stakeholders and also with the real grassroots community issues.

I have personally loved it all, the meetings and the readings, the different innovative ways we've tried to improve Palmerston and probably mostly - meeting so many different people.

Some highlights:

- Hooked on Palmerston fishing competition
- Our Community Plan
- Opening up all lakes for fishing here in Palmerston
- The community events: Winter Wonderland, the Palmerston Youth Festival, Brekkie in the Park!
- the development of SWELL
- Pr6jects
- The Youth facility.

It's been an amazing term and I am extremely proud of what we have achieved.

I feel very privileged to have been a part of the 9th Palmerston Council.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the other Elected Members, the Mayor for her strong leadership and calmness under pressure and to the CEO and staff for their hard work in helping provide a better community for our city.

Alderman Damian Hale

The 9th Council came together at a very difficult time; however, we have worked very well as a team to serve the people of Palmerston. It has been the leadership of Mayor Pascoe-Bell and CEO Luccio Cercarelli that has set the foundation for consistent decision making and the excellent strategic direction of the Council. We have listened closely to what is required for the City of Palmerston and its residents now and into the future.

The community has been encouraged to be involved in a collaborative and consultative manner with the 9th Council to shape the future direction of the Council and the services we provide.

The 9th Council has delivered on the promises many of us made at the last election. It was unanimously supported that we removed paid parking in the Palmerston CBD, we did this. We also removed the alfresco dining fees, which was an unnecessary impost on business and restricted alfresco dining from occurring in Palmerston. We have made the Palmerston Pool free to use, as well as waived the majority of the fees to use Council facilities. We have also put a freeze on fees, fines and charges for the residence of Palmerston and had only very minimal increases to our rates over the past 3 years.

Our tree planting and greening project are going full steam ahead and we replaced all the street lights we are responsible for with energy saving LED lights. This program has been completed and will save rate payers over \$500,000 a year in electricity fees. Further to this the Gray Community Hall is being rebuilt, the pool refurbished, and a new Community Centre constructed in the suburb of Zuccoli in the next term of Council.

Council has also made significant contributions through our support of our Seniors, our Youth, our first Nations People, through our generous support of NAIDOC week and through our Community Benefits Scheme. We have also played a leading role in innovations such as the On Frances Series, Shakespeare in the Park and Activate Palmerston. But there is still so much more to do.

The 9th Council has returned integrity and trust to the Council and the important role Council plays in delivering for the people of Palmerston. I thank everyone who has supported our Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell and the other Elected Members during this 9th Council. I thank Alderman Spick and Lewis for their hard work and commitment in their time on Council and wish them all the best in the future as they are pursuing new journeys.

Thank you to the permanent members of the Palmerston Safe Communities Committee to which I am the Chair. I have thoroughly enjoyed the terrific ideas, time and effort all stakeholders have contributed to this committee and hope to once again be involved in the committee if I am privileged enough to be return to Council after the election.

Best wishes to Alderman Garden, Giesecke, Morrison and Henderson and finally to the Mayor, thank you, you have proven to be a very capable and have shown great tenacity in representing the City of Palmerston and have set a terrific example to all members about what community representation is all about.

In conclusion I would like to thank my partner Maria for the unweaving love and support and the rest of my family for the sacrifice they make for me to be on Council.

Alderman Ben Giesecke

I have never been so proud to work in a team of eight great people that have come from all aspects of our community. I don't think the community could have elected a more committed, passionate and experienced Council that has truly put the best interests of the community front and centre in every decision that we have made. With a 50/50 gender split and members from each age group and from a diverse range of life experiences. From military and veterans, to seniors, business, a real-estate professional, HR, media/communications, environmental science, Government, teaching, history research, to community services, Unions and a former federal member of Solomon. I think we had everything covered. This has been a bold council with a growth mindset and a will to win for the community who have gone about their business with the highest level of professionalism and respect for each other.

From the outset, we had a big hill to climb, the community had lost trust in Council for the dealings of the previous Council. We set about straight away rebuilding trust with the community with a quick wins program where we started to address the little things - like removing abandoned cars, cleaning graffiti, mowing overgrown verges, fixing potholes, re-introducing free parking in the CBD, planting trees, opening our council to the public with public forums, Council stalls at the market, community Council meetings and of course, our award winning Community Plan, where we engaged with the community and they delivered us 'A plan by the people for the people'. A blue print of what they want and what they expect from Council to address the needs of the community into the future.

This led us to the vision for the community. To start planning and building for the future needs of Palmerston. This came about with our Projects and led to a number of other additional projects also. The

delivery of these projects are gamechangers for Palmerston and will set our city up for the future. Whether it is our smart cities project, making the switch to energy efficient LED lights in our streets or the Gray Community Hall, Zuccoli Community Hub or the SWELL Pool Redevelopment. The foundations have been set for our community well into the future and also for the next Council to hit the ground running.

I would like to say a huge thanks to the executive leadership team and to all the staff who have worked tirelessly over the past three and a half years to deliver such outstanding results for Palmerston. You are the backbone of this organisation and without your can-do, will to win, backing the bold attitude, we certainly would not have been able to deliver all the great things that we have done to date. You are truly making Palmerston a great place for people! The whole organisation deserves a big round of applause. From my heart and a grateful Palmerston Community – Thankyou!

Alderman Dr Tom Lewis

As I look back on my time as an Alderman, I am happy that I put my hand up. My reminder to ratepayers at the time was "I am one of you" and that reflects the dysfunctional Council situation at the time, and as a local person my family and I wanted to see better.

So, as an echo of that, I'd urge YOU to "have a go" at being an Alderman in the future. Most of us care about where we live and want to see it maintained or improved. Step up and take part - please.

The Council that is finishing its term has, I suggest, done well. They have concentrated, as I think Local Government should, on their key roles of better streets, rubbish removal, lighting, and so on. I was particularly pleased to move a motion in Council to oppose the establishment of another bottleshop in the city, this one in Durack. It was actually the movement of a licence from Gateway to that suburb, but in reality would have placed such an establishment within one kilometre of hundreds of houses, rather than a mere hundred or so as was the case. I am a strong supporter of private enterprise, but in this case the overall negative factors impacting on the community would have outweighed the positive.

I wish the incoming Council and all ratepayers the best for the future.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications for this report.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget or resource implications relating to this report.

RISK, LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk, legal and legislative implications relating to this report.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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AGENDA ITEM:	13.1.1
REPORT TITLE:	Community Benefit Scheme Update - August 2021
MEETING DATE:	Tuesday 17 August 2021
AUTHOR:	Community Facilities Officer, Rachel Fosdick
APPROVER:	Director Lifestyle and Community, Amelia Vellar

COMMUNITY PLAN

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PURPOSE

This report provides Council with a summary of the Community Benefit Scheme 2021/2022 applications to date.

KEY MESSAGES

- City of Palmerston provides funding to eligible individuals and community groups that meet the criteria to assist Council to deliver on City of Palmerston's vision of "A Place for People".
- This year the Community Benefit Scheme budget has received a significant increase in the 2021/2022 budget of \$100,000 which means there is now \$230,000 available in the current financial year for grants, donations, sponsorships, and scholarships.
- The Environmental Initiative Grant (EIG) budget is \$20,000.
- Currently \$23,599 has been expended in the CBS budget, \$65,422 committed in this financial year for, one two year and three, three year on-going sponsorship and \$16,131 expended in the EIG budget.
- To date City of Palmerston has received **nineteen** applications in addition to the existing on-going sponsorship agreements as follows:
 - One successful CBS application for grant and donation funding – St Johns Ambulance.
 - One successful EIG application – Gray Community Garden Inc.
 - Eight successful applications for individual representation support have been processed this month with one successful application for representation support being withdrawn due to cancellation of competition due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - Six applications for individual representation support, one application for grant or donation and one application for EIG are pending.
 - One unsuccessful grant application was processed as the criteria for funding was not met as the applicant was a commercial entity.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Report entitled Community Benefit Scheme Update - August 2021 be received and noted.

BACKGROUND

City of Palmerston provides grant, donation and sponsorship funding to eligible community groups which offer activities, projects, and services that assist Council to deliver on its Community Plan outcomes and objectives and its ongoing plans to ensure that Palmerston continues to be 'A Place for People'.

Individuals and sporting teams are supported with funding to assist representation at local, and (when possible) interstate and international events and activities. Travel restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic have impacted the number of applications for this funding category this financial year. Flexibility around this issue will benefit our community and assist participation as and when opportunities allow.

Council initiatives such as the extension of free venue hire till 31 December 2021 negate the need for application for in-kind support for that purpose; if/when venue fees are reintroduced applications for waived fees will also reoccur. Free parking in the city centre also benefits individuals and groups, especially around activities and community events at venues such as Palmerston Recreation Centre, Palmerston Library, Goyder Square and Civic Plaza.

Scholarships are available to eligible residents.

DISCUSSION

A copy of City of Palmerston approved Community Benefit Scheme Update - August 2021 is provided as **Attachment 13.1.1.1**.

On-going Sponsorship support for the following four successful sponsorship applications continues this financial year as follows:

Two Year On-Going Sponsorship:

Northern Territory Cricket to deliver Cricket 365. (Second year of sponsorship).

Three Year On-Going Sponsorship:

Palmerston and Rural Seniors Association Inc to deliver Seniors Fortnight (Third year sponsorship).

RSL Palmerston Sub-Branch to deliver ANZAC Day. (Third year sponsorship) and

Reeling Veterans Inc to deliver Tiwi Fishing Program. (Second year sponsorship).

One successful CBS application from Palmerston Volunteer Centre, a branch of St John Ambulance Inc. was successful in their application for sponsorship funding to purchase information technology (IT) equipment to support volunteers to a value of \$11,599. The purchase of computers and iPads will enable the continued development of volunteers and support administrative duties. The volunteer program provides opportunities for the community to connect and build their overall capacity.

As this application is for the provision of items that will assist ongoing programs, rather than an event, proof of purchase, will also be required. Council requires this proof, as part of the funding.

One successful EIG application was approved from Gray Community Garden Inc. for \$16,131 to assist in the reestablishment of Harvest Corner. The application aims to not only replace the previous garden at Gray Community Hall, but to include significant improvements such as rebuilding the chicken coop using recycled product and the construction of 3 to 5 compost bays along the fence line, which will be

accessible to the public. Staff recommended supporting this application as Harvest Corner is an important community asset that promotes wellbeing, sustainable living practices, shared knowledge, and social interaction. The re-establishment and ongoing operation of the garden also meets Council's environmental sustainability objectives (objective 5.2 of the Community Plan) through greening and cooling of urban areas. The added benefit of the project is that it will improve the amenity of the neighbouring newly rebuilt Gray Community Hall.

Eight Individual Representation Support grants of \$250 were approved.

- two for residents travelling to Melbourne mid-November, to compete in a hockey tournament.
- three for residents travelling to Sunshine Coast, Queensland to compete in the Touch Football Championships in September.
- one resident travelling to the Gold Coast for the u13s National Tennis Teams event.
- one resident attending the u14s Basketball Club Championships in Cranbourne, Victoria in October.
- one resident travelling in July to Helensvale on the Gold Coast for the Calisthenics Dance Eisteddfod.

Total Representation Support funding expended this month is \$2,000.

One previously successful Individual Representation Support applicant advised Council that the postponed event Calisthenics – GC Cali Dance Eisteddfod, 30 July – 1 August 2021 – Helensvale, Gold Coast Qld, had not been rescheduled, so she was unable to accept funding offered and planned to reapply next financial year if circumstances allowed.

- Six applications for individual representation support, one application for a CBS grant and one application for EIG funding are pending to the value of \$4000.

One further grant application was received but was unsuccessful as the criteria for funding was not met due to the applicant being a commercial entity.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

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

- Executive Manager Community and Library Services.
- City Sustainability Manager.
- Community Services Lead.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The Community Benefit Scheme is governed by Council Policy *FIN18 Grants, Donations, Scholarships and Sponsorships*.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The CBS budget for the 2021/2022 financial year for grants, donations, sponsorships, and scholarships is \$230,000.

Currently \$23,599. has been expended and \$206,401 remains available; however currently pending CBS applications total \$2000. If successful there will be \$204,401 remaining in the CBS 2021/22 Budget.

The EIG budget for the 2021/2022 financial year under CBS is \$20,000. Currently \$16,131 has been expended with \$3869 remaining to the community for new projects. Current EIG pending applications total \$2000 and if successful \$1869 would remain in the 2021/22 EIG budget.

Promotion of CBS to a broader base of eligible community led organisations will be undertaken, via direct email. The implication of this promotion may lead to the remaining budget being expended well before the end of the financial year. This may result in some applicants being unsuccessful. EIG are anticipated to be successfully expended as officers are working to identify eligible projects and community organisations.

RISK, LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

This report addresses the following City of Palmerston Strategic Risks:

- 1 Fails to effectively regain the trust from all stakeholders.

Context: Council needs to be credible and trusted by those within and external to the Council.

- 2 Is not sustainable into the long term.

Context: Optimising the financial, social and environmental sustainability of the Council.

There is a risk that the remaining general Community Benefit Scheme and Environmental Initiatives budgets are not expended fully by end of financial year.

Officers are working to further promote this opportunity to eligible organisations with projects currently in planning. Changes to the process of grant administration should ensure grant funds are delivered in a timely manner.

ENVIRONMENT SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The Environmental Initiative Grant (EIG) budget of \$20,000 is aimed to help our community become more sustainable, and support initiatives that promote renewable and sustainable practices. Harvest Corner (an EIG recipient) provides a clear environmental benefit to the community through increased greening and cooling of an urban space. It also provides educational opportunities for sustainable living practices.

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

1. 20210821 - City of Palmerston Approved Community Benefit Scheme - August Update [13.1.1.1 - 2 pages]

City of Palmerston Approved Community Benefit Scheme Applications

Representation Support - Donation				
Date	Activity	Applicant	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
24 May 2021	U13s National Tennis Teams Event - Gold Coast Queensland		\$250.00	\$250.00
21 May 2021	U12s 2021 School Sport NT Touch Championships (football) (boys) - Kawana Waters, Sunshine Coast, QLD		\$250.00	\$250.00
21 May 2021	U15s 2021 School Sport NT Touch Championships (football) (girls) - Kawana Waters, Sunshine Coast, QLD		\$250.00	\$250.00
28 May 2021	One Hockey 15U Bantam Tournament (ice-hockey) - Melbourne		\$250.00	\$250.00
28 May 2021	One Hockey 15U Bantam Tournament (ice-hockey) -Melbourne		\$250.00	\$250.00
18 June 2021	U12s 2021 School Sport NT Touch Championships (football) (girls) - Kawana Waters, Sunshine Coast, QLD		\$250.00	\$250.00
22 June 2021	Calisthenics GC Cali Dance Eisteddfod 30 July – 1 August 2021 – Helensvale, Gold Coast Qld		\$250.00	\$250.00
23 June 2021	NT U 14 Cyclones Championships Basketball		\$250.00	\$250.00
			\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

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Sponsorships, Donations and Grants				
Date Received	Activity	Applicant	Amount Requested	Amount Received
2 year on going to be paid 2022	Cricket 365 x 2 years 16 March 2021 - 1 October 2022	Northern Territory Cricket Association	\$25,422.00	\$0.00
3 year on going to be paid 2022	Palmerston & Rural Seniors Fortnight x 3 years 1 January 2022 - 31 December 2024	Palmerston & Litchfield Seniors Association	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
3 year on going to be paid 2022	ANZAC Day Services x 3 years 1 January 2020 - 30 December 2022	RSL Palmerston Sub-Branch	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
3 year on going paid July 2021	Tiwi Fishing Program x 3 years 1 July 2020 - 30 June 2023	Reeling Veterans Inc.	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
14 May 2021	IT Equipment	St John Ambulance NT Inc	\$12,539.00	\$11,599.00
6 July 2021	Adult Tennis Pathways Program	Tennis Palmerston	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
			\$79,961.00	\$21,599.00

Total Year To Date		\$ 230,000	\$81,961.00	\$23,599.00	\$ 206,401.00
Environmental Initiatives Grants					
Date Received	Activity	Applicant	Amount Requested	Amount Received	
3 July 2021	Community Garden Rebuild – Harvest Corner	Gray Community Garden Inc	\$16,131.00	\$16,131.00	
Total Year to Date					
		\$ 20,000.00	\$16,131.00	\$16,131.00	\$ 3,869.00

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AGENDA ITEM:	13.1.2
REPORT TITLE:	Playground and Play Space Strategy – Engagement Outcomes
MEETING DATE:	Tuesday 17 August 2021
AUTHOR:	Urban and Environment Planner, Damien Scalora
APPROVER:	Director City Growth and Operations, Nadine Nilon

COMMUNITY PLAN

Family and Community: Palmerston is a safe and family friendly community where everyone belongs.

PURPOSE

This report provides an update on development of the Palmerston Playground and Play Space Strategy, following outcomes from community engagement and foundational background work.

KEY MESSAGES

- The Palmerston Playground and Play Space Strategy (the Strategy) is being developed seeking a strategic and sustainable approach to how we plan for and deliver playground works.
- Community Engagement was undertaken through May and June 2021, supporting other key project components to inform a Discussion Paper.
- Engagement included an online survey, community listening posts and invitations to feedback from local schools.
- The Discussion Paper consolidates a range of inputs to guide development of the Strategy and provides context for future recommendations.
- A draft Strategy is being prepared for presentation to Council by October 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Report entitled Playground and Play Space Strategy – Engagement Outcomes be received and noted.

BACKGROUND

Council is responsible for providing and maintaining key open space areas, and the playground and active recreation opportunities within these spaces. As a community Palmerston is home to a high proportion of young families, emphasising the need for suitable planning for these age brackets across government. The importance of planning around playgrounds is highlighted by both existing and future population trends.

Palmerston contains more than 60 sites across the LGA with playground facilities. These offer unique play experiences and complement other recreational uses and natural amenity. Each of these forms part of the larger network of playgrounds and play spaces that residents can access. These spaces provide a range of every-day play needs for children and are supportive of wider developmental needs in children. Play spaces are part of the wider open space areas, encouraging the community to interact and social fabric to build.

Given the role these spaces have for the users, and wider community benefits, local governments across Australia are looking to evolve their programming and planning for playgrounds. Contemporary approaches of 'reimagining play, and greater integration of nature-based play are some of the areas that seek to go beyond traditional approaches to better address the full spectrum of children's development needs.

The Playground and Play Space Strategy seeks to address this spectrum of development needs and recognise opportunities to enhance community connections our open space areas. It will do this by providing direction for the planning, improvement, and development of play spaces in the community.

Development of the Strategy has included a number of key components which will continue as referenced in discussions below:

Project Component	Status
Background research (policy context, community profile, best practice)	Completed
Community engagement and consultation	Completed
Discussion Paper (background and consultation findings)	Completed
Develop draft Strategy	In progress
Community consultation on draft Strategy	To occur
Review of feedback	To occur
Final Strategy and supporting Implementation Plan	To occur

The report provides an update of the Strategy's development, due to the completion of the community engagement and Discussion Paper, advising of an updated timeline for the draft Strategy to be presented to Council.

DISCUSSION

Consultation and Engagement

Community consultation occurred over May and June 2021. The main component of the consultation included an online survey which ran from 9 May 2021 to 6 June 2021. The survey sought information on the interaction and engagement with playgrounds across Palmerston. This included how often they were visited, why certain sites were favoured and draw out what aspect's residents particularly favoured.

The survey was completed by 157 respondents, and was promoted through online channels, relevant network agencies, at Council events and facilities and at several larger playground sites.

Schools across Palmerston were also invited to submit feedback through an exercise designed to give children the opportunity to present their own views and ideal spaces. This sought to supplement the more data driven outcomes from the survey which was completed by mostly 25-49yr old's, with response directly from children. Students from classes at Gray Primary School and Sacred Heart Primary School completed the activity, with examples pictured below.

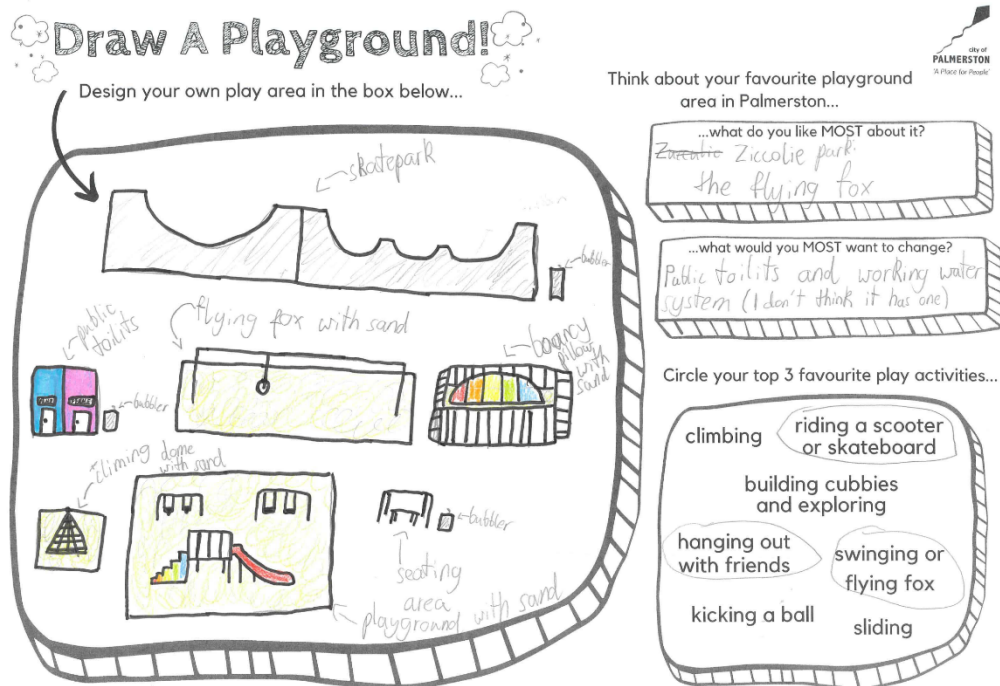


Image: An example of the student designs and responses

Further engagement was undertaken through community listening posts held at Brekkie in the Park in Gateway Shopping Centre with further promotion at Story Time at the library. Community listening posts activities included asking residents to identify on a map any playground in Palmerston they either enjoyed, have an idea to change or have an issue or concern. Council officers then recorded reasons against these categories. The exercise sought to provide more qualitative data that supported that from the survey. It also acted as a way to engage with residents, providing a focused task to build officer discussions from.

A snapshot of consultation findings is provided **Attachment 13.1.2.1** alongside a more detailed Consultation and Engagement Report **Attachment 13.1.2.2** which provides more information on the process and inputs.

The feedback demonstrated the importance of play spaces, not only for the formal play equipment offered, but as spaces to support wider abilities to socialise and be active. From a community perspective, features of high-quality playgrounds capture the need for diverse play options with different experiences catering to different age groups. The broader environment was also a major influence adding to the experience and willingness of residents to travel to the spaces.

There was desire expressed for more risk-based, creative and nature-based play opportunities. Also identified were opportunities to incorporate creative design elements about local First Nations people and culture, as well as local flora and fauna.

Outcomes from community engagement has been used alongside other background foundational work, to inform the discussion paper, and subsequently the developing Strategy.

Discussion Paper

A Discussion Paper has been prepared (**Attachment 13.1.2.3**), which includes a review of the community profile and strategic priorities for the City of Palmerston, review of exemplars and literature around play and play spaces, an audit of playground sites in Palmerston and outcomes of the community engagement and consultation

The learnings and opportunities identified through the Discussion Paper will be the basis of the Strategy. Some of the key elements include;

- Demand – the demand for play spaces is set to continue to grow due to growing and changing population needs. What needs increasing attention is Council's approach to creating spaces that cater for diverse age groups.
- Operations - opportunities exist to improve how playgrounds are managed through implementing a robust hierarchical approach. This ensures greater equality across the community and enables a more manageable approach within Council operations and programmed upgrades.
- Amenity and Surroundings - beyond the playground equipment itself, importance remains on the site surroundings, including landscape and natural amenity. Experiencing these spaces comes back to our connections with the physical realm as well as abilities to promote social connections.
- Inclusion and Accessibility - this focus moves to creating spaces that cater for all in Palmerston, not only children, but others utilising these sites.

Next Steps

A draft Playground and Play Space Strategy is being prepared and will be presented to Council by October 2021, for endorsement for consultation in October/November 2021.

The final Strategy will be presented to Council for adoption in December 2021.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

As discussed within this report initial consultation to inform the Discussion Paper and draft Strategy occurred over May and June 2021. A snapshot of this consultation is provided **Attachment 13.1.2.1** alongside a more detailed Consultation Report **Attachment 13.1.2.2**.

Following the preparation of the draft Strategy, further consultation will occur in October/November 2021 prior to the final Playground and Play Space Strategy being adopted.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications for this report.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Once developed, the Playground and Play Space Strategy will guide decisions on future Playground Capital Works program.

RISK, LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The Strategy, once adopted, will be a high-level document that supports strategic approaches to future playground improvements. This will minimise risks of not meeting the needs of the community.

Without the strategy, there is a risk of reduced effectiveness in playground delivery.

This report addresses the following City of Palmerston Strategic Risks:

6 Fails to create and deliver the strategic vision for the City

Context: Ensuring a vision is enduring and clear to all relevant stakeholders, guiding future decision making, delivered effectively and efficiently, and that progress is measurable and celebrated.

ENVIRONMENT SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The Strategy does include sustainable development approaches when considering how Council can support maintenance activity of the playground network and their surrounds as well as wider promotion of access to outdoor spaces.

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

1. Snapshot of Consultation Findings [**13.1.2.1** - 2 pages]
2. Palmerston Playground and Play Space Strategy - Final Consultation and Engagement Report [**13.1.2.2** - 21 pages]
3. Palmerston Payground and Play Space Strategy - Discussion Paper [**13.1.2.3** - 13 pages]

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Consultation Program



157 people completed the **Online Survey**



55 primary school children designed their own playground



4 community listening posts at Brekkie in the Park, Gateway Shopping Centre and Storytime at the Library

Use of Playgrounds and Playspaces

Playgrounds and playspaces are **really important** to the community with **75%** of people who completed the survey **visiting a playground at least once a week**



The **top reasons people visit playgrounds** or playspaces is because:

- ❖ they are **close to home**
- ❖ of the **play experience they offer**

The **main activities** people participate in at playgrounds or playspaces are:

- ❖ **playing on the equipment**
- ❖ **socialising**
- ❖ **exercising**



High quality playspaces are extensively used and highly valued e.g:

- ❖ **Sanctuary Lakes**
- ❖ **Marlow Lagoon**
- ❖ **William Kirkby Jones**

Features of high quality playspaces

- ❖ Has a **range of play experiences**, supports a **mix of age groups**, and **inclusive for everyone**
- ❖ **Inviting setting**
- ❖ **High quality amenities** e.g. shade, seating, picnic and BBQ, toilets, water bubblers
- ❖ **Well maintained** and feels like a **safe place**



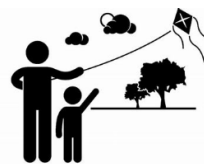
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AREAS for CHANGE or IMPROVEMENT

More diverse play experiences and play environments:

- ❖ Nature based play
- ❖ Play experiences that challenge children and teach them to manage risk
- ❖ Incorporate creative design elements
- ❖ More active recreation spaces

Climb a Tree



The community would like to see **playgrounds in Bellamack improved** including:

- ❖ Father Gerry Remie Park
- ❖ Flynn Park
- ❖ Bellamack Lakes

Children would like to see:

- ❖ More sand in playgrounds (i.e. sand for playing)
- ❖ Soft pillows or matting
- ❖ More play equipment and play experiences e.g. more & longer flying foxes and bigger slides



Adults would like to see

- ❖ More play experiences that support children aged 10 years or older
- ❖ Improved quality of play equipment and play experiences
- ❖ More and different types of active recreation equipment
- ❖ Less sand because they perceive it as being dirty and unsafe
- ❖ Improved amenities and surrounding environment



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1.0 Introduction

This Report presents the results from the community consultation and engagement undertaken to inform the development of the Palmerston Playground and Play Space Strategy.

Key elements explored through the consultation were:

- The play and active recreation spaces families, children and young people are using, how they use them and why they use them.
- What families, children and young people like about the play and active recreation spaces in Palmerston.
- What families, children and young people would like to see changed or improved about the play and active recreation spaces in Palmerston, and how they would like them to be changed or improved.

The consultation and engagement consisted of:

- **An Online Community Survey** available through the Council's website. In total 157 surveys were completed.
- **4 Community Listening Posts.**
- **Children from local primary schools** designing their own playground, and sharing information about what they liked the most about their favourite playground, what they would like to change about the playground and their top 3 play activities.

To make the community aware of the consultation and engagement program, a marketing and promotion strategy was implemented running from 9 May to 6 June 2021. This included:

- Making information available on Council's website about the survey and the community listening posts.
- Posters about the survey and listening posts on display at community facilities including the recreation centre, library, and local parks across the LGA.
- Sharing information through Council's online social media platforms.
- Sharing information through Council's community development networks including the Palmerston Kids Network.

2.0 Key Findings

The consultation and engagement program has identified some clear messages and themes to consider in preparing the Palmerston Play Space Strategy. A summary of the findings from consultation is outlined below with more detailed information provided in the sections 3 – 5 and in the appendices.

It is important to the community to have access to playgrounds and play spaces close to where they live

The main activities community members undertake when visiting playgrounds and play spaces are playing on the equipment, socializing, and exercising. Having access to spaces and environments which support these activities close to home is important to the community. The survey results indicate that proximity to home is one of the top 2 reasons why people visit a playground or play space.

Playgrounds and play spaces are an important place children and families spend time socialising.

One of the top play activities children like to participate in at playgrounds is hanging out with their friends. For adults, one of the top activities they undertake when they visit playgrounds is socializing e.g. meeting friends or family.

High quality playgrounds and play spaces are extensively used and highly valued

Many people use playgrounds and play spaces once a week or more often, usually close to where they live. But they will travel to access high quality playgrounds and play spaces such as Sanctuary Lakes in Gunn, William Kirby Jones in Zuccoli and Marlow Lagoon. They select these playgrounds or play spaces because of the type of play equipment or play experience they offer.

For the community, key features of high-quality playgrounds and play spaces are

- ***Play and active recreation opportunities offer a range of play experiences and cater for a mix of age groups*** e.g. playgrounds, exercise equipment, basketball courts, large open spaces for informal play, walking / cycling paths, water play, places to walk or exercise dogs.
- ***The broader environment is inviting and adds to the play experience*** e.g. a natural setting, a lake or bushland environment.
- ***Amenities are readily available and high quality*** and include shade throughout the day, seating, picnic and BBQ facilities, toilets, and water bubblers.
- ***Equipment, amenities and spaces are well maintained and clean.***
- ***Play experiences, supporting facilities and access ways are inclusive and accessible for all children and families.*** It feels like a welcoming and appealing place and is designed to support families and children of all abilities.
- ***People feel safe using the play space and surrounding areas.*** Aspects that help people to feel safe are having fencing around the play equipment, particularly to support young children and children with additional needs, lighting, there is little or no antisocial behavior, materials selected reduce the risk of harm e.g. soft fall rather than sand.

More diverse play experiences and play environments

The community has expressed a desire for Palmerston to offer more diverse play experiences and environments including:

- Nature-based play environments rather than predominantly off the shelf play equipment.
- Play experiences which challenge children and teach them to how to manage risk. The primary school aged children engaged through the consultation are looking for play experiences that allow them to have fun, try new things and take risks. They want to climb, to swing, to fly on a flying fox, and play in water.
- Incorporating creative design elements about local First Nations people and culture, and local flora and fauna.
- Offering more active recreation spaces such as basketball courts, skate facilities, water play, exercise equipment.

Demand for play experiences that support older children and possibly toddlers

There is a perception that most of the playgrounds and play spaces in Palmerston cater for younger children with few available for children and teenagers aged 10 years or older. In contrast, some in the community have suggested they would like to see more play experiences for children under 2 years of age.

Children have some different ideas to adults about what supports play

Children participating in the consultation want to see more sand in playgrounds whereas many adults expressed a strong desire for sand to be removed because of concerns about it being unsafe and dirty. Children are interested in softer surfaces and finishes identifying materials like soft pillows or matting used around trampolines whereas adults are more interested in materials such as rubberised soft fall. Adults have a stronger interest in amenities and the wider play environment, whereas children are more interested in play equipment or play experiences.

Perception that playgrounds in established areas of Palmerston receive limited investment

Of particular concern to some members of the community are the poor playgrounds and play spaces in Bellamack. Sites identified were Father Gerry Remie Park, Flynn Park and Bellamack Lakes.

The key things the community would like to be different about playgrounds and play spaces

- **For children** priorities are flying foxes including having more, fixing existing ones and making them longer. Also important to change are slides and swings including bigger slides for bigger children.
- **For adults** the top priorities are the type of play equipment or play experience and the amenities available, followed by the quality and condition of the play equipment or play experience and the type of active recreation equipment e.g. half basketball court. Other aspects are maintenance of the equipment, amenities and surrounding environment.

3.0 Online Community Survey

The survey of community members was open between 9 May and 6 June 2021 and was available through the Council's website. In total 157 people completed the survey.

The survey asked respondents to reflect on their use and experience of playgrounds and play spaces in Palmerston. The survey specifically sought information about:

- What playgrounds and playspaces people use in Palmerston.
- How often they visit a playground or playspace and what they usually do when they visit one.
- What are the main reasons they use the playground they use the most.
- What are the things they would most like to change or improve about the playground they visit the most.
- What is their favourite playground and why.
- What features would make their local playground more inclusive and accessible for the community.

The survey also collected key demographic data to assist in understanding how representative survey respondents were of the Palmerston community.

Detailed survey results are provided in Appendix A.

3.1 Key Findings from Community Survey

Who Completed the Survey

In total **157 people** completed the survey.

- Over three quarters were **female** (77.1 percent).
- Most were aged between **25 and 49 years** (90.4 percent).
- A **small number** identified as **Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander** (6.4 percent).
- A very high proportion live in **Zuccoli** (23.6 percent), followed by Bellamack (10.8 percent), Rosebery (10.8 percent), and Durack (9.6 percent). Others were spread across the remaining suburbs of Palmerston but with very few responses from people living in Berrimah, Marlow Lagoon, Millner, Mitchell Creek Green, Northcrest, and Moulden.

Use of Playgrounds and Play Spaces in Palmerston

The **playgrounds or play spaces used the MOST** by survey respondents are:

- **Sanctuary Lakes** in Gunn.
- Followed by **Marlow Lagoon** and **William Kirby Jones** in Zuccoli
- And to a lesser extent, Flinders Park in Durack, Joan Fejo in Rosebery and Bloodwood Park Zuccoli.

Given the range of suburbs people completing the survey indicated they live in, Sanctuary Lakes and Marlow Lagoon most likely attract people from a wide catchment, while Flinders Park, Joan Fejo and Bloodwood Park, most likely have smaller, more local catchments.

Over 65 percent of survey respondents **visit a playground or play space at least ONCE a week**, highlighting how important playgrounds and play spaces are to families and children in Palmerston.

When visiting a playground or play space, survey respondents are **most likely to**:

- **Use the playground or play equipment**
- Followed by **socialise** e.g. meet friends or family and **exercise** e.g. walking, running, riding.

The **main reasons survey respondents use the playground or play space they use the MOST** are:

- **It's close to my home** and the **type of play equipment or play experience**
- Followed by, the quality and condition of the play equipment or play experience, it's a welcoming and appealing place, I feel safe using it and the amenities available e.g. shade, water, toilets, picnic facilities

The **favourite playground or play space** of survey respondents is **Sanctuary Lakes**. This is consistent with responses to the question about the playground or play space survey respondents use the most. The reasons Sanctuary Lakes is their favourite playground or play space are:

- The quality of the park, natural environment and lake
- The amenities available including toilets, water, shade, seating
- The variety and quality of play equipment
- The ability of the park to cater for all ages
- Fencing to keep children safe
- The suitability of equipment for toddlers
- Walking paths and exercise tracks
- That there is NO sand
- The open / grass spaces.

While a wide range of other playgrounds and play spaces were identified by survey respondents as their favourite, there were consistent reasons why across the various sites including:

- **Cleanliness and maintenance** of equipment, amenities and spaces.
- The **accessibility and inclusiveness** for children with additional needs.
- It feels like a **safe place** i.e. it has fencing and there is little or no anti-social behaviour.
- The equipment supports **older children and teenagers**.
- The **availability and quality of amenity facilities** including toilets, seating, the amount of shade in the morning and afternoon, BBQ facilities.
- The **diversity and quality** of the play equipment and the play experiences.
- The **broader environment** e.g. a natural setting, beautiful lake, bushland environment.
- The **variety of play and active recreation opportunities** caters for a mix of age groups e.g. playgrounds, exercise equipment, basketball courts, large open spaces for informal play, walking / cycling paths, places to walk or exercise dogs.
- It's **close to my home** and easy to access.
- The **water play** facilities.
- The **soft fall** rather than sand.

Changing or Improving Playgrounds and Play Spaces in Palmerston

Aspects survey respondents would like **changed or improved about the playground or play space they use the most** are:

- The type of **play equipment or play experience** and the **amenities** available e.g. shade, water, toilets, picnic facilities
- Followed by the quality and condition of the play equipment or play experience; the type of active recreation equipment e.g. half basketball court; and safety issues including reducing antisocial behaviour, and improving safety features e.g. lighting, fencing.

Additional issues raised about what survey respondents would like to see changed or improved are:

- Not using or reducing the use of sand.
- Improving amenities, particularly more shade and seating.
- Better maintenance including cleaning and fixing broken equipment or amenities.
- Providing more or different play experiences including water play, basketball courts, nature-based play, space to roller skate, exercise equipment and a safe skate park.

Features identified by survey respondents which would make local **playgrounds and play spaces more inclusive and accessible** are:

- **Seating under shading, multiple play opportunities and multi-sensory playground equipment**
- Also identified consistently were:
 - Greater physical accessibility through the play equipment selection
 - Clear sightlines to allow for supervision

- Open lawn area away from activity zones
- Comfortable, quiet area -stimulating senses without overwhelming
- Pathway access to play equipment and seating
- Improvements to amenities including providing toilets, water bubblers, shade, car parking, and fencing.
- Improving the maintenance and cleanliness of playgrounds and play spaces.
- Providing more or different play experiences including a better variety of equipment for different age groups, water play, nature-based play and inclusive play experiences and facilities to support active recreation.
- Addressing issues at specific sites or locations.
- Incorporating creative elements into the design of play spaces.

Additional ideas or information provided by survey respondents **for Council to consider** as part of developing the Playground and Play Space Strategy were:

- **Remove / do not use sand** at playgrounds and instead use soft fall.
- **Provide better amenities** with playgrounds and play spaces, including more shade, especially for the afternoon sun, toilets, fencing, water bubblers, seating (benches with backs) and picnic tables (in the shade). Fencing is particularly important for supporting children with additional needs.
- **Fix and repair existing playgrounds and play spaces**, with regular inspections and / or community members being able to report damage.
- **Provide nature-based play opportunities** and experiences. Playgrounds should not be all about safety, children need to be able to take risks in order to learn and nature-based play can support this.
- **More playgrounds and play experiences to support older children and teenagers** i.e. from 8 – 10 years and older. There is a perception that many of the playgrounds and play spaces in Palmerston are targeted towards younger children. In contrast to this, some of the feedback was about **providing more for younger children, particularly those under 2**.
- **Playgrounds and play spaces being more inclusive and accessible** for children of all abilities and ages. Suggestions included ramp and path access for prams / wheelchairs, multi-sensory playgrounds, fencing and toilets.
- **Outdoor exercise / gym facilities and basketball / half basketball courts and skate parks** are the active recreation facilities raised most consistently. The Esplanade and East Point in Darwin were identified several times as good examples of outdoor exercise / gym facilities.
- **Ideas for improving safety around playgrounds and play spaces** include installing CCTV cameras, fencing more playgrounds, improving lighting, address anti-social behaviour through more regular monitoring and maintenance of spaces.

- **A range of other ideas were identified for improving playgrounds and play spaces**, the clearest and most relevant ones were playgrounds should be well placed in each suburb to ensure that particular facilities don't get overloaded, have a network of shared paths/jogging tracks/nature walks connecting all parks from different areas, develop an indoor/outdoor play space available to be used all year round, provide water play facilities such as those provided on the Esplanade in Darwin, and incorporate local art, flora and fauna into play spaces.
- **A small number of additional concerns** were identified including increasing spending on play equipment rather than aesthetics, providing space for responsible exercising of dogs, and Council's lack of investment in the majority of parks in older suburbs.

4.0 Community Listening Posts

As noted previously, 4 community listening posts were held as outlined below:

Location	Date
Brekke in the Park	9 May 2021
Gateway Shopping Centre	15 th May 2021
Gateway Shopping Centre	25 th May 2021
Palmerston Library	25 th May 2021

Table 4.1: Community listening posts, Palmerston Playground and Playspace Strategy Consultation and Engagement, May – June 2021

The community listening posts were an opportunity to make people aware of the survey and to ask community members about:

- The playgrounds and playspaces they use and enjoy
- Playspaces they have a concern or issue about
- Their ideas for changing or improving playspaces in Palmerston.

4.1 Key Findings

In total 28 different sites which have playgrounds or play spaces were identified by people who participated in the community listening posts.

- A total of 15 sites were identified as **playspaces people enjoy** and they are located in Bakewell, Durack, Farrar, Gray, Gunn, Johnston, Rosebery and Zuccoli. The reasons community members enjoy these play spaces are because:
 - Of the amenities e.g. fencing and BBQs,
 - The multiple spaces or areas
 - The mix, variety and type of equipment.
- A total of 9 sites were identified as play spaces where people had **ideas to change or improve** the play space, and they are located in Bakewell, Farrar, Gunn, Moulden, Rosebery and Zuccoli. The suggestions for change or improvement included:
 - Providing active recreation facilities e.g. basketball court
 - Upgrading the play equipment
 - Making the community more aware of the play space
 - Improvements to the materials and amenities including removal of the sand (at Bloodwood Park, Zuccoli), providing fencing and more shade.
- A total of 12 sites were identified as play spaces where people have an **issue or concern** and they are located in Bellamack, Driver, Durack, Gunn, Johnston, Rosebery and Zuccoli. The concerns or issues raised included:
 - Anti-social behaviour e.g. people living in the parks and drugs

- A lack of diversity in the play equipment e.g. it only caters for older children.

It is also important to note that of the 3 play spaces identified in **Bellamack** all were identified as having an issue or being an area of concern for community members.

Table 4.2 below provides information about the playgrounds and play spaces identified by community members, and whether they are a space they enjoy, would like to see changed or improved, or they have an issue or concern.

Table 4.3 provides the specific comments provided by community members about various sites.

Suburb	Playground or Play Space	Space You Enjoy	Idea for Change	Have an Issue
Bakewell	Bill Lewis, Bakewell	1	1	
Bellamack	Father Gerry Remie Park, Bellamack			1
	Unclear, Bellamack			1
	Flynn Park, Bellamack			1
Driver	President Park, Driver			2⊙
	Widdup Park, Driver			1
Durack	Ambon Park			1 ⊙
	Flinders Park, Durack	2⊙		
	Phoenix Park, Durack	2⊙		
	Willing Park, Durack	1		
Suburb	Playground or Play Space	Space You Enjoy	Idea for Change	Have an Issue
Farrar	Phyllis Uren, Farrar	1		
Gray	Cornwallis Park, Gray	1	2⊙	
	Essington Park, Gray	1		
Gunn	Fish River Park			1⊙
	Gager Park, Gunn		2⊙	
	Tom Price Park, Gunn			1

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	Sanctuary Lakes, Gunn	5©		
Johnston	George Park, Johnston			1
	Hobart Park, Johnston	1		
	Mackillop Catholic College Oval	1		
	Marshall Park, Johnston			1
Moulden	Gordon Stott Park South, Moulden		1	
Rosebery	Mcaulay Park, Rosebery	1		
	Hayden Park, Rosebery		1	
	Joan Fejo, Rosebery	4©	1	
	Rosebery Park, Rosebery	1©	1	1
Zuccoli	Bloodwood Park, Zuccoli	2	3©	3©
	William Kirby Jones, Zuccoli	3	2©	

Table 4.2: Playgrounds and play spaces identified through the community listening posts, Palmerston Playground and Play Space Strategy, May 2021

Suburb	Playground or Play Space	Comments	Colour Code
Driver	President Park, Driver	Itinerants' hangout, deter us. Use walking trail next to it.	
Durack	Ambon Park	Not diverse, equipment is for big kids only.	
	Flinders Park, Durack	Durack Park in Flinders is great as it is fenced.	
	Phoenix Park, Durack	2 areas, and good climbing structure.	
Gray	Cornwallis Park	Basketball court	
Gunn	Fish River Park	I live in Gunn and we have found itinerants living in the park there (Fish River), I had to clean up a lot of litter.	
	Gager Park	Good location, could use upgrades to equipment. Not many know about it.	
	Sanctuary Lakes	Mix of equipment, fenced so parents can organise regular catch-ups with each other.	
Rosebery	Joan Fejo, Rosebery	Open area, lots of varying equipment BBQ at Joan Fejo is great.	
	Rosebery Park, Rosebery	The 3 parks (Wood and Haydon) are all closely connected	
Zuccoli	Bloodwood Park, Zuccoli	Red rock/sand removed.	
		Not fenced. Would like to see the sand replaced.	
	William Kirby Jones, Zuccoli	I found some drug paraphernalia in a park in blood wood.	
		More cover to make cooler.	

Table 4.3: Comments about playgrounds and play spaces gathered through the community listening posts, Palmerston Playground and Play Space Strategy, May 2021

5.0 Engagement with School Children

All primary schools in Palmerston were asked whether they would like to be involved in consultation about the playgrounds and play spaces in Palmerston. Gray Primary School and Sacred Heart Primary School agreed to participate.

The engagement took the form of children completing an activity sheet. For older children (generally grade 3 or 4 or older) the activity sheet invited the children to:

1. Design their own playground and provide a picture of this on the activity sheet
2. Identify what they like the most about their favourite playground in Palmerston
3. Identify what they would most like to change about their favourite playground in Palmerston
4. Circle their top three play activities from a list provided in the activity sheet. The list included:
 - Climbing
 - Riding a scooter or skateboard
 - Building cubbies and exploring
 - Hanging out with friends
 - Swinging or flying fox
 - Kicking a ball
 - Sliding

For younger children, the activity sheet invited the children to:

1. Design their own playground and provide a picture of this on the activity sheet
2. Circle their top three play activities from a list provided in the activity sheet.

Some children also chose to draw a picture only.

In total 55 children participated with 25 children from Sacred Heart Primary School and 30 children from Gray Primary School.

5.1 Key Findings from Engagement with School Children

Children identified a wide range of things they like the most about their favourite playgrounds in Palmerston, but the ones identified most often were

- **flying fox or zip line,**
- followed by **slides** and **swings**.

Interestingly, they were also the items they would most like to change about their favourite playground. For example, making the flying fox longer, fixing the flying fox, having a flying fox and having slides for bigger kids.

The top play activities identified the most by the children were:

- **Swinging or flying fox.** This is very consistent with the answers to the previous questions.
- Followed by **climbing,**
- And **hanging out with friends.**

The activities selected the least by the children were kicking a ball and riding a scooter or skateboard.

The items the children included most often in their playground designs were:

- Flying foxes
- Swings – big and small
- Slides – small, big, enclosed and open
- Water play or water pool
- Monkey bars
- Climbing nets, towers or walls
- Sandpits
- Trampolines
- Soft pillows / mats
- Cubbies or castles
- Spinning poles or spinning wheels
- Bridges.

Tables 5.1 and 5.2 below provide a summary of the feedback from the children. Some examples of the playgrounds they designed can be found in Appendix B.

Gray Primary School

What do you like the most about your favorite playground in Palmerston	No.	What would you most want to change about your favorite playground in Palmerston	No.	Circle your top 3 play activities	No.
Water bubbler	2	Make it all sand	1	Climbing	12
		The slide tunnel	1	Riding a scooter or skateboard	7
Flying fox / zip line	3	Make the flying foxes longer	1	Building cubbies and exploring	5
		Fix the zip line	1	Hanging out with friends	13
	1	Slide to roller coaster	1	Kicking a ball	2
Water pool	1	The hard sand because there is way too much rocks	1	Swinging or flying fox	10
The rock obstacles	1			Sliding	8
It's small	1	I want it bigger	1		
The bridge	1	Nothing	1		
Jumping castle	1	Bigger mat	1		
Underground play area	1	Upgrade the underground area	1		
The swing	2	The colours when it rusts	1		
		House	1		
The slide	3	Monkey bars	1		
		The swing	1		
		Flying Fox	1		
Big castle at the back and big slide	1	The small slide	1		
Monkey bars	1	Sand pit	1		
The rocket	1	Everything	1		
Dizzy Whizzy	1	Slide	1		
It will be fun	1	Every park in Palmerston	1		

Table 5.1: Feedback from children at Gray Primary School about their favorite playground and their top 3 play activities, May 2021

Sacred Heart Primary School Grades 3 and 4 (Woodroffe)

What do you like the most about your favorite playground in Palmerston	No.	What would you most want to change about your favorite playground in Palmerston	No.	Circle your top 3 play activities	No.
Slides	2	The swings	1	Climbing	14
		Flying fox	1	Riding a scooter or skateboard	5
Flying fox	8	Nothing	3	Building cubbies and exploring	10
		When they only have one activity	1	Hanging out with friends	7
		The slide	1	Kicking a ball	3
		Colour	1	Swinging or flying fox	19
		Probably the slide	1	Sliding	8
Flying fox – Zuccoli Park	1	Public toilets and working water system	1		
Cannons and flying fox	1	Slide for big kids	1		
Swing / monkey bars	1	The slide	1		
Swings	2	Nothing	1		
		Howard Springs Park – too many bushes	1		
Castle	1	Brighter colours	1		
That it has a pool	1	Sliding	1		
It's fun	1	Nothing	1		
Safe things	1	Flying fox	1		
I like the safe things like slides	1	Some flying fox	1		
The spider swing	1	The slide	1		

Table 5.2: Feedback from children at Sacred Heart Primary School about their favorite playground and their top 3 play activities, May 2021

Appendix A

Detailed Results from Community Survey (provided as a separate attachment)

Appendix B

Playground design examples from children at Gray Primary School and Sacred Heart Primary School
(provided as a separate attachment)

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Image: Bloodwood Park, Zuccoli

“As adults, we have the responsibility to provide FREEDOM, TIME and SPACE for our children to play freely every day, so they can make sense of the world in their own way, at their own pace.” Barb Champion, Executive Director – play Australia

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Introduction

This Discussion Paper has been prepared as a key component of developing the Palmerston Playground and Play Space Strategy. It outlines key findings from the background research and community engagement, and identifies the issues and opportunities to be resolved as part of developing the Strategy.

The background research has included a review of key literature, consideration of how Council's strategic directions and priorities will influence the Playground and Play Space Strategy, an analysis of the current and projected demographic profile of the community, a desk top audit of existing playgrounds and play spaces, a review of the approach to playgrounds and play spaces taken by other local governments, and a program of consultation and engagement with the community.

The importance of play

Play is a critical part of growth and learning and provides the opportunity for a child to reach their potential. Play helps children develop physically, emotionally, socially and intellectually and facilitates the learning of lifelong skills such as problem solving, independence, self-awareness, creativity, resilience, and the ability to deal with change. Play also provides important motivation for children to become active, extend themselves and engage with others.¹

Activities such as rocking, spinning and swinging are important in the development of balance, hearing and vision. Play has a critical role in aiding children to become independent adults as they learn to take risks and conquer challenges. It assists the development of creativity through imaginative play.²

Older age groups including young people, adults and older adults share some common benefits with children from participation in play and recreation. Benefits include improved health and wellbeing from participating in physical activities, and benefits associated with social interaction from spending time with friends and family.

How playgrounds and play spaces support play

Playgrounds and play spaces are important elements of community infrastructure, providing opportunities for personal development at all stages of childhood, as well as places for people of all ages and backgrounds to meet and socialise. Playgrounds and play spaces are typically connected to parks and open space, so planning for them is closely tied with planning for parks, open space and other public places.

It is well understood that children's play needs extend beyond structured playground equipment. Providing playgrounds and open spaces which include purpose-built areas together with natural

¹ International Play Association, 1977 (reviewed 1989) Declaration of the Child's Right to Play

² Play Australia, [Play Library](#) | [Play Australia](#)

elements, gives children opportunities to explore and undertake imaginative play.

Increasingly natural play is being incorporated within playgrounds and play spaces. While playground equipment continues to be important, it is essential that children are able to explore natural environments and not be constrained by manufactured equipment.

Natural play spaces can provide opportunities for children to explore new ideas and to develop their interests and understanding including:

- exploring and developing a relationship with the natural environment;
- gaining a sense of freedom; and
- exploring and learning the skills required to manage self-risk.³

Council's role in supporting play

Council is the primary provider of purpose-built playgrounds and play spaces in public open spaces and places in Palmerston. Council provides dedicated play spaces to encourage children, teenagers and adults to play. Play opportunities in public parks and reserves provide an opportunity for community connectedness by enabling children and their families to come together with other members of their community.

These community connections are particularly important in areas of higher density locations or where houses occupy small blocks offering little private outdoor play space. A public playground gives children an opportunity to play and develop skills they otherwise may not. Larger playgrounds in parks and public places where complementary facilities are provided such as barbecues, shelters, toilets and picnic facilities, also cater for families with limited private facilities.

Community perceptions of safety for children outdoors have changed in recent years with increased parental concern for children. This has placed limitations on children's free movement within their neighbourhood. Providing public playgrounds close to home, gives children an opportunity to venture out to a purposeful destination.

Council's strategic directions and priorities

Council's strategic directions and priorities are set out in several key strategies and plans including the Community Plan, Inclusive, Diverse and Accessible Framework, Community Infrastructure Plan, Palmerston Art Strategy, Sustainability Strategy and Palmerston Physical Activity Strategy. The key themes and issues relevant to the Playground Strategy are:

- **A strategic and planned approach:** Council has taken a strategic and planned approach to guiding the development of the young municipality. The Community Plan is supported by a suite of plans to provide the framework for asset provision and the approach to service delivery.

³ Play Australia, [Play Library](#) | [Play Australia](#)

Playgrounds are vital community assets, and a planned approach including hierarchy and priorities will be consistent with the Council's overall approach to community infrastructure.

- **Responsive planning:** Council's planning recognises that Palmerston is a vibrant and culturally diverse community and seeks to respond to the ongoing residential development and the dynamic nature of Palmerston. The population is anticipated to grow substantially from the current 38,270 resulting in a much greater number of children and increasing demand for playgrounds and other recreation and sporting facilities.
- **Liveability:** Council's emphasis on families and liveability is best evidenced by priorities in the Community Plan. Council has a commitment to providing facilities and services to support families, collaborating with school and community groups, and ensuring access by community members to decision making.
- **Inclusion and equity:** Council's commitment to principles of inclusion and equity is evident in all planning documents. Council commitment is best communicated in the Inclusive, Diverse and Accessible Policy Framework. The Framework informs all Council actions, decision making and advocacy. Implications for the Playground Strategy are a commitment to inclusion and the potential to include design elements that recognise and celebrate the community's indigenous history, cultural diversity and heritage.
- **Sustainability:** Responsible environmental management and a commitment to sustainability principles is made clear in the Community Plan, Community Infrastructure Plan and Sustainability Strategy. The Community Infrastructure Plan makes clear Council's commitment to ensuring community facilities are responsive to community needs and are fit for purpose, and Sustainability Strategy contains specific recommendations in relation to minimising resource use and new infrastructure is undertaken in a sustainable manner and meet ESD guidelines.
- **Creativity:** A commitment to the arts and creative endeavours is reflected in the Community Plan and reinforced in the Arts Strategy. This includes enhancing the character and identity of public spaces, public art initiatives and by incorporating creative design elements in infrastructure.

Palmerston community profile

- **Population growth:** The Palmerston population is expected to grow consistently from 39,032 in 2020 to reach 50,508 by 2031.⁴ The *largest growth is expected to occur in Zuccoli*, but with notable growth also projected in Farrar, Durack and Yarrawonga / Palmerston City, and to a lesser extent Johnston.⁵
- **Population age profile:** Palmerston has a young age profile with a higher proportion of children and young people aged 0 – 19 years than Darwin and the Northern Territory. The 2016 Census data shows:

⁴ Profile.id, RDA Northern Territory Community Profile. Accessed 29 June 2021: <http://profile.id.com.au/rda-northern-territory/> and ⁴ Northern Territory Government, Population Projections – 2019 release. Available online: [Population projections - Department of Treasury and Finance](#)

⁵ City of Palmerston, Community Infrastructure Plan 2016 – 2026. Available online: [FINAL CoP Comm Infrastructure Plan 2016.pdf \(nt.gov.au\)](#)

- The proportion of children aged 0 – 9 years was highest in Bellamack and Johnston, followed by Rosebery, Zuccoli and Farrar. While population growth is projected to be relatively modest in Bellamack and Roseberry, it is expected to be **very high in Zuccoli** and moderately high in Farrar and Johnston.
- The proportion of children and teenagers aged 10 – 19 years was highest in **Moulden**, followed by Driver and Woodroffe. Population growth is projected to be relatively modest in all three of these suburbs.⁶

With the substantial population growth projected in Zuccoli and the prevalence of family households with children (66.1 percent in 2016)⁷, Zuccoli is likely to experience a notable increase in the number of children and teenagers. There is also likely to be notable increases in the number of children and teenagers in Farrar, Durack and possibly Yarrawonga / Palmerston City, where residential development and consequently population growth is expected to be high.

- **Wellbeing and disadvantage:** Overall Palmerston is a relatively well and advantaged community but there are pockets of disadvantage and some community members experience more challenging health issues. Key data includes:
 - 2.9 percent of the community need help with their daily life due to disability.⁸
 - The communities of Moulden and Gray experience notable levels of disadvantage with a SEIFA index of disadvantage score of 880 and 908 respectively at the 2016 Census. By comparison, the City of Palmerston SEIFA score was 1027.⁹
 - In 2018, 14.3 percent of children in their first year of school in Palmerston were vulnerable on 2 or more domains. In Moulden and Gray the percentage was notably higher - 25.4 percent and 19.7 percent.¹⁰

Existing playgrounds and play spaces in Palmerston

A desktop audit of all Palmerston City Council playgrounds and play spaces to completed to provide clear information about the existing playgrounds and play spaces in Palmerston, and to help inform future planning for playgrounds and play spaces. Key findings from the audit are:

- **Council has excellent historical and contemporary information** available regarding playgrounds. Local governments are required to undertake regular inspections of playgrounds to assess risks, the condition of equipment and any resulting maintenance needs and the data generated by these inspections, including photographs, provides a good basis for understanding each site.
- **Playgrounds and play spaces are generally distributed across the municipality** in all residential areas which provides equitable access for residents.

⁶ ABS, 2016 Census Quickstats. Accessed 29 June 2021: [QuickStats \(abs.gov.au\)](https://quickstats.abs.gov.au/)

⁷ ABS, 2016 Census Quickstats. Accessed 29 June 2021: [QuickStats \(abs.gov.au\)](https://quickstats.abs.gov.au/)

⁸ Profile.id, RDA Northern Territory Community Profile. Accessed 29 June 2021: <http://profile.id.com.au/rda-northern-territory/>

⁹ Profile.id, RDA Northern Territory Community Profile. Accessed 29 June 2021: <http://profile.id.com.au/rda-northern-territory/>

¹⁰ Australian Early Childhood Development Census, 2018. Accessed 29 June 2021: [Data explorer \(aedc.gov.au\)](https://dataexplorer.aedc.gov.au/)

- **While Council has a hierarchy for playgrounds** (local, major, regional) which reflects scale, proximity and target audience, **most playgrounds are designated as local** and there appears to be little rationale for the current designation and location of major and regional level playgrounds. Generally, local playgrounds have basic equipment, are in good condition, have shade from either trees or a structure, and having a neat appearance.
- **Access to playgrounds is generally good**, with many able to be accessed via a concrete footpath. In some instances, access is across a grassed area which is problematic for individuals with limited mobility or for wheeled items such as wheelchairs, prams, and mobility scooters. Lyndsey Park and Widdup Park have other access challenges. At Widdup Park, access is limited with only one access point via William Court, and there is poor visibility into the park. At Lyndsey Park, access is via an unsealed laneway which is subject to inundation for parts of the year.
- **There is a lack of play equipment that is universally accessible** / accessible for people of all abilities and this is something Council needs to address.
- **Many playgrounds in newer residential estates have immature vegetation** and limited natural shade. This will improve as vegetation matures which will also improve the character of the area.
- **Many playgrounds have shade structures installed above play equipment** and this has increased in recent years. Very few playgrounds have no shade available.
- **Playgrounds typically have rubberised softfall** installed with sand maintained in only a few locations.
- **Playgrounds predominantly contain manufactured equipment** with few offering more natural play elements. Sister Frederick Mangan Park, Digger Park and William Kirby are examples where planting and rocks have been used to add interest and expand play opportunities.
- **There are few locations where play equipment or environments are suitable for adults.** Typically, this comprises the installation of fitness equipment in a park setting with limited complementary facilities being present.

What we can learn from others

Understanding the approach other local governments take to planning for and delivering playgrounds and play spaces is an important way of identifying approaches that could be implemented in Palmerston. The local governments of Darwin in the Northern Territory, Joondalup in Western Australia, Townsville in Queensland, Penrith in New South Wales and Cairns in Queensland have been examined. The primary rationale for selecting these local governments is the similarity in climatic conditions.

Aspects assessed include the local policy framework for playgrounds and open space, community context, playground provision and any particular initiatives of note. The key insights from the review include:

- **A planned approach:** Council's typically have a plan or strategy that sets the priorities for playgrounds and a good example is Penrith Council's Sport and Recreation Strategy which has short-, medium- and long-term delivery plans and a stated emphasis on accessibility and sustainability.

- **Broad role of playgrounds acknowledged:** With a plan in place, Council's are potentially acknowledging the social and environmental role of playgrounds and the contribution to community health and wellbeing. Creative design and nature-based play provides opportunities for socialisation and being in touch with nature.
- **Community information:** Information regarding playground locations and facilities on offer is important to enabling access. A good example is Townsville City Council where Information about all playgrounds is available on-line including a description, list of facilities, images and map.
- **Natural elements to provide for nature-based play:** Manufactured playground equipment is popular and durable and this can be complemented by natural elements including plantings, natural shade and features such as rocks and grassy mounds which promote nature based play. Joondalup has typically located playgrounds in park settings with native landscapes. Many playgrounds have natural play elements which is consistent with the dominant landscape character.
- **Accessibility and inclusion:** Specific initiatives to enhance access include provision of sealed paths, equipment designed to cater for people of all abilities and Townsville Council is implementing an inclusive parks upgrade program to progressively upgrade all playgrounds to ensure they are accessible.
- **Shade:** The presence of adequate shade is vital in areas that experience extreme weather. A combination of shade structures and natural shade can soften the appearance of the site and ensure that some shade is available at all times. Penrith Council has adopted a Shade Facilities at Playspaces Policy to guide the initiative and ensure consistency. Darwin City Council has implemented a Playground Shade Program to assist community access to playgrounds through the provision of artificial shade to enhance existing natural shade at playgrounds. To date over 80 playgrounds now have shade structures installed over the play equipment.
- **Established hierarchy:** An agreed playground hierarchy assists planning and response to community requests for playground improvements. Penrith Council has classified playgrounds in a hierarchy as Local, District, Citywide and Regional to guide levels of investment and facility design.
- **Other initiatives and approaches:** Complementary initiatives include Darwin City Council's Better Suburbs program which involves investing \$5.0 million in streetscapes and community infrastructure. Works include landscaping, playground upgrades, shade projects and installation of exercise equipment. Townsville City Council has developed an extensive water park on the foreshore and Council has prepared a Liveability Strategy that frames playgrounds in a broader agenda around community building.

What the community has told us

It is important to the community to have access to playgrounds and play spaces close to where they live. The main activities community members undertake when visiting playgrounds and play spaces are playing on the equipment, socializing, and exercising. Having access to spaces and environments which support these activities close to home is important to the community. The survey results indicate that proximity to home is one of the top 2 reasons why people visit a playground or play space.

Playgrounds and play spaces are an important place children and families spend time socialising.

One of the top play activities children like to participate in at playgrounds is hanging out with their friends. For adults, one of the top activities they undertake when they visit playgrounds is socializing e.g. meeting friends or family.

High quality playgrounds and play spaces are extensively used and highly valued. Many people use playgrounds and play spaces once a week or more often, usually close to where they live. But they will travel to access high quality playgrounds and play spaces such as Sanctuary Lakes in Gunn, William Kirby Jones in Zuccoli and Marlow Lagoon. They select these playgrounds or play spaces because of the type of play equipment or play experience they offer.

For the community, key features of high-quality playgrounds and play spaces are:

- Play and active recreation opportunities offer a range of play experiences and cater for a mix of age groups e.g. playgrounds, exercise equipment, basketball courts, large open spaces for informal play, walking / cycling paths, water play, places to walk or exercise dogs.
- The broader environment is inviting and adds to the play experience e.g. a natural setting, a lake or bushland environment.
- Amenities are readily available and high quality and include shade throughout the day, seating, picnic and BBQ facilities, toilets, and water bubblers.
- Equipment, amenities and spaces are well maintained and clean.
- Play experiences, supporting facilities and access ways are inclusive and accessible for all children and families. It feels like a welcoming and appealing place and is designed to support families and children of all abilities.
- People feel safe using the play space and surrounding areas. Aspects that help people to feel safe are having fencing around the play equipment, particularly to support young children and children with additional needs, lighting, there is little or no antisocial behaviour, materials selected reduce the risk of harm e.g. soft fall rather than sand.

The community has expressed a desire for Palmerston to offer more diverse play experiences and environments including:

- Nature-based play environments rather than predominantly off the shelf play equipment.
- Play experiences which challenge children and teach them to how to manage risk. The primary school aged children engaged through the consultation are looking for play experiences that allow them to have fun, try new things and take risks. They want to climb, to swing, to fly on a flying fox, and play in water.
- Incorporating creative design elements about local First Nations people and culture, and local flora and fauna.
- Offering more active recreation spaces such as basketball courts, skate facilities, water play, exercise equipment.

Demand for play experiences that support older children and possibly toddlers. There is a perception that most of the playgrounds and play spaces in Palmerston cater for younger children with few available for children and teenagers aged 10 years or older. In contrast, some in the community have suggested they would like to see more play experiences for children under 2 years of age.

Children have some different ideas to adults about what supports play. Children participating in the consultation want to see more sand in playgrounds whereas many adults expressed a strong desire for sand to be removed because of concerns about it being unsafe and dirty. Children are interested in softer surfaces and finishes identifying materials like soft pillows or matting used around trampolines whereas adults are more interested in materials such as rubberised soft fall. Adults have a stronger interest in amenities and the wider play environment, whereas children are more interested in play equipment or play experiences.

Perception that playgrounds in established areas of Palmerston receive limited investment. Of particular concern to some members of the community are the poor playgrounds and play spaces in Bellamack. Sites identified were Father Gerry Remie Park, Flynn Park and Bellamack Lakes.

The key things the community would like to be different about playgrounds and play spaces

- ***For children*** priorities are flying foxes including having more, fixing existing ones and making them longer. Also important to change are, slides and swings including bigger slides for bigger children.
- ***For adults*** the top priorities are the type of play equipment or play experience and the amenities available, followed by the quality and condition of the play equipment or play experience and the type of active recreation equipment e.g. half basketball court. Other aspects are maintenance of the equipment, amenities and surrounding environment.

What this means for the strategy

The population growth projected in Palmerston will drive increased demand for playgrounds and playspaces, particularly in Zuccoli, followed by Farrar, Durack, Yarrowonga / Palmerston City, and to a lesser extent Johnston. But, with a young age profile throughout most of Palmerston, playgrounds and playspaces are needed across the local government area, not just in these communities. In addition, they need to support a diversity of age groups from toddlers and preschoolers to primary school aged children, teenagers and adults.

Playgrounds and play spaces are valuable for the play experiences, the socialisation opportunities they provide, and the overall contribution to community health and wellbeing. This is an important concept for Council to understand when planning for and investing in playgrounds and play spaces.

A clearer hierarchy of playgrounds and play spaces will ensure a consistent and planned approach to investment and facility design, and allow a considered response to community requests for upgrades. While there is a hierarchy, categorisation is notional and not clearly defined.

There is also inconsistency in the equipment and play experiences, even when they categorised as the same type. Most playgrounds are defined as local but there is enormous variability in the play equipment and play experiences offered at each local playground.

Focus upon offering more accessible and inclusive play experiences for children, teenagers and adults with a disability in Palmerston. Universally accessible play spaces, equipment, amenities, and paths of travel to spaces and equipment, are important for all playgrounds.

A key element of accessibility is proximity to home. It is one of the top reasons community members visit playgrounds and play spaces. Council may wish to consider incorporating a benchmark or commitment to ensuring all households have access to particular types of playgrounds or play spaces within a certain distance of their home e.g. all households have access to a major playground within 1km.

A need for more diverse play experiences. While the climatic conditions of Palmerston and concerns about vandalism are key considerations for Council when developing and maintaining playgrounds and play spaces, all of the evidence suggests there is a need to develop playgrounds and play spaces which offer more diverse play experiences including:

- Nature play to support children to explore, to learn new skills, undertake imaginative play and build their connection with the natural environment.
- Play and active recreation experiences that appeal to older children, teenagers and adults e.g. basketball half courts, skate facilities, hit up walls, and exercise equipment.

Creative elements that celebrate the indigenous heritage of local communities. The involvement of children and families in designing and developing creative elements.

Consideration of how the safety and perceptions of safety for playgrounds and play spaces, can be improved. A key issue identified through the background research has been the poor lines of sight and visibility into some playgrounds and play spaces because they are land locked i.e. surrounded by housing. For the community, aspects that help people to feel safe are having fencing around the play equipment, particularly to support young children and children with additional needs, lighting, there is little or no antisocial behavior, materials selected reduce the risk of harm e.g. soft fall rather than sand.

Investing in the surrounding landscape and amenities that support playgrounds and play spaces is just as critical as investment in the playgrounds. While playgrounds in Palmerston are well maintained and generally in good condition, there appears to have been limited investment in the surrounding landscape. There is extensive opportunity to improve the look, feel and experience by improving the planting and landscape surrounding playgrounds. This could assist with providing more shade and with incorporating nature play opportunities.

A key feature of high quality playgrounds and play spaces as identified by the community is the ready availability and the high quality of amenities including shade throughout the day (combination of shade structures and landscape based shade), seating, picnic and BBQ facilities, toilets, and water bubblers.

Increasing investment in playgrounds and play spaces in communities experiencing disadvantage. The communities of Moulden and Gray are identified as being relatively disadvantaged communities and consequently the provision of high-quality play spaces and play experiences is particularly important. Of note, is the very minimal involvement of people living in these communities in the community consultation and engagement. Discussion with officers about the condition and quality of existing playgrounds and play spaces in these communities is needed.

Understanding the extent of investment in playgrounds and play spaces in established suburbs. Through consultation and engagement with the community there was some suggestion that Council's investment in playgrounds and play spaces in established communities such as Bellamack is low, with investment concentrated in areas where residential development is occurring.

An opportunity to strengthen the connectivity between playgrounds and play spaces and other community infrastructure and activity centres. Currently any connections appear to be ad hoc rather than planned.

Strengthening the sustainability of playgrounds and play spaces. Council has a clear commitment to responsible environmental management and sustainability principles, and there is an opportunity to strengthen these aspects in the planning, design and maintenance of playgrounds and play spaces. As part of this it is important to note there are mixed views about the use of rubberized soft fall or sand.

An opportunity to improve the information available to the community about playgrounds and play spaces in Palmerston. While Council has excellent historical and contemporary information available about playgrounds and play spaces, there is opportunity to improve the quality and accessibility of information that is available to the community. Ensuring the information responds to what families will be looking for is essential including making sure the information is up to date, providing clear information about the features, equipment, amenities, and accessibility, and providing photos and maps.

COUNCIL REPORT

2nd Ordinary Council Meeting

AGENDA ITEM:	13.1.3
REPORT TITLE:	Tree Planting and Landscape Beautification Program
MEETING DATE:	Tuesday 17 August 2021
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COMMUNITY PLAN

Family and Community: Palmerston is a safe and family friendly community where everyone belongs.

PURPOSE

This report seeks to update Council on the planned tree planting and landscape beautification works that will occur over the next three years.

KEY MESSAGES

- Council has developed a three-year tree planting and landscape beautification program that aims to improve canopy cover, urban biodiversity, open space amenity, and community wellbeing across the Palmerston municipality.
- The program has a nominal target of 1000 trees being planted throughout the municipality annually.
- The program aligns with national initiatives such as the Planet Ark National Tree Day, through the inclusion of an annual City of Palmerston Community Planting Day and an 'Adopt-a-Tree Program' for Council verges.
- The program has also been integrated with the City of Palmerston's forward planning for irrigation upgrades, to ensure that best practice, water saving infrastructure is included in the landscaping works.
- The upcoming Playground and Play Space Strategy, and the draft Sustainability Strategy were guiding documents in the formulation of the program.
- Council's Long-term Financial Plan includes an allocation for tree planting with an expected expenditure of \$1.75 million over the next three years.
- In addition to its own planting programs Council encourages community planting which resulted in 3000 native trees and plants being distributed to community members through the National Tree Day at Marlow Lagoon and the Royal Darwin Show.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Report entitled Tree Planting and Landscape Beautification Program be received and noted.

BACKGROUND

The City of Palmerston maintains over 200 hectares of open space assets and amenities. The assets include large suburban parks, three regional parks, as well as the connective potential of our open space drainage systems.

Over time these open spaces and amenities have lost tree cover as a result of storms and cyclones, termite damage and age. Council is committed to increasing tree cover for the benefits of habitat provision, ambient cooling, street and park scaping and general aesthetics. Outcome 5 of the Community Plan relating to Environmental Sustainability includes a measure of increasing the canopy coverage across the municipality, and strategies relating to trees such as greening and cooling initiatives that include tree planting and greening. Another strategy relates to the planting of native, localised species. In addition, Project includes Liveable cities that seeks to increase green coverage and improve landscape spaces and green corridors to cool infrastructure and support the physical and mental health of residents and visitors.

Over the past few years, Council has been successful in obtaining co-funding for a number of projects, including greening and cooling from the Northern Territory Government (NTG). This has resulted in additional tree planting and projects such as the Temple Terrace landscaping beautification project. Council's long term financial plan includes an allocation for tree planting of \$1.75 million towards greening and cooling projects including funding support from the NTG.

Council has been committed to green, living and beautifying Palmerston. To ensure Council's objectives are met, the development of a three-year tree planting and landscape beautification project will build on the recent success. The program focuses on the greening of key parks, arterial roads, and linkages between public open space. The report outlines the projects and intended outcomes of current known projects over the next 3 years.

DISCUSSION

The forward plan for tree planting and landscape beautification has been prepared to provide a structured approach to the improvements of green assets within Palmerston, with a goal to improve greening, cooling, and wellbeing throughout the municipality. The 2021-23 planned activities have been broken down into four areas; Works Completed/Underway, Immediate Works (to proceed this financial year), Staged (works are extensive and require a staged approach) and Ongoing (works that will occur every financial year).

Works Completed/Underway

The following works have either been completed or are progressed to a point of implementation.

- It is important that Council works with and encourages the community to undertake their own planting initiatives to compliment Council's work. Greening Palmerston requires planting in both the public and private domain. Part of our program is about education.
- Royal Darwin Show – the 70th Annual Royal Darwin Show was a rousing success, especially for the City of "Palmerfun" stall. Amongst the many family orientated activities available were 2000 trees to give away as part of our commitment to environment and sustainability. The Council's "Palmerfun" stall won both the Most Outstanding stall, as well as Best Government stall award. Feedback from social media platforms highlighted the positive response from the tree giveaway.



Recipients of Trees at the Royal Show

- National Tree Day Giveaway – A National Tree Day Giveaway event occurred on Sunday 1 August 2021 at Marlow Lagoon. This event was the first of its kind amongst NT local government and was well received, with hundreds of residents coming down to collect a free plant and engage with staff and contractors on the benefits of tree planting. The event was further supported by Palmerston Lions who provided a gold coin donation sausage sizzle. Feedback on social media platforms has been very positive and the event successfully highlighted Council's commitments to proactively improve our urban forest and meet our environment and sustainability objectives.



National Tree Day Giveaway -Marlow's Lagoon

Immediate Works

The following works are prioritised to occur over the next 12 months. Some activities have been prioritised to align with other projects such as irrigation replacement and infrastructure renewal (pathways, playgrounds etc). Please note that the program is subject to change to reflect priorities or issues not identified at this stage.

- Garden Bed and Roundabout beautification – 1000 native plants and trees have been purchased to be planted in parks and garden beds. A number of areas currently identified for revegetation are; Farrar Boulevard garden beds, Stalwart Park and George Park. Roundabouts that will receive new tree planting include along Farrar Boulevard and Forrest Parade.



Mixed Tree Species, Farrar Boulevard – July 2021

- Marlow Lagoon Indigenous Plant Use Garden – Formerly, Marlow Lagoon had an Indigenous Plant Use Garden (to the left of the main car park). The condition of this little-known feature has deteriorated over subsequent decades owing to fire, weed impingement and storm damage. In consultation with Larrakia expertise, Council are revitalising this space to better reflect and preserve the value of 40,000+ years of accumulated botanical knowledge.
- Roberts Park, Gray- Beautification to include the addition of denser tree planting for cooling and greater year- round activation of areas for picnicking and social sports.
- Owston Avenue Streetscaping – A prominent city throughfare that requires significantly increased tree cover. Existing trees are in decline owing to a lack of water, and there are considerable areas where tree loss is evident. The extent of the works will include irrigation. Tender documentation is currently underway for this project.
- Dunbar Park, Gray – Beautification will include hard landscaping for amenity (pathways) and soft landscaping for aesthetics (diverse tree and shrub planting). This project will also be coupled with some capital improvements, to address safety identified issues such as proximity of play areas to busy roads.
- McAulay Park, Rosebery– Beautification to include the addition of denser tree planting for cooling and greater year-round activation of areas for picnicking and social sports.

Staged Projects

A number of projects are more complex in their planning, design and delivery therefore will be staged to occur over a few years. These projects include;

- Widdup Park, Driver – Widdup Park has been highlighted as an open space asset requiring renewal. There is a challenge relating to access, both for maintenance and for amenity use. In conjunction with the Playground and Play Space Strategy, a community consultation process would be required followed by landscape design to improve the open space amenity.
- Harvest Trail – A Harvest Trail has been identified to make use of existing infrastructure and the inter-connective potential of open drainage systems to provide an enhanced interactive experience for residents. The overarching project objective is to line the existing path network with culturally significant trees (i.e. Indigenous plant use species) and encompass interactive experiences that link food, indigenous plant use, landscape ecology and an extensive bike ride/walking trail. Larrakia Nation are being consulted with on this project. Stage 1 will seek to connect the newly refurbished Gray Community Hall and Harvest Corner Community Garden with a Community Fruit Orchard located at the Temporary Dog Park on Temple Terrace. A map of Stage 1 is provided in the image below. It is envisaged that the Harvest Trail will link to Marlow Lagoon as part of Stage 2 and on further to Moulden and into the Gunn Escarpment and potential Mitchell Creek and the Zuccoli Community Hub ultimately completing a loop of the Municipality.



Indicative Map of Harvest Trail – Stage 1.

- Marlow Lagoon Greening Plan – Marlow Lagoon has been identified as currently lacking extensive canopy cover. On recent inspection there are numerous trees in decline that will require removal thus further reducing tree cover. The space at Marlow Lagoon has not been fully realised in particular regards to diverse and extensive tree cover. The Greening Plan would first identify areas for extensive and diverse tree planting. Large tree species are to be employed as marquee species. Large trees will provide extensive shade as well as opportunities for nature-based play.

Ongoing Works

These works will occur each year, as they have been identified as having important community outcomes, as well as excellent greening opportunities.

- National Tree Day Community Planting Event – National Tree Day roughly falls on the first weekend of August each year and in future years, community planting events have been identified as being a beneficial, ongoing activity. Locations and details will be determined prior to each event.
- National Tree Day “Adopt-a-Tree Day” – This is being investigated as being an ongoing program and would complement existing verge improvement initiatives and help to foster greater Civic pride.

- Tree Replacement – ongoing tree replacement of vandalised or individually identified trees will occur as required.
- Community Tree Planting Requests - requests for tree planting from members of our community will continue to be actioned as received.
- Garden Bed and Roundabout beautification – these will be ongoing projects.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

Community consultation will be undertaken throughout the three years of implementation. The type and extent of consultation will depend upon the complexity of the project and the perceived impact to the community.

Council will also continue education and promotion of greening and cooling Palmerston's public and private domain through various initiatives including, works programs, community days, website and social media.

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

- City Sustainability Manager
- Open Space Team Lead
- Open Space Officer
- Land Conservation Officer

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The proposed works align with the existing Preserving our Urban Forest Policy, Edible Pocket Garden Policy, draft Sustainability Strategy, and Playground and Play Space Strategy (under development).

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

These works are funded from capital works programs and include external funding from the Northern Territory Government. For 2021/22 the program is \$750,000 in total.

RISK, LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

This report addresses the following City of Palmerston Strategic Risks:

6 Fails to create and deliver the strategic vision for the City

Context: Ensuring a vision is enduring and clear to all relevant stakeholders, guiding future decision making, delivered effectively and efficiently, and that progress is measurable and celebrated.

ENVIRONMENT SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

There are significant environmental sustainability implications for this program. The planting of trees and the beautification of green spaces will increase urban biodiversity, ameliorate heat sinks, and increase green amenity. This program aligns with the environmental objectives of the City of Palmerston Community Plan, in particular Objective 5.2: Palmerston is a cool, shaded, green city.

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

Nil

COUNCIL REPORT

2nd Ordinary Council Meeting

AGENDA ITEM:	13.1.4
REPORT TITLE:	Financial Report for the Month of July 2021
MEETING DATE:	Tuesday 17 August 2021
AUTHOR:	Financial Accountant, Tinashe Gomo
APPROVER:	Director Organisational Services, Silke Maynard

COMMUNITY PLAN

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

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Report is to present to Council the Financial Report for the month of July 2021.

KEY MESSAGES

- Opening reserve balances are unconfirmed pending completion of the Annual Financial Statements and associated audit.
- The budget is tracking as expected for this early stage.
- Rates have been levied earlier than prior years to give ratepayers more time before the first instalment is due.
- 92% of the monthly creditor payments have been made to local suppliers.
- As part of the new *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*, information about the age of debts by Council and tax responsibilities are included in this Report.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Report entitled Financial Report for the Month of July 2021 be received and noted.

BACKGROUND

In accordance with *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 - Part 2 (Division 7)*, the proceeding month's financial report must be presented to Council. The commentary below and **Attachment 13.1.4.1** present the financial position of Council at the end of July 2021. The additional information provided in this Report include, closing cash at bank balance, age of creditors, payment and reporting obligations for Goods and Services Tax (GST), Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT), PAYG withholding tax, superannuation and insurance.

DISCUSSION

Operating Income

- Total operating income is at 90% of the current Budget, and includes Rates levied earlier than prior years to give ratepayers more time before the first instalment is due.
- Rates & Annual Charges including waste are at 101% of the budget and include additional properties levied as a result of increased property development beyond budget expectation. This will be reviewed as part of the First Budget Review 2021-22. Council received \$912,837 for the Federal Assistance Grant 2021-22.

Operating Expenditure

- Total operating expenditure is at 12% of the Budget, inclusive of commitments.
- Office of the Chief Executive is at 145% including a commitment of \$632,600 for the annual insurance policies. The budget for the Workers Compensation Insurance (\$195k) was historically recorded under the Organisational Services department and will be reallocated to this area as part of the First Budget Review to consolidate all insurance expenditures. Organisational Services is at 11%, with a major expense of the Senior Pension Rebates recorded against Rates for the 2022 financial year, this cost is offset through income from the Northern Territory Government bearing the cost of the concession.
- Lifestyle and Community is at 14%, with most of the Youth Services expenses spent relating to the Youth Festival 2021.

Capital Income

- Capital income is at 0.1% of the current budget, which relates to the income from vehicle disposal.

Capital Expenditure

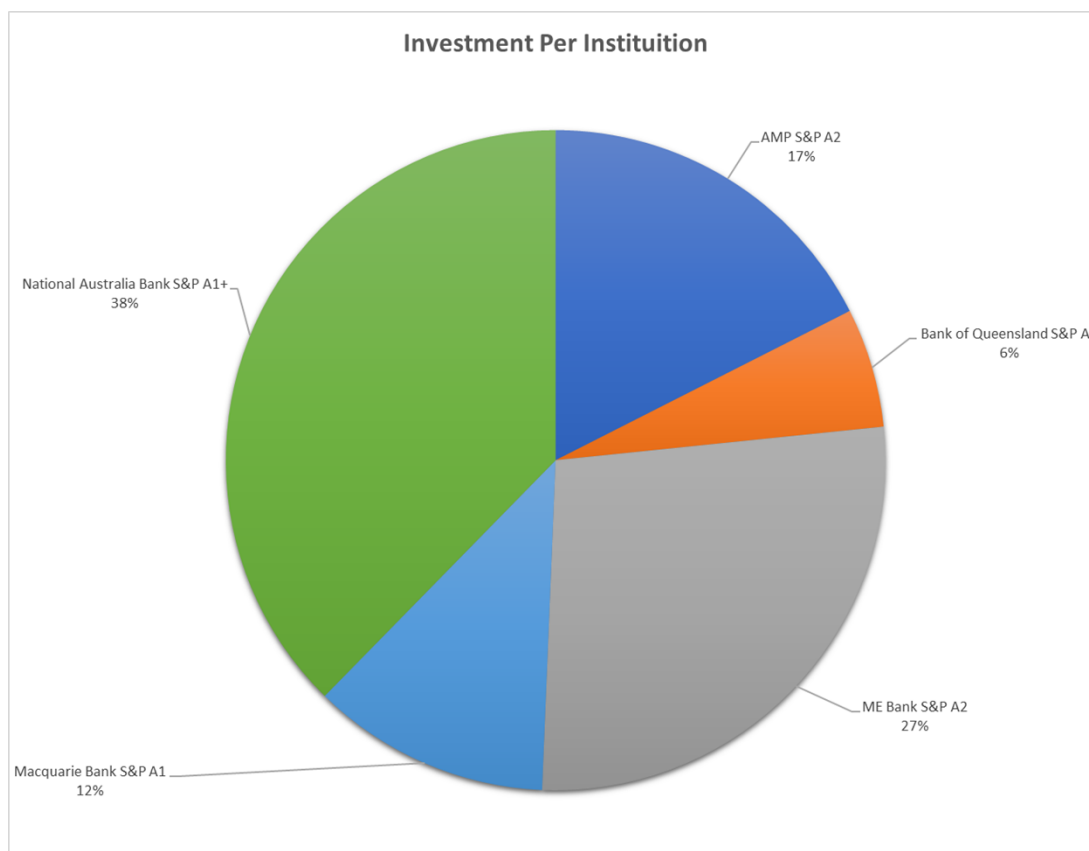
- Capital expenditure is at 20% of the current budget, inclusive of commitments largely for the Gray community hall redevelopment.
- Capital expenditure on Library Services is at 192%. The commitments on Library Services include purchase orders for two projects, i.e., Library renovation and Library recording studio which are included in the capital works rollover.
- The Capital Budget will increase once the unexpended capital works rollovers are brought into the accounts at the First Budget review.

Loans

- Council approved an internal loan for \$3.65 million to fund Making the Switch, and an external loan for \$1.96 million to fund the final stage of remediation works at the previous Archer Landfill site in 2018/19.
- The internal loan for Making the Switch has been drawn upon, with the corresponding figures shown in **Attachment 13.1.4.1**, Section 2.10 - Council Loans. Total project costs for Making the Switch, exclusive of employee costs and interest incurred, is \$3,223,849. Interest accrued for July 2021 is \$6,104 and \$164,633 since the first repayment was made.
- The loan for Archer Landfill Rehabilitation of \$1.96 million was drawn upon on 28 June 2019. The principal repayments for this loan commenced in November 2019 and occur quarterly. The current outstanding balance on this loan is \$1,510,301. Details of the loan are provided in **Attachment 13.1.4.1**, Section 2.10 - Council Loans.

Investments & Cash

- As of 31 July 2021, Council held a total of \$25.665 million in term deposits across five separate financial institutions. The investment portfolio is compliant with Council Policy *FIN06 Investments*.
- Cash held by Council in the bank as at 31 July 2021 is \$3,537,393.24.
- The breakup between institutions is:



Outstanding Rates

- Section 2.4 – Debtor Control Accounts, as presented as **Attachment 13.1.4.1**, reflects the number of properties overdue per year as well as the cumulative overdue amounts. Rates that stay overdue for more than three years qualify for the sale of land process under Legislation. Council places an overriding statutory charge on the property to start this process, which gives Council priority over all other registered and unregistered mortgages, charges, and encumbrances except a previously registered overriding statutory charge. Council currently holds overriding statutory charges over-all properties with overdue debt rated prior to 2017-2018.
- Council's overdue rates are currently worth \$1.534 million and this includes overdue amounts from 2014/2015. Rates levied in 2021/2022 are not due until September 2021.

Trade Debtors & Creditors

- 10.5% of all Debtors are over 90 days amounting to \$29,174.06 of which \$24,750 relates to one debtor. Staff are in discussions with the debtor and payment has been confirmed in writing for this week.
- 92% of the monthly creditor payments have been made to local suppliers.
- The majority of the aged creditor invoices are post-June 2021. The credits have resulted from overpayments that will be offset against future invoices from the suppliers. \$32,785 of credit was resulted from the supplier providing us with a credit for mowing works invoiced but not undertaken.
- 82% of the outstanding aged creditors excluding credits have been paid as of 6 August and the remaining creditors are all less than 30 days.

Waste Charges

The purpose of Section 2.8 - Waste Charges in **Attachment 13.1.4.1**, is to supply an indicative overview of Council's progress against its budgeted Waste Reserve movement.

Tax

- \$29,034 has been paid as the First Instalment for the Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT) to the Australian Tax Office (ATO) for the FBT year 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022. This is the first of four payments to be made in the financial year 2021-2022.
- \$197,437 has been paid to the ATO for Pay As You Go Tax (PAYG) and \$73,352 in Superannuation Contributions.
- The last Business Activity Statement was lodged on 21 July 2021 for the month ended 30 June 2021 and the GST refund was \$444,703.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

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

- Finance Manager

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Investments are compliant with Council Policy *FIN06 Investments*.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Budget or resource implications are reflected in the body of the Report.

RISK, LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

This Report addresses the following City of Palmerston Strategic Risks:

2 Is not sustainable into the long term

Context: Optimising the financial, social and environmental sustainability of the Council.

The *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 - Part 2 (Division 7)* prescribes that:

Monthly financial reports to Council

- (1) *The CEO must, in each month, give the Council a report setting out:*
 - a. *The actual income and expenditure of the Council for the period from the commencement of the financial year up to the end of the previous month; and*
 - b. *The most recently adopted annual Budget; and*
 - c. *Details of any material variances between the most recent actual income and expenditure of the Council and the most recently adopted annual Budget*
- (2) *If a council does not hold a meeting in a particular month, the report is to be laid before the council committee performing the Council's financial functions under regulation 19 for the particular month.*

With the monthly finance report being laid before Council, Council is adhering to legislative requirements and ensure ongoing monitoring of financial sustainability.

ENVIRONMENT SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental 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

1. Monthly Financial Report July 2021 - signed [13.1.4.1 - 20 pages]

Financial Management Reports

July 2021

- ❖ 1. Executive Summary
- ❖ 2. Financial Results

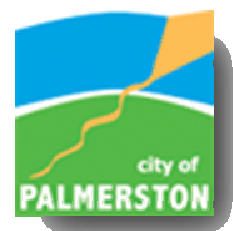


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Section 2 Financial Results

1.1 - Executive Summary as at

% of year passed

31 July 2021

8%

	Revised Budget \$	YTD Actual \$	% Utilised Actuals	YTD Committed \$	% Utilised Committed	Budget Forecast \$
Operating Income						
Rates & Annual Charges	29,475,948	29,674,763	101%	0	0%	29,475,948
Statutory Charges	140,450	7,182	5%	0	0%	140,450
User Charges & Fees	687,637	88,388	13%	0	0%	687,637
Interest & Investment Revenue	636,804	43,732	7%	0	0%	636,804
Reimbursements	0	0	0%	0	0%	0
Other Income	331,000	34,733	10%	0	0%	331,000
Grants, Subsidies & Contributions	2,757,877	912,837	33%	0	0%	2,757,877
Operating Income	34,029,716	30,761,635	90%	0	0%	34,029,716
Operating Expenditure						
Employee Costs	-10,932,833	-845,176	8%	-181,746	2%	-10,932,833
Professional Services	-1,935,074	-33,865	2%	-463,892	24%	-1,935,074
Auditor's Remuneration	-35,000	0	0%	-29,478	84%	-35,000
Operating Lease Rentals	-22,423	-1,736	8%	-2,670	12%	-22,423
Energy	-1,045,555	-82,207	8%	0	0%	-1,045,555
Materials & Contractors	-10,965,969	-283,570	3%	-947,045	9%	-10,965,969
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	-10,608,000	-884,000	8%	0	0%	-10,608,000
Elected Members Expenses	-391,511	-1,277	0%	0	0%	-391,511
Legal Expenses	-258,200	-379	0%	-54,228	21%	-258,200
Water Charges	-1,354,178	0	0%	0	0%	-1,354,178
Telephone & Other Communication Charges	-259,889	-14,225	5%	-5,631	2%	-259,889
Community Grants	-250,000	-18,275	7%	0	0%	-250,000
Other Expenses	-3,808,939	-525,466	14%	-916,242	24%	-3,808,939
FILOC Internal Loan	-227,316	-28,214	12%	0	0%	-227,316
Borrowing Costs	-39,585	-6,104	15%	0	0%	-39,585
Operating Expenditure	-42,134,472	-2,724,494	6%	-2,600,932	6%	-42,134,472
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	-8,104,756	28,037,141		-2,600,932		-8,104,756
Capital Income			0%			
Net gain (loss) on disposal or revaluation of assets	50,000	17,273	35%	0	0%	50,000
Developer Contributions	288,750	0	0%	0	0%	288,750
Asset Income	0	0	0%	0	0%	0
Loan Income	1,000,000	0	0%	0	0%	0
Grants received	16,442,312	0	0%	0	0%	16,442,312
Capital Income	17,781,062	17,273	0%	0	0%	16,781,062
Net SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) transferred to Equity Statement	9,676,306	28,054,414		-2,600,932		8,676,306
Capital Expenditure						
Land Purchase	0	0	0%	0	0%	0
Asset Purchase	-3,559,693	0	0%	-1,043,324	29%	-3,559,693
Asset Upgrade	-16,830,356	-75,490	0%	-3,012,783	18%	-16,830,356
Capital Expenditure	-20,390,049	-75,490	0%	-4,056,107	20%	-20,390,049
Less Non-Cash Expenditure	-10,608,000	-884,000	8%	0	0%	-10,608,000
Plus Gifted Assets	0	0	0%	0	0%	0
NET CAPITAL SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	-105,743	28,862,924		-6,657,039		-1,105,743
Borrowings	0	0	0%	0	0%	0
Repayment of Borrowings	0	0	0%	0	0%	0
Reserve Movement	345,377	0	0%	0	0%	345,377
NET OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	239,634	28,862,924		-6,657,039		-760,366



10/08/2021

Approved by: Finance Manager

Section 2
Financial Results

2.1 - Budget Summary Report as at

31 July 2021

% of year passed
Cashflowed Estimate of Budget YTD

8%
90%

Operating Income

	Revised Budget \$	YTD Actuals \$	%
Governance			
Office of the CEO	819,236	429,419	52.42%
Office of the Chief Executive	819,236	429,419	52.42%
Organisational Services			
Director Organisational Services	66,891	10,259	15%
Financial Services	138,644	12,850	9%
Rates	22,796,875	22,853,770	100%
Organisational Services	23,002,410	22,876,880	99%
Lifestyle & Community Services			
Events Promotion	2,000	0	0%
Library Services	934,523	28,987	3%
Senior Citizens	2,000	1,350	68%
Youth Services	300,000	0	0%
Animal Management	357,250	13,532	4%
Parking & Other Ranger Services	120,900	12,228	10%
Lifestyle & Community Services	1,716,673	56,097	3%
City Growth & Operations			
Civic Centre	105,000	11,667	11%
Director City Growth & Operations	3,000	0	0%
Private Works	35,070	2,610	7%
Roads & Transport	1,032,494	482,068	47%
Subdivisional Works	68,400	44,552	65%
Waste Management	6,801,273	6,829,951	100%
Odegaard Drive Investment Property	446,160	28,392	6%
City Growth & Operations	8,491,397	7,399,239	87%
	34,029,716	30,761,635	90%

Section 2
Financial Results

2.1 - Budget Summary Report as at

31 July 2021

% of year passed
Cashflowed Estimate of Budget YTD

8%
2%

Capital Income

	Revised Budget \$	YTD Actuals \$	%
Governance			
Office of the CEO	500,000	0	0%
Office of the Chief Executive	500,000	0	0%
Organisational Services			
Financial Services	50,000	17,273	35%
Organisational Services	50,000	17,273	35%
Lifestyle & Community Services			
Lifestyle & Community Services	0	0	0.00%
City Growth & Operations			
Aquatic Centre	12,000,000	0	0%
Director City Growth & Operations	3,000,000	0	0%
Open Space	250,000	0	0%
Roads & Transport	1,292,312	0	0%
Subdivisional Works	288,750	0	0%
Waste Management	400,000	0	0%
City Growth & Operations	17,231,062	0	0%
	17,781,062	17,273	0.10%

COUNCIL AGENDA

Attachment 13.1.4.1

Section 2 Financial Results

2.1 - Budget Summary Report as at

% of year passed
Cashflowed Estimate of Budget YTD

31 July 2021

8%

34%

Operating Expenditure

	Revised Budget \$	YTD Actuals \$	% Utilised Actuals	Commitment \$	% Utilised Committed	Total YTD Actuals + Commitments \$
Governance						
Elected Members	-532,081	-1,277	0%	-47	0%	-1,325
Office of the CEO	-1,014,947	-81,162	8%	-217,323	21%	-298,485
Governance	-510,706	0	0%	-632,599	124%	-632,599
Office of the Chief Executive	-2,057,734	-82,439	8%	-849,970	145%	-932,409
Organisational Services						
Customer Services	-427,331	-31,972	7%	-335	0%	-32,306
Human Resources	-824,819	-39,306	5%	-18,982	2%	-58,287
Information Technology	-1,487,463	-162,835	11%	-75,150	5%	-237,985
Director Organisational Services	-594,994	-21,440	4%	-69,726	12%	-91,167
Records Management	-262,201	-13,889	5%	-2,670	1%	-16,559
Financial Services	-12,400,898	-1,000,919	8%	-87,299	1%	-1,088,218
Rates	-290,188	-160,238	55%	-35,849	12%	-196,087
Organisational Services	-16,287,893	-1,430,598	9%	-290,011	2%	-1,720,609
Lifestyle & Community Services						
Arts & Culture	-96,000	-3,918	4%	-8,819	9%	-12,737
Community Development	-1,252,109	-113,008	9%	-190	0%	-113,198
Diversity and Inclusion Activities	-3,000	0	0%	0	0%	0
Events Promotion	-496,435	-6,112	1%	-82,493	17%	-88,604
Families & Children	-46,500	-818	2%	-2,104	5%	-2,922
Health and Wellbeing Services	-41,500	520	-1%	-9,381	23%	-8,861
Library Services	-1,740,003	-113,692	7%	-40,821	2%	-154,513
Senior Citizens	-6,500	-351	5%	-3,433	53%	-3,784
Youth Services	-359,800	-150,477	42%	-134,458	37%	-284,935
Director Lifestyle & Community	-553,851	-38,848	7%	-16,130	3%	-54,978
Safe Communities	-28,000	-210	1%	-4,827	17%	-5,037
Public Relations and Communications	-796,469	-45,768	6%	-39,546	5%	-85,314
Animal Management	-165,606	-14,100	9%	-5,051	3%	-19,152
Parking & Other Ranger Services	-1,036,181	-92,100	9%	-5,334	1%	-97,434
Lifestyle & Community Services	-6,621,954	-578,883	9%	-352,586	5%	-931,469
City Growth & Operations						
Aquatic Centre	-719,270	-140	0%	-4,622	1%	-4,762
Archer Sports Club	-183	-7	4%	0	0%	-7
Civic Centre	-413,517	-10,407	3%	-44,915	11%	-55,323
Depot	-81,215	-1,737	2%	-5,010	6%	-6,747
Driver Resource Centre	-19,244	-57	0%	-2,539	13%	-2,596
Emergency Operations	-13,000	0	0%	-600	5%	-600
Gray Community Hall	-42,712	-20	0%	-907	2%	-927
Director City Growth & Operations	-751,916	-43,137	6%	-6,680	1%	-49,817
Open Space	-5,207,756	-57,499	1%	-338,428	6%	-395,928
Private Works	-96,346	0	0%	0	0%	0
Recreation Centre	-279,773	-1,320	0%	-48,338	17%	-49,658
Roads & Transport	-1,544,706	-36,130	2%	-179,517	12%	-215,647
Stormwater Infrastructure	-185,000	0	0%	-10,290	6%	-10,290
Street Lighting	-1,048,316	-110,421	11%	-2,923	0%	-113,344
Subdivisional Works	-20,000	0	0%	0	0%	0
Waste Management	-6,453,124	-366,949	6%	-317,264	5%	-684,213
Odegaard Drive Investment Property	-136,427	0	0%	-478	0%	-478
Durack Heights Community Centre	-29,785	51	0%	-9,483	32%	-9,432
CBD Car Parking	-80,600	-4,800	6%	0	0%	-4,800
Goyder Square	-44,000	0	0%	-34,050	77%	-34,050
City Growth & Operations	-17,166,890	-632,575	4%	-1,006,043	6%	-1,638,618
	-42,134,472	-2,724,494	6%	-2,498,610	6%	-5,223,104

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Section 2 Financial Results

2.1 - Budget Summary Report as at

31 July 2021

% of year passed

8%

Cashflowed Estimate of Budget YTD

40%

Capital Expenditure

	Revised Budget \$	YTD Actuals \$	% Utilised Actuals	Commitment \$	% Utilised Committed	Total YTD Actuals + Commitments \$
Governance						
Organisational Services						
Information Technology	-70,000	0	0%	0	0%	0
Director Organisational Services	0	0	0.00%	-100,453	0.00%	-100,453
Financial Services	-355,000	0	0%	0	0%	0
Organisational Services	-425,000	0	0%	-100,453	24%	-100,453
Lifestyle & Community Services						
Library Services	-26,500	-50,930	192%	-254,507	960%	-305,437
Director Lifestyle & Community	-80,000	0	0%	-38,800	49%	-38,800
Lifestyle & Community Services	-106,500	-50,930	48%	-293,307	275%	-344,237
City Growth & Operations						
Aquatic Centre	-12,600,000	0	0%	-10,805	0%	-10,805
Civic Centre	-85,000	0	0%	-39,180	46%	-39,180
Depot	-14,400	0	0%	-9	0%	-9
Driver Resource Centre	-10,000	0	0%	0	0%	0
Gray Community Hall	0	0	0.00%	-1,606,217	0.00%	-1,606,217
Director City Growth & Operations	-1,110,693	0	0%	-448,535	40%	-448,535
Open Space	-1,640,000	-2,560	0%	-1,263,967	77%	-1,266,527
Recreation Centre	-53,800	0	0%	-4,742	9%	-4,742
Roads & Transport	-2,245,656	-22,000	1%	-157,553	7%	-179,553
Stormwater Infrastructure	-150,000	0	0%	0	0%	0
Street Lighting	-540,000	0	0%	-29,660	5%	-29,660
Subdivisional Works	-300,000	0	0%	-14,365	5%	-14,365
Waste Management	-1,100,000	0	0%	-66,840	6%	-66,840
Durack Heights Community Centre	-9,000	0	0%	-14,637	163%	-14,637
City Growth & Operations	-19,858,549	-24,560	0%	-3,656,509	18%	-3,681,069
	-20,390,049	-75,490	0%	-4,050,268	20%	-4,125,758

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2.2 Reserves Schedule

	Balance	TO RESERVES					FROM RESERVES					Balance
	as at	Original	Carry Forwards	Budget Reviews		Adopted	Original	Carry Forwards	Budget Review		Adopted	as at
	30/06/2021	Budget \$	& Rollovers \$	1st Review \$	2nd Review \$	Budget \$	Budget \$	& Rollovers \$	1st Review \$	2nd Review \$	Budget \$	30/06/2022
Externally Restricted Reserves												
Unexpended Grants Reserve	456,846	250,000	0	0	0	250,000	360,693	0	0	0	360,693	346,153
	456,846	250,000	0	0	0	250,000	360,693	0	0	0	360,693	346,153
Internally Restricted Reserves												
Election Expenses Reserve	150,000	0	0	0	0	0	150,000	0	0	0	150,000	0
Disaster Recovery Reserve	500,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500,000
Unexpended Capital Works Reserve	2,597,173	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,597,173
Developer Funds In Lieu Of Construction	1,786,459	515,316	0	0	0	515,316	300,000	0	0	0	300,000	2,001,775
Waste Management Reserve	2,142,278	0	0	0	0	0	700,000	0	0	0	700,000	1,442,278
Asset Renewal Reserve	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Major Initiatives Reserve	614,949	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	614,949
	7,790,859	515,316	0	0	0	515,316	1,150,000	0	0	0	1,150,000	7,156,175
Unrestricted Reserves												
Working Capital Reserve	9,546,226	500,000	0	0	0	500,000	100,000	0	0	0	100,000	9,946,226
	9,546,226	500,000	0	0	0	500,000	100,000	0	0	0	100,000	9,946,226
Total Reserve Funds*	17,793,930	1,265,316	0	0	0	1,265,316	1,610,693	0	0	0	1,610,693	17,448,553

The balances as at 30 June 2021 are as per the budget and these balances will change with the finalisation of the Annual Financial Statements for 2021 Financial Year.



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2.3 Investments Management Report

INVESTMENTS REPORT TO COUNCIL AS AT 31/07/2021

COUNTERPARTY	RATING	AMOUNT	INTEREST RATE	MATURITY DATE	DAYS TO MATURITY	INSTITUTION TOTALS	%COUNTER PARTY
People's Choice Credit Union	S&P A2	\$ 6.79	0.00%			\$ 6.79	0.00%
AMP	S&P A2	\$ 1,500,000.00	0.70%	September 22, 2021	53		
AMP	S&P A2	\$ 1,500,000.00	0.75%	November 3, 2021	95		
AMP	S&P A2	\$ 1,500,000.00	0.35%	April 20, 2022	263	\$ 4,500,000.00	17.53%
Bank of Queensland	S&P A2	\$ 1,500,000.00	0.65%	August 25, 2021	25	\$ 1,500,000.00	5.84%
Members Equity Bank	S&P A2	\$ 1,000,000.00	0.25%	August 12, 2021	12		
Members Equity Bank	S&P A2	\$ 1,000,000.00	0.35%	September 8, 2021	39		
Members Equity Bank	S&P A2	\$ 1,000,000.00	0.40%	December 1, 2021	123		
Members Equity Bank	S&P A2	\$ 1,000,000.00	0.45%	January 19, 2022	172		
Members Equity Bank	S&P A2	\$ 1,000,000.00	0.45%	February 2, 2022	186		
Members Equity Bank	S&P A2	\$ 1,000,000.00	0.45%	March 23, 2022	235		
Members Equity Bank	S&P A2	\$ 1,000,000.00	0.45%	April 6, 2022	249	\$ 7,000,000.00	27.27%
Macquarie Bank Limited	S&P A1	\$ 1,000,000.00	0.70%	October 6, 2021	67		
Macquarie Bank Limited	S&P A1	\$ 1,000,000.00	0.70%	October 20, 2021	81		
Macquarie Bank Limited	S&P A1	\$ 1,000,000.00	0.50%	November 17, 2021	109	\$ 3,000,000.00	11.69%
National Australia Bank	S&P A1+	\$ 7,664.28	0.00%				
National Australia Bank	S&P A1+	\$ 157,409.48	0.00%				
National Australia Bank	S&P A1+	\$ 1,500,000.00	0.32%	December 15, 2021	137		
National Australia Bank	S&P A1+	\$ 1,000,000.00	0.27%	January 5, 2022	158		
National Australia Bank	S&P A1+	\$ 1,500,000.00	0.32%	February 23, 2022	207		
National Australia Bank	S&P A1+	\$ 1,500,000.00	0.33%	March 9, 2022	221		
National Australia Bank	S&P A1+	\$ 1,000,000.00	0.32%	May 4, 2022	277		
National Australia Bank	S&P A1+	\$ 1,000,000.00	0.32%	May 18, 2022	291		
National Australia Bank	S&P A1+	\$ 1,000,000.00	0.32%	June 1, 2022	305		
National Australia Bank	S&P A1+	\$ 1,000,000.00	0.33%	June 15, 2022	319	\$ 9,665,073.76	37.66%

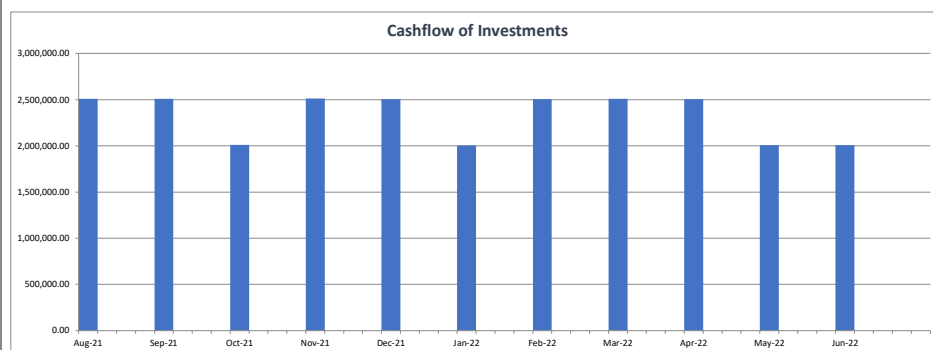
TOTAL SHORT TERM INVESTMENT	\$ 25,665,080.55	Average Days to Maturity	165	100.00%
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% OF TOTAL INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO	A1 & A1+ (max 100%)	49.3%	A2 (max 60%)	50.7%	A3 (max 40%)	0%	100%
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Weighted Average Rate	0.44%	BBSW 90 Day Rate Benchmark	0.019%
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GENERAL BANK FUNDS	\$ 3,537,393.24	Total Budget	-\$ 87,083.00
		Investment Earnings	

TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$ 29,202,473.79	Year to Date	-\$ 53,039.65
		Investment Earnings	



PROPERTY INVESTMENT

PROPERTY ADDRESS	VALUATION BASIS	VALUE	INCOME YTD	EXPENSE YTD	NET PROFIT YTD	COMPARATIVE YTD YIELD AT CASH RATE OF 3%
48 Odegaard Drive, Rosebery	Fair Value	\$ 5,200,000	\$ 28,392	\$ -	\$ 28,392	169,249

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2.4 Debtor Control Accounts

31 July 2021

SUNDRY DEBTORS:								
	BALANCE	CURRENT	30 DAYS	60 DAYS	90 DAYS	OVER 90 DAYS		
	276,549.41	220,652.35	26,823.00	100.00	(200.00)	29,174.06		
RATES:								
REPORT MONTH	OVERDUE \$	Payments Received in Advance \$	OVERDUE % OF RATES INCOME					
Jul-21	\$1,534,273	\$134,262	5.20%					
Jul-20	\$1,275,222		4.43%					
TOTAL OVERDUE BY YEAR AND NUMBER OF PROPERTIES								
Year	Charged in 2021/2022	Charged in 2020/2021	Charged in 2019/2020	Charged in 2018/2019	Charged in 2017/2018	Charged in 2016/2017	Charged in 2015/2016	Charged in 2014/2015
Overdue Amount	\$0	\$965,243	\$298,234	\$166,791	\$66,959	\$29,791	\$7,250	\$5
Cumulative Number Of Properties	0	2412	202	105	47	25	7	1
INFRINGEMENTS:		Final Report						
Animal Infringements		56,840.00						
Public Places		775.00						
Parking Infringements		13,504.69						
Litter Infringements		0.00						
Signs		0.00						
Other Law and Order		0.00						
Net Balance on Infringement Debts		<u><u>71,119.69</u></u>						

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2.5 - Financial Indicators

	Target	2022	2021	2020	2019
Operating Surplus Ratio					
Total Operating Surplus/Deficit	0.00%	-23.82%	-18.88%	-18.13%	-22.83%
Total Operating Income					
This indicator shows the extent to which operational expenses are covered by operational income, and if in surplus, how much is available to use for other purposes such as capital expenses. This has been calculated from the forecast budget.					
Debt Service Ratio (External Loans)					
EBITDA	>2	64.24	15.94	16.87	0.00
Net Debt Service Cost					
A Council's debt service ratio shows Council's debts (principal + interest) in relation to Council's income.					
Rate Coverage Percentage					
Rate Revenues	60%-75%	66.63%	65.22%	65.75%	64.33%
Total Revenues					
This indicator shows the percentage of total revenue raised through rates income.					
Rates & Annual Charges Outstanding Percentage					
Rates & Annual Charges Outstanding	<5%	5.73%	5.05%	3.88%	2.93%
Rates & Annual Charges Collectible					
This percentage shows Council's total rates outstanding against rates payable to Council in this financial year. The rate will decrease as instalment dates pass.					

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2.6 - Creditor Accounts Paid July 2021

Creditor Name	Creditor Payment Type	Amount \$
V03451 M & J Builders Pty Ltd	General Creditors	263,364.63
639 Cleanaway Pty Ltd.	General Creditors	205,433.88
1607 Sterling NT Pty Ltd	General Creditors	204,719.95
2 Australian Taxation Office - PAYG	General Creditors	192,022.00
5104 JLM Contracting Services Pty Ltd	General Creditors	185,034.65
3438 NT Shade & Canvas Pty Ltd	General Creditors	177,161.00
V03073 Programmed Property Services	General Creditors	167,757.93
V02521 Darwin Commercial Construction and Maintenance Pty	General Creditors	111,600.37
549 City of Darwin	General Creditors	103,880.00
V00773 Akron Group NT Pty Ltd	General Creditors	91,426.98
3936 Arafura Tree Services and Consulting	General Creditors	88,862.40
V00122 Exeloo Pty Ltd	General Creditors	86,966.00
V00318 StatewideSuper Clearing House	Superannuation	83,098.24
798 YMCA of the Northern Territory	General Creditors	78,966.90
V03453 Hardy Landscaping (NT) Pt Ltd	General Creditors	66,556.30
54 Powerwater	Utilities	64,193.97
V00368 iWater NT Pty Ltd	General Creditors	57,647.55
V03346 AKJ Services Pty Ltd	General Creditors	54,118.24
2587 Top End RACE	General Creditors	46,939.49
5508 Open Systems Technology Pty Ltd - CouncilFirst	General Creditors	43,347.44
V02096 Totem Fencing Pty Ltd	General Creditors	42,695.99
4963 Centratch Systems Pty Ltd	General Creditors	33,398.38
3787 Total Event Services T/A Top End Sounds P/L	General Creditors	28,287.60
47 Telstra Corporation Ltd	General Creditors	27,545.22
V02432 E3 Pro Pty Ltd	General Creditors	25,300.00
V00295 Jacana Energy	Utilities	23,463.08
87 Industrial Power Sweeping Services Pty	General Creditors	23,401.18
5525 Easyweb Digital Pty Ltd	General Creditors	22,656.48
V00541 Aertex Group Pty Ltd	Sundry	20,347.77
V01913 OrangeTek	General Creditors	18,920.00
V02009 Golder Associates Pty Ltd	General Creditors	17,825.50
5162 Select Music	General Creditors	16,500.00
5254 True North	General Creditors	16,220.93
4538 Byrne Consultants	General Creditors	15,840.00
V02534 Water Dynamics Pty Limited	General Creditors	15,825.00
5640 Think Water - Winnellie & Virginia	General Creditors	14,470.72
3313 Zip Print	General Creditors	14,344.00
V01619 Merit Partners Pty Ltd	General Creditors	13,246.92
V03072 Larrakia Development Corporation	General Creditors	12,855.70
5651 Minter Ellison Lawyers	General Creditors	12,071.01
V02285 Territory Native Plants	General Creditors	11,396.22
3880 PAWS Darwin Limited	General Creditors	11,246.00
V01971 Signify Pty Ltd	General Creditors	11,116.38
V00599 Athina Pascoe-Bell	Elected Members	10,751.13
5031 All Aspects Recruitment & HR Services	General Creditors	10,246.69
V03023 Reeling Veterans Incorporated	Refunds & Reimbursements	10,000.00
256 The Bookshop Darwin	General Creditors	9,193.29
V03452 Royal Life Saving Society Australia-NSW Branch	General Creditors	8,800.00
V01982 Telensa Systems Pty Ltd	General Creditors	8,250.00
V00157 McArthur Management Services (Vic) P/L	General Creditors	7,947.51
5131 Core Traffic Control Pty Ltd	General Creditors	7,830.90
4561 Bendesigns	General Creditors	7,274.85
895 Bakewell Primary School	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	7,178.00
V03311 Lucky Ent Pty Ltd	General Creditors	7,150.00
V01860 Hays Specialist Recruitment (Australia) Pty Ltd	General Creditors	6,892.03
V00730 Tip Top Circus Entertainment	General Creditors	6,590.00

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Creditor Name	Creditor Payment Type	Amount \$
V01584 Salary Packaging Australia	General Creditors	6,505.92
V03425 CSS Services Pty Ltd ITF Corporate Strategic System	General Creditors	6,261.75
V03264 McMahon Services Australia (NT) Pty Ltd	General Creditors	5,335.00
V01009 Australian Parking and Revenue Control Pty Limited	General Creditors	5,280.00
26 Viva Energy Australia Pty Ltd	General Creditors	5,275.09
V03301 The Clear Writing Coach - Samantha McCue	General Creditors	4,840.00
V01234 Mulga Security	General Creditors	4,749.81
V03299 Planning for Communities P/L - Trustee R&R Family	General Creditors	4,620.00
V00582 Ezko Property Services (Aust) Pty Ltd	General Creditors	4,578.75
V02162 RMI Security - Conigrave Pty Ltd	General Creditors	4,493.47
V01537 Ben's Tree Service Pty Ltd	General Creditors	4,488.00
566 Stickers & Stuff	General Creditors	4,485.00
1276 Tourism Top End	General Creditors	4,400.00
V02578 Bannamesh	General Creditors	4,334.00
V03474 Foost Pty Ltd	General Creditors	4,317.50
V00399 Palmerston and Regional Basketball Association	General Creditors	4,065.00
5357 Amiable Communications - Amy	General Creditors	3,960.00
V03075 KCOM Construction	General Creditors	3,824.25
V00474 Lane Communications	General Creditors	3,582.70
V02030 JAC Traders Pty Ltd T/a Brandit NT	Sundry	3,516.81
V01277 Express Studios	General Creditors	3,450.00
V01573 Amber Garden	Elected Members	3,331.90
5122 NT Electrical Group	General Creditors	3,327.04
V03423 QSNT Pty Ltd	General Creditors	3,300.00
V03429 Transparent Language, Inc	General Creditors	3,219.00
V02904 Dynamic Gift International Pty Ltd	General Creditors	3,104.75
V03362 Topend Events & Promotions Pty Ltd	General Creditors	3,005.20
5713 Clean Fun T/A Giggling Geckos Jumping Castle Hire	General Creditors	2,915.00
4730 Sign City (NT) Pty Ltd	General Creditors	2,838.00
4007 The Ark Animal Hospital Pty Ltd	General Creditors	2,789.67
4065 Southern Cross Protection Pty Ltd	General Creditors	2,761.63
V02014 Campaign Edge Sprout Pty Ltd	Sundry	2,371.60
V01593 Mercer Consulting (Australia) Pty Ltd	General Creditors	2,310.00
V03265 J-MILLA	General Creditors	2,250.00
4679 iSentia Pty Ltd	General Creditors	2,236.08
V01528 JKW Law Practice Pty Ltd	General Creditors	2,227.50
V03494 HeydonDEC	General Creditors	2,200.00
V01570 Sarah Louise Henderson	Elected Members	2,136.07
V03328 Territory Weed Management Pty Ltd	General Creditors	2,090.00
V01647 The Light Up Letter Co. NT	Sundry	2,070.00
V01638 Royal Agricultural Society of the NT Inc	Sundry	2,028.40
V03487 J B & M Chow	Refunds & Reimbursements	2,000.00
V01572 Lucy Morrison	Elected Members	1,986.07
V01574 Dr Thomas A Lewis OAM	Elected Members	1,986.07
V01569 Benjamin Giesecke	Elected Members	1,919.40
V01571 Michael Spick	Elected Members	1,919.40
V01579 Damian Hale	Elected Members	1,919.40
3099 Iron Mountain Australia Pty Ltd	General Creditors	1,909.39
V03292 Blume Designs	General Creditors	1,870.00
V03554 The University of Queensland	General Creditors	1,845.40
V01486 Brainium Labs Pty Ltd	General Creditors	1,800.00
35 WINC Australia Pty Limited	General Creditors	1,794.53
5611 Steelmans Tools and Industrial Supplies	General Creditors	1,757.35
V02306 Well Done International Pty Ltd	General Creditors	1,712.04
V01042 Primetime Entertainment	Sundry	1,573.00
V03358 Pro Wrestling Darwin	General Creditors	1,572.04
V03259 Locklins Landscape Gardening	General Creditors	1,540.00
3829 Fairy Jill's Enchanted Entertainment	General Creditors	1,507.00
V03519 Narissa Plane	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	1,500.00
V03431 Monsterball Amusements	General Creditors	1,490.00

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Creditor Name	Creditor Payment Type	Amount \$
V01615 Autopia Management Pty Limited	General Creditors	1,416.80
V03222 Matrix on Board Training Pty Ltd	General Creditors	1,394.80
V01610 Zone 3 Darwin	General Creditors	1,375.00
V02682 Scott Murphy	General Creditors	1,375.00
V03366 Artline Graphics	General Creditors	1,350.00
V03505 Felix Hill	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	1,300.00
V03512 Liam Pollock	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	1,300.00
2965 KIK FM Pty Ltd	General Creditors	1,287.00
938 Nightcliff Electrical	General Creditors	1,276.65
V00112 Saysha L Ham	General Creditors	1,250.00
V03450 QBD Books - Darwin	General Creditors	1,224.65
V00271 Fuji Xerox Business Centre NT	General Creditors	1,172.07
5 Australia Post	General Creditors	1,146.37
4744 Sue Little	General Creditors	1,100.00
V02128 Palmerston Raiders Rugby League Club	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	1,100.00
4977 Masterplan	General Creditors	1,090.60
272 City Wreckers	General Creditors	1,078.00
479 Jardine Lloyd Thompson Pty Ltd	General Creditors	1,072.06
V00931 Concor Pty Ltd T/A - Allabout Blinds	General Creditors	1,050.00
V03214 Russell Kennedy	General Creditors	1,027.95
V03316 Carly Brown	General Creditors	1,000.00
V03492 Nestor Sanchez t/a NESS Consulting	General Creditors	1,000.00
V03506 Isabelle Craven	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	1,000.00
2915 Territory Uniforms	General Creditors	993.66
V01609 NT Recycling Solutions Pty Ltd - (NTRS)	General Creditors	971.12
1581 NT Broadcasters Pty Ltd	General Creditors	966.63
4398 Quality Indoor Plants Hire	General Creditors	948.29
V01760 NT Art Storms	General Creditors	917.00
V01663 Jape Furnishing Superstore	General Creditors	908.00
V00555 Rydges Palmerston	General Creditors	900.00
V03445 Mad Snake 2	General Creditors	900.00
V01420 CENTRELINK (PAYROLL)	General Creditors	884.66
V00999 Artback NT Incorporated	General Creditors	880.00
V03037 KWP Advertising Pty Ltd	General Creditors	874.50
V02277 Mowbray Investments Pty Ltd - On The Menu Catering	General Creditors	865.00
V03300 Library AV & Large Print Pty Ltd	General Creditors	857.32
V01810 Jacana Energy - Payroll Deductions	General Creditors	845.00
V02205 Shaun Ostler	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	800.00
V03446 Build Up Stakeboarding	General Creditors	800.00
V03540 Aaron Camons	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	800.00
V03547 Zoey Hill	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	800.00
V02580 Bartlett Consulting	General Creditors	790.90
V03497 M J Meng	Refunds & Reimbursements	748.70
4737 D & L Plumbing & Gasfitting	General Creditors	728.20
3442 Chung Wah Society Inc.	General Creditors	715.00
V03498 Alisha & Shane Balch	Refunds & Reimbursements	703.40
V03213 Paige Horrigan	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	700.00
V03523 Timothy James Read	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	700.00
V03488 Richard Paul Davidge	Refunds & Reimbursements	683.81
V01324 Leighs Catering	General Creditors	662.75
V02379 Paint and Create Darwin	General Creditors	660.00
V03426 Rix Kix Arts	General Creditors	660.00
V03479 Darwin DJ Hire	General Creditors	660.00
V01785 M&S Mowing Plus	General Creditors	616.00
215 Employee Assistance Services NT Inc (EASA)	General Creditors	605.40
5170 William M Carroll Photographic Services	Sundry	600.00
V03509 Benjamin Harrington	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	600.00
V03414 Top End Controls & Automation Pty Ltd	General Creditors	594.00
5676 Royal Wolf Trading Australia Pty Ltd	General Creditors	573.30
V03178 Purple Wax Pty Ltd	General Creditors	550.00

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		2.6 - Creditor Accounts Paid	July 2021
	Creditor Name	Creditor Payment Type	Amount \$
V00902	Coles Motors	General Creditors	544.50
2199	SBA Office National	General Creditors	543.02
V01203	Tyresright Palmerston	General Creditors	540.00
399	St John Ambulance (NT) Incorporated	General Creditors	525.00
V03319	Buggy Lane Balloons	General Creditors	520.00
V00971	Go Transit Media Group Pty Limited	Sundry	501.29
V02240	Jayden Wrenn - (Renee-Jillian Powell)	Sundry	500.00
V02358	Paige McCourt (Parent: Crystal McCourt)	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	500.00
V03507	Kiara Thompson	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	500.00
V03525	Lucas Babington	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	500.00
V03530	Jerry Kruske	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	500.00
V03542	Eli & Seth Sommerville(Parent Cassandre Sommervil)	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	500.00
V00504	Department of The Chief Minister	General Creditors	495.00
V02167	Sanity Music Stores Pty Ltd	General Creditors	469.91
2064	Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation	General Creditors	450.00
V01106	Darwin Toilet Hire	General Creditors	440.00
V01755	Liquid Blu Pty Ltd	General Creditors	440.00
2186	Optus Billing Services Pty Ltd	General Creditors	432.00
3594	Comics NT	General Creditors	410.00
V00443	Top End Hydraulic Services P/L T/A Forecast Machin	General Creditors	406.70
V02204	Vendel Gomes	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	400.00
V03348	Cre8ive Image Pty Ltd	General Creditors	400.00
V03514	Alex May	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	400.00
V03518	Lily Topham	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	400.00
V03537	Matt Balfe	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	400.00
V03539	Todd Robe	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	400.00
V03544	Jessica Hill	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	400.00
4528	Miranda's Armed Security Officers Pty	General Creditors	387.20
3428	Bunnings Group Limited	General Creditors	386.37
5272	Greville Fabrication Pty Ltd	General Creditors	385.00
V01691	Blackwoods	General Creditors	345.73
V03035	Darwin Mobile Detailers	General Creditors	330.00
4508	News 4 U	General Creditors	326.20
5509	Balloon Twisting Services - Sonia Bochow	General Creditors	300.00
V02565	Chidanpee Cultural Enterprises	General Creditors	300.00
V03534	Matthew Thickbroom	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	300.00
2977	Optic Security Group NT	General Creditors	286.00
V02634	Carly Holman	Refunds & Reimbursements	279.55
V01397	RSPCA Darwin	General Creditors	260.00
V01851	Lincoln Pratt	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	250.00
V03443	Nate Marshall	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	250.00
V03521	Shayla Gibson (Parent Nicolle Corpus)	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	250.00
V03524	Agnes Calma-Long (Grandparent Kate MacMichael)	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	250.00
V03531	Logan Lockyer	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	250.00
V03533	Jamie Plunkett	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	250.00
V00075	Mercury Group of Companies Pty Ltd (T/A Fit2Work)	General Creditors	243.54
5435	Access Hardware (NT) Pty Ltd	General Creditors	231.00
V02103	Mirror Mirror On The Wall - Cheng Gee Chua	Sundry	225.00
V03327	Territory Fitness Group	General Creditors	225.00
V00702	YMCA of the Northern Territory Community Services	Sundry	200.00
V00939	Defend Fire Services Pty Ltd	General Creditors	200.00
V01381	Phoebe Wear	General Creditors	200.00
V03508	Maxine Cabahug	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	200.00
V03513	Raemund Alegria	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	200.00
V03520	Neave Baker	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	200.00
V03522	Onika-Marli Masina	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	200.00
V03535	Brodie Rosier	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	200.00
V03538	Taylor Jones	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	200.00
V03543	Sid Baron	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	200.00
V03545	Stuart Mcrae	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	200.00

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2.6 - Creditor Accounts Paid		July 2021
Creditor Name	Creditor Payment Type	Amount \$
V03551 Daniel Lee	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	200.00
V02869 Tamsten Pty Ltd T/A Palmerston Veterinary Hospital	General Creditors	180.00
V02977 Myfanwy Powell T/a Jamealah Bellydancers	General Creditors	180.00
V00085 TR Pty Ltd	Sundry	176.75
V00765 Picture Framing Darwin	General Creditors	165.00
V02688 Skye Frost	Refunds & Reimbursements	162.50
V02075 FL Pools Pty Ltd T/a Fingleaf Pool Products	General Creditors	154.00
V03430 Darwin Divine Dancers	General Creditors	150.00
V03496 Heather Jeffries	Refunds & Reimbursements	150.00
V03502 Francis Diatschenko	General Creditors	150.00
V03489 Carmen Mullen	Refunds & Reimbursements	125.00
V03527 Sheena Faatoafe	Refunds & Reimbursements	125.00
V03532 Allison Stewart - NIAA	Refunds & Reimbursements	125.00
V03546 Ramison Vurayai	Refunds & Reimbursements	125.00
V03552 Jenny Sherrell	Refunds & Reimbursements	125.00
V00682 Leigh Dyson Plumbing	General Creditors	121.00
V02068 Admedia Australia Pty Ltd	General Creditors	110.00
V02117 Espirito do Samba	Sundry	100.00
V02445 Jill Kuhn	Sundry	100.00
V03020 Ur Fitness DJ	General Creditors	100.00
V03511 Antony Pullino	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	100.00
V03516 Jayden Pirie	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	100.00
V03526 Charmaine Roberts	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	100.00
V03528 Gabriel Garling	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	100.00
V03541 Enrico Dale Santos	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	100.00
V03504 Australian-Japanese Association of the NT	General Creditors	99.70
V01651 Chris Johnson	Refunds & Reimbursements	94.62
V01936 Arjays Sales & Services Pty Ltd	General Creditors	77.00
V03490 Mamie Mwapata Masengo	General Creditors	75.00
V00694 Subscribe-Software Pty Ltd	General Creditors	69.54
V03457 Cara Jones	Refunds & Reimbursements	60.00
V03481 Sugam Suwal	Refunds & Reimbursements	54.89
2336 Flick Anticimex Pty Ltd	General Creditors	53.13
V02985 Cameron Nyberg	Refunds & Reimbursements	50.00
V03478 Jeff Watson	Refunds & Reimbursements	50.00
V03482 Asia-Jane Allen	Refunds & Reimbursements	50.00
V03484 Sarah Ninnas	Refunds & Reimbursements	50.00
V03485 Haley James Anderson	Refunds & Reimbursements	50.00
V03510 Kedra Kirkham	Refunds & Reimbursements	50.00
V03515 Miki Mckenzie	Refunds & Reimbursements	50.00
V03517 Straff Muir	Refunds & Reimbursements	50.00
V03529 Jharal Pavlovic	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	50.00
V01938 Windcave Pty Limited	General Creditors	49.50
V03548 Leanne Michelle Burton	Refunds & Reimbursements	45.00
V00022 Officeworks	General Creditors	10.50
V02545 Amazon Web Services Inc	General Creditors	1.98
		3,193,995.09
Percentage of this month's payments made to local suppliers (excludes investments placed)		92%
		10/08/2021
Approved by: Manager Finance		

SECTION 2

Financial Results

2.7 - Creditor Accounts Outstanding July 2021

Creditor No.	Creditor Name	Amount \$
3438	NT Shade & Canvas Pty Ltd	105,600.00
V03299	Planning for Communities P/L - Trustee R&R Family	14,553.00
V00318	StatewideSuper Clearing House	5,015.15
V02760	Finlay's Stone	2,315.00
3313	Zip Print	1,001.00
V00582	Ezko Property Services (Aust) Pty Ltd	175.45
V03439	B.W. Cutting Pty Ltd	80.00
479	Jardine Lloyd Thompson Pty Ltd	(536.03)
V02009	Golder Associates Pty Ltd	(1,782.55)
V03073	Programmed Property Services	(32,785.30)
		93,635.72



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Approved by: Manager Finance

Section 2
Financial Results

2.8 - Waste Charges as at 31 July 2021
Waste Management

	Revised Budget \$	YTD Actuals \$	Commitment \$	Total YTD Actuals + Commitments \$	% Utilised
Income					
Rates & Charges	6,801,273	6,829,951	0	6,829,951	100%
Other Revenue	4,006	0	0	0	0%
Income	6,801,273	6,829,951	0	6,829,951	100%
Operating Expenditure					
Employee Costs	-640,533	-53,378	0	-53,378	8%
Professional Services	-40,000	-10,760	-21,579	-32,339	81%
Educational Resources	-80,000	0	0	0	0%
Grants / Donations/Contributions Paid	-20,000	-6,525	0	-6,525	33%
Utilities	-20,000	0	0	0	0%
Street Sweeping	-320,000	0	-101,223	-101,223	32%
Litter Collection	-538,000	-15,091	-3,284	-18,375	3%
Domestic Bin Collection	-2,146,891	-186,758	-13,242	-200,000	9%
Community Programs & Events	-10,000	0	0	0	0%
Kerb Side Collections	-160,000	0	0	0	0%
Tip Recharge Domestic Bin collection	-858,169	-94,436	0	-94,436	11%
Transfer Station	-1,223,766	0	-164,548	-164,548	13%
General Maintenance	0	0	-727	-727	0.00%
Playground Maintenance	0	0	-1,020	-1,020	0.00%
Loan Repayments	-39,585	0	0	0	0%
Tip Recharge Transfer Station	-366,180	0	0	0	0%
Verge Beautification	-40,000	0	0	0	0%
Operating Expenditure	-6,503,124	-366,949	-305,624	-672,573	10%
Capital Expenditure					
Reserve Funded Capital Works	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Capital Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Borrowings					
Repayments - Archer Loan Principal	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Borrowings	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Profit/(Loss)	298,149	6,463,002	-305,624	6,157,378	



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Section 2
Financial Results

2.9 - Commercial Leases as at
Commercial Leases

31 July 2021

	Revised Budget \$	YTD Actuals \$	Commitment \$	Total YTD Actuals + Commitments \$	% Utilised
Income					
Library Services	22,676	2,731	0	2,731	12%
Director Organisational Services	66,891	10,259	0	10,259	15%
Civic Centre	105,000	11,667	0	11,667	11%
Income	194,567	24,656	0	24,656	13%
Expenditure					
Director Organisational Services	-193,145	0	0	0	0%
Expenditure	-193,145	0	0	0	0%
Profit/(Loss)	1,422	24,656	0	24,656	

Library Services includes lease held by The Nook

Civic Centre includes the lease held by Adult Mental Health

Director Organisational Services includes the leases held by Peter McGrath and Palmerston Re-Engagement Centre

McGees Management Fees charged to Director Organisational Services each month



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Section 2 Financial Results

31 July 2021

2.10 - Council Loans

Internal Loan - Making the Switch Expenditure

	Internal Loan	Expended from Loan Balance at 2020/2021	Interest on Loan \$	Total \$
Expenditure				
LED Lighting PROJECT-3 Making the Switch	3,343,849	3,098,308	6,104	3,104,412
Expenditure	3,343,849	3,098,308	6,104	3,104,412

The above table shows loan balance plus interest. The interest rate is fixed at 2.60% for the duration of the loan.

The final loan value for this project is \$3,223,849 not including employee costs for the Public Lighting Officer and interest incurred.

Internal Loan - Making the Switch Repayments

	Internal Loan \$	Prior Year Repayments \$	Current Year Repayments \$	Total \$	Outstanding Balance \$
Expenditure					
Making the Switch	3,621,994	523,686	28,214	551,900	3,070,094
	3,621,994	523,686	28,214	551,900	3,070,094

External Loan - Archer Landfill Rehabilitation

	External Loan \$	Principal Repayments \$	Interest Payments \$	Total \$	Outstanding Balance \$
Expenditure					
Archer Landfill Rehabilitation	1,960,000	449,699	99,432	549,131	1,510,301
	1,960,000	449,699	99,432	549,131	1,510,301

The External Loan - Archer Landfill Rehabilitation is for a term of 8 years commencing 28 June 2019 and concluding 30 June 2027. The interest rate is fixed at 2.78% for the duration of the loan.



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Approved by: Finance Manager

COUNCIL REPORT

2nd Ordinary Council Meeting

AGENDA ITEM:	13.1.5
REPORT TITLE:	Palmerston Safe Communities Committee Unconfirmed Minutes
MEETING DATE:	Tuesday 17 August 2021
AUTHOR:	Community Development Officer - Children & Families, Safe Communities, Liz Middleton
APPROVER:	Director Lifestyle and Community, Amelia Vellar

COMMUNITY PLAN

Family and Community: Palmerston is a safe and family friendly community where everyone belongs.

PURPOSE

This report seeks to present the unconfirmed minutes of the Palmerston Safe Communities Committee meeting held on Thursday 29 July 2021.

KEY MESSAGES

- The Palmerston Safe Communities Committee met on Thursday 29 July 2021.
- 25 people were in attendance including 15 Committee members.
- The Committee's primary objective is to reduce and prevent injuries, accidents, and crime in the Palmerston municipality.
- The Association of Alcohol other Drug Agencies NT (AADANT) provided an update regarding Volatile Substance Use response efforts in the Northern suburbs.
- The agenda and minutes are available on Council's website.
- The next Palmerston Safe Communities Committee meeting date will be determined by the Tenth Council following the 2021 City of Palmerston Local Government Elections held in August.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Report entitled Palmerston Safe Communities Committee Unconfirmed Minutes be received and noted.

BACKGROUND

Palmerston Safe Communities Committee (PSCC) works in partnership with Council, the Northern Territory Government, business, community service organisations and the community. The core Committee objectives are to reduce and prevent injuries, accidents, and crime in the Palmerston municipality. Palmerston Safe Communities Committee has traditionally met every two months with a total of six meeting dates each calendar year.

The 29 July meeting was the fourth PSCC meeting to be held in 2021. Previous meetings were held on the following dates:

- 21 January
- 18 March
- 20 May

DISCUSSION

The PSCC meeting was held on 29 July 2021 with 25 people in attendance, including 15 members, 8 guests and 2 staff. The unconfirmed minutes are provided at **Attachment 13.1.5.1**.

One officer report was received and noted by the Committee at this meeting:

- Palmerston and Rural Youth Services Update

This report together with the agenda are available to be viewed on Council's website.

The Committee welcomed a representative from the Association of Alcohol other Drug Agencies NT (AADANT) to provide an update on Volatile Substance Use response efforts within the Greater Darwin region. Committee members were encouraged to express their interest in Authorised Persons Training. A revised training package for Authorised Persons has been developed to ensure Authorised Persons have the knowledge and skills required to undertake the role. The training covers working with alcohol or other drug affected clients in a range of settings; understanding the Act; understanding the roles and responsibilities of Authorised Persons; referral pathways for primary health care providers and other community services and role of VSA assessors. The date of the training is still to be advised and people are encouraged to express their interest at this stage.

The opportunity to share information as part of our Stakeholder Updates included items from:

- Victims of Crime NT
- Department of the Attorney-General and Justice (NT Correctional Services)
- YWCA
- Buslink
- Red Cross

Victims of Crime stated that claims and enquires for assistance for support following incidence of property crime have reduced in recent months.

NT Correctional Services are experiencing a shortage of organisations to host Court ordered community work orders. They are requesting organisations to express interest in providing community service work to assist them in providing adequate work to fine defaulters as an alternative to other in lieu of other punitive measures.

Red Cross shared an update regarding Grow Well, Live Well who are seeking community members and representatives from Community Service organisations, particularly those with lived experience to join their Domestic and Family Violence Action Group.

YWCA shared information regarding the Northern Territory Government Domestic and Family Violence Risk Assessment and Management Framework. This information will be shared with the Committee.

Buslink continue to report a reduction in incidents of rock throwing this year.

The next Palmerston Safe Communities Committee meeting date will be determined by the Tenth Council following the 2021 City of Palmerston Local Government Elections held in August.

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

There are no budget or resource implications relating to this report.

RISK, LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

This report addresses the following City of Palmerston Strategic Risks:

- 1 Fails to effectively regain the trust from all stakeholders
Context: Council needs to be credible and trusted by those within and external to the Council.
- 8 Fails to develop effective relationships and manage expectations of relevant parties
Context: Engagement and communication with stakeholders (internal and external to the Council).

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

1. 20210729 - Palmerston Safe Communities Committee Meeting Unconfirmed Minutes [13.1.5.1 - 5 pages]



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CITY OF PALMERSTON

**Minutes of Palmerston Safe Communities Committee Meeting
held in Community Room 1,
Palmerston Recreation Centre, 11 The Boulevard,
on Thursday 29 July 2021 at 1:30pm.**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

City of Palmerston, Alderman Damian Hale (Chair)
City of Palmerston, Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell
Department of Chief Minister & Cabinet, Sarah Gotch
Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities
(YORET), Dave Russell
NT Police, Siiri-Kai Tennosaar
NT Police CCTV, Michael Maclean
Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities
(Public Housing Safety Unit), Rebecca Newman
Licensing NT, Merg Mikaelian
Victims of Crime, Melinda Fleming
Red Cross NT, Kathy Bannister
NT Legal Aid Commission, Melinda Schroeder
Department of the Attorney-General and Justice (NT
Correctional Services), Dominic Ferguson
YWCA, Stephanie Metry
Buslink, Colin Majid
Victims of Crime NT, Mandy Pearce

STAFF

Deputy CEO & Director of Lifestyle & Community, Amelia
Vellar
Community Development Officer, Liz Middleton (Minute
Secretary)

GUESTS

Member of Drysdale, Liz Cruse (Representative)
Member for Blain, Mark Turner
Member for Spillett, Angie Walker (Representative)
Member for Spillett, Jessica Carroll (Representative)
Association of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies NT
(AADANT), Britt Guy
Department of the Attorney-General and Justice (NT
Correctional Services), Sharon Wilson
Department of Chief Minister & Cabinet, Brandan Evans
YWCA, Vivienne Reynolds

Initials: _____



PALMERSTON SAFE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

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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 1:39pm

3 APOLOGIES

3.1 Apologies

Moved: Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Michael Maclean

THAT the following apologies received for City of Palmerston, Alderman Lucy Morrison, Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (Transit Safety), Roque Cubillo, Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics, Mel Roomes and Buslink, Ross Robertson, on 29 July 2021 be received and noted.

CARRIED

4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

4.1 Committee Members

Nil

4.2 Staff

Nil

Initials: _____



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5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved: Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Michael Maclean

THAT the minutes of the Palmerston Safe Communities Committee Meeting held Thursday, 20 May 2021, pages 37 to 40, be confirmed.

CARRIED

6 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

7 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil.

8 OFFICER REPORTS

8.1 Receive and Note Reports

8.1.1 Palmerston and Rural Youth Services Update

Moved: Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Merg Mikaelian

THAT Report entitled Palmerston and Rural Youth Services Update be received and noted.

CARRIED

9 OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Volatile Substance Use (VSU)

Moved: Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Kathy Bannister

Initials: _____



PALMERSTON SAFE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

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1. THAT the verbal update provided by Association of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies NT (AADANT) be received and noted.
2. THAT the Committee Secretary share information with Committee members regarding VSU Authorised Persons training.

CARRIED

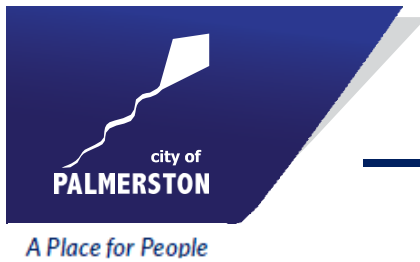
9.2 Stakeholder and Guest Updates

Moved: Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Michael Maclean

1. THAT the following verbal updates provided by the following stakeholders and guests be received and noted.
 - Buslink
 - City of Palmerston
 - Department of Chief Minister & Cabinet
 - Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities (Public Housing Safety Unit)
 - Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities (YORET)
 - Department of the Attorney-General and Justice (NT Correctional Services)
 - Licensing NT
 - Member for Spillett
 - Member for Drysdale
 - Member for Blain
 - NT Police
 - NT Police CCTV
 - NT Legal Aid Commission
 - Red Cross NT
 - Victims of Crime NT
 - YWCA
2. THAT the Committee Secretary distribute the Northern Territory Government Domestic and Family Violence Risk Assessment and Management Framework with Committee Members.

CARRIED

Initials: _____



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10 NEXT MEETING

THAT the next Palmerston Safe Communities Committee meeting date be determined by Council following the 2021 City of Palmerston Local Government Elections held in August.

11 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Palmerston Safe Communities Committee meeting, held at Palmerston Recreation Centre, 11 Palmerston, on Thursday 29 July 2021 closed at 3:15pm

Chair

Print Name

Date

Initials:

14 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 Information

14.2 Correspondence

THAT the correspondence dated 10 August 2021 14.2.1 entitled Correspondence to the Mayor of the City of Palmerston from the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Chansey Paech MLA, re SWELL borrowing application be received and noted.



COUNCIL AGENDA Attachment 14.2.1.1

MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Parliament House
State Square
Darwin NT 0800
minister.paech@nt.gov.au

GPO Box 3146
Darwin NT 0801
Telephone: 08 8936 5688

Mrs Athina Pascoe-Bell
Mayor
City of Palmerston
PO Box 1
PALMERSTON NT 0831

Dear Mayor

Athina,

On 17 June 2021, you wrote to me seeking approval for the City of Palmerston to borrow up to \$5 million to fund the construction and operation of the Swimming, Wellness, Events, Leisure and Lifestyle (SWELL) Project, and to use the City of Palmerston's general revenue as security.

Prior to giving any approval, I am required, under the *Local Government Act 2019*, to consult with the Hon Michael Gunner MLA, Treasurer.

Once a decision has been made, the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet will write to the City of Palmerston to advise of my decision.

Yours sincerely

CHANSEY PAECH

A Place for People

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, 21 September 2021 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston.

19 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

THAT pursuant to *section 99(2) and 293(3)(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda.

20 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, 17 AUGUST 2021

CITY OF PALMERSTON

**Minutes of Council Meeting
held in Council Chambers
Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston
on Tuesday 3 August 2021 at 5:30pm.**

ELECTED MEMBERS

Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell (Chair)
Deputy Mayor Amber Garden
Alderman Benjamin Giesecke
Alderman Damian Hale – *via Audio-Visual Conference*
Alderman Sarah Henderson
Alderman Tom Lewis
Alderman Lucy Morrison
Alderman Mick Spick

STAFF

Chief Executive Officer, Luccio Cercarelli
Deputy Chief Executive Officer/Director Lifestyle and
Community, Amelia Vellar
Director City Growth and Operations, Nadine Nilon
Director Organisational Services, Silke Maynard
Communications Manager, Becky Saywell
City Sustainability Manager, Katie O'Neil
City Operations Manager, Michael Taylor
Regulatory Services Manager, Jocelyn Cull
Community Development Officer, Amanda Stevenson
Minute Secretary, Chloe Hayes

GALLERY

One Member of the public

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.

Initials: _____

2 OPENING OF MEETING

The Chair declared the Meeting open at 5:32pm.

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 Morrison
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

THAT the leave of absence received from Alderman Hale for 3 August to 3 August 2021 inclusive be received and noted.

CARRIED 9/1739 – 03/08/2021

4 REQUEST FOR AUDIO/AUDIOVISUAL CONFERENCING

Moved: Deputy Mayor Garden
Seconded: Alderman Spick

THAT Council note Alderman Hale has sought and been granted leave from the Chief Executive Officer to attend Council Meeting via audio-visual conferencing on short notice due to unforeseen circumstances preventing him from physically attending the meeting.

CARRIED 9/1740 – 03/08/2021

Initials: _____

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

5.1 Elected Members

Moved: Alderman Giesecke
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

THAT the Declaration of Interest received from Mayor Pascoe-Bell for Items 13.2.6 and 13.2.7 be received and noted.

CARRIED 9/1741 - 03/08/2021

5.2 Staff

Nil.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved: Deputy Mayor Garden
Seconded: Alderman Giesecke

THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 20 July 2021 pages 10495 to 10504, be confirmed.

CARRIED 9/1742 - 03/08/2021

6.2 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

Nil.

7 MAYORAL REPORT

7.1 Mayoral Update Report - July 2021

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

THAT Report entitled Mayoral Update Report - July 2021 be received and noted.

CARRIED 9/1743 - 03/08/2021

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8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

9 PUBLIC QUESTIONS (WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS)

Nil.

10 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

10.1 Moving Confidential Items into Open

25.2.1 Confidentiality Review List – 23 February to 20 July 2021

Moved: Alderman Spick
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Garden

1. THAT entitled Confidentiality Review List – 23 February to 20 July 2021 be received and noted.
2. THAT the following 14 Council Decisions be moved to the 3 August 2021 Open Minutes:

No	Decision Number	Meeting Date	Item / Type	Title
1.	9/1008	18/02/2020	25.2.2 Report	Life Beyond Landfill – Update February 2020
2.	9/1030	3/03/2020	25.2.2 Report	NT Basketball – Letter of Support Request
3.	9/1053	17/03/2020	26.2.1 Correspondence	Recognition of City of Palmerston's Boundaries Proposal
4.	9/1194	7/07/2020	25.2.4 Report	Where We Live Matters - Zuccoli Community Hub
5.	9/1256	18/08/2020	25.1.1 Report	Risk Management and Audit Committee - Confidential Minutes - 28 July 2020
6.	9/1328	6/10/2020	25.2.1 Report	FiberSense Digital City Network Project
7.	9/1571	6/04/2021	25.1.2 Report	City of Palmerston Municipal Boundary Review and Update

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8.	9/1592	20/04/2021	24.1 Notice of Motion	Direction from Council - LGANT Motion - Alice Springs - Legal Advice
9.	9/1593	20/04/2021	25.1.1 Report	FiberSense Digital City National Project - Update April 2021
10.	9/1600	20/04/2021	25.2.3 Report	Draft Budget 2021/2022
11.	9/1603	20/04/2021	28.1 General Business	City of Palmerston Municipal Boundary Review - 17 Sep 2019
12.	9/1620	4/05/2021	25.2.5 Report	SWELL Major Project - Loan Application
13.	9/1622	4/05/2021	25.2.2 Report	Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2022-2031
14.	9/1626	4/05/2021	27.1 Question by Member	Update Weed Harvester Reinstatement

CARRIED 9/1760 - 03/08/2021

25.2.2 Life Beyond Landfill - Update February 2020

C9/0368

Moved: Alderman Garden
Seconded: Alderman Hale

1. THAT Report Number C9/0368 entitled *Life Beyond Landfill - Update February 2020* be received and noted.
2. THAT Council continue to progress the waste initiative "*Life Beyond Landfill*" undertaking Stage One Investigations as identified within Report Number C9/0368 entitled *Life Beyond Landfill - Update February 2020*.
3. THAT Council approve the transfer of \$100,000 (GST exclusive) from the Waste Reserve to fund the commencement of the investigation into the waste initiative "*Life Beyond Landfill*" namely being Stage One.
4. THAT Council write to the Chief Minister in partnership with Litchfield Council seeking Government to partner in the "*Life Beyond Landfill*" initiative including a funding partnership for Stage One Investigation.

CARRIED 9/1008 - 18/02/2020

Initials:

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C9/0370

25.2.2 NT Basketball – Letter of Support Request

Moved: Deputy Mayor Morrison
Seconded: Alderman Lewis

1. THAT Report Number C9/0370 entitled NT Basketball – Letter of Support Request be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve a letter of in-principle support to assist Basketball NT's efforts with the Northern Territory and Federal Governments, for a proposed multi-purpose indoor sports, community and events centre to be built in the City of Palmerston advising that final support will be provided on finalisation of information regarding the location, facilities and operating model.

CARRIED 9/1030 – 03/03/2019

26.2.1 Recognition of City of Palmerston's Boundaries Proposal

Moved: Alderman Henderson
Seconded: Alderman Garden

THAT the confidential correspondence dated 25 February 2020 received from Minister for Local Government, Housing and Community Development regarding the Recognition of City of Palmerston's Boundaries Proposal be received and noted.

CARRIED 9/1053 – 17/03/2019

25.2.4 Where We Live Matters - Zuccoli Community Hub

Moved: Alderman Henderson
Seconded: Alderman Morrison

1. THAT Report entitled Where we Live Matters - Zuccoli Community Hub be received and noted.
2. THAT Council notes the correspondence dated 26 June 2020 to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics to secure Lot 12087 under a development lease arrangement for a period of five years for the purpose of building the Zuccoli Community Hub as agreed to at the workshop on 25 June 2020, being Attachment 25.2.4.1.
3. THAT Council write to the Chief Minister advising that it wishes to secure Lot 12087 under a development lease arrangement for a period of five years for the purpose of building the Zuccoli Community Hub as outlined in Report entitled Where We Live Matters – Zuccoli Community Hub.

CARRIED 9/1194 – 07/07/2020

Initials: _____

25.1.1 Risk Management and Audit Committee - Confidential Minutes - 28 July 2020

Moved: Deputy Mayor Garden

Seconded: Alderman Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Risk Management and Audit Committee - Confidential Minutes - 28 July 2020 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council receive and note the unconfirmed Risk Management & Audit Committee confidential minutes that are provided as **Attachment 25.1.1.1** to Report Number entitled Risk Management and Audit Committee Meeting Confidential Minutes – 28 July 2020.
3. THAT Council endorse the recommendations from the Risk Management & Audit Committee confidential meeting held 28 July 2020:
 - a. The following items from Report Number RMA9/0082:
 - THAT Report entitled Information Technology Security Update on Outstanding Action Items – Information Technology Policies be received and noted.
 - THAT an update report on the Information Technology Policies be presented to the Risk Management and Audit Committee meeting in October 2020 with inclusion of consideration on an Elected Members Information Technology policy.
 - b. The following items from Report Number RMA9/0083:
 - THAT Report entitled Information Technology Security Update on Outstanding Action Items – Information Technology Disaster Recovery Plan be received and noted.
 - THAT the Information Technology Disaster Recovery Plan including the results be presented to the Risk Management and Audit Committee meeting in October 2020.

CARRIED 9/1256 – 18/08/2020

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25.2.1 FiberSense Digital City Network Project

Moved: Deputy Mayor Garden
Seconded: Alderman Morrison

1. THAT Report entitled FiberSense Digital City Network Project be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorses the partnership with Northern Territory Government to deliver the FiberSense Digital City Network project being funded by the Northern Territory Government \$1.5 million (over three years) and Council, \$500,000 as detailed in report entitled FiberSense Digital City Network Project.
3. THAT Council fund a maximum of \$2 million towards the FiberSense Digital City Network Project from Councils Working Capital Reserve, subject to the Northern Territory Government agreeing to reimburse Council \$1.5 million over three years.
4. THAT pursuant to Section 32 of the Local Government Act, Council hereby delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to finalise the scope, cost, contracts, funding agreements, project delivery and associated matters to deliver the FiberSense Digital City Project.

CARRIED 9/1328 – 06/10/2020

25.1.2 City of Palmerston Municipal Boundary Review and Update

Moved: Deputy Mayor Garden
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

THAT Report entitled City of Palmerston Municipal Boundary Review and Update be received and noted.

CARRIED 9/1571 – 06/04/2021

24.1 Direction from Council - LGANT Motion - Alice Springs - Legal Advice

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Garden

THAT City of Palmerston does not support Alice Springs' LGANT motion seeking legal advice on local government's ability to have the Northern Territory Government ensure its obligations to cut crime, supporting the Northern Territory Police and putting victims first.

CARRIED 9/1592 – 20/04/2021

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25.1.1 FiberSense Digital City National Project - Update April 2021

Moved: Alderman Morrison
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

THAT Report entitled FiberSense Digital City National Project - Update April 2021 be received and noted.

CARRIED 9/1593 - 20/04/2021

25.2.3 Draft Budget 2021/2022

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Draft Budget 2021/2022 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the following items be included as drafting instructions for the Draft Municipal Plan 2021-22:
 - a. no change to existing service levels;
 - b. increase in the Elected Members Extra Meeting Allowance from \$150 to \$160 per meeting;
 - c. decrease of Rates Interest Charges from 9% to 8%.
 - d. decrease in the general Waste Charges from \$490 to \$480.
 - e. increase in Residential Rates by 2.4% with \$30 increase on the Residential Minimum Rate.
3. THAT Council will be presented with the Draft Municipal Plan 2021-22 and Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2022-2031 at the first Ordinary Council Meeting in May 2021.

CARRIED 9/1600 - 20/04/2021

28.1 City of Palmerston Municipal Boundary Review - 17 Sep 2019 C9/0312

Moved: Alderman Morrison
Seconded: Mayor Pascoe-Bell

THAT Council Decision Number 9/0841 entitled City of Palmerston Municipal Boundary Review - 17 Sep 2019 and this decision be moved into the open minutes following a media announcement from the Northern Territory Government.

CARRIED 9/1603 - 20/04/2021

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25.2.5 SWELL Major Project - Loan Application

Moved: Deputy Mayor Garden
Seconded: Mayor Pascoe-Bell

1. THAT Report entitled SWELL Major Project - Loan Application be received and noted.
2. THAT Council, pursuant to Section 123 of the Local Government Act 2008 lodges an application for the approval to borrow with the Minister for Local Government to the maximum value of \$5 million for the term of 20 years for the purpose of funding the SWELL project.

CARRIED 9/1620 – 04/05/2021

25.2.2 Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2022-2031

Moved: Deputy Mayor Garden
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2022-2031 be received and noted.
2. THAT the Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2022-2031 be amended to reflect a loan for the SWELL Major Project for up to \$5 million and be presented to the 2nd Ordinary Council Meeting in May 2021.

CARRIED 9/1622 – 04/05/2021

27.1 Update Weed Harvester Reinstatement

Moved: Alderman Henderson
Seconded: Alderman Morrison

THAT the question asked by Alderman Henderson regarding Update Weed Harvester Reinstatement, and the response provided by the Chief Executive Officer be received and noted.

CARRIED 9/1626 – 04/05/2021

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25.2.2 Local Government Association of the Northern Territory – Membership and Governance Issues, Response July 2021

Moved : Alderman Lewis
Seconded: Mayor Pascoe-Bell

1. THAT entitled Local Government Association of the Northern Territory – Membership and Governance Issues, Response July 2021 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council resigns as a member of Local Government Association of the Northern Territory.
3. THAT the Mayor writes to and meets with the Northern Territory Minister for Local Government advising of the Council decision regarding its ongoing concerns and its resignation from the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory.
4. THAT the Council decisions relating to report entitled Local Government Association of the Northern Territory – Membership and Governance Issues, response July 2021 be moved to the open minutes of the Ordinary Meeting following notification to Local Government Association of the Northern Territory and the Northern Territory Minister for Local Government.

CARRIED 9/1763 – 03/08/2021

Deputy Mayor Garden called for a division – as a consequence of the above motion was set aside.

Upon dividing, five members voted affirmative, three members voted in the negative.

Members voting in the affirmative

Alderman Giesecke
Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Alderman Spick
Alderman Lewis
Alderman Hale

Members voting in the negative

Alderman Henderson
Deputy Mayor Garden
Alderman Morrison

The Chair exercised the casting vote the motion CARRIED.

CARRIED 9/1764 – 03/08/2021

Initials: _____

16.1 Lake Weed Management communication

Moved: Alderman Morrison
Seconded: Alderman Spick

1. THAT the question by Alderman Morrison regarding public communication on progress and works relating to lake weed management and the response by the Director of City Growth and Operations.
2. THAT this decision be moved into the open minutes of 3 August 2021.

CARRIED 9/1764 – 03/08/2021

10.2 Moving Open Items into Confidential

Nil.

10.3 Confidential Items

Moved: Alderman Henderson
Seconded: Alderman Giesecke

THAT pursuant to *Section 99(2)* and *293(1)* of the *Local Government Act 2019* and *Section 51(1)* of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the following confidential items:

ITEM	REGULATION	GENERAL CATEGORY	REASON
25.2.1	51(1)(a)	Review of Confidential Matters	51(1)(a) This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, which states a 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.
	51(1)(c)(i)		

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		51(1)(c)(i) This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(c)(i) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, which states a 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
	51(1)(c)(iii)	51(1)(c)(iii) This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(c)(iii) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, which states a 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.
	51(1)(c)(iv)	51(1)(c)(iv) This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(c)(iv) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, which states a 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.
	51(1)(d)	51(1)(d) This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government

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	51(1)(e)		<p>Act 2019 and section 51(1)(d) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, which states a 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</p> <p>51(1)(e) This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(e) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, which states a 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 and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.</p>
25.2.2	51(1)(c)(iv)	Review of Committee Membership	<p>51(1)(c)(iv) This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(c)(iv) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, which states a 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.</p> <p>51(1)(d) This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(d) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, which states a council may close to the public only so much of its meeting as comprises the</p>
	51(1)(d)		

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			receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to, information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.
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CARRIED 9/1744 – 03/08/2021

11 PETITIONS

Nil.

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

12.1 Connecting Community – Neighborhood Programs

Moved: Alderman Morrison
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Garden

THAT a report be prepared for the ordinary meeting in December 2021, outlining current City of Palmerston programs and events that promote connecting neighbours and community, and identify potential opportunities to enhance or expand Council's current programs to promote lifestyle, well-being, sense of belonging, and health of our community with a focus on our local neighbourhoods.

CARRIED 9/1745 – 03/08/2021

13 OFFICERS REPORTS

13.1 Receive and Note Reports

13.1.1 Gray Community Hall Project Update

Moved: Alderman Henderson
Seconded: Alderman Giesecke

THAT Report entitled Gray Community Hall Project Update be received and noted.

CARRIED 9/1746 – 03/08/2021

Initials: _____

13.1.2 2021 Palmerston Youth Festival

Moved: Deputy Mayor Garden
Seconded: Alderman Morrison

THAT Report entitled 2021 Palmerston Youth Festival be received and noted.

CARRIED 9/1747 – 03/08/2021

13.2 Action Reports

13.2.1 Community Plan Health Check Outcomes

Moved: Deputy Mayor Garden
Seconded: Alderman Morrison

1. THAT Report entitled Community Plan Health Check Outcomes be received and noted.
2. THAT Council notes the Key Improvement Suggestions and the related actions being implemented as presented at **Attachment 13.2.1.1** to Report entitled Community Plan Health Check Outcomes.
3. THAT the Mayor writes to the participants of the Community Plan Health Check advising them of the outcomes of the consultation and thanking them for their contribution.

CARRIED 9/1748 – 03/08/2021

13.2.2 Rollover of Capital Works

Moved: Alderman Morrison
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Garden

1. THAT Report entitled Rollover of Capital Works be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopts the capital works rollover movements for 30 June 2021 of:
 - \$4,589,919.88 transferred to Unexpended Capital Works Reserve.
 - \$ 698,501.39 recognised as Unexpended Grants.
3. THAT Council adopts the capital works rollover movements and associated expenditure as of 1 July 2021 of:
 - \$4,589,919.88 transferred from Unexpended Capital Works Reserve.
 - \$ 698,501.39 recognised as Capital Income.

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4. THAT all capital works rollover movements will be included in the First Budget Review 2021-22.

CARRIED 9/1749 – 03/08/2021

13.2.3 Animal Management By-Laws Review Update – July 2021

Moved: Deputy Mayor Garden
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Animal Management By-Laws Review Update – July 2021 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council in accordance with section 40(2) of the Local Government Act 2019 delegates power to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise drafting instructions for changes to the Palmerston (Animal Management) By-Laws as detailed in the report entitled Animal Management By-Laws Review update.

CARRIED 9/1750 – 03/08/2021

13.2.4 Sustainability Strategy – Draft for Consultation

Moved: Alderman Morrison
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Sustainability Strategy – Draft for Consultation be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the Draft Sustainability Strategy for the purpose of a 21 day public consultation, commencing 20 September 2021, being **Attachment 13.2.4.1** of Report entitled Sustainability Strategy – Draft for Consultation.
3. THAT a Report on the outcomes of the Community Consultation regarding the Draft Sustainability Strategy be presented to the Second Ordinary November 2021 Council Meeting.

CARRIED 9/1751 – 03/08/2021

Initials: _____

13.2.5 Orange Sky CBD Service

Moved: Alderman Henderson
Seconded: Alderman Spick

1. THAT Report entitled Orange Sky CBD Service be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve Orange Sky to continue to offer their laundry and shower service outside of the Palmerston Recreation Centre for a further 12-month period.
3. THAT a report regarding the outcomes of the Orange Sky operation in Palmerston including a recommendation on whether this service should continue beyond August 2022, be presented to Council at the First Ordinary meeting in July 2022.

CARRIED 9/1752 – 03/08/2021

*That Mayor Pascoe-Bell left the Chambers at 5:52pm due to declared conflict of interest.
That Deputy Mayor Garden assumed the chair.*

13.2.6 Community Benefit Scheme Environmental Initiative Grant Application – Gray Community Garden Inc.

Moved: Alderman Morrison
Seconded: Alderman Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Community Benefit Scheme Environmental Initiative Grant Application – Gray Community Garden Inc. be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approves \$16,131 in grant funding to the Gray Community Garden Inc. from the Environmental Initiatives budget, to support re-establishment of Harvest Corner (Community Garden), as outlined in the application presented by Gray Community Garden Inc.

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13.2.7 Community Benefit Scheme Sponsorship Application – Palmerston Volunteer Centre, St John Ambulance Australia NT

Moved: Alderman Spick
Seconded: Alderman Morrison

1. THAT Report entitled Community Benefit Scheme Sponsorship Application – Palmerston Volunteer Centre, St John Ambulance Australia NT be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approves \$11,599 in sponsorship funding to St John Ambulance Australia NT Inc to purchase Information Technology (IT) equipment to support adult volunteers and Youth Cadets.

CARRIED 9/1754 – 03/08/2021

Mayor Pascoe-Bell returned to Chambers at 5:55pm and resumed as Chair.

14 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 Information

Nil.

14.2 Correspondence

Nil.

15 REPORT OF DELEGATES

Moved: Alderman Hale
Seconded: Mayor Pascoe-Bell

THAT the verbal report on Palmerston Safer Communities Committee from Alderman Hale including a thank you to Elected Members and all Committee Members be received and noted.

CARRIED 9/1755 – 03/08/2021

Initials: _____

16 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

16.1 Potential Botanic Gardens - Suburb of Mitchell

Moved: Alderman Henderson
Seconded: Alderman Morrison

THAT the question from Alderman Henderson regarding the community discussion on a potential Botanic Gardens in the area of the suburb of Mitchell and their submission to the Northern Territory Planning Commission and the response from the Director of City Growth and Operations be received and noted.

CARRIED 9/1756 – 03/08/2021

17 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

18 NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Deputy Mayor Garden
Seconded: Mayor Pascoe-Bell

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 17 August 2021 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, First Floor, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace Palmerston.

CARRIED 9/1757 – 03/08/2021

19 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

Moved: Alderman Spick
Seconded: Alderman Giesecke

THAT pursuant to Section 99(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and Section 52 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

CARRIED 9/1758 – 03/08/2021

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20 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Nil.

The open section of the Meeting closed at 6:06 pm for the discussion of confidential matters.

The Chair declared the Meeting closed at 7:08 pm.

Chair

Print Name

Date

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