

19 August 2021

Palmerston comes together to stay apart, as lockdown II approaches an end

As the Northern Territory Government announces the Territory's second lockdown will end as of 12 noon Thursday 19 August, City of Palmerston would like to acknowledge not only the essential workers from across the immediate Palmerston community, but also the extended Top End community. Council thanks everyone for their efforts during this difficult time.

We would especially like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication that our local outreach programs are doing to assist those who require support. In a time where people are encouraged to spend time with their own families, there is selection of special people that work and volunteer to help others, and for that we are extremely grateful.

As of 12noon today, Thursday 19 August, there will be a number of mandatory safety precautions introduced to avoid a future spread, and will be enforced throughout all City of Palmerston facilities. The quick actions of the Northern Territory Government, have been successful to trace, contain and avoid large numbers of COVID throughout our vulnerable communities, and Palmerston residents can contribute by continuing to practise those safety precautions.

City of Palmerston will begin to open facilities from 1pm today, these will include:

- Archer Waste Facility – Reopening at 1pm Thursday 19 August
- The [Palmerston Swimming & Fitness Centre](#) – Pool to reopen 1pm Thursday 19 August, Gym to remain closed until Thursday 26 August 2021
- [City of Palmerston Library](#) – Reopening at 1pm Thursday 19 August
- Council facilities bookings – Reopening 1pm Thursday 19 August 2021. Any indoor exercise or sport related bookings will be cancelled until 26 August 2021
- [City of Palmerston Pound](#) – Reopening at 1pm Thursday 19 August
- Council offices including customer service desk at Civic Plaza and Depot - Reopening 1pm Thursday 19 August 2021.

You must sign in using the NTG COVID app, or manually on the sign-in form no matter how long you stay, and masks must be worn inside the facility.

All Council community events have been cancelled this weekend. Future events or activities planned beyond this date will be assessed, and an update will be provided in due course.

Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell said "I'd like to thank the Palmerston community to adhering to the lockdown measures as advised by the Chief Health Officer."

"This lockdown, although short, does still take its toll on local businesses, so I would encourage where possible to go out and grab a few extra takeaway meals over this coming weekend to help out our local businesses."

"We still need to reflect and relate to whats happening interstate and overseas, and be thankful to how lucky we have all been through such unusual times. We have a few days of safety restrictions to get through, but I feel truly blessed to be a part of this community. Thank you Palmerston."

For more information, visit www.palmerston.nt.gov.au

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