



CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY



550 Barra loading in to McMinns Reserve as part of the NT Governments' \$50 million RecFishing Initiative.

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Mayor's Message

Welcome back to another edition of the newsletter.

Now fully settled into the daily running's of council, our newly elected members are keen to hear from the community. We want to get involved on-the-ground and see how we can make a real difference in Litchfield and are eager to recognise organisations that are making it the best place to live in the Top End.



In the spirit of recognition, in December Council acknowledged the contribution of the Palmerston and Litchfield Seniors Association in providing social opportunities and celebratory events for seniors living in the Litchfield Municipality by agreeing to continue support to the Palmerston and Litchfield Seniors Association with a three-year funding agreement 2021 - 2024. We truly appreciate your value to the community and hope our ongoing support will showcase that support for years to come.

As for pressing council matters for the first quarter of 2022, there has been a strong focus on completing projects that are currently active. With Kentish Road now the last of the sealed roads near completion in the \$21 million funded mango roads project, Australian and Northern Territory (NT) governments and the Litchfield Council look forward to improved access and connectivity between mango farms and packing sheds and improved safety for contractors, workers and residents.

Power Road works have now recommenced, with a new contractor set to have the road sealed and upgraded, and with the project scheduled to finished any day now. The Federally funded Black Spot works have included much needed widening of the floodway, nearest Girraween Road and pavement upgrades.

In other funding Litchfield Council has welcomed a commitment from the newly elected Labor Government for a \$10 million to upgrade Freds Pass Sports and Recreation Reserve, benefiting the greater community. We have seen considerable growth in our community and are proud of the rich history of recreational participation in the rural area. This funding announcement gives Council surety that this facility will be upgraded and provide a range of opportunities that are currently not available, so we welcome it with open arms following the election results.

In other good community news, The NT Governments \$50million RecFishing program hit Litchfield Wednesday 1 June with 550 Barramundi being released into McMinns Lagoon reserve.

If good things happen when great plans are put into action, then there is a lot to look forward to in Litchfield in 2022! The Strategic Plan 2022-2025, Social Media Activation Strategy, the Municipal Plan and Budget, Community Engagement Strategy and Action Plan and the Annual Community Survey 2022 are all finished or about to finish the consultations phase and are being put into action currently.

Doug Barden
Mayor

The Annual Community Grants Scheme will be opening for the 2022 year shortly.

Keep an eye on Council's Facebook page for dates and ways we can help you with your application process.

PEOPLE



For further information regarding the Community Grants Scheme, visit the Litchfield Council website www.litchfield.nt.gov.au



COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

The Litchfield Council **Community Grants Scheme** enables Council to support initiatives which work toward progressing Council's strategic objectives and benefit the community.

The **Scheme** provides funding that recognises leadership and develops and actively supports community organisations to positively contribute to community health and wellbeing to ensure that Litchfield enhances its liveability and is the **best place to live in the Top End**.

Community Grants are fully funded by recycling 10c containers and old car batteries at our Waste Transfer Stations.

GRANTS

ANNUAL COMMUNITY

Grants of up to \$5,000 annually for eligible applications that focus on the Strategic Plan priorities.

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

Grants of up to \$500 all year round to assist individuals or organisations to make a difference in the community.

COUNCIL PARTNERSHIP AND SUPPORT

Partnerships extend Council's reach and assist in Council achieving its Strategic Plan priorities.

Funding announcement for Freds Pass secures an upgrade of the rural sporting precinct

Litchfield Council has welcomed a funding announcement, this time from the Labor Government committing

\$10 MILLION TO UPGRADE

Freds Pass Sports and Recreation Reserve, benefiting the greater community.

Participation in outdoor sports in the rural area is increasing and Freds Pass Sport and Recreation Reserve provides a home ground to more clubs than any other sporting precincts in the Top End.

Mayor Doug Barden said having a commitment from interested parties of \$10m secures the funding for Freds Pass and will provide the much-needed upgrades that will continue to serve our growing sport and recreation population.

“We have seen considerable growth in our community and are proud of the rich history of recreational participation in the rural area. This funding announcement gives Council surety that this facility will be upgraded and provide a range of opportunities that are currently not available” the Mayor said.





Did you know we have many spaces you can book for parties, functions, community gatherings and more across the region.

RECREATION RESERVES



There are eight recreation reserves in the Litchfield Municipality, each offering a special range of activities and healthy fun.

Knuckey Lagoon Recreation Reserve

Brandt Road, Knuckey Lagoon
Offers unspoilt bushland native walks, play and fitness equipment, picnic and BBQ facilities and a World War II heritage site.



Howard Park Recreation Reserve

Whitewood Road, Howards Springs
Offers large grassy picnic areas, children's playground and a large skate park



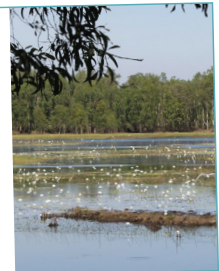
Freds Pass Sport and Recreation Reserve

Bees Creek Road, Freds Pass
Offers picturesque lake and BBQ facilities, home to over 20 sporting groups and Rural Markets every Saturday morning.



McMinns Lagoon Recreation Reserve

Dreamtime Drive, McMinns Lagoon
Offers unspoilt wetland with several walking tracks and a scenic lookout lawn area with picnic facilities.



Coming Soon

Mira Square

Southport
Offers a community hall, lawn and BBQ area, seating and shade, a playground and formal carparking.

Humpty Doo Village Green

Challoner Circuit, Humpty Doo
Offers a large playground with open grassy areas, picnic and BBQ facilities and a shaded skate park.



Berry Springs Recreation Reserve

Cox Peninsula Road, Berry Springs
Offers an oval, cricket pitch, tennis courts, children's play area and BBQ facilities



Livingstone Recreation Reserve

Livingstone Road, Livingstone
Offers a large oval, beach volleyball court, playground and picnic area and the 34 Mile Bar and Bistro



Did you know that Litchfield Council's Regulatory Service Ranger team work every day to minimise the number of dogs that enter our pound?

We do this by scanning each dog for a microchip and checking their registration and previous history before taking them to the pound. All registered dogs are returned to their owners (if possible), which is a great outcome for the dogs and their owners.

As a dog owner, you can help us in our mission to keep dogs out of the pound by ensuring that your fencing is adequate, your contact details are kept up to date (both with Council and with the Microchip Registry), and that your dog is wearing their Council Registraton tag or another identification tag (with your contact details).

Have your details changed?

Whilst we enjoy talking to our residents, Council doesn't want to unnecessarily burden you when your circumstances change. Please advise any changes in writing to Council at council@litchfield.nt.gov.au



1

Register your dog with Council (01 Sep – 31 Aug annually). All dogs residing in the Litchfield municipality must be microchipped and registered. Lifetime registration is available for desexed dogs, proof of desexing will be required.

2

Keep your dog's details up to date. Please advise Council of any of the following: change of address (residential or postal) phone number, been desexed (copy of certificate required), passed away, left the municipality, change of ownership.

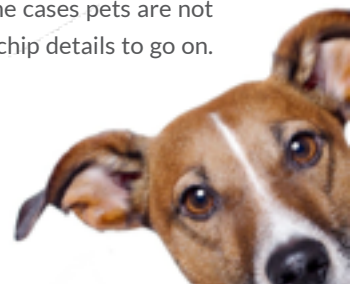


3

Update your microchip details. Find out what registry your microchip is recorded on by entering your chip number on the pet address website: www.petaddress.com.au

It is important to update your microchip even if your pet is registered with your Local Council. In some cases pets are not handed in to the same Council that they live in and when this happens the Ranger only has the microchip details to go on. Microchipping is your proof of ownership.

For further information visit www.litchfield.nt.gov.au
Email council@litchfield.nt.gov.au call 8983 0600



Did you know voucher offers for Litchfield residents are still available!

REGULATORY SERVICES



DESEXING YOUR DOG

Litchfield Council is offering desexing vouchers to provide residents with financial assistance to desex their dogs.

DESEXING YOUR DOG IS IMPORTANT

- De-sexed dogs may be much less likely to escape from your property, become lost or to fight and get injured
- Various forms of antisocial and nuisance dog behavior may be eliminated
- De-sexing stops the "heat" cycle in females
- Your dog may become more content and settled, and less likely to display anxious or aggressive behavior
- By de-sexing your dog you may reduce the risk of cancer or other diseases of its reproductive organs
- 80% of dogs that are lost or wandering which are picked up by Council Rangers are NOT de-sexed
- The community is not burdened with the cost of dealing with dumped litters of puppies and unwanted dogs
- Registering desexed dogs is cheaper

How does the voucher system work and would I be eligible for?

- You must be a resident of the Litchfield Municipality
- Your dog must currently be microchipped and registered with the Litchfield Council
- To apply, complete the application form on the website or at the Council office and return
- There is a limit of one voucher per registered owner
- The voucher is not transferable and must be provided to one of the participating vets.

Litchfield Council is committed to encouraging responsible dog ownership within the community.

For more information please contact Council's Regulatory Services team on 8983 060





Works Updates

Council has a number of works currently finishing or mid-way through in Litchfield. Some of the works that we are tending to include:



Street Sweeping Program

Industrial Power Sweeper is hitting the pavement as part of the sweeping program with a number of roads, kerbs and footpaths in the municipality receiving a good clean.

Maintenance Grade - Rip and Reshape

Good news for a number of dirt roads in the municipality receiving either a grade, water and/or roll and a select few received a complete rework.



Works in progress

Pavement Repair Work on Virginia Road and Lowther Road by Clare Constructions & Civil Pty Ltd is currently in progress.

General Maintenance

Driveways cleared for end of year budget maintenance -

Council is compiling a list of low-risk maintenance driveways. These driveways have been reported over the course of the financial year but weren't considered a high risk so were parked for completion at the end of the financial year. We are happy to report these driveways are now being included and works should take place soon!

Business as usual whilst we continue our ongoing maintenance program of drainage and road maintenance including potholes and edge patching.



PLEASE GIVE OUR TEAM A WAVE AND RESPECT ALL ROAD WORKERS – DRIVE SO WE SURVIVE!



Staff Profile

Working for the Community



Kym Lenoble – Manager Communications and Engagement



Favourite Food:	Sushi
Favourite Superhero:	Klaus from Umbrella Academy
Hobbies:	Knitting, movies, live entertainment
Cats or Dogs:	Dogs
Beach or Bush:	Beach
Coffee or Tea:	Coffee
Best or most unique place you have visited:	Mumbai. Full on!
What do you like the most about Litchfield:	It's far enough away from the city to be a much enjoyed escape with the convenience of location making it accessible to everyone.



There are numerous ways you are able to contact Council or keep up to date with Council projects, events and activities that are taking place.

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Follow our Facebook page [litchfield.council](https://www.facebook.com/litchfield.council)

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