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## NT Seniors Concessions

### NT Seniors Recognition Scheme

If you are a Northern Territory (NT) resident aged 65 or over, you may be eligible for the NT Seniors Recognition Scheme.

As a member, you get a \$500 prepaid card each financial year to spend on:

- travel and accommodation
- fuel
- phone and internet bills
- utility bills - electricity, water, sewerage and gas.

NT Seniors Concessions website link [here](#).

### NT Concession Scheme

Members of the NT Seniors Recognition Scheme who receive certain Centrelink or Veterans' Affairs benefits may also be eligible for the NT Concession Scheme, which provides concessions to help with living expenses:

- council rates and garbage services
- electricity
- water and sewerage
- NT driver license and vehicle registration
- spectacles.

Caps and limits may apply.



## Gray Hall to be Reborn!

Everyone is very excited by the plans to [redevelop Gray Community Hall](#) into an amazing, modern, and user-friendly community space!

[Harvest Corner Community Garden](#), which lays alongside the hall, is also going to be revamped.

Watch for media releases and future issues of Grey Goss for progress reports. The whiz-bang artist's impression video of the new building is [here](#). Thank you to everyone who provided feedback throughout the consultation period.



**Join the Club!**

*"It's so much FUN!"*

Palmerston Recreation Centre is the home base of several seniors' groups and clubs. We asked the members what they enjoy most; and there's no surprise that #1 in each club is being social and enjoying the company!

Palmerston Line Dancers: Rm 2 Wednesdays 2-4.30pm (two sessions)

*"Pat's a wonderful teacher." "Good exercise." "Improves my balance." "Good company, every-one's very friendly." "You don't have to be active." "Improves your brain, memory." "Support at all standards/levels of skill."*



*"Make new friends, meet old friends."*

Palmerston 50 Plus Club: Rm 2 Tuesdays 9am-12pm (several activities run)

*"Keeping my mind active." "Stimulating conversation." "Lovely morning tea." "Solving the world's problems." "Teaching and learning new skills." "Sharing ideas and experiences." "The range of people sharing the space." "The atmosphere." "Competition, challenges." "Mixing with people our own age!" "Being creative." "Keeps my hands nimble."*



## Free Parking in the City

Council confirmed it is extending [free parking](#) across the Palmerston City Centre. Please use the ticket station to print your ticket which will show the expiration time.

If you have one, make sure you put your Disability Pass on the dashboard beside the ticket, and press the appropriate button on the ticket machine to double your free time!

## Council Meetings and Public Forums

Ordinary Council Meetings:

- First and third Tuesday of every month, at 5.30pm.
- Open public forums are held prior to each ordinary Council meeting at 5.00pm in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza.

Meeting dates, Agendas and Minutes are listed at:

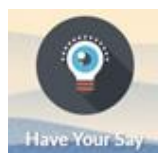
<https://www.palmerston.nt.gov.au/council/meetings/council-meetings/2021>

Council loves consultation!

Visit [Have Your Say](#) regularly for our current issues.

The hotlink

button is on Council's home page.



*"The community is encouraged to attend and raise issues, ask questions or simply inform Council of their views."*

## Salvinia Weevils – Durack Lakes' Newest Residents

The weevils (*Cyrtobagous salviniae*) provide an environmentally friendly weed-removal service.

They eat only salvinia, so there is no other impact on the lake's ecosystem. By reducing the salvinia across the lake network, the lake's ecosystem is improved, creating a better habitat for all the fish, bugs and birds.



City of Palmerston, working with the Djurrubu Rangers and Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security, has just released 4,000 salvinia weevils into Durack Lakes system. 1,800 weevils were released into Sanctuary Lakes back in November 2020 and have been chomping through the weed there.

## Community Events Coming Soon

### 17 April: A Little More Country – On Frances – Frances Drive - 5 to 10pm

Featuring two well-known and popular Country Bands:

- The Captain
- Mel Gray Duo

Food and beverage stalls (Ribs and Chicken wings).

### 1 May: Live at the Lake – Sanctuary lakes - 8pm to 7 pm

Featuring:

- Prayer Corby
- D Henry Fenton

### 8 May: Fab on Frances - Pride Festival Street Party - 5 to 10 pm

Featuring:

- DJ's
- Comedy set
- Drag Show
- Catwalk



### Flicnics commence 15 May

This year Flicnics will be held at Sanctuary Lakes, Goyder Square and Durack Heights!

May movies:

- Scoob (2020)
- The Lion King (2019)
- The Secret Garden (2020)

### 27, 28, 29, 30 May: Theatrical Nights – The Taming of the Shrew - Sanctuary Lakes

Gates open 5.30 pm for 6.30 pm start

- \$30.00 Adult
- \$15.00 under 16 years



The Taming of the Shrew is a comedy by William Shakespeare, believed to have been written between 1590 and 1592. The play begins with a framing device, often referred to as the induction, in which a mischievous nobleman tricks a drunken tinker named Christopher Sly into believing he is actually a nobleman himself.

In the play performed for Sly, the "shrew" is Katherina, the eldest daughter of Baptista Minola, a lord in Padua. However, Baptista has sworn that his younger daughter, Bianca, is not allowed to marry until Katherina is wed; this motivates Bianca's suitors to work together to find Katherina a husband so that they may compete for Bianca.