

AGENDA



1st ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 4 AUGUST 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.

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 21 July 2026 pages 12223 to 12237 be confirmed.

5.2 Business arising from previous meeting

6 MAYORAL REPORT

7 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Lei Lithium Project

THAT the presentation by Bryce Healy, General Manager Exploration and Development for Lithium Plus Minerals Pty Ltd, and Melanie Rippon, Senior Associate, Team Leader – Social Assessment and Performance for EMM Consultants, on the Lei Lithium Project be received and noted.

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
24.1	Council Initiative Project	This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> and section 51(1)(c)(iv) of the <i>Local Government (General) Regulations 2021</i> , 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.
26.1.1	Council Initiative Project	This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> and section 51(1)(d) of the <i>Local Government (General) Regulations 2021</i> , 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 subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.
27.2.1	Performance, Service Delivery and Budget Review	This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> and section 51(1)(d) of the <i>Local Government (General) Regulations 2021</i> , 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 subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

10 PETITIONS

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12 OFFICER REPORTS

COUNCIL REPORT

1st Ordinary Council Meeting

Agenda Item:	12.1.1
Report Title:	Community Funding Program - Share the Dignity
Meeting Date:	Tuesday 4 August 2026
Author:	Community Services Lead, Stephen Power
Approver:	General Manager Community, Konrad Seidl

Community plan

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

Purpose

This report seeks a Council decision regarding a Community Grant application submitted by Share the Dignity, through the Community Funding Program.

Key messages

- Council supports initiatives that benefit the Palmerston community through the Community Funding Program.
- The funding application has been assessed as meeting the current policy and guidelines.
- Share the Dignity has applied for a Community Grant at a cost of \$9,756 to distribute 240 dignity bags containing essential menstrual and personal hygiene products to vulnerable Palmerston residents through local charity partners. In addition to the 240 bags are hygiene products that will be distributed separately to those in need.
- \$233,750 remains in the Community Funding Program budget for the 2026/27 financial year.

Recommendation

1. THAT Report entitled Community Funding Program - Share the Dignity be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse Option One (1) of the report to approve full funding amount of \$9,756 to Share the Dignity through a Community Grant through the Community Funding Program.

Background

Share the Dignity is a registered Australian charity established in 2015 that works to address period poverty and improve menstrual equity for women, girls and people who menstruate experiencing or at risk of homelessness, domestic violence and financial hardship. Through practical support, education and advocacy, the organisation delivers national initiatives such as Dignity Drive, it's in the Bag and Dignity Vending Machines to improve equitable access to essential menstrual and personal hygiene products.

City of Palmerston has an existing Memorandum of Understanding with Share the Dignity to support the installation and ongoing operation of Dignity Vending Machines at the Palmerston Recreation Centre and Palmerston Library. The vending machines are well used, demonstrating an ongoing demand for free period products within the Palmerston community. Council's partnership with Share the Dignity has been positive, with the organisation working collaboratively to deliver this initiative for residents.

Discussion

Share the Dignity has applied for a Community Grant of \$9,756 to support the distribution of 240 Dignity Bags containing essential menstrual and personal hygiene products to vulnerable residents in Palmerston through local charity partners. In addition to the Dignity Bags, a range of individual hygiene products will also be distributed separately to people experiencing need, extending the reach and impact of the initiative within the community.

The proposed project will support approximately 240 recipients through local charity partner organisations. The project will improve access to essential hygiene products, reduce the impacts of period poverty and cost-of-living pressures, and support the health, wellbeing and dignity of vulnerable Palmerston residents.

Council staff sought further information regarding the proposed delivery partners and project budget as part of the assessment process. In response, the applicant confirmed that they have six registered charity partners operating within the Palmerston municipality and identified Brave Foundation, Yilli Rreung Housing Aboriginal Corporation and YWCA Australia as potential delivery partners for this project. Final distribution arrangements will be confirmed once funding is secured, with the applicant selecting the charity partners based on community need at the time of delivery to ensure the dignity bags are distributed where they will have the greatest local impact. The applicant also provided additional supplier invoices and a detailed cost breakdown, which satisfactorily addressed the matters raised during the assessment.

The applicant confirmed that the funding request is limited to the direct costs of purchasing the contents for 240 dignity bags and individual hygiene products, as well as the logistics required to pack and transport the bags to the nominated charity partners. No funding has been requested for administration, staffing, fundraising activities or other organisational overhead costs.

The applicant has demonstrated the capacity to successfully deliver the project through its experience delivering similar initiatives nationally. The project represents good value for money by providing a direct and measurable benefit to vulnerable Palmerston residents.



All required supporting documentation has been submitted and reviewed as part of the assessment process.

In accordance with the Community Funding Policy and Community Funding Program Guidelines, Option One (1) of this report is recommended.

Further information is provided at **Attachment 12.1.1.1**.

Option 1

Requested Amount– \$9,756

Council approves a Community Grant at a cost of \$9,756 to Share the Dignity Limited through the Community Funding Program.

Option 2

No Funding

Council does not approve the Community Grant application submitted by Share the Dignity Limited.

Consultation and marketing

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

- Community Services Manager.
- Community Connection Officer.

The applicant was consulted during the preparation of this Report.

Policy implications

- Community Funding Program Policy.
- Community Funding Program Guidelines.

Budget and resource implications

The Community Funding Program has the remaining funds for the 26/27 financial year.

- \$93,750 for Grants, Representation Support, Graffiti and School Awards.
- \$120,000 for Sponsorship.
- \$20,000 for Environmental Initiatives.

Risk, legal and legislative implications

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.

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

Nil

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 26 (combined) [12.1.1.1 - 8 pages]

Community Funding Program - Grants, environmental initiatives & Sponsorship : Submission #26

Funding type sought: Community grant

Organisation's name Share the Dignity Limited

Organisation type Not-For-Profit/Registered Charity

ABN: (if applicable): 45 607 970 605

Details Jessica Smith
Partnerships & Grants Administrator

Provide details of your organisation Share the Dignity is a national charity founded in 2015 that supports women, girls, and anyone who menstruates who is experiencing or at risk of homelessness, fleeing domestic violence, or doing it tough. We work to address period poverty and advocate for menstrual equity for all.

Our mission is to ensure everyone is afforded the dignity in life that so many of us take for granted.

Our vision is dignity for all, achieved through ending period poverty, demonstrating leadership in education and advocacy, and ensuring dignity for people facing adversity.

We envision a future where menstrual equity is realised and everyone who menstruates can manage their menstrual health with dignity, regardless of their circumstances or location.

Our strategic purpose is delivered through practical, community driven initiatives including national donation drives, dignity vending machines that dispense free period products, working with charity partner organisations, and advocacy to end period poverty. Our work extends across Australia including in rural and remote areas, where access to menstrual products is often limited. We are committed to culturally respectful, equitable access to essential items, supporting stronger and healthier communities.

Provide details of the proposed activity This activity seeks to improve access to essential menstrual and personal hygiene products for vulnerable women, girls, and menstruators in the City of Palmerston including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, where cost of living pressures, limited access, and cultural barriers can impact access to these essential items.

The activity will support up to 240 menstruators including adults, teens and new mums through the

distribution of bags filled with period and essential person hygiene products including shampoo, conditioner, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, and deodorant. We propose to send 3 x pallets filled with bags and assorted period products to local charity partner organisations to distribute to those in need.

By partnering with established local services, the proposed activity ensures that products reach those most in need in a respectful and discreet manner. Embedding distribution within these existing support networks also enables access to wrap around services, strengthening overall wellbeing, dignity, and social inclusion.

This activity will help reduce immediate barriers to participation in daily life, improve health and hygiene outcomes, and support greater equity for vulnerable menstruators within the Palmerston community

Provide details of previous activities held by the organisation Share the Dignity has an established history of supporting vulnerable communities, including within the City of Palmerston, through local and national initiatives. This includes the delivery of large-scale community collection campaigns such as the Dignity Drive and It's in the Bag, which mobilise public donations of essential items and distribute them through trusted local charity partners. In addition, Share the Dignity has installed and maintained Dignity Vending Machines in accessible community locations, providing free period products to those in need in a discreet and dignified way. Through these initiatives, and by partnering with frontline organisations supporting women, Share the Dignity has built strong relationships and a clear understanding of local needs, enabling effective, community-based delivery of essential products. As demand for support continues to grow, this grant will help ensure we can expand our reach and continue meeting the increasing needs of the Palmerston community.

What are the intended objectives of this activity, and how will you evaluate its success?

This activity aims to improve access to essential period and personal hygiene products for women, girls and menstruators, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, reducing financial pressure and removing barriers to participation in education, work and community life. It will support improved health, dignity and wellbeing through reliable, culturally safe access to basic essentials, while strengthening partnerships with local organisations.

Success will be measured through both quantitative and qualitative data. This includes tracking the number of bags and period products distributed, the number of individuals supported (up to 240), and charity partner organisations involved. Where possible, we will also seek feedback from charity partners to get insights into the impact and future opportunities.

Date from 1 July 2026

Venue three local charity partners in Palmerston, Gunn and Woodroffe

Time N/A adhoc

Expected number of attendees 240 recipients

Target audience disadvantaged and vulnerable women, girls and menstruators

Total activity cost 10,566

Amount requested through the Community funding program 9756

Is the amount requested excluding GST? No, it's including GST

Value of other funding sources 810

Evidence of registration as a community group, not-for-profit, or incorporated body

Evidence of appropriate Certificate of currency for applicable insurances

Minutes of the Committee meeting that document the decision to apply for CFP funding

A detailed budget, including all income and expenditure including in-kind contributions

Copies of quotations for all products and services listed in the budget

A copy of the organisation's most recent audited financial statement (for applications over \$10,000) {Empty}

City of Palmerston's support will be publicly acknowledged in the following ways: Social media post



To whom it may concern,

I am writing to formally support our application for the Community Grant, which aims to encourage and strengthen projects that build social cohesion within the City of Palmerston community.

As a not-for-profit, Share the Dignity does not receive government funding and relies on community support, corporate partnerships, and grants to bring our initiatives to life. Grant funding enables us to deliver programs that reach vulnerable people and communities, ensuring access to essential period and personal hygiene products for those who need them most. This includes practical, community-based initiatives delivered at scale through trusted local partners. Without this support, many of our initiatives would not be possible.

At the heart of our work is improving participation, health, and wellbeing, and supporting positive mental health outcomes. We recognise that without access to basic period and personal hygiene products, these outcomes remain out of reach for many. We work closely with local partners to ensure support is delivered in ways that are accessible, respectful, and embedded within existing community networks. These priorities strongly align with the intent of this grant, particularly in strengthening social inclusion, connection, and participation within the community.

While we do not have formal committee minutes to provide, I can confirm there is strong organisational support behind this application. We are continually exploring ways to extend our impact, and this opportunity represents an important step in delivering meaningful, community-driven initiatives within the City of Palmerston.

This grant would directly support our work with local charity partners to reach those most in need, foster greater inclusion, and build a more connected and cohesive community.

Thank you for considering our application. We value the opportunity to partner in creating positive outcomes for the City of Palmerston community.

Cassandra Birch

Fundraising and Partnerships Manager

Cass.birch@sharethedignity.org.au

Activity Name: Strengthening Social Cohesion, Dignity and Wellbeing Across Regional Communities

Item/Service	Amount Community Funding Program	Amount from organisation/In kind support	Comments
Adult Bags (50 per pallet)	\$ 3,171.00		Propose to provide 3 x pallets, each containing 80 bags + 164 units of assorted period products including pads, tampons, incontinence aids and menstrual cups.
Teen Bag (20 per pallet)	\$ 1,062.00		
Mum and Bub bags (10 per pallet)	\$ 1,830.00		
Mixed period products (approx 163 units per pallet)	\$ 1,680.30		
Pallet Box	\$ 148.50		
Storage and Logistics (per pallet)	\$ 1,864.20		
Volunteer packing time (18 hours x valued at \$45 per hour)	\$ -	\$810	
Totals	\$ 9,756.00	\$810	

Activity Name: Strengthening Social Cohesion, Dignity and Wellbeing Across Regional Communities

Item	Quantity per Pallet	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Adult Bags	50	\$21.14	\$1,057.00
Teen Bags	20	\$17.70	\$354.00
Bub Bags	10	\$61.00	\$610.00
Pads	50	\$2.50	\$125.00
Tampons	100	\$2.50	\$250.00
Menstrual Cups	3	\$43.80	\$131.40
Incontinence Pads	10	\$5.37	\$53.70
Pallet Box	1	\$49.50	\$49.50
Program Cost per Pallet			\$2,630.60
Storage & Logistics per Pallet			\$621.40
Total Cost per Pallet			\$3,252.00

Each pallet contains:

50 x Adult Bags
 20 x Teen Bags
 10 x Mum & Bub Bags
 50 x Pads
 100 x Tampons
 3 x Menstrual Cups
 10 x Incontinence Pads

Adult Bag:	
Dark Pink Adult Bags	\$0.68
Shampoo	\$2.99
Conditioner	\$2.99
Toothbrush	\$1.99
Toothpaste	\$2.99
Pads	\$2.50
Tampons	\$2.50
Deodorant	\$2.50
Soap	\$2.00
Total for 1 Adult Bag:	\$21.14

Teen Bag	
Light Pink Teen Bags	\$0.68
Shampoo	\$2.99
Conditioner	\$2.99
Toothbrush	\$1.99
Toothpaste	\$2.99
Teen Pads	\$0.46
Teen Tampons	\$1.10
Deodorant	\$2.50
Soap	\$2.00
Total for 1 Teen Bag:	\$17.70

Bub Bag	
Nappies	\$9.00
Wipes	\$4.00
Baby Wash	\$7.00
Baby Shampoo	\$6.00
Disposable Nappy Bags	\$5.00
Dummies	\$7.00
Nappy Rash Cream	\$9.00
Breast Pads	\$9.00
Maternity Pads	\$5.00
Total for Bub Bag:	\$61.00

Menstrual Products	
Pads	\$2.50
Tampons	\$2.50
Menstrual Cups	\$43.80
Incontinence Aids	\$5.37

Certificate of Registration of a Company

This is to certify that

SHARE THE DIGNITY LIMITED

Australian Company Number 607 970 605

is a registered company under the Corporations Act 2001 and
is taken to be registered in Queensland.

The company is **limited by guarantee**.

The company is a **public** company.

The day of commencement of registration is
the first day of September 2015.



Issued by the
Australian Securities and Investments Commission
on this first day of September, 2015.

Greg Medcraft
Chairman

CERTIFICATE

QBE Insurance (Australia) Ltd
Head Office
Level 18, 388 George Street
Sydney NSW 2000
ABN: 78 003 191 035
AFS Licence No: 239545



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BUSINESS PACK INSURANCE / CERTIFICATE OF CURRENCY Policy Number: **30U235509BPK**

This certificate acknowledges that the policy referred to is in force for the period shown.

Details of the cover are listed below.

Policy Number: 30U235509BPK
Period of Insurance: From 15/04/2026 to 15/04/2027 at 4.00pm
Insured Name: SHARE THE DIGNITY LIMITED
ABN Number: 45 607 970 605

Liability Section

Location:	2033 SANDGATE ROAD VIRGINIA QLD 4014	Sum Insured	Excess
Type of Business:	WELFARE FUND RAISING	Liability: \$50,000,000	
	Property Owner: No		
	Property Damage Excess:		\$500

Interested Party: None Noted

Clauses

• SDE

SILICA EXCLUSION

This Policy does not cover personal injury directly or indirectly arising out of, caused by, or aggravated by inhalation, consumption or absorption of Silica, Silica products, or materials or products containing Silica that gives rise to silicosis or any lung disease or ailment.

When used in this endorsement, the term Silica means any solid, liquid or gaseous material consisting of or containing silica, silica fibres, particles or dust

• SFT

APPLICABLE POLICY WORDING

When BUSINESS PACK INSURANCE is shown on the Policy Schedule

Commercial/Retail/Industrial Policy wording QM485-0525 applies.

When TRADES PACK INSURANCE is shown on the Policy Schedule QBE Trade Policy QM207-0421 applies.

When OFFICE PACK INSURANCE is shown on the Policy Schedule QBE Office

Policy QM208-1221 applies and "annual revenue" shown on the Policy

Schedule is amended to read 'Gross income'

Issued by: QBE Australia
Date Issued: 15. April 2026

End of Certificate.

QM1567-0607

COUNCIL REPORT

1st Ordinary Council Meeting

Agenda Item:	12.1.2
Report Title:	Australian Public Sector Anti-Corruption Conference 2026
Meeting Date:	Tuesday 4 August 2026
Author:	Executive Manager Organisational Performance, Penny Hart
Approver:	General Manager Finance and Governance, Chris Fearon

Community plan

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

Purpose

This Report seeks Council consideration of attendance at the Australian Public Sector Anti-Corruption Conference from 7-9 September 2026 in Canberra.

Key messages

- The National Anti-Corruption Commission is hosting the Australian Public Sector Anti-Corruption Conference in Canberra from 7-9 September 2026.
- The conference is Australia's leading anti-corruption event, attracting industry leaders and experts from across the state and territory, federal, public and private sectors.
- City of Palmerston is committed to an ethical organisational culture where Council commits to act legally, ethically and in the public interest at all times.
- Attendance at the Australian Public Sector Anti-Corruption Conference would provide Council with valuable access to contemporary knowledge, emerging trends and best-practice approaches in integrity, governance, fraud and corruption prevention.
- This report recommends that Council consider attendance at the 2026 conference.

Recommendation

1. THAT Report entitled Australian Public Sector Anti-Corruption Conference 2026 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve the Mayor, Councillor _____ and Councillor _____ to attend the Australian Public Sector Anti-Corruption Conference from 7-9 September 2026 in Canberra.

Background

The Australian Public Sector Anti-Corruption Conference is Australia's leading anti-corruption event, attracting industry leaders and experts from across the state and territory, federal, public and private sectors, as well as around the world. It offers an opportunity for anti-corruption agencies, academics and practitioners to share their knowledge, experience and expertise.

The focus of the conference is on preventing, exposing and responding to corruption in the public sector, including all levels of government, elected bodies, law enforcement, contractors and consultants to government and statutory bodies.

The full program for the conference has been included at **Attachment 12.1.2.1**.

This report recommends that Council consider attendance at the 2026 conference.

Discussion

City of Palmerston is committed to an ethical organisational culture where Council commits to act legally, ethically and in the public interest at all times. Elected Members and staff of Council are placed in a position of trust and are required to maintain and enhance public confidence in the integrity of Council and to be active in protecting public money and property.

Attendance at the Australian Public Sector Anti-Corruption Conference would provide Council with valuable access to contemporary knowledge, emerging trends and best-practice approaches in integrity, governance, fraud and corruption prevention.

As local governments operate in an increasingly complex regulatory and accountability environment, the conference offers a unique opportunity to learn from anti-corruption agencies, regulators, academics and practitioners from across Australia and internationally. Participation would support Council's commitment to ethical leadership, transparency and good governance by enhancing the knowledge and capability of Elected Members and officers responsible for risk, compliance and organisational performance.

As Council's Fraud and Corruption Framework is currently under review, the conference would also provide significant benefit to ensure it reflects emerging risks contributing to increased awareness in this area.

In addition, the conference provides valuable networking opportunities, enabling Council to benchmark its practices against other public sector organisations and identify practical strategies to strengthen its governance and corruption control frameworks.

Due to the value of the conference material to Council, it is recommended that the Mayor and up to two Councillors attend as representatives of Council rather than through Professional Development arrangements.

Costs

The full conference cost per attendee is now \$2,145, the late fee, which includes two days of conference sessions, lunches, morning and afternoon teas, attendance at the Welcome Reception on Monday 7 September 2026 and the Conference Dinner on Tuesday 8 September 2026.

If five or more participants are registered, the group cost per person decreases to \$1,931. As it is proposed that the Mayor, two Councillors, the General Manager Finance & Governance and the Executive Manager Organisational Performance attend accompanied by the Chief Executive Officer, Council should be able to access this reduced price.

Workshops will also be held on Monday 7 September and will be available for an additional cost of \$330 for half-day and \$650 for a full-day. The workshops are outlined in detail in the first two pages of the program at **Attachment 12.1.2.1**.

While the workshops could offer practical insights that could enhance Council's fraud and corruption systems, the base conference program would also provide sufficient learning and development to make attendance worthwhile regardless of participation in any additional conference activities.

Summary of costs per attendee

Conference	\$1,931.00
Flights	\$2,294.00
Accommodation	\$831.00
Travel Allowance	\$322.20
TOTAL	\$5,378.20

It is recommended that that the Mayor and up to two Councillors attend the Australian Public Sector Anti-Corruption Conference on behalf of Council.

Consultation and marketing

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

- Executive Assistant to CEO
- Executive Support Officer

Policy implications

Elected Member allowances are paid in accordance with the Determination of the Northern Territory of Australia Remuneration Tribunal and Council's Elected Member Allowances and Expenses Policy. Extra Meeting/Activity Allowance and Travel allowance will apply to attendance at the conference.

Should additional Councillors wish to attend, Professional Development Allowance is available to access.

Budget and resource implications

Operational budget is available to cover the costs of attendance for Elected Members and staff.

Risk, legal and legislative implications

Attendance at the conference presents a low level of organisational risk to Council. The conference is directly aligned with local government governance, integrity and accountability responsibilities, and provides access to current information, emerging risks and best-practice approaches to preventing and responding to corruption. Participation can strengthen Council's capability in fraud and corruption control, ethical decision-making and governance frameworks, supporting continuous improvement and risk mitigation.

The primary risks relate to the cost of attendance and the possibility that conference content may not be fully relevant to Council's operational context. These risks can be mitigated by ensuring key learnings are shared internally, and with Council and the Risk Management and Audit Committee, to maximise organisational benefit and return on investment.

This Report addresses the following City of Palmerston Strategic Risks:

- 6. Governance**
Failure to effectively govern.
- 8. Strategic Leadership Capability Gap**
Failure to attract and invest in leadership capability development and organisational culture resulting in major barriers to achieving strategic outcomes.

Strategies, framework and plans implications

There are no strategy, framework or plan implications for this Report.

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. Program [12.1.2.1 - 7 pages]

Monday 7 September 2026: Workshops					
8:00 – 17:00	Registration open Registration desk				
From 8:00	Arrival tea and coffee Gallery foyer				
9:00 – 10:15	WORKSHOP A (full day) A deep dive into corruption	WORKSHOP B (full day) Australian and Pacific anti-corruption agencies: sharing best practice	WORKSHOP C (half day) Practical skills in dealing with challenging situations and burnout in the workplace	WORKSHOP D (half day) Prioritising corruption complaints: a strategic approach to enhancing consistency and transparency in decision-making	WORKSHOP E (half day) National Anti-Corruption and Integrity Investigation Course (NACIIC)
	Anti-corruption commissions: roles, powers, accountability and effectiveness Chair: Grant Walton Associate Professor, Australian National University (ANU) Facilitator: Yee-Fui Ng Associate Professor, Monash University	Digital Forensics and Forensic Accounting Facilitators: Adrian Kay Director Digital Forensics, National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC) Lincoln Hansen Principal Financial Investigator, Crime and Corruption Commission (QLD) (CCC QLD)	Facilitator: Antonio Di Dio Associate Professor, Professional Services Review	Facilitators: Elizabeth Foulger Executive Director Intake and Assessment, CCC QLD Katherine Fisher Director Strategic Insights and Prevention, CCC QLD	Facilitators: Gavin Joseph Director, Operations – Victoria, NACC Liz Martin Operational Training Advisor, NACC Lucy Bowring Manager, Witness Liaison Team, Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission (IBAC) Andrew Stillman Manager, Professional Development and Innovation Unit, IBAC
10:15 – 10:45	Morning tea Gallery foyer				

10:45 – 12:00	Rethinking integrity systems: how 'relational place' can help address corruption	Intelligence led investigations	Practical skills in dealing with challenging situations and burnout in the workplace (cont.)	Prioritising corruption complaints: a strategic approach to enhancing consistency and transparency in decision-making (cont.)	National Anti-Corruption and Integrity Investigation Course (NACIIC) (cont.)
	Chair: • Yee-Fui Ng Associate Professor, Monash University Facilitator: • Grant Walton Associate Professor, ANU	Facilitator: • Gavin Whalebone Principal Intelligence Analyst, NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption (NSW ICAC)	Facilitator: • Antonio Di Dio Associate Professor, Professional Services Review	Facilitators: • Elizabeth Foulger Executive Director Intake and Assessment, CCC QLD • Katherine Fisher Director Strategic Insights and Prevention, CCC QLD	Facilitators: • Gavin Joseph Director, Operations – Victoria, NACC • Liz Martin Operational Training Advisor, NACC • Lucy Bowring Manager, Witness Liaison Team, IBAC • Andrew Stillman Manager, Professional Development and Innovation Unit, IBAC
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch Gallery foyer				
13:00 – 14:15	Anti-corruption research: challenging conventional wisdom	Case management and systems	WORKSHOP F (half day) Bystander training	WORKSHOP G (half day) Developing a corruption prevention and integrity education program	TBA
	Chair: • Grant Walton Associate Professor, ANU Facilitators: • Dr Jamie Ferrill Charles Sturt University • Dr Graeme Gunn United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime • Garry Rosario da Gama ANU	Facilitator: • Eric Vo Senior Strategic Intelligence Analyst, Office of the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption (NT) (ICAC NT)	Facilitators: • Dr Alistair Ping PhD Ethics Advisory Services • Melinda Edwards Professor, Ethics Advisory Services	Facilitators: • Sandra Duke Senior Corruption Prevention Officer (Education), NSW ICAC • Dr Pota Forrest-Lawrence Senior Corruption Prevention Officer (Training), NSW ICAC	TBA
14:15 – 14:45	Afternoon tea Gallery foyer				

14:45 – 16:00	Corruption in public administration	Hearing capability and management	WORKSHOP F (half day) Bystander training (cont.)	WORKSHOP G (half day) Developing a corruption prevention and integrity education program (cont.)	Australian and Pacific Anti-Corruption and Integrity Commissioners Forum
	Facilitator: • Adam Graycar AM Professor Emeritus, Adelaide University	Facilitator: • Gavin Whalebone Principal Intelligence Analyst, NSW ICAC	Facilitators: • Dr Alistair Ping PhD Ethics Advisory Services • Melinda Edwards Professor, Ethics Advisory Services	Facilitators: • Sandra Duke Senior Corruption Prevention Officer (Education), NSW ICAC • Dr Pota Forrest-Lawrence Senior Corruption Prevention Officer (Training), NSW ICAC	Chair: • Peta Hegarty NACC Closed session with attendance verified by the NACC This session concludes at 16:30
17:30 – 19:30	Welcome reception				

Tuesday 8 September 2026: Conference Day 1			
7:30 – 18:30	Registration open Gallery foyer		
From 7:30	Arrival tea and coffee		
8:30 – 10:30	Morning plenary Royal Theatre - Welcome to Country - Welcome to APSACC 2026 - Keynote address: Andie Driu, Chair of the Corruption Working Group Pacific Islands Law Officers' Network and Director of Public Prosecutions (Nauru) - Keynote address: Pascal Prache, Head of the National Financial Prosecutor's Office (PNF)		
10:30 – 11:00	Morning tea		
11:00 – 12:15	CULTURE (1A) Police integrity: a cultural approach	SYSTEMS (1B) Bribery Prevention Network: integrity at the public and private interface	ACCOUNTABILITY (1C) Corruption and vulnerable people
	Katherine Van Gorp PSM Chief Operating Officer, Australian Federal Police (AFP) Anina Johnson Commissioner, Law Enforcement Conduct Commission (NSW) (LECC) Liana Buchanan Deputy Commissioner, IBAC Kristen Hilton KH&Co Pty Ltd and former Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commissioner Emily Scott Manager Investigations, IBAC	Nigel Incoll Executive Manager, Anti-Bribery & Corruption, Westpac Group Harriet Tennent Director, Forensic Financial Crime, KPMG Andrew Wilcock Managing Associate, Disputes and Investigations, Allens Jeldee Robertson Coordinator, Taskforce Solaris, AFP	Emma Townsend Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption (SA) (ICAC SA) David Hazlehurst CEO, Services Australia Scott McNaughton Deputy CEO of Service Delivery, National Disability Insurance Agency Matthew Groves Distinguished Professor of Law, Deakin University
12:15 – 13:15	Lunch		
13:15 – 14:30	CULTURE (2A) Integrity in the Parliament	SYSTEMS (2B) Whistleblower protection	ACCOUNTABILITY (2C) Integrity risks in political donations and lobbying
	David Wolf Commissioner, Parliamentary Workplace Standards and Integrity Commission The Hon John Hatzistergos AM Chief Commissioner, NSW ICAC Dr Helen Haines MP Deputy Chair, Parliamentary Joint Committee on the NACC Kate Jenkins AO Chair, Australian Sports Commission	Kieran Pender Associate Legal Director, Human Rights Law Centre Leah Hudson Acting Director of Strategic Intelligence and Reviews, ICAC NT Ellen MacGregor Senior Legal Officer, ICAC SA	Linda Waugh Integrity Commissioner, Office of the Queensland Integrity Commissioner The Hon Michael F Adams KC Commissioner, ACT Integrity Commission Bruce Barbour Chairperson, CCC QLD Clancy Moore CEO, Transparency International

14:30 – 15:00	Afternoon tea		
15:00 – 16:15	CULTURE (3A) Ethical decision-making • Victoria Elliott Commissioner, IBAC • Emma Townsend Commissioner, ICAC SA • Dr Simon Longstaff AO Executive Director, The Ethics Centre • Matt Finnis CEO, Cranlana Centre for Ethical Leadership	SYSTEMS (3B) Procurement and contract management • Paul Lakatos SC Commissioner, NSW ICAC • The Hon Michael F Adams KC Commissioner, ACT Integrity Commission • Alison Byrne CEO, IBAC	ACCOUNTABILITY (3C) AI and automated decision-making • Chris Fechner CEO, Digital Transformation Agency • Mark Sawade Chief Information Officer, Australian Taxation Office • Dr Bronson Harry Senior Data and Strategic Intelligence Analyst, IBAC • Joey On-Ki To Assistant Director, Operations Department, Independent Commission Against Corruption (Hong Kong)
18:00 – 19:00	Pre-dinner drinks		
19:00 – 23:00	Conference dinner • Master of ceremonies: Lewis Rangott, Executive Director, Corruption Prevention, NSW ICAC • Keynote address: The Hon John McKechnie AO KC, Former Commissioner of the Corruption and Crime Commission (WA) (CCC WA) • Entertainment: The Faumis		

Wednesday 9 September 2026: Conference Day 2			
7:30 – 18:30	Registration open Gallery foyer		
From 7:30	Arrival tea and coffee		
8:45 – 11:00	Morning plenary Royal Theatre - Acknowledgement of Country, welcomes and recap of day one - Keynote address: Marlo Baragwanath, Victorian Ombudsman - Keynote address: Bruce McClintock SC, Inspector of the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission		
11:00 – 11:30	Morning tea		
11:30 – 12:45	CULTURE (4A) Reflections: former integrity agency heads	SYSTEMS (4B) Corruption across borders: regional and international approaches to combatting corruption	ACCOUNTABILITY (4C) Effectiveness of anti-corruption agencies
	The Hon Robert Redlich AM KC Former Commissioner, IBAC Greg Melick AO KC Former Chief Commissioner, Integrity Commission Tasmania Deborah Glass OBE Former Victorian Ombudsman	Victoria Anderson Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Thomas Eluh Acting Deputy Commissioner (Prevention and Corporate), PNG ICAC Karen Chang Director and Chief Executive, Serious Fraud Office (New Zealand) Adam Graycar AM Professor Emeritus, Adelaide University	Dr A J Brown AM Professor of Public Policy & Law, Griffith University Yee-Fui Ng Associate Professor, Monash University Samuel De Jaegere Head of the Global Programme on Measuring Corruption, International Anti-Corruption Academy
12:45 – 13:40	Lunch		
13:40 – 14:55	CULTURE (5A) First Nations approaches to integrity	SYSTEMS (5B) Integrity data: experiences with perceptions surveys	ACCOUNTABILITY (5C) Building a culture of integrity
	Tania Ott Deputy Commissioner, Public Service Commission (New Zealand) Travis Lovett Executive Director, Centre for Truth Telling and Dialogue Tahneka Muru-Paenga Senior Aboriginal Engagement Officer, LECC	Katherine Fisher Director Strategic Insights and Prevention, CCC QLD Dr Kerry Adams Strategic Advisor Prevention & Communication, IBAC Alister McCulloch Director Strategic Intelligence, NACC	Jamie Lowe A/g Deputy Commissioner, NACC Linda Waugh Integrity Commissioner, Office of the Queensland Integrity Commissioner Chris LaHatte Anti-Corruption Commissioner (Tonga) Jo Talbot A/g Deputy Commissioner, Workplace Relations, Integrity & Enabling Services, Australian Public Service Commission

14:55 – 15:25	Afternoon tea		
15:25 – 16:40	CULTURE (6A) Building integrity in local government • The Hon Michael Corboy SC Commissioner, CCC WA • Ellen McKenzie CEO, Integrity Commission Tasmania • Craig Capper Senior Executive Officer, CCC QLD • David Burfoot Senior Corruption Prevention Officer, NSW ICAC	SYSTEMS (6B) Integrity strategies: comparative approaches • James Apaniai Chairman, Solomon Islands Independent Commission Against Corruption • Kireata Meauke Director of Integrity and Corruption Control Division (Kiribati) • Joanna Virtue Assistant Secretary, Fraud Prevention and Anti-Corruption Branch, Attorney-General's Department • Ravi Tagivakatini Director Public Legal Defender, Department of Justice and Border Control (Nauru) • Marie Pegie Cauchois Head of Office - Pacific United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Regional Anti-Corruption Advisor	ACCOUNTABILITY (6C) The media's role in exposing corruption • Dr Denis Muller University of Melbourne • Andrea Carson Director, Centre of Advancing Journalism • Johan Lidberg Associate Professor, Monash University
16:40	All delegates to enter the Royal Theatre		
16:45 – 17:00	Final remarks Royal Theatre		

COUNCIL REPORT

1st Ordinary Council Meeting

Agenda Item:	12.1.3
Report Title:	Feasibility of acquiring the former Fire Station at Emery Avenue, Woodroffe
Meeting Date:	Tuesday 4 August 2026
Author:	Executive Assistant to CEO, Kate Roberts
Approver:	Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Walsh

Community plan

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

Purpose

This Report provides Council with an initial scoping and feasibility assessment regarding the potential acquisition of the former Woodroffe Fire Station at Emery Avenue, Woodroffe, for repurposing as a multi-purpose community facility, including a permanent, fit-for-purpose Men's Shed.

Key messages

- Council resolved to investigate the feasibility of acquiring and repurposing the former Woodroffe Fire Station as a multi-purpose community facility, including a Men's Shed.
- Officers contacted the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL) to initiate discussions.
- DIPL advised that Northern Territory Fire and Emergency Services (NTFES) must be included as the building remains their asset.
- Deputy Fire Chief Wayne Green advised that the site is not suitable or available due to structural and biohazard concerns affecting the building and land.
- NTFES will continue to assess rehabilitation requirements for the site, with no timeframe for future availability.
- Based on NT Government advice, the Woodroffe Fire Station is not a feasible option for Council at this time.
- Given the site constraints, it is recommended that Council cease further investigation into acquiring the former Woodroffe Fire Station.

- Expansion of the Men's Shed's current facility is considered a more practical pathway to support participant needs at this time.

Recommendation

1. THAT Report entitled Feasibility of acquiring the former Fire Station at Emery Avenue, Woodroffe be received and noted.
2. THAT Council cease further investigation into acquiring the former Woodroffe Fire Station at Emery Avenue, Woodroffe, on the basis that the site is not currently available or suitable for community use due to structural and biohazard concerns.
3. THAT Council work collaboratively with the Palmerston Men's Shed to support the development of a grant application for the expansion of the organisations current facility.
4. THAT should it be determined that grant application support is beyond the capacity of existing Council resources, Council endorses the allocation of up to \$5,000 from the 2026/27 operational budget to enable the Palmerston Men's Shed to engage professional grant-writing or consultancy services to prepare a grant application to seek external funding for the proposed expansion of the organisation's current facility.

Background

At the 1st Ordinary Council Meeting held on 9 December 2025, Council made the following decisions:

11.3 Relocate Palmerston Men's Shed to the Vacant Former Palmerston Fire Station

1. *THAT the Notice of Motion received from Councillor Bayliss, entitled 11.3 Relocate Palmerston Men's Shed to the Vacant Former Palmerston Fire Station, be received and noted.*
2. *THAT Palmerston Council undertake investigations into the feasibility of acquiring the former Fire Station at Emery Avenue, Woodroffe, from the Northern Territory Government and completing any necessary renovations to repurpose the building as a multi-purpose facility, including a permanent, fit-for-purpose Men's Shed.*

CARRIED (6/1) - 11/0145 - 9/12/2025

The intent of the investigation was to determine whether the site could be repurposed as a multi-purpose community facility, including the establishment of a permanent, fit-for-purpose Men's Shed.

The former Woodroffe Fire Station has been vacant for several years following the relocation of operational fire services to the Palmerston Regional Fire Station. Given its central location within an established residential area, the site was identified as a potential



opportunity to support community-based activities and respond to interest in securing a fit-for-purpose Men's Shed facility within the municipality.

This Report outlines the outcomes of enquiries undertaken to date and recommends a practical pathway to support the Palmerston Men's Shed through expansion of its current facility.

Discussion

In response to Council's resolution, officers commenced preliminary enquiries with relevant NTG agencies to determine the status, condition, and potential availability of the Woodroffe Fire Station for transfer or community use.

Council contacted the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL) to discuss the potential acquisition. DIPL advised that, as the building remains an asset of Northern Territory Fire and Emergency Services (NTFES), any discussions regarding transfer or future use should include NTFES.

Council subsequently engaged with Deputy Fire Chief Wayne Green, who advised that the Woodroffe Fire Station is not currently suitable for use by agencies or organisations due to structural issues and biohazard concerns affecting both the building and the surrounding land.

NTFES further advised that they will continue to assess rehabilitation requirements for the site. Accordingly, the Woodroffe Fire Station is not a feasible option for Council to pursue at this time.

Given the advice received from NTFES, further investigation into acquiring the Woodroffe Fire Station is not recommended. The following alternative options were considered during the preliminary assessment:

- Identify alternative Council owned sites that may be suitable for a Men's Shed or multi-purpose community facility.
- Explore leasing or partnership opportunities with existing community facilities or organisations.
- Monitor the status of the Woodroffe Fire Station only if the NT Government rehabilitates the site and makes it available for future community use.
- Engage with Men's Shed representatives to refine facility requirements and support expansion of the current facility.
- Cease further investigation into acquiring the former Woodroffe Fire Station and focus on practical alternatives to support the Men's Shed.

Investigations have confirmed that the former Woodroffe Fire Station is not currently available or suitable for acquisition or community use due to structural and biohazard concerns.

Discussions with the Men's Shed President have identified that alterations or expansion of the existing site may achieve the outcomes sought by Men's Shed participants. Expansion of the current facility is therefore considered a more practical and achievable pathway than pursuing acquisition of the Woodroffe Fire Station at this time.



The current lease expires on 28 February 2027 with no further renewal terms. Council will need to consider the future of this property.

It is recommended that Community Services staff work collaboratively with the Palmerston Men's Shed to support the development of a grant application for the expansion of the current facility. Should this work be beyond the capacity of existing Council resources, it is recommended that Council endorse the allocation of up to \$5,000 from the 2026/27 operational budget to enable the Palmerston Men's Shed to engage professional grant-writing or consultancy services to prepare a high-quality grant application and seek external funding for the proposed expansion.

This approach would allow Council to respond to the original intent of the Notice of Motion by supporting improved Men's Shed facilities, while avoiding further investment of resources in a site that is not currently suitable or available for community use.

Consultation and marketing

Engagement to date has been limited to preliminary discussions with Northern Territory Government agencies (DIPL and NTFES) to determine the status and suitability of the Woodroffe Fire Station site.

No community engagement has been undertaken at this stage, pending confirmation of site feasibility and direction from Council on next steps.

The Men's Shed President and participants were consulted with to inform the direction of the report.

Any future communications will be guided by Council direction and aligned with Council's standard engagement processes.

Policy implications

There are no policy implications for this Report.

Budget and resource implications

The investigations undertaken to date have been completed within existing staff resources and operational budgets.

No external costs have been incurred as part of the preliminary enquiries with Northern Territory Government agencies.

As the Woodroffe Fire Station has been confirmed as unavailable and unsuitable, no acquisition, renovation, or capital expenditure estimates have been developed at this stage. Further work may be required to support the Men's Shed in defining the scope of any proposed expansion and preparing external funding applications. Should Council endorse the recommendation within this report up to \$5,000 may be expended from the 2026/27 operational budget CEO Legal and Professional cost code.



Any future financial implications arising from a proposed expansion project would be considered by Council if external funding is secured or a further Council contribution is requested.

Risk, legal and legislative implications

The primary risk identified relates to the unsuitability and unavailability of the Woodroffe Fire Station site, which prevents Council from progressing the project as originally scoped.

Proceeding with further investigation into this site would present a resource inefficiency risk, given the clear advice from NTFES that the building and land are affected by structural and biohazard issues.

Supporting the Men's Shed to seek external funding for expansion of its current facility helps manage community expectations by providing a practical alternative to the original site proposal.

If a future expansion project proceeds, additional risks may arise, including project scope, capital cost, funding, and delivery risks. These would be assessed as part of any future project planning or funding proposal.

No immediate legal, financial, or operational risks have been identified as a result of the recommended approach.

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.
- 3. Economic Development**
Failure to articulate, provide and promote the value proposition for Palmerston as an economic centre to attract investment.
- 4. Inclusion, Diversity and Access**
Failure to balance meeting needs of Palmerston's cultural mosaic.
- 5. Infrastructure**
Failure to plan, deliver and maintain fit for purpose infrastructure.
- 6. Governance**
Failure to effectively govern.

Strategies, framework and plans implications

There are no strategy, framework, or plan implications for this Report.

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

Nil

COUNCIL REPORT

1st Ordinary Council Meeting

Agenda Item:	12.2.1
Report Title:	Community Quarterly Report April - June
Meeting Date:	Tuesday 4 August 2026
Author:	Executive Assistant to General Manager Community, Tonisha Nykamp
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 summarises the key activities undertaken by the Community Directorate during April to June 2026.

Key messages

- Community Services have provided events and programs that support community cohesion.
- Within the first four (4) days, 187 registrations were received for Hooked on Palmerston.
- Library Services shelving upgrades have been well received by the community.
- Over 150 people attended the National Simultaneous Story time event.
- Regulatory Services participated in Operation Ventura significantly reducing anti-social behaviour and supporting safety outcomes in Palmerston.

Recommendation

THAT Report entitled Community Quarterly Report April - June be received and noted.

Background

City of Palmerston (CoP) is a 'Place for People' and provides a broad range of community services to enhance safety and well-being. This report provides Council with an update on key community activities undertaken during the previous quarter.

Discussion

The Community Directorate has had a productive quarter, delivering a range of events, programs, and services that foster community engagement and networking opportunities. Initiatives and highlights of services delivered from April to June 2026 are detailed below:

Community Services

Palmerston Youth Week 2026 was held at the Palmerston Recreation Centre and attracted approximately 350 young people who participated in a range of activities including basketball, gaming, free haircuts and engagement opportunities with local youth service providers. The event promoted youth wellbeing, social connection and access to support services through strong partnerships with community organisations.

Brekkie in the Park celebrated its 10-year anniversary with the first event of 2026 held at Hobart Park, Johnston. More than 600 attendees enjoyed a free community breakfast and participated in activities including yoga, weaving, soccer and Storytime. Community engagement was further enhanced through participation from Neighbourhood Watch, while Council's Regulatory Services, Library Services and Sustainability teams connected with residents on animal management, sustainability initiatives and library programs.



Youth Week and Brekkie in the Park

Art Jam continued to provide a free weekly creative space where participants could develop their artistic skills, collaborate with others and explore a range of art forms in a welcoming and supportive environment. The program encourages creativity, social connection and community participation through access to a purpose-built creative space.

The Hidden Disabilities Program was launched this quarter at the library, incorporating the weekly art class to promote awareness and inclusion within the community. The initiative supports the ongoing implementation of City of Palmerston's Disability Inclusion and

Access Plan (DIAP) and demonstrates Council's commitment to creating a more accessible, inclusive and welcoming environment for all residents.

Lanyards can we collected from the Palmerston Recreation Centre, Palmerston Library and the Civic Centre.



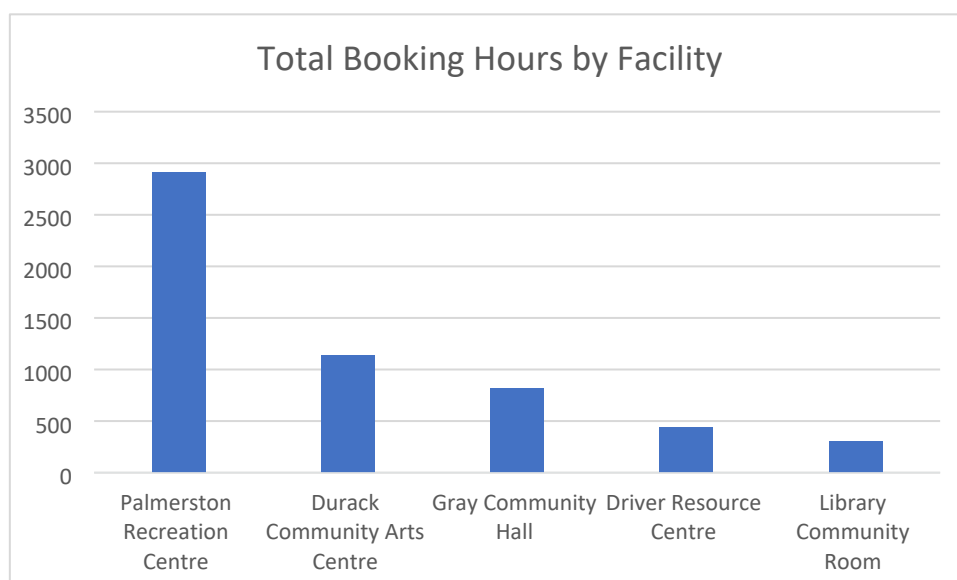
Hidden Disabilities Launch

Hooked on Palmerston is back for 2026, with the competition period extended to align with the peak barramundi fishing season. The popular community event encourages residents and visitors to explore Palmerston's waterways, enjoy the outdoors and showcase their fishing skills, while promoting recreational fishing and community participation. The extended timeframe provides participants with greater opportunities to catch barramundi throughout the season. Within the first four (4) days 187 registrations for the competition were received.

The Palmerston Child and Youth Network (PCYN), Palmerston Seniors Network (PSN) and Palmerston Safe Communities Network (PSCN) each met twice during the quarter, with strong attendance and active participation from members. The networks continue to provide valuable opportunities for organisations and stakeholders to build collaborative relationships, share information, identify emerging issues and progress key community priorities to the relevant advisory committees for further consideration.

Swell has demonstrated strong participation and engagement across its core programs and services from April to June 2026. The Learn to Swim program currently supports 352 children, alongside 331 active gym members, reflecting steady community use of the facility. 56 birthday parties have also been held to date, attracting a total of 649 attendees.

Utilisation of Council facilities remained strong throughout the quarter, with a consistent level of community use across a range of venues and programs. The following booking figures demonstrate the ongoing demand for Council facilities and their importance in supporting community activities, events and services.



Light Up Palmerston

During this quarter, 16 events and community causes were recognised through the Light Up Palmerston program, bringing the total number of lighting activations to 39 for the 2026 calendar year.

Community Funding Program

Representation support

During this quarter, 32 Individual Representation Support applications and one (1) Team Representation Support application were approved. Across the 2025/26 financial year, a total of 117 Individual Representation Support applications and two (2) Team Representation Support applications were approved, supporting participation in a diverse range of sporting, creative and youth activities.

Breakdown of approved applicants – 2025/26 Financial Year:

- 88.2% of approved applications were under 18
- 95.0% of approved applications were for a sporting activity

Annual School Awards

Fifteen Annual School Awards have been approved this financial year.

Graffiti removal

No Graffiti Removal applications were received this financial year.

Community grants

Five (5) Community Grant applications were received this quarter. Two (2) applications were approved by Council, one (1) application did not meet the funding guidelines, and the remaining two (2) applications are currently being assessed and will be presented to Council in the next quarter for consideration.

Amber NT

Council approved funding of \$2,900 to support the delivery of the *Walk to Remember* event at Sanctuary Lakes on 5 July 2026.

Grassroots Action Palmerston Aboriginal Corporation

Council approved funding of \$6,435 to support components of their NAIDOC week celebrations commencing 5 July 2026.

Sponsorship

Seven (7) Sponsorship applications were received this quarter. Two (2) were presented to Council, and the remaining five (5) will be presented to Council in the next quarter for a decision.

Palmerston Cricket Club

Council approved sponsorship funding of \$10,000 for a Platinum Sponsorship with the Palmerston Cricket Club for a one-year term.

Environmental Initiatives

One (1) Environmental Initiatives application was not approved.

Landcare NT was unable to deliver the Bio-Education Program during Semester One (1) due to staffing changes. The program is now scheduled to be delivered across four (4) Palmerston schools during Term Three (3), 2026.

Multiyear Sponsorship Agreements (MOU)

One (1) new multi-year sponsorship application was received from the Palmerston Rugby Union Club. The application is currently being assessed and will be presented to Council in the next quarter for consideration.

Acquittals

Two (2) acquittal reports were received this quarter from Legacy NT and St John NT for previously approved Community Grant funding.

Budget

The Community Funding Program budget for the 2025/26 financial year is \$220,000.

As of 30 June 2026, the following amounts have been expended or committed:

- Grants \$84,540.55 (including annual school awards, representation support, and graffiti).
- Sponsorship \$85,000
- Environmental Initiatives \$11,000
- Total expenditure \$180,540.55

Regulatory Services

Regulatory Services continues to adopt a proactive approach to supporting external stakeholders in reducing anti-social behaviour and enhancing community safety across the municipality.

At the time of writing this report, 4659 dogs were registered, with 2339 dogs pending registration. 465 cats were registered with 90 cats pending registration.

Council impounded a total of 233 animals, an increase of 55 animals impounded in previous quarter. This quarter again saw a high proportion of animals returning to their owners or being rehomed.

For the quarter, Regulatory Services received 808 customer requests. Regulatory Services removed 26 abandoned vehicles, issued 85 infringements, and received 78 after hour calls for service delivery.

Operation Ventura

During the reporting period, Rangers actively supported the Northern Territory Police Force's Operation Ventura, which was established in response to increased incidents of crime and anti-social behaviour within Palmerston. In collaboration with partner agencies, Rangers undertook targeted patrols to identify persons of interest, enforce relevant legislation, coordinate clean-up activities, and remove abandoned vehicles and property from public spaces.

This collaborative approach has strengthened inter-agency partnerships and contributed to improved public amenity and community safety outcomes.

Parking Enforcement

Parking patrols have continued during the quarter, with patrols of hotspots and areas identified as parking safety risks such as school zones. The parking changes with Drop-off bays and (Disabled Persons) Parking continues to receive positive feedback from users.

Animal Management Plan

The revised Animal Management Plan has been released for public consultation. The Plan outlines Council's proposed approach to responsible pet ownership, animal welfare, community safety, and the management of domestic animals across Palmerston. City of Palmerston is encouraging residents, stakeholders, and the wider community to review the draft Plan and provide feedback. Community input will help ensure the final Animal Management Plan reflects local priorities and supports effective, balanced animal management outcomes for the city.

Long Grass Program

The long grass inspection program was completed in Palmerston with 332 properties identified as requiring works. The vast majority complied with direction, however in 46 cases, City of Palmerston executed a warrant to allow for an engaged contractor to make the property compliant.

Animal Sterilisation Program

Regulatory Services have provided 150 vouchers to support residents with the cost of animal desexing. Additionally, City of Palmerston covered the full cost of desexing if the animal was involved in an incident and pet owners could demonstrate financial hardship. This initiative aims to promote responsible pet ownership, reduce the number of unwanted litters, improve animal welfare outcomes, and help manage the local animal population within the community.

Animal education continues in the community with monthly tips for owners posted on City of Palmerston's Facebook page.



These backyard explorers want to remind the pet owners that some common Darwin plants can be toxic to animals. Take a quick look around your yard and secure any harmful plants or garden chemicals.

Safe yards = happy pets 🐾❤️



Educational post and community engagement

Library Services

KEY PERFORMANCE METRICS	TOTAL	vs LAST QUARTER		vs SAME QUARTER LAST YEAR	
Library Visits	38,210	↑	9%	↓	-1%
Library Members	10,424	↑	1%	↑	5%
Library Items Borrowed	18,875	↑	8%	↓	-14%
Libby Online Library Loans	2,191	↑	12%	↑	139%
Library Programs Held	120	↑	8%	↑	10%
Library Programs Attendance	2,552	↑	9%	↑	10%

Palmerston Library underwent a significant internal refresh during the quarter with the installation of new library shelving. To facilitate the works, the library was closed on 18 and 19 May. The new shelving has enhanced the presentation and accessibility of the collection while creating a more open, flexible and welcoming environment. The revised layout

improves sightlines throughout the library, supports easier browsing and provides greater capacity to adapt spaces for programs, events and future community needs. Community feedback regarding the upgrade has been overwhelmingly positive, with users commenting on the improved accessibility, functionality and overall appearance of the space.



Upgrades to library shelving

Construction of the new café adjacent to the library continued throughout the quarter. While works resulted in some temporary noise impacts and fencing around sections of the precinct, library services continued with minimal disruption. The introduction of Operation Ventura has had a positive impact on the library environment, with staff observing a significant reduction in anti-social behaviour, including fewer incidents involving intoxication, vandalism and disruptive conduct.

With the commencement of the market season, the library resumed extended Friday evening opening hours until 8.00 pm, attracting an average of 600 visitors each Friday night between 5.00 pm and 8.00 pm. A rotating program of live music, esports and youth-focused DJ workshops has supported increased community participation and provided opportunities for young people to develop creative and digital skills. These activations have encouraged greater use of the library during Friday evenings, providing positive opportunities for young people and families to engage with the space while contributing to a safe and welcoming environment during market nights.

A key highlight of the quarter was National Simultaneous Storytime. More than 150 children, parents and caregivers attended the event, joining communities across Australia to read Luna Roo and the Kangaroo Baller and participate in a range of interactive activities inspired by the story's themes of teamwork, perseverance and aspiration. The event promoted early literacy, learning and community connection while providing an engaging and inclusive experience for families. Additional activities included a football freestyle workshop and performance interactive football activities, face painting, a jumping castle, community stalls and a community barbecue.

*"Congratulations on delivering another awesome community program. I used to think libraries were just books but Palmo Library continually proves that you are a link that we desperately need to bring community together. Read, Learn and have Fun. Awesome supportive staff.
Thanks"*



National Simultaneous Storytime

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:

- Community Services Manager
- Community Services Lead
- Library Services Manager
- Regulatory Services Manager
- Community Connections Officer

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

Details the risk any decision made from this Report may relate to or explain why there is no risk.

What legal information has been sourced to assist with a decision to be made from this Report.

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.

Strategies, framework and plans implications

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

- [Communication Strategy](#)



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

Nil



13 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

13.1 Information

13.2 Correspondence

13.2.1 Notice of LGANT Annual General Meeting and call for motions

THAT correspondence dated 16 July 2026 entitled Notice of LGANT Annual General Meeting and call for motions be received and noted.

From: LGANT CEO
Sent: Wed, 15 Jul 2026 23:31:43 +0000
To: **Mayors and Presidents; **Council CEOs
Cc: **LGANT Board; **Council CEO EAs; Mary Watson; LGANT CEO
Subject: Notice of LGANT Annual General Meeting and call for motions
Attachments: FORM - LGANT Calls for Motions [2026].docx

Good morning Mayors, Presidents and CEOs - in accordance with the LGANT Constitution, I'm writing to provide notice of LGANT's Annual General Meeting (AGM). It will be held in Alice Springs on 11 November 2026.

I also call for motions for the AGM and have attached the new form that must be used.

Please email completed forms to ceo@lgant.asn.au by CoB 29 September 2026. We won't be able to provide extensions to this date in the interests of getting the AGM papers out in a timely manner.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Kind regards,



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CALL FOR MOTIONS

About this document

LGANT's purpose, as per the Strategic Plan 2025-2028, is to support and represent member councils to drive sustainable economic and social development of the Northern Territory community.

The purpose of this call for motion document is to provide a template for member councils to submit motions to LGANT on issues for consideration, such as governance, capacity building, policy positions and advocacy efforts, at either the April or November General Meetings.

The motions that are resolved at LGANT General Meetings are important in guiding the priorities and work plans of LGANT, and it is important that the Association's resources are focussed on the issues that will be of the greatest benefit to councils, towns and communities.

Policy and Advocacy

Policy positions are a statement or declaration of an organisation's stance on a particular topic(s). Further, LGANT seeks to influence public policy (which is laws, guidelines and actions decided and taken by governments). Motions from councils help LGANT form its policy positions and statements that in turn, assist with advocacy efforts. LGANT's current policy statements can be found [here](#).

Advocacy is a broad term encompassing endeavours to achieve change. For LGANT, advocacy is activity undertaken to promote and influence issues that collectively effect local government.

Timeframes

Councils do not need to wait for the call for motions from LGANT. These can be submitted at any time. However, to enable all motions to be assessed by the Board and papers prepared for the agenda, a closing date is determined for each General Meeting.

Late motions will not be accepted (unless urgent) and will instead be referred to the next General Meeting.

Motions will not be accepted at General Meetings as members do not have supporting information or the time to make an informed decision.

If the motion is urgent, councils may consider calling a Special General Meeting or request the LGANT Board address the matter through their meetings. Justification for urgency will be required.

Other important information

Member councils should consider submitting a motion if they believe there is an opportunity for LGANT to take the lead on an issue that is strategically important to local government and will benefit the sector as a whole.

There must only be ONE issue per motion. It is suggested that the council submitting the motion first discuss it with LGANT so they can outline existing activity or policy positions, if any, in the topic area and assist with developing the business case.

Motions need to be approved by resolution of the local government council **prior** to submission to LGANT.

The LGANT Board will assess the motion for completeness and appropriateness and if necessary, ask the submitting member council for more information or redrafting before including it in the General Meeting agenda. This process may require the council to re-endorse its motion.

The LGANT Board has the discretion to not accept the motion if not enough information is provided, it's not strategic in nature, or it would impact negatively on the reputation of LGANT or the sector.



By submitting a motion, your council can move and speak to the motion at the General Meeting it is going to.

The better your council's argument or case, the more likely members can make an informed decision and resolve the motion. Resolved motions are minuted following the General Meeting, allocated to LGANT staff for action, and reported on at LGANT Board and General meetings.

Motions to LGANT do not progress to the Australian Local Government Association's (ALGA) National General Assembly (NGA). Councils must submit motions for the NGA directly to ALGA.



TEMPLATE

CALL FOR MOTIONS

Member councils are invited to submit motions for debate to be included at General Meetings using this template.

Name of Council:

Click or tap here to enter council name.

Contact person and title:

Click or tap here to enter your full name and position.

Phone:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Email:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Motion title:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Resolution sought (Motion)

Motions should be clear and concise and must be limited to one subject matter/ issue.

Consider the action your motion wants LGANT to do for the local government sector.

Members call on LGANT to Click or tap here to enter text.

Supporting information:

1. Define the problem/opportunity and its impact on local government or council services and operations.
2. Provide information on any relevant legislation, policy settings and research reports and papers where available.
3. Include a statement on how the motion aligns with LGANT's [Policy Statements](#) and [Strategic Plan](#).
4. Provide attachment/s if required.



Click or tap here to enter text.

Council confirmation:

I, [Click or tap here to enter your full name.](#), the Chief Executive Officer, hereby confirm that this motion was approved by resolution of council on [Click or tap to enter a date.](#) for presentation at the next LGANT General Meeting.

Resolution number: _____

In submitting this motion, I acknowledge that (please tick):

- ☐ the LGANT Board has the discretion to not accept the motion.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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, 18 August 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

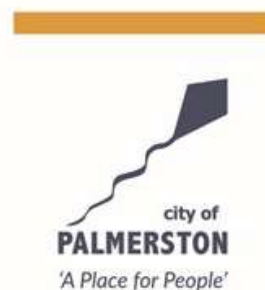
MINUTES

2nd ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 21 JULY 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





Minutes of Council Meeting
held in Council Chambers
Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston
on Tuesday 21 July 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 Yolanda Kanyai

STAFF

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

GALLERY

3 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 5:30pm.

3 APOLOGIES

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Councillor Kanyai

THAT the apology received from Councillor Henderson for 21 July 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0487 - 21/07/2026

4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

4.1 Elected members

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

THAT the Declaration of Interest received from Councillor Waters for Item 12.1.5 be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0488 - 21/07/2026

4.2 Staff

Nil

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 Confirmation of minutes

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bayliss
Seconded: Councillor Waters

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 7 July 2026 pages 12206 to 12217 be confirmed.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0489 - 21/07/2026

5.2 Business arising from previous meeting

Nil

6 MAYORAL REPORT

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

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

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0490 - 21/07/2026

7 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Operation Ventura

Moved: Councillor Waters
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

THAT the presentation by Superintendent Katie Hatzismalis, on Operation Ventura be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0491 - 21/07/2026

8 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS)

Nil

9 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

9.1 Moving confidential items into open

9.1.1 Leave of Absence Requests

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bayliss
Seconded: Councillor Waters

1. THAT the leave of absence request received from Mayor Pascoe-Bell for 28 June 2026 to 11 July 2026 inclusive, for the reason of holiday, be approved.
4. THAT each decision be moved to the Open Minutes at expiry of the leave of absence.

CARRIED (8/0) - 11/0424 - 2/06/2026

9.1.2 Leave of Absence Requests

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Henderson

3. THAT the leave of absence request received from Councillor Henderson for 16 to 19 July 2026 inclusive, for the reason of family illness, be approved.
4. THAT each decision be moved to the Open Minutes at expiry of the leave of absence.

CARRIED (6/0) - 11/0482 - 7/07/2026

9.1.3 Leave of Absence Requests

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Councillor Kanyai

1. THAT the leave of absence request received from Councillor Henderson for 12 to 14 July 2026 inclusive, for the reason of family illness be approved, and replace previous leave of absence request as per resolution 11/0482.
4. THAT each decision be moved to the Open Minutes at expiry of the leave of absence.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0517 - 21/07/2026

9.2 Moving open items into confidential

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT Item 12.1.1 entitled Youth Drop-in Sports be considered in the Confidential section of this meeting, following Item 25.1.1.
2. THAT Item 12.1.1 is considered 'confidential' pursuant to 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(c)(i) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 as the matter 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.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0492 - 21/07/2026

9.3 Confidential items

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bayliss
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

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	Shared Services	This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(e) 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 provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.

26.1.2	Shared Services	This item is considered 'Confidential' pursuant to 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1)(c)(i) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 as the matter 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.
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.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0493 - 21/07/2026

10 PETITIONS

Nil

11 NOTICES OF MOTION

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Councillor Hale

1. THAT the Notice of Motion received from Mayor Pascoe-Bell, entitled 11.1 Roystonea Avenue - Activation be received and noted.
2. THAT Council:
 - a. Writes to the Hon Joshua Burgoyne, Minister Lands, Planning and Environment seeking support for the transfer, lease, licence, management responsibility, or other appropriate arrangement for the Crown land (Lot 8405) located on Roystonea Avenue for the purpose of community and economic activation.
 - b. Receives a report outlining:
 - (i) Potential tenure and approval pathways with the Northern Territory Government;
 - (ii) Site suitability considerations, including planning, infrastructure, environmental and servicing requirements;
 - (iii) Recommendations on various land use opportunities for the site;
 - (iv) Potential operational and financial implications for Council; and
 - (v) Recommended next steps for the activation of the site.
 - c. Notes that the primary purpose of the proposal is to address ongoing antisocial behaviour through the activation and productive use of currently underutilised land while creating positive economic and community outcomes for Palmerston.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0494 - 21/07/2026

12 OFFICER REPORTS

12.1 Action reports

12.1.1 Youth Drop in Sports

This item was moved to the Confidential section of the meeting.

12.1.2 Community Funding Program - The Christmas Party Darwin

Moved: Councillor Hale
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

1. THAT Report entitled Community Funding Program - The Christmas Party Darwin be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0495 - 21/07/2026

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

2. THAT Council endorse Option 2 of the report to not approve funding to The Christmas Party Darwin through the Community Funding Program.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0496 - 21/07/2026

12.1.3 Immediate Priority Grant 2022-23 Acquittal

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bayliss
Seconded: Councillor Kanyai

1. THAT Report entitled Immediate Priority Grant 2022-23 Acquittal be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approves the acquittal of the Immediate Priority Grant 2022-23 at **Attachment 12.1.3.1**.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0497 - 21/07/2026

12.1.4 Elected Member Psychosocial Safety and Wellbeing Framework

Moved: Councillor Kanyai
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT Report entitled Elected Member Psychosocial Safety and Wellbeing Framework be received and noted.
2. THAT the Elected Member Psychosocial Safety and Wellbeing Framework tabled by the Chief Executive Officer on 21 July 2026 be adopted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0498 - 21/07/2026

Councillor Waters declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 6:07pm.

12.1.5 Community Funding Program - Hospitality NT

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

1. THAT Report entitled Community Funding Program - Hospitality NT be received and noted.
2. THAT the tabled correspondence entitled City of Palmerston Gold Plate sponsorship 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED (6/0) - 11/0499 - 21/07/2026

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bayliss
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

3. THAT Council endorse Option Two (2) of this report and declines the request for sponsorship funding from Hospitality NT for the Golden Plate Awards Gala Dinner.

CARRIED (6/0) - 11/0500 - 21/07/2026

Councillor Waters returned to Chambers at 6:13pm.

12.1.6 Procurement Legislation Amendments

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bayliss
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

1. THAT Report entitled Procurement Legislation Amendments be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve that for section 40(3A)(b)(ii) of the *Local Government Act 2019 (NT)* the reporting threshold value for contracts be set at \$150,000 and the information that is required by Council to be provided in reporting for contracts is:
 - a. the name of the contractor;
 - b. the nature of the contract;
 - c. the value of the contract; and
 - d. the contract period/duration.

2. THAT Council approve that for regulation 36(6A) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2019* (NT), the information required by Council to be provided in reporting for tenders is:
 - a. the name of the tender;
 - b. the description of the project/goods/services for the tender;
 - c. the value of the tender;
 - d. the contract period/duration;
 - e. assessment of tenderer submissions; and
 - f. awarded tenderer.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0501 - 21/07/2026

12.1.7 Draft Disability Inclusion and Access Plan 2026 - 2028 adoption for community consultation

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

1. THAT Report entitled Draft Disability Inclusion and Access Plan 2026 - 2028 adoption for community consultation be received and noted.
2. THAT Council endorse the Draft Disability Inclusion and Access Plan 2026-2028 at **Attachment 12.1.7.1** to commence community consultation for a 21-day period.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0502 - 21/07/2026

12.2 Receive and note reports

12.2.1 People and Place Quarterly Report - April to June 2026

Moved: Councillor Kanyai
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

THAT Report entitled People and Place Quarterly Report - April to June 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0503 - 21/07/2026

12.2.2 Finance and Governance Quarterly Report - April to June 2026

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Hale

THAT Report entitled Finance and Governance Quarterly Report - April to June 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0504 - 21/07/2026

12.2.3 Major Capital Projects Update

Moved: Councillor Morrison
Seconded: Councillor Kanyai

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

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0505 - 21/07/2026

12.2.4 Library Cafe Lease

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

THAT Report entitled Library Cafe Lease be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0506 - 21/07/2026

12.2.5 Financial Report for the Month of June 2026

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Waters

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

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0507 - 21/07/2026

13 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

13.1 Information

Nil

13.2 Correspondence

13.2.1 Proposed reforms to Australia's disaster management system

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

1. THAT correspondence dated 1 July 2026 entitled Proposed reforms to Australia's disaster management system be received and noted.
2. THAT Council responds to the request for feedback from Minister McBain relating to the proposed new Disaster Recovery Funding Framework, with the following to be included;
 - a. Support of the proposed short-term clean-up package which enables funding for immediate clean up that includes damaged trees in public areas,
 - b. Support the inclusion of access to funding for environmental recovery, particularly in relation to urban bushland,
 - c. Recommends further review, consultation and clarification of waste management matters as they specifically relate to local government responsibilities, including the immediate management of different waste streams, processing and then disposal, and
 - d. Recommends improved detail and clarity relating to the ability to access funding to enable local government to proactively respond to disasters without concern of how funding arrangements may apply.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0508 - 21/07/2026

13.2.2 LGANT Board meeting communique 1 July 2026

Moved: Councillor Hale
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Bayliss

THAT correspondence dated 14 July 2026 entitled LGANT Board meeting communique 1 July 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0509 - 21/07/2026

14 REPORT OF DELEGATES

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

THAT the verbal report provided by Mayor Pascoe-Bell regarding the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly be received and noted.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0510 - 21/07/2026

15 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bayliss
Seconded: Councillor Hale

1. THAT the question asked by Deputy Mayor Bayliss regarding Youth Diversion Programs, and the response provided by the Chief Executive Officer be received and noted.
2. THAT the question asked by Councillor Morrison regarding education programs on Ranger after hours process, and the response provided by the Chief Executive Officer be received and noted.
3. THAT the question asked by Councillor Waters regarding the intersection design at the corner of Roystonea Avenue and Buscall Avenue, and the response provided by the Deputy Chief Executive Officer be received and noted.
4. THAT the question asked by Councillor Fraser regarding the timber structure at Owston Avenue be taken on notice by the Chief Executive Officer.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0511 - 21/07/2026

16 GENERAL BUSINESS

16.1 General Business

Moved: Mayor Pascoe-Bell
Seconded: Councillor Fraser

1. THAT Council invite Tamboran to provide a deputation / presentation at a Council Meeting.
2. THAT Council receive a report on attendance at the Australian Public Sector Anti-Corruption Conference at the 4 August 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0512 - 21/07/2026

17 NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Moved: Councillor Fraser
Seconded: Councillor Kanyai

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 4 August 2026 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0513 - 21/07/2026

18 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bayliss
Seconded: Councillor Kanyai

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 (7/0) - 11/0514 - 21/07/2026

19 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bayliss
Seconded: Councillor Morrison

THAT the meeting be adjourned for 10 minutes for a break.

CARRIED (7/0) - 11/0515 - 21/07/2026

The meeting adjourned at 6:44pm.

The open section of the meeting closed at 6:44pm for the discussion of confidential matters.

The closed section of the meeting reopened at 6:54pm.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7:46pm.

Chair

Print Name

Date