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School holidays are looking SWELL for Palmerston

City of Palmerston's new state-of-the-art Swimming, Wellness, Events, Leisure and Lifestyle (SWELL) precinct is set to officially open on the first weekend of the school holidays Sunday, 17 December 2023!

With new structures up, including the much-anticipated adventure play zone, SWELL has hit all major milestones as it gets ready to open in time for the school holidays.

Get ready to eat, play and escape the heat with the facility's impressive investment of over \$1M worth of shade infrastructure. This innovative design prioritises safety by affording community members the ability to control their exposure to the intense Territory sun, promising a cooler and more secure environment for all.

Inclusivity was a fundamental aspect of the project, and SWELL proudly introduces Territory-first amenities, including accessible ramps to both 20m and 50m pools and an accessible adult change facility, ensuring that the entire community can fully enjoy the space.

The \$19.4 million SWELL precinct is Palmerston's largest infrastructure project to date and will deliver exciting features new to the Territory, including:

- A two-storey water adventure playzone, with a high ropes course for the young and young at heart. The adventure playground has a mix of water-based features and physical challenge elements. Adventurers will be harnessed in as they traverse the course maintaining safety in a fun environment.
- Cutting edge Myrtha pool lining all the way from Italy to ensure the 50-metre pool is fit-for-purpose.
- Accessibility ramps in both the 20m and 50m pools and an accessible adult change facility, underlining City of Palmerston's commitment to inclusivity.
- A splash and play zone
- 3 fully shaded pools to provide something for everyone.
- A basketball half-court
- FREE entry for everyone, a commitment by Council until 2026.

The new complex will be an important asset for the community, and the redevelopment will offer a range of activities for the whole family.

City of Palmerston is proud to deliver on its vision for an aquatic lifestyle precinct unlike any other in the Top End, with the brand new facility offering something for everyone in the community.

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

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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 Chief Minister, Natasha Fyles

“Palmerston is the family capital of the Territory, and it so exciting to see that SWELL is nearing completion and will be open in a few short weeks’ time.

“The Territory Government is contributing \$7.5 million towards this project. This is good for the Community, jobs and breathing fresh air into Palmerston. Palmerston is a vibrant part of the Territory and needs infrastructure to match it.”

Quotes from 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.

“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 from Member for Solomon, Luke Gosling

“You’ve got to love a free, family-friendly day out and that’s exactly what SWELL is going to deliver in Palmerston.

“The opening of this state-of-the-art sports, recreation, and leisure hub is going to be such an awesome early Christmas present for our local community, most especially young families.

“Mates have said they’re going to be driving over to do laps in their lunchbreaks and are looking forward to tiring the kids out in the SWELL (pun intended) new facilities over the school holidays.

“The Australian Government is proud to have helped deliver this important piece of infrastructure for the community of Palmerston.”

Quotes from City of Palmerston Mayor, Athina Pascoe-Bell

“The SWELL project showcases what can be achieved when governments collaborate and invest in the well-being of their communities. We are thankful for the support from the Australian Government and the Northern Territory Government, along with our own City of Palmerston’s contribution, which has made this dream a reality. SWELL is a testament to what’s possible when we work together for the betterment of our residents. City of Palmerston are all looking forward to opening this amazing space for the community.”

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