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Draft Municipal Plan and Budget 2021-2022

City of Palmerston has released its Draft Municipal Plan and Budget 2021-2022 for community feedback.

The Municipal Plan is a key publication which represents Council's strategic vision and outlines our project, event, and service priorities over the next year.

The Municipal Plan and Budget ensures that Council continues to deliver and build on services to the community and invest in the ongoing renewal of the \$737 million of community infrastructure assets.

Municipal Plan elements include:

- \$15 million Swimming Wellness Events Leisure & Lifestyle (SWELL) project,
- Over \$20 million in capital spend on community infrastructure;
- \$350,000 development of a regional dog park in Zuccoli,
- \$500,000 Greening and Cooling the City program,
- \$1.1 million in improvements to Archer Waste Management Facility,
- Marginal increase in Residential Rates by an average of 2.4% with \$30 increase on the Residential Minimum Rate which will be offset by a \$10 reduction in waste charges, and
- The continuation of free parking in City Centre.

City of Palmerston Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell said Council has and will continue to work hard to identify efficiencies and savings to meet the needs of our growing community.

"This year's municipal plan was drafted with the intent to stimulate the local economy through the implementation of a wide range of projects, partnerships and initiatives.

"Palmerston is 'A Place for People' and Council put our community at the centre of all we do. We take every opportunity to consult with our residents and involve them in decision making and are seeking input from the community in refining this draft," she said.

The Draft Municipal Plan and Budget is available to view at Council's website, palmerston.nt.gov.au, with feedback closing 3 June 2021.

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