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State of the art aquatic precinct SWELL coming to life

Palmerston's largest infrastructure project to date, SWELL (Swimming, Wellness, Events, Leisure and Lifestyle), is transforming the Palmerston Swimming Pool into a wellness hub built for fun, fitness and relaxation. This \$19.4 million project is in line with Council's vision of 'A place for people' and is partnering with the Australian Government and Northern Territory Government to deliver the state-of-the-art aquatic lifestyle precinct, unlike any other in the Territory.

The SWELL project will include the refurbishment of the 50-metre pool, a splash and play area, an events space, basketball half court, new and improved accessible toilets and change rooms, a new café and an aquatic adventure play structure with plenty of shade.

Construction of SWELL continues to meet key construction milestones with the groundworks complete and on track to open to the public at the end of the year.

The installation of the new and innovative Myrtha System is 40% complete. Myrtha is the latest advance technology in the swimming pool industry. It is a modular system made with stainless steel which essentially connects together to form perfect waterproofing.

The project has supported local industry, with over 50% spent in the Territory, contributing to economic and employment opportunities.

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

Quotes attributed to Chief Minister Natasha Fyles:

"We can see the new SWELL facility is going to add more value to the community and bring more people to Palmerston – this why this Government is investing \$7.5 million into the project.

"The Territory Government is proud to support this exciting project for the Palmerston community. Palmerston is a vibrant part of the Territory and needs infrastructure to match it.

Quotes attributed to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics and Member for Drysdale, Eva Lawler:

"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.



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"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."

Quotes attributed to the Member for Solomon, Luke Gosling:

"The Australian Government takes great pride in supporting the construction of SWELL. This exciting initiative will have beneficial effects to the Palmerston economy and contribute to positive social outcomes.

"With the project on track, we look forward to SWELL attracting more people to Palmerston, fostering a thriving and vibrant community"

Quotes attributed to the City of Palmerston Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell:

"SWELL is set to deliver a state-of-the-art aquatic facility to our local community. There will be something for everyone bringing together wellness, entertainment, and social opportunities, and Council is proud of the community benefits that the project has delivered and will continue to deliver into the future"

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