

## **MEDIA** RELEASE

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## Working Together for the Wellbeing of our Community

Palmerston Indigenous Network (PIN), with support from the City of Palmerston, are proud to be supporting the Palmerston community through the distribution of health and wellbeing packs to residents and families who continue to be impacted by the COVID-19 situation.

The health and wellbeing packs have been created with Foodbank NT and include food and personal items, following consultation with the community on their key needs during this current time.

Leticha Russell from the PIN said, "This program is about addressing the immediate needs of some of our most vulnerable families here in Palmerston. We understand that times are tough and want them to know that this community cares. The challenges that these times present can be extremely overwhelming, and sometimes, by providing a helping hand, can help ease the burden of this impact."

This work has been supported by additional network members and key stakeholders in the Palmerston community including Red Cross, Larrakia Nation, Department of Chief Minister, Save the Children, Territory Health, Palmerston Child and Family Centre, Fast NT and the Palmerston collective impact initiative, Grow Well Live Well as a coordinated response to address these immediate community needs.

"As a community we want to foster the wellbeing of families and of our community," said City of Palmerston Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell.

"We know and appreciate that many services have gone beyond their usual jobs to support our families in need."

"In Palmerston, everyone belongs, and we are a community that cares for each other. Working collaboratively with our service providers, we hope these health and wellbeing packs will be well utilised by families during these challenging times."

Council continues to build strong partnerships such as the Palmerston Indigenous Network and provides support with those who are providing these social services to the community.

The health and wellbeing packs are currently being distributed through a range of direct service providers.

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