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Meet the women leading City of Palmerston's major SWELL project

A female-led project team is at the helm of delivering City of Palmerston's largest infrastructure project to date, the new Swimming Wellness Events Leisure and Lifestyle (SWELL) precinct.

The flagship project for City of Palmerston is predominantly led by a group of women, demonstrating that gender places no barriers for construction and major projects at City of Palmerston.

City of Palmerston Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell, with an 18 year history in Palmerston and two terms as Mayor, is dedicated to supporting the community through important projects like SWELL. Among the many women leading this project on the ground are City of Palmerston's General Manager of Infrastructure Nadine Nilon, and Jaytex Construction Project Manager Laura Egorov.

Thanks to the dedication and expertise of the project team, activity on site has been non-stop since August, with the removal of the toddler pool, mushroom and shade structures, and draining of the main pool to prepare it for a redevelopment that is unlike any other in the top end.

Construction of City of Palmerston's SWELL has created a number of local construction and operation jobs. The dedication and support of the women in charge has contributed to the smooth and efficient construction of this first-class facility.

The redevelopment is set to transform the current aging Palmerston Swimming and Fitness Centre into a leisure hub for the growing Palmerston population. The SWELL precinct will cater to a wide range of interests to support the Palmerston community and community groups.

Infrastructure is at the heart of every municipality and the new SWELL Precinct continues Palmerston's legacy of being a place where people want to live and raise their families, a place for people.

City of Palmerston is proud to partner with the Australian Government and Northern Territory Government to deliver the state-of-the-art aquatic lifestyle precinct, and SWELL promises to be a lifestyle precinct unlike any other in the Territory.

City of Palmerston is currently on track to open the doors of SWELL in late 2023.

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For more information about SWELL please visit palmerston.nt.gov.au/swell or contact True North Strategic Communication on 08 8981 6445 or email feedback@truenorthcomm.com.au

Quotes from City of Palmerston Mayor, Athina Pascoe-Bell

It's refreshing to see such gender diversity on the construction project.

Construction and project management can be very male dominated, but this project demonstrates that gender equity can be achieved.

As Mayor, I have been heavily involved in getting the project off the ground by pursuing grant funding and working very closely with the Territory and Federal governments.

Quotes from City of Palmerston General Manager Infrastructure, Nadine Nilon

SWELL is a fantastic project that delivers a state-of-the-art swimming, wellness, lifestyle and leisure precinct for our community.

I am very excited to be involved in this significant project and to be able to work alongside women that have been integral in its development and leading its delivery.

Quotes from Jaytex Construction Project Manager, Laura Egorov

I am happy to see we are seeing more women represented in all aspects of construction – from trades to project and contract management.

There is still a lot we can be doing to attract women and increase female participation, which is something Jaytex understands.

I'm proud to be working for an organisation that values diversity and gender equity, and I'm thrilled to be working with my colleagues to deliver this project to the Palmerston community.

Image description:

The project team on site at SWELL in high-vis vests and hard hats.

From left, City of Palmerston General Manager Community and Culture Anna Ingram, City of Palmerston General Manager Infrastructure Nadine Nilon, City of Palmerston Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell, City of Palmerston Deputy CEO Amelia Vellar and Jaytex Construction Project Manager Laura Egorov.

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