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Snag a winner in round 3 of Hooked on Palmerston

City of Palmerston's recreational catch and release barramundi competition returns for a third season, embracing the Top End's fishing lifestyle right here in our local lakes.

Hooked on Palmerston is ideal for those wanting to catch that elusive barramundi but may not own a boat or have access to the NT's waterways.

Palmerston's easily accessible and well-stocked lakes provide the perfect opportunity for all recreational fishers, from beginners to the avid angler, to participate in the competition for a chance to win a share in over \$5,000 in vouchers to spend at local businesses. There are multiple ways to win including draws for snagging a tagged barra or just by being registered in the competition.

Open to all ages, the competition will run from 10 June until 9 October 2023, providing plenty of time to tackle a tagged barramundi.

City of Palmerston Mayor, Athina Pascoe-Bell looks forward to the next season of the catch and release competition.

"Recreational fishing is a huge part of our lives here in the Top End. *Hooked on Palmerston* supports this, encouraging family outdoor activity, improving awareness of Palmerston lakes and a great opportunity to learn the basics of casting, catching and most importantly releasing," she said.

"Past seasons have seen a great amount of participation; I encourage the community to register again, enjoy our lakes and also support local businesses, with winning anglers able to choose their prize voucher from a local Palmerston business," the mayor added.

The Northern Territory Government will release 130 new juvenile tagged barramundi (35-50cm), grown at the Darwin Aquaculture Centre, throughout Palmerston lakes. This is part of their fish-stocking program in Palmerston's freshwater lakes to support recreational fishing opportunities.

Once you have registered online, make your way to Sanctuary Lakes, Durack Lakes or Marlow Lagoon and let the fun begin.

Hooked on Palmerston is a catch and release competition, all participating must follow the guidelines when catching fish. It is important to remain crocwise around our waterways and ensure your fishing equipment is clear of any weed before leaving the lake.

This initiative is part of Council's existing programs designed to improve lifestyle, well-being, and health.

For further information and to register for *Hooked on Palmerston*, visit palmerston.nt.gov.au

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