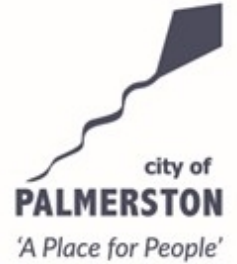


AGENDA



2nd ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 19 MAY 2026

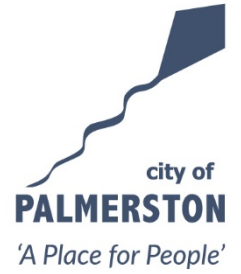
The Ordinary Meeting of City of Palmerston will be held in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston, NT 0830 commencing at 5:30 PM.

Council business papers can be viewed on City of Palmerston's website palmerston.nt.gov.au or at the Council Office located: Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston NT 0830.

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ANDREW WALSH
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER





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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

2 OPENING OF MEETING

3 APOLOGIES

4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

4.1 Elected members

4.2 Staff

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 Confirmation of minutes

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 5 May 2026 pages 12133 to 12141 be confirmed.

5.2 Business arising from previous meeting

6 MAYORAL REPORT

MAYORAL REPORT

2nd Ordinary Council Meeting

Agenda Item:	6.1
Report Title:	Mayoral Update Report - April 2026
Meeting Date:	Tuesday 19 May 2026
Author:	Mayor, Athina Pascoe-Bell

Community plan

Governance: Council is trusted by the community and invests in things that the public value.

Purpose

This Report provides an overview of events the Mayor has attended in April 2026 on behalf of Council.

Key messages

- As the principal member of Council, the Mayor undertakes regular activities and attends events to speak on Council's behalf.
- During the month of April 2026, the Mayor attended meetings with Ministers, MLA's and Government Departments.
- This Report provides context on several events that were attended by the Mayor, on Council's behalf.

Recommendation

THAT Report entitled Mayoral Update Report - April 2026 be received and noted.

Discussion

As the principal member of Council, the Mayor undertakes regular activities and attends events on behalf of Council.

An overview of events attended by the Mayor during the month of April 2026 is as follows:

- Meeting with Department of Education and Department of Logistics and Infrastructure to discuss plans for a new Special Education Secondary School in Palmerston.
- Monthly meeting with Palmerston and Rural Division, Northern Territory Police.

- Meeting with NBN Co.
- Palmerston RSL Meeting.
- Palmerston Regional Business Association Member Event.
- Quarterly meeting with Minister Yan.
- Commemorative Services for ANZAC Day.
- Bi-Monthly meeting with Lord Mayor Styles, City of Darwin.
- Monthly meeting with the Member for Drysdale.

Meeting with NBN Co.

I met with a representative from NBN Co to discuss ongoing telecommunications issues impacting parts of Palmerston, including service outages and areas serviced by an alternative statutory internet provider. The discussion focused on current challenges, network reliability and the importance of clear communication and accountability between service providers and the community. Reliable digital connectivity is critical from a local government perspective, as it directly affects residents, businesses, emergency services and Council's ability to deliver services and support economic growth.



Mayor Pascoe-Bell pictured with Tim Nicol, NBN Co.

ANZAC Day Commemorations

I attended two ANZAC Day commemorations, joining our community to honour the service and sacrifice of Australian and New Zealand defence personnel. I was pleased to attend the ANZAC service at Driver Secondary School, where students paid their respects in a meaningful and thoughtful way. I also attended the Palmerston RSL Dawn Service and March, standing alongside veterans, families and residents in a spirit of reflection and gratitude. These commemorative services are vital in preserving our shared history and ensuring the legacy of service and sacrifice is remembered and respected by future generations.



Councillor Morrison, Councillor Hale, Councillor Henderson, Deputy Mayor Bayliss, Mayor Pascoe-Bell, and Councillor Waters at the Palmerston RSL ANZAC Dawn Service.

Policy implications

There are no policy implications for this Report.



Budget and resource implications

There are no budget or resource implications relating to this Report.

Risk, legal and legislative implications

There are no risk, legal and legislative implications relating to this Report.

Attachments

Nil

7 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

8 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS)

9 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

9.1 Moving confidential items into open

9.2 Moving open items into confidential

9.3 Confidential items

THAT pursuant to Section 99(2) and 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and section 51(1) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the following confidential items:

Item	Confidential Category	Confidential Clause
26.1.1	Council Performance, Service Delivery and Budget Review	This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(c)(iv) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, which states a council may close to the public only so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to, information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.
26.2.1	Council Performance, Service Delivery and Budget Review	This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(c)(iv) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, which states a council may close to the public only so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to, information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

26.2.2	Contract and Tender Assessment and Award	This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(c)(i) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, which states a council may close to the public only so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to, information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.
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10 PETITIONS

11 NOTICES OF MOTION

12 OFFICER REPORTS

COUNCIL REPORT

2nd Ordinary Council Meeting

Agenda Item:	12.1.1
Report Title:	2025-26 Third Budget Review
Meeting Date:	Tuesday 19 May 2026
Author:	Acting Executive Manager Financial Performance, Canet Vas
Approver:	Acting General Manager Finance and Governance, Glen Collins

Community plan

Governance: Council is trusted by the community and invests in things that the public value.

Purpose

This Report seeks Council approval for the Third Budget Review for the 2025-2026 Budget.

Key messages

- Council's 2025-2026 Third Budget Review is a consolidation of movement of the expenses and income received that were not included in the original budget contained in the Municipal Plan or the first and the second budget reviews.
- The Third Budget Review is compliant with Section 202 of the Local Government Act 2019 (NT), which prohibits budgeting for a deficit except in accordance with the regulations specified in Section 10 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 (NT).
- Once the Third Budget Review movements are adopted by the Council, the amended budget and Long Term Financial Plan will be published on Council's website.
- The purpose of this report is to present the Third Budget Review 2025/2026 movements and seek Council's endorsement to adopt the amended budget.

Recommendation

1. THAT Report entitled 2025-26 Third Budget Review be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopts the Third Budget Review 2025-2026, pursuant to Division 4 (9) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* (NT) as presented in **Attachment 12.1.1.1**, **Attachment 12.1.1.2** and **Attachment 12.1.1.3** of Report entitled 2025-26 Third Budget Review.

Background

Budget reviews occur to enable Council to consider current requirements against the Original Budget to ensure the Council is delivering on the services outlined in the Municipal Plan and Budget 2025-26.

Section 9 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* (NT) requires Council to review its budget twice per financial year: once before December 2025; and the second between January and April 2026. City of Palmerston has already undertaken two budget reviews this financial year. The First Budget review was presented to Council on 18 November 2025, followed by the Second Budget review on 18 February 2026.

The purpose of this report is to present the Third Budget Review 2025/2026 movements and seek Council's endorsement to adopt the amended budget.

Discussion

A thorough review of Councils 2025-26 budget was undertaken as at 30 April 2026. Income and Expenditure for operational and capital were assessed to ensure Council was utilising funds efficiently for programs, projects and services as outlined in the Municipal Plan and Budget 2025-26.

Council's 2025-26 Third Budget Review is based on the inclusion of the following movements.

1. Due to an increase in income for fees and charges from SWELL operations, the budget has been adjusted to reflect actual and projected income to the end of financial year.
2. Increase in revenue and Other income from Insurance and other refunds are offset by a reduction in rates revenue, due to decision regarding Venture Housing, and a reduction in Library Cafe income, with a net \$59,216 increase as shown in Table 1: Operational Income at **Attachment 12.1.1.1**.
3. There is a net increase of \$64,329 in operational expenditure as described in Table 2: Operational Expense at **Attachment 12.1.1.1** This includes:

ITEM	BUDGET IMPACT
Reduction in employee expenses – the savings in employee expenses is due to some positions being vacant for a large part of the year. To manage the delivery of Council services, alternative resourcing was undertaken such as labour hire and consultancy.	-\$25,357
Savings from various programs is being used to fund the overspends in various programs including SWELL operational expenses, road maintenance etc.	-\$120,000
The reduction in employee expenses and savings from other expenses is being offset by an increase in costs for Professional Services, Material and Contractors, Legal Expenses and Other Expenses.	\$228,771
Savings from Other expenses (library furniture) has been re-directed to fund the capital project at the library	-\$23,085
Movements between various categories of cost within the directorates – this is to balance savings in some areas against overspends in others	Nil effect

4. The decrease in grant income of \$101,540, as shown in Table 3: Capital Income at **Attachment 12.1.1.1**, relates to the re-allocation of the R2R grant funding of \$157,895, which has now been scheduled to be released in 2027-28 and \$56,355 additional income from Developer Contributions, which is transferred to FILOC reserve.
5. Capital Expenditure has a net decrease of \$163,008 as shown in Table 4: Capital Expense at **Attachment 12.1.1.1**, with the net movements highlighted below:

ITEM	BUDGET IMPACT
Movement of funds from library operations to Shelving Capital Project	\$23,085
Reduction in Road reseal program budget in line with the reduction in R2R grant funding	-\$157,895
Increase the Recreation Centre capital works budget to fund the air conditioning works	\$22,432
Decrease in Public Art budget to fund corresponding operational expenses	-\$50,630

6. Transfer to the FILOC reserve of \$56,355, as shown in Table 5: Reserves at **Attachment 12.1.1.1** are discussed below:

ITEM	BUDGET IMPACT
Transfer of additional contributions received from developers to Funds in Lieu of Construction (FILOC) Reserves	\$56,355

The revised Income and Expenditure Statement that takes the above movements into account is presented at **Attachment 12.1.1.2**.

The revised Statement of Reserves is included at **Attachment 12.1.1.3**.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council adopts the Third Budget Review 2025-2026, pursuant to Division 4 (9) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* (NT) as presented in **Attachment 12.1.1.1**, **Attachment 12.1.1.2** and **Attachment 12.1.1.3** to this report.

Consultation and marketing

The following City of Palmerston staff were consulted in preparing this Report:

- Executive Leadership Team.
- Senior Leadership Team.
- Budget Officers.

Once the Third Budget Review movements are adopted by the Council, the amended budget and Long Term Financial Plan will be published on Council's website.

Policy implications

This report is in line with the reporting requirements under the *Local Government Act* and relevant Council Policies.

Budget and resource implications

The budget and resource implications are detailed in the body of this Report and the attachments.

Risk, legal and legislative implications

A third budget review, while not legislated, assists Council to maintain an accurate budget with actual revenue and expenditure.

This Report addresses the following City of Palmerston Strategic Risks:

2. Financial Sustainability

Failure of Council to be financially sustainable to deliver key services and infrastructure for the community.



Strategies, framework and plans implications

This Report relates to the following City of Palmerston Strategies, Framework and Plans:

- [Municipal Plan](#)
- [Long Term Financial Plan](#)

Council officer conflict of interest declaration

We the author and approving officer declare that we do not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.

Attachments

1. Net Movements [**12.1.1.1** - 2 pages]
2. Statement of Comprehensive Income [**12.1.1.2** - 1 page]
3. Reserve Movements [**12.1.1.3** - 1 page]

NET BUDGET MOVEMENTS

NET BUDGET MOVEMENTS		
Table 1	OPERATIONAL INCOME	
Department	Explanation	Movement
Financial Services	Decrease rates income	- 114,715
Aquatic Centre	Increase SWELL income	113,000
Governance	Increase Insurance refund income	52,341
Financial Services	Credit received from Zuccoli shade structure	16,590
Library	Reduce Library café income	- 12,000
Library	Increase Other Grants income	4,000
	Total Operational Income Adjustment	59,216

Table 2	OPERATIONAL EXPENSE	
Department	Explanation	Movement
Aquatic Centre	Increase SWELL operational expense budget	145,518
Civic Plaza	Increase furniture budget	4,000
Councillors	Reduce Elected Members election expense	- 35,000
GM Community	Reduce Consultancy budget	- 10,000
GM Infrastructure	Reduce Consultancy budget	- 15,000
GM People & Place	Reduce Consultancy budget	- 10,000
GM People & Place	Reduce Employee expenses	- 25,357
Governance	Reduce Consultancy budget	- 30,000
Governance	Increase General Asset Insurance	42,435
Governance	Increase Motor Vehicle Insurance	64,201
Governance	Increase Other Insurance	45,290
Governance	Reduce Workers Compensation Insurance	- 99,519
Governance	Reduce Public Liability Insurance	- 48,407
Library	Move budget from open space Vandalism to Library vandalism	10,000
Library	Move budget from Library furniture to capital library shelving project	- 23,085
Odegaard Drive	Increase Odegaard Drive building maintenance	5,645
Office of the CEO	Increase Professional services	26,108
Office of the CEO	Increase Councillors Food & Catering Costs budget	3,500
Office of the CEO	Add Elected Members Market budget	4,000
Open Space	Move budget from Mowing to Tree maintenance	- 50,000
Open Space	Move budget from Mowing to Tree maintenance	50,000
Open Space	Move budget from Irrigation to road maintenance	- 28,600
Open Space	Move budget from open space Vandalism to Library vandalism	- 10,000
Open Space	Move budget from Irrigation to Stormwater	- 33,830
Public Relations and Communications	Reduce Advertising budget	- 20,000
Roads & Transport	Move budget from Irrigation to road maintenance	28,600
Roads & Transport	Increase Road maintenance budget	40,000
Stormwater Infrastructure	Move budget from Irrigation to Stormwater	33,830
	Total Operational Expense Adjustment	64,329

NET BUDGET MOVEMENTS

NET BUDGET MOVEMENTS		
Table 3	CAPITAL INCOME	
Department	Explanation	Movement
Roads & Transport	Reduce R2R capital income	- 157,895
Sub-Division	Increase FILOC income	56,355
	Total Capital Income Adjustment	- 101,540

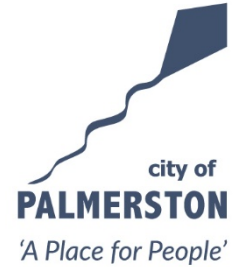
Table 4	CAPITAL EXPENSE	
Project	Explanation	Movement
Library Building Capital Works	Move budget from Library furniture to capital library shelving project	23,085
Road Reconstruction	Reduce Reseal program budget	- 157,895
Recreation Centre Renewal	Increase Recreation Centre renewal budget (Air Con)	22,432
Public Art	Reduce Public Art budget	- 50,630
	Total Capital Expense Adjustment	- 163,008

Table 5	RESERVES	
Reserve	Explanation	Movement
FILOC Reserve	Move addition FILOC income to Reserve	- 56,355
	Total Reserve Adjustment	- 56,355
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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME					
Description	Original Budget \$	1st Review Increase/ (Decrease) \$	2nd Review Increase/ (Decrease) \$	3rd Review Increase/ (Decrease) \$	Revised Annual Budget \$
Operating Income					
Rates	28,976,123	-	-	114,715	28,861,408
Charge	8,932,422	-	-	-	8,932,422
Fees & Charges	964,282	38,137	260,000	101,000	1,363,419
Grants, Subsidies & Contributions	3,560,023	1,272,738	23,662	4,000	2,314,947
Interest & Investment Revenue	1,729,151	12,760	-	-	1,741,911
Other Income	41,960	-	6,623	68,931	117,514
Operating Income	44,203,961	1,221,841	290,285	59,216	43,331,621
Operating Expenditure					
Employee Costs	13,690,358	144,301	-	124,876	13,421,181
Materials & Contractors	14,594,804	733	1,480,453	45,645	16,120,169
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	12,306,000	-	-	-	12,306,000
Elected Members Allowances	474,105	-	-	-	474,105
Elected Members Expenses	383,370	-	-	27,500	355,870
Professional Services	2,015,627	107,000	35,000	80,518	2,238,145
Auditor's Remuneration	55,886	-	-	-	55,886
Bad and Doubtful Debts	-	-	-	-	-
Utilities	2,427,946	-	-	-	2,427,946
Legal Expenses	315,700	-	-	26,108	341,808
Telephone & Other Communication Charges	196,678	-	16,100	-	212,778
Donations, Sponsorships & Grants	255,000	-	-	-	255,000
Software, Hardware, Stationery, Subscriptions	1,461,804	50,198	36,250	20,000	1,528,252
Insurance	769,519	-	-	103,519	873,038
Borrowing Costs	309,806	-	-	-	309,806
Other Expenses	2,274,641	64,000	23,662	19,085	2,343,218
Operating Expenditure	51,531,244	76,164	1,591,465	64,329	53,263,202
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	7,327,283	1,298,005	1,301,180	5,113	9,931,581
Capital Income					
Net gain (loss) on disposal or revaluation of assets	150,000	-	-	-	150,000
Developer Contributions	200,000	-	-	56,355	256,355
Asset Income	3,000,000	-	-	-	3,000,000
Grants received	659,025	1,608,744	158,400	157,895	2,268,274
Capital Income	4,009,025	1,608,744	158,400	101,540	5,674,629
Net SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) transferred to Equity Statement	3,318,258	310,739	1,142,780	106,653	4,256,952
Capital Expenditure					
Land Purchase	-	-	-	-	-
Asset Purchase	2,080,000	2,996,651	10,460	208,525	4,878,586
Asset Upgrade	4,521,949	2,444,649	653,240	45,517	6,358,875
Capital Expenditure	6,601,949	5,441,300	642,780	163,008	11,237,461
Less Non-Cash Expenditure	12,306,000	-	-	-	12,306,000
Plus Gifted Assets	3,000,000	-	-	-	3,000,000
NET CAPITAL SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	614,207	5,130,560	500,000	56,355	6,188,412
Borrowings	-	-	-	-	-
Less Repayment of Borrowings	512,203	-	-	-	512,203
Reserve Movement	1,126,410	5,130,560	500,000	56,355	6,700,615
NET OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	-	-	-	-	-

STATEMENT OF RESERVES - BUDGET MOVEMENTS 2025/26										
OTHER RESERVES	Balance as at 30 June 2025 \$	Original Budget 2025/26 to Reserves \$	Original Budget 2025/26 from Reserves \$	1st Review 2025/26 to Reserves \$	1st Review 2025/26 from Reserves \$	2nd Review 2025/26 to Reserves \$	2nd Review 2025/26 from Reserves \$	3rd Review 2025/26 to Reserves \$	3rd Review 2025/26 from Reserves \$	Balance at the YTD 2025/26 \$
Externally Restricted Reserves										
Unexpended Grants Reserve	1,430,338	-	-	1,430,338	-	-	-	-	-	-
Externally Restricted Reserves	1,430,338	-	-	1,430,338	-	-	-	-	-	-
Internally Restricted Reserves										
Election Expenses Reserve	200,000	-	200,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disaster Recovery Reserve	500,000	-	-	-	-	-	500,000	-	-	-
Unexpended Capital Works Reserve	2,424,098	-	-	-	2,424,098	-	-	-	-	-
Developer Funds In Lieu Of Construction	2,137,942	627,871	200,000	-	-	-	-	56,355	-	2,622,168
Waste Management Reserve	3,439,396	-	284,743	-	926,124	-	-	-	-	2,228,529
Asset Renewal Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Major Initiatives Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Internally Restricted Reserves	8,701,436	627,871	684,743	-	3,350,222	-	500,000	56,355	-	4,850,697
Unrestricted Reserves										
Working Capital Reserve	4,995,227	80,462	1,150,000	-	350,000	-	-	-	-	3,575,689
Unrestricted Reserves	4,995,227	80,462	1,150,000	-	350,000	-	-	-	-	3,575,689
Total Reserves	15,127,001	708,333	1,834,743	1,430,338	3,700,222	-	500,000	56,355	-	8,426,386

COUNCIL REPORT



2nd Ordinary Council Meeting

Agenda Item:	12.1.2
Report Title:	Gray Community Hall – Fencing plan and footpath closure
Meeting Date:	Tuesday 19 May 2026
Author:	Community Services Manager, Laura Hardman
Approver:	Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Walsh

Community plan

Family and Community: Palmerston is a safe and family friendly community where everyone belongs.

Purpose

This report provides Council with requested options and design solutions for Gray Community Hall in response to the ongoing anti-social behaviour and concerns from the community and user groups.

Key messages

- This report provides the requested information on potential options to improve the perceptions of safety at Gray Community Hall.
- Community consultation was undertaken from 16 February 2026 to 8 March 2026 regarding the proposed closure of the footpath linking Wright Crescent and Victoria Drive, as well as the exercise equipment adjacent to the Harvest Corner Community Garden.
- Further investigation has been conducted into safety measures including lighting, CCTV, fencing, gates, and access controls.
- To date, \$22,660 has been spent on repairing vandalism to the facility.

Recommendation

1. THAT Report entitled Gray Community Hall – Fencing plan and footpath closure be received and noted.

2. THAT Council endorse option 2 of this report entitled Gray Community Hall Fencing plan and laneway closure
3. THAT Council endorse the allocation of \$228,000 during the end of year process if available in surplus to enable the installation of entire perimeter fencing, including footpath and exercise equipment closure as per option 2.

Background

Gray Community Hall was designed to support flexible use, including events that combine and or require indoor and outdoor spaces. The large sliding doors at the front of the building can be opened to create a connection between the internal hall and the adjoining veranda area, allowing activities to flow between spaces. This design enhances the versatility of the venue, making it suitable for a wide range of community events, functions, and gatherings, particularly those that benefit from increased ventilation, accessibility, and the ability to accommodate larger numbers of participants.

In the last two years, City of Palmerston has received numerous reports from the user groups conducting activities at Gray Community Hall regarding safety and antisocial behaviour.

At the First Ordinary Council Meeting of 3 February 2026 Council made the following decisions:

12.1.1 Gray Community Hall Update

4. *THAT Report entitled Gray Community Hall Update be received and noted.*
5. *THAT Council request that Northern Territory Government, Police and the Larrakia Nation conduct increased patrols when vulnerable groups are using the Gray Community Hall.*
6. *THAT a further detailed report and designs are presented to Council considering:*
 - a. *Lighting;*
 - b. *Laneway closure and exercise equipment decommissioning;*
 - c. *Option 5 -Fencing the entire perimeter;*
 - d. *Option 2 -Veranda Fence including laneway closure;*
 - e. *Gates and access;*
 - f. *Additional CCTV cameras at gate access points;*
 - g. *Allocation of funding through the 2026/27 budget development process.*
7. *THAT Council allocates \$5,000 from the 2025/26 budget through the Second Budget Review to undertake the required design work.*

8. *THAT Council advocate with the Northern Territory Government.*

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0209 - 3/02/2026

Discussion

This report provides two options for Councils consideration. Further research into lighting, fencing, CCTV, access and landscaping solutions has been conducted. Users of Gray Community Hall continue to voice their concerns surrounding safety and usability. Year to date, \$22,660 has been spent on repairing vandalism to the Hall.

City of Palmerston has raised issues with Northern Territory Government, Police and Larrakia Nation to request increased patrols when vulnerable groups are using the Gray Community Hall. Patrols are dependent on resourcing. City of Palmerston staff have been supporting Seniors groups by attending the hall at the beginning of their booking should they feel unsafe.

Recent works have included the reduction of height of the garden canopy adjacent to the building to ensure better lines of sight.

Issues are continually reported during City of Palmerston officer's external meetings with NT Police and other enforcement units.

Any decision made relative to this report and concept designs will be subject to detailed design once an approved concept has been recommended by Council.

Footpath closure and exercise equipment decommissioning

Estimated Cost: \$20,000 decommissioning the exercise equipment and restoring the area with grass.

Community engagement undertaken between the 16th of February to the 8th of March 2026 received 36 responses via multiple channels, including an online survey (33 responses), email (2 responses), and face-to-face engagement (1 response). Feedback was achieved through on-site corflute QR code signage, letters to nearby residents, direct communication with Gray Community Hall user groups and a social media post. A letter drop was undertaken by City of Palmerston to residents who live on Victoria Drive, Priest Circuit, Essington Avenue and Wright Crescent.

A letter was received by City of Palmerston staff from a community member in response to the closure of the laneway and exercise equipment and is provided at **Attachment 12.1.2.1**

Key Findings

- 79% of respondents support closure.
- 73% of respondents rarely or never use the footpath.
- 94% of respondents do not use the exercise equipment.
- 70% of respondents raised concerns, including rubbish, broken glass, needles and antisocial behaviour.
- 9% (3) of respondents did not support the closure of the footpath.
- The area is perceived as a hotspot for antisocial behaviour, including drinking, loitering and aggressive conduct.
- Negative effects identified on Gray Community Hall, nearby services and residents.

The community engagement outcomes are provided at **Attachment 12.1.2.2**

City of Palmerston Staff Site Observations

Between 5 February and 2 March 2026, City of Palmerston conducted 12 site visits at various times of day to observe use of the outdoor exercise equipment located at the rear of Gray Community Hall. During all site visits, no members of the public were observed using the exercise equipment or the area.

Staff consistently observed litter throughout the area during inspections, including general waste and alcohol-related debris such as empty beer cans, wine bottles, and packaging. On two occasions, staff identified and safely removed discarded syringes from the area.

These findings align with previous reports and feedback indicating the exercise equipment area is not used as intended and remains linked to anti-social behaviour. The ongoing site conditions present safety and hygiene concerns for users and staff and may further impact perceptions of safety at Gray Community Hall.



Photographs taken on the 9th of February 2026



Photographs taken on the 2nd of March 2026

Harvest Corner Stakeholder Feedback

A meeting facilitated by Council staff with stakeholders STEPS Australia, Life without Barriers (LWB) and Helping People Achieve (HPA) in February 2026 regarding Harvest Corner at Gray Community Hall identified strong support for the installation of a higher fence. Stakeholders noted this would assist in deterring ongoing anti-social behaviour and reducing theft within the community garden.

Two fencing approaches were considered:

- A combined fenced area incorporating both the Hall and Harvest Corner; and
- Separate fenced areas for the Hall and Garden, with a consistent design treatment.

While stakeholders were open to a combined arrangement in principle, several operational considerations were identified due to the ongoing use of Harvest Corner as a community garden. These include access arrangements, management of produce and public use, maintenance responsibilities, and security and key management.

The current agreement with stakeholders managing Harvest Corner is due to expire Jan 2027 and these considerations will be incorporated into any future agreement.

Fencing

Concept 1 - Fencing the entire perimeter

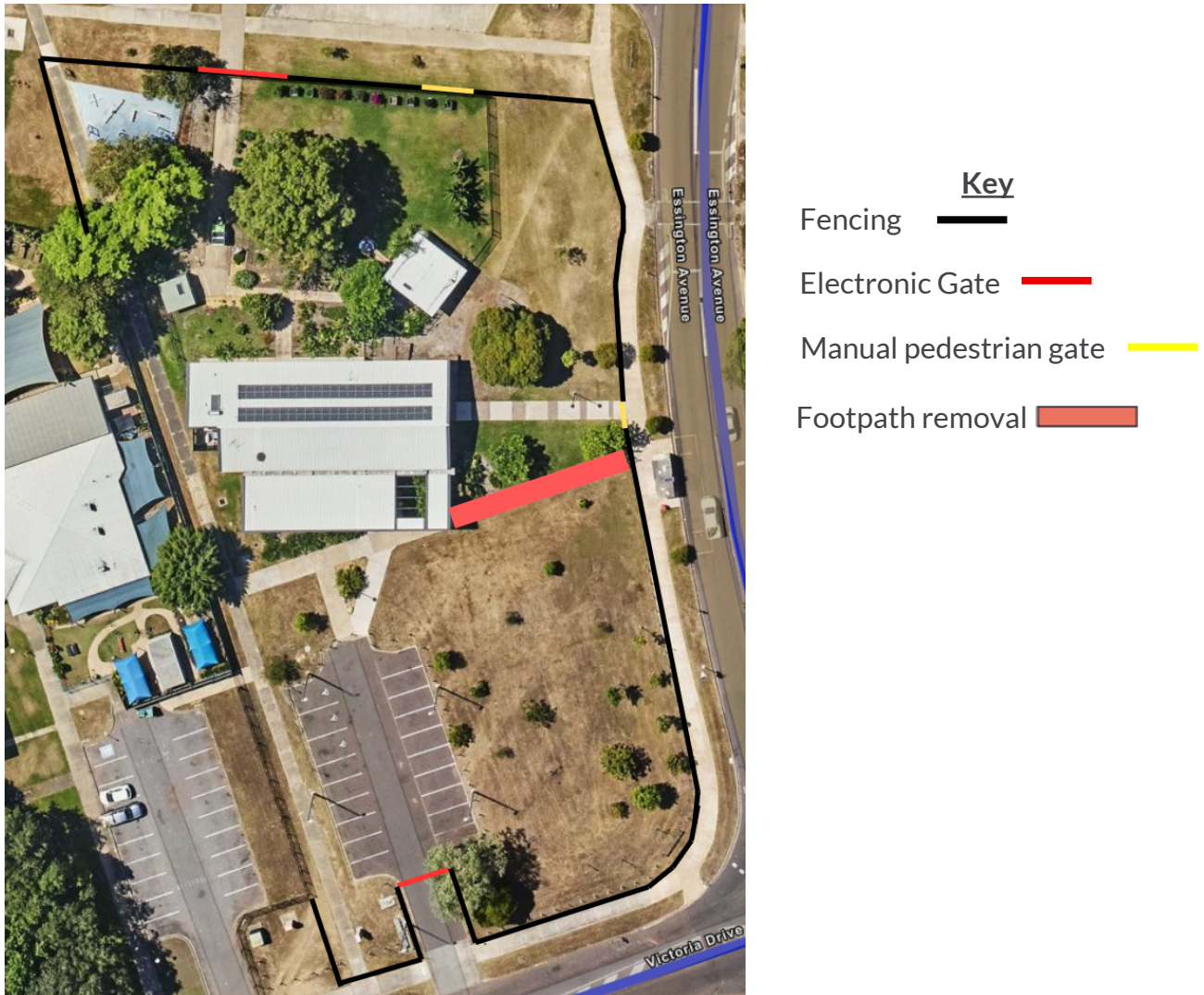
Estimated Cost: \$132,000

This option proposes the installation of 2.1m high spear-top palisade fencing around the entire boundary of Gray Community Hall (as per Concept 1 – Fencing the entire perimeter), including the car park, to create a fully enclosed and secure site. The works would also include a concrete mowing strip beneath the new fence to support maintenance and reduce vegetation growth along the fence line.

Two (2) new pedestrian gates, one (1) service access gate and one (1) motorised sliding vehicle access gates will be installed to manage entry and exit points.

Pedestrian gates will provide controlled access for users, while the vehicle gates will facilitate access to the car park and service areas.

Final design for construction will ensure consideration of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design, no conflict with existing services or utilities and technical compliance with relevant standards.



Concept 1 - Fencing the entire perimeter

Concept designs for the fencing of the entire perimeter can be found in **Attachment 12.1.2.3**

Detailed site plan for fencing the entire perimeter can be found in **Attachment 12.1.2.4**

Concept 2 - Veranda fencing

Estimated Cost: \$105,000.

This option proposes removing a section of existing fencing and the pedestrian access gate to the community garden, to be replaced with 2.1m high spear-top palisade fencing.

All remaining perimeter fencing will be upgraded to fully enclose the venue, community garden and exercise play area with consistent 2.1m high spear-top palisade fencing, improving security and clearly defining the site boundary.

Three (3) new pedestrian gates and two (2) service access gates will be installed. Two (2) pedestrian gates will include fob access integrated with the existing system, allowing authorised hirers to use the same fob issued for Gray Community Hall. The third pedestrian gate will provide a dedicated exit point on the Harvest Corner side.

The service access gates will enable entry for service vehicles and large deliveries, improving operational access.



- Key**
- Fencing ———
 - Manual service gate ———
 - Manual pedestrian gate ———
 - Footpath removal ———

Concept 2 – Veranda fencing

Concept designs for veranda fencing can be found in **Attachment 12.1.2.5**

Detailed site plan for veranda fencing can be found in **Attachment 12.1.2.6**

Boundary and Fencing Considerations with the neighbouring lot

Estimated Cost: \$1,000.

Council is awaiting feedback from the Northern Territory Government regarding the shared boundary between the childcare facility and Gray Community Hall. It has been identified that the existing fence may not align with the legal boundary and be positioned approximately one metre within the childcare property.

A formal boundary survey will be undertaken to accurately determine the boundary line between the two sites. Subject to confirmation of the boundary and endorsement of the proposed fencing design, Council would assume responsibility for maintaining the strip of land between the new fence and the true boundary, including ongoing grass maintenance.

The proposed fencing option is designed to integrate with the adjoining childcare boundary, effectively closing off the existing public access pathway between the two sites. Consultation with the childcare operator has confirmed there are no concerns with this approach at the time of this report.




Yellow highlighted area showing NT Government land external to the boundary.

Lighting

Estimated Cost: \$40,000.

Further investigation has been undertaken to assess lighting improvements at Gray Community Hall, including consultation with internal and external stakeholders.

External advice also notes that the previously suggested 50 lux exceeds the recommended national standards under AS/NZS 1158.3.1:2020, and that higher lighting levels do not necessarily provide additional deterrence to anti-social behaviour. In some instances, excessive lighting may unintentionally facilitate behaviour such as vandalism.



Based on discussions with a lighting consultant, the installation of two poles and luminaires in the open area between the building and the Essington Avenue fence line is recommended to provide additional lighting. The lighting would be connected via hard-wired 240V power, with the connection located near existing infrastructure at the car park entry. Civil trenching works would be required to connect power from this location to the proposed light pole positions.

Previous reporting identified that existing lux levels in the car park area, and the proposed vehicle entry gate location are considered sufficient. Internal advice further confirms that any additional CCTV cameras for Gray Community Hall can operate effectively in lower-light conditions, reducing the need for increased lighting levels in the car park area.

Access

Estimated Cost: \$75,000.

Access to the external gates will be integrated with the existing facility access system. Authorised hirers can use the same access fob issued for Gray Community Hall to operate both vehicle and pedestrian gates, ensuring a consistent and user-friendly experience. An internal control will also be available, allowing hirers to open the gates from within the venue, select timed settings such as 1 or 15 minutes, or keep the gates open for the duration of their booking.

The vehicle access gate will include an exit sensor, allowing vehicles to leave the site without manual operation, consistent with other Council facilities. A manual override will also be provided to maintain access in case of system failure or malfunction.

The proposed system utilises a hybrid power solution, which has been identified as the most cost-effective approach. This model incorporates:

- Off-grid solar power for remote gate locations (Poles 1), avoiding the need for extensive trenching across grassed areas
- Hard-wired 240V power for gates located near existing infrastructure (Poles 3 & 4)
- Wireless data links across all poles to connect back to the main hall network

In the proposal, we used the existing door access control (Inception system) with additional points. It allows us to create automated, expiring PINs for community hall bookings, which solves our issue with forever codes.



Gray Community Hall



LEGEND

 Inground Conduit Path	 Card Reader
 New Fence Line	 Reader Module
 New Comms Pit	 Network Switch
 New Solar Pole	 New Alta Multihead Camera

This covers the primary access points and the network backbone.

- 1x Vehicle access control – Keypad/reader
- 1x Pedestrian access control – Keypad/reader
- 1x Powerstack Pole (Solar - max 4 days battery backup in no-sun situations)
- 3x Ubiquiti Links (Wireless Data)
- 1x Alta Multi head Camera (as shown on drawing for Pole 3)
- All labour to install our IT components

Gates

Estimated Cost: the cost of the vehicle and pedestrian gates and access are included in both fence concept costings and access costings.

The proposed vehicle access gate is to be located on Victoria Drive, set back from the footpath to prevent vehicles from obstructing pedestrian movement. This design approach supports safe, minimal interruptions to pedestrian and vehicle traffic along Victoria Drive.

It is noted that existing trees and infrastructure, including gutters and a water meter, are near the proposed gate location. These constraints will need to be considered during detailed design and may result in additional costs or require modifications to the proposed layout.

A separate pedestrian access gate is proposed on Essington Avenue to provide safe and controlled entry for foot traffic, reducing reliance on the vehicle access point and improving overall site safety. The cost of the gates is included in both fencing options.

CCTV

Estimated Cost: \$7,000.

Current CCTV coverage of the car park is limited to a single background view, as shown in the image below. The existing camera angle is partially obstructed by landscaping and does not provide clear or comprehensive coverage of vehicles, entry points, or user activity within the car park.



Current CCTV view of the car park, with coverage limited to the background.



Proposed location for additional CCTV camera at Pole 3.

It is recommended that an additional CCTV camera be installed overlooking the car park, as shown at Pole 3 in the image above, to improve visibility and overall site security. Internal

advice confirms that any additional CCTV cameras for Gray Community Hall will operate effectively in low-light conditions, reducing the need for elevated lighting levels.

Landscaping

Estimated Cost: \$20,000.

It is strongly recommended that landscaping along the boundary fence line is not supported. The CPTED report identifies the area as having good natural surveillance, and the introduction of trees and/or shrubs—particularly along the boundary—would create visual obstructions and reduce clear sightlines, thereby increasing risk.

The secondary footpath from the car park to Essington Avenue will be removed or redesigned to connect with the path from the building to fenceline gate. This will be resolved in the final construction design.

Costings of Project

Core works

Component	Description	Cost	Recommendation
Concept 1 - Entire perimeter fencing	Fencing the entire site, including the carpark, Harvest Corner and surrounding open space.	\$132,000	Yes
Or			
Concept 2 - Veranda fencing	Fencing around the building, including the veranda, and upgrading existing fencing around Harvest Corner.	\$105,000	No
Surveying	Boundary survey to confirm legal alignment between the Hall and adjoining childcare property prior to construction.	\$1,000	Yes
Footpath closure and exercise equipment decommissioning	Closure of the existing footpath behind Gray Community Hall and removal of the adjacent exercise equipment.	\$20,000	Yes

Optional add-ons

Component	Description	Est. Cost	Recommendation
Lighting	2 additional light poles to increase lighting between the building and the Essington Avenue fence line.	\$40,000	Yes
Fob accessed Pedestrian Gate (Pole 1)	Automated pedestrian gates on Essington Avenue integrated with access control systems.	\$40,000	No

Automated Vehicle Gates (Pole 2)	Automated vehicle gate at the car park entry to control access and support site security.	\$18,000	Yes
CCTV (Pole 3)	Additional camera coverage over carpark.	\$7,000	Yes
Civil Works	Trenching and conduit installation for power and data connections to support CCTV, lighting and gate infrastructure.	\$10,000	Yes
Landscaping	Landscaping along the boundary fence.	\$20,000	No

Option 1 (Not Recommended)

Includes footpath closure and exercise equipment decommissioning, Concept 1 - Fencing the entire perimeter and all optional add-ons.

Total Cost =\$288,000.

This option is not recommended due to the high cost of including a fob-accessible pedestrian gate, which provides limited additional benefit given the low usage of these access points. Landscaping along the fence line may also reduce visibility, create visual obstructions, and limit clear sightlines, thereby increasing risk. Pedestrian access can be adequately managed via keypad entry and exit points without the need for full automation.

Option 2 (Recommended)

Includes: footpath closure and exercise equipment decommissioning, Concept 1 - Fencing the entire perimeter, lighting, automated vehicle gates, CCTV.

Total Cost =\$228,000.

That Council endorses the installation of full perimeter fencing at Gray Community Hall, including closure of the existing public footpath between Wright Crescent and Victoria Drive, removal of the adjacent exercise equipment, installation of additional lighting to improve site visibility and safety, installation of CCTV to provide coverage of the car park area, and installation of a controlled vehicle access gate. This option provides site security and safety while maintaining functionality. It also supports future use of the site, including potential expansion of Harvest Corner and activation of surrounding open space, with the perimeter fence providing separation from adjoining roads.

Option 3 (Not Recommended)

Includes: footpath closure and exercise equipment decommissioning, Concept 2 - Veranda fencing, lighting, CCTV.

Total Cost =\$173,000.

This option is not recommended as it provides a lower level of site security and control. The cost difference compared to full perimeter fencing is relatively minor, while the absence of controlled vehicle access and reliance on manual keypads and padlocks may create access

challenges for user groups. The proximity of the fence line to the building also increases the risk of vandalism, including rock throwing. In addition, the car park would remain unsecured, with previous reports noting incidents of vandalism to user group vehicles.

Option 4 (Not Recommended)

Footpath closure and exercise equipment decommissioning only

Total Cost =\$20,000.

This option is not recommended due to ongoing anti-social behaviour and associated safety risks to community user groups and City of Palmerston staff. Vandalism costs for the facility in the current financial year are currently \$16,000 over budget with two months remaining in the financial year, indicating that maintaining the status quo is not sustainable. Additional costs would also be incurred to close the existing footpath if fencing is not implemented.

Consultation and marketing

List any consultation or marketing that has been done (spoken to relevant staff that this report or any decision made may affect).

The following City of Palmerston staff were consulted in preparing this Report:

- IT & Assets
- Infrastructure
- Marketing and Communications
- Senior Leadership Team
- Executive Leadership Team

In preparing this Report, the following external parties were consulted:

- Harvest Corner Management Group
- Gray Childcare Centre
- Gray Primary School
- General Public
- Gray Residents

Policy implications

List any policy this Report relates to.

- Financial Reserves Policy
- Risk Management Policy
- Procurement Policy

Budget and resource implications

This project is currentted not budgeted.

Any decision in relation to improvements at Gray Community Hall will be subject to budget approval as part of the 2026/27 financial year budget development process.

Risk, legal and legislative implications

Risks associated with the options presented for Gray Community Hall have been noted throughout this report. Council has a duty of care to ensure community facilities are reasonably safe. Failure to act where risks are known increases the likelihood of physical injury or psychological harm to patrons, staff, volunteers, and contractors. From a reputational risk perspective, there could be community perception that Council is not responsive to safety concerns, leading to a loss of confidence in Council's ability to manage its assets.

This Report addresses the following City of Palmerston Strategic Risks:

1. Community Safety

Failure of Council to effectively plan and deliver its role in community safety.

5. Infrastructure

Failure to plan, deliver and maintain fit for purpose infrastructure.

Strategies, framework and plans implications

This Report relates to the following City of Palmerston Strategies, Framework and Plans:

- [Inclusive, Diverse and Accessible Policy Framework](#)
- [Strategic Asset Management Plan](#)

Council officer conflict of interest declaration

We the author and approving officer declare that we do not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.

Attachments

1. 20260304 - GCH - feedback - Laneway closure - 50 Plus Club redacted [12.1.2.1 - 1 page]
2. Engagement Results - Gray footpath and exercise equipment closure [12.1.2.2 - 3 pages]
3. Fencing the entire perimeter - Concept Images [12.1.2.3 - 5 pages]
4. Fencing the entire perimeter - Site Plan [12.1.2.4 - 1 page]
5. Veranda fencing - Concept images [12.1.2.5 - 5 pages]
6. Veranda fencing - Site Plan [12.1.2.6 - 1 page]

Palmerston City Council

2 Chung Wah Terrace

Palmerston 0830

01/03/26

Re: Closure off the Laneway and Exercise Equipment

We represent a group of like-minded seniors who enjoy getting together and participating in community activities. We wish to provide feedback regarding your proposal to close the laneway and remove the exercise equipment at the back of the Harvest Garden. After careful discussion, we believe this proposal is a positive step that may help address several long-standing concerns affecting local residents, families, and community groups.

For some time, the laneway has attracted behaviour that is disruptive and, at times, unsafe. The noise levels during the day can be extremely high, and this often escalates into shouting, swearing, and confrontations. The children at the nearby day-care centre are sometimes required to remain indoors because of the disrespectful behaviour occurring in the laneway. This has a direct impact on their wellbeing, outdoor play opportunities, and the ability of staff to provide a calm and safe environment.

Additionally, many seniors in our group no longer feel comfortable walking near the laneway or using the adjacent exercise equipment due to the antisocial behaviour frequently occurring there. Several members have expressed concerns about personal safety, particularly when visiting the area in the early morning or late afternoon. These issues discourage community use of shared spaces and reduce opportunities for healthy outdoor activity.

We also believe that closing the laneway may help reduce littering, vandalism, and loitering, all of which have increased over recent years. The removal or relocation of the exercise equipment could further reduce the gathering of individuals who misuse the space, making it easier for the community to enjoy the nearby gardens and pathways as intended.

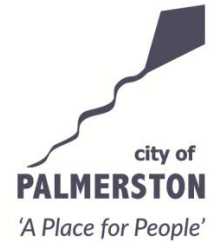
We value the Council's efforts to create safe, welcoming spaces for all residents, and we appreciate the opportunity to provide our feedback. We hope these additional insights are helpful as you continue to assess the best course of action for the area.

Yours sincerely

Janette Ashby



GRAY FOOTPATH & EXERCISE EQUIPMENT ENGAGEMENT



OVERALL FINDINGS:

- 33 people provided feedback through the website form
- 2 people responses via email
- 1 face to face engagement
- There is strong support for closing the footpath and decommissioning the exercise equipment.
- A large majority of respondents report safety concerns related to the area.
- Most respondents do not use the footpath regularly, which suggests it is not considered an essential route by most participants.
- The equipment appears to be largely unused by respondents.
- Antisocial behaviour is the central concern driving feedback

USAGE

Footpath

Responses show very low regular use of the path.

- Never: 19 (58%)
- Rarely: 5 (15%)
- Occasionally: 5 (15%)
- Frequently: 4 (12%)

Exercise equipment

- Do not use it: 31 (94%)
- Use it: 2 (6%)

SAFETY CONCERNS

- Yes, have safety concerns: 23 (70%)
- No concerns: 10 (30%)

SUPPORT FOR CLOSURE OF THE FOOTPATH AND EQUIPMENT

- Support closure: 26 (79%)
- Neither support nor oppose: 4 (12%)
- Do not support: 3 (9%)

KEY THEMES FROM WRITTEN FEEDBACK

1. Antisocial behaviour (dominant theme)

This was the most common issue raised. Examples mentioned:

- Drinking
- Loitering
- Fighting or aggressive behaviour
- People sleeping in the area
- Noise and intimidation

Several responses described the space as a gathering point for antisocial activity.

2. Safety and cleanliness concerns

Many comments referenced:

- Broken glass
- Needles
- Human waste
- Rubbish left behind

Respondents connected these issues with people feeling unsafe using nearby facilities, including the hall and surrounding areas.

3. Impact on nearby facilities

Some respondents specifically mentioned impacts on:

- Gray Community Hall
- Childcare services
- Residents living nearby

Comments suggested that antisocial behaviour discourages legitimate community use.

4. Very low use of the equipment

Several comments stated:

- They had never seen anyone use the exercise equipment
- It creates a place for loitering rather than exercise

5. Alternative suggestions (minor theme)

A small number of respondents suggested other solutions instead of closure:

- Better lighting
- CCTV
- Behaviour enforcement
- Retaining the path because it is a useful shortcut

SOCIAL MEDIA

- 1 x post on 18 February 2026
- 8 reactions
- 2 shares
- 5 comments
 - There are x2 playgrounds in the park on Dunbar St, Dunbar Park. Maybe close to one so parents can still keep a close eye on their children playing while they exercise
 - Could u upgrade the playground in Rosebery first? Its pretty sad
 - What will Council do once the footpath and the exercise equipment are decommissioned, to prevent this from becoming a Drinking Area and Bush Camp?
 - We use the footpath for walking during daylight hours but don't use it at night as there is not adequate safe lighting. The work out area is putrid...never seen it in use by people keen on health & fitness.

POINTS OF CONTACT

- Signage x 2 on site
- Letters to surrounding area
- Email to Gray Community Hall user list
- Meeting with nearby school
- Facebook post

Concept One – Fencing the entire perimeter

View 1 – From Veranda



View 2 - From Essington Avenue Footpath



View 3 - From Essington Avenue / Victoria Drive Intersection

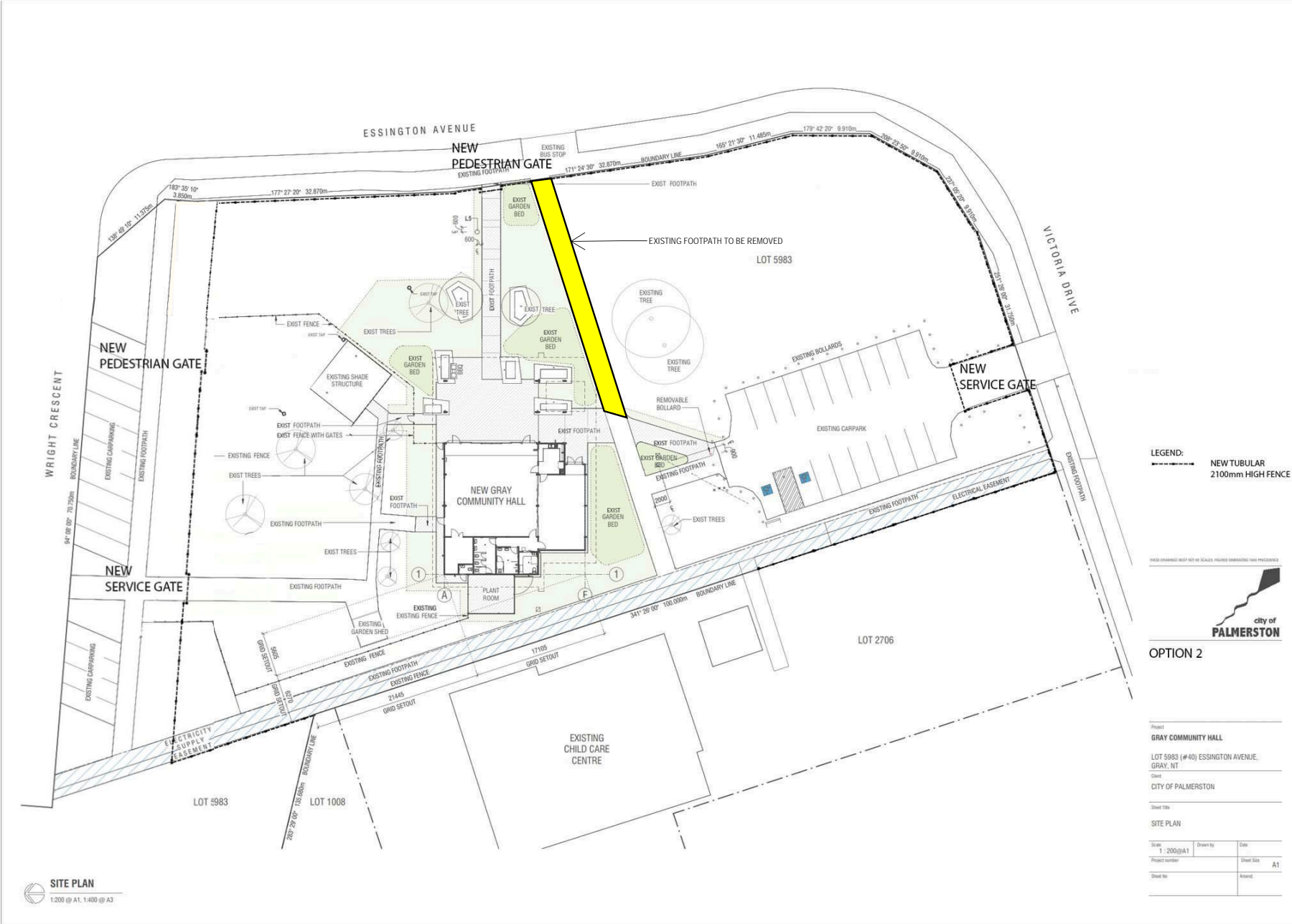


View 4 - From Car Park Entry



View 5 - Along Essington Avenue Footpath





Concept Two – Veranda fencing

View 1 – From Veranda



View 2 - From Essington Avenue Footpath



View 3 - From Essington Avenue / Victoria Drive Intersection

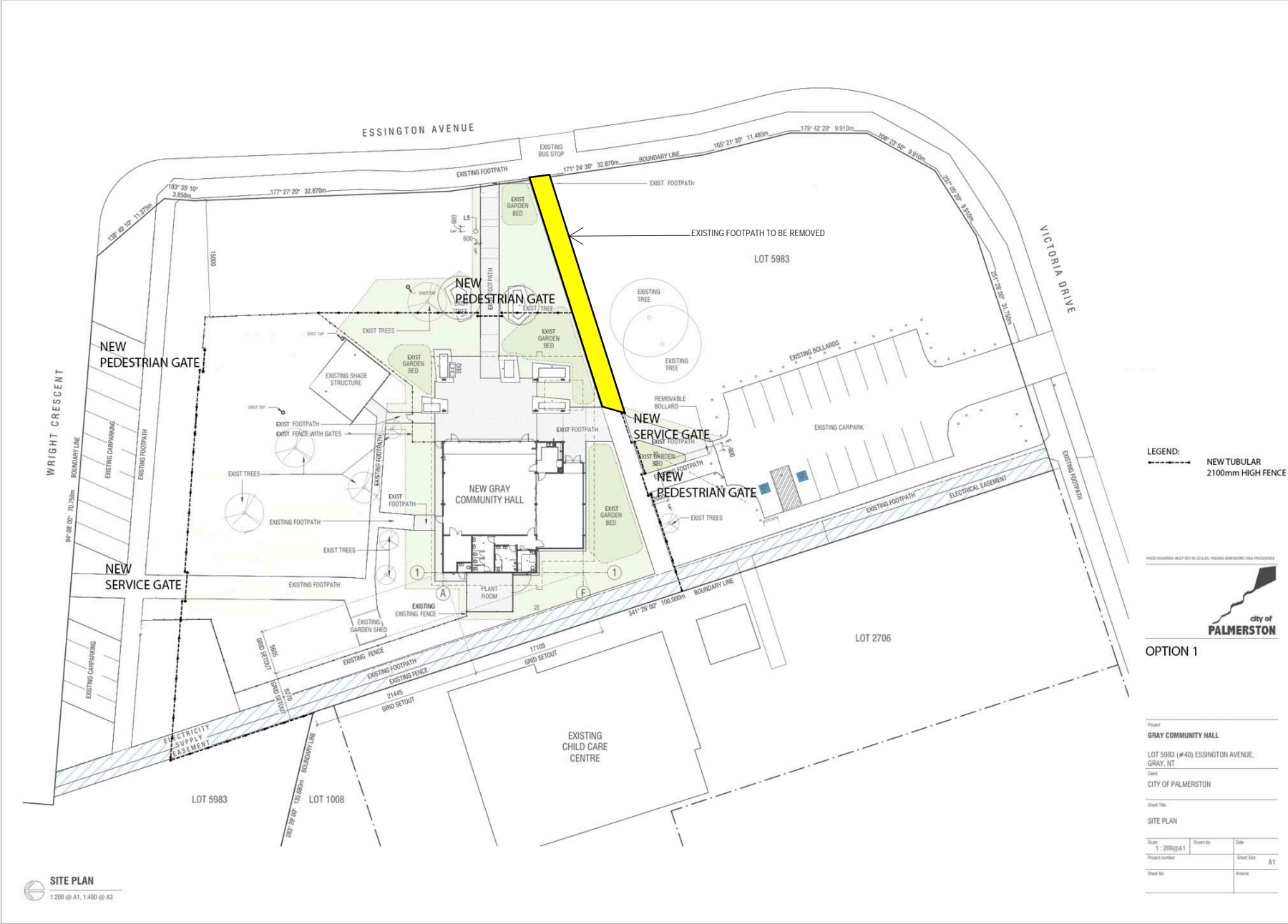


View 4 - From Car Park Entry



View 5 – Along Essington Avenue Footpath





COUNCIL REPORT

2nd Ordinary Council Meeting

Agenda Item:	12.1.3
Report Title:	Rezoning the Palmerston Escarpment and Sanctuary Lakes from Zone SP3 (Specific Use) to Zone PS (Public Open Space) in the NT Planning Scheme
Meeting Date:	Tuesday 19 May 2026
Author:	Planning and Development Manager, Christopher Tickner
Approver:	Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Nadine Nilon

Community plan

Family and Community: Palmerston is a safe and family friendly community where everyone belongs.

Purpose

This Report seeks Council endorsement to apply to the Minister of Planning to rezone Council-owned public open spaces in Gunn from Specific Use Zone SP3 to Zone PS (Public Open Space), including Sanctuary Lakes and parts of the Palmerston Escarpment.

Key messages

- Specific Use Zone SP3 was an interim zone created under the previous 2007 NT Planning Scheme to facilitate the subdivision and development of the residential suburb of Gunn.
- The residential development of Gunn commenced in the the late 90s and was completed by 2009 and has since transitioned from Zone SP3 to more standard land use zoning that reflects the location of compatible development.
- However, there are still several Council-owned public open space parcels zoned SP3, including Sanctuary Lakes and parts of the Palmerston Escarpment.
- The PS – Public Open Space zone in the NT Planning Scheme 2020 best reflects the current and intended use of these areas and will reduce potential regulatory hurdles for future works, among other benefits.
- It is recommended that Council apply to the Minister of Planning to rezone these areas from Zone SP3 to Zone PS-Public Open Space.

Recommendation

1. THAT Report entitled Rezoning the Palmerston Escarpment and Sanctuary Lakes from Zone SP3 (Specific Use) to Zone PS (Public Open Space) in the NT Planning Scheme be received and noted.
2. That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to write to the Minister for Planning requesting a waiver of application fees to rezone Council-owned public open space in the suburb of Gunn from Specific Use Zone SP3 to Zone PS (Public Open Space) in the NT Planning Scheme 2020.
3. That Council, on confirmation from the Minister that fees will be waived, authorise the Chief Executive Officer to apply to rezone Council-owned public open space as shown in **Attachment 12.1.3.3** in Gunn from Specific Use Zone SP3 to Zone PS (Public Open Space) in the NT Planning Scheme 2020.

Background

Specific use zones

Under the previous NT Planning Scheme 2007, specific use zones were utilised to guide the development of expansion areas, such as new residential suburbs or large strategically located parcels of land, ensuring orderly development in areas otherwise lacking proper strategic direction. As the planning system has evolved through recent reforms, including the introduction of the strategic planning framework, the reliance on specific use zones has diminished. This shift reflects a move away from site-specific controls toward a more structured approach, that includes defined land use zones and Area Plans that better guide large scale development.

Specific use zone SP3 (Gunn)

Specific Use Zone SP3 (see **Attachment 12.1.3.1**) was created under the previous 2007 NT Planning Scheme as an interim measure to facilitate the subdivision and development of the residential suburb of Gunn. With the suburb largely complete, most of the area has been rezoned to a traditional land use zone that reflects the permanent land use. However, some SP3 parcels remain, most notably Council-owned and managed Sanctuary Lakes and sections of the Palmerston Escarpment, as well as other open space areas (see **Figure 1**).

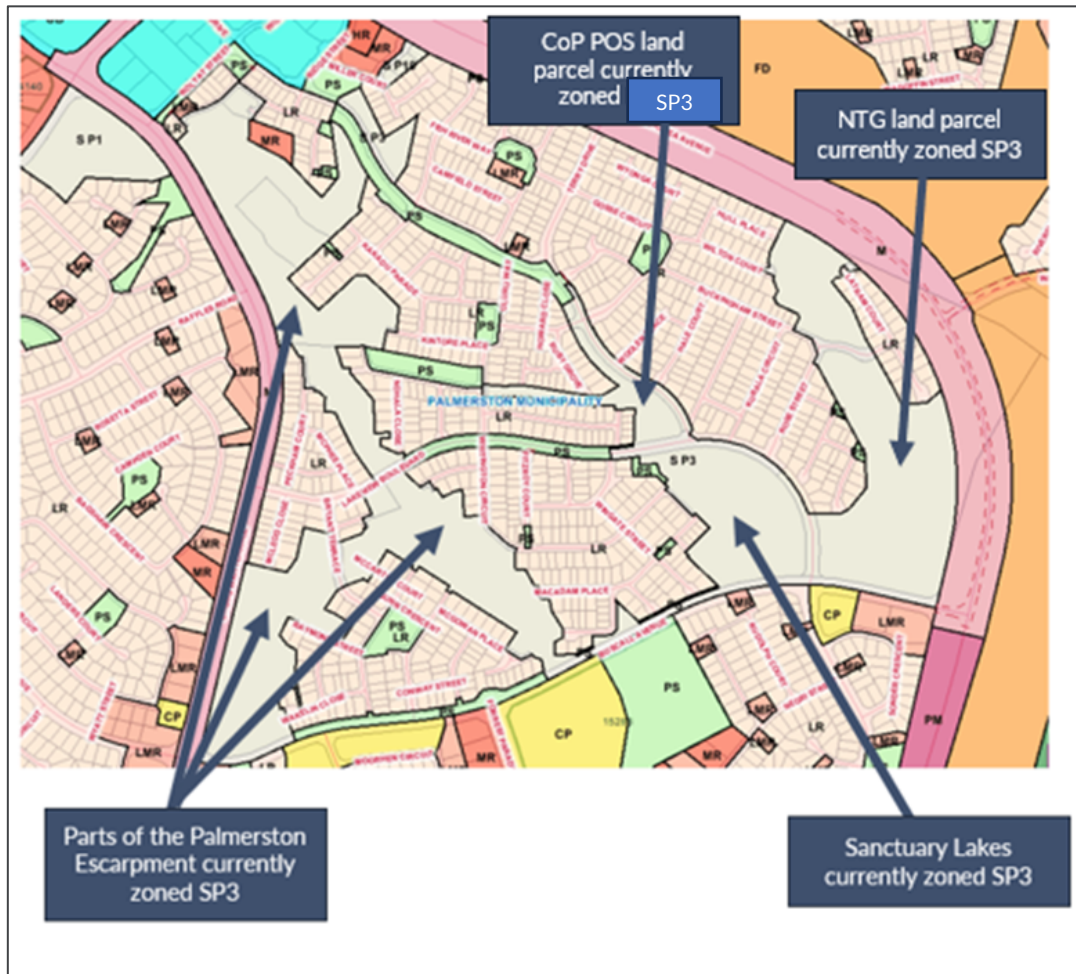


Figure 1 -SP3 Zoning under Council ownership

Zone SP3 does not accurately reflect the current and intended use of Sanctuary Lakes, parts of the Palmerston Escarpment, and other open spaces in Gunn. Retaining this zoning risks hindering future development and any planned improvements in these areas. The following Discussion outlines the process and benefits of rezoning these areas to Zone PS-Public Open Space to align with their actual use. The PS-Public Open Space zone provisions are detailed in **Attachment 12.1.3.2**.

Discussion

Re-zoning process

Ordinarily, rezonings are undertaken by a private landholder to increase a property’s value or repurpose the land to meet changing needs. It can often be a lengthy and complicated process involving the preparation of detailed technical reports and supporting documents to demonstrate an improved strategic planning outcome. In this instance, the rezoning is likely to be more straightforward as it is ultimately an administrative process to update an old specific land use zone to a standard zone to reflect an existing and compatible land use.

Based on preliminary discussions with Department of Lands, Planning and Environment, the proposed rezoning will likely follow a ‘zone normalisation process’, which happens when it is preferable for existing zoning be updated to reflect the more generic framework in the

NT Planning Scheme 2020. The zone normalisation process does not require public exhibition, can be dealt with quickly under delegation, and in most cases, fees can be waived.

Proposed Re-zoning Areas

Attachment 12.1.3.3 highlights the areas proposed for rezoning, which include Sanctuary Lakes, the adjacent open spaces to the north along Terry Drive, and the northern sections of the Palmerston Escarpment. This area consists of Lots 9177, 9985, 9986, 9174, 9175, 8218, 10972, 10973, 7100, 8669, 8670, 8630, and 8510 (Town of Palmerston), all owned by the City of Palmerston.

Additionally, Lot 9785 (Gunn) is also shown in **Attachment 12.1.3.3**; this is public open space land zoned SP3 that is under the ownership of the NT Government. Crown Lands Estate have been approached about the possibility of including this parcel in the rezoning application, and whilst supportive in principle, this adds unnecessary complexity without benefit to Council and therefore is not recommended. Excluding this parcel has no consequence for the rezoning of the Council-owned parcels.

Benefits

Rezoning of Council-owned public open space areas in Gunn from Specific Use Zone SP3 to Zone PS (Public Open Space) to reflect the current land use provides several benefits, including:

- Rezoning will make it easier to manage and develop these open space parcels in accordance with their intended use, preventing the loss of public amenity and reducing potential objections or regulatory burden for future works.
- It brings these parcels into line with the modern planning framework, ensuring regulations reflect current standards and long-term strategic goals rather than an outdated zoning category.
- It creates better synergies and links to future open space projects, such as the nearby Mitchell Creek Study Area, which will likely be rezoned to a similar zone category in the future, and by doing so provide a green-link-network through consistent zoning (see **Figure 2** below).

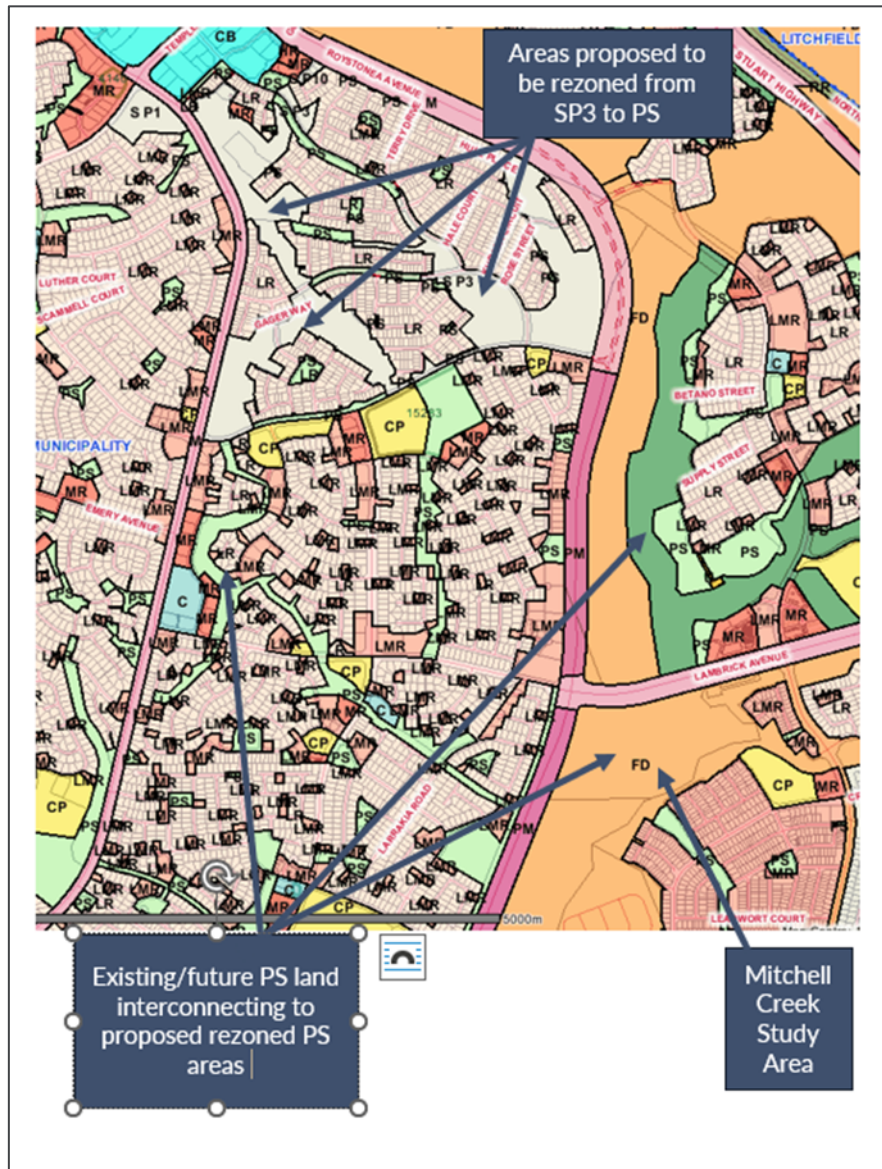


Figure 2 – Green link network

- It adds an additional layer of protection to areas important for informal passive recreation.
- Adopting a consistent PS-Public Open Space designation across Councils open space network ensures the open space network is managed as a connected network rather than being administered through multiple and different land use policies and planning instruments.

Next Steps

It is recommended that Council request a fee waiver from the Minister for Planning to submit a rezoning application. Upon approval of a fee waiver, an application will be submitted to rezone Council-owned parcels in Gunn from Specific Use Zone SP3 to PS-Public Open Space, updating the Planning Scheme and other land use databases accordingly.

Consultation and marketing

The following City of Palmerston staff were consulted in preparing this Report:

- Executive Manager Environment.
- Manager of Sustainability.
- Natural Assets Coordinator.

In preparing this Report, the following external parties were consulted:

- Department of Lands, Planning and Environment.

Policy implications

There are no policy implications for this Report.

Budget and resource implications

There are no budget or resource implications relating to this Report.

Risk, legal and legislative implications

This Report addresses the following City of Palmerston Strategic Risks:

5. Infrastructure

Failure to plan, deliver and maintain fit for purpose infrastructure.

The following legislations need to be taken into consideration in order to make an informed decision.

- *Planning Act 1999 (NT).*
- *Planning Regulation 2000 (NT).*

Strategies, framework and plans implications

This Report relates to the following City of Palmerston Strategies, Framework and Plans:

- [Community Infrastructure Plan 2016-2026](#)

Council officer conflict of interest declaration

We the author and approving officer declare that we do not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.

Attachments

1. Specific Use Zone S P 3 [12.1.3.1 - 1 page]
2. PS - Public Open Space Zone [12.1.3.2 - 2 pages]
3. Council owned land proposed to be rezoned S P 3 to PS [12.1.3.3 - 2 pages]

SP2

Part Lot 4635, Town of Palmerston (74 University Avenue, Durack).

1. The purpose of this zone is to facilitate the subdivision and development of the land as a residential suburb.
2. The land may be subdivided and developed with **consent** as a residential suburb provided that a development application to subdivide the land is accompanied by:
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 - (b) a report indicating the stages at which each lot will be rezoned.

SP3

Part Lot 4640. Town of Palmerston (109 Chung Wah Terrace, Gunn).

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SP4

SP4 which was part Lot 7652, Town of Palmerston (Stuart Highway, Farrar) has been rezoned to Zones SD, MD, PS and CN on commencement of the consolidated NT Planning Scheme on 01.02.2007

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4.17 Zone PS – Public Open Space

Zone Purpose

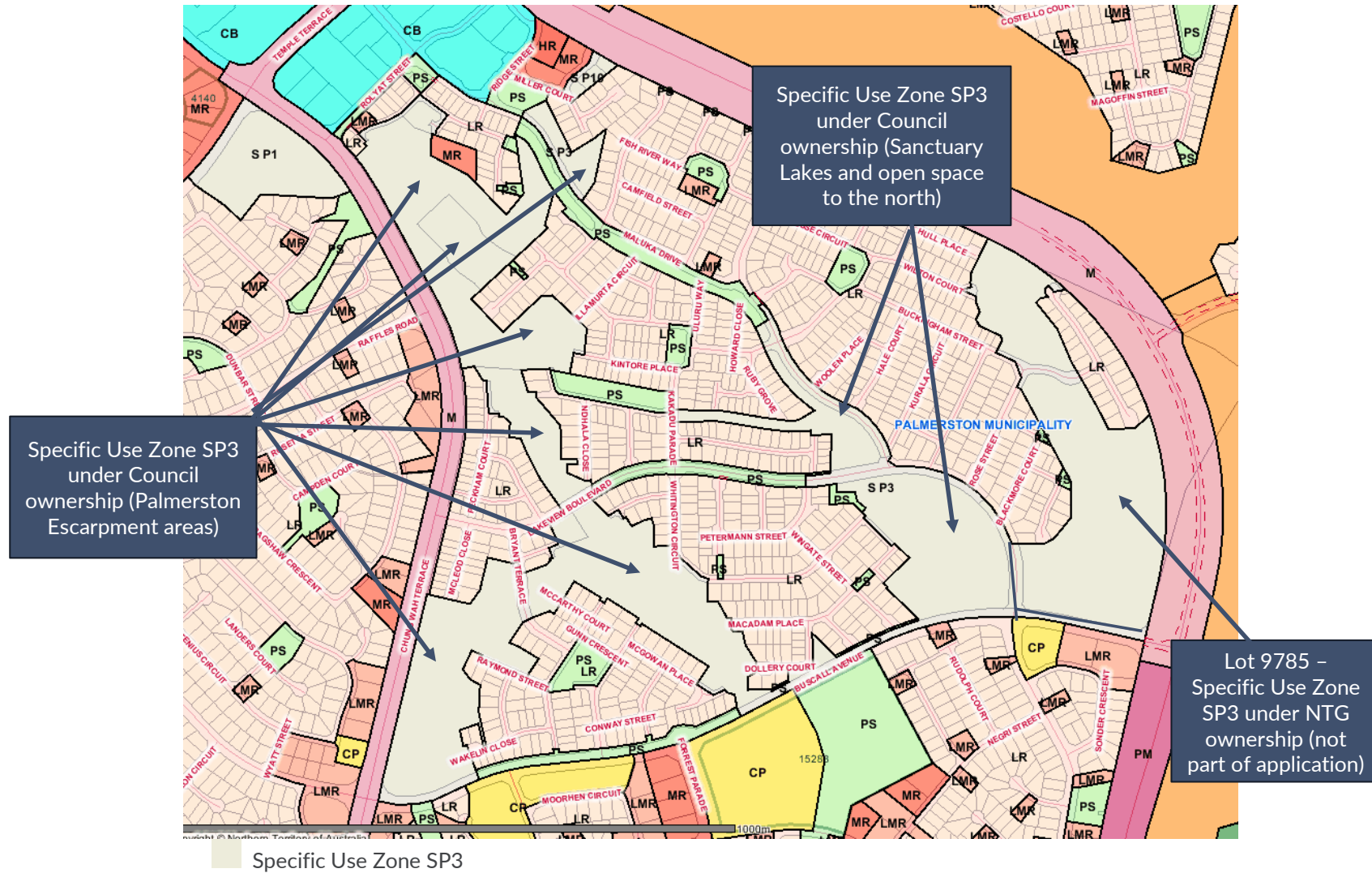
Retain and enrich open space areas for public use and enjoyment, and the enhancement of public **amenity**.

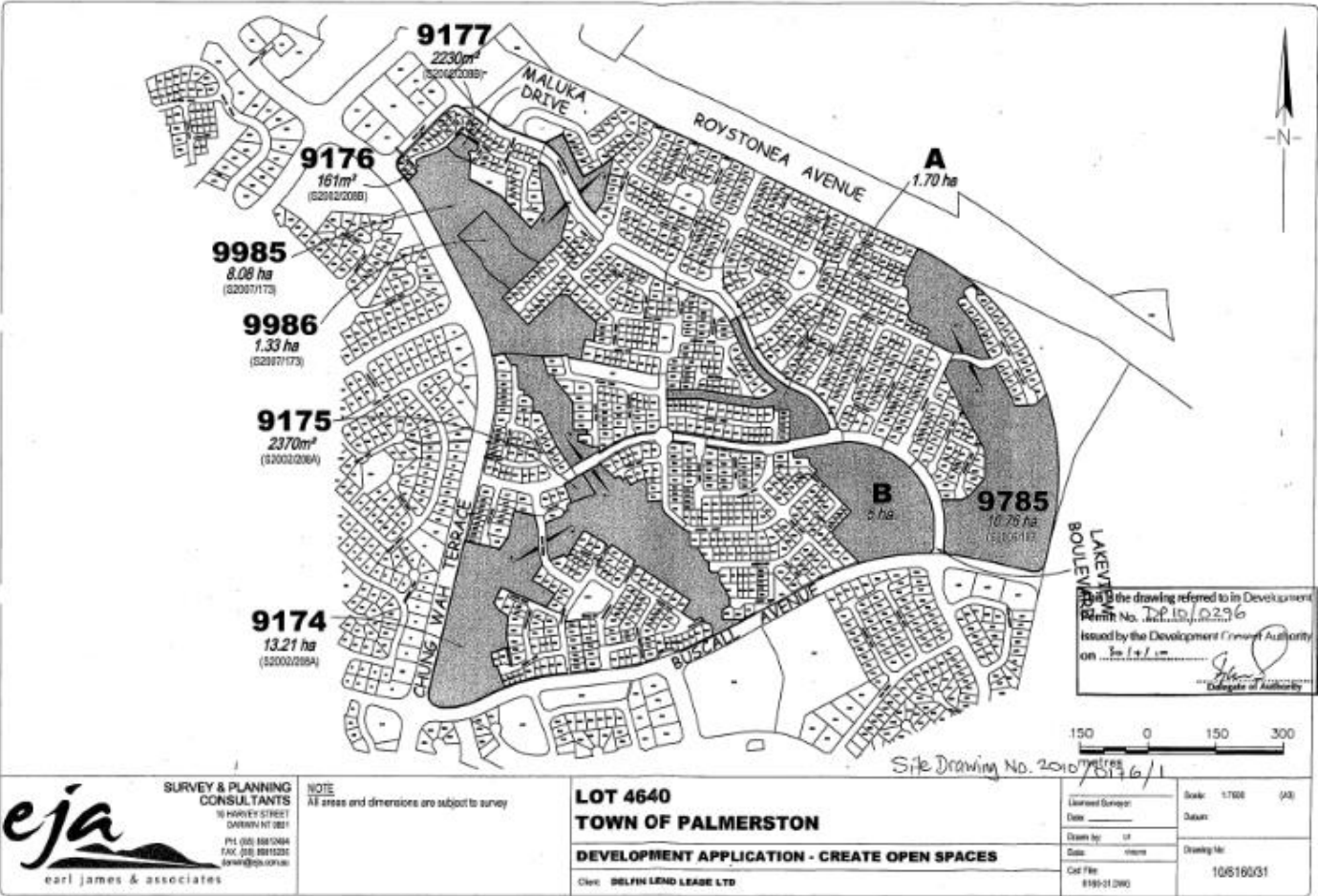
Zone Outcomes

1. **Public open space** enriches the **amenity** of the surrounding area and primarily caters for the informal outdoor recreation needs of the community.
2. Temporary or periodic uses, such as **markets** or outdoor entertainment events, that can be reasonably accommodated by the existing facilities and do not unduly impact on the **amenity** and character of the surrounding area.
3. Uses which are complementary to and support the use and enjoyment of open space, including **community centre, leisure and recreation activities, food premises-café/take away and food premises-restaurant**, may be established if of a scale and intensity that does not detrimentally impact on the **amenity** or integrity of the zone.
4. All development, including public infrastructure and **outbuildings**, is located, designed, operated and maintained to:
 - (a) retain or enhance the character and **amenity** of the open space;
 - (b) minimise encroachment on the publically-accessible open space in a way which would unreasonably reduce its function for informal recreation;
 - (c) respond to the local climate, including minimising the ongoing consumption of energy and water;
 - (d) integrate with natural systems; and
 - (e) minimise unreasonable impacts on the **amenity** of surrounding residential land
5. Development avoids any adverse impacts on ecologically important areas within or nearby the zone.
6. Development that is not defined in Schedule 2 (Definitions) may occur only when assessment has determined that the development is appropriate in the zone, having regard to the purpose and outcomes of this zone and such matters as the location, nature, scale and intensity of the development.

ASSESSMENT TABLE – ZONE PS – PUBLIC OPEN SPACE					
Defined Use	Assessment Category	Overlays	General Development Requirements	Location Specific Development Requirements	Specific Development Requirements
Caravan Accommodation	Permitted	3.4 CR – Coastal Reclamation 3.6 LSF – Land Subject to Flooding 3.7 LSSS – Land Subject to Storm Surge 3.14 HHLSI – Land in proximity to Helicopter Landing Sites of Strategic Importance	5.2.1 General Height Control		5.4.11 Caravan Accommodation
Community Centre	Impact assessable		5.2.4 Car Parking		
Demountable Structures	Permitted		5.2.5 Loading Bays		5.8.7 Demountable Structures
Dwelling-Caretakers	Permitted		5.2.6 Landscaping		5.4.3 Building Setbacks for Residential Buildings and Ancillary Structures 5.4.12 Dwelling-Caretakers
Excavation and Fill	Impact assessable		5.2.7 Setbacks for Development Adjacent to Land in Zones LR, LMR, MR or HR		5.8.9 Excavation and Fill
Food Premises-Café/Take Away	Impact assessable				5.5.11 Food Premises
Food Premises-Restaurant	Impact assessable				5.5.11 Food Premises
Leisure and Recreation	Impact assessable				5.8.5 Leisure and Recreation
Market	Permitted				5.8.1 Markets
Sex Services-Home Based Business	Permitted				5.4.10 Home Based Businesses
Telecommunications Facility	Impact assessable				5.8.10 Telecommunications Facility
All other uses defined in Schedule 2 (Definitions)	Prohibited				
Undefined Uses Any use not defined in Schedule 2 (Definitions)	Impact assessable				Part 2, Part 3, Part 4, Part 5 of this Planning Scheme

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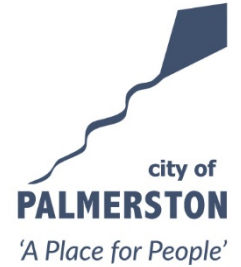
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LOT 4640
TOWN OF PALMERSTON
DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION - CREATE OPEN SPACES
Client: **BELFIN LEAD LEASE LTD**

Issue of the drawing referred to in Development Permit No. DP10/0296 Issued by the Development Control Authority on .../.../... Delegate of Authority

COUNCIL REPORT



2nd Ordinary Council Meeting

Agenda Item:	12.1.4
Report Title:	Council Policy Review - Recognition of Service to the Community
Meeting Date:	Tuesday 19 May 2026
Author:	Executive Manager People and Customer, Becky Saywell
Approver:	General Manager People and Place, Emma Blight

Community plan

Cultural Diversity: In Palmerston we celebrate our cultures in a way that values our diversity.

Purpose

This Report seeks Council approval to amend the Council Policy Recognition of Service to the Community.

Key messages

- City of Palmerston’s Recognition of Service to the Community Policy sets out how Council recognises members of the community through the Australia Day Awards and Mayor’s Commendation, and how long serving staff and Elected Members will be recognised.
- The Policy replicates eligibility criteria for the Palmerston Australia Day Award categories which are published on the City of Palmerston website.
- The Policy covers employee service milestones that are managed internally and in line with the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) recognition program.
- The Policy provides a provision for the Mayor to award a Mayoral Commendation on behalf of City of Palmerston.
- It is recommended the policy is amended to avoid duplication, improving efficiencies.

Recommendation

1. THAT Report entitled Council Policy Review - Recognition of Service to the Community be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the amendments of the Council Policy 'Recognition of Service to the Community' as **Attachment 12.1.4.3**.

Background

The Recognition of Service to the Community Policy (the Policy) combines recognition associated for the Australia Day Awards with the recognition and reward of Council employees that have served defined periods at council, as well as Elected Members. It also provides the Mayor the ability to award a Mayoral commendation on behalf of City of Palmerston at any stage during their tenure. The current policy is provided as **Attachment 12.1.4.1**.

As the 1st Ordinary Council Meeting on 2 April 2024, the Policy was due for a review where Council made the following decision:

13.1.1 Council Policy Review – Recognition of Service to the Community

1. *THAT Report entitled Council Policy Review – Recognition of Service to the Community be received and noted.*
2. *THAT Council endorses City of Palmerston's Recognition of Service to the Community Policy being Attachment 13.1.1.3 to report entitled Council Policy Review – Recognition of Service to the Community.*

CARRIED 10/1272 - 2/04/2024

Discussion

A Council Policy is information that considers strategic direction and relates to the community. During the review of the Policy, it was noted that duplication with other documents existed, and the Policy featured inclusions more relevant to internal/operational requirements than the community.

The Policy identifies employee and Elected Member milestones, and given City of Palmerston is now a member of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT), it can leverage their service awards. In addition to this, City of Palmerston, as part of its employee benefits, has a reward and recognition program whereby the current Enterprise Agreement provides a retention bonus for staff at three (3) and five (5) years.

The Australia Day Council Northern Territory facilitates the Citizen of the Year Awards. In line with the eligibility criteria, City of Palmerston publishes the full award criteria on its website removing the need to include it in this Policy.

The Policy also provides the ability to facilitate Mayoral commendation, where the Mayor may recognise and award a community member for contributing to Palmerston municipality. This would traditionally be outside of the Australia Day Awards and at the Mayors discretion.

The following amendments are recommended and are tracked in **Attachment 12.1.4.2** and finalised in **Attachment 12.1.4.3** to ensure the policy does not duplicate other administrative documents, providing improved efficiencies and focus for Council;

- Removal of details relating to the Australia Day awards eligibility criteria,
- removal of details relating to long serving Council staff,
- removal of all details relating to employee schedule milestones, and;
- amendment aligning LGANT service awards to recognise both long serving staff and Elected Members.

Consultation and marketing

The following City of Palmerston staff were consulted in preparing this Report:

- Senior Leadership Team
- Acting City Activation Manager.

Policy implications

No implications to current policies.

Budget and resource implications

Any budget relating to recognition of service for staff is already accommodated in the current People and Customer operational budget.

Risk, legal and legislative implications

This Report addresses the following City of Palmerston Strategic Risks:

6. **Governance**
Failure to effectively govern.

Strategies, framework and plans implications

This Report relates to the following City of Palmerston Strategies, Framework and Plans:

- [City of Palmerston Enterprise Agreement 2025.](#)
- [City of Palmerston Australia Day Awards eligibility criteria.](#)

Council officer conflict of interest declaration

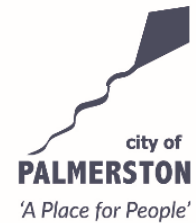
We the author and approving officer declare that we do not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.



Attachments

1. 20240208 - Council Policy - Recognition of Service to the Community [12.1.4.1 - 3 pages]
2. 20240208 - Council Policy Recognition of Service to the Community - tracked [12.1.4.2 - 3 pages]
3. 20240208 - Council Policy Recognition of Service to the Community - final [12.1.4.3 - 3 pages]

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY



COUNCIL POLICY

PURPOSE

To provide structure and consistency in recognising the contribution of community members and Council staff to the people of Palmerston.

PRINCIPLES

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DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Policy, the following definitions apply:

TERM	DEFINITION
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POLICY STATEMENT

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POLICY DETAILS

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RECOGNITION OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY



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COUNCIL REPORT

2nd Ordinary Council Meeting

Agenda Item:	12.1.5
Report Title:	Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Meeting - 28 April 2026
Meeting Date:	Tuesday 19 May 2026
Author:	Executive Assistant to General Manager People & Place, Emily Dehne
Approver:	General Manager People and Place, Emma Blight

Community plan

Vibrant Economy: Palmerston is a destination city for employment, it is a place where businesses are encouraged to set up and grow.

Purpose

This Report seeks Council approval of the recommendations from the Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee meeting held on Tuesday 28 April 2026.

Key messages

- The Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee met on Tuesday 28 April 2026
- The Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee agenda and unconfirmed minutes from the meeting are available for viewing on Council's website
- The Committee reviewed three (3) Receive and Note reports
- Invest Palmerston Update
- Consumer Spending – Tropical Cyclone Fina 2025; and
- City of Palmerston's The Business Social Event.

Recommendation

1. THAT Report entitled Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Meeting - 28 April 2026 be received and noted.
2. THAT the unconfirmed Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Minutes provided as **Attachment 12.1.5.1** be received and noted.

Background

The Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee is established as an Advisory Committee to City of Palmerston.

The purpose of the Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee (VEAC) is to provide advice to Council relating to actions and priorities identified in the Palmerston Local Economic Plan (PLEP) and its action plan.

Discussion

The Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee meeting was held on Tuesday 28 April 2026 with the unconfirmed minutes provided as **Attachment 12.1.5.1**.

The Advisory Committee reviewed the following Receive and Note Officer Reports:

Invest Palmerston Update

An update was provided to VEAC regarding the progress of the Invest Palmerston website. The report discusses the completion of the project roll out. Key changes of the website have been enhanced to provide a range of business tools, information, peak business stakeholder information, grant programs and supports within City of Palmerston, the Northern Territory Government and Australian Government agencies. Council officers will continue to update the Invest Palmerston website with information provided on relevant themes where applicable.

The committee asked that Council Officers consider additional advertisements option for the website and the Business Newsletter to encourage wider distribution to local Palmerston businesses. Committee members agreed that the website would be very beneficial to small businesses if it was advertised more.

Consumer Spending – Tropical Cyclone Fina 2025

Council Officers provided VEAC with advice on the impact of Tropical Cyclone Fina, outlining spending patterns within the municipality following this natural event. City of Palmerston subscribes to Spendmapp by Geografia, which is a digital tool used to track local economic performance and consumer behaviour. This tool was used to identify data on economic activity indicating how Tropical Cyclone Fina influenced local spending behaviour in comparison to overall economic activity in previous years.

The committee discussed the potential uses for the Spendmapp data and what potential future uses Council Officers could implement. The committee would like to see a future report with more information on what impacts this data can display and how Council can use it to help improve our local economy.

City of Palmerston's 'The Business Social' Event

City of Palmerston is holding an upcoming inaugural event 'The Business Social' and sought Committee members' input on event details.

Feedback from the 2025 Palmerston Business Futures Forum identified the need for improved networking opportunities within the municipality. City of Palmerston's response to this feedback has been to increase networking and advocacy opportunities for local businesses in collaboration with Council.

It was recommended by Committee Member Christopher Lay that Council Officers put forward an Expression of Interest to businesses attending The Business Social to see if they would be interested in a 'Business Spotlight'. This would allow for small businesses to advertise and further network with the local business community. In addition to this, Committee Member Colin Southam brought light to a potential theme of "Palmerston Proud". Council Officers have taken this feedback onboard.

The agenda from this meeting is available for viewing on [Council's Website](#).

Consultation and marketing

The following City of Palmerston staff were consulted in preparing this Report:

- Acting City Activation Manager

Policy implications

There are no policy implications for this Report.

Budget and resource implications

There are no budget or resource implications relating to this Report.

Risk, legal and legislative implications

This Report addresses the following City of Palmerston Strategic Risks:

6. Governance

Failure to effectively govern.

Strategies, framework and plans implications

This Report relates to the following City of Palmerston Strategies, Framework and Plans:

- [Palmerston Local Economic Plan](#)

The Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee was established to provide advice on actions and priorities relating to the Palmerston Local Economic Plan and its Action Plan.

Council officer conflict of interest declaration

We the author and approving officer declare that we do not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.

Attachments

1. 20260428 - UNCONFIRMED Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - 28 April 2026 [12.1.5.1 - 6 pages]



MINUTES

VIBRANT ECONOMY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY 28 APRIL 2026

The Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Meeting of City of Palmerston held in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston, NT 0830.

Council business papers can be viewed on City of Palmerston's website palmerston.nt.gov.au

UNCONFIRMED

**Minutes of Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Meeting
held in Council Chambers
Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston
on Tuesday 28 April 2026 at 5:30pm.**

PRESENT

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Councillor Lucy Morrison (Chair)
Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell, Ex-Officio
Rick Burgess Department of the Chief Minister
and Cabinet Representative
Chowdhury Md Sadaruddin, Community Member
Christopher Lay, Property Council Representative
Colin Southam, Business or Property Association
Karlle Archer, Local Business Owner Representative
Michelle Murphy, Local Business Owner Representative

STAFF

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Acting General Manager People and Place, Becky Saywell
General Manager Community, Konrad Seidl
City Activation Manager, Matthew McNamara
Acting City Activation Manager, Sophie Walkington
Economic Development Lead, Caroline Villaflor
Marketing and Communications Manager, Taylor Revitt
Minute Secretary, Emily Dehne

GALLERY

Nil members of the public
Nil members of Staff

Initials _____

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

City of Palmerston acknowledges the Larrakia people as the Traditional Custodians of the Palmerston region. We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and future leaders and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

2 OPENING OF MEETING

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5:30pm.

3 APOLOGIES

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Colin Southam

THAT the apology received from Councillor Mark Fraser for 28 April 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED (8/0) - VEAC11/01 - 28/04/2026

4 AUDIO/AUDIOVISUAL CONFERENCING

4.1 Request for audio/audiovisual conferencing

Nil

4.2 Audio/Audio visual conferencing previously granted

Nil

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

5.1 Committee members

Nil

5.2 Staff

Nil

Initials _____

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of minutes

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

THAT the Minutes of the Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Meeting held on 29 April 2025 pages 47 to 51 be confirmed.

CARRIED (8/0) - VEAC11/02 - 28/04/2026

6.2 Business arising from previous meeting

Nil

7 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

8 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

8.1 Moving confidential items into open

Nil

8.2 Moving open items into confidential

Nil

8.3 Confidential items

Nil

9 OFFICER REPORTS

9.1 Action reports

Nil

Initials _____

9.2 Receive and note reports

9.2.1 Invest Palmerston Update

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
 Seconded: Christopher Lay

THAT Report entitled Invest Palmerston Update be received and noted.

CARRIED (8/0) - VEAC11/03 - 28/04/2026

9.2.2 Consumer Spending - Tropical Cyclone Fina 2025

Moved: Colin Southam
 Seconded: Councillor Morrison

THAT Report entitled Consumer Spending - Tropical Cyclone Fina 2025 and Attachment 9.2.2.1 be received and noted.

CARRIED (8/0) - VEAC11/04 - 28/04/2026

9.2.3 City of Palmerston's The Business Social Event

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
 Seconded: Michelle Murphy

THAT Report entitled City of Palmerston's The Business Social Event be received and noted.

CARRIED (8/0) - VEAC11/05 - 28/04/2026

10 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 Information

Nil

10.2 Correspondence

Nil

Initials _____

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 Community Plan Health Check Community Consultation

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Michelle Murphy

THAT the verbal discussion regarding the City of Palmerston Community Plan Health Check Community Consultation be received and noted.

CARRIED (8/0) - VEAC11/06 - 28/04/2026

12 NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved: Colin Southam
Seconded: Michelle Murphy

THAT the next Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 28 July 2026 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston.

CARRIED (8/0) - VEAC11/07 - 28/04/2026

13 CLOSURE OF MEETING

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Michelle Murphy

THAT the meeting of the Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee held in Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, Palmerston on 28 April 2026 closed at 7:07pm.

CARRIED (8/0) - VEAC11/08 - 28/04/2026

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7:07pm.

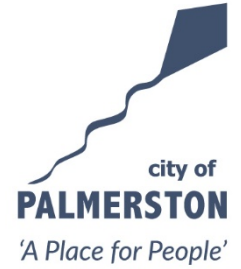
Chair

Print Name

Date

Initials _____

COUNCIL REPORT



2nd Ordinary Council Meeting

Agenda Item:	12.1.6
Report Title:	Community Funding Program - Lions Medical Research Foundation
Meeting Date:	Tuesday 19 May 2026
Author:	Community Services Lead, Stephen Power
Approver:	General Manager Community, Konrad Seidl

Community plan

Family and Community: Palmerston is a safe and family friendly community where everyone belongs.

Purpose

This report seeks a Council decision for a sponsorship application by the Lions Medical Research Foundation to deliver a Special Children’s Big Day Out event, with support of the Community Funding Program.

Key messages

- Council supports initiatives that benefit the Palmerston community through the Community Funding Program.
- Lions Medical Research Foundation has applied for \$20,000 in sponsorship support for the delivery of the “Special Children’s Big Day Out” event.
- The Special Children’s Big Day Out will be taking children from the Palmerston Secondary Special Education School and the Hospital with their carers to attend the event.
- The program aligns with City of Palmerston Community Plan outcomes of Family and Community.
- \$66,044.45 remains in the Community Funding Program grant budget for the 2025/26 financial year, including \$15,000 for Sponsorship.

Recommendation

1. THAT Report entitled Community Funding Program - Lions Medical Research Foundation be received and noted.

2. THAT Council endorse Option Three (3) – Lions Medical Research Foundation sponsorship application is not supported through the Community Funding Program.

Background

The Community Funding Program (CFP) is City of Palmerston’s grant funding initiative that supports individuals, groups, and organisations in delivering programs and projects that provide positive outcomes for the Palmerston community and align with Council’s vision as A Place for People.

The following opportunities are available for eligible applicants:

- Individual and Team Representation Support.
- Community Grants, Environmental Initiatives and Sponsorship.
- Annual School Awards.
- Graffiti Removal Grants.

Lions Medical Research Foundation is a registered charity delivering health and community-focused initiatives across the Northern Territory. The organisation supports cancer research through grants and operates a free mobile cancer screening service across the region. It also delivers the annual “Special Children’s Big Day Out”, an event for children with special needs, cancer and terminal illnesses, held for more than 10 years.

Discussion

Lions Medical Research Foundation has applied for \$20,000 through the Community Funding Program Sponsorship stream to support delivery of the “Special Children’s Big Day Out” in June 2026. It is implied that the one (1) day event will not cost the \$120,000 outlined and rather the sponsorship money raised will support cancer screening and research. Whilst the importance of this work and cause is acknowledged this request is more consistent with a general donation which does not align with the Community Funding Program.

The 2026 event is proposed to be delivered outside the Palmerston region at the Darwin Cinemas and will include a dedicated screening and red-carpet-style experience for attendees. The event aims to provide an inclusive outing for children facing significant health and social challenges. Approximately 1,200 attendees are expected, including an estimated 200 participants from Palmerston-based special education settings and hospital services, including carers.

All required supporting documentation has been submitted and reviewed as part of the assessment process. While the application outlines the intent of the event and its broader community benefit, the overall quality of the submission is considered limited, with insufficient detail provided to support a comprehensive assessment. This includes the absence of a clear budget breakdown, detailed delivery plan, and evidence to support the projected attendance figures for Palmerston residents. As a result, there is a level of uncertainty regarding the estimated number of participants and the overall scale of the event.

The administration has been in ongoing communication with the applicant to provide advice and guidance on their application.

Based on the funding request and estimated participant numbers, the cost per participant is considered high, and there is limited information available to demonstrate value for money or measurable outcomes for the Palmerston community.

Further information is provided at **Attachment 12.1.6.1**

Option 1

Full Funding - \$20,000 (Not Recommended)

The City of Palmerston provides sponsorship for the full amount requested, at a cost of \$20,000. This option is not recommended, as only \$15,000 remains in the Sponsorship budget for the remainder of FY 2025/26.

Option 2

Partial Funding - \$15,000 (Not Recommended)

The City of Palmerston provides sponsorship for the partial amount requested, at a cost of \$15,000. This option is not recommended as the event is held outside the Palmerston region, Participation from Palmerston residents is estimated at approximately 200 attendees, including carers for a \$15,000 sponsorship.

The cost per participant is considered high, raising concerns about value for money. The application provides no clear budget detailing how funds will be allocated and lacks sufficient detail to assess measurable outcomes. Recognition of Council's contribution is minimal, limited to a banner at the event and logo placement on the event ticket and promotional material.

Option 3

No Funding (Recommended)

The City of Palmerston does not approve the sponsorship application from Lions Medical Research Foundation for this event. The application does not demonstrate sufficient alignment with Sponsorship objectives and provides minimal detail regarding promotional reach, Palmerston attendance and recognition of Council's contribution.

While the event provides positive social outcomes the application also indicates that the funds support broader organisational activities, including a free mobile cancer screening unit, and is therefore more consistent with a general donation than a sponsorship.

Consultation and marketing

The following City of Palmerston staff were consulted in preparing this Report:

- Community Services Manager.
- Community Connections Officer.

The applicant was consulted during the preparation of this Report.

Policy implications

- Sponsorship Policy.
- Community Funding Guidelines.

Budget and resource implications

The Community Funding Program has the remaining funds for the 25/26 financial year.

- \$42,044.45 for Grants, Individual Representation, Graffiti and School Awards.
- \$15,000 for Sponsorship, with \$95,000 committed to multiyear agreements.
- \$9,000 for Environmental Initiatives.

Risk, legal and legislative implications

This Report addresses the following City of Palmerston Strategic Risks:

4. **Inclusion, Diversity and Access**
Failure to balance meeting needs of Palmerston's cultural mosaic.
6. **Governance**
Failure to effectively govern.

Strategies, framework and plans implications

This Report relates to the following City of Palmerston Strategies, Framework and Plans:

- [Disability Inclusion Access Plan 2022-2025](#)

Make commentary on how the report impacts CoP strategies, plans and frameworks (e.g. environmental sustainability frameworks, playground, creative industries, etc). Think beyond Environmental.

Council officer conflict of interest declaration

We the author and approving officer declare that we do not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.

Attachments

1. Community Funding Program Grants environmental initiatives Sponsorship Submission 15 (combined)_r [12.1.6.1 - 26 pages]

Community Funding Program - Grants, environmental initiatives & Sponsorship : Submission #15

Funding type sought: Sponsorship

Organisation's name Lions Medical Research Foundation

Organisation type Charity

ABN: (if applicable): 33304508699

Details Andrew Chapman
Volunteer

Provide details of your organisation We started offering grants to medical students to do research for Cancer,
Now we have vehicles that travel both NT & SA screening people for cancer for free,
we also take local children from special schools, hospitals and organisations out for the Big Day Out.

Provide details of the proposed activity Special Children's Big Day Out were we will be taking children from special schools & Palmerston Regional Hospital,

Provide details of previous activities held by the organisation Screening local Palmerston residents for cancer for free
Also our big day out which has been happening for over 10 years

What are the intended objectives of this activity, and how will you evaluate its success? •
We have 200 children coming from the Palmerston Secondary Special Education School and Hospital
• The number of residents screened for cancer is hard to put a actual figure on however we average 100 people a day
This is a free service and anyone can get screened

Date 28/6/2026

Venue Darwin Cinemas

Time 10am

Expected number of attendees For all of Darwin will 1200

Target audience Special needs, Cancer and terminally ill children aged 4years and up

Total activity cost 120000

Amount requested through the Community funding program 20000

Is the amount requested excluding GST? Yes

Value of other funding sources 100000

A copy of the sponsorship package outlining the levels and categories of sponsorship
[Special Children's Big Day Out.pdf](#) (246.62 KB)

Evidence of registration as a community group, not-for-profit, or incorporated body
[ABNCurrentDetails_33304508699 \(1\).pdf](#) (364.58 KB)

Evidence of appropriate Certificate of currency for applicable insurances
[Certificate Of Currency 2025-2026.pdf](#) (94.51 KB)

A copy of the organisation's most recent audited financial statement (for applications over \$10,000)
[LMRF-SA-Annual-Report.pdf](#) (1.36 MB)

City of Palmerston's support will be publicly acknowledged in the following ways:
Promotional material, back of the children's tickets

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Gray', is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Date signed 2026-04-21



Post: GPO Box 234, Darwin NT 0801
 Fundraising Office: Ph 08 9226 5251 Fax 08 9226 5253

Email: LionsNT@LionsCancerInstitute.org.au
 ABN 33 304 508 699

“SPECIAL CHILDREN’S BIG DAY OUT”

Thank you for your interest in this worthy project. Lions Medical Research Foundation is hosting the annual **SPECIAL CHILDREN’S BIG DAY OUT**” which is a Red-Carpet event at the Local Cinema Complex or Club, for LOCAL Special Needs, Cancer and Terminally Ill Children in your community.

LMRF is a Registered Charity, we have DGR status making any contribution 100% Tax Deductible.

This is an event that will benefit your community in two ways.

- ❖ **Firstly**, and most importantly, your support of these special children assures them an exceptional outing, guaranteed to bring joy to those in your local area who, through no fault of their own, are not always afforded the pleasures of a normal childhood.
- ❖ **Secondly**, and equally important funds raised from this event will be used to fund vital research and to maintain our **Free Mobile Cancer Screening Unit**, the **Lions Medical Research Foundation** is a free service run by Lions Club Members & volunteers that travels around NT Screening people for potential Cancers.

The “**SPECIAL CHILDRENS BIG DAY OUT**” is an event for Terminally Ill, Special Needs and Cancer Children in your local area and we are asking the local businesses, on behalf of these special little ones, to put their support behind them. It is our goal to take over **2300 Special Needs Children** and carers throughout NT out for a day to remember and we would be most grateful if you could support us by sponsoring one of the following groups from your local Special Schools.

400 Children \$40,000 200 Children \$20,000 100 Children \$10,000
100% Tax Deductible

Supporters of 100 Children or more will entitle the company to display their banners and signs during the Event. Of course, we realize that it may not be within your means to assist with a group of this size, and we definitely need your help, so any support will be most greatly appreciated. Your help **WILL** make a difference.

This is your chance to give a little for the kiddies within your local area. Naturally, the Children will greatly appreciate any support

On behalf of the Lions Medical Research Foundation and the children, we thank you.

Kind Regards
 Angus

These Special Little Children suffer with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Leukemia, Downs Syndrome, Cystic Fibrosis, Spinal Bifida, and other serious illnesses please help so they can have a great fun day out

For your convenience we accept credit card. We will send a tax receipt			
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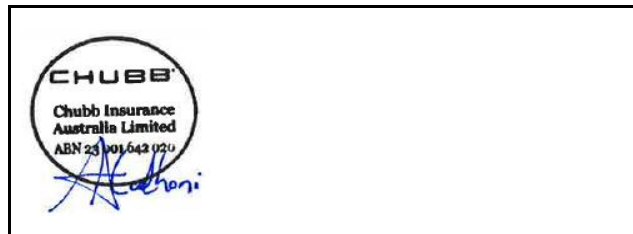
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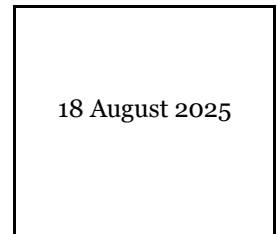
To Whom It May Concern:

Class of Business	Public and Products Liability	
Policy Number	01CL440469	
Issuing Office	Melbourne Office	
Insured	The International Association of Lions Clubs	
Policy Period	Start	01 September 2025
	Expiry	01 September 2026
	Both days at 4:00PM local standard time of issuing office	
Limit of Liability	Public and Products Liability Combined	AUD 1,000,000 any one Occurrence and AUD 1,000,000 in the Aggregate or as otherwise stated in the Policy Wording
Wording	Chubb Broadform Liability Insurance Policy (Chubb_BF_AU1502).	

Signed for and on behalf of Chubb Insurance Australia Limited.



Authorized Signature and Stamp



Date



Australian Government
Australian Business Register

ABN Lookup

Current details for ABN 33 304 508 699

ABN details

Entity name:	LIONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION
ABN status:	Active from 27 Jan 2000
Entity type:	Other Incorporated Entity
Goods & Services Tax (GST):	Registered from 01 Jul 2000
Main business location:	SA 5000

Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC)

LIONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION is registered with the [Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission \(ACNC\)](#) as follows:

ACNC registration	From
Registered as a charity view ACNC registration	03 Dec 2012

Business name(s)

A business name is the registered name a business operates under. Businesses need to register their business name on the national Business Names Register if the business operates with a different name to their own. To learn more visit the [ASIC website](#).

Business name	From
Lions Medical Research Foundation SA	27 Jun 2025
LMRF SA	27 Jun 2025

Trading name(s)

The ABR stopped collecting and updating trading names in May 2012. Businesses now register their business name on the Business Names Register. To learn more visit the [ASIC website](#).

Trading name	From
LIONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION	01 May 2000

Charity tax concession status

LIONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION is a [Health Promotion Charity](#) endorsed to access the following tax concession:

Tax concession	From
GST Concession	01 Jul 2005
Income Tax Exemption	01 Jul 2000

Deductible gift recipient status

LIONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION is endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) from **20 Apr 2018**. It is covered by [Item 1](#) of the table in section 30-15 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.



Australian Government
Australian Business Register

ABN Lookup



Important

Please read [Deductible Gift Recipient \(DGR\)](#) information before making a gift.

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**LIONS MEDICAL
RESEARCH FOUNDATION**

Annual Report

2023/2024

Lions Medical Research Foundation



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Lions Medical Research Foundation SA



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01 Governance



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Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC,
Governor of South Australia

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Dr. Philip Donato OAM OSI
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Director	DGC1 Peter Korndorfer
Director	DGC2 David Horne
Director	VDGC2 Simon Westwood

LMRF RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Chair	Dr. Ainslie Derrick-Roberts Dr. Philip Donato OAM OSI
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SKIN CANCER SCREENING COMMITTEE

Chair	VDGC2 Simon Westwood Graeme Pascoe OAM, Treasurer Linda Sullivan, Secretary Dot Marschall Ian Marschall Peter Rawlins Simon Westwood
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02 Chair's Report



On behalf of the Board of Trustees it gives me great pleasure to provide the Annual Report of the Lions Medical Research Foundation Inc (LMRF) for the year ending June 30th, 2024. The LMRF proudly remains a joint initiative of the Lions 201C1 and 201C2 Districts.

As a volunteer-based Lions organisation, we promote and fund research and education into the prevention and management of disease via research funding and skin cancer screening.

Through our work, we enhance better health, quality of living and strengthen communities.

Our quest is to pursue that meaningful search for further research towards preventative health and education as millions of men and women worldwide die or have their quality of life curtailed because of conditions that are for the most part, significantly preventable.

RESEARCH

Our research funding activities this year, has again seen the Foundation work with SA Universities and research centres. Collaborative research with the University of South Australia continues with the upcoming sponsoring of the 2024/2025 LMRF Visiting Research Fellows for Professor Georgina Long and Professor Jeff Vallance.

Georgina Venetia Long AO FRACP FAHMS is an Australian medical oncologist, clinical trialist and translational researcher, and works in drug therapy development. She was the joint recipient of the National Australia Day Council's 2024 Australian of the Year Award and undertakes research in the areas of Melanoma.

Professor Jeff Vallance from Canada's Athabasca University and has over 130 peer-reviewed publications in the areas of physical activity, sedentary behaviour, health, and chronic disease as it relates to area of cancer.

We are pleased to report that our previous PhD grant recipient at Adelaide University Ms Emma Cheney has completed her research paper dealing with Multiple Myeloma.

We were once again invited to partner and support SAMHRI in the delivery of their SA Cardiovascular Showcase occurring in November 2023.

Our thanks to Dr Ainslie Derrick Roberts PhD who chairs this committee, for her coordination, work and support in this area.



SKIN CANCER SCREENING

The popular skin cancer screenings and mobile unit has been in significant demand and again has seen a very busy year, with screenings most weekends with visits this year to the South-East districts, McLaren Vale districts, Barossa, Riverland, Ceduna, and through Northern Territory up to Darwin for the MD Convention.

Training of screeners is now standardised and remains with the Health Certificate programs via Bond University. This ensures a minimum and consistent standard of care provision. Our screeners are now often sought after by other skin screening organisations eg the Australian Melanoma Foundation. We began 2024 with 14 full screeners and at the 30 June we now have 16 screeners.

As always, we wish to recognise and thank the committee, screeners, drivers, and support staff for giving up so much of their time and skills to support this very worthwhile project. Recipients of the screening remain both grateful and impressed with the project.

This year the Skin Cancer Screening Committee following the retirement of PDG Bryan Hearn has been well led by VDG Simon Westwood who has done an amazing job in transition together with a significant change in committee personnel. Well done. The committee needs to be applauded through the past year where there has been significant review of policies and processes. I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank the long-standing treasurer Mr Graeme Pascoe who has given the LMRF and the Skin Cancer project significant time, effort and resources. Our thanks also to Ian and Dot Marshall for their significant commitment during the years.

Our welcome to new committee members Peter Rawlins (C2), Linda Sullivan (C2), Gerry Van Neikerk (C1), Chris Catlin (C1), and Ms Carol Barnes.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

I am pleased to report that The Foundation during this 2023/2024 financial year returned a good surplus and that its finances remain very stable. Contributions from member clubs and other sources continued and were gratefully received. Our surplus funds remain conservatively invested additionally

accruing dividends and interest. These funds are well managed by our investment advisors. Trustees always follow a sensible path towards meeting our obligations.

DIRECTORS

During this past financial year, we received the retirement of two new elected directors PDG Bryan Hearn (C2) who had served numerous terms holding the positions of Deputy Chair, Secretary, and SCSC Chair and Mrs Dot Marshall (C1) who had held the positions of Secretary and SCSC Screeners' Coordinator. They provided invaluable services and our best wishes for their future.

The LMRF were pleased to welcome both PDG & CC Mr David Horne and PDG Peter Korndorfer who were elected to the Board of Trustees and who are well known to you all. We also welcomed Ms Katherine Newland as an appointed member who has had a 25-year career in marketing and communications while also serving for two years on the South Australian Tourism Commission Wine and Food Tourism Advisory Board and held positions on the boards of both the Barossa Farmers Market and the Barossa Winemakers Association.

Katherine was raised in a regional community with a deep understanding of the value of community bonds and the significance of cultivating strong relationships with all stakeholders. Katherine's interest in joining the LMRF occurred after a skin screen by the mobile unit.

Much appreciation goes to all trustees: Their commitment, effort and dedication have been nothing short of extraordinary.

In conclusion I thank all Lions' members and member clubs of Lions Districts C1 and C2 for their ongoing participation and support of our Foundation and the works and projects undertaken on your behalf and for the betterment of our collective communities.

Yours in Lions

Phillip Donato OAM OSI



Chairman
Lions Medical Research Foundation Inc
04/09/2024

03 Treasurer's Report



I am pleased to report that the Foundation was able to maintain a strong position during 2023/24.

This is in no small part due to the continuing support of both the C1 and C2 Lions Districts, which has helped enable our mobile screening unit to reach into communities.

It was also pleasing that, despite the difficult current environment, general donations at screening centres increased significantly from the previous year, which is a wonderful acknowledgement of the great work our screening teams are doing and its value to the various communities.

The Foundation also recently signed off on a new three year Fellowship Agreement with Uni SA, with our funding to assist in much needed and innovative medical research activities.

The healthy surplus we have accumulated and the ongoing support received will allow us to continue to support such projects, along with skin cancer outreach activities.

I thank the Foundation Board for their support and for all of their work during the year.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rick Basheer'.

Rick Basheer
Treasurer

04 Research Chair's Report



The LMRF has continued to provide financial support to SAHMRI Researchers at the SA Cardiovascular Showcase as a Sponsor in latter part of 2023 which had an impressive lineup of speakers.

The Foundation is very keen indeed to grow and further develop the resources at its disposal so that more Lions Research Scholarships can be awarded to the very best PhD researchers. Our most recent scholar Ms Emma Cheney has completed her PhD scholarship on Multiple Myeloma. The impending merger of the University of South Australia and University of Adelaide has put a hold on funding in the last financial year. As the Adelaide University is created but we look forward to supporting our local and up and coming research talent in future PhD scholarship opportunities.

In addition to our PhD scholarships offered to the best and brightest students to conduct further postgraduate studies the Foundation has been very active in committing to supporting the Visiting Research Fellowship program offered in partnership with the University of South Australia for the next 3 years. This will see the sponsorship of up to six esteemed researchers that are selected by

researchers at the University of South Australia to enhance research collaboration, learn new skills and broaden exposure to our local research community. We have considered a larger number of applicants in this round and are currently in discussions for next year to support current Australian of the Year Professor Georgina Long who has a longstanding interest in clinical and research outcomes in skin cancer with a focus on melanoma in alliance with the Melanoma Institute of Australia and we are hoping to forge relationships with her and her Institute to help support the outcomes of our LMRF Skin Cancer Screening Program.

The second Fellow the LMRF is looking to support is Dr Jeff Valance from the Athabasca University of Alberta in Canada. His research covers over 130 peer-reviewed publications in the areas of physical activity, sedentary behaviour, health, and chronic disease. Most of his work has been in cancer. He has also published in populations including older adults, paediatrics, diabetes, stroke, irritable bowel disease, and renal disease. We look forward to hearing more about his research when he can visit Australia.

We are hoping that continued support of the Visiting Research Fellowship program will enhance the exposure of the LMRF to the local research community and allow them to broaden their skillsets and networking capabilities which is great for future research opportunities and keeping our talented researchers in SA.

Dr Ainslie Derrick-Roberts
Research Chair

We bring hope to the next generation.

Opening eyes to new possibilities.



05 Skin Cancer Screening Sub Committee



The 2024 Screening program has been both very rewarding and at times downright challenging.

At the end of last year, PDG Bryan Hearn OAM JP retired as Chair of the subcommittee, and consequently I was appointed to fill some very big shoes.

We had other unassociated resignations which meant the subcommittee approached 2024 with some gaps in experience and knowledge. The remaining members took up the challenge, working extremely well as a team to prepare for the year to come.

We embarked on a busy schedule of screenings, enlarging on the practice of scheduling three rural screenings with two on successive weekends and another during the week in a single away trip. This was quite successful with the midweek screenings being as popular as the weekends.

This year we have started to study the need in areas in which we have screened by recording the number of people who were unable to be screened. This sort of statistical information will help build on the anecdotal evidence we have and will assist in scheduling future screenings.

We conducted our biennial NT trip, which was far more challenging than some in the past. A high speed encounter with a large bovine caused some consternation as to whether the unit could complete

the trip, however it remained completely drivable and the four stop trip from Darwin to Port Augusta was completed successfully.

There were other challenges on the trip, especially having no Lions Club in Alice Springs. However with some assistance from the local Council and offers of future help from the Rotary Club of Alice Springs, future screenings should be easily achievable.

We were without the truck for over eight weeks while it was being repaired, and I was so impressed that the host clubs for the affected screenings rallied to locate alternative suitable locations, staff them and publicise them so that it was barely noticeable that the unit was not used.

The number and locations of screenings undertaken this year stretched our screening resources and as a result a letter has been sent to each club to seek expressions of interest from Lions with an interest in this field. No prior or special medical knowledge is needed and all training is provided. There is a mutual obligation for new screeners to be available for screenings as part of a training agreement or contract.

At the time of writing this report, there are three Lions screenings and one 'private' remaining for the year.

We have been able to screen over 3100 people to date this year, with a referral rate of over 15%. From early data, more than 600 people have been turned away from screenings because bookings have been filled. It is expected that a further 500 people will be seen by our amazing screeners before the end of the year.

It is with the financial generosity of all Clubs in both C Districts that there is a Skin Cancer Screening Program. Unfortunately, the need for this service is increasing due to cost of living stresses and the running costs of the unit are going up worryingly quickly. We hope that Clubs' generous donations to the screening program can match the increases

I am very thankful for the members of the Sub Committee who have worked particularly well to put together and then keep this year's screening program running smoothly. Without them, there would be no program.

I also wish to sincerely thank the screening team for such a wonderful effort this year, sometimes under trying circumstances and at short notice. The feedback from Clubs and clients has been wonderful and every member of the team should be proud of their screenings, their cooperation and the spirit in which they worked.

The Lions Clubs hosting the screenings have been incredibly hospitable, making sure the team was looked after at every turn, from soups to sandwiches, barbeques and pub meals. We are especially grateful for the Clubs who were able to cover the cost of our teams' accommodation, and we know that every club put in 100% to make every screening a success.

Lastly I would like to thank the Lions Medical Research Foundation Board for their support of the program, the Sub Committee and the whole screening team.

The coming year promises to be more successful than 2024 and I look forward to it with great optimism and some excitement.

Lion Simon Westwood

Chair, Skin Cancer Screening Sub Committee

06 Skin Cancer Screening Report

Screening Data 2023/2024



Total clients Screened 3274
 Clients referred 518
 Percentage of Total 15.8%
 Number never screened before 1141
 Number turned away due to full booking lists* est.600

**(unable to accurately quantify as this figure is provided by host clubs based on phone bookings unable to be fulfilled and an estimate of people who walk up to the unit but aren't able to be seen)*

Expected totals for the year are: (estimated)

Total clients Screened 3800
 Clients referred 610
 Percentage of Total 16%
 Number never screened before 1200

Date	Location
February 17 & 18	Strathalbyn
March 2 & 3	Golden Grove
March 16 & 17	Lucindale (Field Days)
March 19 & 20	Mt Gambier Blue Lake City Lioness
March 22 & 23	Beachport/Rivoli Bay
March 26th	Melanoma March
April 6 & 7	Semaphore
April 19, 20, 21	Elizabeth/Playford
May 8 & 9	Port Pirie
May 11 & 12	Streaky Bay
May 24, 25, 26	Darwin
May 29 & 30	Tennant Creek
June 1 & 2	Alice Springs
June 5 & 6	Port Augusta
Jun 15 & 16	Morgan
June 29 & 30	Bordertown
July 27 & 28	Noarlunga Morphett Vale
August 13, 14, 15	Berri
Sept. 3 & 4	Mildura
Sept 7 & 8	Broken Hill
Sept 15th	City Bay Fun Run
Sept 21 & 22	McLaren Districts
October 5 & 6	Barossa Valley
October 18,19 & 20	Murray Bridge
November 2 & 3	Tintinara
November 16 & 17	Goolwa
29th November	Charity Golf Day Blackwood



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07 Audited Financial Report

For Year Ended 30 June 2024

**LIONS MEDICAL RESEARCH
FOUNDATION INC.**

**AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

LIONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION INC.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Donations		
Medical Research	12375	20039
Screening	80971	57744
Interest, dividends, distributions		
Medical Research	29901	98757
Screening	3860	10795
Other income	0	2500
TOTAL INCOME	127107	189835
LESS EXPENDITURE		
Scholarships	-15531	35000
Skin cancer screening	76924	84257
Investment management		
Medical Research	7753	7049
Screening	691	564
Administration	15458	13761
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	85295	140631
NET SURPLUS BEFORE CHANGE IN MARKET VALUE OF INVESTMENTS FOR THE YEAR	41812	49204
INCREASE/-DECREASE IN MARKET VALUE OF INVESTMENTS		
Medical Research	85752	-23490
Screening	9561	-1317
TOTAL CHANGE IN VALUE	95313	-24807
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	137125	24397

This income & expenditure statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes to and forming part of the financial statements.

LIONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION INC.

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2024

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at bank - Medical Research	47,481	34,098
Cash at bank - Screenings	53,354	58,993
North No. 1 cash account - Medical Research	69,530	67,024
North No. 2 cash account - Screening	989	3,383
Petty cash	200	200
GST refundable	2,733	1,625
TOTAL ASSETS	174,287	165,323
INVESTMENTS		
North No. 1 - Medical Research		
At cost	1,142,207	1,127,127
Increase/Decrease in market value	28,370	-57,381
North No. 2 - Screenings		
At cost	126,527	122,305
Increase/Decrease in market value	4,008	-5,553
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	1,301,112	1,186,498
TOTAL ASSETS	1,475,399	1,351,821
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Sundry creditors	6,453	0
Scholarship - Adelaide University	0	20,000
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	6,453	20,000
NET ASSETS	1,468,946	1,331,821
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
Trust Fund	500,000	500,000
Accumulated surplus brought forward	831,821	807,424
Surplus for the year	137,125	24,397
TOTAL FUNDS AT YEAR END	1,468,946	1,331,821

This balance sheet should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes to and forming part of the financial statements.

LIONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION INC.
NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

This special purpose financial report has been prepared for distribution to members and the board of Lions Medical Research Foundation Inc. for internal management purposes. The accounting policies used in the preparation of this report, as described below, are, in the opinion of the board, appropriate to meet the needs of members and the board.

The financial report has been prepared on an accrual basis of accounting including historical cost convention and going concern assumption.

The requirement of Australian Accounting Standards and other professional reporting requirements in Australia do not have mandatory applicability to Lions Medical Research Foundation Inc. in relation to the year ended 30 June 2024 because it is not a reporting entity.

LIONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION INC.

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

In the opinion of the Board of Management-

- 1 The statement of income & expenditure is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the surplus of the Foundation for the 12 months ended 30 June 2024.
- 2 The balance sheet is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the affairs of the Foundation as at 30 June 2024.
- 3 At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Foundation will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.



P R Donato

Chairman, Board of Management



Ainslie Derrick-Roberts

Deputy Chair, Board of Management

Dated at Adelaide this 14th day of November 2024

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
 TO THE MEMBERS OF
 LIONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION INC.**

Report on the Financial Report

I have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of the Lions Medical Research Foundation Inc. that comprises an income and expenditure statement for the year ended 30 June 2024 and the balance sheet as at that date.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accrual basis of accounting is consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act SA 1985 and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibility also includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on my audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that I comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the committee's financial reporting under the Associations Incorporation Act SA. I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
LIONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION INC.**

Independence

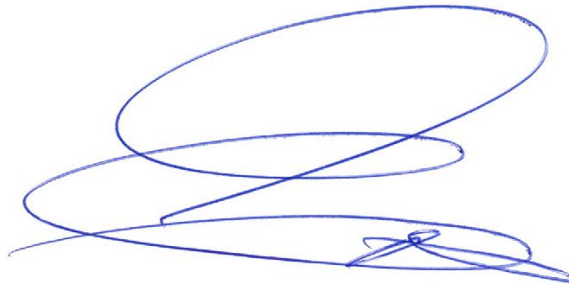
In conducting my audit, I have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Audit Qualification

As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practicable for the management committee to maintain an effective system of internal control over receipts until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, my audit in relation to receipts was limited to the amounts recorded.

Auditor's Opinion

In my opinion, the financial report of the Lions Medical Research Foundation Inc. presents fairly, in all material respects the financial position of the Lions Medical Research Foundation Inc. as of 30 June 2024 and of its financial performance for the year then ended.



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Dated this 26th day of August 2024

08 Board of Directors



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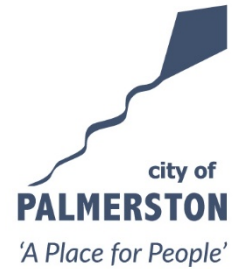
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Together we can. Together we will.

Lions Medical Research Foundation SA



COUNCIL REPORT



2nd Ordinary Council Meeting

Agenda Item:	12.2.1
Report Title:	Major Capital Projects Update
Meeting Date:	Tuesday 19 May 2026
Author:	Senior Project Manager, Richard Azzopardi
Approver:	Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Nadine Nilon

Community plan

Future Focused: Palmerston is an innovative city that sustains itself through the challenges of the future.

Purpose

The purpose of this Report is to update Council on the status of current Major Capital Projects.

Key messages

- Council has several major capital projects underway that have a planned, or contracted value, greater than \$1 million.
- The following projects have updates included as attachments of this report:
 - Zuccoli Community Hub.
 - Enterprise Resource Planning Project (ERP).
- Updates on additional relevant projects are also provided within this report, these include:
 - Woodroffe Park Upgrade.
 - Library Café.
 - SWELL solar and battery project.
 - Road reseal program.

Recommendation

THAT Report entitled Major Capital Projects Update be received and noted.

Background

Council has a (revised) \$11.40M Capital Works Program in 2025/26. The Capital Works Program include a broad range of asset renewal programs along with major capital projects from planning and development stages to delivery.

Capital projects are any project where a Council asset is built or renewed. This can include new assets, such as a new shade over a playground, or replacement (also referred to as renewal of assets such as road resurfacing). Typically, Council's programs and projects are reported through specific project communications with updates provided in the quarterly and financial reports.

Discussion

Updates on the following major capital projects are included as attachments to this report:

- Zuccoli Community Hub **Attachment 12.2.1.1.**
- Enterprise Resource Planning Project (ERP) **Attachment 12.2.1.2.**

Council is also progressing additional capital projects and programs, with recent progress on key projects summarised below.

Woodroffe Park Upgrade

Council has awarded two (2) construction contracts relating to the Woodroffe Park Upgrade;

- Refurbishment and installation of play equipment, and installation of shade structures – \$346,526.
- Supply and installation of the shelter and park furniture - \$105,542.

The procurement of upgrading the bike track and water supply for the shelter and irrigation refurbishment is currently underway. All works are expected to be completed by August. This project has a total budget of \$600,000 and is 100% funded by the Northern Territory Government.

Library Café

Work on the Library Café refurbishment is underway. Off-site manufacturing delays have impacted the construction program with completion now forecast early June. The tenant is being coordinated with regarding their potential timelines and requirements for opening.

SWELL solar and battery project

A tender has been advertised for the design and construction of a solar and battery system at SWELL. The objective is to reduce operational costs by generating and storing energy. Tenders close on 22 May, and work is expected to be completed by December. The project is part funded by a \$264,000 grant from the Australian Government's Community Energy Upgrades Fund Round 2.

Road Reseal Program

The road reseal program is ongoing with the following roads resealed with line marking to occur:

- Temple Terrace – various.
- Shearwater Drive, Bakewell.
- Bagshaw Crescent, Gray.
- Kriewaldt Circuit, Driver.

Work will continue at the following locations until June:

- Flynn Circuit & Cabrini Street roundabout, Bellamack.
- Lorna Lim Terrace & Hang Gong Avenue roundabout, Driver.
- Priest Circuit, Gray.
- Rosebery Drive, Rosebery.

Consultation and marketing

Consultation occurs as relevant to each project and its status.

Policy implications

There are no policy implications for this Report.

Budget and resource implications

The projects are being delivered within the 2025/26 Capital Works Program. Individual budget updates are included with the current project summaries.

Risk, legal and legislative implications

This Report addresses the following City of Palmerston Strategic Risks:

5. **Infrastructure**
Failure to plan, deliver and maintain fit for purpose infrastructure.

Strategies, framework and plans implications

This Report relates to the following City of Palmerston Strategies, Framework and Plans:

- [Community Infrastructure Plan 2016-2026](#)

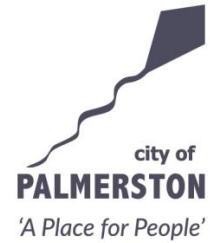
Council officer conflict of interest declaration

We the author and approving officer declare that we do not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.

Attachments

1. Zuccoli Community Hub [12.2.1.1 - 3 pages]
2. Enterprise Resource Planning Project (ER P) [12.2.1.2 - 2 pages]

ZUCCOLI COMMUNITY HUB



MAY 2026 UPDATE

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Summary:

The Zuccoli Community Hub aims to provide an integrated multi-purpose precinct to meet open space, recreation and community needs for the rapidly growing Zuccoli and wider City of Palmerston communities. The Masterplan and Stage 1 are complete, with the Dog Park and Public Toilet open to the public. This report focusses on the current activities: the Stage 2 Pump Track, and the design of Stage 3.

Website Link: <https://palmerston.nt.gov.au/operations/major-projects/zuccoli-and-surrounds-community-hub-construction-0>

Total budget and funding:

Stage	Prior Year Costs	Current FY Budget	Total Budget to Date	Current FY Actuals	Current FY Commitment	Remaining Budget
Masterplan	\$113,062	\$0	\$113,062	\$0	\$0	\$0
Stage 1 - Dog Park	\$1,467,166	\$0	\$1,467,166	\$0	\$0	\$0
Stage 2 - Design	\$135,285	\$54,945	\$190,230	\$54,945	\$0	\$0
Stage 2 - Civil	\$676,905	\$125,118	\$802,023	\$125,118	\$0	-\$0
Stage 2 - Walkway, Seating, BBQ	\$426,996	\$43,945	\$470,941	\$43,945	\$0	-\$0
Stage 2 - Pump Track	\$0	\$1,175,591	\$1,175,591	\$1,092,613	\$81,918	\$1,060
Stage 3 - Design	\$0	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$89,200	\$361,174	-\$375
TOTAL	\$2,819,414	\$1,849,599	\$4,669,013	\$1,405,822	\$443,092	\$685

External Funding Sources (Stage 2):

- \$250,000 Northern Territory Government- Immediate Priority Grant (Pump Track).
- \$411,889 LRCI Phase IV.

Anticipated completion date:

- Stage 2 pump track lighting – May 2026.
- Stage 3 design – 2026.

STATUS UPDATE

Current Contracts:

Activity	Status	Awarded contract value	Approved variations	Approved claims	Amount to claim
Stage 2 Pump Track Construction	Awarded	\$928,623	\$215,950	\$1,063,803	\$80,770
Stage 2 Grass Reinstatement	Awarded	\$15,931	-	\$15,931	-
Stage 3 Design	Awarded	\$450,000	-	\$88,826	\$361,174
TOTAL		\$1,378,623	\$215,950	\$1,168,560	\$441,944

Works to date summary:

Stage 2

Stage 2 includes the recreational facilities of the Zuccoli Community Hub and is being constructed in smaller stages as funding is available. A component of the walking trails and pathways, shade structure, and civil works were completed by mid-2025 as previously reported. The track was formally opened to the public on 4 March 2026.

There is currently no funding available for the remaining Stage 2 works, including the skate park, multi-purpose court, exercise equipment and elevated walkway.

Progress in the past month:

- Continued establishment of grass landscaping.
- First event hosted at the pump track.



Figure 1: Pump track event 19 April 2026

Stage 3

Stage 3 incorporates all remaining elements of the site, with a focus on the community facilities, including the community hall, technology and community programs building, events space, covered entrance, gardens and carpark. This financial year, the design of these elements is being undertaken.

Progress in the past month:

- Continuation of design work.
- Council endorsement of concept design (5 May 2026) for community engagement.
- Commencement of community engagement (7 May 2026).
- Progression of borrowing process for portion of funds relating to the buildings.



Figure 2: Zuccoli Community hub - concept image

Upcoming works:

Work progressing in the next month includes:

- Pump Track:
 - Installation of the poles and lights.
- Stage 3:
 - Conclusion of community engagement phase and reporting of outcomes to Council.
 - Commencement of preliminary design phase of building elements.
 - Progression of processes obtaining funding for building elements.

Project risks:

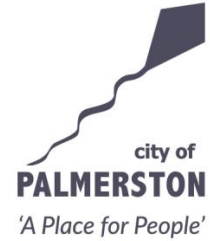
Stage 3:

Global events have the potential to impact construction costs through:

- Cost of fuel on elements like transport of materials.
- Availability of certain materials.

ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING PROJECT

MAY 2026 UPDATE



PROJECT OVERVIEW

Summary:

City of Palmerston (CoP) requires effective software systems capable of delivering efficient and quality services to the community while meeting the organisation's internal corporate needs. An Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Project has been identified to enable a strategic approach to updating Council's existing system.

Project budget:

\$2 million over three (3) financial years

Funding source(s):

City of Palmerston

Completion date:

2026

Contractor:

Project/Procurement Management Support – Corporate Strategic Systems (CSS)

STATUS UPDATE

Percentage complete:

25%

Actual costs to date (consultancy):

- FY24 - \$282,900.
- FY25 - \$494,784.
- FY26 - \$177,380.
- Total to date \$955,064.

Works to date summary:

CoP currently uses several software systems to meet its core operational requirements, some of which have partial integration, and most operate independently. To mitigate these issues, CoP has made the decision to invest in an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) project. CoP have engaged Corporate Strategic Systems (CSS) for the procurement stage of the project. An internal Project Control Group (PCG) has been established to provide direction and governance for the project.

An initial two-stage tender process was initiated with legal and probity support. The Expression of Interest (EOI) phase ran from 9 April to 21 May 2025. After evaluation, no submissions were progressed, and the CEO disbanded the tender panel.

In conjunction with CSS, a revised procurement process is now underway including consideration of a best of breed selection process with focus on solutions for high-risk areas.

The full tender process commenced on 5 November 2025, supported by legal and probity advice, with submissions closing 8 December 2025.

Responses to the Tender were received and are now being evaluated by the Tender Assessment Panel. The assessment process consists of three (3) stages, and assessment is currently underway.

Completed activities:

- Tender submissions closed 8 December 2025.

Upcoming activities:

- Finalise tender assessment.

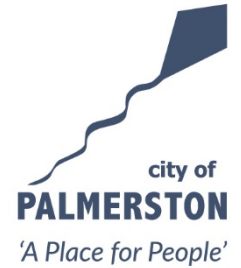
Project risks:

The project is currently tracking 19 risks.

The top three (3) high rated risks are:

- Limited CoP staff – as CoP has a limited number of resources, if business resources or SMEs are not available to support project activities, project deliverables, timelines and overall cost may be impacted.
- Impact of change and training activities - if change management and training activities are not timely and appropriately managed, there is a risk that staff may not use the system.
- Insufficient funding – while funds have been set aside for the implementation of the new ERP system, if the tender quote is higher and additional funding is not available, there is the risk that scope may need to be cut.

COUNCIL REPORT



2nd Ordinary Council Meeting

Agenda Item:	12.2.2
Report Title:	Financial Report for the Month of April 2026
Meeting Date:	Tuesday 19 May 2026
Author:	Acting Executive Manager Financial Performance, Canet Vas
Approver:	Acting General Manager Finance and Governance, Glen Collins

Community plan

Governance: Council is trusted by the community and invests in things that the public value.

Purpose

The purpose of the Report is to present to Council the Financial Report for April 2026.

Key messages

- This report presents the April 2026 financial report and is representative of the year-to-date income and expenditure as at 30 April 2026.
- The financial health check ratios indicate that overall Council is in a positive financial position.
- The revised budget for 2025/26 reflects the original budget published in the 2025/26 Municipal Plan, the 2025/26 first budget review, which includes the capital budget rolled over from 2024/25, and the 2025/2026 Second budget review.
- Operating income is \$43.14 million or 100% of the revised annual budget of \$43.27 million.
- Operating expenditure is \$39.32 million or 74% of the revised annual budget of \$53.20 million.
- Operating surplus (excluding depreciation) is at \$14.08 million.
- Capital income is \$1.25 million or 22% of the revised annual budget of \$5.78 million.
- Capital income includes capital grants income which is 34% of budget and is recognised when grant obligations are met, which is generally when capital expenditure is incurred.

- Capital expenditure is \$5.01 million or 44% of the revised annual budget of \$11.40 million. There is a further \$3.42 million in commitments where works have commenced or are awaiting payment, combined equates to 74% of the revised annual budget.
- The total cash and cash investments were \$26.73 million, which includes \$17.45 million in term deposits in various banking institutions with less than 12 months to maturity, and \$9.28 million in our general trading account, out of which \$3.5 million is to be invested in term deposit in May.
- Rates debt receivables are \$3.36 million, which includes:
 - Debt for 2025/26 of \$2.32 million, which is all now overdue with the final instalment being due on 30 March 2026.
 - \$537,488 remains outstanding for 2024/25.
 - \$498,047 of accumulated unpaid rates from prior years (2023/24 and prior).
- Total payments to creditors in April 2026 amounted to \$1.37 million, of which \$1.14 million (84%) was paid to local suppliers.
- Council is compliant with its statutory obligations such as Pay-as-You-Go Withholdings, Goods and Services Tax, and Superannuation Guarantee reporting.
- There were two (2) contract variations during April 2026 that met the criteria under Regulation 42 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021.

Recommendation

THAT Report entitled Financial Report for the Month of April 2026 be received and noted.

Background

In accordance with *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 - Part 2 (Division 7)*, the preceding month's Financial Report must be presented to Council. Regulation 17(1) of the General Regulation requires a monthly report from the Chief Executive Officer to provide the Council with the actual income and expenditure for the period; the most recently adopted annual budget; and details of any material variances between the most recent actuals and the most recently adopted annual budget.

The information below is provided to assist with the terminology used throughout the report.

Annual Budget for 2025/26 consists of:

- the total budget per the municipal plan for the 2025/26 financial year.
- the approved capital expenditure roll-over from 2024/25.
- the approved first budget review 2025/26.
- the approved second budget review 2025/26.

Year-to-date actuals (YTD Actuals) is the actual income and expenditure from 1 July 2025 to the current reporting date, 30 April 2026.

This report should be read in conjunction with the following:

- Dashboard report found at **Attachment 12.2.2.1** which is a traffic-light reporting system highlighting the current health status and areas of interest to Council. Further details are then reported in the body of the report.
- Financial reports included at **Attachment 12.2.2.2** presenting the financial position of Council as at 30 April 2026.

Discussion

Financial Health

The financial health check ratios provide Council with a quick snapshot of its financial position.

- The April 2026 ratios are benchmarked against the forecast ratios as per the Municipal Plan. If the ratio indicates that Council is not on target, a detailed explanation is provided. The ratios show Council's ability to monitor the cashflows (in and out) and ensure that Council has sufficient cash to cover its obligations.
- The operating surplus ratio (operating surplus excluding depreciation divided by operating income) of 36% which is in line with the Key Performance Indicator (KPI) as its above 0%, noting this will reduce closer to the KPI when expenditure increases.
- The debt service ratio (net operating income divided by debt repayments plus interest) for April 2026 is 9.35 indicating that the Council has sufficient capacity to meet its loan obligations and is in line with the KPI ratio of 2 times.
- Rates collection currently sits at 94% of total rates revenue which is slightly lower than the KPI of 95% of rates revenue. The fourth and final instalment was due on 30 March 2026 and debt collection activities will increase to collect the remaining 6% of rates debt.
- The current ratio (Current Assets divide by Current Liability) is 4.38 for April 2026 which demonstrates that Council has enough resources to meet its short-term obligations and is in line with the KPI of 1.5.

Operating Overview

The dashboard provides an overview of Council's operating income and expenditure for 2025/26 as of 30 April 2026. Refer to **Attachment 12.2.2.1**.

Total operating income as of 30 April 2026 is \$43.14 million, which is 100% of the revised annual budget of \$43.27.

Total operating expenditure as of 30 April 2026 is \$39.32 million, this mainly consists of the following:

- \$10.48 million employee costs.
- \$9.78 million materials and contractors.
- \$10.26 million depreciation (non-cash).
- \$1.84 million other expenses such as program running cost and training costs.
- \$1.84 million in utilities.
- \$0.86 million in insurance expenses.

- \$1.56 million professional services such as external consultants and management fee for Odegaard.
- \$1.11 million software, hardware, stationery, and subscription.

The \$5.21 million underspend in operating expenditure is largely due to invoices that are yet to be received and some invoices yet to be approved for services received in April.

Capital Overview

The dashboard provides an overview of Council's capital expenditure for 2025/26 as per **Attachment 12.2.2.1**.

Capital Expenditures

The 2025/26 revised capital expenditure annual budget is \$11.40 million. This includes \$5.10 million capital budget from last financial year that was rolled over to the current financial year, \$0.34 million from the 2025/26 first budget review and a reduction of \$0.64 million from 2025/26 second budget review, mainly due to Cyclone Fina clean up expenditure.

The pie chart in the dashboard as per **Attachment 12.2.2.1** shows that out of the \$11.40 million capital expenditure budget, the actual capital expenditure is \$5.01 million which is 44% of the budget.

In addition to the \$5.01 million actual expenditure, there is a further \$3.42 million in commitments where works have commenced and/or are awaiting invoices for payment. The current expenditure combined with the commitments presents 74% of expenditure against the revised annual budget.

Capital Funding

Capital projects are funded by capital grants, council contributions (operating surplus and financial reserves), and borrowings.

Total budgeted capital income of \$5.78 million includes grant funding of \$2.43 million, non-cash gifted assets of \$3 million, developer contributions of \$0.20 million, and \$0.15 million sale of fleet.

The table below provides a breakdown of the budgeted capital grants income for 2025/26 (A), and the grants that have been recognised as income (B). The table also provides an overview of the grants that have been received (C) and grants still yet to be received (D).

Grants that have been received are recognised as a grant liability until the assessment of income criteria has been met such as meeting the grant agreement obligations.

CAPITAL PROJECT 2025/26	TOTAL GRANT INCOME FOR 2025-26 (A)	GRANT RECOGNISED AS INCOME (B)	GRANT FUNDS RECEIVED TO DATE (C)	GRANT FUNDS YET TO BE RECEIVED (A-C = D)
Pump Parks/skate parks Zuccoli	\$0.19M	\$0.19M	\$0.19M	
SWELL Carpark Upgrade	\$0.03M		\$0.03M	
SWELL Basketball Court Shade Structure	\$0.09M	\$0.07M	\$0.09M	
Reseal Program	\$0.21M		\$0.21M	
Road Reconstruction (R2R)	\$0.45M		\$0.45M	
Black Spot - Bonson Terrace	\$0.04M	\$0.04M		\$0.04M
Black Spot - Yarrowonga Road	\$0.11M			\$0.11M
Hobart Park Exeloo and Park Upgrade	\$0.37M	\$0.35M	\$0.14M	\$0.23M
21/22 Custom Animal Holding Pens (LG IP Grant)	\$0.02M	\$0.02M	\$0.02M	
Water Aquifer Prevention Strategy	\$0.10M	\$0.10M	\$0.10M	
Archer Recycling Modernisation Project	\$0.03M	\$0.03M	\$0.03M	
Lakebed Aerators	\$0.03M	\$0.03M	\$0.03M	
Woodroffe Park Upgrades	\$0.60M	\$0.01M	\$0.60M	
Solar Panel and battery Installation-SWELL	\$0.16M	\$0.01M	\$0.08M	\$0.08M
Total	\$2.43M	\$0.85M	\$1.97M	\$0.46M

Cash and Investments

Trading Account: \$9.28 million.

Investments: \$17.45 million.

Annual Budgeted interest revenue: \$1.26 million

Year to Date interest revenue: \$1.45 million.

CASH AT BANK AND INVESTMENTS				
DURATION	NO.	VALUE (\$)	% OF TOTAL PORTFOLIO	LIMIT
Cash at bank	1	\$9.28	NA	NA
<12months	10	\$17.45	100%	100%
Total	11	\$26.73	100%	100%

The investment portfolio is compliant with the Council Investments Policy.

- As of 30 April 2026 the Council held \$17.45 million in term deposits across two financial institutions.
- Cash held by Council in the National Australia Bank (NAB) trading account as of 30 April 2026 was \$9.28 million earning 4.20% interest per annum.

Performance of our investments against our policy and details on our investments are provided in section 2.3 of the Investments Management Report at **Attachment 12.2.2.2**.

Receivables

Council has \$5.43 million in Receivables, which is made up of the following.

- \$3.36 million in Rates including rates levied during 2025/26 and \$0.24 in charges. Further explanation of the breakdown is detailed below in rates and charges.
- \$1.83 million other receivables mainly including:
 - \$0.25 million sundry debtors.
 - \$0.77 million grants receivable.
 - \$0.21 million GST receivable.
 - \$0.36 million accrued interest receivables for Term Deposits.
 - \$0.04 million other

Rates and charges

- The dashboard at **Attachment 12.2.2.1** highlights the rates levied for the 2025-26 financial year are \$38.11 million, of which \$35.58 million (94%) has already been collected and debt collection activities will increase to collect the remaining of \$2.32 million (6%) of rates debt.
- Item 2.4 Debtors Control at **Attachment 12.2.2.2** provides for the summary of the breakdown of outstanding rates.
- Rates overdue as at April 2026 is \$3.36 million.
- \$2.32 million is overdue for 2025-26 rates.
- \$0.54 million overdue rates from 2024-25 which is 2% of the total 2024-25 rates revenue.
- \$0.49 million overdue rates from 2023-24 and prior years.
- 331 properties have outstanding rates for 2024-25 and prior.
- 12,740 Ratepayers have paid their 2025-26 rates in full.
- Total of 605 properties have either direct debit or payment arrangement in place.
- The *Local Government Act 2019 (NT)* allows Council to place an overriding statutory charge on a property where rates have been outstanding for at least six (6) months, which gives Council priority over other registered and unregistered mortgages, charges, and encumbrances except for a previously registered overriding statutory charge. Council currently holds overriding statutory charges on 170 properties for debts from 2023-2024 and earlier.
- 18 Financial Hardship applications have been approved for the 2025/26 financial year. 16 are from the 2024-25 financial year and 2 are new applications.
- A balance of \$1.54 million of rates received in advance is accounted for in the balance sheet as a liability as it relates payment of rates for a future period.

Infringements

- Total infringements outstanding is \$250,183 as of 30 April 2026, this consists of:
 - Animals \$227,317
 - Public Place \$6,640 and
 - Parking \$16,226
- The graph in the dashboard at **Attachment 12.2.2.1** shows the total infringements issued and collected for the year until 30 April 2026.
- Total Animal infringements issued for 2025-26 as of 30 April 2026 is \$81,645 and collected is \$3,169.
- Parking infringements issued for 2025-26 as of 30 April 2026 is \$1,476, out of which \$388 has been collected.
- Total Public Places infringements issued as of 30 April 2026 is \$384 and hasn't been collected yet.

Sundry Debtors

Sundry Debtors as of 30 April 2026 is \$0.25 million as presented in **Attachment 12.2.2.2**. This balance mainly includes \$75,000 that is expected to be received from Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet and \$81,458 from Belgravia Health. The total also includes the amounts to be received relating to long grass and property maintenance. More details are available in section 2.4 Debtor Control Account.

Trade Creditors Paid

- Total payments to creditors in April 2026 amounted to \$1.37 million, of which \$1.07 million (77.9%) were paid to local suppliers.
- During April 2026, the significant vendor payments consisted of \$ 0.10 million to JLM Contracting, \$0.10 million to Hawkins & Clements Pty Ltd, \$0.09 million to Belgravia Health & Leisure Group, and \$0.12 million to Australian Taxation Office – PAYG.

Borrowings

Total external borrowings of \$6.96 million is made up of the following:

- Archer Land Fill Rehabilitation loan: The total amount borrowed from NAB was \$1.96 million with the balance as of 30 April 2026 being \$0.31 million. The interest rate is fixed at 2.78% for the duration of the loan and is paid on a quarterly basis. This loan was for 8 years and is due to conclude on 30 June 2027.
- SWELL loan: The \$5 million approved loan for the SWELL project was drawn down during December 2023 with a current balance as of 30 April 2026 of \$4.35 million. This is a 20-year loan with current variable interest rate of 5.46% with the principal being repaid quarterly. This loan is renegotiated every 5 years.

Other Compliance matters

Council is compliant with payment and reporting of all tax liabilities as outlined below:

- Council has remitted \$2.28 million Year-to-Date (YTD) in Pay-As-You-Go (PAYG) tax to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). The PAYG withholding tax is regularly reported to the Australian Taxation Office on a fortnightly basis by Council.

- The Business Activity Statement (BAS) balance for the month ended 31 March 2026 has been finalised and lodged in April 2026 as a Goods Services Tax refund of \$216,440, net of auto debit FBT 4th Quarter instalment of \$22,782. ATO refund was received in NAB on 24 April. Fringe Benefit Tax will be lodged on or before 21st of May 2026. The April 2026 BAS will be finalised and lodged in May 2026.
- Council has the required insurances to manage the current risk exposure.

Contract Variations

There were two (2) contract variations during April 2026 that met the criteria under Regulation 42 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* as detailed below:

Supplier:	Allan King & Sons Construction Pty Ltd
Contract:	Zuccoli Hub Pump Track Construction
Supplies Provided:	Additional asphalt to connect pump track to BBQ area.
Original contract cost:	\$928,623.45 ex GST
Total contract cost of supplies:	\$1,136,033.60 ex GST
Percentage increase from original contract cost to total contract cost:	22.34%
Applicable provision:	Section 42 (5)(a) - Varied contract is entered into after a tender under regulation 36 has been accepted and the total cost of supplies exceeds the original tender cost by more than 10%.

Supplier:	Allan King & Sons Construction Pty Ltd
Contract:	Zuccoli Hub Pump Track Construction
Supplies Provided:	Repair of existing conduits.
Original contract cost:	\$928,623.45 ex GST
Total contract cost of supplies:	\$1,144,573.60 ex GST
Percentage increase from original contract cost to total contract cost:	23.25%
Applicable provision:	Section 42 (5)(a) - Varied contract is entered into after a tender under regulation 36 has been accepted and the total cost of supplies exceeds the original tender cost by more than 10%.

Consultation and marketing

The following City of Palmerston staff were consulted in preparing this Report:

- Finance team.
- Governance team.
- Infrastructure team.

Policy implications

This report is in line with the reporting requirements under the *Local Government Act* and relevant Council Policies.

Budget and resource implications

This Report provides an overview of the budget and resource implications.

Risk, legal and legislative implications

This Report addresses the following City of Palmerston Strategic Risks:

2. **Financial Sustainability**
Failure of Council to be financially sustainable to deliver key services and infrastructure for the community.
6. **Governance**
Failure to effectively govern.

Strategies, framework and plans implications

This Report relates to the following City of Palmerston Strategies, Framework and Plans:

- [Long Term Financial Plan](#)

Council officer conflict of interest declaration

We the author and approving officer declare that we do not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.

Attachments

1. Dashboard [12.2.2.1 - 2 pages]
2. End of month APRIL 26 [12.2.2.2 - 26 pages]

As at 30 April 2026 **DASHBOARD**

Financial Health Ratios	MP KPI	As at April 26	Status
Operating Surplus Ratio	> 0%	36%	This will reduce closer to the KPI when expenditure increases.
Debt Service Ratio	> 2.0	9.35	
Rates Collection	>95%	94%	Due to overdue rates to be collected. To date 94% (\$35.58M) collected to date.
Current Ratio	> 1.5	4.38	While this demonstrates that Council has enough resources to meet its short-term obligations, it is significantly higher than KPI of 1.5. This will decrease once expenditure increases and rates debt are collected.

\$14.08 M ■
 Operating Surplus (excluding Depn)

 Annual Budget is at \$2.38 M

\$1.25 M ■
 Capital Income

 Annual Budget is at \$5.78 M

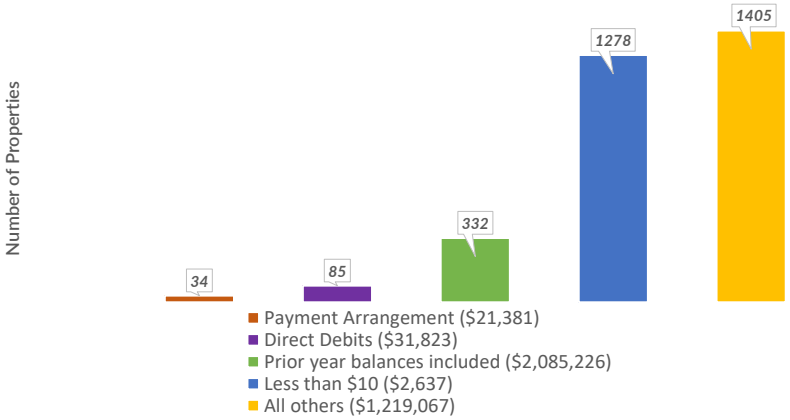
\$5.01 M ■
 Capital Expenditure

 Annual Budget is at \$11.4 M

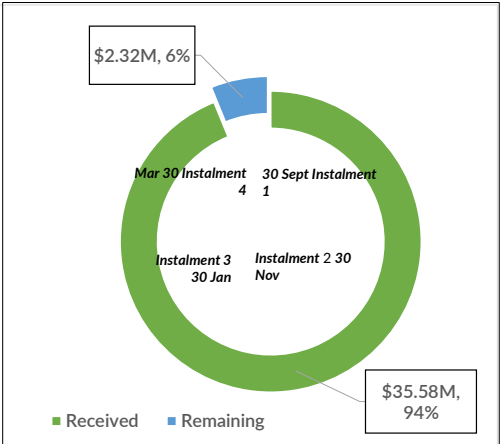
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 Cash Held

Legends
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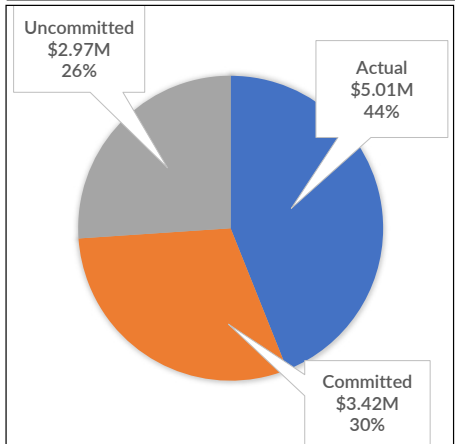
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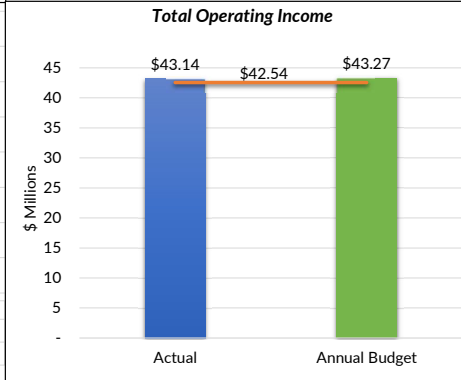
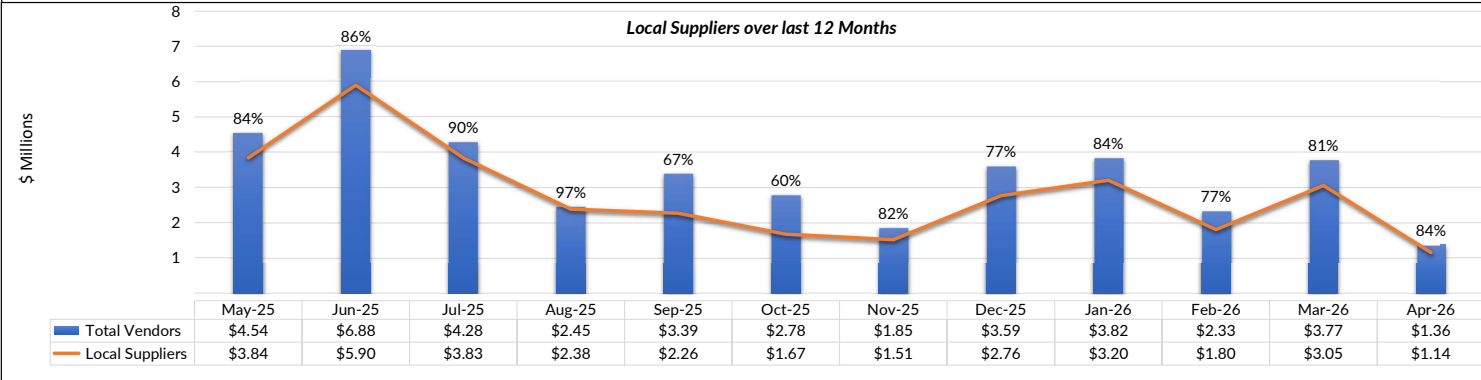
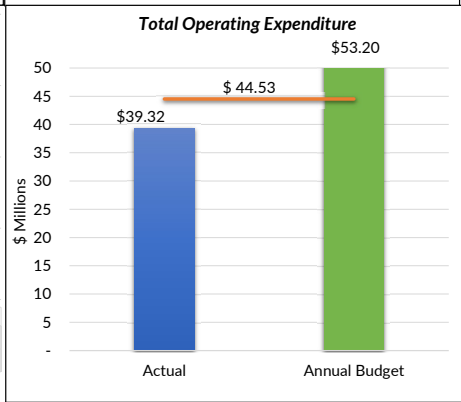
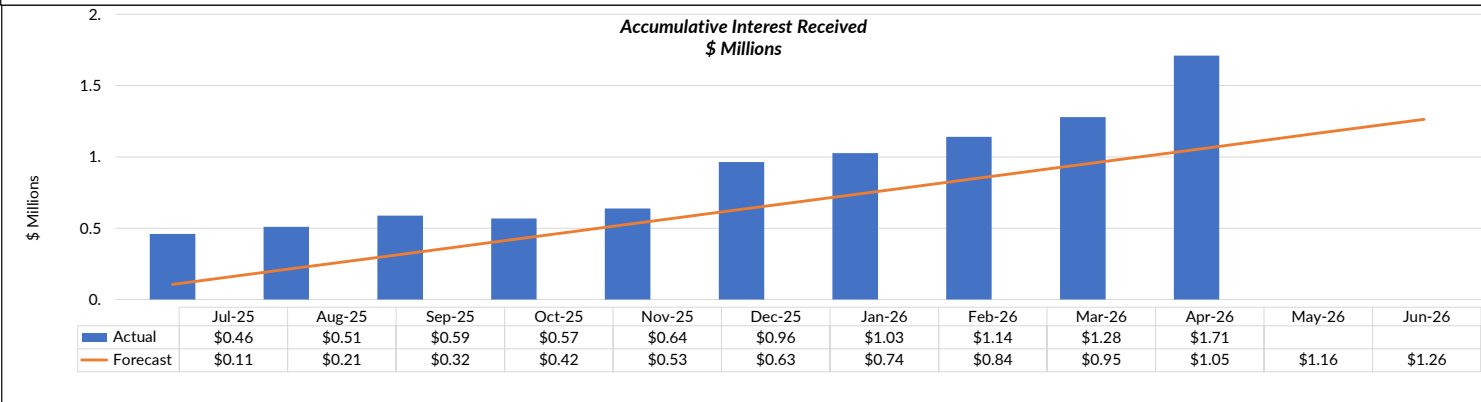
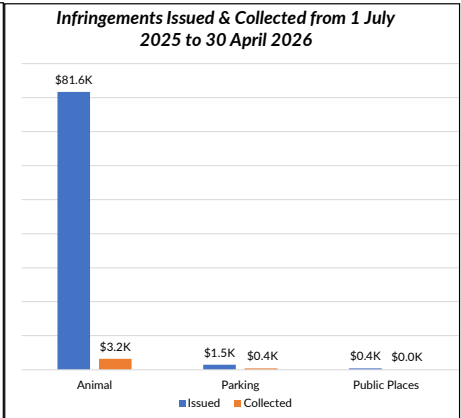
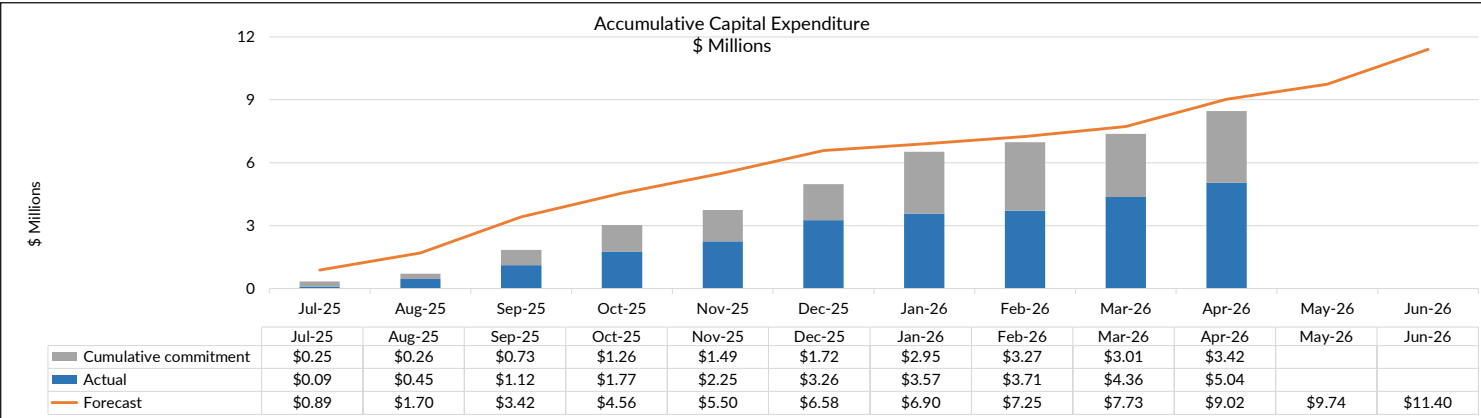


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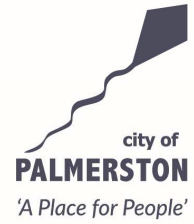


Capital Expenditure





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Certification By Chief Executive Officer

I, Andrew Walsh, the Chief Executive Officer of the City of Palmerston, hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge, information and belief:

- The internal controls implemented by Council are appropriate; and
- The Council's Financial Report for April 2026 best reflects the financial affairs of the Council.



Andrew Walsh
Chief Executive Officer

Section 2
Financial Results
30 April 2026
83.33%

Executive Summary as at
% of year passed

1.2 - Executive Summary

Description	Annual Budget \$	YTD Actual \$	% YTD Actuals of Annual Budget	YTD Budget	% YTD Actuals of YTD Budget	Notes
Operating Income						
Rates	28,976,123	28,842,454	100%	28,966,123	100%	
Charge	8,932,422	9,058,310	101%	8,932,422	101%	
Fees & Charges	1,262,419	1,164,103	92%	1,133,044	103%	
Grants, Subsidies & Contributions	2,310,947	2,115,172	92%	2,013,413	105%	
Interest & Investment Revenue	1,741,911	1,851,605	106%	1,454,541	127%	1
Other Income	48,583	110,584	228%	42,090	263%	2
Operating Income	43,272,405	43,142,228	100%	42,541,633	101%	
Operating Expenditure						
Employee Costs	-13,496,550	-10,478,583	78%	-11,011,620	95%	
Materials & Contractors	-16,074,524	-9,777,442	61%	-13,771,847	71%	3
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	-12,306,000	-10,255,000	83%	-10,255,000	100%	
Elected Members Allowances	-523,612	-418,207	80%	-446,378	94%	
Elected Members Expenses	-383,370	-346,589	90%	-383,319	90%	
Professional Services	-2,353,415	-1,563,112	66%	-1,953,121	80%	4
Auditor's Remuneration	-55,886	-200	0%	0	0%	
Utilities	-2,427,946	-1,841,923	76%	-1,977,054	93%	
Legal Expenses	-315,700	-244,711	78%	-263,113	93%	
Telephone & Other Communication Charges	-212,778	-183,506	86%	-194,286	94%	
Donations, Sponsorships & Grants	-255,000	-162,728	64%	-190,500	85%	5
Software, Hardware, Stationery, Subscriptions	-1,352,464	-1,111,409	82%	-1,240,208	90%	
Insurance	-769,519	-860,651	112%	-767,254	112%	6
Borrowing Costs	-309,806	-237,307	77%	-258,172	92%	
Other Expenses	-2,362,303	-1,838,174	78%	-1,819,778	101%	
Operating Expenditure	-53,198,873	-39,319,541	74%	-44,531,649	88%	
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	-9,926,468	3,822,687		-1,990,016		
Capital Income						
Net gain (loss) on disposal or revaluation of assets	150,000	157,269	105%	150,000	105%	
Developer Contributions	200,000	256,355	128%	100,000	256%	7
Asset Income	3,000,000	0	0%	0	0%	
Grants received	2,426,169	836,897	34%	2,145,194	39%	8
Capital Income	5,776,169	1,250,521	22%	2,395,194	52%	
Net SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) transferred to Equity Statement	-4,150,299	5,073,208		405,178		

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Executive Summary as at
% of year passed

1.2 - Executive Summary

Description	Annual Budget \$	YTD Actual \$	% YTD Actuals of Annual Budget	YTD Budget	% YTD Actuals of YTD Budget	Notes
Asset Purchase	-5,087,111	-2,871,291	56%	-3,784,307	76%	9
Asset Upgrade	-6,313,358	-2,138,505	34%	-5,239,833	41%	9
Capital Expenditure	-11,400,469	-5,009,796	44%	-9,024,140	56%	
Less Non-Cash Expenditure	-12,306,000	-10,255,000	83%	-10,255,000	100%	
Plus Gifted Assets	3,000,000	0	0%	0	0%	
NET CAPITAL SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	-6,244,767	10,318,412	0	1,636,039		
Less Repayment of Borrowings	-512,203	-419,274	82%	-426,836	98%	
Reserve Movement	6,756,968	0	0%	0	0%	10
NET OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	-	9,899,138		1,209,203		

Notes

The variance is due to the following:

- Higher interest income received than expected
- Receipt of insurance claims for Tom price park
- April invoices for vegetation, waste management, mowing, security, cleaning, maintenance, and utility yet to be received and processed
- Invoices mainly relating to counselling, training, consulting, playground audits, community plan health check and other consultant fees yet to be received and processed
- Donation, sponsorships and grants payments dependent on the timing of applications from the community
- Higher than expected insurance premiums paid
- Funds in lieu of construction received is more than expected
- Capital grant funds are linked to capital expenditure. Refer to note 8 and 1.3 capital expenditure section
- Some projects have commenced and are underway, with invoices for the expenditure yet to be received and processed. Refer to 1.3 Capital expenditure for more details
- Actual Reserves Movement will be recognised as part of end of year process

Approved by:  Acting Exec Manager Financial Performance

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Budget Summary Report By Directorate as at
% of year passed

1.3 - Operating Income

Description	Annual Budget \$	YTD Actuals \$	% YTD Actuals of Annual Budget	YTD Budget	% YTD Actuals of YTD Budget	Notes
Office of the Chief Executive						
Office of the CEO	532,608	448,863	84%	399,456	112%	1
Office of the Chief Executive	532,608	448,863	84%	399,456	112%	
People and Place						
City Activation	300,000	300,295	100%	300,000	100%	
People and Place	300,000	300,295	100%	300,000	100%	
Finance & Governance						
Governance	0	52,341	0%	0	0%	2
GM Finance & Governance	70,000	71,670	102%	58,333	123%	3
Financial Services	1,095,618	1,214,881	111%	913,010	133%	4
Rates	29,193,496	29,177,695	100%	29,148,101	100%	
Finance & Governance	30,359,114	30,516,586	101%	30,119,444	101%	
Community						
Library Services	778,094	765,887	98%	765,745	100%	
Senior Citizens	2,000	2,000	100%	2,000	100%	
Animal Management	426,750	394,317	92%	394,057	100%	
Parking & Other Ranger Services	42,223	20,287	48%	36,790	55%	5
Community	1,249,067	1,182,491	95%	1,198,592	99%	
Infrastructure						
Aquatic Centre	260,000	278,895	107%	260,000	107%	
Civic Centre	166,587	138,824	83%	141,387	98%	
Gray Community Hall	10,000	7,868	79%	7,500	105%	
Private Works	50,000	52,135	104%	41,667	125%	6
Recreation Centre	18,000	11,990	67%	15,000	80%	7
Roads & Transport	657,527	545,337	83%	493,145	111%	1
Subdivisional Works	115,000	55,293	48%	95,833	58%	8
Waste Management	8,971,382	9,096,666	101%	8,964,889	101%	
Odegaard Drive Investment Property	478,920	396,951	83%	401,220	99%	
Durack Heights Community Centre	4,200	10,034	239%	3,500	287%	9
Goyder Square	100,000	100,000	100%	100,000	100%	
Infrastructure	10,831,616	10,693,993	99%	10,524,141	102%	
OPERATING INCOME	43,272,405	43,142,228	100%	42,541,633	101%	

Notes

The variance is due to the following:

1. Cashflowing of the Financial assistance grants income
2. Income from Insurance claim refund for Tom price park
3. Higher rental income than expected
4. Higher interest income received than expected
5. Income from long grass slashing and parking infringement is less than expected year to date
6. Higher than expected year to date income from permit works on council reserves
7. Less than expected commercial bookings and higher not for profit/ community utilisation
8. Income from completed subdivisional works is low due to weather condition, more to receive around the fourth quarter of this year
9. Higher income year to date due to higher than anticipated commercial bookings



Approved by: Acting Exec Manager Financial Performance

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Financial Results

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Budget Summary Report By Directorate as at
% of year passed

1.3 - Operating Expenditure

Description	Annual Budget \$	YTD Actuals \$	% YTD Actuals of Annual Budget	YTD Budget	% YTD Actuals of YTD Budget	Notes
Office of the Chief Executive						
Councillors	-906,982	-764,796	84%	-829,697	92%	
Office of the CEO	-955,426	-815,690	85%	-812,626	100%	
Office of the Chief Executive	-1,862,408	-1,580,486	85%	-1,642,323	96%	
People & Place						
GM People & Place	-618,498	-352,454	57%	-505,353	70%	1
Customer Experience	-370,789	-311,814	84%	-302,540	103%	
People and Customer	-1,078,948	-745,639	69%	-905,266	82%	2
Public Relations and Communications	-848,857	-627,871	74%	-692,844	91%	
Arts & Culture	-60,000	-5,420	9%	-50,000	11%	3
City Activation	-1,797,105	-1,396,730	78%	-1,312,912	106%	
People & Place	-4,774,196	-3,439,928	72%	-3,768,915	91%	
Finance & Governance						
GM Finance & Governance	-586,379	-449,507	77%	-474,550	95%	
Records Management	-328,604	-263,558	80%	-270,089	98%	
Financial Services	-13,895,795	-11,425,702	82%	-11,396,201	100%	
Rates	-105,700	-68,698	65%	-71,533	96%	
Governance	-1,535,389	-1,323,241	86%	-1,448,247	91%	
Information Technology	-2,037,998	-1,687,102	83%	-1,794,758	94%	
Fleet	-259,925	-112,401	43%	-223,337	50%	4
Finance & Governance	-18,749,789	-15,330,209	82%	-15,678,715	98%	
Community						
Community Development	-954,652	-620,905	65%	-766,925	81%	5
Diversity and Inclusion Activities	-34,000	-22,399	66%	-34,000	66%	6
Families & Children	-23,500	-17,078	73%	-22,150	77%	7
Health and Wellbeing Services	-12,000	-6,274	52%	-12,000	52%	8
Library Services	-1,718,709	-1,291,242	75%	-1,421,415	91%	
Senior Citizens	-10,000	-9,635	96%	-10,000	96%	
Youth Services	-27,000	-13,820	51%	-25,000	55%	9
GM Community	-365,108	-318,912	87%	-306,192	104%	
Safe Communities	-20,000	-8,630	43%	-20,000	43%	9
Animal Management	-83,750	-68,985	82%	-75,682	91%	
Parking & Other Ranger Services	-1,058,681	-897,509	85%	-866,259	104%	
Community	-4,307,400	-3,275,387	76%	-3,559,623	92%	
Infrastructure						
Aquatic Centre	-1,556,350	-1,471,016	95%	-1,309,626	112%	10
Civic Centre	-271,256	-229,437	85%	-223,935	102%	
Depot	-82,093	-59,591	73%	-68,400	87%	11
Driver Resource Centre	-36,894	-25,994	70%	-30,732	85%	12
Emergency Operations	-1,481,180	-919,277	62%	-1,481,180	62%	13
Gray Community Hall	-106,716	-87,398	82%	-93,245	94%	

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83.33%Budget Summary Report By Directorate as at
% of year passed**1.3 - Operating Expenditure**

Description	Annual Budget \$	YTD Actuals \$	% YTD Actuals of Annual Budget	YTD Budget	% YTD Actuals of YTD Budget	Notes
GM Infrastructure	-1,455,027	-1,196,192	82%	-1,207,962	99%	
Open Space	-5,877,484	-3,673,438	63%	-4,898,828	75%	14
Private Works	-116,481	-98,405	84%	-95,491	103%	
Recreation Centre	-347,299	-291,881	84%	-289,425	101%	12
Roads & Transport	-1,658,552	-1,372,809	83%	-1,398,057	98%	
Stormwater Infrastructure	-174,177	-208,007	119%	-143,000	145%	15
Street Lighting	-884,675	-728,913	82%	-690,914	105%	
Subdivisional Works	-25,000	-7,201	29%	-12,500	58%	16
Waste Management	-8,974,044	-4,988,089	56%	-7,551,324	66%	11
Odegaard Drive Investment Property	-123,003	-98,002	80%	-103,952	94%	
Durack Heights Community Centre	-79,644	-65,554	82%	-68,725	95%	
Goyder Square	-255,204	-172,327	68%	-214,778	80%	11
Infrastructure	-23,505,080	-15,693,530	67%	-19,882,073	79%	
OPERATING EXPENDITURE	-53,198,873	-39,319,541	74%	-44,531,649	88%	

Notes

The variance is due to following:

1. One of the positions remained vacant for a period but has since been filled
2. Lower year to date expenditure on recruitment and consultant cost
3. Arts and Culture programs and events are expected to be expended in Quarters 4
4. Lower than expected cost on motor vehicle fuel, services and parts
5. Subscription and membership invoices are yet to be received, and grant payments dependent on the timing of applications from the community
6. Funds are expected to be allocated toward the installation of tactile markers at the pedestrian crossing between the Recreation Centre and the Library
7. Funds are expected to be allocated to National families week, scheduled for May
8. Expenditure related to Hooked on Palmerston which is due to commence end of May
9. Expenditure related to program running cost for youth services and safe communities are expected in later month
10. Year to date expenditure on Aquatic centre is higher than expected but overall within annual budget
11. Awaiting utilities, cleaning, security, building maintenance, external consultant and contractors invoices
12. Awaiting invoices for cleaning and building maintenance expenditure
13. More expenses related to Cyclone Fina to be received and processed. Remaining funds to be utilised for green waste processing
14. Wet season is impacting on overall expenditure but expected to spend in coming months
15. Year-to-date stormwater maintenance costs are higher than expected due to the wet season, but overall expenditure remains within the approved annual budget
16. Consultancy expenditure is expected later in the financial year



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Budget Summary Report By Directorate as at
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1.3 - Capital Income

Description	Annual Budget \$	YTD Actuals \$	% YTD Actuals of Annual Budget	YTD Budget	% YTD Actuals of YTD Budget	Notes
Finance & Governance						
Financial Services	3,000,000	580	0%	0	0%	
Fleet	150,000	156,689	104%	150,000	104%	
Finance & Governance	3,150,000	157,269	5%	150,000	105%	
Community & Culture						
Library Services	29,172	1,515	5%	29,172	5%	1
Animal Management	19,580	19,580	100%	19,580	100%	
Community & Culture	48,752	21,095	43%	48,752	43%	
Infrastructure						
Aquatic Centre	2,892	2,892	100%	2,892	100%	
Gray Community Hall	0	448	0%	0	0%	
GM Infrastructure	100,000	100,000	100%	100,000	100%	
Open Space	1,280,784	644,347	50%	790,784	81%	1
Roads & Transport	808,864	37,995	5%	1,017,889	4%	1
Street Lighting	158,400	3,225	2%	158,400	2%	1
Subdivisional Works	200,000	256,355	128%	100,000	256%	2
Waste Management	26,478	26,478	100%	26,478	100%	
Goyder Square	0	418	0%	0	0%	
Infrastructure	2,577,417	1,072,157	42%	2,196,442	49%	
CAPITAL INCOME	5,776,169	1,250,521	22%	2,395,194	52%	

Note: Capital Grants largely make up Capital Income. Grants are recognised when the grant obligations have been met, which is when expenditure on capital project has occurred.

Notes

1. Variance is due to unspent grant funds not yet recognised as income
2. More income from Funds in lieu of construction than planned



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1.3 - Capital Expenditure

	Annual Budget \$	YTD Actuals \$	% YTD Actuals of Annual Budget	YTD Budget	% YTD Actuals of YTD Budget	Notes
People & Place						
Arts & Culture	-90,000	-24,370	27%	-71,818	34%	1
People & Place	-90,000	-24,370	27%	-71,818	34%	
Finance & Governance						
Information Technology	-817,967	-244,437	30%	-642,845	38%	2
Fleet	-417,377	-311,094	75%	-417,377	75%	3
Finance & Governance	-1,235,344	-555,531	45%	-1,060,222	52%	
Community & Culture						
Library Services	-474,474	-97,954	21%	-474,474	21%	4
Animal Management	-19,580	-19,394	99%	-19,580	99%	
Community & Culture	-494,054	-117,347	24%	-494,054	24%	
Infrastructure						
Aquatic Centre	-46,114	-26,573	58%	-33,886	78%	5
Civic Centre	-125,000	-83,368	67%	-80,080	104%	
Depot	-366,715	-27,275	7%	-350,000	8%	6
GM Infrastructure	-1,084,366	-216,090	20%	-964,366	22%	7
Open Space	-3,337,124	-2,259,922	68%	-2,483,668	91%	
Recreation Centre	-90,984	-130	0%	-90,984	0%	
Roads & Transport	-2,589,820	-443,602	17%	-1,679,383	26%	8
Stormwater Infrastructure	-110,329	-47,560	43%	-80,000	59%	9
Street Lighting	-858,017	-283,439	33%	-663,077	43%	10
Waste Management	-972,602	-924,588	95%	-972,602	95%	
Infrastructure	-9,581,070	-4,312,548	45%	-7,398,045	58%	
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	-11,400,469	-5,009,796	44%	-9,024,140	56%	

Notes

The variance is due to the following:

1. Exploring capital art initiatives for the current financial year
2. Tender assessment in progress for Enterprise resource planning project, professional services has been invoiced. Program to be developed for other IT projects
3. Awaiting delivery of vehicles and invoices of further 2 vehicles yet to be received
4. Tender for library shelving to progress and construction tender awarded for library café, expenses yet to be incurred
5. Program to be developed for the remaining funds
6. Tender for the dog pound project is under assessment and work for incubators renewals yet to commence
7. Works have commenced for the Zuccoli Community Hub, and the Water Aquifer Project is completed with some recommendations from the study to be implemented prior to end of financial year.
8. Works have commenced on some projects, while assessments are underway for others, with expenditure expected in the later months of the financial year
9. Works underway on stormwater renewals and upgrades and Pit relocation, expenditure expected in later months
10. The Council is currently awaiting invoices for certain projects, with design and construction progressing on others



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Capital Expenditure & Funding as at 30 April 2026
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1.4 - Capital Expenditure & Funding

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	Annual Budget	Actuals
Land & Buildings	4,816,096	2,068,065
Infrastructure (including roads, footpaths, park furniture)	4,673,359	2,102,872
Fleet	436,957	330,487
Other Assets (including furniture & office equip)	817,967	244,437
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	11,400,469	5,009,796
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUNDED BY:	Annual Budget	Actuals
Operating Income	3,762,477	1,034,291
Capital Grants	2,426,169	836,897
Transfers from Cash Reserves	5,211,822	3,138,608
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUNDING	11,400,469	5,009,796

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Balance Sheet as at
% of year passed**2.1 - Balance Sheet**

Balance Sheet	YTD	
Assets		
Current Assets:		
Cash & cash equivalents		
<i>Cash on Hand</i>	1,355	Petty Cash
<i>Tied Funds</i>	9,278,457	Tied funds equals restricted reserve and unearned Grant income
Investments		
<i>Tied Funds</i>	1,581,300	Tied funds equals restricted reserve and unearned Grant income
<i>Untied Funds</i>	15,864,172	
Receivables		
<i>Rates and Charges</i>	3,599,054	
<i>Other Receivables</i>	1,833,677	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	32,158,015	
Non-Current Assets:		
Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	554,506,979	
Investment property	6,200,000	
Work in progress	4,081,242	
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	564,788,221	
TOTAL ASSETS	596,946,236	
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities:		
Payables	4,985,759	
Unearned Grant Income (AASB1058)	727,983	Unearned grant income
Borrowings	619,205	
Provisions	1,003,962	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	7,336,909	
Non-Current Liabilities:		
Borrowings	4,048,743	
Provisions	2,052,406	
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	6,101,149	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	13,438,058	
NET ASSETS	583,508,178	
Equity		
Accumulated Surplus	237,994,770	
Profit & Loss - current Year	122,647	
Net Reserves	5,197,648	
<i>Working Capital Reserve</i>	4,995,227	
<i>Net Transfers to & from Reserves</i>	- 9,929,352	
<i>Unexpended Grant reserve</i>	1,430,338	Externally restricted reserve
<i>Election Reserve</i>	200,000	Internally restricted reserve
<i>Disaster reserve</i>	500,000	Internally restricted reserve
<i>Unexpended Capital works</i>	2,424,098	Internally restricted reserve
<i>Developer Funded reserve</i>	2,137,942	Internally restricted reserve
<i>Waste Reserve</i>	3,439,396	Internally restricted reserve
Revaluation reserves	340,193,113	
TOTAL EQUITY	583,508,178	

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Statement of Reserves as at 30 April 2026
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2.2 - Statement of Reserves - Budget Movements 2025/26

OTHER RESERVES	Opening Balance \$ 01/07/2025	Original Budget 2025/26 to Reserves \$	Original Budget 2025/26 from Reserves \$	1st Review 2025/26 to Reserves \$	1st Review 2025/26 from Reserves \$	2nd Review 2025/26 to Reserves \$	2nd Review 2025/26 from Reserves \$	Projected Balance at YTD 2025/26 \$
Externally Restricted Reserves								
Unexpended Grants Reserve	1,430,338	-	-	(1,430,338)	-	-	-	-
Externally Restricted Reserves	1,430,338	-	-	(1,430,338)	-	-	-	-
Internally Restricted Reserves								
Election Expenses Reserve	200,000	-	(200,000)	-	-	-	-	-
Disaster Recovery Reserve	500,000	-	-	-	-	-	(500,000)	-
Unexpended Capital Works Reserve	2,424,098	-	-	-	(2,424,098)	-	-	-
Developer Funds In Lieu Of Construction	2,137,942	627,871	(200,000)	-	-	-	-	2,565,813
Waste Management Reserve	3,439,396	-	(284,743)	-	(926,124)	-	-	2,228,529
Internally Restricted Reserves	8,701,436	627,871	(684,743)	-	(3,350,222)	-	(500,000)	4,794,342
Unrestricted Reserves								
Working Capital Reserve	4,995,227	80,462	(1,150,000)	-	(350,000)	-	-	3,575,689
Unrestricted Reserves	4,995,227	80,462	(1,150,000)	-	(350,000)	-	-	3,575,689
TOTAL RESERVES	15,127,000	708,333	(1,834,743)	(1,430,338)	(3,700,222)	-	(500,000)	8,370,031

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Investments Management Report as at
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2.3 - Investment Management Report

COUNTERPARTY	RATING	AMOUNT	INTEREST RATE	MATURITY DATE	DAYS TO MATURITY	INSTITUTION TOTALS
CBA	S&P A1+	\$ 3,370,472	4.38%	August 3, 2026	95	
CBA	S&P A1+	\$ 3,500,000	4.31%	May 26, 2026	26	
CBA	S&P A1+	\$ 2,000,000	4.35%	June 23, 2026	54	\$ 8,870,472.32
NAB	S&P A1+	\$ 1,000,000	4.20%	October 9, 2026	162	
NAB	S&P A1+	\$ 1,575,000	4.25%	June 3, 2026	34	
NAB	S&P A1+	\$ 1,000,000	4.60%	July 24, 2026	85	
NAB	S&P A1+	\$ 2,000,000	4.30%	June 22, 2026	53	
NAB	S&P A1+	\$ 1,000,000	4.50%	December 24, 2026	238	
NAB	S&P A1+	\$ 1,000,000	5.00%	July 23, 2026	84	
NAB	S&P A1+	\$ 1,000,000	5.35%	March 24, 2027	328	\$ 8,575,000.00
		\$ 17,445,472			116	

Investment Distribution by Credit Rating		
Credit Rating	% of Portfolio	Counterparty Limit
A1 & A1+	100%	100%
BBB+	0%	60%
A3	0%	40%

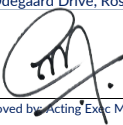
Investment Distribution by Individual Institution		
ADI	% of Total	Max Individual limit
National Australian Bank (NAB)	49%	60%
Commonwealth Bank (CBA)	51%	60%
AMP Bank Limited	0%	40%

Interest Income Year to Date	Amount
Total Year to Date Interest on Cash at Bank	\$ 306,311
Total Year to Date Investment Earnings	\$ 861,024
Total Year to Date Interest from internal loan	\$ 29,875
Total Year to Date interest penalty income	\$ 257,445
Total YTD Interest Income	\$ 1,454,654

Cash at bank & Investments	Amount
Trading Account	\$ 9,278,457
Short Term Investment	\$ 17,445,472
Petty Cash	\$ 1,355
Total Funds	\$ 26,725,284



PROPERTY INVESTMENT						
PROPERTY ADDRESS	VALUATION BASIS	VALUE	INCOME YTD	EXPENSE YTD	NET PROFIT YTD	COMPARITIVE YTD YIELD AT CASH RATE OF 4.10%
48 Odegaard Drive, Rosebery	Fair Value	\$ 6,200,000	\$ 396,951	\$ 98,002	\$ 298,949	\$ 211,717


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Debtor Control Accounts as at
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2.4 Debtor Control Accounts

RATES OVERDUE FOR THE CURRENT YEAR (Including interest)

Report Month	Debtor Rates & Charges	Current year Outstanding	Outstanding % of CY Rates	Current year overdue	Overdue % CY Rates	Total outstanding interest for all years	Payments Received in Advance
Apr-26	\$2,324,600	\$0	0%	\$2,324,600	6.1%	\$919	\$1,541,964
Apr-25	\$3,317,013		0%				\$1,491,229

RATES OVERDUE BY YEARS

Total	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22	2020-2021	2019-20	2018 & Prior
Rates and Charges Overdue Amount (Incl. Interest)	\$1,035,535	\$537,488	\$263,490	\$126,464	\$59,923	\$24,416	\$12,872
	100%	51.9%	25.4%	12.2%	5.8%	2.4%	1.1%
Number Of Properties (Cumulative)	332	332	169	78	40	22	10

INFRINGEMENTS DUE BY YEARS

Total	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020 & Prior
Animal Infringements	243,027	81,645	68,374	25,774	25,392	20,412	15,595
Public Places	6,720	384	3,080	139	1,632	1,485	
Parking Infringements	19,495	1,476	5,527	4,073	1,930	2,609	1,720
Net Balance on Infringement Debts	269,242	83,505	76,981	29,986	28,954	24,506	17,315
	100%	31.0%	28.6%	11.1%	10.8%	9.1%	6.4%
Number of Infringements	1,398	201	291	275	225	196	138

As at 30/4/2026	Total issued	Collected	Sent to Agency (FRU)	Outstanding
Animal Infringements	243,027	15,710	170,450	227,317
Parking Infringements	19,495	3,272	15,085	16,226
Public Places	6,720	80	6,720	6,640
TOTAL	269,242	19,062	192,255	250,183

SUNDRY DEBTORS:

Total	Under 30 days	31 - 60 Days	61 - 90 Days	Over 90Days
\$247,220	\$5,195	\$4,720	\$21,567	\$215,738
100%	2.1%	1.9%	8.7%	87.3%


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2.5 - Creditor Accounts Paid

Vendor Nu	Creditor Name	Creditor Payment Type	Amount \$	Notes
2	Australian Taxation Office - PAYG	General Creditors	117,516.00	
5104	JLM Contracting Services Pty Ltd	General Creditors	109,219.76	
V06091	Hawkins & Clements Pty Ltd	General Creditors	101,903.06	
V03556	Belgravia Health & Leisure Group Pty Ltd	General Creditors	93,652.59	
V06156	Mode Design Corp. Pty Ltd	General Creditors	65,138.93	
3936	Arafura Tree Services and Consulting	General Creditors	48,350.50	
V00295	Jacana Energy	Utilities	44,272.99	
V02474	HMG - Heath Motor Group Pty Ltd (Isuzu)	General Creditors	44,145.83	
V05105	Litchfield Welding	General Creditors	37,715.70	
V01115	Aerosail Engineered Fabric Structures Pty Ltd	General Creditors	37,294.00	
V02162	RMI Security - Conigrave Pty Ltd	General Creditors	36,823.86	
87	Industrial Power Sweeping Services Pty	General Creditors	33,600.98	
2587	Top End RACE	General Creditors	32,290.55	
V00582	Ezko Commercial Services Pty Ltd	General Creditors	29,286.41	
V05234	Mills Oakley	General Creditors	27,483.18	
54	Powerwater	Utilities	27,307.98	
V01814	N and M Klidas Nominees Pty Ltd T/A Vrahos Contr	General Creditors	26,502.30	
V02312	Harris Kmon Solutions Pty Ltd	General Creditors	23,287.00	
4190	National Australia Bank - Corporate Credit Cards	General Creditors	21,175.11	
18	Integrated Land Information System	General Creditors	20,783.50	
V04561	Pete's Glass and Aluminium	General Creditors	15,517.40	
V04317	Randstad Pty Ltd	General Creditors	15,035.46	
V06059	Australian Environmental Auditors Pty Ltd	General Creditors	11,967.24	
V00228	Outback Tree Service	General Creditors	11,572.00	
V04381	Telstra Limited	General Creditors	11,322.17	
V04969	Landcare NT Inc	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	11,000.00	
V04258	L H & P Gouldson Partnership	General Creditors	10,125.00	
639	Cleanaway Pty Ltd.	General Creditors	10,102.21	
V00744	Palmerston Rovers Football Club Inc	General Creditors	10,000.00	
V01269	Palmerston Magpies Football Club	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	10,000.00	
V03973	AANT Salary Packaging	General Creditors	9,935.82	
V04917	OverDrive Australia	General Creditors	9,796.80	
V01305	A. Noble & Son Ltd	General Creditors	9,653.82	
1580	The Exhibitionist	General Creditors	9,564.50	
V00399	Palmerston & Regional Basketball Assoc (PARBA)	General Creditors	8,841.00	
V02025	Event Hospitality & Entertainment	General Creditors	8,757.40	
V03776	Business Fuel Cards Pty Ltd	General Creditors	8,660.85	
V01118	Wilson Security Pty Ltd	General Creditors	8,618.96	
V04802	AHG Building Contractors Pty Ltd	General Creditors	7,094.17	
V01584	Salary Packaging Australia	General Creditors	6,503.02	
V00122	Exeloo Pty Ltd	General Creditors	6,369.90	
4007	The Ark Animal Hospital Pty Ltd	General Creditors	5,936.08	
V05934	Strategic Disaster Solutions	General Creditors	5,423.00	
V03566	Terrain Group	General Creditors	5,280.00	
V05963	Mottech Parkland Pty Ltd	General Creditors	5,049.00	
V04604	Stone Monkey Australia	General Creditors	4,624.30	
V05417	Ev Up Pty Ltd	General Creditors	4,532.00	
V04934	Fewmore Contracting	General Creditors	4,235.00	
V05606	Home Grown Lawn Mowing	General Creditors	4,180.00	

V00246	Cohera-Tech Pty Ltd	General Creditors	4,049.37	
3313	Zip Print	General Creditors	3,572.25	
V06221	National Roof Inspections Pty Ltd	General Creditors	3,547.50	
V00407	All Fence & Gates (NT) Pty Ltd	General Creditors	3,520.00	
V00545	Earl James & Associates	General Creditors	3,520.00	
3099	Iron Mountain Australia Pty Ltd	General Creditors	3,380.47	
V01735		Refunds & Reimbursements	3,313.06	1
V02854	Captovate Pty Ltd	General Creditors	3,300.00	
5508	Open Systems Technology Pty Ltd - CouncilFirst	General Creditors	3,173.70	
V06257		Refunds & Reimbursements	3,041.03	1
V04789	ACECOM NT PTY LTD T/A ACECOM FIRE & SECURITY	General Creditors	3,026.34	
V06093	Zip Heaters (Aust) Pty Ltd	General Creditors	2,900.29	
V01904	Veolia Environmental Service (Australia) Pty Ltd	General Creditors	2,719.73	
V02534	Water Dynamics Pty Limited	General Creditors	2,623.38	
5387	Odd Job Bob - Darren John Fillmore	General Creditors	2,595.62	
V02229	Studio B Designs	General Creditors	2,585.00	
V06228	Litchfield Veterinary Hospital	General Creditors	2,570.45	
V06134	Jesse Bell Art	General Creditors	2,500.00	
549	City of Darwin	General Creditors	2,440.00	
V05682	Open Circle Training	General Creditors	2,155.00	
V06247		Refunds & Reimbursements	2,095.96	1
V01397	RSPCA Darwin	Refunds & Reimbursements	1,980.00	
5	Australia Post	General Creditors	1,960.51	
V00855	ESRI Australia	General Creditors	1,925.00	
V00682	Leigh Dyson Plumbing	General Creditors	1,883.20	
V01255	CMO Trading Pty Ltd T/a Acromat	General Creditors	1,838.10	
V06262		Refunds & Reimbursements	1,816.87	1
V00730	Tip Top Circus Entertainment	General Creditors	1,705.00	
V06249		Refunds & Reimbursements	1,671.96	1
V03301	The Clear Writing Coach - Samantha McCue	General Creditors	1,650.00	
V05695	Clickstarter Education	General Creditors	1,650.00	
566	Stickers & Stuff	General Creditors	1,632.00	
V00250	Ward Keller	General Creditors	1,554.30	
V06248		Refunds & Reimbursements	1,552.00	1
V06041	Agentur Pty Ltd	General Creditors	1,500.00	
V05797	Bel Rose Group	General Creditors	1,496.00	
4735	Palmerston and Rural Party Hire	General Creditors	1,436.00	
V03274	Top End Critters	General Creditors	1,430.00	
V06256		Refunds & Reimbursements	1,368.00	1
V02599	Freddy's Car Installations	General Creditors	1,320.00	
V01420	CENTRELINK (PAYROLL)	General Creditors	1,277.14	
4398	Quality Indoor Plants Hire	General Creditors	1,252.15	
V02306	Well Done International Pty Ltd	General Creditors	1,224.02	
V04798	Australian Radio Network Pty Limited	General Creditors	1,210.00	
V04507	Hallprint Pty Ltd	General Creditors	1,191.30	
4029	Totally Workwear Palmerston	General Creditors	1,155.00	
V03767	WRM Water & Environment Pty Ltd	General Creditors	1,134.38	
V00193	Amcom Pty Ltd Acc no CN5439	General Creditors	1,085.70	
V06270		Refunds & Reimbursements	1,081.61	1
V03600	CFO Business Associates	General Creditors	1,054.90	
V06203	Australian Vaccine Services	General Creditors	1,045.00	
V06024	Seashells Coffee, Crybaby Coffee	General Creditors	1,031.25	
V06267		Refunds & Reimbursements	1,000.00	1
V06280		Refunds & Reimbursements	974.00	1
V05009	Direct Image Pty Ltd	General Creditors	935.00	

272	City Wreckers	General Creditors	924.00	
V05689	Department of Corporate and Digital Development	General Creditors	880.00	
V01203	Tyreright Palmerston	General Creditors	864.00	
215	Employee Assistance Services NT Inc (EASA)	General Creditors	845.45	
V00271	NTIT (Fuji Xerox Business Centre NT)	General Creditors	828.90	
V00270	Janie Andrews (Artist and Designer)	General Creditors	800.00	
V06144		Refunds & Reimbursements	800.00	1
V06251		Refunds & Reimbursements	797.03	1
V06250		Refunds & Reimbursements	797.02	1
V03425	CSS Services Pty Ltd ITF Corporate Statagic System Trust	General Creditors	770.00	
30	Colemans Printing Pty Ltd	General Creditors	755.15	
V06279	MUSIC WORKSHOP PTY LTD	General Creditors	729.00	
V06218	Hexicor	General Creditors	727.76	
1276	Tourism Top End	General Creditors	706.00	
V00542	Industry Health Solutions	General Creditors	693.00	
V01748	FE Technologies Pty Ltd	General Creditors	622.60	
V06269		Refunds & Reimbursements	616.29	1
V05074	On Point Creative NT	General Creditors	600.00	
3504	Raeco International Pty Ltd	General Creditors	587.96	
V03368	Larrikin House Pty Ltd	General Creditors	576.00	
V06287		Refunds & Reimbursements	528.70	1
5386	Dunvegan Real Estate	General Creditors	518.00	
V01594		General Creditors	518.00	1
V06258		Refunds & Reimbursements	518.00	1
V06261	Abode Property Management	Refunds & Reimbursements	518.00	
V06157	Club Assist	General Creditors	512.00	
4528	Miranda's Armed Security Officers Pty	General Creditors	484.00	
35	WINC Australia Pty Limited	General Creditors	483.45	
2186	Optus Billing Services Pty Ltd	General Creditors	480.00	
V02869	Tamsten Pty Ltd T/A Palmerston Veterinary Hospital	General Creditors	461.70	
V06277	The Salvation Army (NT) Property Trust	Refunds & Reimbursements	444.17	
3098	Roadshow Films Pty Ltd	General Creditors	440.00	
V05726	Neptune NT Pty Ltd	General Creditors	418.00	
V05439		Refunds & Reimbursements	400.00	1
V01694	NT Advertising and Distribution	General Creditors	385.00	
V05968	CleverPatch Pty Ltd	General Creditors	384.51	
2199	SBA Office National	General Creditors	376.05	
2977	Optic Security Group NT	General Creditors	375.39	
V06281		Refunds & Reimbursements	350.00	1
V05627	Top End Workfit	General Creditors	340.00	
3788	HPA Incorporated	General Creditors	333.00	
V05929	Morrison Fabrication Pty Ltd	General Creditors	326.00	
V02861	PETstock Berrimah	General Creditors	319.00	
3428	Bunnings Group Limited	General Creditors	307.84	
V05828		Refunds & Reimbursements	300.00	1
V05911	The Trustee for Spotlight Stores Trading Trust	General Creditors	300.00	
V06278	Cycle Zone Darwin	General Creditors	300.00	
V06299		Refunds & Reimbursements	300.00	1
V01190	Slimline Warehouse	General Creditors	267.57	
5036	Dormakaba Aust P/L T/as Territory Door Services	General Creditors	264.00	
V00022	Officeworks	General Creditors	259.95	
V05680	Honey Reid	Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	250.00	
V06255		Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	250.00	1
V06265		Grants, Sponsorships, Donations & Prizes	250.00	1
V00075	Mercury Group of Companies Pty Ltd (T/A Fit2Work)	General Creditors	246.40	

V03834	Tabellarius Pty LTd TA Pack & Send	General Creditors	240.00	
V04624		General Creditors	240.00	1
V06245	Love & Frosting Cupcakes	General Creditors	220.00	
256	The Bookshop Darwin	General Creditors	210.52	
V01936	Arjays Sales & Services Pty Ltd	General Creditors	187.00	
4561	Bendesigns	General Creditors	152.90	
V02167	Sanity Music Stores Pty Ltd	General Creditors	149.94	
4703		Refunds & Reimbursements	139.00	1
V05824		Refunds & Reimbursements	72.50	1
V01810	Jacana Energy - Payroll Deductions	General Creditors	70.00	
V06286		Refunds & Reimbursements	60.00	1
4303	Curby's Trophies	General Creditors	55.00	
V06263		Refunds & Reimbursements	55.00	1
V06264		Refunds & Reimbursements	55.00	1
V06300		Refunds & Reimbursements	55.00	1
V06252		Refunds & Reimbursements	50.00	1
V06254		Refunds & Reimbursements	50.00	1
V06288		Refunds & Reimbursements	50.00	1
V06293		Refunds & Reimbursements	50.00	1
V01938	Windcave Pty Limited	General Creditors	49.50	
V06284		Refunds & Reimbursements	35.00	1
V00318	QuickSuper Clearing House	Superannuation	26.05	
V05705	Central Animal Records	General Creditors	25.87	
V02545	Amazon Web Services Inc	General Creditors	4.91	
			1,368,528.95	

Investments

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Total Creditor Payments (excludes investments placed)

1,368,528.95

Total Payments made to Local suppliers this month

1,144,886.14

Percentage of this month's payments made to local suppliers

83.66%

Notes

1. Names redacted to de-identify personal details



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SECTION 2
Financial Results
 Creditor Accounts Outstanding as at 30 April 2026
 % of year passed 83.33%

2.6 - Creditor Accounts Outstanding

Creditor No.	Creditor Name	Amount \$	Notes
549	City of Darwin	438,628.70	1
V05688	Allan King & Sons Construction Pty Ltd	188,971.50	1
V00295	Jacana Energy	141,671.48	1
V00318	QuickSuper Clearing House	131,636.20	1
V01904	Veolia Environmental Service (Australia) Pty Ltd	129,338.22	1
2	Australian Taxation Office - PAYG	113,288.00	1
5104	JLM Contracting Services Pty Ltd	69,574.73	1
V06091	Hawkins & Clements Pty Ltd	53,381.24	1
3936	Arafura Tree Services and Consulting	39,171.00	1
V00582	Ezko Commercial Services Pty Ltd	36,027.96	1
V06266	TAS Inflatable Fun Park	27,500.00	1
V04904	Tropical Tree Services Pty Ltd	19,008.00	1
V05981	Hydrilla Pty Ltd	17,369.00	1
V04381	Telstra Limited	17,358.74	1
54	Powerwater	15,863.55	1
V03611	Northern Lights NT Pty Ltd	10,563.30	1
2587	Top End RACE	10,215.68	1
V01814	N and M Klidas Nominees Pty Ltd T/A Vrahos Contr	9,330.20	1
V01118	Wilson Security Pty Ltd	8,539.96	1
5254	True North	5,995.55	1
V02534	Water Dynamics Pty Limited	5,252.00	1
V02432	E3 Pro Pty Ltd	5,008.34	1
V04853	Jasen & Michelle Machacek	4,000.00	1
V04812	RingCentral Australia Pty Ltd	3,578.38	1
V05558	CDM Smith Australia Pty Ltd	3,551.90	1
V04258	L H & P Gouldson Partnership	3,380.00	1
V04561	Pete's Glass and Aluminium	2,826.90	1
V04789	ACECOM NT PTY LTD T/A ACECOM FIRE & SECURITY	2,382.78	1
5114	S.E. Rentals Pty Ltd	2,330.90	1
V01936	Arjays Sales & Services Pty Ltd	2,281.05	1
V01387		2,231.71	1
V06318		2,042.60	1
V03847	Satellite City BMX Club	2,000.00	1
V04590	Pump Works Pty Ltd T/A Pump 365	1,782.00	1
5387	Odd Job Bob - Darren John Fillmore	1,757.80	1
353	Otis	1,585.10	1
V06294	Rentokil Initial Pty Ltd T/A Outback Pest Co	1,518.00	1
V04847	Bucher Municipal Pty Ltd	1,456.28	1
V01595		1,320.84	1
V00474	Lane Communications	1,202.30	1
V01115	Aerosail Engineered Fabric Structures Pty Ltd	1,097.00	1
V06203	Australian Vaccine Services	1,038.68	1
87	Industrial Power Sweeping Services Pty	901.58	1
V04917	OverDrive Australia	806.80	1
V02275		750.00	1
5	Australia Post	704.01	1
2294	Modern Teaching Aids Pty Ltd	702.00	1

V05618	Chocolate Events			643.00	1
V06297				592.26	1
4029	Totally Workwear Palmerston			534.20	1
V06296				518.00	1
V06285				518.00	1
V06314				518.00	1
2186	Optus Billing Services Pty Ltd			480.00	1
V00443	Forecast Machinery			462.00	1
V06311				457.19	1
V04624				440.00	1
3313	Zip Print			437.80	1
53	Eggins Electrical			396.00	1
712	Paradise Landscaping (NT) Pty Ltd			396.00	1
V06292	Select Events Darwin PTY Ltd			395.00	1
V06295	Justin Michael & Tegan Leanne Burness			340.00	1
V05654				306.70	1
V06305				300.00	1
V04964	L and J Arnott Investments Pty Ltd T/A Power Clean NT			275.00	1
V05056				250.00	1
V06303				250.00	1
V06307				250.00	1
V00682	Leigh Dyson Plumbing			209.00	1
5640	Think Water - Winnellie & Virginia			187.17	1
4561	Bendesigns			176.00	1
18	Integrated Land Information System			172.50	1
V06315				155.00	1
V05606	Home Grown Lawn Mowing			110.00	1
V03032				70.00	1
V00022	Officeworks			61.00	1
V05661				50.00	1
V06309				50.00	1
V06310				50.00	1
3788	HPA Incorporated			22.00	1
V06306				17.60	1
V05990				16.00	1
V00599				12.41	1
639	Cleanaway Pty Ltd.			(10,055.20)	1
4190	National Australia Bank - Corporate Credit Cards			(21,175.11)	1

1,519,809.48

Notes

- 1 Invoices were paid on 01.05.2026 Friday



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Section 2
Financial Results

Commercial Leases as at 30 April 2026
% of year passed 83.33%

2.7 - Commercial Leases

Description	Revised Annual Budget \$	YTD Actuals \$	% YTD Actuals of Annual Budget	YTD Budget	% YTD Actuals of YTD Budget	Notes
Income						
Library Services	12,000	0	0%	0	0%	1
GM Finance & Governance	70,000	71,670	102%	58,333	123%	2
Civic Centre	166,587	138,824	83%	138,823	100%	
Income	248,587	210,494	85%	197,156	107%	
Expenditure						
GM Finance & Governance	-12,000	-10,374	86%	-10,000	104%	
Expenditure	-12,000	-10,374	86%	-10,000	104%	
Profit/(Loss)	236,587	200,120		187,156		

Notes

1. The Library Café has been leased and is currently on rent abatement, this will be considered as part of third budget review
2. Due to higher rental income than expected



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Section 2
Financial ResultsCouncil Loans as at
% of year passed30 April 2026
83.33%**2.8 - Council Loans****INTERNAL LOANS**

Making the Switch Balances (FILOC)	
1st Withdrawal June 2019	640,000
2nd Withdrawal June 2020	2,583,849
Public lighting officer June 2020	114,000
Project Cost taken from FILOC	3,337,849
Repayments 2019/20	(200,000)
Repayments 2020/21	(313,615)
Repayments 2021/22	(321,849)
Repayments 2022/23	(330,299)
Repayments 2023/24	(338,971)
Repayments 2024/25	(346,950)
Loan Balance at 1/07/2025	1,833,114
Expected Repayments 2025/26	(357,004)
Expected Loan Balance as at 30/06/2026	1,476,111

Making the Switch (FILOC)					
Principal as of 1/7/2025	Principal Loan Repayments for 2025-26	Principal Loan Repayments YTD	Interest for 2025-26	Interest YTD	Loan balance as of 30/04/2026
1,833,114	-357,004	-296,924	-35,154	29,875	1,536,191
The above table shows the total loan amount taken from the FILOC Reserve. The interest rate is fixed at 2.60% for the duration of the loan and is paid on a quarterly basis. The loan repayments will end in 2029. The final loan value for this project is \$3,223,849 not including employee costs for the Public Lighting Officer. External Loan - Archer Landfill Rehabilitation Balances					

SWELL Loan (FILOC)	
Project Cost taken from FILOC	400,000
Repayments 2023/24	(80,000)
Repayments 2024/25	(80,000)
Loan Balance at 1/07/2025	240,000
Expected Repayments 2025/26	(80,000)
Expected Loan Balance as at 30/06/2026	160,000

SWELL Loan (FILOC)			
Principal as of 1/7/2025	Principal Loan Repayments for 2025-26	Principal Loan Repayments YTD	Loan balance as of 30/04/2026
240,000	-80,000	-66,667	173,333
The above table shows the loan amount taken from the FILOC Reserve for SWELL construction. An amount of \$80K is repaid on yearly basis and no interest is charged. The loan repayments will end in 2028.			

Council Loans as at
% of year passed

2.8 - Council Loans

EXTERNAL LOANS

Archer Landfill Rehabilitation Balances (NAB)	
Total Loan Amount	1,960,000
Repayments 2019/20	(221,414)
Repayments 2020/21	(228,223)
Repayments 2021/22	(234,634)
Repayments 2022/23	(241,037)
Repayments 2023/24	(248,082)
Repayments 2024/25	(254,986)
Loan Balance at 1/07/2025	531,624
Expected Repayments 2025/26	(262,201)
Expected Loan Balance as at 30/06/2026	269,423

Archer Landfill Rehabilitation (NAB)					
Principal as of 1/7/2025	Principal Loan Repayments for 2025-26	Principal Loan Repayments YTD	Interest for 2025-26	Interest YTD	Loan balance as of 30/04/2026
531,624	-262,201	-218,036	-12,172	10,609	313,588
The External Loan - Archer Landfill Rehabilitation is for a term of 8 years commencing 28 June 2019 and concluding 30 June 2027. The interest rate is fixed at 2.78% for the duration of the loan and is paid on a quarterly basis.					

SWELL (NAB)	
Total Loan Amount	5,000,000
Repayments 2023/24	-187,500
Repayments 2024/25	-250,000
Loan Balance at 01/07/2025	4,562,500
Expected Repayments 2025/26	-250,000
Expected Loan Balance as at 30/06/2026	4,312,500

SWELL (NAB)					
Principal as of 1/7/2025	Principal Loan Repayments for 2025-26	Principal Loan Repayments YTD	Interest for 2024-25	Interest YTD	Loan balance as of 30/04/2026
4,562,500	-250,000	-208,333	-263,362	179,222	4,354,167
The External Loan - SWELL is for a term of 20 years commencing 29 December 2023 and concluding 28 September 2043. The interest rate is variable for the duration of the loan and is paid on a quarterly basis. The current interest for June quarter 2026 quarter is 5.47%					

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Section 2
Financial Results
Elected Member Expenses 30 April 2026
% of year passed 83.33%

2.9 - Elected Member Expenses

Description	Revised Annual Budget \$	YTD Actuals \$	% YTD Actuals of Annual Budget	YTD Budget	% YTD Actuals of YTD Budget	Notes
Operating Expenditure						
Superannuation	-49,507	-43,340	88%	-41,256	105%	
Mayoral Allowance	-121,264	-101,330	84%	-101,053	100%	
Mayor Vehicle Allowance	-25,000	-20,889	84%	-20,833	100%	
Mayoral Professional Dev Allowance	-5,000	-3,441	69%	-5,000	69%	1
Deputy Mayoral Allowance	-17,200	-11,356	66%	-14,333	79%	2
Elected Members Councillor Allowances	-179,095	-139,830	78%	-149,246	94%	
Elected Members Professional Dev Allowance	-30,000	-10,323	34%	-24,000	43%	1
Elected Members Meeting Allowance	-70,000	-65,400	93%	-68,368	96%	
Information Technology Capital Entitlement	-16,000	-6,045	38%	-13,500	45%	3
Acting Mayor Allowance	-10,546	-16,253	154%	-8,788	185%	2
Contractors	-350,000	-312,209	89%	-350,000	89%	5
Printing & Photocopying Costs	-1,000	-50	5%	-920	5%	6
Other Sundry Expenses	-6,578	-5,389	82%	-4,287	126%	7
Food & Catering Costs	-9,000	-8,094	90%	-8,345	97%	
Course Seminar & Conference Registration	-10,557	-12,649	120%	-10,557	120%	4
Air Travel	-3,093	-4,847	157%	-3,093	157%	4
Travel Accommodation	-2,111	-2,721	129%	-2,111	129%	4
Travel Related Costs Other	-1,031	-631	61%	-1,031	61%	4
Operating Expenditure	-906,982	-764,796	84%	-826,722	93%	

Notes

The variance is due to following:

1. Professional development fees lower year to date
2. Deputy Mayor acting on Mayor's role
3. IT-related expenses are incurred based on the
4. Expenditure for these budget lines is dependent on the timing of seminars/conferences attended and travel undertaken
5. Invoice for election expenses received less than budgeted, this will be considered as part of third budget review
6. Lower than expected expenditure in printing and photocopying and this will be utilised to offset overspending in other areas.
7. Cashflowing of expenditure, expenditure is within the annual budget

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Section 2
Financial Results

CEO Credit Card Transactions as at 30 April 2026
% of year passed 83.33%

2.10 - CEO Credit Card Transactions

Cardholder Name: Andrew Walsh
Cardholder Position: CEO
Period 01/04/2026 to 30/04/2026

Transaction Date	Amount \$	Supplier's Name	Reason for the Transaction
15/04/2026	\$ 8.00	BG Hotels	Parking Costs - LGANT Symposium
16/04/2026	\$ 8.00	BG Hotels	Parking Costs - LGANT Symposium
Total	\$ 16.00		



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13 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

13.1 Information

13.2 Correspondence

13.2.1 Ministers Advisory Council on Multicultural Affairs (MACMA) Representative Appointment

THAT correspondence dated 29 April 2026 entitled Ministers Advisory Council on Multicultural Affairs (MACMA) Representative Appointment be received and noted.



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Mr Andrew Walsh
Chief Executive Officer
City of Palmerston
Via email: ceo@palmerston.nt.gov.au

Dear Mr Walsh

RE: MINISTER'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS

On behalf of the Minister for Multicultural Affairs, I thank you for providing a nomination from the City of Palmerston for a local government representative on the Minister's Advisory Council on Multicultural Affairs (MACMA).

The Department of People, Sport and Culture received several nominations from Councils across the Northern Territory for a local government representative. On this occasion, the successful appointee is Councillor Wayne Bayliss from the City of Palmerston.

I encourage the City of Palmerston to continue to engage with MACMA through Councillor Bayliss to raise issues of interest and to contribute to the development of positive actions that support a strong multicultural Territory.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Livesley", written over a light blue circular stamp.

Samantha Livesley
Chief Executive Officer

29 April 2026



14 REPORT OF DELEGATES

15 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

16 GENERAL BUSINESS

17 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 2 June 2026 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston.

18 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

THAT pursuant to *section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda.

19 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

MINUTES



1st ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 5 MAY 2026

The Ordinary Meeting of City of Palmerston held in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston, NT 0830.

Council business papers can be viewed on City of Palmerston's website palmerston.nt.gov.au

UNCONFIRMED



Minutes of Council Meeting
held in Council Chambers
Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston
on Tuesday 5 May 2026 at 5:30pm.

PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS

Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell (Chair)
Deputy Mayor Wayne Bayliss
Councillor Damian Hale
Councillor Lucy Morrison
Councillor Mark Fraser
Councillor Rob Waters
Councillor Sarah Henderson
Councillor Yolanda Kanyai

STAFF

Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Walsh
Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Nadine Nilon
Acting General Manager Finance and Governance, Penny Hart
General Manager Community, Konrad Seidl
General Manager People and Place, Emma Blight
Minute Secretary, Kate Roberts

GALLERY

Nil members of the public
4 members of staff

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

City of Palmerston acknowledges the Larrakia people as the Traditional Custodians of the Palmerston region. We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and future leaders and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

2 OPENING OF MEETING

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5.32pm.

3 APOLOGIES

Nil

4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

4.1 Elected members

Nil

4.2 Staff

Nil

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 Confirmation of minutes

Moved: Councillor Henderson

Seconded: Councillor Kanyai

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21 April 2026 pages 12116 to 12127 be confirmed.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0361 - 5/05/2026

5.2 Business arising from previous meeting

Nil

6 MAYORAL REPORT

Nil

7 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil

8 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS)

Nil

9 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

9.1 Moving confidential items into open

Nil

9.2 Moving open items into confidential

Nil

9.3 Confidential items

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT pursuant to Section 99(2) and 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and section 51(1) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the following confidential items:

Item	Confidential Category	Confidential Clause
26.1.1	Council Committee Recommendations	This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(c)(iv) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, which states a council may close to the public only so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to, information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

26.2.1	Council Committee Recommendations	This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(c)(iv) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, which states a council may close to the public only so much of its meeting as comprises the receipt or discussion of, or a motion or both relating to, information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.
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CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0362 - 5/05/2026

10 PETITIONS

Nil

11 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

12 OFFICER REPORTS

12.1 Action reports

12.1.1 Zuccoli Community Hub - Stage 3 Concept Design

Moved: Councillor Hale
Seconded: Councillor Kanyai

1. THAT Report entitled Zuccoli Community Hub - Stage 3 Concept Design be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the concept design for Stage 3 of the Zuccoli Community Hub, which includes the updated site layout shown in **Attachment 12.1.1.1** and the occupancy plan for the buildings shown in **Attachment 12.1.1.2** for a community engagement commencing in May 2026.
3. THAT Council receive a report on the outcomes of the community engagement phase by the second Ordinary Meeting in June 2026.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0363 - 5/05/2026

12.1.2 Animal Management Plan Review Consultation

Moved: Councillor Henderson

Seconded: Councillor Morrison

THAT the matter lie on the table pending feedback from Council to be incorporated in the Draft Animal Management Plan.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0364 - 5/05/2026

12.1.3 Mobile Food and Dignity Services

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell

Seconded: Councillor Fraser

Chief Executive Officer left the Chamber at 6:01 pm.

Chief Executive Officer returned to the Chamber at 6:03 pm.

1. THAT Report entitled Mobile Food and Dignity Services be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve option one (1), four (4) and five (5) of this report entitled Mobile Food and Dignity Services for the provision of services, with the amendment that the Mayor write to the minister responsible for homelessness services in place of the Chief Minister.
3. THAT the Mayor write to the Minister for Housing to open discussions on the Northern Territory Governments strategy and inclusion of wrap around services in Palmerston, as well as Return to Country services.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0365 - 5/05/2026

12.1.4 Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Updated Terms of Reference

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bayliss
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT Report entitled Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee Updated Terms of Reference be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the reviewed Terms of Reference for the Vibrant Economy Advisory Committee as **Attachment 12.1.4.2**.
3. THAT Council endorse the back payment of remuneration to members affected by the change to the first meeting of the new Committee held on Tuesday, 28 April 2026.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0366 - 5/05/2026

12.1.5 Council Policy Review - Sufficient Interest in the Assessment Record

Moved: Councillor Henderson
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT Report entitled Council Policy Review - Sufficient Interest in the Assessment Record be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the amended Sufficient Interest in the Rates Assessment Record policy at **Attachment 12.1.5.3** to Report entitled Council Policy Review - Sufficient Interest in the Assessment Record.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0367 - 5/05/2026

12.2 Receive and note reports

12.2.1 Social Media Strategy Annual Update 2025-2026

Moved: Councillor Kanyai
Seconded: Councillor Waters

THAT Report entitled Social Media Strategy Annual Update 2025-2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0368 - 5/05/2026

13 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

13.1 Information

Nil

13.2 Correspondence

13.2.1 Reply from the Electoral Commission - 2025 Local Government Elections feedback

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

THAT correspondence dated 15 April 2026 entitled Reply from the Electoral Commission - 2025 Local Government Elections feedback be received and noted.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0369 - 5/05/2026

14 REPORT OF DELEGATES

Nil

15 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Moved: Councillor Kanyai
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

1. THAT the question asked by Councillor Henderson regarding the design of the painted seats in Goyder Square and the response provided by the Chief Executive Officer be received and noted.
2. THAT the question asked by Councillor Kanyai regarding Elected Member Psychosocial Wellbeing entitlements, be taken on notice by the Chief Executive Officer.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0370 - 5/05/2026

16 GENERAL BUSINESS

Councillor Morrison declared a Conflict of Interest and left the meeting at 6:23 pm.

16.1 Appointment to the Ministerial Advisory Committee on Multicultural Affairs

Moved: Councillor Hale
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

THAT the statement delivered by Councillor Hale available at **Attachment 16.1.1** be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0371 - 5/05/2026

17 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Councillor Morrison returned to the meeting at 6:41 pm.

Moved: Councillor Kanyai
Seconded: Councillor Waters

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 19 May 2026 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0372 - 5/05/2026

18 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

THAT pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and section 51(1)(a) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0373 - 5/05/2026

19 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Nil



The open section of the meeting closed at 6:43 pm for the discussion of confidential matters.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6:52 pm.

Chair

Print Name

Date

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