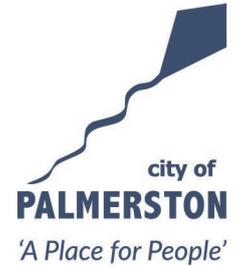


# CITY CENTRE PARKING POLICY



## COUNCIL POLICY

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Demonstrate Council’s commitment to the Community Plan and making Palmerston a vibrant, future focused, environmentally sustainable city.
- Ensure the orderly provision and management of car parking areas in the Palmerston City Centre.
- Provide the framework for the future strategic direction and initiatives for Council-owned car parking areas in the Palmerston City Centre.

### PRINCIPLES

Council is committed to promoting the Palmerston City Centre as ‘ A place for people’ by developing and managing Council- owned car parking areas to:

- Support business and commercial activity.
- Promote pedestrian movement.
- Optimise the use and accessibility of infrastructure.
- Apply innovative and climate responsive design principles, such as artificial shade and greening.

### DEFINITIONS

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

TERM	DEFINITION
Council-owned car parking areas	Car parking infrastructure under the control of Council
Off-peak periods	Periods during which car parking areas are not ordinarily required to support business activity in the Palmerston City Centre
Palmerston City Centre	The general area of the Palmerston city centre and business district, which is defined by University Avenue to the north, Chung-Wah Terrace to the west, Palmerston Circuit to the east and the Palmerston Shopping Centre to the south

## POLICY AREA

This policy applies to Council-owned parking areas in the Palmerston City Centre highlighted in Attachment 1.

## POLICY STATEMENT

### 1.1 Meeting demand

1.1.1 To meet parking demand in the Palmerston City Centre:

- Council owned parking areas will be actively managed to ensure compliance with City of Palmerston parking zone time limits.
- initiatives that support the provision of alternative transport modes and the delivery of climate responsive publicly accessible parking infrastructure will be encouraged.
- Council will advocate for new development in the Palmerston City Centre to demonstrate any parking shortfall, as prescribed in the NT Planning Scheme, can be met in nearby, publicly accessible car parking areas with convenient and direct pedestrian links to the development site.
- Council will advocate for new development in Palmerston City Centre that does not meet minimum end-of-trip facilities requirements as prescribed in the NT Planning Scheme, to demonstrate access to end-of trip-facilities at a nearby, publicly accessible alternative location that have capacity.

### 1.2 Encouraging movement and accessibility

1.2.1 To activate and maximise pedestrian movement throughout the Palmerston City Centre, Council will advocate that car parking areas:

- foster 'trip-linking' (encouraging users to park and visit multiple destinations) by facilitating easy and convenient pedestrian movement between car parking areas and key destinations in the Palmerston City Centre.
- are accessible and cater to all visitors.
- include climate responsive design elements.

### 1.3 Optimising infrastructure

1.3.1 Council will ensure the use of car parking areas is optimised through:

- supporting the adaptive alternative use of parking areas during off-peak periods.
- identifying excess parking spaces with potential to convert these areas for other public uses that activate the Palmerston City Centre.
- supporting new public parking initiatives and infrastructure, including a developer contribution plan for ensuring future car parking meets demand thresholds.

### 1.4 Greening, shading and overall appearance

1.4.1 Council will advocate for car parking areas to be climate responsive, be designed to mitigate against the effects of 'heat sinks', and improve the overall appearance of the City Centre by:

- supporting alternative permeable surface materials wherever possible.
- supporting the use of trees, grassed medians, artificial shade structures and other climate responsive designs.
- Incorporate quality landscaping and design elements such as planter boxes, street-art, colourful bollards, wheel-stops and other traffic calming devices

## ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

- City of Palmerston Community Plan

## REFERENCES AND RELATED LEGISLATION

- *NT Planning Act 1999 (NT)*
- NT Planning Scheme
- Palmerston (Public Places) By-laws 2001
- *Local Government Act 2019 (NT)*

## POLICY DETAILS

OWNER	Chief Executive Officer	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	General Manager Infrastructure
APPROVAL DATE	[Approval Date]	NEXT REVIEW DUE	[Next Review Due]
RECORDS NUMBER	[Records Number]	COUNCIL DECISION	[Council Decision]

# ATTACHMENT 1 – COUNCIL OWNED CAR PARKING AREAS IN THE CITY CENTRE



