

AGENDA

1st Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 4 October 2022

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

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NADINE NILON
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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 - 6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20 September 2022 pages 10842 to 10850 be confirmed.
 - 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 - September 2022
MEETING DATE:	Tuesday 4 October 2022
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 Council with a summary of recent activities of the Mayor, on behalf of Council.

KEY MESSAGES

- Citizenship Day Ceremony.
- Palmerston Special Education Centre visit to Council Chambers.
- Attended the below community events on behalf of Council:
 - Mosque Open Day and Interfaith Day
 - Dandiya celebration with Indian Cultural Society
 - Visit to Durack School with year 5 & 6
 - International PeaceKeepers Day Service
 - Careflight Hangar Ball 2022
 - Cocktail Function with the Honorable Vice-Consul for Italy
- Radio interviews with ABC, Mix 104.9.
- Meeting with Ministers, Mayor and MLA's:
 - Mr Mark Turner, Member for Blain
 - Doug Barden, Litchfield Mayor
 - Chief Minister Natasha Fyles
- Attended the Proclamation of King Charles III at Parliament House.
- Meeting with Territory Families and Minister Uibo's Office.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Report entitled Mayoral Update Report - September 2022 be received and noted.

DISCUSSION

Citizenship Day Ceremony

On Saturday 17 September 2022, we welcomed out conferees who came from Nigeria, Timor-Leste, India, Greece, United Kingdom, Philippines Indonesia, Myanmar, Vietnam, Belgium, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Pakistan and Canada who on this day, made their commitments in becoming Australian Citizens. We were honoured to have guests The Honourable Natasha Fyles, Chief Minister of Northern Territory, The Hon. Eva Lawler, Member for Drysdale, Mr Mark Turner MLA, Member for Blain, Mr Luke Gosling OAM, MP, Federal Member for Solomon join us.

City of Palmerston embraces our multi-cultural community and welcomes and congratulates all conferees on becoming Australian Citizens. I would like to thank the Deputy Mayor for presiding over the Citizenship Ceremony in my absence.



Proclamation of King Charles III

I wish to thank the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Mark Monaghan MLA, for inviting me to represent the City of Palmerston at the Proclamation of King Charles III. It was a short but historically significant event.



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.



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COUNCIL AGENDA

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

- 8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS
- 9 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS)
- 10 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

10.1 Moving Confidential Items into Open

10.2 Moving Open Items into Confidential

10.3 Confidential Items

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	Confidential Category	Confidential Clause
23.1	External Presentation	This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> and section 51(1)(e) of the <i>Local Government (General) Regulations 2021</i> , 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.
25.1.1	Rate Concession Assessment	This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> and section 51(1)(b) of the <i>Local Government (General) Regulations 2021</i> , 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 personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.

- 11 PETITIONS
- 12 NOTICES OF MOTION
- 13 OFFICER REPORTS

Council Report

1st Ordinary Council Meeting

AGENDA ITEM:	13.1.1
REPORT TITLE:	Procurement Policy Review
MEETING DATE:	Tuesday 4 October 2022
AUTHOR:	Director Finance and Governance, Wati Kerta
APPROVER:	Acting Chief Executive Officer, Nadine Nilon

COMMUNITY PLAN

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

PURPOSE

This Report seeks Council approval of the updated Procurement Policy.

KEY MESSAGES

- The current policy was developed in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2008 and Local Government Act 2019 (Act)* and the corresponding regulations.
- The Policy remains compliant with the Act, Regulations and other General Instructions.
- As Council are not currently members of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory, the option to use Local Buy, as a tool to facilitate local purchase is no longer available to Council.
- Removal of the Local Buy option is the only amendment to the Procurement Policy.

RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT Report entitled Procurement Policy Review be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the amended Procurement Policy to take effect from Wednesday 5 October 2022, being **Attachment 13.1.1.3** to report entitled Procurement Policy Review.

BACKGROUND

The *Local Government Act 2019 (Act)* and associated regulations came into effect on 1 July 2021. *Regulation 33(1) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* which required Council to adopt, by resolution, a policy for the procurement of supplies. At the time the Act came into effect, a procurement policy was in existence. Whilst the Policy was adopted under the *Local Government Act 2008* in June 2021, the policy review was compliant with the *Local Government Act 2019*.

Policies serve to ensure decisions are consistent, and in accordance with legislation and the Council's strategic goals. Council is required to review policies at least once during the Council's term to ensure they are consistent, compliant and reflect the Council's interest.

DISCUSSION

City of Palmerston Procurement Policy ensures Council's procurement processes occur in a fair, transparent, and accountable manner, to ensure goods and services that achieve value for money and benefit the Palmerston Community.

The current Procurement Policy is guided by the following principles:

- Value for money.
- Broader benefits to the local economy.
- Open and fair competition.
- Environmental protection.
- Ethical behaviour and fair dealing.
- Ensuring Transparency.
- Integrity, Openness and Accountability.

The intended outcome of the policy is for Council to demonstrate the following;

- Consistency and control over procurement activities.
- Accountability to rate payers.
- Increase the probability of obtaining the best outcome when procuring goods and services.
- Ensure compliance with the current Local Government Act and associated Regulations, Guidelines and General Instructions.

The Policy has been reviewed with only one change identified, as highlighted in **Attachment 13.1.1.2**. This is in relation to the removal of the reference to using “Local Buy”, as Council are no longer members of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory.

It is recommended that Council endorse the amended Procurement Policy, being **Attachment 13.1.1.3**

CONSULTATION PROCESS

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

- Executive Leadership Team.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

If the Policy at **Attachment 13.1.1.3** is endorsed, it will provide Council with a compliant and up-to-date Policy to guide decision making to ensure procurement activities are carried out efficiently and effectively, in a transparent, fair, legal, and ethical fashion.

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:

- 4 Fails to effectively design and implement contemporary governance practices
Context: Strong foundations to hold the City and Administration to account.

The new *Local Government Act 2019* and the *Northern Territory Local (Government General) Regulation 2021 (Regulations)* came into effect on 1 July 2021. The Procurement Policy has been reviewed and remains in compliance with *the Regulation 33(1) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*. Associated Guidelines and General Instructions have also been taken into consideration.

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. Current Council Policy - Procurement [**13.1.1.1** - 3 pages]
2. 20220922 Council Policy Procurement with track changes [**13.1.1.2** - 3 pages]
3. 20220922 FINAL Council Policy Procurement [**13.1.1.3** - 3 pages]



POLICY

Name:	Procurement		
Type:	Council Policy		
Owner:	Chief Executive Officer		
Responsible Officer:	Senior Procurement Advisor		
Adopted Date:	1/06/2021	Next Review Date	1/06/2025
Records Number:	464567	Council Decision:	9/1657

1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure Council implements a fair, transparent, and accountable process in the purchase of goods and services that achieves value for money and benefits the Palmerston Community.

2 PRINCIPLES

The primary goal of any Council procurement activity is to achieve the best value-for-Palmerston outcome. Value-for-Palmerston does not just entail the price, but broader considerations such as whole of life costs, past performance, commercial and other risks, compatibilities, and local factors. The lowest price may not be the best overall option. Council's procurement system is underpinned by the following principles:

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3 DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Policy, the following definitions apply:

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Local Supplier	A supplier operating in the Northern Territory and more particularly Palmerston or the Top End Region and satisfies elements such as operating in the Northern Territory, significant permanent resources and employs Northern Territory residents.
Purchasing Officer	An officer of Council with financial purchasing delegation as defined in the Delegations Manual.
Top End	The geographical area comprising the northern part of the Northern Territory including Darwin, Palmerston, Litchfield and surrounding rural area south to the township of Adelaide River.



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4 POLICY STATEMENT

4.1 Objectives

The objective of this policy is to establish a framework for the implementation of Council's purchasing arrangements to encourage:

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- 4.1.2 the employment of Aboriginal people;
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- 4.1.5 open and effective competition;
- 4.1.6 value for money;
- 4.1.7 the sustainable employment of diverse people;
- 4.1.8 social sustainability.

4.2 Procurement Model

- 4.2.1 Council officers responsible for purchasing goods and services must comply with this policy and it is the officer's duty to understand the meaning and intent of this policy.
- 4.2.2 Council officers are required to:
 - Follow the standards of the *Local Government Act* and the corresponding legislations;
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4.3.4 Local considers benefits to Palmerston, the Top End Region and the Northern Territory.

4.3.5 Whilst Council is committed to local suppliers, the reality is that certain types of goods and services cannot be purchased from within the Territory.

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COUNCIL REPORT

1st Ordinary Council Meeting

AGENDA ITEM:	13.1.2
REPORT TITLE:	Palmerston Creative Industries Plan 2022 - 2027
MEETING DATE:	Tuesday 4 October 2022
AUTHOR:	Community Services Manager, Melanie Tighe
APPROVER:	General Manager of Community and Culture, Anna Ingram

COMMUNITY PLAN

Cultural Diversity: In Palmerston we celebrate our cultures in a way that values our diversity.

PURPOSE

This Report presents the draft City of Palmerston Creative Industries Plan 2022 – 2027 and seeks Council endorsement for public consultation for a period of 30 days.

KEY MESSAGES

- At City of Palmerston, arts and cultural activities are recognised as a valuable part of our vibrant and diverse community.
- City of Palmerston's Arts Strategy 2016-2021 expired in July 2021.
- Council endorsed development of a draft Palmerston Creative Industries Plan 2022 – 2027 at the Council meeting of 19 April 2022.
- Stakeholder consultation has been undertaken to inform a draft Plan which will create a framework for arts, culture, and the creative industries in Palmerston.
- Input from stakeholder groups has been considered to identify City of Palmerston strategic cultural assets and objectives for the next five years.
- Officers recommend public consultation for a period of 30 days for the draft Creative Industries Plan 2022 - 2027 before presentation of a final version of the document to Council for adoption at the Second Ordinary meeting in February 2023.

RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT Report entitled Palmerston Creative Industries Plan 2022 - 2027 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorses public consultation for a period of 30 days on the draft City of Palmerston Creative Industries Plan 2022 – 2027 as presented as **Attachment 13.1.2.1** to Report entitled Palmerston Creative Industries Plan 2022 - 2027.
3. THAT a final version of the plan with incorporated feedback from the community consultation be presented to Council for adoption at the Second Ordinary meeting in February 2023.

BACKGROUND

City of Palmerston's vision is "A Place for People", where arts and cultural activities are recognised as a valuable part of our vibrant and diverse community, contributing to a flourishing, innovative and cohesive

city. Council's Community Plan outlines Cultural Diversity as a primary outcome with 'fostering and promotion of arts and culture within our community' an agreed measure of success.

City of Palmerston's current Arts Strategy 2016-2021 expired in July 2021, however, there continues to be a wide range of creative activities facilitated and delivered by Council.

At the 2nd Ordinary Council Meeting of 19 April 2022 Council made the following decision:

2. THAT Council endorse the development of a draft Palmerston Creative Industries Plan 2022-2027 to be presented to Council at the Second Ordinary Meeting of August 2022 for consideration and endorsement to proceed with community wide public consultation.

CARRIED 10/298 - 19/04/2022

The purpose of developing a Creative Industries Plan is to provide a framework for arts, culture, and the creative industries in our region for the next five years.

Creative Industries broadly encompasses the following:

- Visual arts and crafts
- Screen, radio and broadcast
- Advertising
- Museums
- Architecture
- Performing Arts
- Fashion
- Digital Design
- Literature and Print Media
- Festivals
- Music Composition and Publishing
- Libraries and Archives

This report seeks Council endorsement to proceed with a public consultation for a period of 30 days on the draft Palmerston Creative Industries Plan 2022 - 2027 as presented at **Attachment 13.1.2.1** to Report entitled Palmerston Creative Industries Plan 2022 - 2027.

DISCUSSION

At the 2nd Ordinary Council Meeting of 19 April 2022, Council endorsed the development of a draft Palmerston Creative Industries Plan 2022 - 2027.

The draft Plan has now been developed through consultation with a broad range of arts practitioners, arts organisations, and community members both from within and outside Palmerston, other Top End Councils, and Council staff. Consultation methods were focus groups with 36 participants, phone interviews, an on-line community survey completed by 151 people, and face to face community consultation at Palmerston Friday Night markets.

The profile of people who chose to engage shows a depth and diversity of experience- age, gender, cultural background, arts experiences, and diversity of creative practices, reflected in the quality of the engagement. The responses indicated that Palmerston is culturally diverse, multicultural, young and family oriented. It has a First Nations history and welcomes a diversity of First Nations communities who live in Palmerston but also people who transit through on the way to Top End remote communities.

Participants in the consultation shared an excitement and enthusiasm about the arts and creative industries in Palmerston, with a recognition that Council are making things happen. Recent investments in venues, Gray Community Hall, Durack Community Arts Centre and the Gulwa Recording Studio have impressed people who have experienced them, and there is a strong motivation to build on these important assets.

Palmerston has a strong cultural and artistic identity with a number of tangible strengths and cultural assets and the draft Plan is anchored in an assets-based approach to developing the creative industries in Palmerston as referenced in **Attachment 13.1.2.1** The draft Plan focuses on converting an asset into a creative force, to build a creative artistic community which fosters high levels of community and social well-being.

The draft Plan aligns with the following Plans:

- City of Palmerston Community Plan
- Inclusive Diverse and Accessible Policy Framework 2021
- Northern Territory Government Creative Industries Strategy 2020-2024
- Northern Territory Government 10 Year Museums Master Plan (includes specific references to proposed arts outcomes for Palmerston).

It is recommended that Council approve public consultation for a period of 30 days on the draft City of Palmerston Creative Industries Plan 2022 – 2027. The final Creative Industries Plan will be presented to Council for adoption at the second ordinary meeting in February 2023.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

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

- Community Services Team
- Library Team
- Open Space Team

In preparing this Report, the following external parties were consulted:

- Darwin Symphony Orchestra
- Darwin Community Arts
- Corrugated Iron Youth Arts
- Artback NT
- Coomalie Shire
- Larrakia Nation
- Music NT
- Palmerston and Litchfield Seniors Association
- Palmerston Regional Business Association
- Defence Community Organisation
- Larrikin Interactive

The key objective in engaging stakeholders to assist with creating the draft Palmerston Creative Industries Plan was to create a relevant framework by:

- Understanding the current state of the arts and culture in Palmerston
- Conducting a community audit of existing and potential cultural facilities and identify cultural needs and priorities

- Determining existing needs of the various arts sectors within the community and develop strategies and priorities to meet those needs
- Determining how arts opportunities can best be carried out in the City and outlining the roles and responsibilities of various stakeholders to ensure effective use of existing resources
- Creating a vision for the future of arts and culture in Palmerston as a road map to becoming a cultural city
- Increasing the awareness and understanding of the benefits of the arts within the community

Consultation methods for input to the draft Plan were focus groups with 36 participants, phone interviews, an on-line community survey completed by 151 people, and face to face community consultation at Palmerston Friday Night markets.

Following endorsement for public consultation the draft Plan will be available for comment via an online survey on the 'Have Your Say' page on the City of Palmerston. Participants of initial consultation will also be directly contacted to provide feedback on the draft Plan. The consultation period will be for 30 days after which a final version of the Creative Industries Plan will be prepared for Council approval at the Second Ordinary meeting in February 2023.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Should Council endorse the adoption of the consultation period for the draft Creative Industries Plan, a final version of the Plan will be presented to Council for adoption which would supersede the expired City of Palmerston Arts Strategy 2016-2021.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Funding for the community consultation of the draft Plan has been identified within Council's 2022/2023 operational budget. No additional funding is required.

Development of the Creative Industries Plan 2022-2027 will assist the local Palmerston arts community to grow, which will bring added economic benefit to the Palmerston Community, as more arts-based activities are developed and run locally. It will also allow Palmerston to potentially attract more arts-based external funding grants into these future projects.

RISK, LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The City of Palmerston's Arts Strategy 2016 – 2021 has expired and there is a risk to Council's reputation if the community perceives that it is not invested in creative arts.

In April Council agreed to approve the development of a draft Creative Industries Plan. Failure to endorse the draft Plan for community consultation could be criticised by the community and negatively impact established relationships with local and wider arts community organisations, key stakeholders and community individuals who assisted with input to the draft Plan.

This Report addresses the following City of Palmerston Strategic Risks:

- 6 Fails to deliver the strategic vision for the City
Context: Ensuring vision is delivered effectively & efficiently, progress is measurable & celebrated.

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. Draft Creative Industries Plan Oct 2022 Council Meeting (1) [**13.1.2.1** - 15 pages]

City of Palmerston

Creative Industries Plan 2022-2027

Summary

The City of Palmerston Creative Industries Plan sets out Council's commitment to building on foundational strengths and growing sustainable creative industries in Palmerston. Palmerston has a strong and proud cultural and artistic identity with a number of tangible cultural assets. This Plan is anchored in an assets-based approach to developing the creative industries. It focuses on converting strategic cultural assets into a creative force to build a thriving diverse creative artistic community fostering high levels of community and social well-being.

The *Creative Industries Plan* identifies five existing strategic cultural assets and future looking objectives. These strategic cultural assets are detailed below:



Why the term Creative Industries?

Council has a vision to support and invest in Palmerston's diverse current and emerging creative community to enable community and commercial outcomes.

The term creative industries recognises that *cultural and creative practice* can 'turn original individual creativity into social and commercial outcomes'¹.

¹ Western Australian Government, Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, 2022.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) also defines cultural industries much more broadly than the traditional definition of '*arts and recreation*', giving a better indicator of the extent of cultural activity in the economy.

ABS' definition of cultural industries includes '*zoos and parks, arts education, libraries, museums and galleries, publishing, broadcasting and internet production, film and television production, music production, live performance, as well as design, printing, photography, architecture, advertising, and independent artists, musicians and performers. It also includes cultural retail outlets like book shops, cinemas and record stores*'².

What is the role of Council?

Council sees its role as:

- **Host:** Providing venues, places and opportunities for artistic, cultural and creative activity and enterprise to happen and prosper.
- **Connector:** Creating networks, creative clusters and brokering partnerships.
- **Partner:** Sharing and working with others to promote community participation in arts and culture.
- **Enabler:** Building a strong and creative community through community cultural development initiatives, research, advocacy, policy and sector development.

Alignment to Council's Vision

The *Creative Industries Plan* aligns with the Council's Community Plan (2018) representing the values of the City of Palmerston. This document will assist Council to achieve its overall vision of being a '**Place for People**' through aligning with and reinforcing the Community Plan's objectives:

- Palmerston is a welcoming vibrant family city that fosters diversity and unity
- In Palmerston everyone belongs
- In Palmerston everyone is safe

Like the Community Plan, the *Creative Industries Plan* focuses on Palmerston's strengths, recognising the value of the natural environment, and seeing the economic opportunities embedded in creative industries with the arts acting as a catalyst for social and community transformation.

The *Creative Industries Plan* also aligns with the following plans and policies:

Policy or Plan	Relevance to <i>Creative Industries Plan</i>
City of Palmerston:	
<i>Palmerston City Centre Master Plan 2015</i>	The Master Plan's vision is: <i>Palmerston will be a vibrant, tropical city of opportunities.</i>

² Pennington and Eltham, 2021, p.9

	<p><i>The city will foster a sense of community in a clean, safe, friendly and sustainable environment that supports and nurtures the lifestyle of residents, workers and visitors.</i></p> <p><i>It will create a vibrant, tropical and lush place that connects a mix of commercial, retail, community, residential and open space, and creates a unique identity; facilitated by authentic city streets that supports a variety of activities, events, informal gathering spaces and entertainment; sustained by safe and convenient public transport and pedestrian links to the wider community.</i></p>
<i>Digital Strategy, 2021</i>	The Council's strategy states that: <i>Enabling social value through technology is critical for the future of Palmerston.</i>
<i>Inclusive Diverse and Accessible Policy Framework, 2021</i>	<p>The IDA is an all of Council policy which reinforces the principles of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visible • Collaboration • Embedded • Always Improving
<i>Palmerston Local Economic Plan 2021-2031</i>	<p>The Palmerston Local Economic Plan aligns with the Northern Territory Government's <i>Territory Economic Reconstruction Commission Report</i>, and recognises that economic health and prosperity is a vital pillar supporting a successful and prosperous community.</p> <p>One of the 11 strategies in the Plan is: <i>Explore creative industry development opportunities in Palmerston.</i></p> <p>The Palmerston Local Economic Plan recognises emergent economic opportunities as tourism, technology and creative industry, with the significant size of the youth population, and diversity of culture in Palmerston identified by stakeholders as a potential catalyst for development of creative industries in Palmerston.</p>
Northern Territory Government:	
<i>Creative Industries Strategy NT (2020-2024)</i>	The vision of the Territory's strategy is to enable connected, strong and vibrant creative industries, innovating, celebrating the NT distinctiveness, enhancing liveability, attracting visitors and growing the economy.

	The Northern Territory's creative industries strategy articulates 10 goals across themes of People, Places, Proximity, Policy, Pathways, supported by actions for each goal.
<i>Museums 10 year Master Plan- Darwin and Palmerston</i>	The Master Plan's term ' <i>museum</i> ' aligns with the International Council of Museums' definition and includes science, history, and art museums, art galleries, libraries, cultural centres, and keeping places.
<i>Connected Communities: Vision for Northern Territory Public Libraries 2017-2023</i>	<i>Connected Communities</i> reports on the Territory's 32 public libraries including Palmerston's as vital and trusted resources for local communities, supporting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • literacy and education, • community building and • skills development.
<i>Everyone Together</i> Aboriginal Affairs Strategy 2019–2029	The <i>Everyone Together</i> strategy is designed to guide government and community to reshape ways of working with Aboriginal Territorians to support community aspirations and achieve better outcomes. Guiding principles are <i>Healing, Respect and Engagement</i> . The strategy details 10 focus areas, with the first two <i>Truth and Healing</i> and <i>Language and Culture</i> holding particular relevance for this Plan.
Northern Territory Government – <i>Why Trade with the Territory</i> , July 2022	The Northern Territory Government recognises the following key sectors for trade development in the Territory: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • energy • minerals • tourism • agribusiness • international education and training • space • defence and defence support • creative industries • tropical health and research <p>These sectors reflect the priorities in the Territory Economic Reconstruction Commission and the Operation Rebound strategies from 2020, building on the same sectors originally mapped in the 2017</p>

	Northern Territory Economic Development Framework.
Commonwealth Government	
<i>Creativity Connects Us (2020-2024)</i> Australia Council- Corporate Plan 2019-2023	Strategic objectives of <i>Creativity Connects Us</i> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australians are transformed by arts and creativity • Our arts reflect us • First Nations arts and culture are cherished • Arts and creativity are thriving • Arts and creativity are valued

What you told us

The *Creative Industries Plan* was developed through consultation held with a broad range of arts practitioners, arts organisations, community members, arts funding bodies, Top End Councils, and Council staff between May-July 2022. The key information heard was:

- Palmerston is culturally diverse, multicultural, young and family orientated.
- Palmerston has a First Nations history and now welcomes a diversity of First Nations communities from across the Top End. The artwork of Larrakia artists has high visibility throughout the city centre.
- There is an excitement about the arts and creative industries in Palmerston, with a recognition that Council is making things happen. An appetite for possibility was palpable and expressed with enthusiasm from people who live in Palmerston, and shared by artists and arts organisations from the greater Darwin area.
- There is acknowledgement of the Council's infrastructure investment to date and with a strong desire for the next investment phases: a purpose designed facility with flexible visual and performing arts studios and a dedicated flexible exhibition space, and over a longer time an indoor live performance venue.
- The most important action to support the arts and creative industries is work at a grassroots level to build up Palmerston's own artists and emerging artists amongst young people, First Nations peoples, multicultural communities, Palmerston's art organisations and Palmerston's audiences. Local voices are wanting to be heard, and people share an excitement to support and enable these voices and their stories, collectively expressing the unique character of Palmerston.
- When asked what would make Palmerston a destination city people said, '*we need to build up and strengthen what's here first and make this the thing people want to visit*', strengthening the enablers to make that happen.

Some Palmerston Creative Industries Profiles

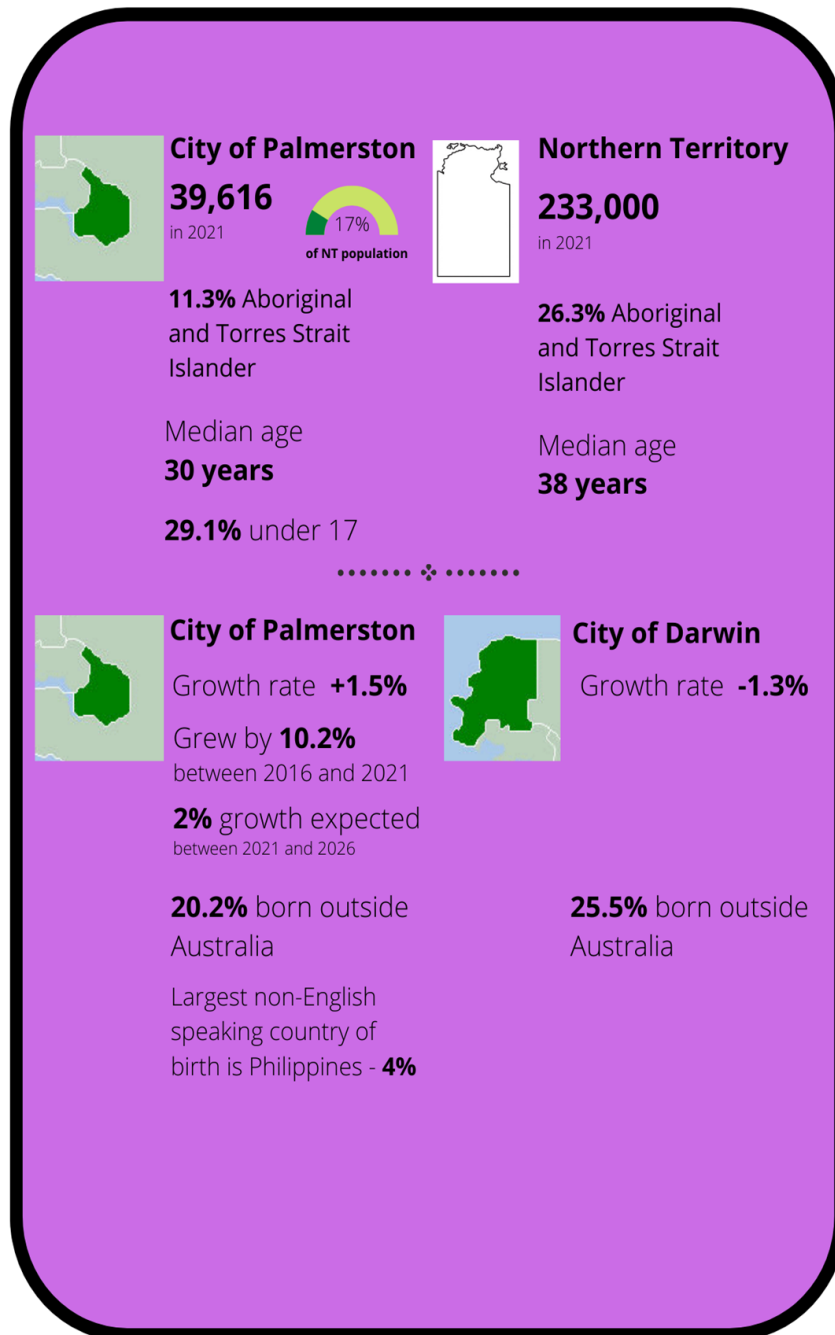
Geek Fest Top End is the Northern Territory's biggest and longest-running Geek Convention. It is a unique all-ages event, held across three locations in the Palmerston City Centre: Goyder Square, the Palmerston Library and Recreation Centre. It features a range of free activities from Virtual Reality, PC, Console and Tabletop Gaming, Anime, Instagram photo booth, Medieval Land demonstrations, Cosplay and Esports Competition, Laser Tag, Artist Alley, Tech Expo and Kids Zone.

Sew & Tell is an initiative of a local Palmerston mum, Kristie and has been going for two years. It's a meet up at the Durack Community Arts Centre where mums (at the Durack Community Arts Centre), bring in sewing projects, start something new and meet other mums and chat, while their children safely play. It's for mums and little people aged 0-5 and is a welcoming space to learn new sewing skills, make new friends and strengthen local bonds. The meet up brings people from the Greater Darwin area and rural areas to Palmerston. Outside Sew & Tell Kristie also runs fee-for-service sewing classes and textile art workshops.

J-MILLA is a young Mak Mak Marranunggu (Litchfield National Park traditional owners) hip hop artist from Palmerston and now based in Adelaide. He released his first album in 2018 and since then has had his music featured on Triple J. In 2020 he was selected for Tik Tok's on-line music festival for that year and in 2021 performed at the closing day Hip Hop event at the Adelaide Festival. His combined social media followers sit at 200K. His little brother Yung Milla has recorded and released his own music and is growing in popularity and following

Dylan Bennett is the founder of Larrikin Interactive, a video game and education studio based in the NT and working closely with the City of Palmerston. In 2021, he worked with a group of 'at risk' youth in Palmerston to channel their enthusiasm for playing video games into learning how to make them. After 8 weeks, the young people showcased 5 different games at Geekfest for others to play, showing off their knowledge of the coding language C#, 3D modelling and animation, music and sound effects, narrative and more. One of the boys has since began their Certificate III in Design Fundamentals learning Game Design Foundations. Dylan says that, 'The boys were engaged, I believe, because they were given the tools to tell their stories and be creative in the creative medium they enjoyed the most'. The diversity of skills required to make video games - music, 2D and 3D art, narrative, coding and project management - means ample entry opportunities for a workforce to be involved, upskilled and then later apply skills in diverse creative industries. With the NT Digital Pulse (Northern Territory Government, 2022) reporting an impossible local gap between the supply and demand of Information and Communications Technology professionals, video game skills offer an opportunity to remedy this gap.

About Palmerston



Strategic Cultural Assets and Objectives of Creative Industries Plan

Strategic Cultural Assets	Objective
<p>Progressive and Unique:</p> <p>Palmerston is different from Darwin, and from other parts of the Northern Territory.</p> <p>There is a palpable appetite to embrace, celebrate and grow the city's unique culture, identity, population, natural and built assets, with progressive brave and authentic voices.</p>	<p><i>Embrace, celebrate and support the distinguishing cultural and creative features of Palmerston and its people as a point of difference and pride.</i></p>
<p>People:</p> <p>Palmerston is a place for people and is a community of creative voices. Many of these are young, First Nations, and other population groups.</p> <p>Council itself has skilled and passionate Councillors and staff who understand the creative industries and how creativity can be embedded across all of Council.</p>	<p><i>Invest in the creative lives of children and young people and their support systems to enable them to become adult audiences, artists and creative contributors to Palmerston cultural life.</i></p> <p><i>Leverage the palpable enthusiasm, excitement and energy surrounding the arts and cultural initiatives the Council has invested in to date.</i></p> <p><i>Provide greater access to professional development, industry training, work and employment opportunities for artists living and working in Palmerston.</i></p> <p><i>Invest in arts initiatives which raise the profile and understanding of First Nations artists living and working in Palmerston.</i></p> <p><i>Maximise access for families and young people to engage with and participate in a diverse range of arts and creative industries experiences and opportunities.</i></p>
<p>Places and Spaces:</p> <p>Palmerston is home to a rich natural environment of green spaces, corridors, parkland, and water features.</p> <p>Council has invested in a solid foundation of infrastructure which meets broad community needs.</p> <p>Palmerston features unconventional arts spaces providing unique opportunities for live events, filming and developing new audiences.</p>	<p><i>Maximise the existing green spaces, parklands, lakes and other natural features of Palmerston as venues for unique and unconventional arts events.</i></p> <p><i>Build on the foundation of the Durack Community Arts Centre, Gray Hall and Gulwa Recording Studio to plan and establish a dedicated visual and performing artists studio facility.</i></p> <p><i>Build on the foundation of the dedicated visual and performing artists studio facility and existing plans to develop a business case and invest in the construction of a 200/500 seat regional performing arts venue.</i></p>

	Build and support the ongoing vibrancy of the Palmerston underground music scene.
<p>Partnerships:</p> <p>Skilled and professional networks are in place, with arts, community organisations and government agencies ready, willing and able to develop partnerships.</p> <p>Partnerships will maximise inclusion, foster pathways, and create progressive and ground-breaking arts experiences.</p>	<p><i>Work in partnership with established Northern Territory arts organisations and peak bodies, Top End Councils, Larrakia Nation and Northern Territory and Commonwealth Government agencies to maximise financial resourcing, access to skilled arts professionals and access to opportunities for Palmerston artists and audiences.</i></p>
<p>Council are Connectors and Enablers</p> <p>Council has the capacity to provide skills and professional development pathways for its artists and audiences while delivering economic, social and cultural development outcomes.</p> <p>Council does this by partnering with established professional and amateur artists and arts organisations, fostering accessible arts and cultural events reflecting and celebrating the unique character of Palmerston.</p>	<p><i>Council acts as enabler/ facilitator to link existing artists, arts organisations and community with Council opportunities and resources.</i></p> <p><i>Council partners with community and arts organisations to provide access to arts and cultural development opportunities for community members often excluded from arts activity.</i></p> <p><i>Ensure that Palmerston residents of all abilities can access and participate in all of Councils creative industries initiatives.</i></p>

Suggested Measures

Strategic Cultural Assets	Objective	Measures
<p>Progressive and Unique:</p> <p>Palmerston is different from Darwin, and from other parts of the Northern Territory.</p> <p>There is a palpable appetite to embrace, celebrate and grow the city's unique culture, identity, population, natural and built assets, with progressive brave and authentic voices.</p>	<p><i>Embrace, celebrate and support the distinguishing cultural and creative features of Palmerston as a point of difference and pride.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased awareness and recognition of Palmerston based Art Culture including Geek, Arts and Music.
<p>People:</p> <p>Palmerston is a place for people and is a community of creative</p>	<p><i>Invest in the creative lives of children and young people and their support systems to enable them to become adult</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual program of creative arts workshops for the community. • Development of art

<p>voices. Many of these are young, First Nations, and other population groups.</p> <p>Council itself has skilled and passionate Councillors and staff who understand the creative industries and how creativity can be embedded across all of Council.</p>	<p><i>audiences, artists and creative contributors to Palmerston cultural life.</i></p> <p><i>Leverage off the palpable enthusiasm, excitement and energy surrounding the arts and cultural initiatives the Council has invested in to date.</i></p>	<p>partnerships with Palmerston primary and secondary schools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artist residencies in community venues.
	<p><i>To provide greater access to professional development and employment opportunities for artists living and working in Palmerston.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual program of artists skills and professional development workshops delivered for artists. • Encourage engagement with Palmerston based artists. • Council Community Benefit Scheme grants process encourage artist access and engagement.
	<p><i>Invest in arts initiatives which raise the profile and increased understanding of First Nations artists living and working in Palmerston.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular partnership with First Nations artists or arts organisations in creative industries endeavour.
	<p><i>Maximise access for families and young people to engage with and participate in a diverse range of arts and creative industries experiences and opportunities.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain regular programming of festival and accessible live events.
<p>Places and Spaces:</p> <p>Palmerston is home to a rich natural environment of green spaces, corridors, parkland, and water features.</p>	<p><i>Maximise the considerable existing green spaces, parklands, lakes and other natural features of Palmerston as venues for unique and unconventional arts events as well emerging opportunities as short and feature film sets.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of database and on-line resource for CoP website which documents the Council facilities available for hire/ access creative industries initiatives. • Increased delivery of art programming in identified suburbs.

<p>Council has invested in a solid foundation of infrastructure which meets broad community needs.</p>	<p><i>Build on the foundation of the Durack Community Arts Centre, Gray Hall and Gulwa Recording Studio to plan and establish a dedicated visual and performing artists studio facility.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of business case for dedicated arts facility which includes hireable visual art wet studios, flexible performing arts studio spaces and dedicated flexible exhibition space.
<p>Palmerston features unconventional arts spaces providing unique opportunities for live events, filming and developing new audiences.</p>	<p><i>Build on the foundation of the dedicated visual and performing artists studio facility and existing plans to develop a business case and invest in the construction of a 200/500 seat regional performing arts venue.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of business case for dedicated 200/500 seat regional performing arts venue.
<p>Partnerships:</p> <p>Skilled and professional networks are in place, with arts, community organisations and government agencies ready, willing and able to develop partnerships.</p> <p>Partnerships will maximise inclusion, foster pathways, and create progressive and ground-breaking arts experiences.</p>	<p><i>Work in partnership with established Northern Territory arts organisations and peak bodies, Top End Councils, Larrakia Nation and Northern Territory and Commonwealth Government agencies to maximise financial resourcing, access to skilled arts professionals and access to opportunities of Palmerston artists and audiences.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater collaboration with professional arts organisations or peak bodies in the production of developmental arts programming, training programs or new creative work. • Partner with local community services organisation to support, provide access or actively produce and create new work.
<p>Council are Connectors and Enablers</p> <p>Council has the capacity to provide skills and professional development pathways for its artists and audiences while delivering economic, social and cultural development outcomes.</p> <p>Council does this by partnering with established professional and amateur artists and arts organisations, fostering accessible arts and cultural events reflecting and celebrating the unique character of Palmerston.</p>	<p><i>Council acts as enabler/facilitator to link existing artists, arts organisations and community with Council opportunities and resources.</i></p> <p><i>Council partners with community and arts organisations to provide access to arts and cultural development opportunities for community members often excluded from arts activity.</i></p> <p><i>Ensure that Palmerston residents of all abilities can access and participate in all of Councils creative industries initiatives.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have developed a hard copy and on-line information resource which details what support is available from Council for artists and arts organisations.

Creative Industries Plan 2022 – 2027 Implementation and Review

The implementation of the *Creative Industries Plan* will be led by Council's Community and Culture team but will be a Council wide strategy. Ultimately this document will be delivered in partnership with the greater Palmerston community, artists, arts organisations from Palmerston and the Greater Darwin region.

-----**FINISH OF PLAN**-----

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COUNCIL REPORT

1st Ordinary Council Meeting

AGENDA ITEM:	13.2.1
REPORT TITLE:	Street Art Projects
MEETING DATE:	Tuesday 4 October 2022
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COMMUNITY PLAN

Cultural Diversity: In Palmerston we celebrate our cultures in a way that values our diversity.

PURPOSE

This Report seeks to inform Council of the current programs and events that promote creative industries, particularly in Street Art.

KEY MESSAGES

- A Notice of Motion was tabled by Councillor Eveleigh at the 1st Ordinary Council Meeting of 3 May 2022 for a report to be prepared outlining City of Palmerston's current programs and events that promote creative industries, particularly in Street Art.
- Current programs and events that promote creative industries and art, particularly Street Art, in Palmerston include:
 - Creation of street art murals in Palmerston CBD and suburbs in collaboration with local stakeholders and artists.
 - Discussions with the Darwin Street Art Festival to include collaboration with Palmerston for the 2023 Festival.
 - Series of workshops to start in October to support upskilling local artists/creatives in business skills to support growth of creative industries.
 - Weekly delivery of creative art program at Durack Community Arts Centre.
- In 2022/23 the City of Palmerston will continue to explore opportunities to expand and enhance the current art and creative programs and partnerships, including Street Art programs.
- Council endorsed the development of a draft Palmerston Creative Industries Plan 2022 – 2027 at Council meeting 19 April 2022.
- The draft Creative Industries Plan 2022 – 2027 will create a framework for arts, culture, and the creative industries in Palmerston and will be presented to Council in October 2022 for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Report entitled Street Art Projects be received and noted.

BACKGROUND

A Notice of Motion was tabled by Councillor Eveleigh at the 1st Ordinary Council Meeting of 3 May 2022 with Council approving the following decisions:

12.1.1 Street Art Projects

1. *THAT the Notice of Motion entitled Street Art Projects be received and noted.*
2. *THAT a report be prepared for the 1st Ordinary Meeting in September 2022, outlining current City of Palmerston programs and events that promote creative industries, particularly in Street Art, and identify potential opportunities to enhance or expand Council's current programs to promote Street Art projects and partnerships within the Palmerston municipality in alignment with relevant local creative industries strategies.*

CARRIED 10/330 - 3/05/2022

The City of Palmerston has introduced a number of street art mural initiatives to improve our public spaces. Street Art and murals have been shown to reduce incidences of graffiti by creating a sense of pride and belonging, through engaging people in creative projects using legal paint spaces such as walls, fences and bridges.

To date the City of Palmerston has undertaken the following Street Art activities in collaboration with community and key local stakeholders:

- Palmerston Youth Festival - the International Women's Crew, a collective of female street artists from all over the world, conducted workshops and live painting on the Recreation Centre walls at the finale event in 2019.
- Urban Jams Project - Street art workshops were conducted at all Urban Jams events over the past two years.
- International Women's Day - two murals in the Palmerston CBD.
- Armistice War Memorial - a mural was painted on the Council carpark underpass in partnership with NTG.
- Palmerston Youth Centre opening - a mural was painted on the pumphouse at the Palmerston Pool in collaboration with YMCA, young people from the PYC and Larrakia Nation.
- Palmerston College collaboration - a mural was painted in the Palmerston CBD in partnership with the Community Services class and NTG.
- Girls Academy collaboration - a sports related mural was painted in the Palmerston CBD in partnership with the Girls Academy and Shaun Lee.
- Major Mural installation Project - Shaun Lee, Trent Lee and Tony Lee collaborated to deliver our major mural installation at the Palmerston Recreation Centre.
- Youth Street Art Program 2021, where youth were mentored by Shaun Lee and live painted their murals at Youth Week 2021.

This Report informs Council of the current programs and events that promote creative industries, in particular Street Art.

DISCUSSION

In the City of Palmerston, arts and cultural activities are recognised as a valuable part of our vibrant and diverse community, contributing to a flourishing, innovative and cohesive community. In our Community Plan, fostering and promotions of arts, culture and local history within the community is identified as a measure of success in Outcome Area 3 – Cultural Diversity.

In 2022, City of Palmerston has continued to deliver a wide range of arts and creative activities including Street Art programs which have included:

- NAIDOC Mural painted at the Palmerston Recreation Centre in 2022 by Willie Hewitt as seen in **Attachment 13.2.1.1**.
- Seniors Day 2022 – Street Art activities and collaborative mural. Seniors engaged in cutting stencils to spray skateboards and flowerpots, see **Attachment 13.2.1.2**. They learnt the basic in spray painting and used those skills to collaborate on a joint mural. Seniors expressed how much they enjoyed the session and hoped for more opportunities in the future.
- Palmerston Youth Festival included ‘Late Skates Best Trick Comp’ event which offered the opportunity to pimp your board, where youth worked with a local street artist to design artworks on their skateboards as seen in **Attachment 13.2.1.3**. The same street artist was engaged to paint a ‘Late Skates’ mural to decorate the event at the Palmerston Skate Park.
- Discussions with the Darwin Street Art Festival to include collaboration with Palmerston for the 2023 Festival.
- Art Jam – Weekly Creative Meetup, open to ages 15+, which City of Palmerston will facilitate at the Durack Community Arts Centre from end September, see **Attachment 13.2.1.4**. The space will offer creatives the opportunity to network, collaborate and work in a purpose-built location. The long-term aim of the program is to create greater connections within the art community in Palmerston and to build on the current creative scene.

In October, City of Palmerston will introduce a series of creative business workshops to upskill artists/creatives **Attachment 13.2.1.5**. Workshops will include social media and website promotion, financial planning e.g. basic bookkeeping, creating ABN's, grant and tender applications, effective networking. This program was created in response to feedback from an emerging Palmerston street artist who identified they required upskilling in business skills to participate in future opportunities such as the Darwin Street Art Festival.

Over the next 12 months, the City of Palmerston will continue to explore opportunities to expand and enhance our current programs and partnerships, including:

- Partnering with the Darwin Street Art Festival, by providing a regional space for murals and street art activations.
- Developing a street art trail for tourists visiting Palmerston.
- Building on 2022 partnership with Darwin Fringe Festival to activate the Durack Community Centre during Palmerston Youth Festival.
- Artist in residency programs linked to Durack Community Arts Centre and local primary, middle and high schools.
- Street Art workshops and hands on activities at our events, accessible to all of the community.
- Collaborating on community projects to tackle graffiti hotspots with Murals.
- Investigating creation of legal paint spaces in the CBD and in the Suburbs, so artists have a dedicated space to practice in.
- Identifying opportunities for diverse populations, groups and individuals to showcase their heritage and creative skills through public art.

These proposals align with the outcomes of our Community Plan, the Inclusive, Diverse and Accessible Policy Framework 2021, and the Northern Territory Government's Creative Industries Strategy 2020-2024.

City of Palmerston's Arts Strategy 2016-2021 expired in July 2021. At the 2nd Ordinary Council Meeting of 19 April 2022 Council endorsed the development of a draft Creative Industries Plan 2022 – 2027 to create a framework for arts, culture, and the creative industries in Palmerston.

The Creative Industries Plan 2022 – 2027 will align to the Community Plan and other key documents such as the Northern Territory Government's Creative Industries Strategy 2020-2024. It will provide the blueprint for the further development of Creative Industries in Palmerston with a series of actions to be undertaken by Council officers in collaboration with key stakeholders.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

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

- Community Services Team
- City Assets Team

In preparing this Report, the following external parties were consulted:

- Chief Creative Officer, Darwin Street Art Festival.
- Artist feedback from previous council street art projects.
- Youth and Community feedback from Palmerston Youth Festival 2019
- Workshop participants feedback from the Youth Street Art Program run in 2021
- Senior's engagement and feedback from Seniors' Day 2022
- Feedback from Street Artist that participated in the Darwin Street Art Festival

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications for this Report.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Some of the opportunities identified above can be funded within existing Community Services Arts and Culture budget. Additional funding via grants, partnerships etc. will be sought for other projects/activities. The Community Development Team will work with local stakeholders including community organisations and businesses to implement the above opportunities.

City of Palmerston has identified several locations that can be utilised for projects and legal paint spaces.

RISK, LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

This Report addresses the following City of Palmerston Strategic Risks:

- 1 Fails to be trusted as a Council
Context: Achieving credibility & trust with majority of those within and external to the City.
- 6 Fails to deliver the strategic vision for the City
Context: Ensuring vision is delivered effectively & efficiently, progress is measurable & celebrated.

Failure by Council to deliver engaging art and creative industry programming to our community could lead to a risk to public amenities e.g. graffiti, and a loss of pride and sense of belonging by our community.

ENVIRONMENT SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no environment sustainability implications for this Report.

COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

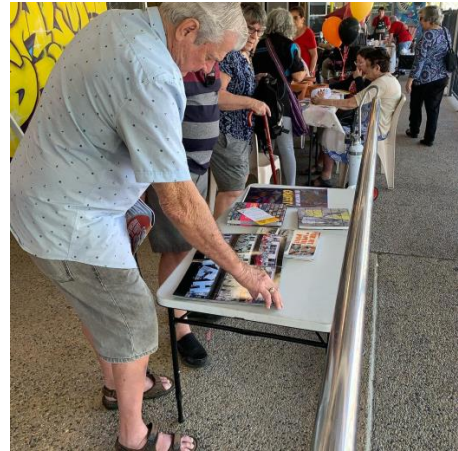
We the author and approving officer declare that we do not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.

ATTACHMENTS

1. NAIDOC Mural 2022 with Willie Hewitt [13.2.1.1 - 1 page]
2. Seniors Day 2022 Street Art Workshop [13.2.1.2 - 1 page]
3. Palmerston Youth Festival Late Skates Art Workshop [13.2.1.3 - 1 page]
4. Weekly Art Jam Durack Community Arts Centre [13.2.1.4 - 1 page]
5. Creative Palmerston Creative Business 101 [13.2.1.5 - 1 page]



NAIDOC Week Mural 2022
Willie Hewitt



Seniors Day 2022 Street Art Workshop



Palmerston Youth Festival
Late Skates Art Workshop

Art Jam



Weekly Art Jam
Durack Community Arts Centre

Calling all of Palmerston's creatives! City of Palmerston is offering a shared space at the Durack Arts Centre for all creatives aged 15+

Come along to our weekly meetup, where you can:

- meet other creatives
- bring your stuff and get creative in a purpose-built space
- collaborate on projects or work independently on your art
- get inspired or speak to local artists for support

When: Monday's any time between 5pm-7pm

Location: [Durack Community Arts Centre](#) - 33 Packard Ave, Durack

The facility has the capacity to explore the following art forms, plus more:

Painting	Drawing
Basic Print Making	Sculpture
Photography	Graphic Design
Video Game Development	Digital Designs
Performing Arts	Fashion

There is a FREE creative workshop on the first Monday of every month with two of Palmerston's coolest artists [Sarah Taylor](#) and [Polly Johnston](#).

If you have been looking for your art crew then this is the space for you! Join us and be a part of the Palmerston arts scene.

Sign up to the Creative Palmerston E-Update [HERE](#) and stay up to date with City of Palmerston's creative opportunities and events.

Public transport - Catch [Route 87](#) from the Palmerston Bus Depot and get off at Stop 972

For more information call 8935 9967



Creative Business 101

Date: 4 October 2022, 1:00pm - 5:00pm
5 October 2022, 1:00pm - 5:00pm
Location: Durack Community Arts Centre
Admission: FREE

Join Britt Guy from Accomplice to learn all about Creative Business!

Creative Business 101 will cover:

- **Who are you as an artist:** Creating your artist bio, website, social media and the elevator pitch
- **Money Story** - From getting your ABN, to recording your invoices and knowing how to price your work
- **Grants and tenders 101** - Everything from applying, through to acquittals including contracts and insurance
- **Community connect** - Meet other artists and potential future clients and test out your newly honed skills



[Register here](#)

Creative Palmerston
Creative Business 101

COUNCIL REPORT

1st Ordinary Council Meeting

AGENDA ITEM:	13.2.2
REPORT TITLE:	Infrastructure Quarterly Report - July - September 2022
MEETING DATE:	Tuesday 4 October 2022
AUTHOR:	General Manager of Infrastructure, Nadine Nilon
APPROVER:	General Manager of Infrastructure, Nadine Nilon

COMMUNITY PLAN

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

PURPOSE

This Report summarises the key activities undertaken by Infrastructure in the July to September 2022 quarter.

KEY MESSAGES

- There has been an increase usage in WiFi recorded over the last quarter. A total of 622 extra users.
- Fiber Sense construction is nearing completion.
- Zuccoli Village subdivision has seen 57 new properties released to the market with a further 50 properties to be titled in the next quarter.
- New pathways have been constructed this quarter including a connecting link at Pastry Wilson Park, Marlow Lagoon Dog Park and McInnis Court to President Park in Driver.
- Stormwater inspections are being carried out prior to the wet season.
- Dark Spot Lighting Project: 16 new streetlights have been installed (13 at Broadarrow Circuit, Woodroffe, 3 at the intersection of Temple and Essington). 6 streetlights have been upgraded at the intersection Georgina Crescent and Callanan Road, Yarrowonga.
- In July 2022 the SWELL contract was awarded to Local NT company Jaytex Construction. Works commenced 22 August 2022.
- Zuccoli Dog Park construction is well underway. The dog park is scheduled for completion by the end of November 2022.
- An additional 3 hybrid vehicles have joined the City of Palmerston fleet as part of the replacement program. These new hybrid vehicles will help lower our carbon footprint and reduce emissions.
- City of Palmerston received a second weed harvester this quarter to assist in the removal of salvinia and weeds in the municipality's lakes.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Report entitled Infrastructure Quarterly Report - July - September 2022 be received and noted.

BACKGROUND

Infrastructure provides a quarterly report to Council on key activities undertaken during the quarter and further works underway for the next quarter.

DISCUSSION

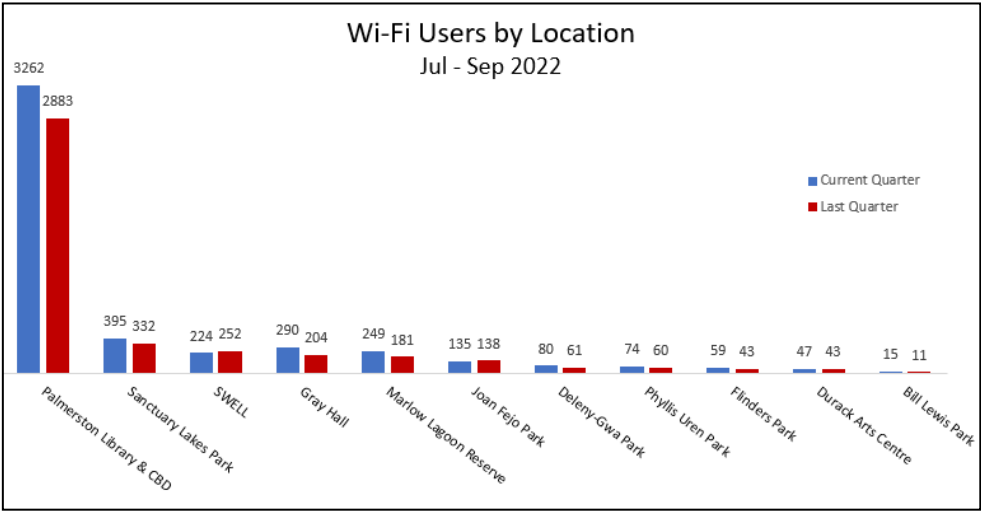
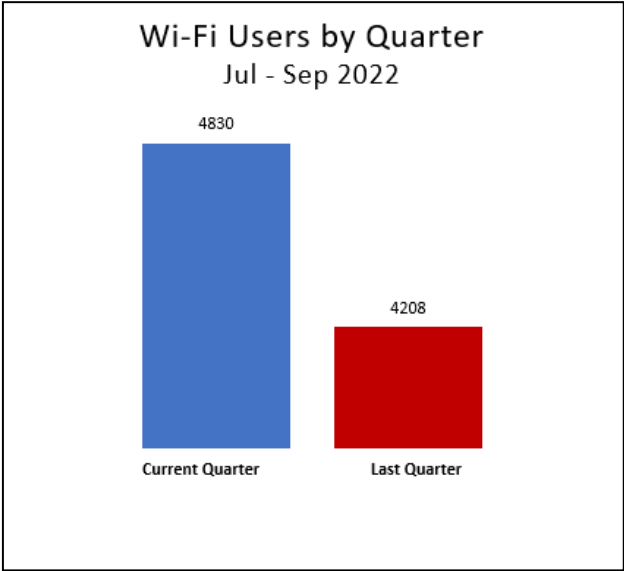
The activities and works undertaken for the quarter are aligned to the City of Palmerston’s Community Plan six core outcomes and objectives, as below.

1. Family and Community

Objective 1.1 ‘We focus on families’

Public Wi-Fi

There was an increase in Wi-Fi usage recorded over the last quarter with most facilities and open space areas. This coincides with a potential increase in the number of tourists visiting Palmerston as well as an increase in the number of outdoor public events.



Objective 1.2: 'the wellbeing of our community is a focus for all our work'.

Laneway Management

Nine (9) laneway management requests were received and actioned this quarter. This includes the removal of sediments, replacement of bollards, and reinforcement of laneway gates for security purposes.

Palmerston Play Space Strategy

City of Palmerston undertook an audit of all local, major, and regional playgrounds against the features and amenities identified within Council's Play Space Strategy. The audit results will be used to prioritise playground improvements including maintenance and capital spend to progressively achieve conformance with the Play Space Strategy.

Some focal areas emerging from the audit generally include:

- Provision of disability parking in major playgrounds
- Provision of disabled access paths connecting play spaces
- Progressive replacement of sand with soft fall in play spaces to facilitate inclusion and disability access
- Bike parking facilities generally across all major playgrounds

Priorities for shade; picnic and/or BBQ areas with shade / shelter; and shaded seating for example have also emerged and are informing future programs.

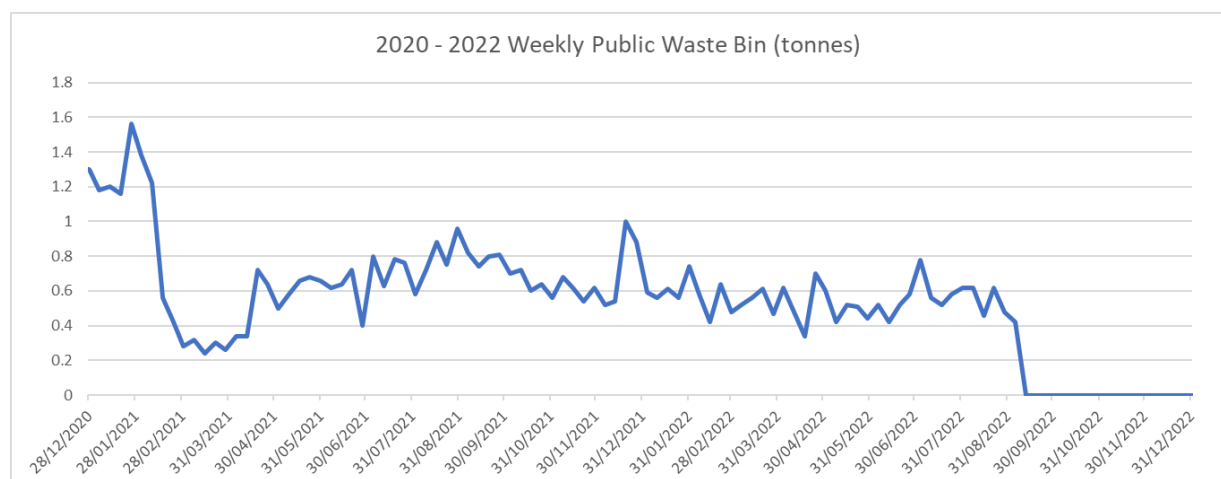
Ninja Warrior Obstacle Course

The tender for the Hobart Park Ninja Obstacle Course is targeted for release by the end of the quarter. The tender was scheduled to be released in August 2022 however additional time was required to restructure the tender to encourage greater innovation on behalf of the bidders in the design and construction of the obstacle course.

Graffiti, Vandalism and Litter Management

Approximately 7.4 tonnes of waste were collected from Council public waste bins this quarter.

Weekly public waste bin collection (tonnes) for the 2020 to 2022 period is presented below and remains consistent.



Planning Responses

Thirteen planning applications were referred to City of Palmerston for comment for the reporting period.

As part of the reform of the land use planning system, the NT Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics released Phase 2 Stage 1 which is a consolidation of two separate projects comprising the NT Planning Scheme 2020 economic recovery actions and the NT Planning Commission's Designing Better Project. City of Palmerston is reviewing the proposal and will prepare a submission.

4. A Future Focus

Objective 4.1: 'We support and foster innovation'

Fiber Sense

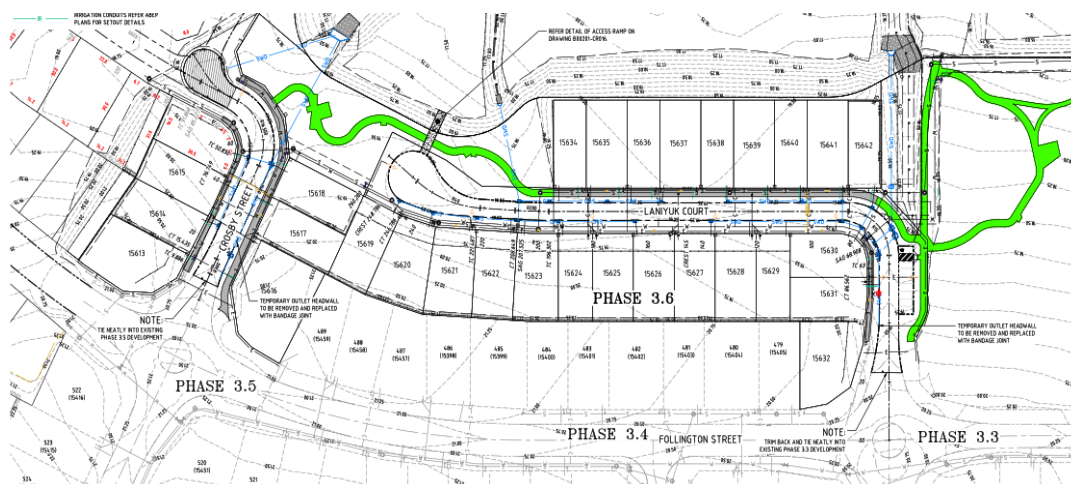
Fiber Sense construction (road cutting, laying fibre optic cables and installing pit) have been completed with the exception of a carpark section within the CBD and the finalisation of the NTG road network. Calibration tests are underway, along with workshops regarding the initial data presentation. This is on track for November 2022.



Zuccoli - Private Development - Subdivisions:

Development of Zuccoli is continuing at a rapid pace with over 100 residential properties released to the market following the subdivision works reaching completion.

57 new properties have been released to the market in the newest stage of the Zuccoli Village development (Phase 3.6).



Zuccoli Village Subdivision (Phase 3.6).

50 new properties have been released to the market in the newest stage of the Zuccoli Aspire development (Stage 3C).



Zuccoli Aspire Subdivision (Stage 3C).

Pathways

Objective 4.2: 'Infrastructure is fit for purpose'

The program for pathways construction and renewal continues to improve the network providing everyone with safe and easy access throughout Palmerston.

This quarter has seen the completion of the following pathway projects:

- A new connecting link at Pastry Wilson Park, Farrar
- A new pathway connecting the McInnis Court laneway to President Park, Driver.
- A new pathway in the Marlow Lagoon Dog Park connecting the 'Time Out' dog area
- The upgrade of the Tiverton carpark, Moulden.
- Renewal of a pathway in Stone Park, Moulden
- Renewal of a pathway in Joan Fejo Park, Rosebery
- Renewal of a pathway at Alexandra Court and Kentia Grove, Durack



Kentia Grove Pathway

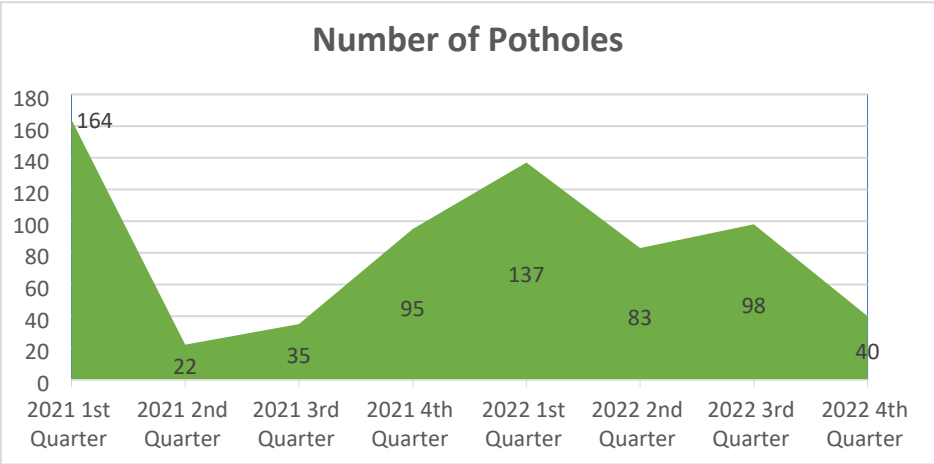


Alexandra Court Pathway

Roads

Pothole Remediation

A total of 19 potholes were identified and repaired in this quarter, a decrease from the 40 potholes repaired last quarter. The line graph below details the seasonal changes in pothole frequency, where the number of potholes is the maximum occurring during the wet season period (October – March).



This quarter has seen the completion of both Federal Black Spot projects commenced in the previous quarter.

- Intersection of Georgina Crescent and Callanan Road and;
- Intersection of Temple Terrace & Essington Avenue



Georgina Crescent and Callanan Road



Temple Terrace & Essington Avenue

Reseal Program

The bitumen reseal and asphalt overlay program was completed this quarter. 36 sections of road, totalling 64,000 square metres were resealed, this included major works at Temple Terrace, Essington and Driver Avenues.

Maintenance of Road Infrastructure

This quarter 34 road signs were identified as requiring repair works. The major causes being damage from motor vehicle impacts and vandalism. Repair works to 18 signs has been completed and 16 have been started and are still in progress. Road signage is crucial for maintaining a safe road environment. Other works undertaken include removal of graffiti from signs, removal, and disposal of debris, and rubbish management.

Pathways

This quarter 65 pathways were identified as requiring repair works. 27 pathways have been repaired with 38 repairs scheduled and/or in progress. Works undertaken include the replacement of cracked panels, investigation and filling up of sinkholes underneath the footpath, and the replacement of missing pit lids, bollards, and fences.

Bridges

Minor repair works were completed on Lake 4, and Lake 5 bridges. This includes the replacement of the decks, handrails, and columns

Driveways

Council undertook the following driveway activities this quarter:

- Council received and approved 56 driveways plans for Zuccoli.
- Council received 27 driveway construction requests for Zuccoli, of which 23 were completed by Council and 4 by the landowner.

Council identified six (6) driveways as requiring replacement this quarter due to reaching the end of their functional life. This included two (2) in Woodroffe, two (2) in Marlow Lagoon, one (1) in Bakewell and one (1) in Gray.

Stormwater

Stormwater network maintenance this quarter consisted of the replacement of damaged stormwater pits lids and the removal of debris from the drains. To manage increased wet season flows and reduce localized flooding, network inspections are being carried out for open drains, drainage easements, and pipe networks to ensure capacity. The inspections identified 27 sections of the stormwater network that required repairs. Repair works to 10 of these sections has been completed and repairs to the remaining 17 sections are in progress.

Lights

This quarter has seen the completion of the following Dark Spot lighting projects:

- 13 new streetlights at Broadarrow Circuit, Woodroffe.
- 3 new streetlights at the intersection of Temple and Essington.
- 6 new light fitting upgrades at the intersection of Georgina Crescent and Callanan. One new pole and streetlight is yet to be energised.



Location of new streetlights in red.

The next quarter will see the installation of 9 new streetlights throughout Turnstone Park, and 13 new streetlights at Mannikan Court, Bakewell.

Light Fault Rectifications

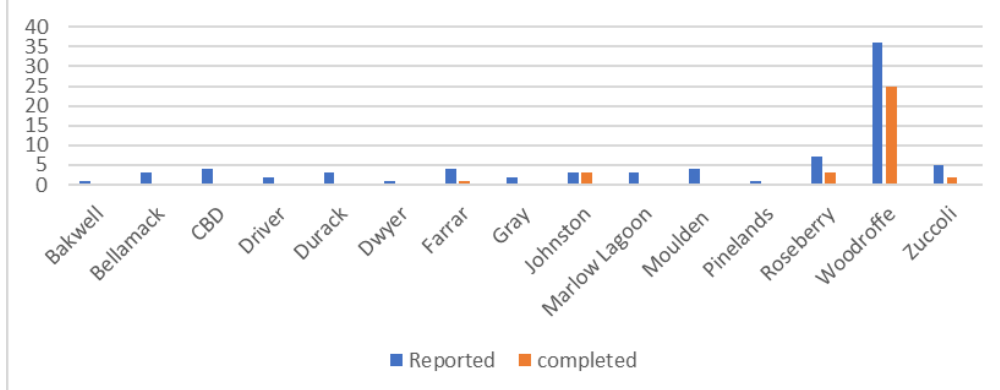
For the period June 29 to September 12, 2022:

- 79 faulty lights were reported (1.5% of 5297 total lights in inventory)
- 34 have been fully repaired
- All faults have been investigated by the contractor
- Outstanding repairs are waiting for detailed traffic management or replacement luminaires, delivery of which have been delayed.
- All works are scheduled
- Council is actively monitoring light faults, rectification timing and engaging with the contractor to ensure that the recently initiated efficiency improvements are expected to clear the majority of the backlog in the next quarter
- Currently over 96% of all street lights are working
- CoP has installed new base station to improve the Telensa Street Lighting Management System.

LIGHTS WORKING vs CURRENT FAULTS



Light Faults - Reported and Rectified



Council Buildings and Facilities

SWELL

SWELL is the most significant and largest project for Council to date, delivering a new leisure hub for our community. City of Palmerston (CoP) is revitalising the 30-year-old Palmerston Swimming and Fitness Centre into a family friendly, inclusive swimming and recreation destination for those living in Palmerston and surrounds.

The upgrades will include a purpose built learn to swim and wellness program pool and family-friendly activity features for all ages and abilities, as well as an adventure play zone unlike any others in the Top End.

In July 2022 the contract was awarded to Local NT company Jaytex Construction, with Minister Lawler, Federal Member Solomon, Mr. Luke Gosling, Mayor Athina Pascoe – Bell, and Neil Daffen (Jaytex) in attendance at the project launch event (pictured below).



Construction works commenced 22 August 2022. The Gym and Youth Centre will remain operational during construction. The project is scheduled to be completed November 2023.

Separate reports will be presented to Council in relation to this significant project.

Zuccoli Dog Park

The new dog park is located at the corner of Feathertop Cct and Tuckeroo Blvd, Zuccoli and is the first stage of the development of the Zuccoli Community Hub.

The new dog park facility, when complete, will provide the following:

- Fully fence perimeter with access gates
- Carpark facility
- Two dog activity areas
- Shade structures and concrete pathways
- Water play and dog activity equipment
- Public toilet

Construction is well underway with several elements having been completed and others being constructed concurrently. Since the commencement of construction in June 2022, site works have been completed, along with the majority of services and structural elements.

The project timeframes anticipate the completion of the dog play areas by the end of November 2022. Due to supply timeframes, the Exeloo installation anticipated completion date is March 2023.

Separate reports will be presented to Council in relation to this significant project.

New Dog Pound

Construction works commenced June 2022 for the new Dog Pound at the Council Depot. The first stages of the new facility will provide a new parking area for users and staff, and 8 new kennels with improved security and animal play areas. The works completed this quarter include concrete slabs, block work, rendering, structural works, roofing and underground services(plumbing/electrical). The outstanding works includes landscaping, fencing/screens, concrete drain, and internal fit out(electrical/plumbing).

Opening of the new facility is scheduled for late October 2022. The existing pound area will also remain open until future stages are completed.



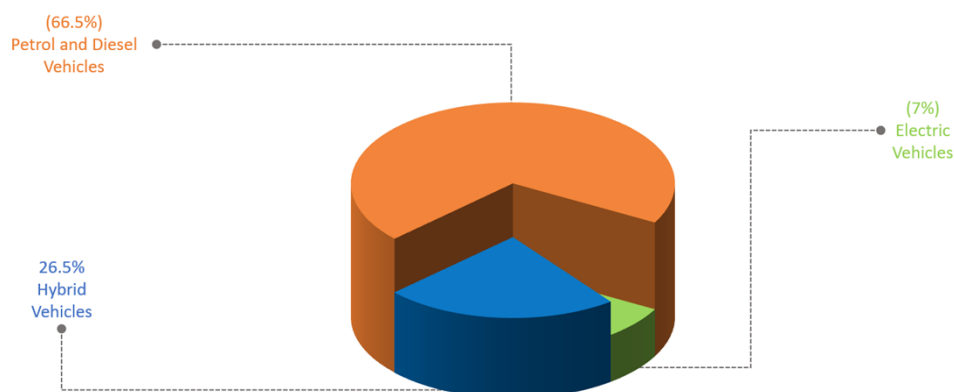
1. Environment Sustainability

Objective 5.1: 'Reduce our footprint on the environment'

Fleet

The addition of 3 new Toyota Corolla Hybrids as part of the fleet replacement program has seen City of Palmerston increase its pool of hybrid and electric vehicles to 1/3 of all vehicles. With an average 1L of fuel oil equal to 2.66 kg of CO₂ the reduced emissions for hybrid and electric cars contribute to lowering Council's carbon footprint. To put it in terms of trees required, every hybrid vehicle equates to an average of 23 less trees required to offset each vehicle per year.

Councils' current vehicle pool consists of the following vehicle types:



This is a 20% increase in hybrid and electric vehicles within Councils fleet compared to this quarter in 2021. Where hybrid vehicles are not viable for purchase as replacement, fuel economy and emissions are considerations through the procurement process.

Weed Management

Salvinia Weed Management

During this quarter City of Palmerston took delivery of the new Truxor weed harvester. The Truxor T50 Series features a larger engine, equipped with a 50 hp diesel engine and an increase lifting capacity of up to 400 kg. This improves efficiency of the weed harvesting operations.



The new weed harvester at work in Lake 9.



The new weed harvester travels and harvests weed faster compared to the old harvester.

The old weed harvester cleaned Lakes 1A and 1B with a combined 292 cubic metres being removed from both these lakes. This took a period of 3 weeks. Since then, the Basin Lake at Durack Heights has been completed with a total of 300 cubic metres being removed. This lake took nearly two months to complete although the old weed harvester was also directed to Sanctuary Lake C during this time to maintain amenity and catch and release fishing given the high utilisation of this lake for this recreational activity. A total of 114 cubic metres has been removed from Sanctuary Lake C to date.

The new harvester continues to clean one of Palmerston's largest lakes, Lake 9. Harvesting commenced on the 2nd of August and remains ongoing. To date, 503 cubic metres have been removed from this lake.

Since the previous quarterly report, over 1200 cubic metres of salvinia and associated vegetation has been removed from the City of Palmerston's lakes.

Summary of Q2 2022 Mechanical Weed Harvesting

LAKE	VEGETATION HARVESTED (Cubic metres)
Lake 1A	156
Lake 1B	136
Durack Heights Basin Lake	300
Lake 9	503 - ongoing
Sanctuary lake C (lower lake)	114 ongoing

Further information on harvesting operations is updated regularly on Council's website.

Foliar spraying of the residual salvinia left around the lake edges following the completion of lake harvesting is having an impact of the aggressive regrowth that the salvinia displays once a lake has been harvested. Once each lake has been cleaned, staff have been spot spraying lake edges where safely accessible to treat and limit the regrowth of the salvinia.

New Lakes signage has been installed at the Palmerston Lakes in Durack and Gunn. Each lake received its own sign, including identifying lake numbers. The signs detail what the functions of the lakes are, along with the catch and release fishing, information on weed management and salvinia provide advice to exercise caution as crocodiles maybe be present. The signage also denotes to not swim in the lakes or consume anything from the lakes.

A QR code as also included to provide a link directly to the City of Palmerston's lakes webpage and also contains details to contact council. Signage was also installed at Turtle bridge at lake 5 requesting the community to not feed the turtle or fish off the bridge.



New signage at Sanctuary lakes – Gunn.

Home Composting Rebate Program

The Home Composting Rebate continues to be promoted monthly at the Palmerston Markets with residents able to enter a raffle to win a Compost Tumbler. To date 4 Composters have been given away. Additionally, “Council Initiatives” signage is displayed across multiple Council facilities to increase awareness of the Program.

Approved Home Compositing Rebate Applications (at the time of reporting)

QTR 3 2022 (JAN – MAR 22)	QTR 4 (APR – JUN 22)	QTR 1 (JUL – SEP 22)
24	9	10

Solar Power Generation – Recreation Centre, Palmerston Library & Civic Centre

Council maintains solar power generation facilities at the Civic Centre (94.4 KW installed solar system capacity installed 25/11/2021), Palmerston Library (99.6 KW installed solar system capacity installed 24/09/2018) and Palmerston Recreation Centre (81 KW installed solar system capacity installed 26/03/2019). The recently opened Gray Hall has also been equipped with a 7 KW solar system.

Quarterly and lifetime solar power generation, greenhouse gas savings and trees planted equivalent data are presented in the tables below. It is noted that system issues have been experienced which have impaired Civic and Recreation Centre Solar Performance during the reporting period and are currently being rectified. Live and recent information on the power generation is available on Council’s website, at; <https://palmerston.nt.gov.au/operations/environment/councils-renewable-energy#library>

Quarterly Solar Power Generation (including GHG Savings and Trees Planted Equivalent)

Site	Electricity Generation (MWh)	Greenhouse Gas Savings (CO2-e)	Trees Planted Equivalent
Civic	25.0	14.0	560
Palmerston Library	9.6	16.4	658
Palmerston Recreation Centre	3.9	2.2	87
Gray Hall	0.1	0.06	2.3

Note: Solar power generation data above is for the period 1/01/2022 to 29/03/2022.

Lifetime Solar Power Generation (including GHG Savings and Trees Planted Equivalent)

Site	Electricity Generation (MWh)	Greenhouse Gas Savings (CO2-e)	Trees Planted Equivalent
Civic	55.4	18.8	1240
Palmerston Library	470.7	294.5	6053
Palmerston Recreation Centre	268	161.4	3177
Gray Hall	0.27	0.15	6.3

Objective 5.2: Palmerston is a cool, shaded, green City

Tree Planting Program

On the 31st July City of Palmerston celebrated National Tree Day with a Community Tree Giveaway and Planting Event at Marlow Lagoon. 2000 native plants were provided to Palmerston residents for free. The 1st Palmerston Scout Troop provided a sausage sizzle and drinks as well as planted 12 "bush tucker" plants within the Indigenous Plant Use Garden at Marlow Lagoon. Residents who attended also had an opportunity to plant trees along the footpath with 15 trees planted on the day.



National Tree Day Community Event – Marlow Lagoon – 31st July 2022



Palmerston residents planting a tree at Marlow Lagoon – National Tree – 31st July 2022

Verge Assistance Program and Residential Tree Planting Program

Verge Assistance Program

The Verge Assistance Program takes place during the dry season months. Council received 29 applications this quarter that have been approved for topsoil and seed delivery. Residents will have an opportunity to access the program again in the fourth quarter of 2022/23. “Council Initiatives” signage is displayed across multiple Council facilities to increase awareness of the Program.

Approved Verge Improvement Program Applications

TOTAL FY 21/22	QTR 1 (JULY – SEPT 22)	QTR 2 (OCT – DEC 22)	QTR 3 (JAN – MAR 23)	QTR 4 (APR – JUN 23)
86	35	-	-	-

Residential Tree Planting Program

The Residential Tree Planting Program is a year-round initiative. This quarter, 10 applications were received resulting in the planting of 33 residential street trees. “Council Initiatives” signage is displayed across multiple Council facilities to increase awareness of the Program.

Approved Resident Tree Planting Applications

TOTAL FY 21/22	QTR 1 (JULY – SEPT 22)	QTR 2 (OCT – DEC 22)	QTR 3 (JAN – MAR 23)	QTR 4 (APR – JUN 23)
162	33	-	-	-

Objective 5.3: 'Encourage personal action and taking a leadership role'.

Archer Waste Management Facility

A comparative summary of AWTF waste volumes for the 1 July to 31 August 2021 and 2022 periods is presented in the table below (noting that the September 2022 data is not available at the time of reporting).

Waste Type	July – August 2021	July – August 2022
General Waste	560	622
Recyclable Material Collected (t)	124	177.8
Recyclable Waste Diversion Rate	0.22	0.28
Green Waste Converted (t)	240	0

Recyclable waste collected and sent to repurposing facilities included:

- 25.3 tonnes of paper.
- 103.2 tonnes of steel.
- 35.8 tonnes of aluminium.
- 13.5 tonnes of batteries.

The diversion rate has increased from 22% to 28 % compared to the same quarter last year.

Domestic Kerbside

For the July to August 2022 period, the following quantities of materials were collected via kerbside waste services (noting that the September 2022 monthly report was not available at time of reporting).

- 187 tonnes co-mingled recycling collected
- 1488 tonnes of general waste disposed of to landfill.

Of the 187 tonnes of recycling material recovered, approximately 111 tonnes were recovered via Material Recycling Facility and sent to re-purposing facilities. The balance of the other material was contaminated or not suitable for recycling and was disposed of as general waste.

6 Governance

Objective 6.1: 'Ensure we have a leading governance model'

The table below summarises the customer requests received for the quarter (Q1, 2022)

Nature of Request	QTR 2, 2021	QTR 3, 2022	QTR 4, 2022	QTR 1, 2022
Irrigation	23	8	17	65
Lighting	-	-	2	7
Litter	5	9	8	18
Public Places	98	119	85	18
Roads	40	53	32	37
Signs	15	7	7	8
Stormwater	13	9	8	6
Trees	137	113	62	71

Waste	289	262	303	237
General	6	1	0	0
Total Received	626	581	524	467
Total Completed	544	514	406	345

CONSULTATION PROCESS

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

- Infrastructure Directorate

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:

- 6 Fails to deliver the strategic vision for the City
Context: Ensuring vision is delivered effectively & efficiently, progress is measurable & celebrated.

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

Nil

14 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 Information

14.2 Correspondence

14.2.1 Correspondence from Minister for Northern Australia, The Hon Madeleine King MP

THAT correspondence dated 12 September 2022 regarding appointment as Minister for Northern Australia be received and noted.



THE HON MADELEINE KING MP

**MINISTER FOR RESOURCES
MINISTER FOR NORTHERN AUSTRALIA**

MC22-004582

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

Dear Mayor

Thank you for your congratulatory letter of 22 June 2022, regarding my appointment as Minister for Resources and Minister for Northern Australia. I apologise for the delay in responding. Appointment to this role is a great honour, and I am excited about the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

It is a privilege to lead the implementation of our Northern Australia agenda. This is a priority for the Australian Government, noting the region's enormous economic potential, and contribution to national trade, investment and regional development objectives. Our Government has also pledged to work in genuine partnership with our First Nations people and is committed to implementing the Uluru Statement from the Heart in full. I will be a strong advocate for the north inside Cabinet and at the highest level of government, because the economic and social upside of getting this right is simply enormous.

Thank you for the information regarding the Palmerston City Council's "*A Place for People*" initiative. It's so important we all continue to engage and collaborate as we work together to progress our mutual agendas. I have been pleased to speak and meet directly with stakeholders during my recent Ministerial visits across Australia in my new role. I note your invitation to attend a meeting to discuss the future opportunities for the Palmerston region and I look forward to returning to the Darwin region, and other significant regions across the north in the near future.

My portfolios play a critical role in driving our economy, creating new industries, supporting jobs and improving the quality of life for all Australians. I look forward to working collaboratively with the industry and the wider community to deliver benefits to all Australians across the country in the national interest, with the Resources and Northern Australia portfolios.

Thank you again for writing to me to express your well wishes.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Madeleine K'.

Madeleine King MP

12/9/2022

Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600

Telephone (02) 6277 7930

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15 REPORT OF DELEGATES

16 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

17 GENERAL BUSINESS

18 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 18 October 2022 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(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



MINUTES

2nd Ordinary Council Meeting Tuesday 20 September 2022

The Ordinary Meeting of the City of Palmerston held in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston, NT 0830

'A Place for People'



A Place for People

COUNCIL AGENDA Attachment 24.1.1 COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of Council Meeting
held in Council Chambers
Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston
on Tuesday 20 September 2022 at 5:30pm.

PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS

Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell (Chair)
Deputy Mayor Amber Garden
Councillor Danielle Eveleigh
Councillor Mark Fraser
Councillor Sarah Henderson
Councillor Ben Giesecke (*via Audiovisual*)
Councillor Damian Hale
Councillor Lucy Morrison

STAFF

Chief Executive Officer, Luccio Cercarelli
General Manager Community and Culture, Anna Ingram
General Manager Infrastructure, Nadine Nilon
Director of Finance and Governance, Wati Kerta
Minute Secretary, Chloe Hayes

GALLERY

One members of the public
Three members of staff
Sean Holden, Rob Sarib, Iain Loganathan and Rosanna from
the Local Government Representation Committee.

Initials: _____



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COUNCIL AGENDA Attachment 24.1.1 COUNCIL MINUTES

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

2 OPENING OF MEETING

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5.33pm.

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 Apologies

Nil

3.2 Leave of Absence Previously Granted

Nil

3.3 Leave of Absence Request

Nil

4 REQUEST FOR AUDIO/AUDIOVISUAL CONFERENCING

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh

Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT Council note the request for Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing received from Councillor Giesecke who will be physically prevented from attending a meeting due to being a distance further than 100km from the place of meeting.
2. THAT Council note the request for Audio/Audiovisual Conferencing received from Councillor Morrison who will be physically prevented from attending a meeting due to ill health.

CARRIED 10/523 – 20/09/2022

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

5.1 Elected Members

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell

Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

1. THAT the Declaration of Interest received from Mayor Pascoe-Bell for Item 13.2.2 be received and noted.
2. THAT the Declaration of Interest received from Councillor Giesecke for Item 22.1 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/524 – 20/09/2022

Initials: _____



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COUNCIL AGENDA Attachment 24.1.1 COUNCIL MINUTES

5.2 Staff

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved: Deputy Mayor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 6 September 2022 pages 10828 to 10836 be confirmed.

CARRIED 10/525 – 20/09/2022

6.2 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

Nil

7 MAYORAL REPORT

Nil

8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

8.1 2022 Local Government Representation Committee

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT the presentation by Iain Loganathan, Commissioner from the Northern Territory Electoral Commission and Sean Holden, Chief Executive Officer from the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory on behalf of the 2022 Local Government Representation Committee be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/526 – 20/09/2022

9 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS)

Nil

10 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

10.1 Moving Confidential Items into Open

10.1.2 Community Benefit Scheme Scholarship Application Additional Information

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Hale

Initials: _____

MINUTES ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 20 SEPTEMBER 2022

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1. THAT Council retrieves Report entitled Community Benefit Scheme Scholarship Application from the table and that this be the next item of consideration in the agenda.
2. THAT the retrieved Report entitled Community Benefit Scheme Scholarship Application be received and noted from the 2nd Ordinary Confidential Council Meeting of 19 July 2022.
3. THAT Report entitled Community Benefit Scheme Scholarship Application Additional Information be received and noted.
4. THAT Council declines the 2022/23 scholarship application to the value of \$10,000, for Harrison Port's studies in Bachelor of Education/Bachelor of Fine Arts (Drama) - ID24 at Queensland University of Technology.
5. THAT the Council decision relating to Report entitled Community Benefit Scheme Scholarship Application Additional Information be moved into the Open Minutes once the applicant has been advised.

CARRIED 10/538 – 20/09/2022

Councillor Giesecke declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 7.17pm.

10.1.2 Council Advisory Committee Membership

Moved: Deputy Mayor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT Report entitled Council Advisory Committee Membership be received and noted.
2. THAT Council make the following member appointments to the Palmerston Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee for a period of two year from date of appointment:
 - Veronica Matipira be appointed as the Youth Community Member representative.
 - Michelle Walker, Regional Executive Director, appointed as the Chief Minister and Cabinet representative.
 - Gabrielle Brown, Executive Director, Families Programs be appointed as a key government representative.
 - Senior Sergeant Siri Tennosaar, Northern Territory Police Office in Charge Palmerston Police Station be appointed as a key government representative.
3. THAT Council make the following member appointments to the Palmerston Safety Advisory Committee for a period of two years from date of appointment:
 - Ashleigh Ascoli be appointed as the Community Member representative.
 - Nelson Tinoco, Larrakia Nation Outreach Manager, be appointed as the Chief Minister and Cabinet representative.
 - Tania Jacobsen, Director of Housing be appointed as Northern Territory Families representative.
 - Superintendent Peter Malley, Northern Territory Police Palmerston, and Road Policing, be appointed as Northern Territory Police representative.
 - Sue Shearer, PRBA, be appointed as a relevant business association representative.

Initials: _____

4. THAT Council make the following members appointments to the Palmerston Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee for a period of two years from date of appointment:
 - Sue Shearer, PRBA, be appointed as a Business or Property Association representative.
 - Mohan Kandas and Carmine Rauseo be appointed as local business owner representatives.
 - Sarah Gotch, Territory Director, be appointed as the Northern Territory Government Chief Minister and Cabinet representative.
5. THAT the first Advisory Committees meeting be held by end of November 2022, followed by Council Network Meetings.
6. THAT following written acceptance to endorsed nominees, Council writes to all other nominees thanking them for their nomination and advising that the nomination was unsuccessful.
7. THAT this decision be made public following advice to all nominees of the outcomes.

CARRIED 10/520 – 6/09/2022

Councillor Giesecke returned to the meeting at 7.29pm.

10.2 Moving Open Items into Confidential

Nil

10.3 Confidential Items

Moved: Deputy Mayor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

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	Confidential Category	Confidential Clause
25.1.1	External Request for Support	This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> and section 51(1)(b) of the <i>Local Government (General) Regulations 2021</i> , 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 personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.

CARRIED 10/527 – 20/09/2022

Initials: _____



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COUNCIL AGENDA Attachment 24.1.1 COUNCIL MINUTES

11 PETITIONS

Nil

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

13 OFFICER REPORTS

13.1 Action Reports

13.1.1 Disability Inclusion and Access Plan 2022 - 2025

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Disability Inclusion and Access Plan 2022 - 2025 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council revokes the City of Palmerston Disability Access Strategy 2016 effective immediately.
3. THAT Council adopts the City of Palmerston Disability Inclusion and Access Plan 2022 - 2025, **Attachment 13.1.1.1** to report entitled Disability Inclusion and Access Plan 2022 - 2025.
4. THAT the City of Palmerston Disability Inclusion and Access Plan 2022 - 2025, be provided to the NT Office of Disability for inclusion in reporting against Territory-wide disability inclusion and access outcomes.
5. THAT Council write to all participants who provided feedback, thanking them for their participation, and advising of the adoption of the Disability Inclusion and Access Plan 2022 - 2025 for their consideration.

CARRIED 10/528 - 20/09/2022

13.1.2 Social Media Policy

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT Report entitled Social Media Policy be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopts the new Council Policy - Social Media Policy presented as **Attachment 13.1.2** to report entitled Council Policy - Social Media Policy with the following amendments:

Initials: _____

- Removal of the sentence 'Council's Social Media platform includes; Facebook and instagram owned by Meta, and LinkedIn' from the Definitions section in the Policy and;
- Removal of Clause 4.2.4 noting administrative re-numbering
- That clause 4.1.3 be amended to read 'that the comments be excluded and pending outside of those hours'

CARRIED 10/529 – 20/09/2022

13.1.3 Community Benefit Scheme Scholarship Review

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT Report entitled Community Benefit Scheme Scholarship Review be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the amended City of Palmerston FIN18, Grants, Donations and Sponsorship Policy to take effect from Wednesday 21 September 2022, being **Attachment 13.1.3.3** to report entitled Community Benefit Scheme Scholarship Review.
3. THAT alternatives to support educational outcomes for the Palmerston community be considered as part of City of Palmerston's FIN 18, Grants, Donations and Sponsorship Policy to be undertaken by 11 November 2023.

CARRIED 10/530 – 20/09/2022

13.2 Receive and Note Reports

13.2.1 Financial Report for the Month of August 2022

Moved: Councillor Eveleigh
Seconded: Councillor Hale

THAT Report entitled Financial Report for the Month of August 2022 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/531 – 20/09/2022

Mayor Pascoe-Bell declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 6.49pm.

Deputy Mayor Garden took place of the chair.

13.2.2 Community Benefit Scheme - Update August 2022

Moved: Councillor Hale
Seconded: Councillor Eveleigh

THAT Report entitled Community Benefit Scheme - Update August 2022 be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/532 – 20/09/2022

Initials: _____

Mayor Pascoe-Bell returned to the meeting and resumed place of the chair at 6.50pm.

13.2.3 myPalmerston Final Report

Moved: Deputy Mayor Garden
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

THAT Report entitled myPalmerston Final Report be received and noted.

CARRIED 10/533 – 20/09/2022

14 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 Information

Nil

14.2 Correspondence

Nil

15 REPORT OF DELEGATES

Nil

16 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Nil

17 GENERAL BUSINESS

17.1 Acknowledgment of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

THAT City of Palmerston record its deep regret at the death on 8 September 2022 of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and extend our deepest sympathy to His Majesty King Charles III and his family.

CARRIED 10/534 – 20/09/2022

18 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Garden

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 4 October 2022 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston.

CARRIED 10/535 – 20/09/2022

Initials:



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COUNCIL AGENDA Attachment 24.1.1 COUNCIL MINUTES

19 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Garden

THAT 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* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda.

CARRIED 10/536 – 20/09/2022

20 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Nil

The chair declared the meeting closed at 7.28pm.

Chair

Print Name

Date

Initials: _____

MINUTES ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 20 SEPTEMBER 2022

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