



PROJECT UPDATE 3
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SWELL

Swimming Wellness Events Leisure Lifestyle

CITY OF PALMERSTON SWELL PROJECT UPDATE

SWELL days ahead in Palmerston.

City of Palmerston is proud to deliver on its vision for an aquatic lifestyle precinct unlike any other in the Top End. The **Swimming, Wellness, Events, Leisure and Lifestyle (SWELL)** precinct is Palmerston's largest infrastructure project to date and is set to transform the current ageing Palmerston Swimming and Fitness Centre into a state-of-the-art leisure hub right here in Palmerston.

Construction of SWELL is progressing well with the facility currently set to open to the public later this year. Significant construction milestones have been met across many elements of the contemporary, family-friendly water and lifestyle precinct. Essential underground and civil works are complete including upgrades to pool services such as plumbing and electricity.

In the coming months, work will commence on refurbishing the existing building and laying foundations for the basketball half-court. Construction of the new pools also continues with focus shifting to building internal ramps that will facilitate a more user friendly with accessible pool entry points for all abilities

The adventure playground and shade sails are being produced, ready to be installed onsite later this year.



SWELL offers an event space for community and family gatherings.

A PLACE FOR PEOPLE

City of Palmerston is committed to strengthening the connection between place and people. Collaboration and open space play a major role in this connection. The events space at SWELL is deliberately designed to allow people to come together to experience the best of the outdoor Territory lifestyle.

Once complete, the family friendly aquatic centre will provide something for everyone and a place where people can gather and connect. SWELL will cater to all types of family and community events including:

Children's parties - Family picnics and celebrations
Swimming carnivals - Movie nights - Markets and festivals - Relaxing on the grass - Youth activities.



AN ADVENTURE PLAYZONE UNLIKE ANY OTHER IN THE TOP END

An adventure playground unlike any other in the Top End is under construction in Palmerston. In addition to the 50 metre pool and the toddler splash and play pool, SWELL includes a water based obstacle course and playground. The adventure playground is a multi-level water playzone that will offer the ultimate water and high-ropes fun for the young, and young at heart.

The adventure playground has a mix of water based features and physical challenge elements. The high ropes course includes a traditional harness safety system for those challenging this part of the water course.

City of Palmerston Mayor, Athina Pascoe-Bell is looking forward to seeing people safely traverse between the towers, walkways and across a series of bridges and ropes.

“Showers of spray and interactive water jets will be sure to keep excitement levels high and everyone cool.”

The adventure playground is designed for varying levels with lower tracks perfect for younger children and higher tracks that will appeal to teens and adults.

“The interactive nature of the adventure playground paired with the different zones makes it a perfect experience for families, community groups and schools,” said Athina.

“The adventure playzone at SWELL is broken into different zones and levels of difficulty and water saturation. The tracks close to the ground will allow our smaller children to have fun and feel safe while the high tracks will appeal to those that crave the bigger thrills.”

There is also a dry area nearby so that parents and carers can keep a watchful eye on children.

Athina says that she is happy with the progress of the development and is pleased that the SWELL construction including the adventure playground, is going well so far, still anticipating an opening date late in 2023.

“Come the end of the year, there will be hours of free weekend and school holiday entertainment for tweens and teens at the all new SWELL facility.”

The upgraded facility will include a purpose-built learn to swim and wellness program pool and family-friendly activity features for all ages and abilities.



FITNESS AND WELLBEING IN THE HEART OF PALMERSTON

Palmerston residents can still focus on fitness and wellbeing at the inclusive and accessible gym while the pool and events areas are under construction. Open Monday to Saturday, the gym has a range of exercise equipment and classes that suit all fitness levels. The classes include everything from Tai Chi to Boxing.

Low intensity work outs at SWELL focus on improving strength and cardiovascular fitness and balance while the high intensity workouts will suit those looking to work on their strength and endurance.

Drop in and have a chat to one of the friendly trained instructors about your fitness journey or complete an online membership to get started. Members will enjoy everything SWELL Palmerston has to offer including group fitness classes, amenities and a sense of community.

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

LEARN MORE ABOUT SWELL

We are so excited about SWELL, we can't help but show it off. Come into the Civic Centre to see our mural timeline or our information displays at the Rec Centre and Library!



JESSE, DURACK, AGE 6

"I am looking forward to playing on the adventure water playground with my dad."



ABOUT CONSTRUCTION

Construction of City of Palmerston's SWELL is creating 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 remains 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 nearby 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.

The project is backed and 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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