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Palmerston reopens new-look Gray Community Hall

City of Palmerston has cut the ribbon on the new Gray Community Hall. The old hall was in desperate need of a redesign, and City of Palmerston is proud to deliver a fresh new contemporary community space for Palmerston.

The previous Gray Community Hall was Council's most frequently hired facility and a much-loved home to a number of community groups. The revitalised facility was a \$2 million build that now boasts two new contemporary indoor spaces that connect with an improved kitchen and facilities. The large veranda spaces also incorporate high ceiling fans to enjoy the Northern Territory's beautiful dry season days.

The Australian Government has funded \$1.455 million of the project through its Community Development Grants, with Council funding the remainder. City of Palmerston wishes to acknowledge and thank the Australian Government for their funding support. Council also acknowledges local companies Rossi Architects, and M+J Builders for their design and delivery of this iconic project for Palmerston.

"We are thrilled to be reopening this much loved and utilised Council facility. The redevelopment looks fantastic and will be able to cater better to our community needs" Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell said.

"I would also like to thank the Council for supporting this project as we continue to deliver much needed community infrastructure for the city."

"The availability of additional space means that more community groups will be able to meet regularly in this safe, modern and inviting facility.

"Together with free venue hire, City of Palmerston has doubled the number of community groups able to access our facilities, ensuring that people remain connected through COVID-19, which is so important for the health and well-being of our community." Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell said.

The revitalised facility includes an art installation, by local artist Joanna Del Nido of Joanna Roberts Design. Joanna is a Northern Territory based artist who has previously exhibited work at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory.

"It was a privilege to be asked to present to City of Palmerston my design 'Fleeting'. The design is inspired by the surrounding gardens of Harvest Corner Community Garden, representing a place of

continual change, of growth, light, seasons and memories.” She said about the design inspiration. “It’s great to see it at its final stage and I hope the community embrace the installation”.

The new Gray Community Hall will be available for bookings very soon. City of Palmerston have recently reviewed the facility hire policy and has extended free facility hire to community members until June 2023, which includes Gray Community Hall.

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