



PROJECT UPDATE
AUGUST 2022

SWELL

Swimming Wellness Events Leisure Lifestyle

CITY OF PALMERSTON SWELL PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

City of Palmerston is excited to announce construction for the new SWELL (Swimming, Wellness, Events, Leisure and Lifestyle) project will begin on 22 August 2022.

The SWELL project is Palmerston's largest infrastructure project to date and is set to transform the current aging Palmerston Swimming and Fitness Centre into an aquatic and leisure precinct.

Key features of the completed SWELL project will include:

- a **refurbished 50 metre pool with compliant entry ramp and starting platforms that will improve accessibility and cater for national standard competitions**
- an **Adventure Zone which will be a water based, high ropes obstacle course – a first of its kind for the Northern Territory**
- a dedicated **warm water program pool to improve aquatic safety skills and wellness needs**
- **toddlers zero depth and play pool to promote physical activity through fun, whilst providing an area for water familiarisation and exploration**
- a **half-court basketball area**
- **grassed areas for community events, parties and festivals**
- **new amenities to provide accessible, energy efficient and modern facilities**
- **plenty of shade.**

Once complete, SWELL will be open to all community members and City of Palmerston will continue to provide free access to the facility for all users until 1 July 2026, when this will be reviewed by Council.



City of Palmerston was excited to launch the project and announce that the tender for construction has been awarded to local company Jaytex Construction earlier in July.





WHAT TO EXPECT OVER THE COMING WEEKS...

From the end of August you may start to notice an increase in activity around the Palmerston Swimming and Fitness Centre, as contractors begin their initial site set up.

As work progresses, some of the current amenities will be stripped and some soft demolition will also occur.

Where possible, materials from the existing facility will be recycled as part of City of Palmerston's commitment to sustainability.

OUT WITH A BANG! THE COMMUNITY SAYS GOODBYE TO THE PALMERSTON SWIMMING POOL IN STYLE.

Last Saturday, the community came together to farewell the Palmerston Swimming and Fitness Centre with one final, action-packed pool party.

Guests enjoyed a range of activities including an inflatable obstacle course, roving performers, a 'real life' mermaid and a fireworks display!

It was terrific to hear community members reflect on the past 30 years of the pool and share their excitement about the upcoming SWELL project.





ABOUT CONSTRUCTION

Construction of SWELL will create a number of local construction and operation jobs.

Early stages of construction will begin on 22 August 2022 and take approximately 14 months to complete, with the new facility expected to open in November 2023.

The Palmerston swimming pool will be closed from August 2022 to enable works to begin on the new, state of the art SWELL aquatic facility. The fitness centre will remain open, with any disruptions to services communicated to users and local residents in advance.

City of Palmerston is working with Jaytex Construction to ensure the impacts of construction on surrounding residents, schools and businesses are managed. Measures will be in place to minimise the impacts caused by construction, including the timing of works, traffic management, waste management, and noise and safety measures.

Those impacted by disruptive works or night works will receive advance notice and City of Palmerston will work with stakeholders to ensure business operations can continue throughout construction.

FUNDING

The project is funded by the Australian Government, with \$5 million secured through the Building Better Regions Fund, as well as the Northern Territory Government contributing \$7.5 million and City of Palmerston contributing \$6.9 million.

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