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SWELL

Swimming Wellness Events Leisure Lifestyle

CITY OF PALMERSTON SWELL PROJECT UPDATE

An adventure play zone unlike any other in the Top End.

City of Palmerston is proud to deliver on its vision for an aquatic lifestyle precinct unlike any other in the Top End. SWELL is set to transform the old Palmerston Swimming and Fitness Centre into a state-of-the-art leisure hub right in the heart of Palmerston.

Construction of SWELL, the City of Palmerston's largest and most ambitious infrastructure project to date, is on track with significant progress made on many elements of the contemporary, family-friendly water and lifestyle precinct.

Since August, activity on site has been non-stop with the removal of the toddler pool, mushroom and shade structures. The main pool has also been drained and demolition, tree removal and site clearing works are complete.

Over the next few months most of the construction will be 'underground' with minimal change to the exterior, however you can expect to see some eye-catching new signage at the facility.

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.



Artist impression: SWELL event precinct with half-court basketball court

A POOL FOR THE FUTURE!

SWELL's 50m pool is being refurbished using leading-edge technology engineered to withstand the elements and last the test of time.

The refurbished pool will have a lower carbon footprint than traditional concrete pools, through the use of stainless-steel panels that are resistant to chemicals and corrosion and a rigid PVC membrane.

While this technology has been installed at both the Melbourne and South Australian aquatic centres, this is the first time it is being used in the Territory.



L-R: Anna Ingram, Nadine Nilon, Athina Pascoe-Bell, Amelia Vellar, Laura Egorov

MEET THE SWELL WOMEN WORKING ON PALMERSTON'S LARGEST INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

A female-led project team is at the helm of delivering City of Palmerston's largest infrastructure project to date, the new Swimming Wellness Events Leisure and Lifestyle (SWELL) precinct.

City of Palmerston Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell, with an 18 year history in Palmerston and two terms as Mayor, is dedicated to supporting the community through important projects like SWELL. Athina says that it's refreshing to see such gender diversity on the construction project.

"Construction and project management can be very male dominated, but this project demonstrates that gender equity can be achieved," she said.

"As Mayor, I have been heavily involved in getting the project off the ground by pursuing grant funding and working very closely with the Territory and Federal governments."

Thanks to the dedication and expertise of the project team, activity on site has been non-stop since August, with the removal of the toddler pool, mushroom and shade structures, and draining of the main pool to prepare it for a redevelopment that is unlike any other in the top end.

Among the many women leading this project on the ground is City of Palmerston's General Manager Infrastructure, Nadine Nilon.

Infrastructure is at the heart of every municipality and the new SWELL Precinct continues Palmerston's legacy of being a place where people want to live and raise their families, a place for people.

"SWELL is a fantastic project that delivers a state-of-the-art swimming, wellness, lifestyle and leisure precinct for our community," said Nadine.

"I am very excited to be involved in this significant project and to be able to work alongside women that have been integral in its development and leading its delivery."

Construction of City of Palmerston's SWELL has created a number of local construction and operation jobs. The dedication and support of the women in charge has contributed to the smooth and efficient construction of this first-class facility.

Also bringing the precinct to life is Jaytex Construction Project Manager Laura Egorov, who is responsible for the day-to-day development and refurbishment of SWELL. Laura has established a successful career in construction and encourages women to challenge existing stereotypes in the building industry.

"I am happy to see there are more women represented in all aspects of construction – from trades to project and contract management," she said. "There is still a lot we can be doing to attract women and increase female participation, which is something Jaytex understands."

"I'm proud to be working for an organisation that values diversity and gender equity, and I'm thrilled to be working with my colleagues to deliver this project to the Palmerston community."

Getting SWELL off the ground continues to be a team effort and would not have been possible without City of Palmerston's General Manager Community and Culture Anna Ingram, Executive Manager, People and Customer Emma Blight and Deputy CEO Amelia Vellar.

FITNESS CENTRE OPENING HOURS

The Fitness Centre at SWELL Palmerston has amended trading hours.

- Mon - Fri: 5.30am - 7.00pm
- Sat: 8.00am - 1.00pm
- Sun: Closed

If you have any questions about the gym operating hours please call 8932 3474 or email swellpalmerston@belgravialeisure.com.au

SHADE!

YOU ASKED WE DELIVERED!

SWELL is backed by years of planning and support from government at all levels and the community.

City of Palmerston consulted with the community and stakeholders on a draft masterplan in 2020. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with general support for the SWELL precinct. Some specific suggestions were made and where possible City of Palmerston incorporated this feedback into the final design including changes to the shade structures.

City of Palmerston heard loud and clear that our community wanted more shade over the pool and we responded by prioritising additional shade for both the wet and dry areas. The masterplan was amended to include 100 per cent retractable shade to the 50m pool.



Work on Palmerston's aquatic precinct starts from the ground up with essential groundworks.



Demolition of the old pool is well underway and construction is currently on-track.



Artist impression of 50m pool with 100 per cent fully retractable shade.



ABOUT CONSTRUCTION

Construction of City of Palmerston's SWELL will create a number of local construction and operation jobs.

Early stages of construction began in August 2022 with the new facility expected to open in November 2023.

The Palmerston swimming pool will remain closed while work on the new, state of the art SWELL aquatic facility is undertaken. 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.

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