



# Litchfield Council Priority Projects

# Priority Project 01

## Freds Pass Sports and Recreation Reserve Funding

The Freds Pass Sports and Recreation Reserve, founded in 1976 now caters for approximately 10,000 users a week in an area that has the highest sport participation rate in the Northern Territory (25.53%).

### The Issue

The fixed asset value on Council's books maintained under a lease by the Freds Pass Sports and Recreation Reserve Management Board Inc. is above \$5m with additional costs of fittings and content that are the ownership of the individual sporting clubs and user groups. Age of these fixed assets in many cases is nearing 20 to 30 years with a significant amount of structures uncertified.

In the recent five years the investments at the Marrara Sporting complex have totalled to more than \$71.5m, making it an investment of approximately \$863 per Darwin resident.

Council has received \$5.3m of NTG funding over the past years bringing the investment to \$80 per resident.

### Opportunities

The reach of this regional sporting facility includes the local government areas of Coomalie, Litchfield and Palmerston including surrounding unincorporated areas, catering for approximately 60,000 residents.

There is an opportunity to improve the ability of residents to maintain a healthy lifestyle and support the development of children with sporting activities reducing travel time and increasing affordability.

### Solution

A consistent and comparable small investment of \$5m per year over the next four years would make a significant impact on the reserve and quadruple the NTGs commitment to these residents, still well below the average of the city counterpart.

This would allow the reserve to improve existing facilities and explore the options of including popular sporting activities that are currently not present in the area., i.e. tennis, netball, basketball.

### Cost

**NT Government Funding:** \$20m over four years

**Council Funding:** \$600,000 project management cost

**Directorate:** Community and Corporate Services

**Approximate Jobs Created:** 2 ongoing plus approximate 100 over four years in construction



# Priority Project 02

## Improving community reach of Library Services

Taminmin Community Library is delivering a neighbourhood public library services to the greater Humpty Doo area (approximate 4,500 residents), not catering for the over 25,000 residents of the municipality.

### The Issue

Council has taken over management of public library services from the NTG in January 2019 at the current location on the Taminmin College grounds. In the Library Service Needs Study undertaken in 2017 the location of the service has been highlighted as the biggest restriction for the public library service. Due to funding constraints and the impact that a relocation would have on the school, Council has agreed to continue the service until December 2021 from the location.

### Opportunities

Documented in the Library Service Needs Study, Council has an opportunity with the relocation of the service to address the high rate of children with development vulnerabilities, increase access to the service, provide appropriate space in line with Australian standards and address a concern for youth within the area of Coolalinga. With a relocation Council would be able to modernise the service to appeal to broader groups and ensure all ability access.

Based on the current statistics the relocation could increase foot traffic by more than 20,000.

### Solutions

Council has identified a short-term solution with a relocation of the service to the commercial centre of Coolalinga which would allow to improve library service provisions and create financial benefits for local traders.

A long-term solution has been identified with the recently approved Masterplan for Council owned land (320 Arnhem Highway) in Humpty Doo to develop a community service centre accommodating a suitable library service. Due to the significant development this project is not expected to be delivered over the next ten to fifteen years.

### Cost

**NT Government Funding:** \$0.5m per year for ten years to cover lease cost for short-term solution

**Council Funding:** up to \$0.3m additional funding per year to support improve in services

**Directorate:** Community and Corporate Services

**Approximate Jobs Created:** 2 ongoing



# Projects that are important to Council

The Litchfield Council Advocacy Strategy identifies advocacy requests to address legacy issues and continue to meet population growth and secure the Council vision – ***the best place to live in the Top End.***

The projects below have been identified as being important to Council and aligning with the priority areas in Litchfield Council's Strategic Plan 2018-2022.

## Community and Business Hub

The NT Government Litchfield Subregional Land Use Plan 2015 outlined the need for additional social infrastructure including a community centre. Strategic planning by the NT Government and Council has identified the need for many services and public spaces that can support local community groups, small businesses and service providers.

## Regional Waste Management

Council is working with other Top End councils as part of the Top End Regional Organisation of Councils (TOPROC) and the NT Government on the establishment of a Regional Waste Management Facility, including an emergency waste facility.

## Mira Square Community Facilities

The Southport Progress Association (SPA) has been seeking land for a community gathering and meeting space for a number of years. Mira Square is a 3.24 hectare site zoned Community Purpose located in the centre of the Southport community. SPA has sought Council's assistance and support in acquiring and developing this community space.

## Private Roads Maintenance

Historic subdivision approvals have created parcels in the municipality that are accessed from private, rather than Council roads. This ownership discrepancy is often visible only on survey plans, with informal private roads being developed similar to Council roads.

## INPEX Sporting Facilities

Establishing the prior INPEX Workers Village, in particular, the aquatic and other sporting facilities, as community infrastructure operated by the NT Government.

## Water Security Plan

Water drives the Territory's economy and must be managed for the benefit of all Territorians. To ensure Litchfield is the best place to live in the Top End with reliable supplies of water, the Litchfield municipality needs to be included into NT's water security plans.

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