

MAYORAL REPORT

2nd Ordinary Council Meeting

AGENDA ITEM:	7.1
REPORT TITLE:	Mayoral Update Report - October 2024
MEETING DATE:	Tuesday 19 November 2024
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COMMUNITY PLAN

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

PURPOSE

This report provides Council with a summary of recent activities of the Mayor, on behalf of Council.

KEY MESSAGES

- As the principal member of Council the Mayor undertakes regular activities and attends events to speak on behalf of the Council.
- During the month of October 2024, the Mayor undertook meetings with Ministers, MLA's and Government Agencies, as well as regular media interviews with ABC Radio, First Nations Radio and Katie Woolf 360.
- This report will provide context on a number of community events that were attended by the Mayor on behalf of Council.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Report entitled Mayoral Update Report - October 2024 be received and noted.

DISCUSSION

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

An overview of events attended by the Mayor during the month of October 2024 is as follows:

- Preview Reception for the Charles Darwin University (CDU) Danala Education and Community Precinct
- Amerigo Vespucci World Tour Opening Ceremony
- Olympic/Paralympic Welcome Home Event
- RSPCA Save the Paws Ball
- Diplomatic Reception celebrating the 79th Anniversary of Indonesian Independence Day
- Palmerston Development Consent Authority (DCA) Meeting
- Meeting with Member for Drysdale, Clinton Howe
- Meeting with Member for Blain, Matthew Kerle
- Meeting with Minister for Housing, Local Government and Community Development, Steven Edgington
- Opening of the First Session of 15th Parliament of the Northern Territory
- Legacy NT Lunch
- Palmerston Christian College Thank You for your Support Event
- Meeting with Leader of the Opposition, Selina Uibo
- Robertson Barracks Open Day 2024

- Palmerston Regional Business Association (PRBA) Sunset Harbour Cruise
- City of Palmerston Elected Member Stall at Palmerston Markets
- Heartkids, Two Feet and a Heartbeat Walk
- Regional Capitals Australia (RCA) Board Meeting
- Under Treasurer's delivery of the Territory's economic outlook
- Anti-Poverty Week Breakfast
- Children's Week Event 2024
- AFLW Dreamtime in Darwin Luncheon
- Voices of the Top End
- Judging Ghostly Gatherings Halloween Best Costume Competition
- Territory Savvy Photoshoot and Interview
- Photo opportunity with City of Palmerston Tree Planting Contractors

PARBA 10th Birthday Celebration

I was delighted to attend PaRBA's 10th Birthday Community Fun Day at Palmerston Recreation Centre on behalf of City of Palmerston. City of Palmerston partner with PaRBA by providing the Palmerston Recreation Centre (venue) to increase recreation and services to Palmerston and surrounds youth. PaRBA's youth programs are free, include casual activities, food and fun for young people. Youth Drop in Sports runs Monday to Thursday 3-5pm, and Fridays 6-9pm (Dry Season) and 6-8pm (Wet Season) during school terms. Entry is through the gate on Frances Drive (McDonald's side of centre).



L-R Hon Chief Minister Lia Finocchiaro, PaRBA Chairperson Lisa Lock, Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell and Hon Attorney General Marie Clare Boothby cutting the cake at PaRBA's 10th Birthday celebration

Meeting with Hon Minister Steven Edgington

I was pleased to meet with Minister Edgington to discuss several differing topics within his various portfolio's that relate to City of Palmerston. Meeting with both Local and Federal Ministers is important as it provides an opportunity to advocate for government funding, and to relay issues and concerns relevant to our municipality. I have had the pleasure of meeting with several of the new ministers and Members of Electorates within Palmerston since the August 2024 Elections, including the Chief Minister and the Leader of the Opposition.



Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell and Hon Steve Edgington MLA

Palmerston Regional Business Association (PRBA) Harbour Cruise and Networking Event

I had the pleasure of attending the PRBA Harbour Cruise and Networking Event along with Deputy Mayor Mark Fraser. It was a delightful event, and I enjoyed several robust conversations whilst watching the sun dip down into the Arafura Sea. PRBA hold monthly meetings and work to promote and support local businesses and community organisations by providing business updates and allowing businesses and organisations to support each other in a social setting. Established in September 1998, PRBA has continued to grow and now enjoys a broad membership that spans across Palmerston, Darwin and Rural surrounds. City of Palmerston is proud to sponsor the PRBA, as a Council we are driven to encourage more businesses to our municipality and for local employment to grow.



L-R Michelle Hayward, PRBA Treasurer Cheryl Mallet and City of Palmerston Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell

Meeting with Regional Director QLD/NT Department of Home Affairs, Charlie Shandil

I enjoyed meeting with the Regional Director QLD/NT of Department of Home Affairs, Charlie Shandil. Department of Home Affairs. We discussed migration and social issues impacting Palmerston residents. Around 50% of Palmerston's residents were born overseas or have a parent born overseas.! City of Palmerston is proud of our cultural diversity and my favourite part of being Mayor is presiding at Citizenship Ceremonies to welcome new conferees to our municipality.



L-R City of Palmerston Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell and Charlie Shandil, Regional Director QLD/NT Department of Home Affairs

Autism NT Fundraising Luncheon 2024

Autism Northern Territory is the peak body for Autism in the Northern Territory and their office is located at 10D Goyder Centre, 25 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston. Established in 2002, they are a not-for-profit organisation which receives government funding, but they also rely strongly on donations. The Annual Fundraising Luncheon is a wonderful opportunity to help raise funds for this worthy cause. 1 in 48 people in the Northern Territory have an Autism diagnosis and Autism NT provide assistance, education and advocacy not only for the individual but also for families and caregivers.



L-R Councillor Lucy Morrison, Mayor Pascoe-Bell and Councillor Sarah Henderson at the Autism NT Fundraising Luncheon 2024

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications for this report.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

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

RISK, LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

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

ATTACHMENTS

Nil