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### **SWELL construction is set to begin**

City of Palmerston is excited to announce the construction tender for the SWELL precinct has been awarded to Jaytex Construction at the value of \$19.4 million.

Palmerston's largest infrastructure project to date, SWELL (Swimming, Wellness, Events, Leisure and Lifestyle), is set to transform the current aging Palmerston Swimming and Fitness Centre into a leisure hub. Council acknowledges the importance that the hub holds to the community, as it sets to cater for a wider demographic of varied interests for a growing population.

The SWELL project will include the refurbishment of the 50-metre pool, a toddlers zero depth and play pool, an events area, basketball half court, new and improved accessible toilets and change rooms and aquatic play structure.

**City of Palmerston Mayor, Athina Pascoe-Bell** says a significant milestone has been reached with the construction tender successfully awarded.

"It is with great anticipation that we announce the successful tender bid for the SWELL construction to Jaytex Construction. This is Council's largest project to date, and we are thrilled to be getting closer to the construction. We have a great relationship with the Territory and Australian Governments and without their support we couldn't bring such a fantastic facility to the people of Palmerston."

**Hon Eva Lawler MLA, Treasurer, Minister for Education, Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics and Minister for Territory Development** says it is fantastic to be working once again with City of Palmerston to provide a much-needed asset to the community.

"SWELL will be a positive addition to the growing family community of Palmerston, providing residents with a contemporary and family-friendly water and lifestyle precinct. This project is in line with Council's and the Northern Territory Government's priority in keeping our shared vision of Palmerston as a families city."

**Mr Luke Gosling AOM, MP, Member for Solomon**

"We can see the new SWELL facility is going to add more value to the community and bring more people to Palmerston. The Australian Government is proud to support these exciting projects for the Palmerston community and looks forward to providing ongoing support into the future."

**Neil Daffen, General Manager, Jaytex Construction**

"We are pleased to be working with City of Palmerston on this exciting transformation of the SWELL precinct and are eager to get started in delivering this amazing community facility"

Council is committed to maintaining and delivering new infrastructure projects and SWELL will be a huge drawcard for the City of Palmerston.

This project is funded by the Australian Government, with \$5 million secured through the Building Better Regions Fund, as well as the Northern Territory Government contributing \$7.5 million, and City of Palmerston \$6.9 million.

Early stages of construction are planned to commence August 2022, with anticipated completion towards the end of 2023.

For further information of can be found at [palmerston.nt.gov.au/swell](https://palmerston.nt.gov.au/swell)

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