

Strategic Advocacy Focus 2021-22

Council will continue to advocate to the Northern Territory Government and Australian Government on behalf of the Litchfield community.

Of particular focus in 2021-22 are the following priority projects.

Proposed Development of Holtze, Kowandi and Virginia West

The Northern Territory Government has commenced a three stage planning process to shape the growth of area surrounding Palmerston. This includes the development and expansion of suburbs in Holtze, Kowandi and Virginia West which are currently in the Litchfield Municipality.

Council supports developments in these areas provided they are in-line with the rural amenity and rural lifestyle. Council will be working with all of the relevant authorities to keep this area Litchfield.

Freds Pass Sports and Recreation Reserve funding

Need: The Freds Pass Sports and Recreation Reserve caters for 10,000 users a week with assets worth over \$5 million.

Description: Consistent investment of \$5 million per year over a four-year period into facility upgrades and new sporting facilities.

Outcome: Improve ability for residents to participate in sport, including new facilities for popular sporting activities that are currently not presented, i.e. tennis, netball, basketball.

Australian and NT Government investment: \$20 million over four years.

Social cohesion through improved library services

Need: The Taminmin Public Library does not cater appropriately or adequately for all residents of Litchfield due to space and access restrictions.

Description: Temporary relocation (up to 10 years) of the public library service to Coolalinga commercial area through a commercial lease agreement funded by NT Government.

Outcome: Increased accessibility, safe community space for youth in a high traffic risk area and developing a library service to Australian standard.

Australian and NT Government investment: \$5 million over ten years.

Additional projects that are important to Council

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.

Water Security Plan

Sustainable economic and environmental management.

Private Roads Maintenance

'Addressing outcomes from legacy subdivision approvals.



Delayed



Ongoing



Complete